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Students speak out against housing lottery

By Danielle Benton
Staff Writer

A freshman from Williamsburg, Va., attending UVa-Wise waits nervously in line at the housing lottery, hoping against hope that the number he draws is low enough to get a room on campus next year. As a student whose home is seven hours away, he is not familiar with any landlords in the area, has no car and does not know the first thing to do about attaining off-campus housing.

In the spring of 2004, UVa-Wise implemented its new on-campus housing policy: the housing lottery, which requires returning residential students to draw a number in the hopes of receiving on-campus housing again next year.

Upon discussion of the policy, students issued several questions, including one regarding a situation similar to the hypothetical situation of the student from Williamsburg. According to rising senior Bryan Adkins, a representative of Student Affairs told him last year that the College was founded to educate southwest Virginia. This representative was not named, however.

As a state-funded public school, such a statement is considered by some students of other regions of Virginia to be both insulting and discriminatory.

"I pay the same money that the people of southwest Virginia pay to attend a public school," said junior Krystal Showers, a native of Richmond, Va. "It's not private, so preferential treatment to local students is not acceptable."

Senior Kendall Rainey said that the problem is that there is a "need for some clarity in the direction in which this college is heading regarding size. If we are going to promote ourselves as a small college with the intimate, small college atmosphere, then we do not need to implement policies (i.e. the housing lottery) which are characteristic of large academic institutions."

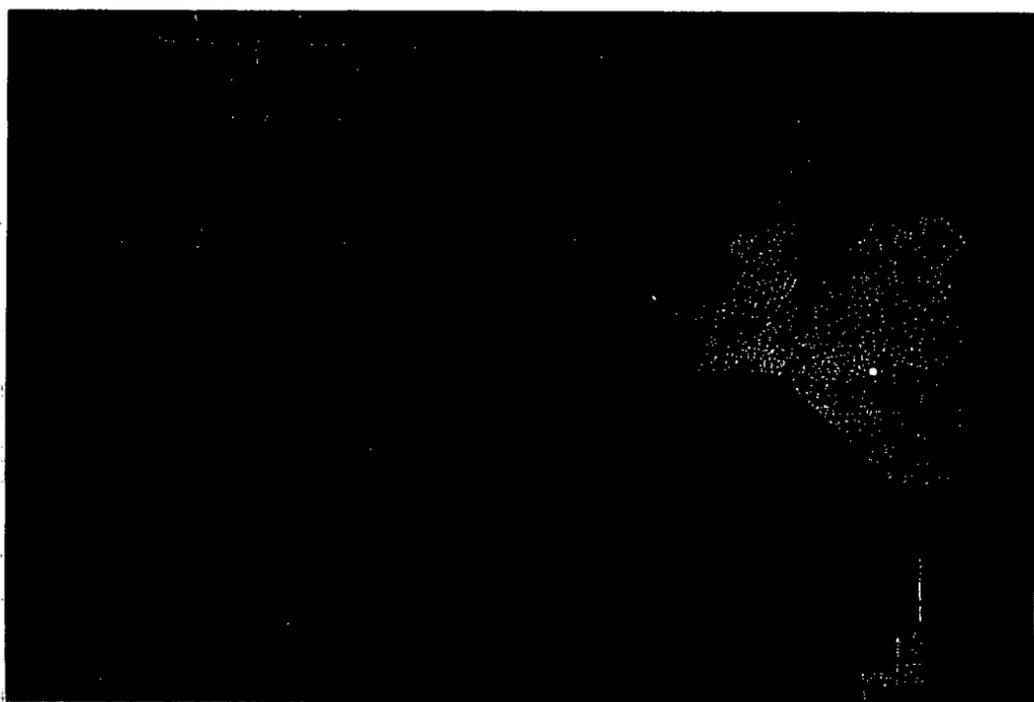
"The College has done a complete 180, because during my freshman year, they promoted campus life, preaching that living off-campus deprived students of many valuable experiences," Rainey added.

Other students also feel that the lottery is unfair because the freshman class of

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Area writer Quillen returns as featured writer of Coffee Night

Jimson Weed editor Lacie Cooper ends three years of service



Area writer Rita Quillen reads from her new book, *Finding Ezra*, as the featured writer for the spring Coffee Night, held April 5 in the Chapel. Copies of the newest Jimson Weed were also made available at the event.

