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Fowlkes named new IT chief

By Kate Baldwin
Opinion Editor

After an exhaustive search, the college this week named Keith Fowlkes as the new vice chancellor of information technology.

Fowlkes, currently the chief information officer at Saint Mary's College in Indiana, is expected to take office beginning in May.

"I wanted someone savvy [with the technology] who could speak for me and be a big part of the outreach program to make the sciences more approachable," Chancellor David Prior said.

Fowlkes' addition to the administration comes at a time when the college is positioning itself to take advantage of the upswing in high-tech companies relocating to the region. Part of the attraction for the position, in fact, was the new software engineering program and the partnerships with Northrop-Grumman and CGI.

"Having a qualified CIO [chief information officer] will make it possible to attract students to our new software engineering program," said Alex Edwards, chair of the Department of Math and Computer Sciences. The college offers the only undergraduate program in software engineering in Virginia.

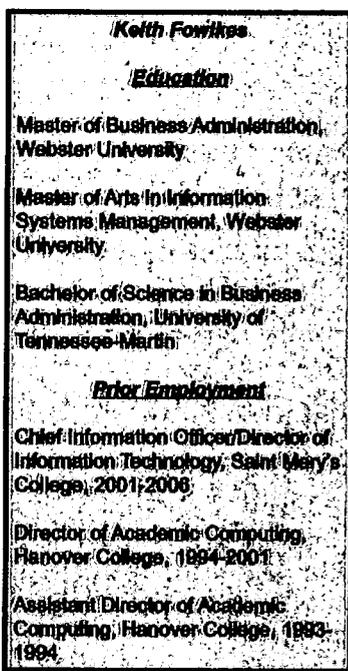
"I think that part of the allure of taking the CIO position was being able to be in at the beginning of something this tremendous," Prior said.

The campus community had the opportunity to meet Fowlkes during his visit Feb. 19 in an open forum held in the Student Center.

"After listening to what he [Fowlkes] had to say I think he knows what he's talking about and will be good for the college," said Adam Tolbert, desktop support technician in the Office of Information Technology.

E-mail, registration, Blackboard, classroom resources, student and faculty technical support, library research, math and computer science department are all highly dependent on the services provided by the campus IT department.

"The hiring of the new CIO will have a stabilizing effect on campus services," Prior said.



McBride visits campus



Photo by Allana Barrett

New York Times' bestselling author James McBride speaks with students in the Slemp Center's Jefferson Lounge on Feb. 28 about his development as a writer. McBride spent the day on campus to discuss his book, "The Color of Water," with first-year students as part of the college's Freshmen Seminar.

Chancellor and student swap places

By Brittany Padgett
Staff Writer

Freshman Morgan Henry became a chancellor.

And Chancellor David Prior became a student, again. But just for one day.

The trading of places between Henry and Prior on Feb. 16 was the culmination of the college's first ever "Chancellor for a Day" contest.

Sponsored by the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) and the Inter-Greek Council (IGC), the contest combined a food drive with the chance to become the college's chief executive. For every canned item donated during the collection week, students received one entry for a chance to become the college's first "Chancellor for a Day."

Henry won the chance. "When I got the phone call about winning the contest I was in shock," Henry said. "I knew other people were donating a lot of cans, so I was

trying to figure out my chances of winning. When I got the message I was really excited."

Henry and Prior offered advice to one another at a ceremony marking the switch.

Henry's advice to Prior for his day as a student was, "Take good notes, especially in math class, because I have a test on Monday."

Prior's advice to the student who would soon be sitting at his desk: "My advice to you, chancellor, is to listen carefully to what everybody says because sometimes they change what they say. Don't jump to conclusions. And, if the governor calls say 'Yes Sir,' 'No sir,' and 'budget, budget, budget.'"

Henry's schedule consisted of a typical busy day as the chancellor—a day full of meetings with the college's top officials. She even got to take a call from Senator William Wampler.

"My greatest memory of the day had to be Senator William Wampler calling," Henry said. "Senator



Photo by Tim Cox

Chancellor Prior and "Chancellor for a Day" winner Morgan Henry trade "gear" on Feb. 16 at the contest's opening ceremony in the Slemp Center. Prior was given a bookbag and Morgan was given a portfolio.

