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Freshmen required to live on-campus in 2006

By Kristi Foster
Staff Writer

The College's Board met on Friday, Sept. 3, and with a unanimous vote, they made a decision that will require incoming freshman students in 2006 to live on campus.

The Board established certain criteria for on-campus housing. If an in-

coming freshman falls outside the guidelines for the on-campus requirements, they will be exempt from the requirement. If freshmen live within 25 miles of the campus, plan to live and commute from the home of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are over 21 years of age or older, are a veteran of the military, are

married, or appeal and are granted an exemption due to some extenuating circumstance, then they are not required to live on-campus.

Where does the College plan to house these new students and the current students? A new residence facility is currently under construction and will add 116 beds to the current total of

578. That will give upper-classmen approximately 370 beds, leaving 330 beds for freshmen in 2006.

Tailinett Olmedo, student representative of the UVA-Wise Board, believes that making on-campus housing mandatory for freshman will be beneficial.

"I think living in residence halls is helpful for

freshmen," Olmedo said. "It allows the students to make the transition from living at home to living independently." Olmedo also believes that living on-campus can help freshmen get involved at the College and provides the opportunity to meet new people.

The mandatory on-campus residency for fresh-

men is set to take place in the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year.

There are currently 380 freshman students attending UVA-Wise. Of those 380 freshman, 262 live on-campus. In 2006, the College would like to have an incoming class size of 400, with an average of 700 students living on-campus.

Ern, Casteen speak to full house at fall convocation

By Roger Hagy, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief

Students filled the Greear Gym on Aug. 24 for the College's fall convocation, the annual ceremony which officially opens the school year. The College's new interim chancellor, Ernest Ern, and University of Virginia (UVA) President John Casteen were the featured speakers of the ceremony, which began at 10 a.m.

Ern focused his comments on encouraging new and returning students to get involved in campus and community activities.

"Please, in every sense, get involved in this community," Casteen told students. "Be assured that your involvement will exponentially increase your experience and your grades."

Ern also welcomed returning students, faculty and administrative colleagues.

Casteen, the seventh

president of UVA, honored Ern and his life of service to Virginia education, including the fact that Ern was once Casteen's superior at UVA.

"He was my boss and I guess I can say he still is, because it is his opinion I seek," Casteen said.

Casteen also assured students that, if given the chance to "get to know" Ern, they will "love him."

Casteen also reflected on the College's 50-year history, explaining that the College had seen more growth in its first 50 years than UVA had seen during its first 50 years as an institution. Casteen said that UVA-Wise had begun as an experiment and that "the experiment worked."

In addition to Ern and Casteen's presentations, Dean Amelia Harris explained the significance of the academic regalia and the liberal arts tradition.

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Students listen to Chancellor Ernest Ern speak during the College's fall convocation ceremony on Aug. 24 in the Greear Gym. Other speakers included University of Virginia President John Casteen, Dean Amelia Harris and Faculty Senate Chair Alex Edwards.

Math and science initiative helps College, Wise Co. schools

By Aubrey Bowling
Assistant Editor

The Wise County High School Math and Science Initiative is a program that currently enrolls 18 area high school students in advanced math, advanced sciences and computer sciences at UVA-Wise.

"This program is designed to help students excel in math and science," said Hon. John Peace, the chair of the Wise County School Board.

On Tuesday, Aug. 31, each of the students enrolled in the Initiative were recognized by Congressman Rick Boucher, who said that, due to the grants for the Initiative, "something is going to happen here that, to my knowledge, is not happening anywhere else in the western part of this state."

The juniors and seniors enrolled in the program take advanced placement and college-level courses to help them gain careers that use modern technology. The Initiative was given a \$100,000 grant from the Wise County Board of Supervisors.

"This truly is a tremendous effort," Boucher said of the Initiative.

However, not just the Initiative program received ben-

efits. UVA-Wise gets six work stations and a \$50,000 grant for the physics department, which led to over 70 students enrolled in classes. There will be new developments for the College in the future, too, such as the addition of a new major for Management Sciences in a year and a long term goal for a Software Engineering program, which will make UVA-Wise the first school to offer such a program throughout the state of Virginia.

UVA-Wise is not the only school involved in the Initiative either, as Mountain Empire Community College offers pre-engineering programs. Programs in computer software design are not offered at either of the colleges yet, however.

