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## Hacker invades bookstore computer system *Customers' credit, debit accounts may be at risk*

By Aubrey Bowling  
Assistant Editor

In a memo sent to faculty and staff on Monday, Feb. 21, UVa-Wise Chancellor Ernest Ern announced that "on Friday, Feb. 18, the UVa-Wise IT department verified an unauthorized, illegal intrusion into the Bookstore's computer system. Names and credit card/debit card information on Bookstore purchases from Dec. 2, 2003 through Feb. 17, 2005 potentially are at risk." The

memo also reports that "any possible fraudulent activity using the stolen credit card information would have taken place after Jan. 7, 2005, the earliest date that IT personnel found evidence of intrusion."

The College has taken great measures in tracking the person or persons responsible for the Bookstore hacking as well as preventing this sort of incident from being repeated.

"It usually takes a while to

find something traceable," said Brian Ward, the College's Director of Technology. "Investigators will have to get cooperation with other people to trace over the Internet. The Virginia State Police, the Virginia Cyber Crime Strike Force, and the FBI, along with our own Campus Police, are working on a joint investigation."

Since it is under federal investigation, information regarding the hacking is limited to details that will not hinder the investigation.

Because of this, Bookstore and campus police officials would offer no comments.

Also noted in the memo by Chancellor Ern is that everyone affected by the hacking is being informed as quickly as possible. As of Thursday, Feb. 24, two-thirds of the victims were notified by letter, and the College is hoping to have everyone notified by this week at the latest.

"The Bookstore is back up

and working. It's very secure," Ward said. "They're using an archaic way of running. The credit cards are processed on a credit card machine. Soon student charges will be back up on a separate computer. It'll be slower for the staff, but more secure."

The affected Bookstore computers are currently being used as evidence in the investigation.

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## Campus improvement projects nearing completion

By Donna Gibson  
Staff Writer

Spring is in the air at UVa-Wise, but it is business as usual for the construction crews working on two campus improvement projects.

The first project is the sculpture garden in the plaza surrounded by Zehmer Hall, Darden Hall and the Science Building. Former UVa-Wise Chancellor Steve Kaplan initiated the project during his tenure at the College. Privately funded, the sculpture garden is intended to lend a cosmetic appeal to the campus grounds.

A College committee commissioned landscape architect Gene Whitesell of the Whitesell Group of Roanoke to design the sculpture garden, which will include two fountains. There will also be a small performing stage near the back of the fountain. All construction on the garden is being done by Quesenberry's, Inc. Weather permitting, the sculpture garden is expected to be completed on March 11. Upon completion, there will likely be an informal unveiling of the fountains.

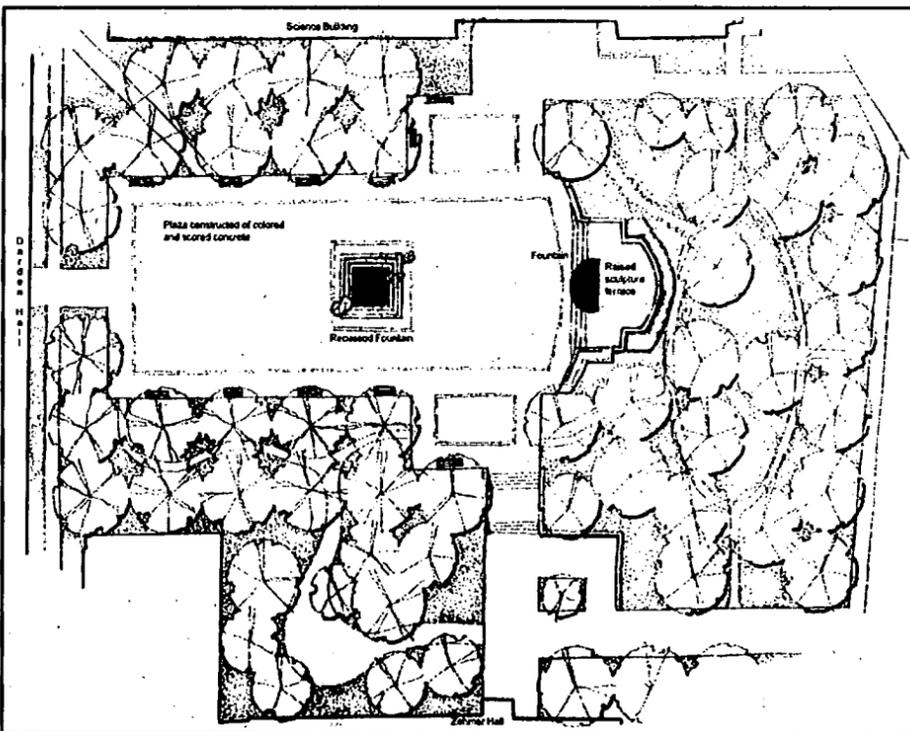
The other project in progress is the new residence hall. Swope Construction of Bluefield, W.Va., is the builder. This residence hall, designed to be similar to Henson Hall, will include 120 beds, an apartment for a director of housing and a recreation room for students.

