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the Highland Cavalier's newest feature in Entertainment, providing a quick rundown of some of the hottest movies, DVDs and games coming soon, including

Davis re-elected SGA pres. by 4 votes

Ni Roger Hogy, Jr. Editor-In-Chief

Incumbent Student Government Association (SGA) President Jennifer Davis was re-elected Friday, April 9, narrowly defeating newcomer Jay Hagy by four votes. Another close race was for treasurer, with Adam Cole receiving just two votes more than Sutton Polly. The elections, which took place on April 7 and 8, also resulted in a newly elected vice president, James Peña, and the reelection of Secretary Tabitha Hackney.

Davis has several goals that she wishes to

accomplish during her second year as SGA president.

"I'm going to work for an increase in school spirit," Davis said. "I want the SGA to be more accessible to students, and I would like more student input about the SGA."

Senators were also chosen by the College's student body during last week's elections. Aaron Cathell and Sam Ostrander were elected senators at large and Tiffany Burchette was chosen to be a senior senator. Newly elected iunior senators include



Newly elected Vice President James Peña and re-elected officers, President Jennifer Davis and Secretary Tabitha Hackney, confer in the Student Government Association's main office.

UVA's Ernie Ern to become interim chancellor of UVa-Wise President John Casteen III announced today that Ernest "Ernie" H. Ern, who has served the University of Virginia in many important capacities during his 38-year career in Charlottesville, will become the interim

Ern, who begins his new role in May, will serve a year-long term while UVA conducts a search to replace the college's outgoing

chancellor, Steve Kaplan, who leaves next month to become president of the University of New Haven.

Kaplan said that he is pleased that an interim chancellor of Ern's stature has agreed to lead the Wise campus, "People all over Virginia know and respect Mr. Ern," he said. "It would be hard to imagine a better leader for this time ERN, page 2



Ernie Ern has been chosen to serve as the interim chancellor of UVa-Wise while UVA contnues searching for someone to replace Chancellor Steve Kaplan.

Adriana Trigiani, Rosanne Cash to appear at writers and artists forum April 20

author Adriana Trigiani and Grammywinning singer and

chancellor of UVa-Wise.

public in the Student Center on Tuesday, April 20. The 50th songwriter Rosanne anniversary event will Cash will join five begin at 1 p.m. and will other writers and be hosted by Trigiani, artists in a special who wrote the Big

novels.

Trigiani grew up in Big Stone Gap and now lives in New York City, where she has become an awardwinning playwright,

Best-selling forum open to the Stone Gap trilogy of television writer and documentary filmmaker and has worked on several television shows, including The Cosby Show. Trigiani has

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NPR's Noah Adams, Neenah Ellis attend casual conversation event with students

Bu Reger Hage, Jr. Editor-in-Chief

National Public Radio (NPR) senior provided three rules for correspondent Noah Adams and his wife, Neenah Ellis, a freelance reporter and willing to write a simple producer, attended a casual afternoon conversation and willing to say, "I don't ice cream social with know, but I'll find out," and communication majors and be willing to claim other students in the Student responsibility for your Center's fourth-floor mistakes. Jefferson Lounge on Friday,

commentator and famed newsmagazine "All Things Considered," radio announcing. "It was industry. the writing that attracted

officers

sophomore representatives.

of red and gray.

SGA, Honor Court receives

newly elected and re-elected

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Brandon McGann, Mark McNalley and Jonathan

Mullins, and the new sophomore senators include

held, with Aron Brown and Lora Wharton as senior

representatives, Sheena Jessee and Carrie Read as junior

representatives and John Kapour and Jeremy Monk as

voted in approval of an amendment to the SGA

constitution and accepted the proposition that black be

added as an accent color to the College's official colors

Elections for Honor Court officers were also

In addition to officer elections, students also

Jonathan Kryfka, Alex Smoak and Adam Tolbert.

me," Adams said, "I was always trying to write.'