Wampler didn't know the 'Chancellor for a Day' event was going on, so it was a surprise to him to have me answer that phone, but he was really nice about it."

Prior's day as a student was spent attending classes, playing video games, and hanging out in the residence halls.

Prior said he learned about the busy lives of the college's students.

"I realized students have a challenging job," Prior said. "There are a lot of 'gotta dos' before 'wanna dos.'"

Prior said he enjoyed being able to spend time with students and would like to do it even more.

"My job is so busy that I seldom get the chance to actually sit down and talk

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Students under investigation for counterfeiting

By Reid Salomonsky
Staff Writer

Two UVA-Wise freshmen are under investigation for their role in an apparent attempt to manufacture and use counterfeit money, local police said.

No charges have been filed and no arrests have been made at this time.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, the Wise Police Department was contacted after two unidentified men attempted to use counterfeit money at the local Kentucky Fried Chicken in the Ridgeview Shopping Center, police said.

Officers reported to the scene, received a description of the suspects' car and determined that the suspects were UVA-Wise students, police said.

Campus police were

contacted and provided investigating officers with the location of the students, Wise Police Chief Anthony Bates said.

A search warrant was obtained for a student room in McCrary Hall, Bates said. Local police and campus police interviewed the student suspects in their room, he said.

Police confiscated a counterfeit \$20 bill, two computer towers and two computer printers, police said. Although no arrests have been made, the student suspects could face federal charges, police said.

"We have consulted with the commonwealth attorney for advice on how to proceed with the investigation," Bates said. "And they suggested that

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Students benefit from college partnership with Sykes

By Kate Baldwin
Opinion Editor

UVA-Wise and Sykes, Inc. signed an agreement on Feb. 19 that continues the growing cooperation between the college and local businesses.

Chancellor David Prior and Todd McReynolds, Sykes operations manager and a college alumnus, signed the agreement that has potential benefits for the college's students.

"I wanted to be able to depend on a stable partnership

[that benefits our students]," Prior said. "Within 24 months I hope to have a good portfolio of similar agreements."

The Sykes agreement follows the pattern of those signed with Northrop-Grumman and CGI within the past 18 months.

According to the memorandum: "The intent of the MOU [memorandum of understanding] is to provide a framework enabling the College and Sykes to explore the establishment of a business arrangement to build

a program that will promote development of UVA-Wise students interested in management and leadership."

The deal opens the way for the development of internships (both locally and internationally), employment offers for UVA-Wise students and graduates, and scholarships.

"While the memorandum of understanding is only a first step, it is hoped that this will lead to more steps, with concrete benefits for both Sykes and the College," said

David Kendall, chair of the Department of Business and Economics.

And, the agreement offers new ways for the college's students to have real world experiences before they graduate.

"Persons who take advantage of any internship opportunity are able to have a better understanding of what is necessary once they leave the shield world of the classroom and start a career," said Willard Boggs, a senior in the accounting

program.

The Sykes agreement is another example of the efforts the college is making to position itself in the forefront of economic development in this region.

"High-tech firms, especially smaller ones looking to relocate here, are especially interested in the educational foundations of their workforce," Prior said. "We are uniquely positioned to provide the highly qualified people they require; our liberal arts education

produces well rounded individuals who have strong communication and problem solving skills."

In addition, new companies moving into the region are looking to be good neighbors.

"Corporations are interested in being part of the community," Prior said. "They want to help develop 'scholar programs'—down to the seventh grade level—in order to help create a long term pipeline to increase

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From the Editor's Desk

Insert Race Here History Month

I know that this is a touchy subject, but I often wonder why we all are so aware of Black History Month, but not other groups' history months. There are other groups that we tend to forget about, and several of them do have months celebrating their history, but we don't really hear about it. Why don't we celebrate all of these months equally?

I personally think that the other months set aside for groups' histories should be celebrated just as much as Black History Month.

I understand that Black history is filled with sorrow and oppression, and that is part of the reason we have Black History Month. However, there are other groups in this country that have also been oppressed, and their history is also filled with torture and sorrow. So why then, do we not celebrate Native American History Month like we do Black History Month? Native Americans have had their fair share of sadness and oppression. Their homes were stolen from them, they were purposefully given deadly diseases that they had no way to combat, and do you all remember the Trail of Tears?