The construction is "progressing well," according to Simeon Ewing, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Government Affairs, who is overseeing campus construction. He stated that the roof trusses were to be delivered on Feb. 23 and that the roofing portion of the project is expected to take four weeks. The masonry work on the new hall should begin soon after and take approximately three months. The residence

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UVA-WISE IMAGES



### A new home for students

The College's newest residence hall, pictured in the above rendering, should be completed by this November. Students should be able to move in during the spring semester of 2006. The new residence hall is fashioned after Henson Hall, and it will include 120 beds, an apartment for a director of housing and a recreation room for students.

### Adding a touch of art to the campus

Construction should wrap up next week on the College's sculpture garden, pictured in the blueprint at left. The sculpture garden will be located in the plaza surrounded by Zehmer Hall, Darden Hall and the Science Building. The text may be a little unclear in the blueprint, but one can see that the garden will include a central fountain and a performing terrace (to the right). In the blueprint, the Science Building is positioned at the top, Darden Hall is to the left and Zehmer Hall is near the bottom.

### Campus Life

Candidate for Va. Lt. Gov. visits College Republicans

Sean Connaughton, a candidate for Virginia Lieutenant Governor, paid a visit to the UVa-Wise College Republicans to discuss political issues. Read all about it on page 2.



### Entertainment

'Million Dollar Baby' strikes Oscar gold

'Million Dollar Baby' won top honors at last Sunday's Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (Clint Eastwood) and Best Actress (Hilary Swank). For more winners, see page 3.



### Sports

Cavaller softball team expecting yet another successful season

The softball team and their new head coach, Tori Raby-Gentry, have begun the new softball season and are expecting victory. Find out more on page 4.



BULLETIN BOARD

**Teach in Virginia Information Session**  
Monday, March 7  
5-7 p.m.  
Chapel

Teach in Virginia is a program of the Virginia Department of Education that recruits outstanding individuals, both licensed and non-licensed, to teach high need subjects in selected public school divisions throughout the commonwealth of Virginia. The program is especially interested in those people who are eligible to teach math, science and special education. At the information session, you will have the opportunity to learn more about program qualifications and benefits, meet Teach in Virginia staff and ask any questions that you may have about the program and application process.

Please register for the information session at [www.teachinva.org](http://www.teachinva.org)

Questions prior to the information session should be directed to Sarah Wintle at 804-225-3257.

**Call for Jimson Weed Submissions**  
Submissions are now being accepted for the spring edition of the Jimson Weed literary magazine. Submissions may be poetry, creative essays, short stories, photography or artwork. Works may be submitted as a hard copy, in Word format on a disk or e-mailed to [jwweed@uvawise.edu](mailto:jwweed@uvawise.edu). To have works returned, an SASE must be provided. Submissions are due by Friday, March 11.