Adams being successful in the iournalism industry: be declarative sentence, be Ellis, the author of

the best-selling book If I An award-winning Live to Be 100, also spoke about how her career as a iournalist has developed into a career at NPR. Ellis Adams .said that when she was a discussed the beginnings of college student and began public radio," Ellis said. time for anyone in the Chancellor's Lecture Series his career and how it showing interest in "Nobody had those communication field to celebrate the College's developed into a successful journalism, she found that occupation at NPR. Adams many people looked down said that he was never on women who were encouraged communication

"Luckily, I found



Best-selling author Neenah Ellis and award-winning commentator Noah Adams discuss their careers at National Public Radio (NPR) with communication majors and other students at an ice cream social in the Jefferson Lounge of the Student Center on April 2. Ellis is the author of If I Live to Be 100, and Adams is a senior correspondent on NPR's newsmagazine "All Things Considered."

conventions there."

studies.

also outlets," Ellis said.

necessarily interested in working in the broadcast students in their academic conversation with students, Adams' books, "Far "This is an exciting lecture that evening in the Flyers." Chapel as a part of the

because there are so many 50th anniversary. The lecture, entitled "Flying to In addition to his Appalachia," focused on Adams also presented a Appalachia" and "The

Ern chosen to serve as interim chancellor of UVa-Wise

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when the College will be pursuing reaffirmation of its accreditation, approval of its new software engineering program and additional progress with regard to the physical development of the campus."

Casteen said Ern, who will come out of retirement to take the position, has a long history of dedicated service to UVA and to schools and colleges generally. The depth and breadth of Ern's experience in higher education, Casteen said, will be key in keeping the College at Wise moving forward with its current initiatives.

"My wife and I very much look forward to serving the College and the

University during this transitional period in the most effective way possible," Em

Ern retired from UVA in 2000, having served for the last nine years as senior vice president. He joined the University in 1962 as an assistant geology professor. His scholarly work included analyses of geological conditions related to mining in the Appalachian region, as well as detailed analyses of rock formations in central Virginia and the Appalachian region.

Ern, with his wife Petie, will move to Wise in June, working first from Charlottesville to prepare for the transition.

-- College Relations

Poet Rita Quillen, Chancellor Emeritus 'Papa' Joe Smiddy appear at spring Coffee Night

By Roger Hagy, Jr. Editor-In-Chief

The College's first Coffee Night of the year was held Tuesday, April 6, featuring regional poet Rita Sims Quillen and Chancellor Emeritus "Papa" Joe Smiddy, as well Jimson Weed, the College's official literary journal.

"We are very proud to help celebrate our College's 50th anniversary," said Dr. Gillian Huang- schools. Tiller, a faculty advisor for Aside from Coffee Night's featured guests, the event also included presentations of prose, poetry, and song from students and members of the community.

Quillen, the author of Counting the Sums and an instructor at Mountain Empire Community College (MECC), read several poems, including "I "Worthy Subjects." Quillen currently working on the final revision of her first

novel, which has been seven years in the making. The first Coffee Night's featured poet several years ago, Quillen said that she was pleased to return to Coffee Night once again.

"It's especially nice to see former students here as the spring release of the tonight," Quillen said, referring to several UVa-Wise students in attendance who had been in Quillen's classes either at MECC or during summer governor's

"Papa" Joe Smiddy. the Jimson Weed staff. the College's first chancellor, followed Ouillen's poetry reading with a musical performance using his trademark banjo.

Coffee Night was hosted by Stephanie Tolliver and Nick Vanover, who are also the arts and graphics editors for the Jimson Weed. The literary journal's managing editor is Lacie Holmes, and the staff Used to Be a Teacup" and is advised by faculty members Andrew Harvey, also mentioned that she is Gillian Huang-Tiller and Kenneth Tiller.



The Highland Cavalier



Rita Sims Quillen (top) reads her poetry, and Chancellor Emeritus "Papa" Joe Smiddy (above) sings a tune while playing his banjo at the spring Coffee Night, held April 6 in the Chapel.

