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This Week

Why do students Jacquie Martin and Erin Widemer want to go to Costa Rica this fall? Find out about their ambitious plans and how they are funding the trip in Living. PAGE 3

Trigiani, Cash among writers featured in forum



PHOTO BY ROGER HAGY, JR.

A student watches as author Adriana Trigiani gives her an autograph after the Writers and Artists Forum on Tuesday, April 20.

By Lucinda Thomas
Staff Writer

"Let's get this party started!" That phrase, said by Adriana Trigiani, was the opening line for the Writers and Artists Forum, on Tuesday, April 20. The forum, which began at 1 p.m. in the Fred B. Greear Gymnasium, was hosted by Trigiani and brought together seven well-known but diversely different writers and artists, all critically acclaimed throughout the nation.

Trigiani said that she had a "vision of bringing the best writers and artists to Southwest Virginia I could scrounge up." The other six writers present at the forum were Lorenzo Carcaterra, Rosanne Cash, Thomas Dyja, Susan Fales-Hill, Jake Morrissey and Ben Sherwood. Their talents include writing novels, writing songs and writing for television shows, among others.

As part of her opening introduction,

The first speaker following Trigiani's opening remarks was
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Blackburn to become College's provost & senior vice chancellor

Gilmer W. Blackburn, an historian with more than 30 years of experience in higher education, will become the College's next provost and senior vice chancellor. UVA President John Casteen announced Blackburn's appointment Monday, April 19.

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Women's health week to end with breast cancer awareness walk tomorrow

By Michelle Brady
Staff Writer

The sisters of Alpha Delta Chi and Phi Sigma Sigma are sponsoring Women's Health Awareness Week, which began Monday, April 26, and will end

tomorrow, Saturday, May 1, with the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, open to all students and community members. Each day of the week has held a different event to help women learn how to better care for

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Spring 2004 Exam Schedule

— Each block is followed by its regular meeting time —

Exam Time	Wed. 5/12/04	Thurs. 5/13/04	Fri. 5/14/04	Mon. 5/17/04	Tues. 5/18/04
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Block III (10 a.m. MWF)	Block XIV (11 a.m. TH)	Block IV (11 a.m. MWF)	Block VI (2 p.m. MWF)	Block XVI (2 p.m. TH)
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Common Language*: French & Spanish	Block XIII (9:30 a.m. TH)	Block V (12 p.m. MWF)	Block I (8 a.m. MWF)	Block XII (8 a.m. TH)
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Block II (9 a.m. MWF)	Block XV (12:30 p.m. TH)	Block VII (3 p.m. MWF)	Block VIII (5 p.m. MWF)	Block XVII (3:20 p.m. TH)

Evening Classes: Blocks IX (5 p.m. MWF), X (6 p.m. MW), XI (7:30 p.m. MW), XVIII (4:40 p.m. TH), XIX (6 p.m. TH) and XX (7:30 p.m. TH) will hold exams at class times beginning Tuesday evening, May 11.

*Common Language: French meets in Smiddy 100; Spanish meets in Science 100

Breast cancer awareness walk to begin tomorrow

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Monday, April 26 concerned stress relief and stress management, and Student Health Services' Lelia Bradshaw held a presentation on the fifth floor of the Slemo Student Center. Tuesday was for

heart disease awareness with guest speaker Shelia Cantrell, RN, presenting in the Chapel.

The Wise Health Department gave demonstrations on how to give proper self breast exams on Wednesday, April

28, in the Student Center. Thursday's topic was "Domestic Violence - How Not to be a Victim," with a presentation in the Chapel by Crisis Center employees.

Today, Alpha Delta Chi (ADX) hosts the inter-sorority mixer, where

members from ADX, Phi Sigma Sigma and Xi Gamma Zeta will get together to support the cause.

Tomorrow, May 1, Phi Sigma Sigma and Alpha Delta Chi will host and sponsor the Breast Cancer

Awareness Walk. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Center lobby. The walk is open to the community and students. There is a \$5 registration fee, and any monetary donations are welcome.

Blackburn chosen to be new provost & senior vice chancellor

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"I am pleased Mr. Blackburn has agreed to join the College at Wise," Casteen said. "He will arrive during a time of transition at the College and his leadership and experience in higher education will be key to helping guide the College community in the

coming years."

Blackburn will assume his duties on July 1, and will also teach courses in both history and education.

"I am extraordinarily excited about beginning my work at UVa-Wise," Blackburn said. "I look

forward to working to continue to enhance the quality of the College and to continue to expand its academic offerings."

Blackburn was selected to become the College's chief academic officer following an extensive

national search process. He will fill the vacancy left by the departure of J. David Smith, who resigned last August.

Blackburn and his wife, Martha Burke Blackburn, a retired kindergarten teacher will move to Wise in June.

-- College Relations



Authors discuss writing, sign books at College forum

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Lorenzo Carattera, who is known for his 1995 novel *Sleepers* and his work as a writer and producer for the NBC drama *Law & Order*. Carattera told the audience that writing is an opportunity to teach and that one must have a "stubborn determination to carry it through."

Rosanne Cash presented next and gave the audience a new perspective of someone who writes songs and the true difficulty a writer can face when writing songs.

"Find your stones and turn them over and over until the message shines," Cash told the audience.

Later in the event, Haley Mullins gave a special performance, singing a song found in

Cash's children's book, *Penelope Jane: A Fairy Tale*.

