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NEWS BRIEFS

RA applications due Monday

The deadline for completing resident advisor (RA) applications is Monday, February 13 at 5 p.m.

Completed applications should be turned in at the Student Affairs Office.

You can visit the RA application website at http://www.uvawise.edu/residence_life/RAApplication.html.

If you have any questions, contact Jason Lewkowicz, Director of Student Life, at 328-0178 or jhl6n@uvawise.edu.

Carter to present colloquia

A member of the college's nursing faculty will speak on fostering inclusive college classrooms next Friday, February 17 in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Debra Carter, an assistant professor of nursing, will deliver the talk entitled "Providing Inclusive Classroom Environments at a Small Liberal Arts College" at 1 p.m.

Her talk, sponsored by the college's Lecture Committee, is free and open to the public.

UVa administrator to speak on campus diversity

The University of Virginia's newest vice president and chief officer for diversity and equity will discuss "Diversity on College Campuses" on Monday, February 27 as part of the college's Black History Month celebrations.

William B. Harvey, a nationally known expert on diversity in higher education, will speak at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Before joining the University of Virginia, Harvey served as vice president of the Center for Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity at the American Council on Education. He is the former dean of the School of Education and deputy chancellor for educational partnerships at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Harvey holds a bachelor's degree in English from West Chester University and graduate degrees in education from Rutgers.

His talk, sponsored by the Black History Month Committee and the Faculty Lecture Series, is free and open to the public.

P.A.W.S of Southwest Virginia to hold a local pet adoption

The People for Animal Wellness & Safety (P.A.W.S) of Southwest Virginia will be holding a pet adoption on Sat., Feb. 11.

The event will be held at the Goody's in the new Wal-Mart Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

All are invited to attend. For more information on pets available for adoption and P.A.W.S of Southwest Virginia, please check out their website at <http://www.geocities.com/pawsofswva>.

UVa-Wise celebrates Mozart's 250th birthday



Above: Michael Cox sings as David Volk plays the piano and Dean Amella Harris watched the performance. On Jan. 27 a reception was held in the Chapel of All Faiths to celebrate the 250th birthday of the great composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Musical performances were given by David Volk and Michael Cox. Mr. Volk wore his tribute t-shirt to Mozart, as he played *Plano Sonatas in F and B-flat Major* and Mr. Cox sang *Alleluia*. The duo was introduced by Dean Amella Harris who entertained the audience with her German skills and knowledge of Mozart. Cake and punch were served after the performance.

Focus on Faculty: Dr. John Adrian

By Christy Hall Buettner
Staff Writer

Sitting in Zehmer office number 129 was not my idea of an ideal interview setting, but when the walls are painted a Tuscan orange as a reminder of Italy and maps of the old country abound, I must admit that there could be worse places to conduct an interview in.

Dr. John M. Adrian, Assistant Professor of English, is from Alabama. He came to Virginia by way of Randolph-Macon College, where he could get the small college education he wanted. While at Randolph-Macon College, Dr. Adrian played soccer. Attending Randolph-Macon College meant he could be away from home, but still not too far from his friends and family.

After he finished his undergraduate degree, Dr. Adrian went on to the

University of North Carolina where he received his Master's and Doctorate.

His degree is in English Literature and his specialty is the Renaissance Period.

Dr. Adrian married a girl from Virginia and liked the area, so he returned to this state. He likes the outdoors too and says that he loves the scenery in the Wise area.

"Watching the light bulbs go off—students learning to appreciate language and its power," Dr. Adrian said when asked what his favorite part of teaching literature was.

He said that he likes to teach from a historical point of view and that by explaining what was going on at the time you can teach a student how to interpret what he or she is reading.

One of Dr. Adrian's favorite books is Milton's

Paradise Lost, but he likes *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren too. Currently, he's reading a biography of Shakespeare. A favorite author of his is Philip Larkin, "He's one of the people I read, but don't teach," Dr. Adrian said.

"For now, I want to step up and be a strong Renaissance professor. I really like the diversity and cohesion of this department," he said when asked what he hopes to accomplish within the English department.

Dr. Adrian likes hiking, camping, and doing home improvements in his free time and he's also a big sports fan.

