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NEWS BRIEFS

"Understanding Islam" talk on Monday

A world-renowned scholar on Islam and the Middle East will deliver a presentation on "Understanding Islam" on Mon., April 24 as part of the Chancellor's Lecture Series and the month-long celebration of the inauguration of the College's seventh chancellor.

John Esposito, the author of more than 30 books on Islam and a faculty member at Georgetown University, will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The talk is free and open to the public.

A book signing and reception will follow in the Slemp Student Center.

Esposito holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Anthony College, a master's degree in theology from St. John's University, and a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from Temple University.

He is the founding director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding and the former president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America. He has served as a consultant to the U.S. Department of State, corporations, universities, and the media.

Student-Alumni/Commuter Appreciation Picnic on April 26

The Alumni Association Board of Directors will serve hamburgers and hotdogs to students, faculty, and staff on Wednes., April 26 from 11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. in the Gilliam Sculpture Garden between the Science Center and Zehmer Hall.

Free gifts will be given to the first 100 students.

The event is sponsored by the Alumni Association, Student Activities, and the Inauguration Committee.

Volk to present piano recitals April 28.

A member of the College's Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present two solo piano recitals on Fri., April 28 in the Chapel of All Faiths.

David Volk, an assistant professor of music, will perform Beethoven's "Waldstein" piano sonata and an original piano composition entitled "Transeamus" at the two recitals, scheduled for 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The recitals are free and open to the public.

Attendance at the recitals will count as cultural credit.

Summer semester registration begins May 1

Registration for summer semester courses begins Monday, May 1.

The summer semester course schedule is now available online at <http://www.uvawise.edu/registrar/CLASSOFFERSCHEDULES.html>.

Career Fair on April 5: a success

On Wednes., April 5, the UVa-Wise Center for Student Development sponsored a career fair on campus for all students. It began at noon on the 5th floor of the Slemp Student Center and concluded at 4 p.m.

Representatives from several companies were present to speak with students about opportunities at their companies. Companies present included Northrop Grumman Corporation, Carter Machinery, Frontier Health, Wise County Schools, and Girl Scouts. Students of all majors were able to find something that applied to their interest.

Students, in their professional dress, lined up on the 1st floor of the Slemp Student Center to register and get a name tag. Nervously, they rode the elevator up to the 5th floor with resumes in hand. Representatives from the organizations readily spoke with students and accepted resumes. (Career Fair News Brief by Almee St. John, Staff Writer)

Prior becomes the College's seventh chancellor

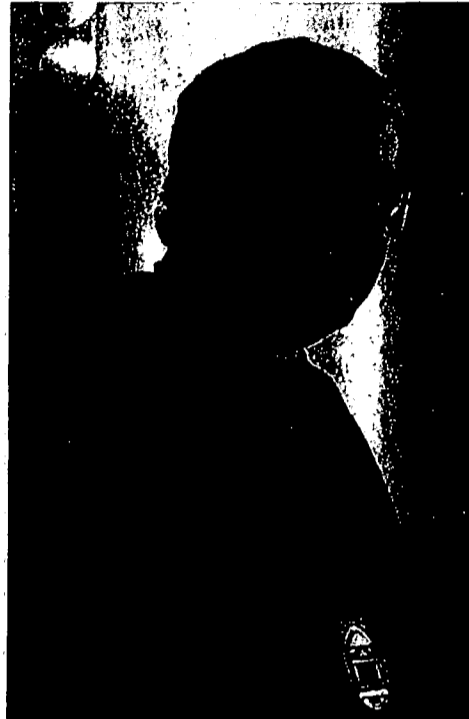


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Above: Chancellor David J. Prior during his inaugural address.

Top right: The University of Virginia's Rector Thomas F. Farrell II reads the oath of office to Chancellor Prior and Prior's wife, Merry Lu.



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Above (bottom right): Chancellor Prior was installed into office with more than 800 people attending the ceremony.

By Christy Hall Buettner
Staff Writer

U V a - W i s e inaugurated its seventh chancellor, David J. Prior, on Tues., April 11 in Greear Gymnasium.

"The future of The University of Virginia's College at Wise is very bright indeed," Prior said during his inaugural address to the more than 800 alumni, students, faculty and guests in attendance.

"We are a college on the move—with a 34 percent increase in enrollment in the past five years, numerous major building projects...an aggressive fundraising campaign that has increased our endowment to over \$30 million, and increased collaboration with the public schools, local community colleges, and state agencies," said Prior, who began his duties as chancellor in the fall, after serving as provost and

vice chancellor for academic affairs at both the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, and more recently, the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Prior said the College will focus on three areas over the next few years: international and multicultural experiences, undergraduate research, and communication skills.

