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KAPLAN INAUGURATED CHANCELLOR

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Staff Writer

"In adverse times, you find the seeds of the future," said University of Virginia President John Casteen during his Charge to the Chancellor at the inaugural. On Friday, Sept. 6, 2002, Steven H. Kaplan was inaugurated as the fifth chancellor of the University of Virginia's College at Wise. The week-long celebration culminated with a beautiful ceremonial process on the pristine Lawn by the Lake. Award-winning poet Nikki Giovanni, UVA Rector John P. Ackerly III, and President Casteen visited our campus. The celebration at-

tracted an enormous number of visitors to the college. It presented an opportunity for all to see the improvements to campus brought on by the arrival of Steven Kaplan.

Steven Kaplan was formerly the Dean of the College of the Liberal Arts and Sciences at Butler University. After a long national search, university officials deemed Kaplan as the right man for the job. Kaplan was also the Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at the State University of New York College. He also helps teach a class on leadership at UVA-Wise, and he is also the author of *Understanding Tim O'Brien*.

This ceremony was more than a single-day event. In honor of the celebration, the chancellor planned a week-long series of activities highlighted by a student faculty picnic on the lawn and a novelty inflatable for the students to enjoy between classes. Friday's inaugural concluded the adversities on campus. He has patiently addressed troubles in student-faculty relations.

Overall, the inauguration was a huge success. Steven Kaplan has been welcomed by all of the university officials and they seem to think he'll do an excellent job. Kaplan made a strong impression and it appears he will continue to do so.



Steven Kaplan speaks during his inauguration as the fifth chancellor of the University of Virginia's College at Wise on Sept. 6, 2002.

STUDENT ALLEGEDLY ASSAULTED BY THREE FELLOW STUDENTS

Jennifer Davis, Ian Hillan, Jesse Baker and Jordie Kern

Three UVA-Wise students have been arrested on charges of abduction and assault and battery against a fellow student on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002. Jimmy Adkins claims to have forced into the vehicle of the alleged perpetrators, taken to their residence and then assaulted.

"I had no clue what was going on or where they were going," Adkins said. Adkins claims that,

upon arriving at their Wise home, the three students - Keynen Ry Almer, Jeremy Lyn Male and Stephen Wade Hopkins - forced him out of the car, tore his shirt, dragged him around the house, ripped Adkins' necklace from his neck and whipped him with it. A witness contacted police, who arrived on the scene shortly.

According to police reports, the act is believed to be the isolated act of the three alleged students as a response to graffiti of Gamma Chi Omega's Greek

letters having been painted on their residence. Adkins is a member and former president of this fraternity, whereas the three alleged students are members of Pi Lambda Phi, a different UVA-Wise fraternity.

According to Pi Lambda Phi President Mike Froehler, the alleged students' home had been vandalized the night before the incident. Froehler said that the Gamma Chi Omega's letters and obscenities directed toward Pi Lambda Phi had been spray-

painted on the house.

Adkins claims that he was not aware of the graffiti when he was allegedly assaulted.

"Knowing all three personally was what really got to me," Adkins said. He also wants the community and non-Greek students to realize that this matter is not one of fraternity versus fraternity.

According to Vice Chancellor for Administration Gary Juhan, the members of the fraternities have remained peaceful and calm

regarding the incident.

Almer, Hopkins and Male are currently on interim suspension from the College and are prohibited from being on campus and from participating in UVA-Wise functions. As of press time, only Almer has been released from Wise County Jail. Bail was set at a \$25,000 secured bond.

Pi Lambda Phi has also offered a \$1000 reward for any information regarding the vandalism of the three students' residence.

UVA-WISE INTRODUCES NEW FACULTY THROUGHOUT CAMPUS

Rini Stallard

Staff Writer

In addition to our new Chancellor, UVA-Wise has a new Provost. Dr. David Smith is a Virginia native who received both his undergraduate and graduate education at Virginia Commonwealth University, and his second Master's degree and Doctorate from Columbia University. Dr. Smith's professional background includes work in both the public school system and at the university level. David Smith has served as Dean of the School of Education and Human Services at Longwood College, and as Chair of the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of South Carolina. His teaching experience also includes Columbia University, Virginia Commonwealth University, New York University, Brooklyn College, and Lynchburg College. His publishing credentials include eight books.

UVA-Wise has added several new faculty members for the 2002-2003

academic year.

