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## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, March 24**  
Home softball game vs. Morfoot, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, March 25**  
Home softball game vs. West Virginia Tech, 1 p.m.

**Monday, March 26**  
Hearts tournament, 1 p.m. end 6 p.m. in the Student Center Game Room

**Tuesday, March 27**  
Home baseball game vs. Virginia Intermont, noon

**Wednesday, March 28**  
Home softball game vs. Union College, 2 p.m.

Home men's and women's tennis match vs. Milligan, 3 p.m.

"Career Women" panel, 7 p.m. in the Chapel, as part of the Women's History Month celebration.

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**Sunday, April 1**  
The UVA-Wise Theatre Department and the UVA-Wise Step Team present "Blodemann and the Firebugs" at 2 p.m. in the Theater.

**Tuesday, April 3**  
Home men's and women's tennis match vs. Virginia Intermont, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, April 5**  
Home men's and women's tennis match vs. Pikeville, 5 p.m.

Coffee Night, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Featuring special guest poet George Ella Lyon.

## Campus renovation underway

By Brittany Padgett  
Staff Writer

Now that spring is here, the much anticipated renovations of the UVA-Wise campus are under way.

During break the first observable phase of the renovations began with the removal and transplanting of several trees near Crockett and the Theater Building.

"Unfortunately, to make room for construction equipment and building expansion, several trees must be relocated or removed," said Chancellor David Prior, in an e-mail message to the campus community.

Prior said that expert arborists from UVA and Virginia Tech have been consulted to establish which trees on campus are healthy enough to be transplanted and which trees need to be removed.

"Every effort has been made to preserve the trees on campus, either in their current location or as transplants to a new grove," Prior said.

Crockett Hall and the Theatre building are the first of several buildings to undergo renovations.

"These renovations will bring the buildings completely up to current code, provide additional space for programs (especially true of the Drama Building which will allow all the Visual and Performing Arts to be in one place with state

of the art facilities and elimination of the mobile units for music) and will provide needed laboratory, classroom and office space," said Sim Ewing, vice chancellor for finance and government relations.

"Crockett will bring back to life the original building and allow greater ease for students in admissions, financial aid, registration, academic advising and the bursar," Ewing said.

The campus construction will also

include the renovation of Smiddy Hall and the old part of the Science building and the entrance to campus will be relocated.

"What we are doing is constructing a new front entrance between Smiddy and Crockett and eliminating the existing one," Ewing said. "This will improve the traffic flow at that entrance and provide a better visual entrance to the front of campus."



Photo by Allana Barrett

Students can now see the front of the theater building which used to be hidden by several trees. The trees have been removed for the construction of the new visual and performing arts building.

## Award-winning Appalachian author to speak at Coffee Night, deliver lecture

By Allana Barrett  
Editor-in-Chief

Award-winning Appalachian author George Ella Lyon will be the featured guest at this semester's Coffee Night on April 5.

Lyon said that she takes time to speak at schools and colleges in order to teach students that we all have stories to share and all our stories are important.

"I believe that writing belongs to everybody," Lyon said on her personal website. "My goals are to show students the wealth of their own stories, to share the joy of creating, and to demonstrate that writing is a process."

"Stories aren't something outside of us. We live stories. We hear and feel poems. We just have to practice writing them down. You don't have to know where to start. You don't have to have the right words. You don't have to know how to spell the words you do have. You just have to begin and keep going."

Coffee Night will be held from

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. The event is free and open to the public.

Lyon will also deliver a public lecture, "Finding Words: How a Writer Works," on April 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Chapel.

Born and raised in the mountains of Kentucky, Lyon grew up with a love of poetry and music.

She has published two collections of poems, along with "Where I'm From, Where Poems From," a poetry primer; 22 picture books, five novels for young readers, an autobiography ("A Wordful Child," in the Richard Owen "Meet-the Author" series), "Choices" (a book of stories for adult new readers), and "With a Hammer for My Heart," a novel.

She is also the editor of "A Kentucky Christmas" and co-editor of "Crossing Troublesome: Twenty-Five Years of the Appalachian Writers Workshop."

Her work has also been featured in the PBS series, "The United States of Poetry."