Another important issue discussed on Aug. 31 was the area schools' interest in becoming NASA Explorer Schools. NASA will be choosing 50 schools across the United States to offer special math and science courses for grades four through nine. Grants from NASA will be given to the chosen schools for educational benefits.

"We appreciate this new program and hope it benefits others who will continue to do their best in every class," said Laura Pritchard, a senior at St. Paul High School and a student enrolled in the Wise County High School Math and Science Initiative.

Medieval-Renaissance Conference continues today, concludes tomorrow

By C. Cole Osborne
Staff Writer

The University of Virginia's College at Wise is currently hosting its 18th annual Medieval-Renaissance Conference, which began yesterday, Sept. 16, and will conclude tomorrow, Sept. 18. The conference, which seeks to bring together individuals from various colleges and universities to share ideas, is being held in the Chapel.

As many as 40 presenters are representing 31 schools, colleges or universities. Presenters include graduate students, undergraduate students and faculty who are interested in studying facets of literature, history, religion and art from both the Medieval

period and the Renaissance. Some of the colleges and universities represented include UVA-Wise, American Catholic University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, George Mason University, Emory and Henry College, King College, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Guelph in Ontario, the College of William and Mary, the Universität Friburg and Purdue University.

The conference will feature a keynote address from Bruce O'Brien, today at 4:30 p.m. O'Brien is a professor of history at the University of Mary Washington, formerly known as Mary

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BULLETIN BOARD

Honor Court files charges against 31 students
Charges were filed against 31 students by the Honor Court:

- 10 found guilty
- 2 charges dropped
- 3 students withdrew
- 1 found not guilty
- 15 charges carried over to current semester

A total of 335 hours of community service were sanctioned.

Intramural air hockey tournament
Saturday, Sept. 18
Student Center
8 p.m.

Intramural soccer
Sun., Sept. 19
Mon., Sept. 20
Tue., Sept. 21
Wed., Sept. 22

Greek soccer championships
Sun., Sept. 19

Dedication of historical marker
Mon., Sept. 20
Smiddy Hall
1 p.m.

Intramural 4x4 wallyball tournament
Tues., Sept. 21
Student Center
8 p.m.

Intramural flag football
Captain's meeting and registration deadline is Thurs., Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

Comedian to perform
Comedian Reno Collier will perform Thurs., Sept. 23, in the Student Center at 8 p.m.

Baptist Student Union to present 50's dance
The BSU will host the "Fabulous 50's Dance" Fri., Sept. 24, at 9 p.m.

Intramural hearts tournament
Sat., Sept. 25
Student Center
8 p.m.

SVEA's Funtasia
Sat., Sept. 25
12-4 p.m.

Wesley Foundation road trip
Sat., Sept. 25

"Wet-N-Wild" Whitewater Adventure
Sun., Sept. 26
Upper Gauley River
Fayetteville, WV

Intramural flag football games
Mon., Sept. 27
Tue., Sept. 28
Wed., Sept. 29

Intramural kickball
Captain's meeting and registration deadline is Wed., Sept. 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

Homecoming luau
The Homecoming Luau and Steel Drummer Coconut Day will be held by the luau Thurs., Sept. 30, 4-7 p.m.

Band to perform by the lake
"The Worry Stones" will perform by McCrory Lake at 8 p.m., Thurs., Sept. 30.

Class rings on sale Oct. 1
Artcarved will be selling class rings on the campus, Fri., Oct. 1

Alumni Greek reception
Fri., Oct. 1
Mosby's
8 p.m.

Office of Student Activities gears up for new academic year

By Diana Sluss
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Activities, Intramurals and Outdoor Recreation has always provided the students of UVa-Wise with a variety of recreational activities to get them out on-campus having fun. This year, Chris Davis, coordinator of Student Activities, Intramurals and Outdoor Recreation, offers a mix of both old and new events for students. Student Activities will still have the familiar events such as the wall climb, entertainment by comedians and bands, big screen movies and the weekend skydiving trip by Outdoor Recreation.

The new events, however, have already begun and more are still to come. At the beginning of the year, Student Activities held the first "Late Night in the Student Center," where the students

could enjoy the Student Center until 2 a.m. Davis has also created the first Intramural Old School for October. During this month, Intramurals will be having classic childhood sports, such as dodgeball and kickball.