**SGA to hold informational meeting on upcoming elections**  
Monday, March 28  
1 p.m.  
3rd floor, Student Center  
Student Leadership Section

**Intramural Hearts Tournament**  
Saturday, March 5  
Student Center @ 7 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
March 6, 8 & 10

**Student Activities Coffee House Series**  
Monday, March 7 @ 8 p.m.  
Performer TBA

**Applications for December Graduation Due**  
Wednesday, March 9

**Mid-Semester Grades Due**  
Friday, March 11

**Spring Break**  
March 12-19

**Baptist Student Union Spring Mission Trip**  
March 13-16  
Richmond, Va.

**Student Activities Coffee House Series**  
Monday, March 21 @ 8 p.m.  
Performer TBA

**Intramural NCAA Sweet 16 Bracketology Tournament**  
Tuesday, March 22  
Pick-up brackets on 3rd floor of Student Center

**Senior Graduation Celebration**  
Wednesday, March 23  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
5th floor, Student Center

**Intramural Ultimate Frisbee**  
Wednesday, March 23  
Registration Deadline  
Captain's Meeting 3rd Floor @ 6 p.m.

Candidate for Va. Lt. Gov. visits College Republicans

By Samantha Huff  
Staff Writer

Virginia Lieutenant Governor hopeful Sean Connaughton came down from Prince William County to visit the UVA-Wise College Republicans in an informal gathering on Thursday, Feb. 17. Connaughton announced his candidacy in December 2004.

The gathering was held in the Martha Randolph dorm room of the College Republicans' executive board members Andrew Stempel and Justin Doyle, both sophomores.

"Sean [Connaughton] is one of those rare people who cares about everybody," Doyle said.

One thing that Connaughton spoke of to the 20 or more students attending the session was the Dillon Rule, a law that limits local government authority in which grants are made by the state legislature and the Virginia Constitution. It is in-

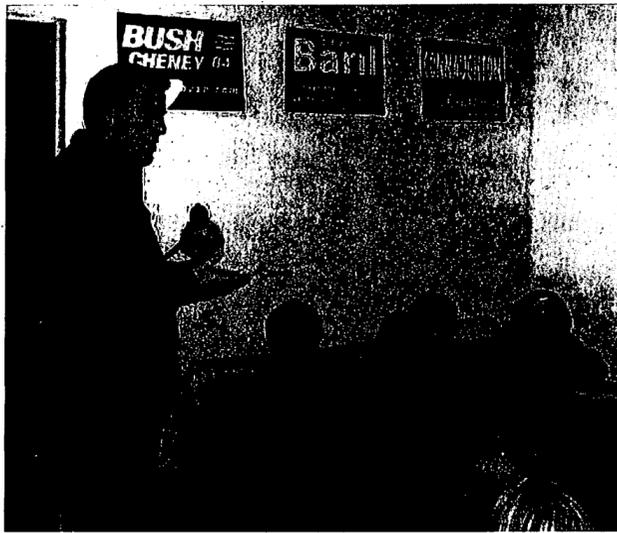
tended to encourage economic development and business growth. Those seeking more information on the Dillon Rule can go to the Virginia Chamber of Commerce's Business Advocacy website at [www.vachamber.com/Grassroots/Iss\\_Government\\_dillonrule.htm](http://www.vachamber.com/Grassroots/Iss_Government_dillonrule.htm).

Connaughton also discussed his interest in education and schools in the state.

"It's about public service and making changes," Connaughton said, "and getting involved for the right reasons."

The College Republicans are currently collecting signatures to help Connaughton get on the ballot for Lt. Governor. Students interested in learning more about Connaughton can visit his website at [www.connaughton.com](http://www.connaughton.com).

The College Republicans hold meetings every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Darden Hall 214.



Sean Connaughton, a candidate for Virginia Lieutenant Governor, speaks with members of the UVA-Wise College Republicans during a Feb. 17 meeting in the dorm room of executive board members Andrew Stempel and Justin Doyle. Connaughton discussed the economy and education in Virginia.