"We at the College will continue to honor our traditions as we chart a course for the prosperous future," Prior said. "We'll continue to celebrate our history, our founders, our builders and all members of the College family as we strive for excellence."

"We share Mr. Jefferson's commitment to public education—and his understanding that a well-educated, thoughtful and honorable citizenry is essential to the well being of our families, communities, and in fact,

our liberties," he said.

In his keynote address, University of Virginia President John T. Casteen III said: "Today, we install a new chancellor who will guide this College into the second half of its first century. David Prior is prepared to meet the charge of those who recognize in him the experience and abilities that will make the College become one of the best public colleges in the nation."

Casteen called the College "a vehicle of hope and opportunity."

"And in the future, the College will continue its tradition of service to Southwest Virginia while also looking toward broader horizons," Casteen said.

During the administration of the oath of office, University of Virginia Rector Thomas F. Farrell II said that Prior "brings to his office the

strength of character, and the dedication required to lead the College into its next era of expansion and achievement of new levels of excellence."

Farrell added, "Thomas Jefferson would have approved."

Adam Cole, Student Government Association (SGA) president, openly challenged Prior to make this campus "the best it could be. Quoting from Robert Greenleaf's *Servant-Leadership* philosophy, Cole called on the new chancellor to support "people who choose to serve first, and then lead as a way of expanding service to individuals and institutions."

Other speakers shared reflections of the chancellor and challenged him. Dr. Julius Erlenbach, chancellor of the University

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Editorial: Computer thefts on campus brought to SGA's attention

By Nick VonTersch
SGA Senior Senator

It has come to the attention of the Student Government Association

that there have been a number of thefts on campus recently.

According to Campus Police, since Feb.

9 there have been 6 reported thefts throughout various buildings on campus.

Stolen items


include: four CPU computer towers, one flat screen monitor, one keyboard, one mouse, one LCD ceiling projector, and

one Panasonic VCR. The stolen items total over \$6,600.

If you have any information whatsoever

that could help this investigation, please contact Campus Police as soon as possible. Those

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INSIDE	CAMPUS LIFE The issue of illegal immigrants Read more about this issue in Guest Writer Frederick Moxley's editorial on page 2.	ENTERTAINMENT  The movie sequel to a popular video game Entertainment Editor Audra Bowling previews the DVD release of <i>Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children</i> on page 3.	SPORTS Lady Cavs still going strong this season Check out the Softball article written by Sports Editor Diana Sluss on page 4.
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GAME SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Sat., April 22
At Milligan College in
Milligan College, TN
12 p.m.

Mon., April 24
Home vs. Emory & Henry
1 p.m.

Sat., April 29
Home vs. Bryan
12 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Fri., April 21
At Mountain State University
in Beckley, WV
4 p.m.

Sat., April 22
Home vs. Brevard College
2 p.m.

Tues., April 25
At Georgetown College in
Georgetown, KY
9 p.m.

Wednes., April 26
Home vs. Alice Lloyd
College
3 p.m.

Sun., April 30
Home vs. Mountain State
University
4 p.m.

Wednes., May 3-Fri., May 5
AAC Tournament in Bristol,
TN
TBA

MEN'S TENNIS

Fri., April 21-Sat., April 22
AAC Tournament in
Johnson City, TN
TBA

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Fri., April 21-Sat., April 22
AAC Tournament in
Johnson City, TN
TBA

Lady Cavs Softball still going strong

By Diana Sluss
Sports Editor

Currently, the Lady Cavs are placed third in the Appalachian Athletic Conference with only four games left.

Head Coach Raby-Gentry admits, however, that they hope to be first by the end of the season.

"We've had a lot of success so far," said Raby-Gentry. "Currently, we are

23-13 and we hope to get some more wins before the end of the season."

Injuries, however, have been a problem for the team this year.

Presently, they have lost three of their starters, but Raby-Gentry is hopeful that they will be back before the tournament, which starts May 3 in Bristol, TN.

Raby-Gentry

explained that these injuries have been advantageous to the team as it gave the team more options by letting other players participate in games.

The team has had a solid defense this season.

"We've had great pitching this year, and my goal for this year is that we maintain our focus," said Raby-Gentry.

In March, the team

had a special invitation to play in the Lead-Off Classic at LaGrange, GA, which invites some of the top teams in the nation to participate.

The Lady Cavs won three of the six games that they played.

So far this season, the Coach is pleased with some of the improvements that they have made this season, but admits that

there are still areas that need improvement.

Next season Coach Raby-Gentry says that the team will focus more on hitting, which she considers to be one of their weaknesses.

Also, the Lady Cavs will be working more on visual training, which are drills that work the eyes so that the players perform better through eye sight.