In the past, students had chances to win prizes for participating and/or winning certain events. These prizes ranged from t-shirts, portable CD players and a 25-inch TV. Students still have a chance to win prizes with the new "Passport to Fun" event, in which a student who attends 10 to 13 events will automatically win a free "Passport to Fun" t-shirt.

The "twist" on both the old and new events, however, is the size of student turnouts. According to Davis, this year has seen "the best start ever for students attending events."

For example, 168 stu-

dents attended comedian Will Marfori's performance at the College on Aug. 23, which Davis claimed "was the largest crowd ever seen [at this type of event] in my time at the College."

Another successful turnout was the first-ever Mud Volleyball Event at the Henson volleyball court, which drew around 85 students.

Davis also explained that these events seem to be enjoyed by some commuters, as well, as two commuter students won the \$200 cash prize from the scavenger hunt held on Sept. 1.

The Office of Student Activities will continue to host events for students on-campus throughout the school year. For more information, call 376-4513 or e-mail Chris Davis at cdd3s@uvawise.edu.

Greek organizations recruit new members during fall Rush Week

By Chris Cooper and Christine Ota
Staff Writers

Rush Week is all about recruitment and furthering the stretch of the campus' Greek population. Although the College's Greek Rush Week officially began Sept. 4, Greek organizations began vying for the attention of new students on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the campus' Watermelon Welcome. All of the Greek organization presidents were present to inform the students about their respective sororities and fraternities.

Pre-Rush Week was held Aug. 30 to Sept. 3, providing a way for all of the Greek organizations on campus to further inform students about Greek life and to encourage students to rush. Each Greek organization had a pre-Rush table set up where members could answer any questions that students had and to

allow students to sign up if he or she was interested in rushing.

The official Rush Week was then held Sept. 6-9. Members of each organization had daily events for students to attend.

Each event let the Greek organization members know their "rushes" better.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, members from each Greek organization made decisions as to whom should be chosen as a new member. The Greek organizations sent bid cards out to those selected, inviting rushes to know that the organization was interested in having them as members.

From here, bid recipients will now decide if they would like to follow suit and join the organization as new members. Greek organizations will begin a pledge period where new members are initiated into the organization.

Convocation

"Just as we educate students, students educate us," Harris said.

Faculty Senate Chair Alex Edwards offered some witty comments to the audience during his greetings from the faculty.

"Don't miss out on the 50th anniversary festivities," Edwards advised the audience, "or else you'll have to wait another 50 years, and you don't want to do that."

Intermediate Honors were also bestowed upon 53 students who have been on the Dean's List of Distinguished Students for their first four semesters of attendance at the College.

In addition, Gary Juhan presented the Buck Henson Student Life Award to David Donathan. Ern took charge of the installation of Jennifer Davis as president of the Student Government Association, and Provost Gilmer Blackburn installed Lora Wharton as Honor Court Chair. Both Davis and Wharton occupied their respective positions during the last academic year, as well.

An activity fair and picnic immediately followed the convocation ceremony on the lawn by the lake.



PHOTO BY ROGER HADY, JR.

Ernest Ern, the new chancellor of UVa-Wise, presents his opening remarks to students, faculty and staff during fall convocation in the Greener Gym on Aug. 24. During his presentation, Ern encouraged all students — both new and returning — to "get involved" in activities at the College and in the surrounding community. Ern said that doing so will "exponentially increase" students' experience at the College and their grades.

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Inter-Greek Council sponsors annual campus blood drive

By Aimee St. John
Staff Writer

UVa-Wise held its annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, Sept. 1. Although in past years, Norton Community Hospital helped with the Blood Drive, this year saw assistance from the Red Cross.

Located on the fifth floor of the Slemm Student Center, the Blood Drive lasted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors, many of which were students and faculty, had to sign in before donating.

Also, snacks and beverages provided by the College were available for

donors.

The Red Cross also announced several blood drives taking place in Wytheville, Lebanon and St. Paul, encouraging everyone who is able and in the area to donate blood.

The College's Inter-Greek Council sponsored the event, and all of the College's Greek organizations assisted during the blood drive.

"It's a good chance to get involved with helping the community out," said Michelle Brady, a Phi Sigma Sigma sorority member. "And it's always a good time hanging out with fellow students."

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Washington College. In 1999, he published a book entitled *God's Peace and King's Peace: The Laws of Edward the Confessor*. O'Brien plans to speak on a new view of Medieval Englishness.