Investigation

that we do on the network alerted us to the problem," Ward said. "They only had access to one of the Bookstore's servers, the one with credit card information on it. We've had forensic teams looking it over to make sure they only accessed that one server."

So far, it appears that the hackers did not gain access to the servers that hold the College's financial information or students' grades and ID numbers, which are still students' Social Security numbers.

Unfortunately, hacking occurs much more regularly than the general public realizes, with many cases never being brought to media attention.

"In most intrusions

like this, people don't know what they're getting into. We're hopeful that this is the case," Ward said. "George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., and a number of California credit cards had hacking cases like this recently."

How did the hacking occur? According to many experts, it is possible for a hacker to use other people's computers, especially ones that are not up-to-date with their software definitions, to access various servers in order to hack into other servers that they want access to, such as government or big business servers. Many of these "sleeper" computers can be found in the Residence Halls on campus.

"In the majority of cases, it's easy to get into com-

puters with easily guessable or no passwords from off-campus," Ward said. "The Bookstore server had Windows updates and antivirus software."

Chancellor Ern's memo mentions that individuals notified of the hacking should take certain precautionary steps to ensure that they do not become potential victims of identity theft. Individuals should contact one of the three major credit bureaus to have a fraud alert placed on their credit file, so that they will be contacted regarding anything related to their credit and accounts. These credit unions are Transunion (1-800-680-7298), Equifax (1-800-525-6285), and Experian (1-800-397-3742). Fortunately, once one is contacted, the other two will be au-

tomatically notified.

It is also imperative that individuals close accounts that they suspect of being used by hackers. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) ID Theft website ([www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/)) has an ID Theft Affidavit that can be filled out for unauthorized accounts. Report any cases of suspected identity theft to the local police, and make sure to get a copy of the police report for creditors. Continuous checking of credit accounts is a must, and if any unauthorized activity is apparent, then check out the FTC's "Take Charge: Fighting Back Against Identity Theft" ([www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheft.htm)) to familiarize yourself with The Fair Credit Billing Act (FCBA). Individuals

should also file a complaint with the FTC, either at their website or at 1-877-438-4338.

It is uncertain if any future hackings can be prevented, but the UVA-Wise IT department hopes to solve this case soon.

"We do our best with the resources we have," Ward said. "We do our best to protect the information that is important. We give security our best efforts."

Anyone with information regarding the hacking investigation should contact Campus Police Chief Steve McCoy by phone at 328-0190. Questions about accounts can be directed to Brian Ward in 116 Smiddy Hall, by phone at 376-4578, by fax at 376-1043 or by e-mail at [ward@uvawise.edu](mailto:ward@uvawise.edu).

Construction

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hall is expected to be completed by this November, and the dorm should be open for students by the spring semester of 2006.

In future campus improvement, Gene Whitesell will also be re-

tained to do the landscaping on the new drama building, which is now in the planning phase.

Science majors attend trout preservation lecture

By Varina Meade  
Staff Writer

The Science Buildings' lecture hall was full, with exactly 130 people, for a lecture entitled "Conserving America's Fisheries Through Cooperative Conservation" on Feb. 16. This lecture was free and open to anyone who wished to attend.

Biology, chemistry and environmental science majors showed up for the conference. Hannibal Bolton, the division chief for Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, a participant in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, was the speaker.

The lecture covered the local fisheries and how the

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is trying to preserve the trout in their natural environment in brooks in the Appalachian region. Bolton spoke of how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service does not want to move the trout around, but let them remain in their habitat. He said that cooperation is important and that local agencies like the Nature Conservancy, Tennessee Valley Authority and private land owners can all help in this project.

"The lecture was very fascinating and helped me to realize that I am interested in working with wildlife," said Melissa Carty, a student majoring in biology and environmental science.