Trigiani, Cash to attend writers forum April 20

(continued from page one) written the film screenplay for Big Stone Gap, which she will also direct.

Rosanne Cash has released 11 record albums critical acclaim.

her first book, Bodies of the forum include New York Morrissey, best-selling who has worked on several Water, received widespread Times best-selling author author and award-winning television shows, including Lorenzo Carcaterra, award- journalist Ben Sherwood The Cosby Show and A writers winning author Thomas and

award-winning Different World. television writer and

over the past 25 years, and joining Trigiani and Cash at Dyja, writer and editor Jake producer Susan Fales-Hill,

April - May 2004

Barter performers to raise money for teen diagnosed with leukemia

Editor-in-Chief

currently a patient at St. Jude Children's illness. Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., will of "Pump Boys and Dinettes," which will help raise money for the teen diagnosed with

The cast and crew of the Barter's "Pump Boys and Dinettes" learned of Adam "Peanut"

Lane was diagnosed with AML last benefit from Barter Theatre's special production December and has recently completed his fourth round of chemotherapy at St. Jude. The treatment has helped Lane in preparing for an upcoming bone marrow transplant.

Barter's one-time benefit production of "Pump Boys and Dinettes" will be presented on Lane and his fight against acute myeloid Sunday, April 25, at 2 p.m. at Barter Theatre's Theatre at (276) 628-3991, or visit their website leukemia (AML) and decided that a benefit Stage II. Tickets will be \$21 per person and at www.bartertheatre.com.

performance of their show could help raise discounts cannot be applied. Tickets may only money to offset his medical expenses and be purchased through the Barter Theatre Box A Tennessee High School junior who is increase the community's awareness of the Office, but additional donations (in the form of checks made payable to Adam Lane) may be sent to the following address:

> Adam Lane c/o Director of Bristol City Schools 615 Edgemont Avenue Bristol, TN 37620

For more information, contact the Barter

Gritty crime drama 'The Shield' returns to FX for a third season

Bu Jesse Baker Staff Writer

air for two seasons. The under his wing, despite not season with many a plot Team. thread left unresolved from the previous season.

the characters over a year that various gangs have ago, the Strike Team (the begun purchasing stolen corrupt anti-gang unit Vic is military-issued assault rifles in charge of) had stolen a from the black market and literal fortune from a are turning the streets into a European crime syndicate veritable killing field. the gang had crossed swords Meanwhile, a new leader with earlier in the season. has taken control over the Ambitious police captain Latino Gangs and seeks to David Acaveda found make an example out of Vic himself at war with the in order to cement his hard-nosed Detective gang's Claudette Wyms, who is prominence. angling for Acaveda's job and is quite disgusted with with internal strife within the deal that Acaveda has his team as his best friend

With the third

When we last saw high gear as Vic discovers on FX. return to

Vic also has to deal

made with Mackey that and fellow detective, Shane allows him to operate Vendrell, becomes jealous without restraint on the of Vic's mentor relationship The Shield returned to the street. The Strike Team was with Tayon. Acaveda must airwayes last month, and the forced to take on a new also deal with his own gritty crime drama still has member, Detective Tavon "usurper" problems as its edge despite being on the Garris, whom Vic has taken Wyms forces him to implement some of her new show, which stars Michael knowing whether or not policy ideas for the precinct, Chiklis as corrupt detective Tavon can be trusted with which include creating a Vic Mackey, begins a third the dark secrets of the Strike new task force to replace the corrupt Strike Team.

The Shield airs season, the show kicks into Tuesday nights at 10 p.m.