Two of the College's alumni will also be presenting this year. Stephanie Tolliver-Osborne, a 2004 graduate of UVa-Wise, is currently a graduate student at the University of Richmond. She will be presenting a paper entitled "Swefna Cyst": Dream Theory and the Old English Inflection System in *The Dream of the Rood* during tomorrow's 9 a.m. session. Nicholas Vanover, also a 2004 UVa-Wise graduate, is currently a graduate student at the

Ohio State University. He will be presenting a paper entitled "Prince Hal's Hamlet," tomorrow at 1 p.m.

In addition, Dr. Dana Sample, co-chair of the conference, will present a paper entitled "Did Charles IV and the French Nobility Conspire with Queen Isabelle to Overthrow Edward II of England?" at a concurrent session held in Cantrell Hall, Room 206, today at 1 p.m. Dr. Kenneth J. Tiller, the conference chair, will present a paper entitled "Malory and the Hermetics of Heraldry," tomorrow at 10:40 a.m.

Dr. Tiller encourages all interested persons to attend.

OVER THE HORIZON

COMING TO THEATERS
Friday, Sept. 17

Mr. 3000
Comedy starring Bernie Mac.
PG-13 for sexual content and language.

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow
Sci-fi thriller starring Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow.
PG for sequences of stylized sci-fi violence and brief mild language.

Wimbledon
Romance starring Paul Bettany and Kirsten Dunst.
PG-13 for language, sexuality and partial nudity.

Friday, Sept. 24

First Daughter
Romance starring Katie Holmes.
PG for language, sexual situations and alcohol-related material.

The Forgotten
Thriller starring Julianne Moore.
PG-13 for intense thematic material, some violence and brief language.

COMING SOON ON DVD

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Mean Girls
Comedy starring Lindsay Lohan.
PG-13 for sexual content, language and some teen partying.

Star Wars Trilogy Box Set
Sci-fi saga starring Harrison Ford.
Rated PG.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

The Alamo
Drama starring Dennis Quaid.
PG-13 for sustained intense battle sequences.

Super Size Me
Documentary directed by Morgan Spurlock.
PG-13 for language, sex and drug references, and a graphic medical procedure.

Walking Tall
Action film starring "The Rock."
PG-13 for sequences of intense violence, sexual content, drug material and language.

COMING SOON IN GAMES

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Dance Dance Revolution Extreme
Console: PS2
Genre: Music
E for Everyone

Final Fantasy XI: Chains of Promathia
Consoles: PC, PS2
Genre: RPG
T for Teen

Myat IV: Revelation
Console: PC
Genre: Adventure
T for Teen

Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005
Consoles: GC, PC, PS2, XB
Genre: Sports
E for Everyone

X-Men Legends
Consoles: GC, PS2, XB
Genre: Action-RPG
T for Teen

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Donkey Kong
Console: GC
Genre: Music
E for Everyone

PRESS PLAY

Popular survival horror game gets a new look

By Rudra Gowling
Entertainment Editor

Resident Evil 3: Nemesis
Platforms: Gamecube, Playstation, Dreamcast, PC
Publisher: Capcom
Genre: Survival horror

With the new movie *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* now in theatres, many fans of Capcom's survival horror series *Resident Evil* are ecstatic to be seeing story elements from the third title, *Nemesis*, appearing on the big screen. Although the first version of *Resident Evil 3: Nemesis* for the Playstation was released in late 1999, the game is still considered to be a classic in terms of gameplay and horror. Also, a new remake of the game will soon be released on the Nintendo Gamecube with updated graphics.

The storyline follows former S.T.A.R.S. member Jill Valentine (a returning character from the first game, played in *Apocalypse* by Sienna Guillory) as she attempts to escape from Raccoon City, a town in the Midwestern U.S. that has become infected with the G-Virus — a biological weapon that turns its victims into zombies and other undead creatures. Along the way she meets and teams up with an Umbrella, Inc. mercenary named Carlos Oliveira (played in the movie by Oded Fehr) who was sent in to help find survivors and soon becomes stranded on his own. Jill and Carlos must not only escape from the hordes of zombies roaming the streets, but also from a hulking creature called the Nemesis



Jill Valentine (far left) and Carlos Oliveira are the featured characters in the survival horror classic, Resident Evil 3: Nemesis, which is receiving a new remake on the Nintendo Gamecube. The Gamecube version will be the game's fourth release on a console.