He writes poetry as a creative outlet and travels with his wife on weekend trips.

Dr. Adrian's wife currently has a role in the

College's spring theatrical production.

While wrapping up my interview with Dr. Adrian, I couldn't help but think how he looked more like a student than a professor. I guess Renaissance literature keeps one looking young. Welcome to UVa-Wise, Dr. Adrian.



Above: Assistant Professor of English Dr. John M. Adrian smiles for the camera.

CAMPUS LIFE

Editorial on Black History Month

Staff writer, Christy Hall Buettner writes about the importance of remembering music during Black History Month in her editorial on page 2.

ENTERTAINMENT



A RPG classic gets a remade for the Playstation 2

Read Audra Bowling's review of *Wild Arms Alter Code: Fin* in Press Play on page 3.

SPORTS

UVa-Wise baseball team looking forward to the new season

Want to know what goals the team has set for themselves? Check out the season preview by Sports Editor Diana Sluss on page 4.

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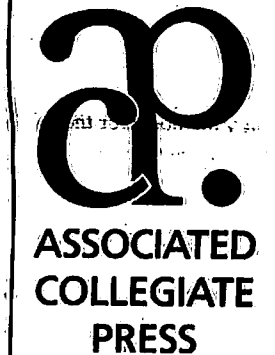
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Editorial: Black History Month and all that jazz

By Christy Hall Burthner

In the wake of Coretta Scott King's passing and reflecting on my trip to the King Center in Atlanta last summer, I started thinking about the contributions of the African-American community to American society.

I wish I could say that the writings of Toni Morrison and Maya Angelou were the best contributions, or the humor of Richard Pryor and Dave Chappelle, and yes, Bill Cosby.

I wish I could say its Uncle Tom's Cabin, New Jack City and Do the Right Thing. I know there are Rosa Parks, Thurgood Marshall and Frederick Douglass, too, and I wish I could have met just one of them or even just know more about them.

I wish I could say it's the speeches that have moved me like Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" and "The

Drum Major Instinct." I wish I could say it was one thing, but I cannot.

When I try to put my finger on the greatest accomplishment of the African-American community, my answer is something that is not just one thing, but many... MUSIC.

Where would music be without the African-American community?

I'm sure many of you are thinking in terms of today's music, and I agree. I love rap. But rap is just a blip on the radar of the long, standing tradition of music in the African-American community.

Most of us watched the Super Bowl this month hosted by Detroit, and, although the NFL did little to promote the musical wealth of that great city, we were given reminders of the sheer genius that started there so many years ago: Motown.

The birthplace of the music from greats like Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross and the Supremes, and although no longer with us, Ray Charles and Marvin Gaye.

If music had never progressed past that point, I would still be happy with it. Living in New Orleans for 8 years through provided me the opportunity to experience a new type of music to my ears—a style that has been around for years long before my beloved Motown and rap. You could call it the "Patriarch of Music": Jazz.

For me, Jazz is not just a sound... it's a feeling. Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington, or Louis Armstrong playing in the background, the humid Nawlins air without a breeze, sipping on a hurricane and watching the world go by. Life does not get better than that, my friends. As I've flipped from channel to

channel this month and watched all of the salutes to Black History Month, I'm astonished at how little I really know. But, as I turn on my CD player and pour myself a drink, I realize how thankful I am.



Above: Louis Armstrong (1900-1971) is known as one of the most influential jazz musicians of all time.

BULLETIN BOARD

Outdoor Recreation "Riding the Slopes" Snow Tubing Trip Saturday, Feb. 11 Winterplace Ski Resort in Beckley, WV

College Realty Store for High School Students and Parents Saturday, Feb. 11 Greaser Gymnasium Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Intramural Inner-tube Water Polo Tournament Begins Sunday, Feb. 12

Intramural Football Singles Tournament Monday, Feb. 13 Slump Student Center 1 p.m. & 8 p.m.

RA applications due Monday, Feb. 13 by 5 p.m.

Intramural Inner-tube Water Polo Tournament Tuesday, Feb. 14

Intramural 5x5 Nerf Football Tuesday, Feb. 14

Black History Month Event "Slam Poet 'Komplex'" Wednesday, Feb. 15 6th floor of Slump Student Center 8 p.m.