The cast of "The Shield" returns for a third season on FX every

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April 23 13 Going on 30 -- Romantic comedy starring Jennifer Garner (photo, top left)

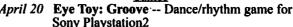
April 30 Laws of Attraction -- Romantic comedy starring Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore Shrek 2 -- Comedy featuring voices of Mike Myers and Cameron Diaz (photo, bottom left)

April 20 Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World -- Drama starring Russell Crowe (photo, top right)

The Last Samurai -- Drama starring Tom

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King -- Fantasy starring Viggo Mortensen





Mario vs. Donkey Kong -- Platform game for Nintendo Game Boy Advance

Rallisport Challenge 2 -- Rally racing game for Microsoft Xbox (screenshot, bottom right)





PRESS PLAY

Rudra Bowling and Bree Bowling **Press Play Columnists**

Bloody Roar 4 Platform: Playstation 2 Publisher: Hudson Genre: Fighting **ESRB Rating: Mature**

While not as popular as its counterparts, Tekken and Virtua Fighter, the fighting game series Bloody Roar has always managed to maintain a small fan following. The last game for the series, Bloody Roar: Primal Fury, debuted on the Gamecube and Xbox consoles last year, but with Bloody Roar 4, the series once again returns to its roots on a PlayStation system. What sets the Bloody Roar games apart from the flood of other fighting games that have been released has always been the storyline and the opportunity to transform a human fighter into a savage animal for massive amounts of damage to the other player. The latter of

maintained for this sequel, while the former proves to be lacking.

Graphically, Bloody Roar 4 pales in comparison to the latest installments in other 3D fighting games, and the backgrounds themselves, though somewhat interactive (they serve as a barrier for fights, but strong attacks can send a character plowing through them for extra damage), really aren't anything

The fighting system isn't exactly original but is helped when a character enters into Beast Mode, which allows them to gain some new sets of moves and combos. The game's difficulty, even when on its lowest setting. is incredibly trying - a player will usually have no trouble getting through the earlier rounds of a fight against a computercontrolled fighter, but halfway through Bloody Roar 4, the fights become immensely more times of having to continue the these has been adequately players will want to throw their

Some characters, such as Yugo the Wolf, are easy enough to pick up and play for any beginner, while others, such as new fighters Ryoho and Mana the Ninetails, take a very long time to master and play successfully.

The storylines for the

Bloody Roar series have helped to set the games apart from other fighting games in that it actually tends to have an engaging and surprisingly entertaining tale to tell. Fans of earlier games in the series will be disappointed to find that this title is lacking in this department. There is no set Story Mode in Bloody Roar 4; instead, the player is simply dropped into the middle of the game. Certain characters have connections to one another that are evidenced in the small amount of interaction that is present at certain points in the Arcade Mode, but the how or difficult, and after 10 or more why is never fully explained. An example of this is in the plight of Bloody Roar 4 is totally bad. One same battle over and over again, the new character Nagi the of the more original and fun including a killer rabbit, to boot.

'Bloody Roar 4' lets out a dry whimper controllers at the TV. The cast of Spurious, who, while she seems aspects of the game is the Career

characters isn't balanced either. to play a very large part in the storyline of many characters, seems to just show up for no apparent reason and is never really explained in a way that makes sense. While there are still story segments, they are unbalanced. Characters that are considered more "important" tend to have numerous segments between battles, while other characters seem to have been relatively overlooked and just put in the game to increase the cast of characters.

This is also the first time in a Bloody Roar game that the Story Mode contains voice-acting and, even by video game standards, the acting is horrible. Fans expecting the same kind of treatment and attention that the Story Mode in past games were given will be sorely disappointed with Bloody Roar 4 and its rushed and unpolished presentation.

But that isn't to say that

Mode. Similar to Training Modes in other fighting games, a player chooses a character and learns various combos while battling other fighters. By doing so, the player is awarded "DNA Points" which can then be used to upgrade various aspects of their chosen character to make them more customizable to the player's liking. These modified characters can be saved to the memory card and then used in every other mode that the game has to offer, making the fighting more enjoyable and unique. By gaining DNA Points, a player can also unlock hidden

Bloody Roar 4 is nowhere near the level of Virtua Fighter or Soul Calibur but is still decent. The main point of any fighting game is for players to beat the opposition into submission, and one can do so in Bloody Roar 4 quite easily. Plus. you get the added bonus of fighting as a ferocious animal,

College radio show 'Midnight Mutants' releases first CD

Staff Wilter

"Perhaps Indeed!." a phrase commonly used by to eing the line with their have accumulated a number "Adam C" and "Maytag" on the College's "Midnight Mutants" radio show, is the title of their first CD release.