PHOTOS BY CAPCOM

(played by Matthew G. Taylor in the movie), who is after all surviving S.T.A.R.S. members and the psychotic Nikolai Ginovaeff (Zack Ward).

The concept in *Resident Evil 3: Nemesis* is mainly just to survive, which can at certain points prove to be a difficult task. A limited amount of ammo is placed in the game so that players are forced to avoid fights in order to live, and most enemies require at least six shots to fully take down. Some changes from previous games in the series include the concept of having certain items (such as weapons, ammo and medicinal supplies) be in random locations throughout the game — meaning that a player will never be sure exactly where he or she will stumble across something next, even if they

have played the game previously. In order to continue, players are usually forced to think with their heads instead of simply fighting: there are numerous puzzles that have to be solved that can range from simple "press the button" types to complicated backtracking to find codes and clues. Areas are a bit more interactive than they had been in the first two *Resident Evil* titles, with Jill and Carlos being able to crawl on top of crates to either get a better view or to escape enemies, and the player is more able to disable groups of enemies effectively by luring them next to a gas tank, for example, and then blasting the tank sky high in order to conserve ammo. Fans of the second *Resident Evil* will also enjoy seeing several old locales pop up

from time to time, most specifically the Raccoon City Police Department.

Resident Evil has always been popular due to its homage to classic B-Horror films, and *Nemesis* proves to be no exception to this rule. The creatures are downright scary, ranging from the normal zombies and infected Dobermans to the Lickers — creatures that look like inside-out humans with long tongues that can pierce skulls. Of course, there is the Nemesis itself, a creature of pure mass and tentacles that always pops up at the worst possible times. The camera angles are set so that at some points you're looking at the characters through windows and such to give it more of a movie feel, and there is always a sense of tension at having to enter a

new area. While the graphics are certainly dated now compared to more recent games, they are still very detailed and precise. The music for the game helps to add even more to the horror feel — at certain points there will be dead silence with only the occasional moan or bird call, and then at the next moment a pumping crescendo will begin as something crashes through the wall behind you. There are moments in *Nemesis* that will make you jump in panic, although it remains to be seen as to whether or not the tweaked *Resident Evil: Apocalypse* will be able to do the same. Fans of horror games should definitely try out *Nemesis* if they can, especially when the Gamecube remake is released to scare gamers all over again.

King's 'Game' an engaging Sherlock mystery

By Elizabeth Steele
Contributor

Sherlock Holmes is an internationally recognized figure. Arthur Conan Doyle published stories centering on the character for some 30 years. Hollywood reincarnated Holmes in a series of adventures starring Basil Rathbone; by the '70s, Nicolas Meyer (*The Seven Per Cent Solution*) had begun a new series that showcased the Baker Street resident's private life. Over the past decade, Laurie King has provided a new twist: what happens when Holmes encounters an intellect equal to his own in the form of a fifteen-year-old Anglo-American Jewish feminist. And what happens are a series of mysteries set within an unusual love story that includes (gasp) Holmes' marriage to his protégé, usually referred to by her surname: Russell. It has been, for the most part, great fun.

King's latest installment is *The Game*, a reference to the intelligence-gathering and espionage activities of England's agents in India, but here with specific reference to a rising Soviet threat. Holmes

and Russell are commissioned to search India for a missing secret agent, none other than Rudyard Kipling's Kim, now a Tibetan monk (more or less) in late middle age. They encounter a depraved Indian maharajah and a suspicious American, rather misleadingly named Goodheart, as well as a variety of disaffected characters straight from Jazz Age Paris (or Berlin cabarets). There are one or two daring rescues — of the kind King set up in *Oh Jerusalem* or *A Mysterious Regiment of Women* — and some interesting costuming.

Part of the attraction of King's series is her willingness to do her homework, and here she inserts India into the larger threat presented by a revolutionary Russia in 1924, to the world at large, and to the increasingly fragile British control of India.

King is aware both of the uneasy world response to Labour's victory in domestic British politics and of the secret relationship between Soviet Russia and Weimar Germany in the post-Rapallo era. But this is not her best work — I prefer the titles mentioned

previously. Presentism creeps into what she undoubtedly wishes to be unassailably the 1920s — an early reference to hippogriffs (last seen in the pages of *Harry Potter* and the *Prisoner of Azkaban*), for example, and the efficacious effects of red wine for heart disease. The plot is on the predictable side and the identity of at least one of the characters — an apparent revival of the Artful Dodger — even more so. Russell's success in disguising herself stretches credulity, as do several other details. And there are the usual red herrings.