AAC STANDINGS				SOFTBALL			
APPALACHIAN Athletic Conference				SOFTBALL			
BASEBALL				SOFTBALL			
School	AAC	Overall	Streak	School	AAC	Overall	Streak
Union	12-2	38-9	Won 2	Tennessee Wesleyan	11-1	17-13	Won 3
Tennessee Wesleyan	11-3	24-11	Won 3	King	9-1	12-5	Won 9
Brevard	9-5	22-24	Won 4	UVA-Wise	10-2	25-13	Won 3
UVA-Wise	8-6	23-13	Lost 3	Brevard	5-3	10-27	Lost 2
Montreat	8-6	21-20	Lost 3	Milligan	6-6	12-16-1	Won 1
Bryan	6-8	19-18	Won 4	Montreat	5-9	6-26	Lost 3
Milligan	6-8	17-25	Lost 2	Virginia Intermont	3-7	14-25	Won 2
Bluefield	5-9	10-22	Lost 1	Union	2-10	12-30	Lost 6
King	3-11	11-26	Won 1	Bluefield	1-13	1-19	Lost 7
Virginia Intermont	2-12	8-26	Lost 4				

MEN'S TENNIS				WOMEN'S TENNIS			
School	AAC	Overall	Streak	School	AAC	Overall	Streak
Virginia Intermont	5-0	13-5	Won 2	Union	7-0	12-1	Won 7
Union	6-1	15-1	Won 2	UVA-Wise	6-1	12-4	Won 6
Tennessee Wesleyan	5-1	5-6	Lost 1	Milligan	5-2	5-6	Won 1
Brevard	4-3	9-12	Won 1	Tennessee Wesleyan	4-3	6-5	Won 2
King	3-4	3-5	Won 1	King	3-4	3-5	Lost 2
Milligan	2-5	5-8	Lost 1	Virginia Intermont	2-5	3-8	Lost 2
UVA-Wise	1-6	3-11	Won 1	Brevard	1-6	3-14-1	Won 1
Montreat	0-5	1-12	Lost 12	Montreat	0-6	0-12	Lost 12

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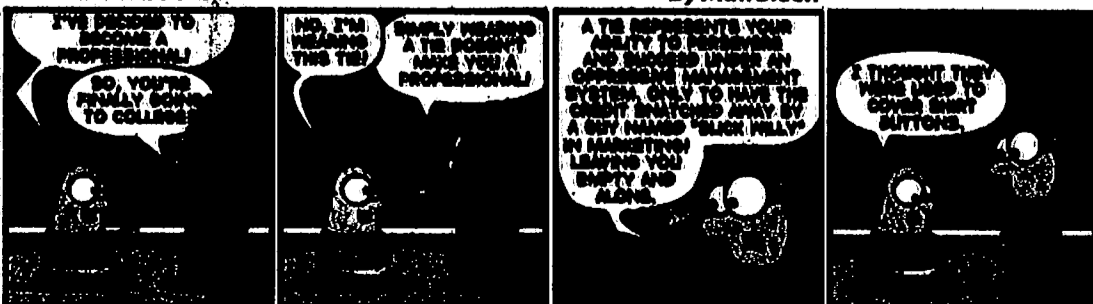
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UNEMPLOYED

By Matt Steen



Expedition ready to soar

By Daniel Robinson
Staff Writer

Beginning with the freshman class of 2006-2007, UVA-Wise will instigate a new orientation system entitled *Expedition*. The new program will give the 400+ freshman expected for the Fall 2006 semester a chance to become more involved in campus activities and those around the community.

"What we hope *Expedition* will do is create class identity among the freshman class," said Dean of Students Jeff Howard, "and show them what kinds of opportunities are out there for them."

Freshman students will arrive on campus on August 18 and be expected to participate in a series of events and activities around campus until classes begin on August 23. A group of 20 upperclassman students will mentor and lead them through these activities.

"We were looking for people that were involved in the campus," said Howard of the *Expedition* leaders, "We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came out." Leaders were expected to be in good standing with the College

and have a good knowledge of issues that college freshman go through.

"[The program] is trying to bridge the gap between orientation and LART," said Howard.

Expedition plans to educate incoming freshman on what they will face as new college students. The program will give students information on small topics such as dealing with

finances, as well as deeper issues such as alcohol and illegal substances on campus. "We understand that there is not much we can do to stop alcohol abuse," said Howard, "Our goal is to try and educate them about responsible use of alcohol."

The other large part of *Expedition* will be to get students involved in community service. "We're going to have opportunities for them to get involved and to start giving back to the community," said Howard.

Whether or not the students take to *Expedition* remains to be seen. Howard and his staff have faith that it will be a major success. "We are very, very confident about the program we have."