I don't want to sound like I'm wailing and complaining, but I think this is a legitimate question: Why don't we celebrate Native American history in the same way? Yes, that history is covered in school, but just as a small chapter in the history of America, a hurdle that was jumped over in order to move on.

Native American culture is being lost and misconstrued. In movies Native Americans have been depicted as crazed savages killing the white devil. They were defending their homes and their way of life.

As one who has Native American roots—I am part Cherokee—I often wonder what I can do to learn and better appreciate my ancestor's culture. And, I can't come up with a good answer. I can't go back to my native land and learn about it—I'm already here and it has changed a great deal.

Native American culture is disappearing, and that is depressing because it is a big part of our country's history that we should be trying to preserve.

Again this is just one example of another group that we should celebrate the same way we celebrate Black history. Women's History Month is an additional example. March is Women's History Month, just to let you know. The college hosts a series of events to celebrate women's history this month. Let's try to give women's history the same amount of celebration we give to Black history. National American Indian Heritage Month has been celebrated in November in past years; hopefully this will be continued in the future.

Let's all try to be as aware of other history months as we are Black History Month. We are supposed to treat others equally; that is one of the many things that Black History Month celebrates—equality. Let's apply that sense of equality to other groups and give them equal celebration.

—ALLANA BARRETT, Editor-in-Chief

A Death-Defying Art

By Jade Bolling

May I venture to ask a personal question of you, dear reader?

Do you know how your great-grandmother felt when your great-grandfather asked for her hand in marriage? Do you know how she felt about spring or summer, or how she felt before she died? If you do, then you are a part of a very lucky and unusual handful of people.

I guarantee that if you wanted to know how Thomas Jefferson felt about his marriage, you could easily find it in a letter to one of his friends.

Or, if you wanted to know about the love affair between Margaret Fuller and Nathaniel Hawthorne (the author of the book we all came to know and love in high school, "The Scarlet Letter") it could again be found in Fuller's journal.

But how will we be known as a generation?

These people, though famous for other works, can still live through the words they left in journals and letters.

Writing has become a lost art.

Yes, I said it, an art.

If those people only knew that a hundred or so years later

their simple day-to-day routine of jotting down simple ideas and thoughts would be called an art, they would laugh uncomfortably in their graves.

But they aren't really in their graves are they? They still live today on aged pieces of parchment, on theater stages, and in dusty books. They left something behind that gives us the ability to walk cobblestone streets or read by candlelight.

What will we leave behind other than ancient text messages long ago erased or digital journals of voices that can never be heard?

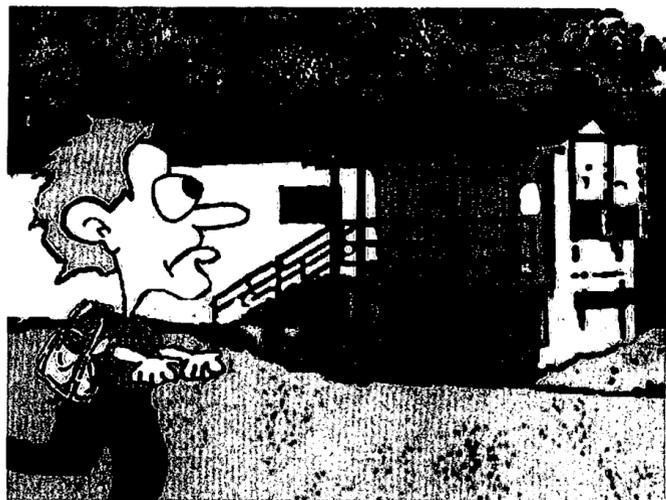
Even though our descriptions of 9/11 or the way we felt about that first kiss may not be remembered after we're gone, our voices can live on for whoever may stumble upon our journal at a house sale or amongst the items left in an apartment.

They can hear our voices screaming out of letters about the unfairness of life or the reason we must say goodbye.

Defy death today before its too late and let your voice be left for anyone who will listen so, as Shakespeare once wrote, "that in black ink, my love can still shine bright."