That said, the series is nonetheless engaging, and the overall premise bold and bright enough to continue to reel in readers. Laurie King doesn't write as well as Ngaio Marsh, another great creator of mysteries, nor even as well as Nicolas Meyer, but she takes chances that only Meyer was willing to essay (Holmes' allusions in *The Canary Trainer* to his affair with Irene Adler come to mind) and has been more consistent in output. There's enough to feed an audience here, and this reader will undoubtedly be back for the next installment.

'Punisher' a modern western



PHOTO BY LIONS GATE FILMS

Thomas Jane stars as the title character in *The Punisher*, an action film which also features John Travolta as a villainous crime lord.

By Billy Van Noorebeke
Staff Writer

The Punisher, based on the Marvel comic of the same name, is a story about an F.B.I. agent (Thomas Jane) whose family is killed by a mob boss. Stricken with rage, the agent decides to go outside the law and punish those responsible. This movie stars John Travolta as a rich crime lord who is responsible for the death of the Punisher's family. Like in most of Travolta's movies, he plays his part very well, acting cold and calculating as he tells his men to go and destroy the agent's life. If you have ever been a fan of John Travolta, you will quite possibly like this movie.

The movie could also be considered a modern western because, like in most westerns, you have the bad guys running the town until suddenly the lone gunslinger comes in and starts blasting away all the bad guys.

I give this movie a four out of five. The only problems I had with *The Punisher* was that there was an obscene amount of violence, and the characters tended to say the Lord's name in vain way too often (the film was rated R by the MPAA). Other than that, the film was good.

GAME SCHEDULE

CROSS COUNTRY

Sat., Sept. 25
at Emory & Henry College

FOOTBALL

Sat., Sept. 18
at Mars Hill College, N.C.
1:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 25
at Lambuth, TN
1:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Fri., Sept. 17
at Union College
7 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 21
Home vs. Montreat College
6:30 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 24
Home vs. Bryan College
7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 25
Home vs. Tenn. Wesleyan
10:30 a.m.
Home vs. Covenant College
4:30 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 28
at Bluefield College
6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 30
Home vs. Milligan College
6:30 p.m.

GAME SCORES

FOOTBALL

Sat., Aug. 28
Loss
Union College 46
UVa-Wise 13

Sat., Sept. 4
Win
UVa-Wise 22
Kentucky Wesleyan 19

VOLLEYBALL

Tues., Aug. 31
Win
UVa-Wise 3
Pikeville College (Ky.) 0
(30-20, 30-25, 30-28)

Thurs., Sept. 2
Loss
King College (Tenn.) 3
UVa-Wise 2
(18-30, 26-30, 30-23, 30-27, 7-15)

Tues., Sept. 7
Win
UVa-Wise 3
Virginia Intermont 2
(30-23, 30-14, 30-16)

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Baseball field dedicated to late area coach

By Timber Copley
Staff Writer

The University of Virginia's College at Wise hit a home run with the dedication of the baseball field to the late Burchell "Slew" Stallard on Saturday, Sept. 4, during a ceremony held at 1:30 p.m.

The event started off with hitting some ground balls and a little batting practice just to see if the alumni still had what it takes. Speeches were made by Stallard's wife and other faculty, such as Athletic Director Ray Spennella, Chancellor Ernest Ern and Coach Hank Banner.

"Slew is his nickname, that's what I know him as," said Coach Banner with a chuckle. "I will have to think about his real name."