By Breanne Dotson
Campus Life Editor

On Tuesday, April 5, UVa-Wise held the spring Coffee Night in the Chapel, which began at 6:30 p.m. Tiffany Burchette hosted the night's events, and regional writer Rita Quillen was the featured writer for the evening.

Quillen shared excerpts from her new novel,

Finding Ezra, as well as some of her poetry. Quillen is an associate professor at Mountain Empire Community College, and is also an accomplished, published writer. Quillen has often presented at the College's Coffee Nights as a featured writer.

The evening was also a bittersweet moment for Lacie Cooper, managing editor of the Jimson Weed, who

said goodbye during Coffee Night now that she will be graduating in May. Cooper has been the managing editor of the Jimson Weed for three years. The latest issue of the College's literary magazine was also made available.

"Her great work is evident in the last three years of production," Dr. Gillian-Huang Tiller said of Cooper.

Cooper also intro-

duced her successor as managing editor, Sara Hurd.

Chancellor Emeritus "Papa" Joe Smiddy was also present and shared some of his stories and music with the audience.

In addition to Quillen's and Smiddy's performances, 17 students, faculty and members of the community read selections of poetry, prose or drama.

Student Support Services honors student soldiers

By Megan Short
Staff Writer

Student Support Services (SSS) recently honored three young men who are currently serving or have just returned from the war in Iraq: James "Andy" Corbett, James "Jimmy" Street and Godfrey Pestana. Each student has shown excellence in participation in the SSS program as well as excellence in academics. SSS celebrates these men

for conquering great strides and maintaining their status as students at UVa-Wise.

While serving overseas, Andy Corbett was active in infantry missions, patrols, raids and searches. Currently, Corbett plans to continue his college education, earning a degree in Criminal Justice.

A future graduate of UVa-Wise, Jimmy Street has served in Iraq and Kuwait. Last February, Street became

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Journalist Garrett to discuss bioterrorism

By Amber Copley and
Samantha Huff
Staff Writers

On Monday, April 11, renowned journalist Laurie Garrett will come to UVa-Wise to speak on "Bioterrorism: The Modern Peril." The discussion will be held at 7 p.m. in the Chapel.

Laurie Garrett was born in Los Angeles, Calif. She is currently living in New York City as a journalist for *Newsday*. Garrett has

done research on both the scientific and political aspects of bioterrorism and has been asked to speak about the topic on national television stations and shows such as ABC, *Dateline*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and many others.

Garrett is one of the prime authorities of healthcare and disease prevention. She is also the only person in journalism to win all three of the following awards: the Peabody, the

Polk and the Pulitzer.

Although her discussion of bioterrorism is a strong point in her career, Garrett has also written some best-selling books, such as 1995's *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance* and 2001's *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health*, both of which are also available at the UVa-Wise Bookstore. She has contributed chapters to a

number of other edited books with various other writers.

Her discussion on bioterrorism is open to the public and will be followed by a book signing.

For more information on Laurie Garrett, visit her website at www.lauriegarrett.com.

For more information regarding her UVa-Wise visit, please contact the Office of College Relations by phone at 328-0130.

Campus Life

McBride, Mullins advance to national Phi Beta Lambda competition

Students Michael McBride and Mallory Mullins each placed second in their categories at the state level for the Phi Beta Lambda business competition. Now they will travel to Orlando to compete in the national competition. Find out more on page 2.

Entertainment

Sony PSP already features diverse library of games

From racing to basketball to strategic card-battling, the Sony PSP has already built up an impressive catalog of titles. Press Play features previews of four of these titles on page 3.



Sports

Player Profile: Women's tennis player Davina Dishner

Find out more about UVa-Wise tennis competitor Davina Dishner in her Player Profile on see page 4.



BULLETIN BOARD

Summer school financial aid
Those students attending summer school and wishing to apply for financial aid should now visit the Office of Financial Aid for information.

SGA Elections
Elections for 2005-2006 officers of the Student Government Association will be held April 18-19.

UVA-Wise Spring Formal
Friday, April 8
Holiday Inn of Norton
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Guest Lecture by Stanly Goodbold
Friday, April 8
Chapel, 1 p.m.

