College to celebrate 50th anniversary

By Daniel Leechy
Staff Writer

Fifty years ago, a group of men had a vision of building a college. A committee composed of William Thompson, Fred Greear, Kenneth Asbury and Senator M. Melville Long discussed the idea of creating a school in Wise, Va., and through these discussions and the University of Virginia's approval, Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia was created. It is now 2004, and the University of Virginia's College at Wise is 50 years old and recognized as one of the most respected liberal arts colleges in the nation.

UVA-Wise will present a number of events during 2004 to celebrate the College's 50th anniversary, beginning with an official anniversary celebration during Fall Convocation on Aug. 24. On Oct. 23, the UVA-Wise Alumni Association will host Clinch Valley College Day, and on Nov. 6, the Alumni Association and the Highland Cavalier Club will honor all former athletes.

The College has grown dramatically over the past 50 years. A donation of 5,000 dollars funded the College's opening, and the first class was 109 full-time students and 116 part-time students, compared to today's total of 1,700 students attending UVA-Wise. Within the past year alone, the College has seen.

Acclaimed playwright Lavonne Mueller to visit campus, host workshop

By Roger Hagg, Jr.
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Nationally acclaimed playwright Lavonne Mueller will visit UVA-Wise during the week of Feb. 16-20 to host a series of special writing presentations, including lectures, class visits, and a workshop open to all students, teachers and community writers.

A Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Mueller's week will begin with a lecture called "Looking to French Culture: Writing About Joan of Arc." Sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta, the lecture will be presented at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16. The location has yet to be announced.

Also on Monday, Mueller will present a free workshop on creative writing for all interested students, teachers

Fitness center, game room invite students to be active while having fun

By Heather Gentry & Courtney Conner
Staff Writers

The new C. Bascom Slem Center brings more character and activities to the UVA-Wise campus. From racquetball courts to a fully furnished fitness center, students and faculty have a variety of activities to satisfy their "get fit" resolution for the New Year. These facilities are free to all students and faculty.

The fitness center offers workout equipment ranging from cardio machines and weights to upper-body and lower-body machines. The fitness center is also equipped with televisions, and headphones are available at the check-in desk.

In addition to the third floor's fitness area, the student center offers a game room on the second floor with two pool tables, a foosball table and an air hockey table. Different activities are held in the game room each month, ranging from card games to pool tournaments.

The game room and the three racquetball courts on the first floor are open to students and faculty from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays; and 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays. Also, the fitness center will close thirty minutes prior to the game room and racquetball courts each night. Students are reminded that when the College is closed for inclement weather, the Student Center will operate from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Those interested in using the facilities must check in at the desk on the third floor by leaving a valid college identification card to attain any equipment.
Return of the King, Lost in Translation win Golden Globes

By Christine Hicks-Goldstein

The magic was in the air on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the 61st Annual Golden Globe Awards. Film and television's biggest stars were on display on the "red carpet," and the nominees represented what the Hollywood Foreign Press Association considered to be the best of 2003. Many consider the Golden Globes to be a precursor to the American Academy Awards — in other words, a kind of "audition" for those who might be considered for the American Academy Awards. The Best Actress in a Leading Role in a drama was Sean Penn in Mystic River, and the Best Actor in a Leading Role was in a musical or comedy Bill Murray in Lost in Translation. Interestingly, both Penn and Murray are nominated for Oscars, and while both are strong contenders, many Hollywood insiders consider Penn's semi-comedic approach to the roles of a father-in-law to be a liability. Meanwhile, Murray is considered by many to be a sleeper, with "Into the West" showing strong promise. The Oscars reflect the eventual outcome of the Academy Awards. Academy members sometimes choose very "offbeat" winners or choose to simply play through any award at all. That was the case of Cold Mountain, a picture with zero Golden Globe nominations and only two winners.

The Academy Awards will be presented Feb. 29 on ABC, live from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

Men's hoops live up to last year's hype

Cavs basketball team hopes to win AAC tournament for second consecutive year

By Josh Harter

The early part of the schedule included losses to Tennessee, Tennessee Tech, Pikeville and ETBU. After that, however, the Cavs have greatly improved. The Cavs are currently ranked fourth in the conference, with an overall record of ten wins and just five losses. In addition, senior Brandon Green achieved a milestone in his collegiate career when he scored his 1,000th point at home against rival Virginia Intermont.

As the Cavs strive to win the AAC tournament, the team is in the thick of the regular season and show their school spirit. The last home games are scheduled for Feb. 14 and 19 in Gheesey Gymnasium against AAC members Tennessee Wesleyan College and King College. Each game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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BY SEQA - especially those who remember playing Sonic games "back in the day."
Playwright to present lectures, writing workshops for students, faculty and community writers

(continued from page 1) and community writers at 4 p.m. in the Chapel. Writers of all ages and levels of experience are invited to attend the workshop, which is sponsored by the College's Department of Language and Literature and the Jimson Weed, the College's official literary magazine.

Mueller will give presentations on Tuesday regarding Theater Design at 12:30 p.m. and Contemporary Performance: Rehearsal and Text Development at 2 p.m.

The Science Club will sponsor a Wednesday presentation by Mueller entitled "Science and the Playwright" at 12 p.m. The presentation will be accompanied by a luncheon.

On Friday, Feb. 20, Mueller will end her week-long visit to the campus with a visit to an introductory Visual-Performing Arts class to give a special presentation. In addition to this class visit, Mueller will also visit advanced English courses during the week to discuss converting poetic texts to drama and composing dramatic monologues.

Mueller, whose plays and textbook on creative writing are available at the College bookstore and Wyllie Library, has won numerous awards for her works. Mueller's career accomplishments include the Roger Stevens Playwriting Award, a Guggenheim Grant, a Rockefeller Grant, three National Endowment for the Arts Grants, a Fulbright to Argentina, an Asian Culture Council Grant to Calcutta and a U.S. Friendship Commission Grant to Japan. In addition to being a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Mueller is also a Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Writing Fellow and has been a professor at Columbia University for five years. Mueller's play Violent Peace received the honor of being the "Critic's Choice" in Time Out Magazine, and her textbook, Creative Writing, is used by students around the world.

In addition to the scheduled activities during her visit to the College, Mueller said that she would be happy to conduct extra workshops regarding "mini-plays" or monologues for students, teachers and aspiring writers from the College and the surrounding community.

All events hosted by Mueller are free and open to the public. Times and places are subject to change. For more information, contact Jane Meade-Dean of College Relations at 328-0130 or Coordinator for Academic Events Diane Cornell at 328-0285.

Students reminded to submit general scholarship, FAFSA applications by Apr. 1

By Roger Hagg, Jr. Editor-in-Chief

Bill Wendle and the Office of Financial Aid would like to remind all students that first-time and renewal General Scholarship Applications for the 2004-2005 academic year are due in the Office of Financial Aid (located in Bowers-Sturgill Hall) no later than Apr. 1. Applications can be picked up at the Office of Financial Aid or on their website, which can be found from the College's homepage at www.uvawise.edu.

The Office of Financial Aid would also like to remind students the College's priority date for submitting new or renewal FAFSA applications for need-based aid is also Apr. 1. However, the Office recommends that students submit these applications by the middle of February.

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‘Beat the Boss’

On Tuesday, Feb. 17, Chris Davis will host a "Beat the Boss" racquetball tournament from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Participants who win a match against Davis ("the boss") will receive a free t-shirt. All students are encouraged to participate.

— Courtney Conner and Heather Gentry