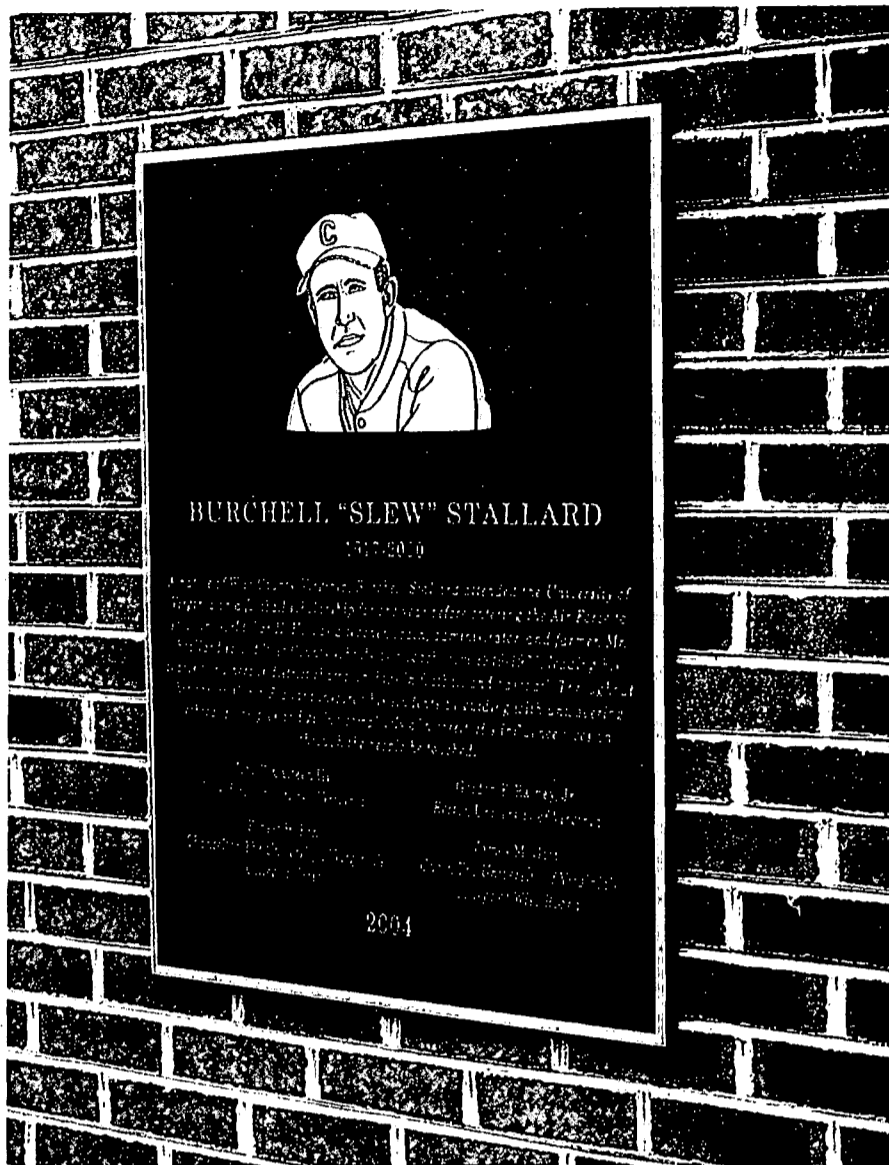
Before the actual

ceremony, there was a private tour of the campus for baseball alumni. The alumni were the stars of the day and they seemed as if they were itching to get back in the game.

The first time the field was used was during the spring semester of 2004. Stallard Field was planned by Chad Price, and the press box and dugouts were planned by James Clasby.