SAB Pizza Party
Friday, April 8
Student Center Lobby
8 p.m.

3rd Annual UVA-Wise Fishing Tournament
Saturday, April 9
McCrory Lake
12 noon-2 p.m.

Intramural Chancellor's Cup
Sunday, April 10

Pro-Art presents Cotton Patch Gospel
Monday, April 11
Clintwood, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12
St. Paul High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Application for 2005-2006 Leadership Team Due
Tuesday, April 12

Intramural H.O. Basketball
Wednesday, April 13
Registration Deadline & Captain's Meeting
3rd Floor, Student Center
7 p.m.

Student Activities Board presents "Let's Make a Deal" game show
Wednesday, April 13
Greaser Gym, 8 p.m.

Intramural Softball
Thursday, April 14;
April 18-21

Virginia's Emerging Leader's Summit
Friday, April 15
Charlottesville, Va.

Outdoor Recreation: "Ride the Creeper" Mountain Biking Trip
Sunday, April 17

Pro-Art presents Scenes from the Dim Smokey Past
Monday, April 18
Norton, 7:30 p.m.

Pro-Art presents Daughter of the Appalachians
Tuesday, April 19
MECC, 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20
Clintwood, 7:30 p.m.

Pro-Art presents Rites of Passage
Tuesday, April 19
Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Ice Cream Social
Wednesday, April 20
1-3 p.m.
Sponsored by Norton Community Hospital

UVA-Wise Spring Play: "Miners and Millhands"
Thursday, April 21
Theatre, 2 p.m.

Intramural Playstation 2 Tournament: "NFL Street 2"
Thursday, April 21
5th floor, Student Center, 8 p.m.

McBride, Mullins advance to national PBL competition

By **Urina Meade**
Staff Writer

On March 19, seven UVA-Wise students headed for Richmond to compete against 16 other colleges at the Virginia State Convention in business-related competitions.

These students are members of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL), a national

business fraternity whose goal is to offer students a chance to examine different aspects of business. PBL is a professional business organization and is the collegiate equivalent to the Future Business Leaders of America high school organization.

Gary Stratton, an associate professor of eco-

nomics at UVA-Wise, is the advisor of PBL. He received a service award while in Richmond because of his work as the advisor of PBL for 10 years.

"PBL strives for business excellence through workshops, competitions, and meetings," Stratton said.

He also believes that the success at the state competition level and possibly at the national level will help the membership of PBL at UVA-Wise.

"It's a great growth opportunity for nationals and networking," Stratton said.

Students Michael McBride and Mallory

Mullins each won second place in their competitions at the Virginia State Convention. McBride participated in Public Speaking, while Mullins participated in Marketing.

In June, these two students will travel to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the PBL national competition.

Lottery

2005, which is expected to be the largest class in UVA-Wise history, is guaranteed housing, and those students have not invested any money in the College yet.

"I feel that it's unfair to students who have already invested in the College, because half of us are not being guaranteed housing by

the school next year," said junior Courtney Brannon.

The housing policy is seen by some students as a problem that they are forced to solve on their own.

"For people that have a place off-campus already, there are no worries," said senior Nichole Poore. "But for the sophomores,

who have only been on their own under the supervision and guidance of resident advisers, it's difficult to adjust and have the connections to find housing in the small community around the College."

Freshman Michelle Osborne drew number 479 and is 50th on the waiting list

for on-campus housing.

"It's hard for freshmen to find housing off-campus because they are unfamiliar with the area and people," Osborne said. "And they are usually inexperienced renters since the first year of college for most is also the first year people are on their own."

According to Brannon, this inexperience is not the only obstacle in a student's way to off-campus housing.

"You basically have to know someone to rent a place because most people in Wise do not receive college students with much enthusiasm," Brannon said.

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Soldiers

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an E-5. Street was in the process of being hired as a Virginia State Trooper before being called up for service.

Godfrey Pestana is currently serving overseas. Pestana is stationed in Tallil Air Force Base in Iraq as a Specialist. An Army Reservist, Pestana is stationed with the 414th Transportation Company. Pestana is a junior majoring in Business Administration, with future hopes of opening his own business. While serving in Iraq, Pestana is continuing his courses.

SSS is a program focused on helping students with the college experience and giving academic support.