Rocky Baker, the new assistant football coach, and Karin Schult, the new assistant-athletic trainer, joined the Athletic department this semester. Rocky is a graduate of Pound High School, and he received his Bachelor's degree from Emory and Henry College in 1985 and his Master's in Secondary Counseling from Moorehead State University in 1998. He completed his Administrative Certification from Lincoln Memorial University in 2001. Karin Schult attended Clarksville High School in Clarksville, Tennessee. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Austin Peay (also located in Clarksville) and is a 2002 graduate of East Tennessee State University.

Rachel Augello and Brian Erb are the two new additions to the library staff. Rachel is the catalog librarian, and Brian is the reference librarian. Rachel attended Centereach High School in Long Island, NY. She received her undergraduate degree from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and she received her

Master of Arts in Slavic Languages from Ohio State University. Rachel also has a Master's in Library Science from Florida State University. Prior to her arrival at UVA-Wise, Rachel worked at San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico, and taught at the University of Louisville. Brian Erb attended Central Gwinnett High School in Lawrenceville, Georgia and completed his undergraduate studies at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. He has a Master of Science in Library Science from Florida State University. Prior to his arrival at UVA-Wise, he worked at the Farmington Public Library and the Louisville Free Public Library.

This year's new additions to the theatre department include Michael McNulty, who is assistant professor of theatre. Michael attended High School at West Ottawa Public High School. He completed his undergraduate studies at Emerson College in Boston, Massachusetts. He studied voice and speech under Kristen Linklater. Before coming to UVA-Wise, he taught high school for six years in both New York and

Baltimore. Michael attended graduate school at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, where he taught and worked on his Master of Fine Arts in directing. Jon Menick also works in the theatre department, where he teaches acting. Jon's background includes work in the theatre, television and film and he received his degree from the University of Georgia. Sharon Van Ness is a new member in the area of music, and she received her Bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University, her Master's degree from Colorado State University, and her Doctorate from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Jeff Howard is the new director of residence life at UVA-Wise. Jeff is originally from Newport, Tennessee, and he completed his undergraduate studies at East Tennessee State University. He is currently completing his Master's Degree in History. Before coming to UVA-Wise, he worked at ETSU in Residence Life and as the Residence Life Coordinator.

The department of language and

literature has two new faculty members, Julia Palmer, and Christina Hicks-Goldston. Julia is the new assistant professor of Spanish, and she received two Master Degrees from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in Spanish Literature and Spanish linguistics. She received her doctorate from the University of Michigan. Before coming to UVA-Wise, she taught at Grand Valley State University as a Spanish and Linguistics professor. She has directed trips to Costa Rica and Mexico, and she is interested in developing courses in Latin. Christina Hicks-Goldston received her Bachelor's degree in Radio-Television-Film from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. She later received her Master of Arts degree in Political Speech Communication from Emerson College, and her doctorate in Mass Communication from The University of Southern Mississippi. Christina is the new assistant professor of communication, as well as the advisor to this publication.

In Listing

UVA-Wise ranks #1 in *U.S. News and World Report* as the college whose students graduate with the least amount of debt.

This Week

"Ask Dr. Cozmo" and "Ask Her" are two of the Cavalier's newest columns. Check in this week to see how you can get your questions answered.

Also new is "Worst, Best Eyes," an editorial column dealing with today's touchy issues in a very touchy manner.

In Entertainment

For a quick run-down of the hottest new movies, check-out "Now Playing."

Adam Chaffin reviews Coldplay's new album. Find out whether this new CD is worth hearing.

SPORTS

INTRAMURALS HEAT UP

Mirrenne Plesler
Staff Writer

The intramural season has gotten off to a running start this year. In conjunction with Residence Life, the 4th Annual Highland Challenge was held. The event is designed to acclimate the freshmen students in the intramural and student activities program. Winners included McCrary Men 3rd Floor Thompson Hall in the women's divisions and Henson 3rd co-ed division.

Next on the agenda was the intramural Horseshoe Tournament on Wednesday, August 21, in which 11 teams participated. After all was said and done the Pi Kappa Phi team of David Amos and Anthony Proulx defeated Kory Bostic and Nathan O'Quinn of the natural team.

The following Sunday several students hit the links of Cedar Hills Country Club with 8 teams competing for the UVA-Wise Best-Ball golfing crown. Kevin Hill and Frank Kelly of Gamma Chi Omega defeated the group of 16 by shooting 68, 3 under par for the course. The second place team consisted of

the UVA-Wise Baseball coach Doug Bates and baseball player Andrew Short.