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OVER THE HORIZON

COMING TO THEATERS

Friday, March 4

**Be Cool**  
A comedic crime/gangster sequel starring John Travolta. Rated PG-13 for violence, sensuality and language including sexual references.

**The Pacifier**  
A comedic kids/family film starring Vin Diesel. Rated PG for action violence, language and rude humor.

Friday, March 11

**Robots**  
A CG-animated comedy featuring the voice of Ewan McGregor. Rated PG for some brief language and suggestive humor.

Friday, March 18

**Ice Princess**  
A romantic comedy starring Michelle Trachtenberg. Rated G.

**The Ring Two**  
A suspense/horror sequel starring Naomi Watts. Rated PG-13 for violence/terror, disturbing images, thematic elements and some language.

Friday, March 24

**Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous**  
A comedy starring Sandra Bullock. Rated PG-13 for sex-related humor.

COMING SOON TO DVD

Tuesday, March 8

**Ladder 49**  
A drama starring Joaquin Phoenix and John Travolta. Rated PG-13 for intense fire and rescue situations, and for language.

**Woman Thou Art Loosed**  
A drama starring Kimberly Elise. Rated R for violence, sexual content and drug abuse.

Tuesday, March 15

**The Incredibles**  
A CG-animated family comedy featuring the voices of Craig T. Nelson and Holly Hunter. Rated PG for action violence.

COMING SOON IN GAMES

Tuesday, March 8

**Rugby 2005**  
Console: PC, PS2, Xbox  
Genre: Sports  
E for Everyone

Tuesday, March 15

**Musashi Samurai Legend**  
Console: PS2  
Genre: RPG  
T for Teen

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'Million Dollar Baby' strikes Oscar gold



OSCAR STATUETTE BY ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS AND SCIENCES. MILLION DOLLAR BABY PHOTO BY WARNER BROS. INCREDIBLES PHOTO BY DISNEY/PIXAR. RAY PHOTO BY UNIVERSAL.

'Million Dollar Baby' was the heavyweight champ of this year's Academy Awards, which were presented live on ABC, Sunday, Feb. 27. Here's a rundown of some of the night's most notable winners.

**Best Picture**  
"Million Dollar Baby"

**Best Director**  
Clint Eastwood, "Million Dollar Baby"

**Best Actress**  
Hilary Swank, "Million Dollar Baby"

**Best Actor**  
Jamie Foxx, "Ray"

**Best Supporting Actor**  
Morgan Freeman, "Million Dollar Baby"

**Best Supporting Actress**  
Cate Blanchett, "The Aviator"

**Best Animated Feature**  
"The Incredibles"

**Best Visual Effects**  
"Spider-Man 2"



Million Dollar Baby won Best Picture, Best Director (Clint Eastwood), Best Actress (Hilary Swank) and Best Supporting Actor (Morgan Freeman).



The Incredibles won Best Animated Feature, as well as Best Sound Editing.



Ray won for Best Actor (Jamie Foxx) and for Best Sound Mixing.

PRESS PLAY

'Suikoden IV' offers RPG fun for 'hours on end'

By Andrea Bowling  
Entertainment Editor

**Review**  
**Suikoden IV**  
Platform: Playstation 2  
Publisher: Konami  
Genre: RPG

For those RPG fanatics out there who own a PlayStation or a PS2, the *Suikoden* RPG series is well-known. The games can easily be compared to the highly praised *Final Fantasy* series in both gameplay and storyline, with a major focus being on the themes of innocence, warfare, friendship, love and personal sacrifice.

*Suikoden IV* is a prequel to the series, taking place 150 years before the events of the first game. Players assume the role of a teenage boy who is unfortunate enough to become the bearer of a powerful artifact called the True Rune of Punishment, which considerably shortens the life of its user. Accused of his commander's murder and exiled, the boy becomes entangled in a war that is quickly destroying the peaceful lives of the island nations where he grew up. Hounded because of the Rune's power, the focus of the game is how the main character ultimately chooses to use the Rune of Punishment to save the lives of his friends and companions, despite his own desire to live.