Every Saturday night at 11 p.m., the Midnight Mutants take the and a half, UVa-Wise their debut album.

airwayes by storm with their students Adam Chaffin, TJ show. The Mutants enjoy Kiser and Jacob Johnston controversial topics, skits, of parodies, original phone calls and songs they comedy songs, skits and use to entertain southwest special segments called Virginia and eastern "Vog's Advice" and have

decided it was the right time Over the past year to record the favorites for

comedic talk/music Neece, Jordan Owen, Josh contains three "Vog's You Know?" Advice" segments, a skit frequent guest "Moolah")

nine songs. The performed by newly formed band da Vinci, vary in style Midnight mutants @ from the jazzy "Love of My hotmail.com.

"Perhaps Indeed!" Life" to the hard-rock "Do

Midnight entitled "Perhaps Indeed!" Mutants radio show can be (which features a visit from heard on WMMT 88.7 FM. Their website is comedy www.midnightmutants. songs, cib.net and their e-mail



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graduates job-seeking advice le Josh Herst

Staff Writer

Looking to start your career after graduation this May? Cathy Elkins, the Office of Career Development and the National Association of Colleges and Employers offer plenty of advice about beginning a post-UVa-Wise career, including the following lists that can help graduates get ahead of the competition.

Top 15 ways employers find new hires:

- Organization's internship program
- Organization's co-op program
- On-campus recruiting
- Career/iob fairs
- **Faculty contacts**
- **Employee referrals**
- Student organizations/clubs
- Internet job postings (campus web site)
- Internet job postings (company web site)
- Job postings to career offices (printed)
- Resumés from career offices
- Recruitment advertising (print)
- Internet job postings (commercial web site)
- Internet resumé/data bases
- Online career/job fairs

Qualities/skills employers look for in new hires.

- Communication skills (verbal & written)
- Honesty/integrity
- Interpersonal skills (relates well to others)
- Motivation/initiative
- Strong work ethic
- Teamwork skills (works well with others)
- Analytical skills
- Flexibility/adaptability
- Computer skills
- Detail-oriented
- Leadership skills
- Organizational skills
- Self-confidence
- Friendly/outgoing personality
- Tactfulness
- Well-minnered/polite
- Creativity
- GPA (3.0 or better)
- Entrepreneurial skills/risk-taker
- Sense of humor

These liets can be a helpful hint on how to conduct yourself and what to mention during interviews. Cathy Elkins' office is located on the first floor of Cantrell Hall, where the bookstore was formerly located. Stop by and set up an appointment to build your resume and find out what jobs are available for you:

What employers want Students encouraged to take steps to Office of Career Development offers protect computers and campus network

By Daniel Leeby Staff Writer

and to be

careful of

viruses in

For a college student. having a computer is very important. According to Brian Ward, the College's director of technology, there are five important steps you can take to help protect your investment.

First, make sure that your computer is passwordprotected. Make your password "strong" or "creative" with no real names or words. The next step to take is to have anti-virus protection

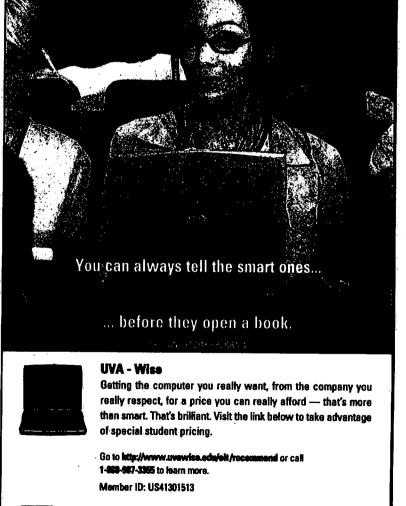
attachments, e-mails and mess-enger services. The third important step is to have your Windows operating system (Windows 98, 2000 or XP) updated using Windows Update (www. windows update. microsoft.com). Fourth, back up your files and save files to your "My Documents" folder because it is important to know what files you have and where you save them. The important step to take is turning off file-sharing. important to

to either disable or to correctly set up music file sharing.