Intramural Inner-tube Water Polo Tournament Thursday, Feb. 16

Intramural 5x5 Nerf Football Thursday, Feb. 16

Cave Basketball "Road Trip" Saturday, Feb. 18 King College in Bristol, TN

Intramural Ping Pong Doubles Tournament Saturday, Feb. 18 Slump Student Center 7 p.m.

BSU "True Love Waits" Rally & Concert Sunday, Feb. 19 7 p.m.

Greek Inner-tube Water Polo Championships Sunday, Feb. 19

RA Selection Group Process Sunday, Feb. 19 Darden Hall 8-10 p.m.

Career Information Week Monday, Feb. 20-Friday, Feb. 24

RA Candidate Interviews Begin Monday, Feb. 20-Thursday, March 2

Intramural 5x5 Nerf Football Monday, Feb. 20

Intramural Basketball Registration Deadline & Captain's Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21 Slump Student Center 8 p.m.

Intramural 8-Ball Singles Tournament Wednesday, Feb. 22 Slump Student Center 1 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Intramural 5x5 Nerf Football Wednesday, Feb. 22

Intramural 5x5 Nerf Football Thursday, Feb. 23

GREEK PERCEPTION SURVEY

The Greek Life Task Force is trying to identify perceptions of Greek Life on our campus. The results of this survey will help the College in its goal of making Greek Life better for Greek organizations, UVA-Wise and the community. There will be a drop box for responses at the check-in desk on the 3rd floor of the Slump Student Center. Surveys can be submitted up until Friday, Feb. 24.

1. Gender Male Female

2. Classification Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

3. Are you a member of a Greek organization? Yes No If yes, which one:

4. Do you have friends or family members who are/were involved with Greek organizations? Yes No Unknown

5. Is alcohol a central part of the social life for the Greek community? Yes No Unknown

6. Do you think Greeks have more judicial and honor court violations than non-Greeks? Yes No Unknown

7. Are Greeks actively involved in other organizations on campus? Yes No Unknown

8. Are you aware of fraternity/sorority sponsored events on campus that raise money for charitable organizations? Yes No Unknown

9. Do you believe that brotherhood/sisterhood is promoted by Greek organizations here? Yes No Unknown

10. Do you think Greeks have higher or lower GPA's than non-Greeks? Higher Lower Unknown

11. Do you believe that Greek students haze new members? Yes No Unknown

12. Do you believe that Greek organizations are perceived correctly in movies such as Animal House, Old School, etc.? Yes No Unknown

13. Do Greeks separate themselves from non-Greeks? Yes No Unknown

14. Is your general impression of Greek organizations negative or positive? Positive Negative Unknown

HIGH CALIBER STUDENTS NEEDED FOR PART-TIME GIS INTERNSHIP

AT THE WISE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

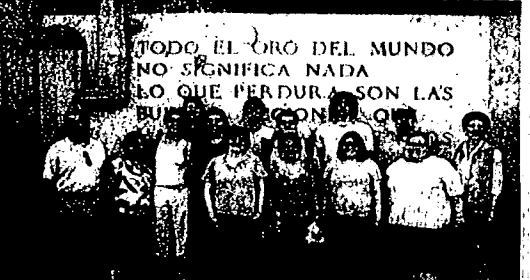


As a Wise DEVELOP intern, you will be expected to pursue a Geographical Information Science Career Studies Certificate through MECC, while enrolled full-time at UVA-Wise. Wise DEVELOP interns create pilot projects in response to community issues using GIS and other remote sensing technologies. DEVELOP students are young professionals that engage in extensive public speaking and must operate effectively and appropriately in high-level environments. Occasional travel is required throughout the semester. Professional attitude and dress are mandatory.