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## FAFSA, scholarship deadlines approach

By Amber Adams  
Staff Writer

Many students will be saying "Show me the money" in the fall when refund checks start rolling in.

But, in order to receive a significant amount of financial assistance, students need to make sure they fill out their FAFSA forms quickly. The college's financial aid priority date is just around the corner on April 1.

According to Bill Wendle, the director of financial aid, that is the priority date for all need-based and merit-based financial aid.

"Meeting the priority date is critical to maximize a

student's access to aid depending on the qualifications," Wendle said.

Many students tend to wait until the last minute to turn in their FAFSA forms because they forget, Wendle said.

But turning in the form is necessary.

Students interested in renewing a current scholarship or seeking a scholarship for the first time also need to submit General

Scholarship Applications to the college by April 1, Wendle said.

Wendle said students should periodically check the student listserv for reminders and for information regarding the pursuit of external scholarships.

## Students visit London over spring break

Ten of the college's students visited London and its historic landmarks—including London Bridge and Westminster Abbey—over spring break. Most of the students were enrolled in John Mark Adrian's "London in Literature" course. Adrian and his wife, Wendy, served as the students' tour guides.



Photo Courtesy of John Mark and Wendy Adrian

Spring Broke

By Simon Henry  
Staff Writer

It was Georgia. Someone had to pee. I don't know exactly how, but it was about to be the most expensive bathroom stop ever. Being a 25-year-old non-traditional commuter student means missing out on many of the great American college traditions: I have never lived in a dorm or pledged a fraternity. I've never been to a toga party or on a panty raid.

Feeling my age creeping up, I frantically search for ways to grasp hold of my youth. I enjoy every second of it that I possibly can before it is destroyed by a mortgage, career, and, god forbid, children.

This spring I felt the call of Panama City—that Mecca of sun, suds and sin.

I have seen the scenes on MTV. Thousands of tan, drunk students wading around in their own filth on the white sands of the Gulf of Mexico. I wanted a part of that, and I wanted to get the hell out of Wise.

**We lived off of \$50 for each of the remaining days. Forty dollars went to beer, the rest to Ramen noodles.**

A few phone calls and \$1,600 later, I had my beachfront slum and two friends convinced to join me on my quest for smut.

On Saturday the three of us, all measuring more than six feet tall, crammed ourselves and what seemed to be a month's worth of luggage, into a tiny convertible Camaro. Nothing was going to stop us now.

With radar detector armed, and Van Halen's "Panama" cued on the iPod, it was 100 mph south to Florida!

We hit the state of Alabama. The deep, deep south. The kind of place where you don't really want to realize that you left your wallet in a gas station.

I lost my wallet, my driver's license, \$500, my Visa card. I was naked and broke, and I wasn't even there yet.

Surely I had more money stashed somewhere in reserve? No.

Did I have a back-up credit card? No. Surely my travel companions weren't relying on me to pay for everything the first four days, until their electronic pay checks cleared? Yes, they were.

We had enough gas to make it to Florida. Our last \$35 investment in OPEC was the only thing working in our favor. So, on we went.

It was 3 a.m. when we finally arrived at the Paradise Found Hotel. Very inappropriately named, might I add. We had a place to sleep, though. That was all I was worried about.

I went out onto our pool-level balcony and saw the moon glistening over the water of the Gulf. Suddenly a lounge chair exploded on the concrete before me after being chucked out of a 6th-floor room. It was quickly followed by four drunk girls, running across, stopping to flash me, as if to say "Welcome to Panama City!" I was definitely in the right place.

We lived off of \$50 for each of the remaining days. Forty dollars went to beer, the rest to Ramen noodles. We needed nothing more.

There was something peaceful about having nothing and wanting nothing. I had the sand, the sun, the palms, and an abundance of everything spring break had to offer.

The best things in life are free. And, sometimes when you lose everything, you are free to do anything.

NoVa vs. Nova

By Cassie Groover

Before I start I would just like to make it clear that, "I'm not from here."

I'm not from here, not anywhere near here; try about eight-to-nine hours north.

I'm from a place where sarcasm and informality leap from our tongues; sidewalk walks are like veins—always in use; public transportation is plentiful; and the use of just one finger can help you traffic our roads.