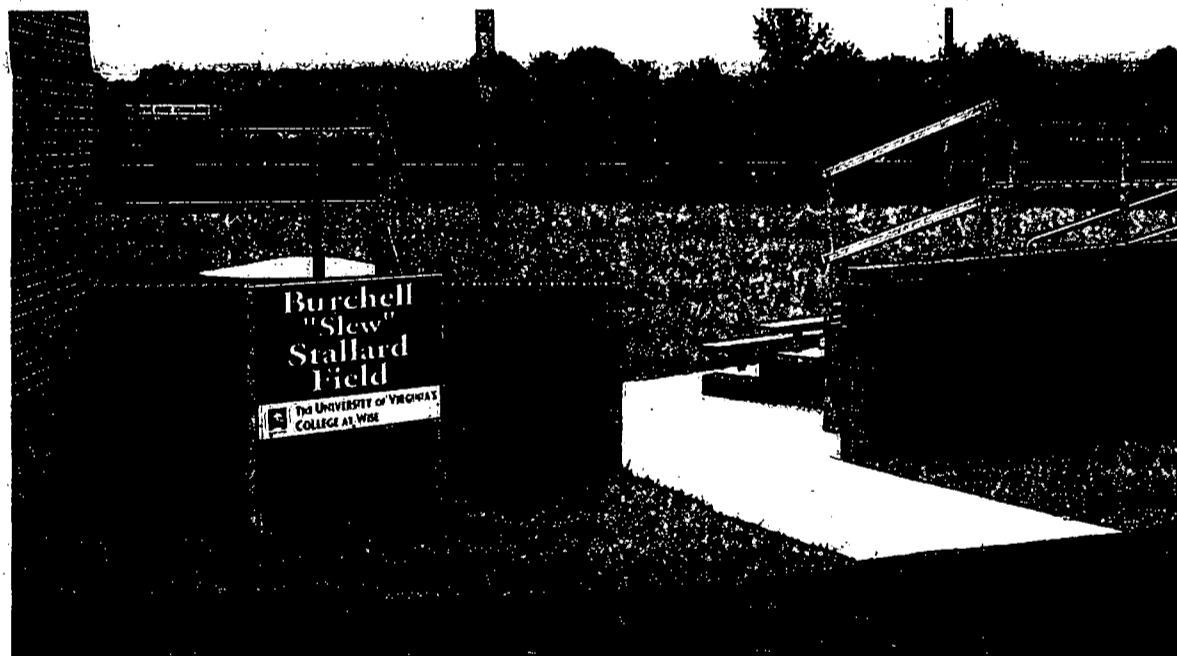
A native of Wise County, Stallard was considered an outstanding athlete and an influential athletic coach. He attended both the University of Virginia and Milligan College.

After the alumni were finished, it was time to "bring out the big boys." The University of Virginia's College at Wise baseball team demonstrated their talent with an inter-squad game.



PHOTOS BY ROGER NAGY, JR.

Above, a plaque near the entrance to the baseball field honors Burchell "Slew" Stallard and describes his contributions to area athletics. The baseball field (left) was dedicated to Stallard on Saturday, Sept. 4, during an alumni ceremony.



Softball team gains two coaches, new field

By Danielle Benton
Staff Writer

The University of Virginia's College at Wise is continually growing in all aspects, including intercollegiate softball. The reigning AAC champs find themselves with several new additions to their ever-successful program, including new coaches and a new field that will be completed next year.

Veteran player and senior Kendall Rainey seems excited and anxious for the softball season to begin.

"The return of a solid core of veterans and the addition of talented freshmen present definite potential for the team to finish at the top of the con-

ference," Rainey said.

First-year Head Coach Tori Raby offers the Lady Cavaliers some much-needed organization, knowledge and experience. With Raby and a new assistant coach, Chuck Banner, the Lady Cavs also gain 10 new teammates and a new field.

The addition of Coach Raby to the Lady Cavalier softball program has already seen dramatic progress. Raby is a former pitcher from rival Tennessee Wesleyan College, where she earned all-conference and all-region honors as a sophomore and junior. As a senior, she received the distinguished honor of being Player of the Year in the conference. She has had

four years of collegiate coaching experience, serving as both an assistant coach and a head coach.

With all of these advancements within the program, the Lady Cavalier softball team plans to stay grounded and involved in the surrounding community. Among Coach Raby's priorities are fundraising for the softball program and building local support in the community surrounding the College. The Lady Cavaliers have wasted no time in beginning these fundraisers, as they have already served with the baseball team as ushers at the Bristol Motor Speedway.

Other fundraising ventures of the Lady Cavs include the sale of shirts and

sweatshirts that express support for the team. The team also works concessions at all home volleyball games while encouraging their fellow athletes, the Lady Cavalier volleyball players, to tear through the competition.

In addition, the new \$400,000 softball field should be completed by the spring of 2005 for the Lady Cavs. Thus far, the dugouts and press box have thus far been completed, and sod will be put down in the next couple of weeks, as the weather permits. The fencing will then be constructed, resulting in the a completely new, intercollegiate fast-pitch softball field.

The Lady Cavaliers look forward to the oppor-

tunity to perform on the new, impressive facilities, but, most of all, they look forward to performing together.

Freshman Ellie Blackburn expressed her enthusiasm, saying she is "surprised by the overwhelming hospitality and friendliness of all the girls."

Transfer student Sonja Fenner also commented on the great depth of the team and the impact it will have on their future success.

Coach Raby recognized the squad as having "a lot of talent and versatility," which she believes will contribute greatly to the squad's performance in the future by presenting constant competition.