Required qualifications are: Major field of study in mathematics, computer science, or criminal justice; Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher every semester (includes previous semesters); Students must have legal residency in the counties of Wise or Dickenson or City of Norton; Students that are interested in a Geographical Information Systems internship with the DEVELOP are encouraged to submit their resumes, cover letters, and most recent certified college transcript to: Michael Sady at P.O. Box 1248 Wise, VA 24293

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COLLEGE STUDENTS

STUDY IN MONTERREY, MEXICO! May 21-May 28, 2006



Spread your horizons! Join us for an educational and fun trip to Mexico. Study Mexican culture and business at the beautiful Tec de Monterrey campus in Monterrey. Nighting and meeting with Mexican business. Get to know Mexican students. Stay in an air-conditioned dorm with Olympic size swimming pool. Spanish fluency is NOT required. College credit may be available from your school. Your subsidized cost (including airfare, lodging, ground programs, and some meals) will be only US\$500.00. The U.S. passport application fee is approximately US\$100.00. APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT DEADLINE: February 13, 2006. Space is limited to 12 students! See www.globe.org for more information or contact one of the program directors listed below.

OVER THE HORIZON

COMING TO THEATERS

Curious George An animated kids/family film featuring the voice of Will Ferrell. Not yet rated.

Final Destination 3 A suspense/horror sequel starring Ryan Reynolds. Rated R for strong horror violence/gore, language and some nudity.

Firewall An action/adventure starring Harrison Ford. Not yet rated.

The Pink Panther An action/adventure comedy starring Steve Martin and Kevin Kline. Rated PG for occasional crude and suggestive humor and language.

Friday, Feb. 17 Date Movie A romantic comedy starring Alyson Hannigan. Not yet rated.

Eight Below An action/adventure drama starring Paul Walker. Rated PG for some peril and brief mild language.

Freedomland A crime/gangster drama starring Samuel L. Jackson. Rated R for language and some violent content.

COMING SOON TO DVD Tuesday, Feb. 14

Saw II A suspense/horror sequel starring Donnie Wahlberg. Rated R for strong violence, drug use, language and sexuality.

Proof A drama starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins. Rated PG-13 for some sexual content, language and drug references.

Nine Lives A drama starring Kathy Baker. Rated R for language, brief sexual content and some disturbing images.

Zathura A kids/family fantasy starring Tim Robbins. Rated PG for fantasy action and peril, and some language.

COMING SOON IN GAMES Tuesday, Feb. 14

Drakengard II Console: PS2 Genre: Action RPG M for Mature

Fight Night: Round 3 Console: PS2, PSP, X360 Genre: Boxing T for Teen

Exit Console: PSP Genre: Action E for Everyone

Star Wars: Empire at War Console: PC Genre: Strategy T for Teen

Two interesting movies coming soon to local theaters

By Shenia Sifford

Two movies that might be coming to either the Wise Plaza or the Coeburn Cinema during February are Date Movie and Final Destination 3. Date Movie stars Alyson Hannigan who some might remember from the TV show Buffy the Vampire

Slayer or from her role as the band geek in American Pie. Final Destination 3 stars Ryan Merriman and Mary Elizabeth Winstead, both of whom had small roles in The Ring 2.

Date Movie is not currently rated and is supposed to open in theaters Feb. 17. For those who have not seen the preview or trailer, Date Movie is a parody of,

what else, date movies. It makes fun of movies like The Wedding Planner, My Big Fat Greek Wedding, and Meet the Parents.

Not only does the film parody romantic movies, but it also takes a stab at Kill Bill and Napoleon Dynamite. Date Movie's distributor is 20th Century Fox. Odds are that fans of the Scary Movie movie

parody series will find much to laugh about in Date Movie. Final Destination 3 is released worldwide on Feb. 10 and is rated R. Final Destination 3 is the third installment of New Line Cinema's trilogy about escaping Death.

Just like in the first two movies, a person foresees the death of her and her friends. Even though she prevents their deaths at the mo-

ment, throughout the movie they have to find a way to dodge Death's attempts to kill them.

This third installment might be a hit or a disaster waiting to happen—it all really depends on the people watching the movie. Out of the two movies, I personally think that Date Movie will be the bigger hit.

Vampire and werewolf movie sequel worth biting into

By Tashenda D.M. Clemens



Underworld: Evolution Directed by Len Wiseman

Produced by Gary Lucchesi and Tom Rosenberg. Distributor: Screen Gems. Genre: Suspense/Horror. Running Time: 106 minutes. Rated R for pervasive strong violence and gore, and some sexuality/nudity and language.