I am from NoVa, that's right; I'm from good old northern Virginia.

So I'm not used to waking up and seeing mountain after mountain enclosing me in some sort of hidden ecosystem.

I'm not used to the lack of public transportation, or the inability to walk—anywhere.

And I am certainly not used to the slow lifestyle and polite nature that this place seems to be breeding.

I need noise, I need rush, I need cop cars and ambulances. I need people speeding, darting from lane to lane trying to get nowhere fast! I need to hear hoots and howlers being yelled from passing cars, and for God's sake someone just flipping the bird.

When I first came to Wise I was taken aback by the question, "Were you from, gurr-!?"

I answered, "Fairfax County."

As heads tilted and faces scrunched, I repeated myself with a different answer, "Springfield." Hands raised to scratch heads in confusion. Again, I gave another answer, "Springfield—it's in northern Virginia."

Still nothing.

At this point I'm a little perturbed with people's lack of knowledge of those regions beyond Appalachia, so I answer again, "D.C.—the suburbs of D.C."

Apparently saying "D.C." turns on the light in people's heads.

Here, in southwestern Virginia we northerners are not referred to by our counties or towns of origin, but by our region. No matter if you're from Springfield, Burke, Woodbridge, or Arlington, here you're from "Nova."

Saying that we are from "Nova" is not just a casual comment—it's an insult.

From the lips of a non-northerner, "Nova" means northern Virginia. But when "Nova" hits the ears of a northern Virginian that is not what comes to mind. When we hear or say "Nova" we mean, "Northern Virginia Community College."

So saying that we are from "Nova," to us, is like saying we go to some community college up north.

How would you like it if we referred to you only as southwesterners or Appalachians? When you could be from Pound, Coeburn, Big Stone Gap, or even Wise.

Just as you take pride in where you come from, so do we.

Okay, so let me break this down for you: I live in the Kings Park subdivision, which is in Springfield. Springfield is in Fairfax County along with Burke, West Springfield, and other communities. Fairfax County is in northern Virginia. And, northern Virginia is considered part of the suburbs of the District of Columbia (D.C.).

"Get it, got it, good."

After explaining this so many times, I have just broken down and started to call it "Nova." It's not just me; all the other northern Virginians do it, too.

Our spirits have been sprained—but it's nothing that a good trip to D.C. can't fix.

Cassie Groover is a freshman art major.

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



CARTOON BY KATE BALDWIN

...the campus lake reminds you of Loch Ness.

Appalachian Writing Project teaches teachers to teach

By Kate Baldwin  
Opinion Editor

Leah Mullins thinks working with the college's education students this summer will have an impact on their future teaching ability.

A special education teacher at the J.W. Adams Combined School in Pound, Mullins said she was asked to apply to the Appalachian Writing Project last year, was accepted as a teacher consultant, and attended the summer institute.

"I wasn't sure at first how I would do, or what impact the institute would have on my teaching, but shortly after beginning last summer, I realized that every teacher should know specific strategies and techniques for integrating writing instruction into their classroom," Mullins said.

The Appalachian Writing Project is part of a national writing project that was started in 1970 to give teachers hands-on experience with writing and conducting research. As part of the project, successful teachers, like Mullins, pass on their best teaching practices that encourage writing across curriculum in grades K-12.

Each summer the 20 Appalachian Writing Project participants, who have to go through a rigorous nomination and application process, present multi-dimensional classroom techniques—from using brainstorming, pre-writing, storytelling, digital technology, and folklore—to current and future teachers. Each participant is provided with on-campus housing, meals, a research stipend, all materials, and field trips.

Amy Clark, the director of the Appalachian Writing Project and an associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies, is gearing up for another summer writing institute with the writing project and the summer session of the Teaching Writing class.

"The idea [behind the teaching writing class and the AWP] is to keep teachers inspired in their jobs," Clark said.

The Teaching Writing class, only taught in the fall and summer semesters, provides UVA-Wise students who wish to specialize in education the unique opportunity to work with alumni of the Appalachian Writing Project.