After a rainy Monday, the 4x4 Volleyball tournament was held on Wednesday, August 28. With 11 teams coming out to play, Mark Davis, Jack Haddix and Alex Cagle took the championship defeating team Bench Mob.

Now to the monstrous sopr of Flag Football, in which the men and women's champions have the opportunity to compete in New Orleans, LA over Christmas break for the National Championships. At mid-season, two teams stand alone atop the standings. Both the Naturals and Get Krunked Up are undefeated. However, there are several teams biting to have a change to defeat the two teams. Team Staph Infection, Gamma Chi Omega, and OZ have just 1 or 2 losses. The men's championship should come to an exciting end come the first of October.

The women's competition is also heating up. With several new teams playing, such as Natural Girls and BBS, the championship team may have a tough road ahead of them.



Representing the Senior Homecoming Court are Blake Lynskey, Homecoming Queen Amber Phillips, Ashley Collins and Marcie Williams.

CAVS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING

Corrie Griffith
Staff Writer

Despite the rain on Cavs' parade (literally speaking of the homecoming parade that was cancelled on Thursday, Sept. 26, UVA-Wise still managed to celebrate its annual homecoming.

In the football game on Saturday, Sept. 28, the Cavs lost against Cumberland with a score of 42 to 21.

Also that day, the 2002 homecoming queen was chosen among four senior representatives. The students voted for and decided on Amber Phillips.

Other homecoming festivities included a community celebration on Thursday, during which Chris Smith was emcee and Chancellor Kaplan and Jimmy Adkins spoke.

Also, even though the parade was

cancelled, the floats were still judged. Alpha Delta Chi received first place, with a prize of \$175, and Pi Kappa Phi received second place, with a prize of \$100. On Friday, about 80 alumni attended the Early Seventies Reunion in Alumni Hall.

Before the game on Saturday, some UVA-Wise athletes were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame, and the 2002 Alumni Awards were presented at a ceremony attended by about 160 people. Later that morning, approximately 400 people attended the pre-game picnic at Carl Smith Stadium. After the game, around 100 alumni attended the post-game reception at Alumni Hall.

Saturday night was the homecoming dance, which took place at Holiday Inn in Norton. Despite a few negative events surrounding the homecoming week, the Cavs pt their problems aside and danced the night away.

CLUB PLANS TRIP TO SPAIN

Leigh Anne Shortt
Staff Writer

The International Club is in full working order thanks to Ella Smith, president of the International Club. She has brought a streak of enthusiasm to the program, as well as some great ideas for pulling together support. Along with Smith, the International Club officers include Vice-President Leigh Shortt, Secretary Tina Morgan and Treasurer Nicole Castle. Sponsors Julia Palmer, Anne Gilfoil and Don Mueller have also been very helpful in maintaining the club's momentum.

The UVA-Wise International Club has been very busy putting together special events, as well as organizing fundraisers for their upcoming Study Abroad trip in

Spain this summer. The International Club has high ambitions and members are steadily working to rally support from the surrounding communities in order to ensure that all who want to study abroad will have the opportunity. Fundraising is currently focused on the trip to Spain, but the club will hopefully be able to raise money for all students who are interested in studying abroad anywhere else in the world.

Upcoming activities of the International Club include a half-and-half drawing at the home football game, Saturday, Oct. 5; a half-and-half drawing at the home basketball game, Thursday, Nov. 9; and during February the International Club will be doing something very special to celebrate Valentine's Day. The

Highland Cavalier will have further updates on events in future issues.

The International Club is open to all students with an enthusiastic interest in promoting cultural solidarity on campus. Also, the International Club hopes to build bridges between all peoples and nations, as well as making opportunities to Study Abroad available for the students here at UVA-Wise. The International Club is not centered wholly on studying abroad in Spain; it is their job to try and support anyone wishing to travel and study abroad. Fliers will be posted around campus periodically denoting meeting times and if you are interested in joining the International Club and/or are unable to attend the meetings, please feel free to contact Ella Smith at ems2p@uvawise.edu.

Ask Dr. Gonzo / Ask Her

The Cavalier's newest feature is an advice column written by two anonymous writers. The catch is that one is female, one is male, and you can ask questions of either one -- or even both.

Each issue, "Dr. Gonzo" and "Her" will answer one question with advice and answers to readers' deepest concerns and problems.