From an ancient immortal came two strong twin sons. One brother was bitten by a wolf and the other by a bat. A war raged on between the two breeds...

The sequel to 2003's

Underworld, Underworld: Evolution continues the war between the Death Dealers (vampires) and the lycans (werewolves) and explains the beginnings of both the Vampire and the Werewolf.

Kate Beckinsale stars as Selene, a Death Dealer who is on the run with the wolf-vampire hybrid Michael (played by Scott Speedman).

Along the way she learns of the horrible truth to her past and becomes the only one to know the location

where the first lycan was imprisoned three centuries ago in a hidden tomb.

The first vampire wishes to free his brother so that they can once again wreak havoc on the world.

Selene realizes that she has to prevent the two brothers from reuniting and mayhem follows during several battles. Through the use of guns, artifacts, claws, teeth, and cars; violence occurs quite frequently in Under-

world: Evolution. It should be noted that people who get sick at the sight of blood and gore might want to avoid this film... It has both in spades.

The film concludes with an epic ending that you have to see to believe.

The nonstop action and violence will keep anyone glued to their seat. This reviewer believes that Underworld: Evolution is worth seeing, especially with the ending being so dramatically intense.

Amy Tan's latest novel breaks away from her mold

By Aubrey Bowling

Saving Fish from Drowning by Amy Tan. Published by the Penguin Group, 2005. Hardcover, 474 pages.

Readers who enjoyed Amy Tan's previous literary works, such as the novel The Joy Luck Club, might be put off by the unfamiliar setting that takes place in her latest work, Saving Fish from Drowning.

Instead of focusing on the Chinese American mother-daughter relationships that have become staples in most of her prior books, Saving Fish from Drowning is based around twelve American tourists traveling in Burma with a supernatural twist.

Although what is written in the novel is fiction, the story itself is modeled after

the real-life disappearance of a group of tourists traveling in Burma, a country in Asia with an oppressive political regime.

When I first started reading the novel, I was wondering how Mrs. Tan would keep up with the extensive cast of characters, which gets bigger as the story unfolds.

However, she proved to be more than capable of creating well-thought out characters, each of whom has a ton of personality and development.

The most interesting character in the novel is actually the narrator, Bibi Chen, a woman who was killed prior

to the start of the novel. Bibi Chen is the one who organized the trip to Burma for her twelve friends and she sticks around with them during her afterlife to see how the trip will turn out.

The person of Bibi Chen is actually a real historical figure who Amy Tan used as the inspiration for the novel.

From Bibi's eyes, which see much more clearly than those of her living companions, we see a series of events unfold and each of the characters' strengths and weaknesses become transparent.

The tourist group goes

through events such as the desecration of a temple, food poisoning and a Burmese tribal village mistaking one of her members for the reincarnation of Jesus Christ all under Bibi's watchful and attentive narrative.

Written in Amy Tan's distinct, fluid style and teeming with mystery, Saving Fish from Drowning proves that a truly talented author can pull off writing an enjoyable novel that is not adhering to the same formula as their previous works. Bibi's character alone makes Saving Fish from Drowning an amazing treat for any reader.

PRESS PLAY

CLASSIC WILD WEST RPG GETS REMADE ON THE PS2

By Audra Bowling

Wild Arms Alter Code: F Publisher: Ageatec Inc., SCEI Consoles: PS2 Genre: RPG ESRB Rating: T for Teen

Wild Arms Alter Code: F is a remake of the first Wild Arms game that was released on the original Playstation. The storyline follows three main characters: Rudy, a mute boy who possesses a powerful weapon called an ARM; Jack, a treasure hunter in search of absolute power; and

Cecilia, a princess expected to perform her duties as a noblewoman without hesitancy. The three begin on separate adventures but soon come together in order to battle a

horde of demons threatening to destroy the world. Although not as popular as Final Fantasy, the Wild Arms RPG series is well-known due to the Wild West feel of Filgaia, the world the games take place on.

Alter Code: F takes the story from the first game and jazzes it up with PS2 graphics and game-playing elements that are found in several of the later installments of the series.

