College strikes study abroad agreement

By Simon Henry
Staff Writer

Representatives of UI De Montfort and UVa-Wise met in the Chapel to sign a bilateral exchange agreement on Oct. 31, adding to the growing study abroad programs available at the college.

“This is not the first of our international agreements, and certainly will not be the last,” said Dr. Amelia Harris, academic dean. “We think that a really exciting opportunity ahead of us.”

Among those present for the ceremony were Chancellor David Prior and two representatives from UI De Montfort’s Satillio campus, Sandra Muiz and Juan Manual Acosta. Other speakers included Whitley Field, the college’s field director of international programs, and George Filipe, director of international business and education at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Commission.

Harris said that we are living in a growing world community and that studying abroad is the best way to develop public awareness of this fact.

“Students return from study abroad with cultural knowledge and perspectives they could never get from a book,” Harris said.

Prior said he was excited to welcome the delegation and noted, “One of the finest things about my job is enjoying the new chapters in this college’s history.”

According to Sandra Muiz, director of international programs at Satillio, most of her college’s programs are geared toward business and engineering students. General education courses are also available and there are 20 courses taught in English, she said.

Jean Moren-Acosta, director of the Satillo campus, presented slides that showed the inside of the campus and life in the isolated area.

UVa-Wise is an industrial area where coal mining is also an important business, he said.

Acosta said that Satillo is complemented Wise for its nature, explaining that their region of Mexico is more fast-paced and urban.

Hass said, the relationship between UVa-Wise, and Satillo will, in turn, benefit through students who establish a relationship with the college through his travels to nearby Monticello.

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New degree possibility

By Jenna M. Powers
Staff Writer

College administrators are exploring the possibility of offering a graduate degree program in education collaboratively with the University of Virginia’s main campus.

"Many people want us to offer the program, it’s just not possible right now," but there are hopes for offering courses in Spring 2008, said Dr. Jeff Cantrell, chair of the Department of Education.

Students would have to undertake the same application process as if they were actually enrolling at UVa’s main campus in Charlottesville and the degree from the graduate program would be accredited to the main campus. Classes, however, possibly including library media or curriculum instruction, would be offered here in Wise, he said.

Before the program can begin, the University of Virginia and Wise College will have to get its approval, Cantrell said. The provost and chancellor are willing to go and speak with administrators in Charlottesville to see what the next steps will be, Cantrell said.

The decision to begin the graduate program with the Education Department stems from the number of students graduating who have expressed interest in teaching.

Arrests made in thefts

By Justin Sorensen
Staff Writer

Two women were arrested Friday, Oct. 26, on charges of stealing money from faculty members’ offices in late September.

The women, ages 23 and 28, both of Wise, had no connection to the college and had never taken courses on campus.

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Unique spring courses, from robots to films

By Alanna Barrett
Editor-in-Chief

Throughout this week and in the weeks to come the college’s students will be choosing their spring semester courses. This can be a rather difficult process, especially for college’s students will be choosing their spring semester courses.

Because many classes can be very boring, students should consider taking classes that do not follow the norm. There are several classes being offered this spring that are quite unique and may deserve a peak.

Some of the unique courses being offered this spring are:

"The Benevolent Robot: ‘The Redemeer Figure in Film and Literature,’ Terrorism, and ‘Civil War in Film.’ These all sound interesting and different from other classes students may encounter on their journey through college. Now, you may be wondering, ‘What exactly will I learn in these courses?’"

"The Benevolent Robot‘ teach students about the risks involved with building computers who ‘are intelligent. Students will read ‘Principles of AI,’ written by the instructor, Dr. Rose Grable, associate professor of computer science, who said the course ‘investigates various aspects of life on this planet and tries to show how complex it is to be able to build a robot that could get along with the rest of us.’ Students will also read ‘S, Robot’ by Isaac Asimov, a science fiction writer, other texts, and watch films that are relevant to the course.

Grable said she decided to offer this course because she didn’t feel that anyone was addressing this critical issue here. She said that he hopes students will take with them questions that need to be asked “before technology goes too far.” He said, “As a computer scientist, I think it is part of my moral duty to discuss these ethical issues.’"

Dr. Roman Zylawy, professor of French, will offer ‘The Redemeer Figure in Film and Literature.’ This course ‘will touch upon our desire to understand why we are born and die and what comes on earth and in afterlife if it is an afterlife at all and how consistent’ of Zylawy said. And since human beings have asked this eternal question since our very beginning is that why we find it so often at the center of film and literature throughout the ages, Zylawy said.

Zylawy hopes that students take this course because they may find some surprising ethical possibilities in films such as ‘The Matrix,’ where a certain type of violence is deemed acceptable and necessary to save lives of innocent people. In our very violent society and world I believe that this is as interesting theme,” he said.

This course will explore the connection between literature and film and the issues that both address.

Terrorism’ offered by Dr. George Michael, assistant professor of administration of Justice, will focus on the topics of terrorism and counterterrorism.

Michael has written three books and several articles on the subject. He said he hopes that after students have taken this course they will be ‘able to understand and analyze the history, motivations, tactics, and targeting trends of major terrorist groups, understand the relationship between political extremism and terrorism, identify and analyze the current and potential threats posed by terrorists and extremists, and understand how countermeasures are developed and implemented in response to terrorism and terrorist threats.”