Destiny is a major theme in the *Suikoden* series as well, and it is necessary that the main character does not embark on his painful journey alone. Fans of previous games will be well aware of the hidden incentives to recruit all 108 Stars of Destiny, which is one of the unique features of a *Suikoden* game. Some of these characters join your party au-

tomatically, while in many cases the player has to actively wander around and perform various tasks in order to get them to join up. All recruited characters can be found in your headquarters (this time a huge ship) and offer services that can prove to be beneficial to your game-playing experience. While some are fighters who will join you in battle (such as Chieppo or Mitsuba) others supply support actions, help you customize the game to your liking or allow you to play mini-games or set up shops. Time can sometimes be a factor in recruiting characters, as you have to go to them at a certain time or before/after an important event occurs, as well as your dialogue choices when speaking to characters. Some characters cannot be recruited if you had not previously gotten someone else to join your party, so gamers need to pay special attention in order to recruit everyone. While it may seem unnecessary to go through the trouble of recruiting each and every character, players who do not do so will miss out on special events, story alterations and bonus scenes to *Suikoden IV*'s ending.

Combat in *Suikoden IV* is threefold. First, there are the standard party-against-monster battles, which play out relatively similar to other RPG games. Occasionally, it will become necessary to participate in "one-on-one" duels, where two characters battle it out by themselves. These duels are reminiscent of rock-paper-scissors, with the computer-controlled character always saying a quote that indicates what kind of attack they'll be using next. The player has to figure out what move is going to be performed



The heroes of Konami's Suikoden IV battle against a monster in the new RPG for the Sony Playstation 2.

based on the quote and choose the appropriate action to counter it. The third and final type of combat in *Suikoden IV*, the strategic battle, is perhaps the most challenging. In previous games, this was massive land battles between armies with the same kind of rock-paper-scissors motif found in the duels. Because the story takes place in a maritime setting, all strategic battles in *S4* occur on water, with ships moving against one another and firing Rune Cannons when in range. Rune Cannons still maintain the same rock-paper-scissors balance, but are also dependent on the elemental strength and capacity of the character that you assign to the cannon.

Because the game takes place within a grouping of island nations, it isn't an entirely big surprise that most of the game is spent on water. It is a unique concept, and

travel is done entirely by boat. Unfortunately, boat travel is not the fastest way to get from place to place, and a player can spend up to almost an hour traveling from one island to another if there is a huge distance between them. This problem is remedied somewhat if players manage to recruit Viki, a ditzy girl who is capable of teleporting the entire ship to any location that has been previously visited. This kind of travel has its limitations though—Viki cannot teleport you to places that you have yet to visit, and there are some events that require that you manually "dock" at the island, but the teleportation feature does make the time devoted to traveling much lower.

This is the first game in the *Suikoden* series to feature voice acting, and, by video game standards, the acting is well done. My only complaint about the voice acting would have to be that the game tends to reuse actors for different roles, although it's understandable considering the large cast that *Suikoden IV* sports. The music fits the game nicely, with many tropical tunes to suit the island environment. The graphics aren't as good as, say, *Final Fantasy X*, but they can be incredibly detailed. There is one location where water in shallow pools gets disrupted when characters step in it that leaves me in awe every time I view it. Anyone who has ever enjoyed playing a *Final Fantasy* game would do well to look into the *Suikoden* series. The touching storyline and engaging characters that are present in *Suikoden IV* are noteworthy enough, but the amount of detail that was placed into the game is simply incredible. RPG fans are sure to be engrossed for hours on end with this title.