Players proceed through large, often times daunting, dungeons full of enemies and complicated puzzles. Each character has a certain set of abilities that come into play (such as being able to light torches or blow holes in the wall) in order to complete puzzles, which is the

game's main focus during dungeon exploration. The difficulty level ranges from being extremely easy "push the switch" type puzzles to time-based, "figuring out patterns" puzzles, which can prove to be quite frustrating.

Aside from cosmetic changes to the game's appearance, new playable characters are also added onto the roster to give the title more depth, and the world of Filgaia becomes much more detailed and eventful with several side quests being available for players to undertake.

The only other real complaint that can be had with the title aside from the extreme difficulty of some of the dungeons would be that the English translation of the game is far from perfect—there are several noticeable typos and grammatical errors

that, while not a major hindrance, are noticeable throughout gameplay.

Still, by combining the best features of previous Wild Arms games (such as the ability to skip through random battles) and offering a fresh look at the first game of the series, Wild Arms Alter Code: F is a title that most RPG fans should find enjoyable even if they are unfamiliar with the original title.

Left: The heroes in the first Wild Arms RPG make a reappearance on the Playstation 2. By combining elements from all of the series' previous titles and updating the graphics, Wild Arms Alter Code: F is a welcome experience for gamers wanting to replay an old favorite.

GAME SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri., Feb. 10
Home vs. Covenant
7:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 11
Home vs. Bryan
6 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 14
At Virginia Intermont in Bristol, VA
7:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 18
At King in Bristol, TN
4 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri., Feb. 10
Home vs. Covenant
6:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 11
Home vs. Bryan
4 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 14
At Virginia Intermont in Bristol, VA
5:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 18
At King in Bristol, TN
2 p.m.

BASEBALL

Fri., Feb. 10
At Tenn. Temple in Chattanooga, TN
3 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 11
At Tenn. Temple (DH) in Chattanooga, TN
12 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 14
Home vs. Virginia Intermont
2 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 18
At Georgetown (DH) in Georgetown, KY
1 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 19
At Georgetown in Georgetown, KY
2 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 21
Home vs. Alderson-Broadus (DH)
12 p.m.

Player Profile: Lady Cavs Basketball Player Caroline Baca #12

By Christine Otu
Staff Writer

Senior Caroline Baca has always felt that playing basketball comes naturally to her.

But playing on a college team is not so easy.

"College basketball is like a full-time job," she said.

The team practices three times a day during pre-season, two times a day in season, and five times a day during the summer.

Following a 2002 graduation from St. Paul High School, Baca—originally from New Mexico—came to UVA-Wise on an athletic scholarship to play for the Highland Cavalier

Women's Basketball team.

In her freshman year, this left-handed post player was leading scorer on the team and second in rebounding.

In her sophomore year she tore a tendon in her finger and had to sit out a couple of games.

She said that she did not want an injury to keep her from playing, but the tear was on her shooting hand and she found it difficult to play.

Baca was still, however, able to rank second in scoring that year.

She had to take some time off for personal reasons during her junior year, but she

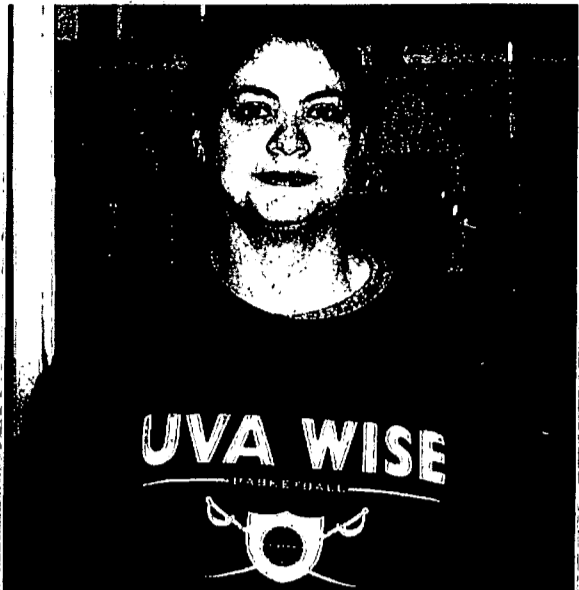
returned to the team for her senior year.