Brian Ward's main goal is to keep student computers and the network safe. "I am trying to minimize the possibility of problems happening while maximizing the use of the network for academic use," Ward

Starting next fall, students will have to meet requirements for their personal computers. All machines will be all students, faculty and staff.

disable Windows file sharing and required to have either Microsoft 2000 or XP, to have Microsoft Office XP or 2003 and to have some type of anti-virus software (Norton and McAfee, e.g.), Also, computers can be purchased from Dell at a discounted rate of 10% in cooperation with UVa-Wise uvawise.edu/oit/ recommend). With Brian Ward's security steps and student cooperation, problems can be minimized and the campus network should be much safer for





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Leftwich resigns as head softball coach

By Daniel Leebu Staff Wilter

During a meeting held April 2 with the College softball team and Athletics Director Ray Spinella, Wayne Leftwich unexpectedly resigned as the head softball coach of UVa-Wise. Leftwich had been the softball coach for the past three-and-a-half seasons and had the team off to its best start in school history. In those three and a half seasons, he led the Lady Cavs to three consecutive Region XII Tournaments and an AAC regular season title last year.

Stepping in for Coach Leftwich is Assistant Coach Jimmy Mitchell, the former head softball coach at Powell Valley High School. Mitchell has served as the Wise assistant coach since the beginning of the 2003 season and will

take over as the interim head coach. Coach Mitchell's first set of games as head coach came on April 5 against AAC foe Union College, and Mitchell's team came out victorious in his first two games, winning 10-0 and 13-1.

The Lady Cavs sit at 17-3 overall and 7-1 in the conference as they enter the halfway point of the season. Coach Mitchell is confident about his team.

"We have a lot of talent on this team and they will continue to be very competitive," Mitchell said.

With their new coach, the Wise softball team will continue to seek a fourth consecutive conference tournament appearance.

Athletics Director Spinella said that a national search for a new head coach will begin this summer.

Lady Cavs win 3 of 4 games in 3-day stretch

Bu Beather Gentry

conference games in a double-header at Hilltop three-day stretch, the Lady Cavalier softball team walked away with three wins and one loss.

Starting the fourgame battle off with top rival Tennessee Weslevan College, the Lady Cavs dropped their first game 7-6. The second game saw the team taking the Bulldogs into nine innings, and the Cavaliers ended the nightcap by making light work of the Bulldogs, defeating them 4-1.

Lady Cavaliers returned to

Wise, where they faced their next conference match-up, With four tough Brevard College, in a Park. Going into the competition with a 13-3 record, the Lady Cava walked away with two more wins. Beating the Tornados 3-0 and 2-0, the Cavallers once again kept the bats hot, pounding out 18 hits. April Damron struck out 10 batters allowing only 4 hits, while her partner on the mound, Nichole Poore, struck out 4, allowing only 2 hits. Backed by a tough defense, Damron and Poore tossed a shut-out sweep to Two days later, the call it a day at the ball field.

Golf team to compete in AAC tournament at Kentucky's Crooked Creek

Courtney Couner & Heather Centru Staff Uriters

The UVa-Wise golf team will journey to **Crooked Creek Golf Course**

in London, Ky., on April 19 and 20, to play in the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament.

their season with a match

against Pikeville College on March 19, at the team's home course at the Lonesome Pine Country The team began Club in Big Stone Gap.

six players, including senior Brandon Matney, junior Brandon Webb, and freshmen Craig Richards, Chris Spurlock, Eric The team consists of Blevins and Adam Wright.

The team is coached this season by Head Coach Jim Stuart and Assistant Coach Larry Dingus.

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