Jade Bolling is a freshman English major.

You know you're a Highland Cavalier if...



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...you attend class in the finest trailer park in Southwest Virginia.

International travel leads to life-changing experiences

By Simon Henry Staff Writer

I am the student journalist who has the privilege of being married to the International Programs office on campus.

I feed from it like a remora fish feeds from a shark—picking up enough newsworthy bits to satisfy my journalism class writing quotas.

Is there more to the beat I chose to cover this year? Or did I just come upon this river of information per chance?

Sometimes, my work quality might suggest that I am just a remora, feeding in the slipstream. But honestly I really wouldn't want any other task.

I was born across the Atlantic and have crossed the ocean more than 65 times.

Through some unfortunate circumstances I enjoyed a life of travel and experience that could almost only be found in fiction.

I first came to study in Wise in 2001, but fate had other plans for me. In 2002 I had to return to Europe.

After some time I was faced with the option of returning to school, or taking my unemployment benefit and traveling until the money was gone. I chose the latter.

While the UVA-Wise class of '05 was hard at work, I was traveling around the Western world, connecting the dots that were my fellow international high school graduates. I've seen aurora's, castles, canals, bagpipes, coliseums, gondolas, war

zones, concentration camps, red lights, bullet trains, soccer riots and everything else the old world has to offer.

I saw it all, and I saw it alone. There was no travel companion. No school group to share the good times with.

Sure, I had my friends on the other end of the line, people to pick me up, places to sleep, and places to drink, but they didn't go with me.

So, what's the point? Why am I rambling about this when I am supposed to be writing a story about last week's international fair?

I could write about who was there and what was there, how much popcorn we popped, or how many times the Shakira DVD looped. I could write about the 70 students who showed up, and how Plaba won the iPod. But what will that serve? Should I really be the human Tivo, for events that people don't attend?

I feel the fair served a good purpose, but I wish that more students had taken the time to see the opportunities they have available to explore the world.

Here at Wise, we are so lucky to have the programs that we do. I want students to know the incredible opportunities that people like Witold Wolny and Amelia Harris have worked hard to bring to our campus.

Study abroad is not just some expensive travel club for students who like to order coffee in another language, or sneak a drink legally before they turn 21. It is a chance for you to gather with other students, board a plane and discover the planet

that exists outside of our borders.

There are hundreds of countries across the world, home to billions of people, separated by thousands of miles of water. Yet they are all affected directly by our actions, and us, in turn, by theirs. To meet them, is to understand the world. I believe that the experiences students receive from even one and two-week trips are just as valuable as all of the academic learning you receive from the classroom.

However, ravel is not cheap. While interviewing a rep from 'Semester at Sea' I asked what students would receive for the expensive package. "A life changing experience," she answered.

This is true for all of the programs here. From the cheapest trip weighing in at a meager \$650, all the way to the most expensive at almost \$20,000, students are always guaranteed a life-changing experience.

In two weeks, several dozen UVA-Wise students will find themselves crossing the Atlantic, snaking through the streets of Rome, or the London underground, exploring the Iberian peninsula, and having their life changing experiences.

To those of you who are lucky enough to be going on your trips this year, I would encourage you upon return to share your stories and experiences with as many people as you can.

Why am I still here? I am here to get a piece of paper. And as soon as I do, I am gone again, back out there, to do what I have to in order see as much as I can, and bring it home with me.



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Comedian set to visit campus

By Reid Salomonky Staff Writer

The eccentric and unique comedy styling of Louis Ramey will hit UVA-Wise on March 8.

The Atlanta, Ga.-native has been performing for 21 years and has starred on The World Comic Tour, Stand-Up Showdown, and had his own special on Comedy Central Presents.

But, he is now on his first college tour.

"I wish I had done it sooner," Ramey said via e-mail. "Two years ago [I] performed at a few student conferences and [went to a] handful of schools. Last year I changed my approach and did more of my nightclub act, next thing I know I've booked a ton of schools, and am the recipient of the [Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities] comic of the year award!"

Ramey's unique brand of comedy is often enjoyed by the night club atmosphere, but he said that colleges do have their advantages.