The next speaker was Thomas Dyja, writer of *Play for a Kingdom*, who spoke to the audience about the importance of picking a topic for a first novel. He also stressed the importance of research for any writing endeavor a person tries to undertake.

Susan Fales-Hill spoke next about writing for television. Fales-Hill's work includes comedy shows such as *The Cosby Show* and *A Different World*. She spoke mostly about writing a biography of her mother and referred to the return to prose as "a chance to return to the truth."

Jake Morrissey is mostly known for his editing and writing, and he

told the audience that the most important part about writing is "writing about what you know in a way that others will find appealing."

The last presenter of the day was Ben Sherwood, best known for his novel *The Man Who Ate the 747* and who will soon become the new producer of ABC's *Good Morning America*. Sherwood told the audience that "life is where a writer gets his or her best ideas" and that a writer should "never take 'no' for an answer because everyone will try to conspire against you."

A short question-and-answer segment followed the presentations. After the forum, the writers signed copies of their works.

Barter Players schedule six productions for 2004 season

By Tiffany Hunter Staff Writer

The Barter Players are ready to present the summer season at the Barter Theatre in Abingdon. The 2004 season is the third full season the Barter Players have been able to keep the show in Abingdon. The season ends Dec. 18.

The 2004 season begins with *The Wind in the Willows*, based on the book by Kenneth Grahame. The play features a mole, water rat, badger and toad, and follows true to the book. The play was adapted from the book by Barter playwright and actor Brandon Roberts.

The Barter Players will then present *Snow White and Rose Red*, set to begin June 2 and to run through June 19. Barter Player Amber Wiley adapted the play from the Grimms Tale, in which there is only one rude dwarf and two sisters.

The Barter Players will then move on to *Jack and the Beanstalk*, running from June 23 to July 17. *Jack and the Beanstalk* was adapted by Barter playwright and actor Derek Davidson. This version puts the classic fairy tale into a new perspective by telling it from the point of view of the goose, the cow and the giant. The

summer of 2004 will end with *Honk! Honk!*, a musical version of "The Ugly Duckling" that will play from from July 21 through August 14.

The fall season is brought in by a back-to-school tale, *Miss Nelson is Missing!* In *Miss Nelson is Missing!*, the beloved Miss Nelson is missing and must be found before Miss Viola Swamp ruins school for the children. *Miss Nelson is Missing!* is based on the book by Harry Allard and James Marshall and was adapted by Joan Cushing. To end the season and to celebrate Christmas, the Barter Players will perform *A Beatrix Potter Christmas*, a play based on a story written by Potter, famous for her children's story, "Peter Rabbit." Catherine Gray adapted the play, which will be performed from Dec. 2 to Dec. 18.

The 2004 Barter Players' season is supported by lead sponsor Alpha Natural Resources and corporate sponsors V. Blake McKinney, Attorney at Law; BERRY Home Center, Inc.; Dr. Timothy E. Collins, Pediatric Dentistry; and Crutchfield Corp. For more information about the Barter or to purchase tickets, call (276) 628-3991, or visit their website at www.bartertheatre.com. Tickets range from \$7 to \$9.50, and there are special matinee showings for students and families on the weekends.

May concerts feature artists of country, rap, & rockabilly

By Joshua Powers Staff Writer

The semester is almost over, summer is quickly approaching, and yet you still can't find anything to do. Why not grab a friend or your significant other and check out one of these great shows coming to a town near you?

Travis Tritt will be at the Freedom Hall Civic Center in Johnson City on Saturday, May 8. Country legend Loretta Lynn will also be performing at Freedom Hall on Friday, May 14.

The Sophisticated

Otter in Johnson City is hosting two shows in the month of May. Josh Todd, former lead singer of Buckcherry, will be playing on Tuesday, May 11, and rapper Afroman has been scheduled to perform on Wednesday, May 19.

Don't mind driving a little further? Be sure to check out O.A.R., appearing at the Orange Peel in Asheville, N.C., on Tuesday, May 4. Also playing at the Orange Peel later in the month is rockabilly group BR549 on Friday, May 28.

LIVING

Students raising money to attend Spanish institute in Costa Rica for upcoming fall semester

By Ian Gillan and Tiffany Hunter Staff Writers

When one thinks of Costa Rica, a few images automatically come to mind: long, white beaches, tropical forests and exotic animals dancing in the trees. For most of us, Costa Rica seems like a dream world. For two UVa-Wise students, however, their dream may be coming to a halt.

Jacquie Martin and Erin Widemer are currently trying to raise enough funds

so that they can attend the Costa Rican Spanish Institute (COSI) during the 2004 fall semester. At COSI, the two students would spend 10 weeks living with a family, attending classes and studying the culture. Both Martin and Widemer are Spanish majors and feel that this experience would be highly beneficial to their growth in the Spanish language.

"To be completely bilingual, you need to

immerse yourself in the culture," Martin said. "This is the best way, I think." Widemer has a similar perception, saying that one needs to be "bicultural" in order to be bilingual.

Unfortunately, attending the institute costs around \$3,370 (for housing, tuition, classes and meals), which these students do not have. When they inquired about financial assistance from the College, they were told that, at the moment, there were not enough funds

to aid them. Martin and Widemer, therefore, have decided to earn the money themselves. The two students now plan on

working multiple jobs throughout the summer so that they can come closer to achieving their educational dream.

Mom and Dad would approve.

(Go ahead, get it anyway.)

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