This season she has averaged 18.5 minutes and 5.9 points a game.

Off the court she has excelled academically—making the Dean's List.

Baca is also a work-study student, an athletic trainer for the football team and a Xi Gamma Zeta sorority member.

With all of her campus activities, she still maintains a 3.0 grade point average.



Right: UVA-Wise senior and Lady Cavs team member Caroline Baca plays forward.

PHOTO BY CHRISTINE OTU

Cavalier baseball team ready to step up to the plate

By Diana Sluss
Sports Editor

The UVA-Wise baseball team is geared up for the 2006 season.

"They've worked hard through the pre-season," head coach Hank Banner said. "The players were here 10 days before the other students arrived this semester and they've been putting in long days."

The practice schedule for the baseball team includes a six-day a week practice that starts at 6 a.m. during which the players work in sections on conditioning, lifting and practicing.

That schedule, however, will be cut back when the team starts the long 54-game season.

Most of those games are played on the road.

The team's greatest strengths are pitching and defense, Banner said.

He said that in order to be successful a team should both pitch and catch well.

Banner said that what will set this season apart from others is experience.

"We've got some good leadership, and other players are playing a lot of innings," he said.

Of the returning team members, nine are position players and five pitchers.

There are also five new position players and four new pitchers this season.

"We like to set team goals, those are the most important elements to a win," Banner said. "These players want to be a close, hard-working group and if they pull together they'll get their wins."

One area that the team needs to improve on is health, Banner said.

"Right now we are carrying 10 pitchers, which is

lower than past years," Banner said. "Some of the players have injuries, and I hope that we can become deeper."

Although the team does not have a motto, there is a famous catch phrase that can be heard echoing through the locker rooms and it has even been used a few times by Banner.

The popular phrase is none other than Larry the Cable Guy's *Git-R-Don!*

"They think it is hilarious when I use it," Banner said.

The team's biggest rivals this season are King

College, Virginia Intermont, and Emory & Henry because of their geographic location.

"Local schools have always been good rivals," Banner said.

Assisting Banner with the baseball team this season are pitching leaders Brandon Bates and Keith Davis and positions leaders Matt Hall and Jorge Laboy.

The staff includes assistant coach Doug Bates and student assistants Morgan O'Quinn and James Bacote.

| STANDINGS | 2005-2006 Men's Basketball | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|------|---------|
| | School | AAC | Overall |
| | Montreat | 14-3 | 16-9 |
| | Tennessee Wesleyan | 11-4 | 17-7 |
| | Union | 11-5 | 17-9 |
| | Bluefield | 11-5 | 17-11 |
| | Covenant | 9-7 | 10-16 |
| | Bryan | 8-8 | 11-11 |
| | King | 8-8 | 12-15 |
| | UVA-Wise | 6-10 | 10-16 |
| | Virginia Intermont | 6-11 | 7-19 |
| | Milligan | 3-12 | 9-15 |
| | Brevard | 2-15 | 4-22 |



| 2005-2006 Women's Basketball | | |
|------------------------------|------|---------|
| School | AAC | Overall |
| Bryan | 15-2 | 22-5 |
| UVA-Wise | 13-3 | 19-7 |
| Milligan | 12-3 | 15-9 |
| Milligan | 11-5 | 15-10 |
| Tennessee Wesleyan | 8-7 | 14-8 |
| King | 9-8 | 13-13 |
| Virginia Intermont | 8-9 | 12-13 |
| Union | 5-11 | 10-16 |
| Brevard | 5-13 | 6-19 |
| Montreat | 4-13 | 5-20 |
| Bluefield | 0-16 | 0-20 |

BASKETBALL NOTES

Showdown tonight, Saturday

The Cavs and Lady Cavs play their final two home games this week—against Appalachian Athletic Conference (ACC) opponents Covenant College tonight and Bryan College on Saturday.

In their earlier meeting with both teams in January, the Cavs (6-10 in the ACC, 10-16 overall) suffered back-to-back road losses. The Cavs fell 77-67 to the Covenant College Scots (9-7, 10-16) on Jan. 6 and stumbled to a 71-59 loss the following night to the Bryan College Lions (8-8, 11-11).