Megan Dean, a senior majoring in English literature and education, will graduate in May of this year and is currently student teaching at John I. Burton High School in Norton, VA, spoke highly of the Teaching Writing class.

"I took Dr. Clark's Teaching Writing class and it has proven to be the most helpful, inspirational, and informative class that I have taken within the education program," Dean said.

She hopes to become a member of AWP after graduation and continue to participate during her career as an English teacher because she feels that it is very important to be a part of organizations, such as the AWP, and to keep learning new and innovative ways to teach writing.

"This class [Teaching Writing] and the AWP are important because of its success and its benefits for the students," Dean said. "It also allows you as a teacher the chance to research and write as well."

The summer institute held last year was very successful, said Mullins.

"Last summer, we had education students [from the Teaching Writing class] who attended the summer institute, and I think it changed the way they thought about teaching writing," Mullins said. "Any time current teachers can connect with future teachers good things will happen."

"Future teachers bring fresh ideas, and current teachers combine their expertise and experience to help the future teachers understand the need for quality writing instruction, especially in the primary grades. In order to shape students, we should start by shaping their teachers."

Teachers who wish to participate in this year's summer session are invited to apply; there are still open slots. The deadline for applications is April 9. The yearly published anthology and the research that AWP does is available for presentation. Contact Amy Clark in Zehmer 112 for more information.



Photo by Allana Barrett

Students wait in line at new library cafe on the day of the Books & Brew Café's grand opening.

Library cafe, soybean oil are new additions

The college's dining services announced two new changes this week.

Books & Brew Café, the library's expanded coffee cart, held its grand opening Wednesday.

Free coffee and food samples were handed out. And the first 100 customers received a Books & Brew Café monogrammed coffee mug.

Also this past week, Chartwells, the company that operates the college's dining services, announced that they will begin using soybean oil in the preparation of fried foods at both the cafeteria and Papa Joe's.

Soybean oil has zero transfat, no cholesterol, and contains one of the lowest levels of saturated fats of all the commercially available cooking oils, according to an e-mail message sent to the college's students by Amy Keiron, director of dining services.

Soybean oil is one of the few non-fish oils containing linolenic acid, an omega-fatty acid that has been shown to help prevent heart disease. It's light in color and taste, and fries clean and crisp.

SGA sponsors Jam-4-Man contest

SGA wants you. Your creativity skills, that is. SGA is sponsoring a design contest for this year's Jam-4-Man t-shirt.

All designs must include, "Sponsored by SGA, UVA-Wise Jam-4-Man, May 4-5, 2007."

Students can submit their designs to L.J. Boothe (llb7b@uvawise.edu) by April 1.

The contest winner will receive a free Jam-4-Man t-shirt and their name will be included on all of the shirts.

Lyon speaks at Coffee Night, campus lecture

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Her work has been awarded the Golden-Kite Award, the Kentucky Bluegrass Award, the Andrew Mountain Press Award, and the Appalachian Writers Association Book of the Year award.

She taught creative writing at several universities and was the writer-in-residence at Centre College and the Carnegie Center. She also has taught community workshops, including the Appalachian Writers Workshop. She has written for Kentucky Educational Television, Appalshop, the Markey Cancer Center, and the Kentucky Historical Society.

Lyon earned a bachelor's degree in English from Centre College, a master's degree in English from the University of Arkansas, and a doctorate in English from Indiana University.

Coffee Night is sponsored by the College Lecture Committee, the Department of Language and Literature, the Department of Communication Studies and *The Jimson Weed*, the college's literary journal.

Offseason training helps golfers compete

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She said the season can take a physical toll on the body with players carrying their own bags for eighteen, and sometimes thirty-six, holes at a time.

"The players and I talked about how we felt like that we could be better if we strength trained in the off-season," Clark said. "It's a grueling season. It can be tiring if you're not in shape and ready to go."

Faircloth said that he feels the weight training has helped to improve his game from fall to spring.

"I spent a lot of time in the gym," he said. "You don't have to practice on the golf course to get better on the course." Clark said that the team's best attribute is their ability and consistency in driving the ball off the tee.

"I think the places we really need to focus and concentrate on are our second shots and we also struggled with our putting," Clark said. "Just being more confident and handler around the greens."