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UnEmployed

by Matt Steen



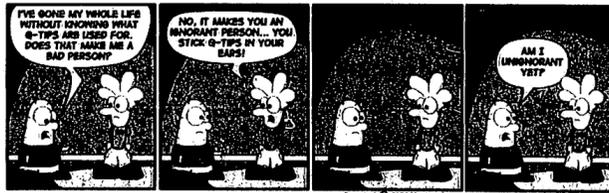
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COMING TO THEATRES

Friday, April 8

Fever Pitch
A romantic comedy starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon.
Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, and some sensuality.

Sahara
An action/adventure starring Matthew McConaughey.
Rated PG-13 for action violence.

Friday, April 15

The Amityville Horror
A suspense/horror film starring Ryan Reynolds.
Rated R for violence, disturbing images, language, brief sexuality and drug use.

Friday, April 22

The Interpreter
A drama/thriller starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn.
Rated PG-13 for violence, some sexual content and brief strong language.

King's Ransom
A crime/gangster comedy starring Anthony Anderson.
Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor and language.

Madison
An action/adventure drama starring James Caviezel.
Rated PG for some mild language and sports peril.

COMING SOON TO DVD

Tuesday, April 12

Ocean's Twelve
An action/adventure crime/gangster sequel starring George Clooney.
Rated PG-13 for language.

Hotel Rwanda
A drama starring Don Cheadle.
Rated PG-13 for violence, disturbing images and brief strong language.

Tuesday, April 19

Birth
A romance starring Nicole Kidman and Cameron Bright.
Rated R for sexuality.

House of Flying Daggers
An action/adventure foreign film starring Ziyi Zhang.
Rated PG-13 for sequences of stylized martial arts violence, and some sexuality.

COMING SOON IN GAMES

Tuesday, April 12

MLB
Console: PSP
Genre: Sports
E for Everyone

Thursday, April 14

Jade Empire
Console: Xbox
Genre: RPG
M for Mature

Monday, April 18

Polarium
Console: DS
Genre: Puzzle
E for Everyone

WWE WrestleMania XXI
Console: Xbox
Genre: Fighting
T for Teen

Tuesday, April 19

Ford Mustang: The Legend Lives
Consoles: PS2, Xbox
Genre: Driving
E for Everyone

Wolfe's latest novel examines university life

By **Donna Gibson**
Staff Writer

I Am Charlotte Simmons
By Tom Wolfe
Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux
2004
Hardcover, 688 pages

How much are you willing to sacrifice to be the best in the most prestigious university in the country? In his new novel, *I Am Charlotte Simmons*, author Tom Wolfe attempts to answer that question through the eyes of several students at Dupont University.

Dupont, a fictional university, is intended to be the pinnacle of academic achievement and prestige. The students want six-figure jobs on Wall Street, Rhodes Scholarships, or just to lead the world in thought and idea. However, everyone has to sacrifice something of who they are to become what they aspire to be.

Tom Wolfe has said that he wanted to create a portrait of academics post-2000. As an astute observer and social critic, he does just that on the parties, the language and the behaviors

of all of his characters. The novel addresses cheating, grade weighting and academic politics on a large university campus.

Tom Wolfe, author of such novels as *The Right Stuff*, *A Man in Full*, and *Bonfire of the Vanities*, ambitiously takes on the role of becoming a female college freshman in his latest novel.

How can an established male author pretend to delve into the mind of an intelligent but awkward female freshman? Simply put, Tom Wolfe employs the method of using Charlotte

Simmons, perennial observer and outsider, to look into the world of Dupont.

When Charlotte Simmons, of Sparta, N.C., ("in the Blue Ridge Mountains, you have never heard of it, no one has") arrives at Dupont on a full scholarship, she is amazed at the beauty of the campus, being socially inept and embarrassed by her poor background amidst the wealth and sophistication on campus.

Academically, Charlotte begins brilliantly. However, the desire to fit in

causes her to neglect everything in order to belong. Naïve and awkward, Charlotte begins to make her way through the sophisticated social scene at Dupont.

In the course of the novel, Charlotte is often morally high-minded but generally believable. Charlotte sacrifices part of herself and her beliefs and suffers the humiliating consequences. However, she slowly, and on her own terms, comes to realize what it really means to be Charlotte Simmons.