The Cavs face Covenant tonight at 7:30 p.m. The Bryan game begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Senior guard Parker Gemmill leads the team in scoring, averaging 14.66 points per game.

The Lady Cavs' (13-3, 19-7) split their last meetings with Covenant and Bryan—earning an on-the-road 72-59 victory against the Scots (11-5, 15-11) on Jan. 6 followed the next night by a 60-52 loss to the Lions (14-2, 21-5).

The Bryan Lady Lions currently sit atop the ACC standings.

The Lady Cavs take on Covenant tonight at 6:30 p.m. They face Bryan at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Junior forward Sarah Helton leads the Lady Cavs' in scoring (averaging 17.12 points per game), rebounds (averaging 8.24 per game), and steals (averaging 3 per game).

Greaser Has Been Good

Greaser Gymnasium has been good to the Cavs and Lady Cavs this season—especially since January.

As of this week, the Cavs hold a 6-3 winning advantage on their home court. And since January, they are 5-1 while playing in Greaser—with their most recent win coming against Milligan College last Friday night.

As of this week, the Lady Cavs remain undefeated at home—sweeping their opponents in 10 straight games by a combined score of 772-594.

Rankings, Standings

Despite being on the receiving end of unflattering rankings in the AAC October preseason poll, the Cavs and Lady Cavs have fought hard this season for some recognition.

The Cavs were ranked eleventh—in last place—in the preseason poll. At the beginning of this week they were sitting in eighth place, just behind King College.

The Lady Cavs garnered a seventh-place ranking in the preseason poll. They currently sit in second place in the ACC standings, just behind Bryan College.

Steelers salute Bettis with Super Bowl win

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The Pittsburgh Steelers captured their fifth world championship in franchise history Sunday in a 21-10 Super Bowl victory over the Seattle Seahawks—tying both Dallas and San Francisco as one of three teams with the most world titles.

The win gave Steelers running back Jerome Bettis, who announced after the game that this was his last, and head coach Bill Cowher—both future Hall of Famers—their first NFL championships.

Steelers' wide receiver Hines Ward was the game's MVP—after snagging five receptions for 123 yards and a touchdown.

But from both teams' opening drives, the game looked like anything but a world championship.

Seattle and Pittsburgh both stalled in their opening drives. In Seattle's first possession

they connected with a variety of passes—but went four and out.

The Steelers would get their chance at the ball, only to be stopped and go three and out. The teams traded downs toward the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter opened with Seattle scoring with a Josh Brown field goal, giving them a 3-0 lead.

The Steelers, however, would answer with their own drive. Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger completed a 37-yard pass to wide receiver Hines Ward and then ran the ball in for a 1-yard touchdown with two minutes remaining in the half.

Officials reviewed the play, but it stood as called.

The Steelers sealed the deal with a Jeff Reed extra point and took a 7-3 lead.

To start the second half, the Steelers ran two

plays before running back Willie Parker broke free for a 75-yard touchdown run—giving Parker the longest run in Super Bowl history and the Steelers a 14-3 lead.

Seattle answered right back.

After the Steelers drove deep into Seattle territory, a Roethlisberger pass was picked off by Kelly Herndon and returned 76 yards—breaking a Super Bowl record set by Willie Brown in Super Bowl XI.

The Herndon return was followed by Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselbeck connecting with tight end Jeremy Stevens on a 16-yard touchdown pass.

The Seahawks' Josh Brown made the extra point, which cut the Pittsburgh lead to four, 14-10.

By the end of the third quarter, Seattle picked up some momentum.

The Seahawks completed pass after pass for three consecutive first downs.

Seattle continued this chain of passes into the fourth quarter until a Hasselbeck toss on a third-and-long from the Pittsburgh 27 was intercepted on the 3-yard line by the Steelers third-year cornerback Ike Taylor, who returned the ball 24 yards.

Three plays later the Steelers scored on a gadget play: a reverse and a pass from wide receiver Antwan Randle El to Hines Ward. Pittsburgh extended their lead to 21-10.

In the fourth quarter, Pittsburgh took charge, stopping Seattle on both sides of the ball.

A Steelers stop on a deep drive toward the end of the game ended any chance that Seattle had of victory.