To ask a question, send an email to r2the0@yahoo.com. In the Subject line, please type "DR. GONZO" if you want to ask Dr. Gonzo, "ASK HER" if you want to ask Her and "ASK THEM BOTH" if you want your question considered by both columnists.

Furthermore, if you don't want your name given with your question in the paper, please either type "Anonymous" or make up a secret name regarding your question (e.g. "Desperately Seeking Someone").

Her and Dr. Gonzo are ready and waiting to give advice, so send those questions in soon!

GREEK ORGANIZATIONS LAUNCH NEW YEAR DURING RUSH WEEK

Laura Hantz
Staff Writer

Rush Week started off this year with the first annual Watermelon Welcome on Sunday, Sept. 8, sponsored by IGC. The campus was invited to come out and meet the Greek organizations while enjoying some watermelon on Sunday or attending the 2nd annual talent show held in the cafeteria on Monday night.

Throughout the week, the six Greek organizations at UVA-

Wise had the opportunity to introduce themselves to potential members.

Alpha Delta Chi is 12 years old and the longest standing sorority on campus. This local sorority prides themselves on their diversity and the quality of their girls. Their special events included dinner at Roma's in Wise on Thursday and having tea at Alumni Hall on Sunday.

Phi Sigma Sigma, a national sorority, was founded at UVA-Wise in 1996 as the Theta Rho Chapter, with the hope to achieve "unity through diversity."

Members held a "Phi Dye" on McCrary Lawn on Tuesday, held a luau at the pool and distributed ribbons to commemorate Sept. 11 on Wednesday, and participated in a Formal Sphinx Ceremony of Thursday.

Local sorority Xi Gamma Zeta was founded on April 27, 2001, with their main focus being community service. On Wednesday night, members held a candle-light ceremony in remembrance of Sept. 11 at the lake. Other rush events included back yard fun on Henson lawn, movie night, an ice cream social,

and a "get-to-know-you night."

Gamma Chi Omega is a local fraternity founded in 1998. On Thursday, this organization held a cook-out, followed by a movie night in Bristol on Friday. Furthermore, members attended the women's volleyball games throughout the week.

Pi Kappa Phi is a national fraternity that was founded at UVA-Wise in 1980. They held a High Tea on Wednesday, the purpose being "to improve relations between Greek organizations and faculty." Pi Kappa Phi also had a cook-out on

Thursday and a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to Push America.

Pi Lambda Phi, founded in 1990, is another national fraternity on campus. They held two dinners for prospective members.

Some groups also participated in events together. Pi Kappa Phi and Phi Sigma Sigma held a toga social on Friday night, and Alpha Delta Chi and Pi Lambda Phi had their own social, also on Friday.

SGA ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Davis
Staff Writer

The new school year brings many new faces to the Student Government, with new faces in all four executive positions. Although the officers may be new to their positions, they have served many years in the Student Government Association (SGA).

New officers include President Jimmy Adkins, Vice President Chuck Slemp, Secretary Sarah Marshall and Treasurer Amy Fonseca. The Senate also saw many changes this year. Justin Forrester and Erin Worley serve as senators at large. Linda Brown, Marcie Williams and Chad VanDyke sit as senior senators. Chris Smith, Vicki Guinta and Joel Williamson serve as junior senators. Sophomore senators include

Jennifer Davis, Sarah Huggins and Gagni Saini. Adam Cole, Diana Sluss and Arif Escobedo/Rasean Partridge are the new freshman senators.

"We're excited this year, because we don't have the same old senate," said Chuck Slemp. "There are many new faces bringing new ideas, new opportunities and experience."

The SGA has many things in store for the 2002-2003 academic school year. Homecoming events (such as the Homecoming Dance) and Holly Ball are just a few events on the calendar.

The Student Government meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. on the first floor of Cantrell Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, to see what events are being planned and to voice an opinion on issues that affect the campus.

Op

WORST RANT EVER!

Jesse Baker
Staff Writer

Welcome to the first of what will hopefully be many installments of this column, which will be my personal soapbox to vent, rant and rave about the goings-on in the world and bring a touch of radical left-wing liberalism to the Cavalier. My first column will be on the subject of those in high office who seem to be having a serious problem with misplaced priorities.