PRESS PLAY

Sony PSP already features diverse library of games

By **Andra Boutling**
Entertainment Editor

This edition of Press Play is devoted to previews of some of the most popular games for the recently launched Sony Playstation Portable (PSP). The following games showcase the already diverse library of PSP titles available.

Ridge Racer

Publisher: Namco
Genre: Driving

Aside from the incredibly realistic graphics, *Ridge Racer* for the PSP promises to be a wild ride for all racing game fans out there. Fifty-four cars are available for players to race around 24 tracks, four of which are original, while fans of previous *Ridge Racer* games will immediately recognize the other 20. New features to the game include the World Tour Mode, which enables players to unlock a bevy of bonuses, such as hidden cars and tracks, among other things. Another new feature is the Nitrous Gauge, which can greatly increase a car's speed when the gauge is full. Players will even be able to challenge and race up to eight of their friends thanks to the PSP's wireless connectivity.

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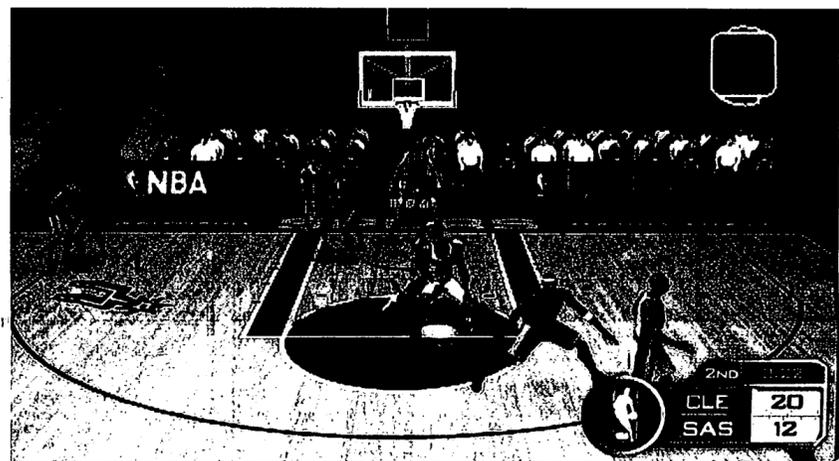
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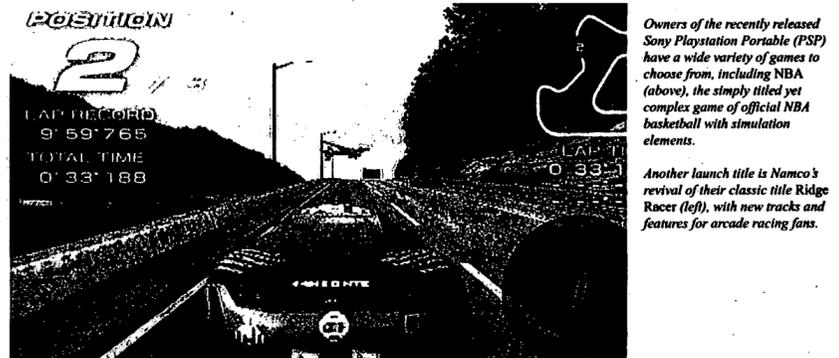
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SCREENSHOT BY SONY



Owners of the recently released Sony Playstation Portable (PSP) have a wide variety of games to choose from, including NBA (above), the simply titled yet complex game of official NBA basketball with simulation elements.

Another launch title is Namco's revival of their classic title Ridge Racer (left), with new tracks and features for arcade racing fans.

DarkStalkers Chronicle: The Chaos Tower
Publisher: Capcom
Genre: Fighting

Two-dimensional fighting games in the same vein as *Street Fighter*, the *DarkStalkers* series offers intense action with a somewhat over-the-top, fantastical approach. The series' numerous games and colorful characters have awarded it many fans over the years, and Capcom seems to be counting on fan support with this PSP incarnation.

DarkStalkers Chronicle: The Chaos Tower has a roster that features all

Metal Gear Acid
Publisher: Konami
Genre: Strategy

Metal Gear Acid sports an all-new storyline in the popular espionage series, as well as a new playable female character and an entirely revamped combat system. Players assume the role of Solid Snake using "battle cards" and a turn-based gameplay system that give the game more of a strategic feel than previous games in the series. However, players will still have to use their heads when it comes to figuring out how to accomplish

missions, and the game provides over 200 abilities for gamers to learn and utilize as they sneak around and try to fulfill objectives.