"I prefer colleges when I do those jokes that don't get a big laugh, the ones I do for me," Ramey said. "In a club, two people get that joke, at a school that number jumps to ten."

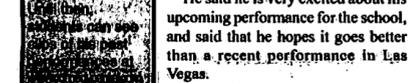
Ramey said that touring is great exposure considering he doesn't have an album. However, he can't travel anywhere without his GPS.

"If you only knew the freaks I've run into while asking for directions!" Ramey said. "I'm surprised I haven't been skinned and made into a jacket!"

He said he is very excited about his upcoming performance for the school, and said that he hopes it goes better than a recent performance in Las Vegas.

"I had a young lady scream that it was her birthday about ten times," Ramey said. "I finally said that I would buy her a drink if she would shut up."

"As she walked up to collect her prize, I noticed she was about six months pregnant. No one laughed the rest of the act."



Contest connects college and community

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with students," Prior said. "I'm going to find ways in my schedule to spend more time with students, even if it's just hanging out and having lunch in the cafeteria."

The "Chancellor for a Day" event—which raised more than 485 canned food items for the Pound Food Bank—is something that the college, the NRHH, and Prior would like to see become an annual event.

"I'd like to encourage students to make this an annual event," Prior said. "The basic principal is the food drive as a way to connect with the community."

College makes deal

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interest in math, English, and science and cultivate a qualified labor force."

UVA-Wise is taking the long view when it comes to developing partnerships with businesses.

"Here at the college, I am proud to say, we are a major player in the Southwest Virginia economic development," Prior said.

The signing was attended by faculty, staff and students.

Foreign Film Night takes students to new places, without leaving campus

By Aaron Collier Staff Writer

Ever wanted to see a foreign country? How about learn about another country's culture firsthand? Or see how other countries deal with religion, death and love?

You can do all of that right here on campus. Foreign Film Night offers students not only a free movie, but also an educational lesson on how different cultures deal with everyday struggles.

"Everybody worries about love, economy, death," said International Club head Susanna Liso. "Some cultures are more aware of those issues."

Jessica Williams, a teaching fellow in Spanish, said her excitement in watching foreign films comes from the fact that you actually get to see another country.

"I might not ever get the chance to travel to India or China, but if I watch a film from there I can at least see what it looks like," Williams said.

The idea of having a foreign film night on campus came about by both Liso and Williams wanting to reestablish the International Club.

"A few years ago Liso and I were both new here and when we both got here we were trying out ways we could contribute to the college," Williams said. "It [International Club] had sort of gone downhill with not any memberships. The two took the little money that was left in the past club's account, purchased the films to be shown for the year and the greatest attraction of all: pizza."

"We thought maybe what we would do is have a movie

Police investigating UVA-Wise students

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we contact the federal authorities before proceeding into arrests." Federal authorities have been contacted and are interested in the case, but have yet to take further action, Bates said.

At least two other local businesses have also reported being given counterfeit money in recent weeks, police said. Police said they do not know if the incidents are related.

Jeff Howard, dean of students, declined to comment on the students and the incident.

Bates praised campus police for their assistance. "I can't say enough about them," Bates said. "Officers Randy White, Steve Maggard, and Jerry Price were crucial in the investigation. Without them, we would still be looking for the suspects."

Student Variety Show

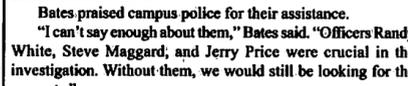


Photo by Allana Barrett

Sophomore Michael Mebrahtu poses as Muhammad Ali during the Feb. 23 variety show sponsored by the Black Student Union, Beaucoup de Choses, the Multicultural Alliance, Black History Month Committee, and the Department of Language and Literature.



By Nancy Stickle Staff Writer

In life there are some things that are a sure fire guarantee. When you buy a black pen at the store, you know when you go to use it, red ink is not going to come pouring out, basically what you see it what you are going to get. Subconsciously people apply that same expression when looking at others. By briefly analyzing someone a person pretty much comes to a conclusion of what they are going to get. Whether it's right or wrong, a persons image says a lot about them, however its not always accurate, which makes what you see NOT always what you get.