## GAME SCHEDULE

- SOFTBALL**  
 Fri., March 4  
 At Montreat College  
 1 p.m.
- Sat., March 5  
 At Brevard College  
 1 p.m.
- Sun., March 6  
 Home vs. Miami University-Hamilton  
 1 p.m.
- Wed., March 9  
 Home vs. Emory and Henry  
 2:30 p.m.
- Mar. 11-13  
 Francis Marion Tournament  
 Away
- Mon., March 14  
 At Union College  
 1 p.m.
- Sat., March 19  
 At Tenn. Wesleyan College  
 1 p.m.
- Wed., March 23  
 Home vs. Lincoln Memorial University  
 2 p.m.
- Thurs., March 24  
 Home vs. Milligan College  
 2 p.m.
- BASEBALL**  
 Sat., March 5, 1 p.m.  
 Sun., March 6, 2 p.m.  
 Home vs. Tenn. Wesleyan College
- Tues., March 8  
 Home vs. Emory and Henry  
 1 p.m.
- Fri., March 11  
 Home vs. Ohio Northern University  
 1 p.m.
- Sat., March 12, 1 p.m.  
 Sun., March 13, 2 p.m.  
 Home vs. Milligan College
- Tues., March 15, 3 p.m.  
 Wed., March 16, 1 p.m.  
 At North Georgia College
- Sat., March 19, 1 p.m.  
 Sun., March 20, 2 p.m.  
 At Brevard College
- Tues., March 22  
 Home vs. Pikeville College  
 1 p.m.

# Cavalier basketball teams knocked out of conference tournament

By Daniel Leehy  
 Sports Editor

The UVa-Wise women and men were both knocked out of the AAC tournament in the first round on Feb. 23. The Lady Cavs entered the tournament as the

number-8 seed and faced Milligan College. The team was disappointingly dropped by Milligan College in the first round, 70-63. The Lady Cavs were once again led by Sarah Helton, who had 25 points. The team had two

other players in double figures: Chelsea Lee (19 points) and Terri Ann Hill (14 points). Molly Baldwin led the team in rebounds with 10. The team ends the year with an 11-18 overall record and says farewell this season to only

one senior, Chrissy Bowen. The UVa-Wise men entered the AAC tournament as the number-12 seed and faced the number-5 seed, Union College. The team ended the regular season with an 11-game losing streak and

the first-round match-up, Union College, bounced the Cavs out of the tournament, 71-61. The Cavs end the season with a 3-28 overall record and will lose 3 seniors: Marjan Jankov, Josh McDaniel and Blake Mellinger.



PHOTO BY DANIEL LEEHY

A Lady Cav softball player swings the bat during the team's first game on their new softball field.

## Cav softball team expecting yet another successful season

By Danielle Benton  
 Staff Writer

Athletes face adversity on a daily basis, but the Lady Cavalier softball team's past year has come to embody a test of strength and determination.

Former Head Softball Coach Wayne Leftwich shocked the young Cavalier team last spring with his abrupt resignation as head coach, leaving the team in the hands of the team's assistant coach, Jimmy Mitchell. Mitchell led the Cavaliers to the 2004 Appalachian Athletic Conference title.

This year the Cavaliers face a new form of adversity. This test of character will be not a test of will, but rather a test of humility.

New Head Coach Tori Raby-Gentry said that the greatest challenge the returning team members will face this year is "being able to buy into something totally new."

Coach Raby-Gentry commended everything the team has accomplished so far in adapting to the new policies and work ethic instilled by the new coaching staff. In essence, the upperclassmen have become like freshmen

and have been introduced into a different environment once again.

Coach Raby-Gentry confidently sees the team finishing at the top of the conference. The new head coach's motto is "We are our own limitations," which, she says, represents her team's potential.

The Cavaliers have the ability to determine how they will compete in the conference and Tori Raby-Gentry intends to push the team to fulfill its potential and go beyond any limitations imaginable.

## PLAYER PROFILE KENDALL RAINEY



**Class:** Senior  
**Major:** Business Administration  
**Hometown:** Glade Spring, Va.  
**Accomplishments:**  
 All Conference (2002, 2003, 2004)  
 All Region (2003 & 2004)  
 All Academic (2003 & 2004)

"I love the camaraderie and friends in softball. The success that I've had makes it all that much more enjoyable. I am going to miss softball, but I'd love to coach someday."