NBA
Publisher: Sony
Genre: Sports

NBA for the PSP is about as engrossing as sports games come, providing players with an assortment of modes and options to keep them hooked as they play one challenging game of basketball after another. There are six different modes of play, perhaps one of the most ex-

citing being Season Mode, where players play through an entire 82-game season and even partake in management simulations, among other things. Another game that utilizes the wireless capabilities of the PSP, players will be able to challenge and play against other gamers in Online Mode. There are numerous arenas for basketball games to take place in, as well as 40 teams with a total of 390 athletes, which gives *NBA* plenty of diversity and enough incentive to keep sports-game fans coming back for more.

For more information writing for the Highland Cavalier, E-mail us at rbh8y@uvawise.edu

GAME SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Sat., April 9, 1 p.m.
Sun., April 10, 2 p.m.
Home vs. Union College

Tues., April 12
At Emory & Henry
3 p.m.

Sat., April 16, 1 p.m.
Sun., April 17, 3 p.m.
At Montreat College

Tues., April 19
Home vs. Georgetown
2 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Fri., April 8
Home vs. Alice Lloyd College
2 p.m.

Sat., April 9
Home vs. Brevard College
2 p.m.

Mon., April 11
At King College
2 p.m.

Wed., April 13
At Bluefield College
2 p.m.

Fri., April 15
Home vs. Tenn. Wesleyan College
2 p.m.

Mon., April 18
Home vs. Virginia Intermont College
2 p.m.

Tues., April 19
Home vs. Pikeville College
2 p.m.

Thurs., April 21
At Cumberland College
4 p.m.

Lady Cavalier softball team continues to roll out the victories

By Daniel Leehy
Sports Editor

The Lady Cavalier Softball team continues to be red-hot as the season goes along. Since March 24, the team has won 5 out of their last 6 games. The team swept Milligan College on March 24, winning Game 1, 3-2, and Game 2, 4-0. In the second game versus Milligan, Megan Jones hit the first homerun by a UVa-Wise player at the new Cavalier softball field. Jones had 2 hits and 4 RBI's in the two games. Shelley Newton had 2 hits and 3 RBI's vs. Milligan. Nicole Poore and Dani Benton each picked up a win on the mound.

The Lady Cavs split their next set of games against Pikeville College on March 29, winning

Game 1, 4-3, and losing Game 2, 3-4. On March 31, the Lady Cavs swept King College, 2-1 and 6-0.

Senior Kendall Rainey has been doing a great job over the past 6 games, collecting 6 hits, 1 RBI and playing a great centerfield. In addition sophomore Meagan Jones has had 5 hits, 5 RBI's and a homerun, while freshman Shelley Newton has had 4 hits, 7 RBI's and a homerun.

During this 6-game stretch, senior Nichole Poore has 3 wins on the mound and junior Dani Benton has 2 wins.

The Lady Cavs stand atop the AAC with a 14-2 conference record and a 21-6 overall record on the season. The team will take on Union College at home on April 9, at 1 p.m., and on April 10, at 2 p.m.

Intramural basketball playoffs underway

By Mark McMalley
Staff Writer

On March 27, the Intramural Department ended another regular season of basketball. After four weeks of scheduled games, the teams are now ready for the playoffs to begin.

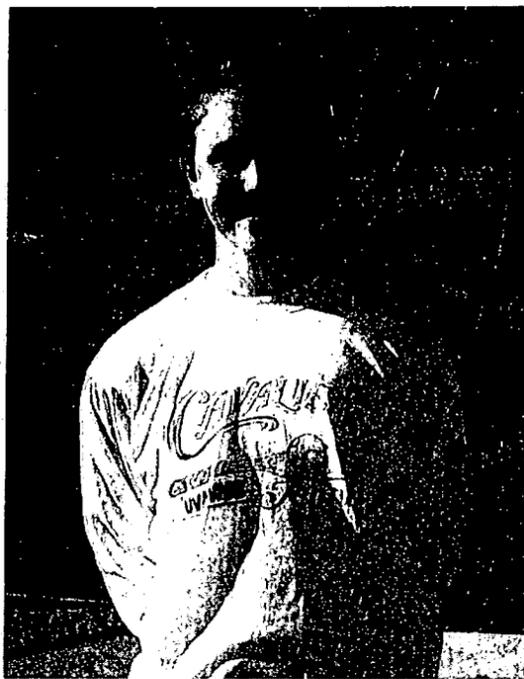
The men's bracket has four number-one seeds: the Bench Mob, True Pride, OZ and the Government, while the women's

bracket only has one number-one seed: the Pink Ladies. The brackets play out very much like they do for the NCAA Tournament, with higher seeds taking on lower seeds.