To avoid the possibility of loosing any of my friends, I'll put myself on the butcher's block. "Dress Girl" is the name I've learned, is what I was called by people who did not know me my freshmen year. It is true that I tend to dress up more than the average person, which could make me look like a combination of both superficial and mildly retarded for wearing skirts in thirty degree weather. However my clothes do not give an accurate depiction of who I am and what is important to me. For the twenty or so of you out there that actually read

my articles I'll explain exactly why what you see is not what you get.

I, like most people, have various qualities about me that may not really go together. When it comes to my clothing I can be what is considered a "label whore," however whatever I wear, I make sure is animal friendly because I am also a vegetarian, who enjoys painting, decorating, and just talking to God.

Walking around in heels everyday may give the representation of me being a "girly girl," but in reality I like to get my hands dirty. My nightly routine does not consist of mud masks and cucumbers on my eyelids, but rather one of two things: curling up in bed with C.S. Lewis's "Mere Christianity" and a cup of celestial seasonings sleepy time tea; or I'll enjoy a free therapy session that comes with writing in my journal and sipping on something that I like to refer to as "a good nights sleep," a mixture of kettle one, pomegranate liqueur, and a splash of cranberry juice. Didn't know that about "dress girl" now did you?

The whole point is this: everyone has multiple dimensions to their personality that does not necessarily coincide with the image they portray to the outside world.

Look at your typical "frat boy"; it's a stereotype that most guys in frats are just a bunch of beer pong champions for life, however I happen to know many guys in frats that do not drink at all. I know "frat boys" who spend their free time by themselves contemplating the meaning of life while skiing or guys who go home for the weekend to attend church with their family.

For all you O.C. fanatics who are currently mourning the shows ending, what would have happened if Marissa disregarded Ryan just because he was from a bad part of town and stole a car, or if Summer had never given Seth a chance because he was a big nerd? The TV relationships that we have come to admire (whether admitted or not) would all be lost, if someone did not see past a mere image.

In a lifetime, it safe to say that you will probably never know everything there is to know about another person. So how can you expect to really "know" anything about a person you have just seen around? The truth is you do not know; "you think you know, but you have no idea" and you never will unless you give them a chance.

"What You See Is What You Get"

Sports Briefs

Baseball

The Cavaliers played two games against Virginia Intermont, winning one game, 3-0 and tying, 5-5 in the other on Feb. 22.

Freshman Alan Stoupa hit his first homerun as a Cavalier while junior Brock Funk and sophomore Edwin Narvaez recorded RBIs. Junior Matt Begley got the win while Funk recorded the save.

Virginia Intermont got off to a 3-0 lead in the second game. An RBI double from Narvaez pulled the Cavs within one.

The Cavs eventually tied the game at 5-5 in the sixth before the game was called in the top of the ninth due to darkness.

In other baseball news, the home opener, originally scheduled for Feb. 25, has been postponed. The game has not yet been rescheduled.

As of now, the Cavs will play their first home game on March 6 against Southern Virginia University.

Softball

The Lady Cavs softball team is off to a rocky start, dropping their first seven games.

The most recent losses came in a double-header with the University of the Cumberlands.

The Cavs dropped the first game 4-6 after a game-winning two run homer by Cumberland's Lara Jackson to score teammate Katie Kitchen

The Lady Cavs lost the second game, 2-1. Sophomore Brittney Lawson was the lone scorer for the team, when she reached home on an error in the second.

Once again, Lara Jackson came through for the Lady Patriots with a RBI triple. Jackson scored on a single to take the lead and the win for the Lady Patriots.

The Lady Cavs next game will be home against Georgetown on March 4.

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team won its first match of the year last week beating Pikeville, 9-0.

Freshmen Robert Bareford and Wes Sturgill each received their first collegiate wins, defeating their opponents 6-1, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-1, respectively.

The team only dropped four total games in singles play to shutout the Bears.

Both the men's and women's teams will travel to Covenant on March 2.

Women's Tennis

The Lady Cavs tennis team obtained their first win of the season defeating the Pikeville Lady Bears, 9-0.

Sophomore Kyndall Winger and junior Rhyssa Phillip teamed up in doubles to defeat the Bears only doubles team, 8-2.