Michael said that students should take this course because the topic is very important today, the issue of the global war on terror is the most important to the foreign policy. He said also that universities should offer other relevant and topical courses.

Since this will strengthen critical thinking skills and help students prepare for graduate school or careers. Dr. Rona Watts, Kenneth Ady Professor of History, will be offering ‘Civil War in Film’ which is a special topics course that combines the enjoyment of movies with an interest in history so that students may learn more about both. The American Civil War has been featured in the movies from the earliest days of Black and white silent films to more recent motion pictures. Watts said while enjoying these films viewers can learn about the time in which they were made and the reality they are supposed to portray. Watts said, “I offered this course because I enjoy the movies myself, particularly when the subject matter is historically historical. But, I have always wanted to know how accurately film makers have brought this historical matter into their work.”

Watts said that this type of special topics class has an excellent fit in a liberal arts college, "because it takes students outside of the traditional lecture format and lets them explore ideas in a creative fashion.” It is fun to watch movies, but by analyzing and assessing them with regard to the history portrayed in this contemporary context can teach as well, Watts said.

Look at those lashes

Photo from Saltillo Press.

Pranksters dressed up the college’s Thomas Jefferson statue on Halloween.

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OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

Bathroom Wisdom? I don't think so.

What happened to respect? What happened to pride in one's school? What happened to learning, and growing, and becoming an adult?

I was struck by my attention recently that there is a growing problem of vandalism and graffiti in the women's bathroom in Cowan.

This is just childish and silly. I don't understand the reasoning most one out before scratching schoolmates, and I've even seen it in my own classes. It's bad at a residential hall, but at a college? I just don't understand.

When people come to the campus they expect to see a clean and respectful environment. Not the evidence of childish behavior etched at them while they pass. That reflects poorly on the University, and suggests that the students here are still behaving as if they were secondary school children. It makes us look like children with an education, but just acting out like children with a big white wall.

What makes this all even worse is that the problem has become so bad that the fire doors in the women's bathroom in Cowan are now bedecked with graffiti on the interior. These notices are back to stay, but they have been vandalized as well.

What exactly does someone hope to gain by scribbling on a wall? They think that the University doesn't care if they just get a price for the most worthless writing in a single tithe? Will they get rewarded for their efforts or realize that what they write while going number-27? No. It is not in their writing window or the deed. This is not what you are supposed to do. A college student going to be impressed with the fact that you can write any of your ideas. Instead, you can leave them.

The only reason for it being permissible is that it is making our school look tacky. Visitors are not going to think very highly of us, they are going to think very badly of us.

The important thing is to keep the bathroom clean. It is not just there as a waste of time and money. It is just not there as a waste of time and money. It is just not there as a waste of time and money.

What still amazes me is that when asked to stop these girls continue to have the audacity to write on the walls of the dorms.

Although, I suppose there is a place and a time for every college campus is not an easy fact of action. Save it for the bathroom, or maybe your dorm, and then you can do it.

Why not instead leave your little nuggets of wisdom that you wish to preach to the masses.

--ALLAN BARRETT, Editor-in-Chief

Corrections

An article on the front page of our Oct. 27, 2006 edition contained a false assumption. The correct figure is between 2,500 and 3,500 students.

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**Sports Briefs**

**Volleyball**

Cavs Hamilton earned All-Region honors. NAIA Region XII Setter of the Year, Virginia Intermont and Bluffton on Oct. 31 and Nov. 2. In the Region, the Cavs won 7-0 and 7-1.

Over seven games, Hamilton averaged nearly 15 digs per set. She finished this season as the Region's first setter.

The Cavs (7-3-4-3) are in the runner-up position, looking to bounce back after losing to the University of the Cumberlands, 30-40, on November 4.

The second-overall team eliminated the Cavs from the race at NAIA post-season play.

A win on Saturday on the home court means they would be able to compete in the Region XII Championship.

Sarah Helton finished with 27 kills and seven aces while LaShay Cheatham added 15 kills and three aces.

The Cavs next game as of this printing is the Mid-South Conference match against Longwood on Thursday Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. with the men's team.

**Cross Country**

The men's cross country team finished second in the Region XII Championship with an 8th place finish.

Senior Stephen Gregory (32nd, 20:36), Stephani Zilla (30th, 20:47), Britten Olinger (31st, 20:51), Seth Collins (36th, 21:00), Wesley Wise (37th, 21:23), and Jared Taylor (42nd, 21:36) comprised the men's team.

The women's team did not run, but still had several respectable times.

Brette Helton (22:43) finished 46th, Bridget Stovall (24:40) finished 63rd, and Janice King (24:58) finished 67th.

**Football**

Quarterback Brent Robbins threw for 163 yards and two touchdowns, but the Highland Cavaliers got beaten again. The football team came up short against Liberty & Denver, scoring in just 21-14 loss on Nov. 6.

In the loss (9-25, 163 yards) connected with twelve different receivers for the second time in the season, tying the game 14-14.

With just 4:11 left in the game against the Bluejays, Brent Robbins was able to score his second touchdown.

Running back Jason Lowery had a 19-yard run and 70 yards of total offense against the conference leader.

The Bluejays (8-2-15, 163 yards) connected with twelve different receivers for the second time in the season, tying the game 14-14.

The game went on into overtime after the ball was recovered by the Bluejays in the 2nd half.

A second overtime was needed in order to determine a winner.

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