The playoffs began for the women's and men's brackets on Wednesday, March 30. If all goes as scheduled, the College will have its newest Intramural Basketball Champions by Tuesday, April 12.

PLAYER PROFILE

DAVINA DISHNER



Class: Sophomore

Major: Nursing

Hometown: Gate City, Va.

"I like the competition in tennis, playing people at different paces. Tennis is a different game; I am in control of myself and if I win, I know that I did it."

Hopes for this season

"Last year we went to regionals and beat VI (Virginia Intermont), but this year, Milligan is the toughest team. As a team, we are capable of going to nationals. I think that I could play better if I was more consistent and made my serve better."



Plans after college

"After college, I will just play tennis for fun and get into my nursing career."

Coach Danny Rowland:

"The fact that Davina takes on the other teams toughest player every time is impressive because of how well she does. Her strength is her doubles play and she has been a pleasure to coach for the past two years. She always gives a hundred percent."

-- Player Profile and photos by Daniel Leehy, Sports Editor

UNC survives the NCAA 'madness' to win national title

By Cody Dalton
Staff Writer

Only one thing had eluded Coach Roy Williams since he has coached college basketball and that was a National Championship. Now Coach Williams does not have to let that bother him because his North Carolina Tar Heels are the champions of college basketball, after defeating the number-one overall seed Illinois, 75-70, in the National Championship game.

The game started with an Illinois jump shot by Illinois Guard Deron Williams. North Carolina would jump on the lead though and go on a 9-0 run to take the lead, 9-2. Toward the middle of the first

half, Illinois would follow with their own 10-0 run and take the lead, 12-9. Throughout the first half, North Carolina maintained a decent lead on the Illini. At the end of the first half though, North Carolina went on a 10-2 run to lead at halftime, 40-27.

As the second half started and progressed, Illinois pulled closer and closer to a struggling UNC team. With 14:12 left in the game, Illinois Guard Deron Williams would hit a three-pointer that pulled the Illini within 3. UNC led, 51-48. North Carolina would rally though, and with 8:51 left in the game, North Carolina led, 65-55. It looked hopeless for the Illini because

North Carolina had led for most of the game, giving Illinois the lead only three times in the game. Hope was found though, as the lead was whittled down to 70-67 with just 4:21 left in the game when Illinois Guard Luther Head hit a key three-pointer to tie the game at 70-70. Unfortunately for the Illini, that would be their last field goal of the National Championship game.

UNC grabbed and clinched the lead for the last time with a two-point tip-in by Marvin Williams with 1:28 remaining in the game. Illinois had one shot to tie the game and send it into overtime. Illinois Guard Luther Head launched a three-pointer that clanked

off the rim, but it was rebounded by their Forward/Center Jack Ingram and a timeout was taken.

After a full timeout, Illinois would have yet another chance to take or share the lead. The ball was taken by Deron Williams and he missed a two-point jumper that would have tied it, but yet again, Illinois got the rebound and took a 20-second timeout. They would turn the ball over, though, and a foul was called on Deron Williams. UNC Guard Raymond Felton would make one of the two foul shots to give UNC a 73-70 lead. Illinois had one chance now to tie the game with a three-pointer. The ball was given to Luther

Head, who missed a three, and UNC got the rebound to end the game.

At the end of the game, Coach Roy Williams told the press something that Dean Smith told him after he won his first National Championship.

"I am no different a coach than I was 40 minutes ago," Williams said.

Williams is the third-straight coach to win a basketball National Championship at his alma mater.

Thus ends "March Madness" and the road to the Final Four in St. Louis. Next year's men's NCAA Tournament will be held in Indianapolis, and the women's will be held in Boston.

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