Senior Davina Diahner defeated Miranda Dotson 6-0, 6-0. Freshman Kelsey Adkins obtained her first collegiate win, defeating Rebecca Sulligan, 6-0, 6-2.

Men's tennis looks to experience for leadership

By Cody Dalton
Staff Writer

In 2006 the UVa-Wise men's tennis team struggled to a 3-12 overall record.

This season coach Danny Rowland said things will be a bit different.

"I think we will be a much improved team over last year," said Rowland, who returns for his 15th season at the helm. "Our lack of depth, with only six players on the roster, is a concern, but I know that we can play with everyone in the AAC this year."

Three matches into the season the Cavs have secured just one victory-over Pikeville, 9-0. They suffered losses to both ETSU (1-6) and Mars Hill (1-8). However, Junior Henning Kuich's wins over ETSU and Mars Hill remain bright spots in the early season.

The Cavaliers return all but two starters this season, including Kuich, senior Chris Kostic, junior Derick Wood, and sophomore Daniel Robinson. The team plans to mesh this great experience with the talent of newcomers in Robert Bareford and Wes Sturgill.

"We have a much more solid team all the way down the line than last year," said Wood, a third-year player from J.J. Kelly. "We seem to be working harder and have better morale this year too."

"I believe we can perform much better than last year," Kuich said. "The development of our players is just as crucial as winning."

Much of the concern for the team is the lack of experience in the lower seeds. However, veteran members are trying to give a hand to the younger talent, so they can develop into better tennis players.

"The guys on the team who are in their

junior or sophomore season try to incorporate the new guys into the team," Kuich said. "We try to make them feel comfortable around us."

The team's main strength will come from Kuich, who was an All-AAC performer last season. He finished the 2005-06 season with a 7-6 overall record. Wood also had a good season finishing at 6-7.

"The strengths are our top seeds, Henning [Kuich] & Derick [Wood]," Rowland said. "We have experience also in Chris [Kostic] and good young talent all throughout our lineup."

While a number of different combinations were tested in doubles play last season, the duo that seemed to work best was Kuich and Robinson. The team finished the season 4-2 overall in doubles competition. Kostic and Wood also performed well together and finished 3-2. Both doubles teams were 2-1 in conference play.

New combinations of partners will once again be tried this season.

"We have played three matches with different combos each time," Rowland said. "We are trying to see who plays best with each other early on."

As far as preparations for the upcoming season, the team has undergone intense and rigorous training.

"We've done it all," Wood said. "Sprints, weights, long distance running, you name it. We are back into tennis shape."

The men's team will see their first conference action on March 2, as they travel to take on Covenant at 3 p.m. The Cavs will face Southern Virginia University in their first home match on March 20. Matches are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis Schedule	
Mar. 2	at Covenant
Mar. 3	at Tenn-Wesleyan
Mar. 20	vs. Southern VA
Mar. 24	at Brevard
Mar. 28	vs. Milligan
Mar. 31	vs. Union
Apr. 3	vs. VA Intermont
Apr. 6	vs. Pikeville
Apr. 10	vs. Emory & Henry
Apr. 12	at King

Player Profile

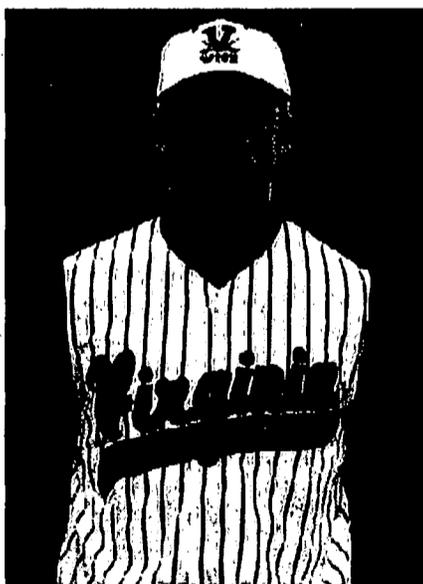
Mike Lang

Hometown: Fredericksburg, VA
Previous School: Stafford High

Year: Sophomore
Major: Psychology

Position: Center Field
Number: 5
Height: 5'9
Weight: 180

2006 Stats: 80 AB, 19 R,
21 RBI, .300 AVG, .981 FLD %



How did you get started playing baseball?