I would like to disagree with our bloodthirsty President George W. Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney for setting our country's diplomatic relations back 200 years (with the rest of the world) and putting the United States on the path toward a war that revolves around a personal vendetta of the President and his administration. Listen, just because you're anxious to finish

up your daddy's unfinished business with Iraq doesn't mean that you have tee off all of your allies because they refuse to drink your "Iraq-is-the-biggest-threat-to-the-world-since-Hitler"-flavored Kool-Aid. Besides, don't you have better things to do than obsess over Saddam Hussein -- like capturing Osama Bin Laden? Or how about rebuilding Afghanistan so that it doesn't revert back to the nightmarishly oppressive and poor country it was under the Taliban?

Saddam, while a monster, is a weak monster who's going nowhere and won't do anything remotely threatening, due to the fact that he'd be squashed like a bug if he even tries to get out of line. Bin Laden, meanwhile, is an evil, super-rich mass murderer who has the world's preeminent terrorist organization working for him and is still nowhere to be found after we blasted our way into Afghanistan in search for him.

He's probably plotting his next evil plot even as we speak. I don't know about you, but I'd be more concerned about hunting Bin Laden than worrying about Hussein if I were Bush.

The more Bush and his administration moans and whines about how Saddam must go, our dear President is reinforcing the stereotype that he is nothing more than a spoiled little kid who will cry, mope, yell and manipulate anything and everything in order to get his way. Proof of this can be found by the number of Bush's own fellow Republicans, who don't see the point of going after Iraq and who find Bush's fraudulent logic not convincing enough for them to support it.

Furthermore, Bush's treatment of his foreign allies, the bulk of which don't see the reason to invade Iraq, is despicable, what with Bush making comments about how the United Nations is weak and spineless and more like the infamously weak-willed

League of Nations. If Bush REALLY wants to chew out someone, he shouldn't chew out the United Nations. Chew out your father and Dick Cheney, who decided that they didn't need to oust Saddam during the end days of Operation: Desert Storm. Why not chew out Ronald Reagan, your father and the rest of the Republicans, who decided that giving Saddam all of the tools needed to build the biological weapons (which have your underwear all tied up in a knot) was a good idea?

When Bush announced that he was going to be running for president several years ago, I knew this was going to happen. Junior wants to finish his daddy's unfinished business, no matter how many U.S. soldiers die in the course of the war. The idea of soldiers dying doesn't bother draft dodgers like Bush and Cheney, as long as they get their objectives accomplished. Nor do they care about all of the innocent Iraqi

civilians, whose only crime is being born in a country that is ruled by a dictator. All they care about is wiping the stain of Saddam off of the Bush family legacy and turning Iraq into a good oil producing country that is totally and utterly dependent upon the United States.

Meanwhile, Bin Laden is out there on the loose, using his wealth to plan more and more terrorist attacks with the aid of his Al-Qaida henchmen. And while this soap opera is going on, the economy is sinking into a big old hole with no real sign of it coming out anytime soon. Bush seems to have only one real way to fix the economy: tax breaks for his rich friends, as opposed to the middle and lower classes who are suffering the worst during the economic downturn. Some people have misplaced priorities, and one of them is our own idiotic president.

PRO-ART PRESENTS

Michelle Stalder
Staff Writer

State Fair, an action-filled musical presented by the Pro-Art Association and Mountain Empire Community College, was performed at the Center for Performing Arts in Pound on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m., and featured both foot-stomping production numbers and dreamy ballads.

Songs included "It's a Grand Night for Singing," "When I Go out Walking with My Baby" and the Academy Award winner for Best Original Song, "It Might As Well Be Spring."

Part of the W. Campbell Edmonds Memorial Concert Series, the show was co-sponsored by the town of Pound and Best Western of Wise. It was partially supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Admission was \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

COLDPLAY DEEMED NEW ROCK CLASSIC

Adam Chaffin
Staff Writer

I first came to know Coldplay through a girl with whom I once worked. She was singing the song "Yellow," and I didn't really take notice because she was superficial and didn't convey to me that she had any depth to her. Later on, while flying to London, I heard the actual song and it was fantastic. I went out and bought the album as soon as I could.

Some have written-off Coldplay as a light-hearted Radiohead substitute, others as a haunting guitar, piano-heavy British rock group. Coldplay is those things, but so much more. Where Radiohead lost sight of comprehension on *O.K. Computer* and *Amnesiac*, Coldplay has picked up the torch and progressed Brit rock

to even greater lengths in both musical and lyrical style. This is very evident on their second album to date. Not only has the album peaked higher than their previous one (*Blood has peaked at fifth, whereas *Parachutes* peaked at 72nd*), but their singles are getting played more, too.