### Hopes for this season

"I hope to continue to grow as a team, win as many games as possible, hopefully win the conference again and make a trip to the national tournament! This year is different because of the new softball field and new coaching staff. I have a whole new outlook this year, we have the same goals, but lots of new challenges this year."

### Softball career

"One of my proudest moments was winning the conference tournament twice. The first time we won, it was extremely big because it was my freshman year and it was the school's first softball title."

—Player Profile and photo by Daniel Leehy, Sports Editor

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# Cavalier basketball teams knocked out of conference tournament

By Daniel Leehy  
Sports Editor

The UVa-Wise women and men were both knocked out of the AAC tournament in the first round on Feb. 23. The Lady Cavs entered the tournament as the

number-8 seed and faced Milligan College. The team was disappointingly dropped by Milligan College in the first round, 70-63. The Lady Cavs were once again led by Sarah Helton, who had 25 points. The team had two

other players in double figures: Chelsea Lee (19 points) and Terri Ann Hill (14 points). Molly Baldwin led the team in rebounds with 10. The team ends the year with an 11-18 overall record and says farewell this season to only

one senior, Chrissy Bowen.

The UVa-Wise men entered the AAC tournament as the number-12 seed and faced the number-5 seed, Union College. The team ended the regular season with an 11-game losing streak and

the first-round match-up, Union College, bounced the Cavs out of the tournament, 71-61. The Cavs end the season with a 3-28 overall record and will lose 3 seniors: Marjan Jankov, Josh McDaniel and Blake Mellinger.



PHOTO BY DANIEL LEEHY

A Lady Cav softball player swings the bat during the team's first game on their new softball field.

## Cav softball team expecting yet another successful season

By Danielle Benton  
Staff Writer

Athletes face adversity on a daily basis, but the Lady Cavalier softball team's past year has come to embody a test of strength and determination.

Former Head Softball Coach Wayne Leftwich shocked the young Cavalier team last spring with his abrupt resignation as head coach, leaving the team in the hands of the team's assistant coach, Jimmy Mitchell. Mitchell led the Cavaliers to the 2004 Appalachian Athletic Conference title.

This year the Cavaliers face a new form of adversity. This test of character will be not a test of will, but rather a test of humility.

New Head Coach Tori Raby-Gentry said that the greatest challenge the returning team members will face this year is "being able to buy into something totally new."

Coach Raby-Gentry commended everything the team has accomplished so far in adapting to the new policies and work ethic instilled by the new coaching staff. In essence, the upperclassmen have become like freshmen

and have been introduced into a different environment once again.

Coach Raby-Gentry confidently sees the team finishing at the top of the conference. The new head coach's motto is "We are our own limitations," which, she says, represents her team's potential.

The Cavaliers have the ability to determine how they will compete in the conference and Tori Raby-Gentry intends to push the team to fulfill its potential and go beyond any limitations imaginable.

## PLAYER PROFILE KENDALL RAINEY



Class: Senior

Major: Business Administration

Hometown: Glade Spring, Va.

Accomplishments: All Conference (2002, 2003, 2004)

All Region (2003 & 2004)

All Academic (2003 & 2004)

"I love the camaraderie and friends in softball. The success that I've had makes it all that much more enjoyable. I am going to miss softball, but I'd love to coach someday."

### Hopes for this season

"I hope to continue to grow as a team, win as many games as possible, hopefully win the conference again and make a trip to the national tournament! This year is different because of the new softball field and new coaching staff. I have a whole new outlook this year, we have the same goals, but lots of new challenges this year."

### Softball career

"One of my proudest moments was winning the conference tournament twice. The first time we won, it was extremely big because it was my freshman year and it was the school's first softball title."

—Player Profile and photo by Daniel Leehy, Sports Editor

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