My dad had me in the backyard with a glove on when I was about two years old. Everything in baseball I owe to my parents. My dad pretty much blew out his shoulder teaching me how to play ball. He was my coach growing up and he just pushed me real hard. My parents have always been there for me. Ever since I put a glove on for the first time I've loved it.

What do you like to do other than baseball?

I love fishing. I just like being outdoors. Anything to do with being outside in the woods.

Do you have any plans after college?

Get a job I guess. I'm going to work on getting a degree first. I really have no idea what I want to do [after college].

Why did you come to Wise?

I had never heard of it [UVa-Wise], I didn't even know Wise existed. They [coaches] called me up and said I need to come down here for a visit. I came down here and liked everything about the school. I liked the fact that you're a name and not a number. I was really impressed with the baseball program, and it was just a good fit for me. It was a serious program where I could come and do well. It just worked out.

From the Sidelines

The Long Winter Finally Over

Needless to say, winter was a disappointing time for the Cavalier sports world.

I suppose I just got my hopes up after an absolutely amazing fall thanks to the football team.

I guess it would be too much to ask to have two good Cavalier seasons in a row.

After an 8-23 women's record and a 7-24 men's record, the basketball season was one that many of us would like to forget. However, it is sort of my job to relive the details so please, bear with me.

As I mentioned, the men's team finished 7-24 overall and 4-14 in conference play, beating only Virginia Intermont twice, and splitting games with both Bryan and Union.

Going into the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Tournament, the Cavs were named the eighth-seed and faced ninth-seed Bryan College in the opening round. The Cavs lost, 73-62.

However, the game was closer than the score would suggest. The Cavs and Lions tied 11 times in the first half before reaching 35-35 halftime score. But the Lions pulled away in the second half eventually going on a 15-2 run to capture the lead.

Notable Cavalier performances included sophomore Zydrunas Rackauskas who scored 28 points and had 10 rebounds. It was Rackauskas's 15th double-double of the year. Junior Jarred Soles was the second highest scorer for the Cavs with 13.

The story was oddly similar on the women's side. The Lady Cavs were also ranked as the eighth-seed and faced the ninth-seed Montreat. The Cavs won both earlier meetings against Montreat during the regular season. Montreat would not allow themselves to be beaten this time however, and our Lady Cavs lost, 84-69.

The game was not a complete loss, though. Senior Sarah Helton, in her final game as a Cavalier, became the all-time leading scorer in Lady Cavs basketball with 2,190 total points.

Against Montreat, Helton scored 30 points to push herself past Christy Gray-Dalton's previous record of 2,172.

Senior Chelsea Lee also entered the record books in the loss to Montreat with three assists. She tied the all-time record of 469.

Both Helton and Lee earned All-AAC acclaim. Helton was honored as a first team pick while Lee was selected to the third team.

In another oddly similar ending, the two men with the best showing in the Cavs' final game also garnered All-AAC honors.

Soles was selected to the second team; Rackauskas was picked to the third.

Soles ended the season with 536 points, a .351 field-goal percentage, 66 assists, 29 steals, and 74 three-pointers.

Rackauskas also had a good year in statistics with 457 points, 9 blocks, and 301 total rebounds.

So, on paper, the two Cavs teams seemed to have had a great year—four All-AAC performers, multiple player of the week awards, and two record setters. However, in the end, none of this mattered.

A disappointing season is now behind the Cavaliers. The hope for a brighter next season may be the only consolation.

CAVS' SCOREBOARD

Baseball	Softball
Feb. 16 Cavs 12, Toccoa Falls 1	Feb. 17 Cavs 3, Emmanuel 7 Cavs 0, Brenau 8
Feb. 17 Cavs 3, Toccoa Falls 1 Cavs 13, Toccoa Falls 3	Feb. 18 Cavs 2, Reinhardt 11
Feb. 22 Cavs 3, Va Intermont 0 Cavs 5, Va Intermont 5	Feb. 28 Cavs 4, Univ. of Cum. 6 Cavs 1, Univ. of Cum. 2
Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis
Feb. 22 Cavs 9, Pikeville 0	Feb. 22 Cavs 9, Pikeville 0