"Why should I go buy this CD?" you may be asking yourself. From the opening track, "Politik," to the closing moments of "Amsterdam," you realize that you are listening to more than a band; you are listening to music that will one day be looked upon as classic.

Coldplay's sound is somewhat restrained and mournful and is built on slow, easy guitar patterns and piano music. It's easy to listen to, yet complicated beyond words. The album's first single, "In My Place," has a great hook and an even better melody than

STATE FAIR

State Fair itself began as a film in 1933 with a cast headed by Will Rogers and Janet Gaynor. In 1945, Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II remade it as a movie musical. It was revised again in 1962 for the screen.

Pro-Art has also hosted other presentations recently at UVA-Wise. The Kingsport Symphony Orchestra, for example, hosted a free outdoor concert on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 6 p.m., to celebrate the inauguration of Chancellor Steve Kaplan. The chancellor selected the music, including Beethoven's Overture to Goethe's "Egmont" and First Symphony as well as Mozart's Serenade "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," which is translated as "A Little Night Music."

The Kingsport Symphony Orchestra was formed in 1946 and is directed by Cyrus Ginwala, who is also Music Director of the Symphony Chorus and Youth Orchestra.

"Yellow," but doesn't seem to pull at the heart the way the latter did. Not to worry, however, because the lead singer, Chris Martin, has the falsetto, pain-filled voice that makes even the most simple lyric a heart-felt cry for forgiveness, as in "The Scientist," when he sings "Come up to meet you / Tell you I'm sorry."

This album, therefore, has to be the best album released thus far this year. Its musical elements are new and innovative, full of art and sorrow. One can see the progress the band has made since their first album, and if all albums contained this much heart and soul, then maybe music would be in a better state. Other rock bands should take note and listen to Coldplay. I have, and so should you.

Now Playing

Robert O'Neill
Staff Writer

Usually as fall rolls around, Jack Frost begins to nip at our nose in the early morning and makes his journey to our neck of the woods. We may begin to think of leaves, jackets, football games or semester's end. But this year you may want to grab your swimming trunks and bikinis instead of your jackets and scarfs, as Hollywood brings in a heat wave. Well, at least at the multiplexes.

How much is college tuition this year? I bet it isn't \$29,879. If so, however, then you can join Tom Green and Jason Lee in *Stealing Harvard*. Lee plays an Uncle who promises to provide tuition money for his niece to go to college. But when she is accepted into Harvard, financial difficulties arise. He turns to his not-so-bright friend and slacker (Green) for advice. The two end up turning to a life of crime and slapstick humor. (Sept. 13)

Put on a vengeance scowl because our next feature is an epic of honor, courage, and friendship. Heath Ledger and Kate Hudson star in *The Four Feathers*. In 19th-century England, a soldier (Ledger) resigns as the Battle of Sudan is about to take place. His friends and fiancé (Hudson) send him feathers as a symbol of cowardice. After a twist of fate and a change of mind, he decides to go back to war undercover in order to free his friends from captivity and

fight in the on-going battle. (Sept. 20)

Jackie Chan and Jennifer Love-Hewitt star in *The Tuxedo*, a new action comedy. When a bumbling chauffeur accidentally slips into his boss's tux, he is suddenly transformed into a super-suave spy who has to take on a deadly mission. (Sept. 27)

If you're looking for a sunny-side-up romantic comedy look non further. Everyone's favorite blond Reese Witherspoon is back with *Sweet Home Alabama*. Witherspoon plays Melanie, a small town gal who becomes a snazzy New Yorker. The romance comes in when she decides she wants to marry the man-of-her-dreams in New York. The comedy begins when she has to travel back to Alabama to get her husband (whom she married when she was 19) to agree to a divorce. (Sept. 27)

Cop Robert De Niro tries to protect a murder-suspect: his son, James Franco, in *City By the Sea*. (Sept. 6)

It's a junior case of Fatal Attraction as Erika Christensen stalks swimmer Jesse Bradford in *Swimfan*. (Sept. 6)

Ice Cube sells his pops barbershop and wants to buy it back when he realizes it's a blessing and not a burden in *Barbershop*. (Sept. 13)

Dustin Hoffman and Jake Gyllenhaal star in the serious subjected 70's grief picture *Moonlight Mile*. (Sept. 27)

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