Graham said the team is prepared to have a great season. "We've all fought through the weather and we're prepared," Graham said. "I think we have a good chance to do well."

Iraq anniversary: Tell Congress time to withdraw

By Alan Northcutt  
The Lariat (Baylor U.)

(U-WIRE) WACO, Texas—The fourth anniversary of the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq was marked by hundreds of national and international protests, including an estimated crowd of 50,000 at the Pentagon.

In Waco, Texas, 13 activists, including myself, with the Friends of Peace assembled at the corner of Valley Mills and Waco drives, the busiest intersection in the city.

With a huge banner proclaiming "Iraq 4 yrs.: Out Now," we demanded that Congress heed the wishes of a majority of Americans and immediately establish a timetable for the rapid and orderly withdrawal of all troops from Iraq.

One charismatic activist carried a sign requesting motorists to "Honk to End the War." The response in Bush Country was a nearly continuous symphony of honks.

The reaction of drivers has become progressively more positive each year—with about 70 percent of gestures this year

supportive of our position.

Yet with the majority of Americans opposed to the war, it is still critical that all Americans continue to pressure Congress to change the war's direction.

Since the actions of the government are performed in all of our names, apathy is no longer an option. A lot has happened in the last four years in our names.

The U.S. invaded and occupied the sovereign nation of Iraq in violation of the U.N. charter. An estimated 650,000 Iraqis have died since March 2003 as a result, according to a report in the renowned medical journal, "The Lancet."

Also, an estimated 2 million Iraqis have become refugees and 1.9 million have been internally displaced.

Three thousand, two hundred and seventeen American soldiers have been killed as of Tuesday and about 24,000 have been injured, many with severe disabilities.

Since the war's inception, \$409 billion has been squandered in Iraq, with an ultimate total estimate of up to \$2 trillion for the cost of providing healthcare for wounded

veterans long after their service, according to a recent study by professors at Columbia and Harvard.

The torture at Abu Ghraib prison has also severely eroded our reputation as a human rights champion in the world.

We can respond to these tragic events first by becoming better informed. Alternatives to the "infotainment" offered by the conglomerate corporate media include Web sites like buzzflash.com, democracynow.org and c-span.org, which is also on TV.

Second, we can all phone, fax and e-mail our representatives in Congress. A toll free number to the Capitol switchboard is now available: 1-888-851-1879.

Third, we can become involved with local groups willing to speak truth to power and exercise their First Amendment rights. Resources to check out include friendsofpeace.org and crawfordpeacehouse.org.

In times like these, the words of Spanish philosopher Miguel de Unamuno challenge us to act: "Sometimes, to be silent is to lie."

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By Nancy Stickel  
Staff Writer

If you are reading this article, chances are you survived spring break; that or the school paper has become more successful than I thought and is currently being circulated at the local Panama City jail. Regardless, spring break is over, unfortunately. What may still linger in some minds is the question: Does what happened during spring break, stay in spring break?

Let's be honest, we have all done some things in life we are not proud of. Typically, our more shining moments of shame come during times of inebriation. What better time than the collegiate holiday of all holidays, better known as spring break, to illustrate this. Yes, there is New Years Eve and Mardi Gras, which gives one a solid twenty-four hours of chaos, however with spring break an individual has potentially seven full days of questionable behavior to regret.

I realize this scenario may not apply to most and some may find it to be mildly disturbing, therefore I will try to present the following material in the most tasteful manner.

"Hooking up," "boonkey," "the deed," I don't care what you want to call it, it happens. This can cause problems and be reason for severe confusion, especially if it happens randomly.

How is one supposed to act after such an activity? Do you never speak of it again? Or do you live happily ever after? What is the safe medium for such a situation?

"Who are you and why are you in my bed?": A spring break tragedy

If you choose to venture down the path of the random hook-up, or should I say, if it accidentally happens to you, be prepared to enjoy the best meal of your life. No, I am not talking about your mother's Thanksgiving feast, what I am referring to is something called "the awkward breakfast."

Eggs and bacon, or left over Mickey D's fries, what you may choose to eat the morning after may differ. No matter what you choose one component will remain the same across the board, it is going to be awkward.

The worst-case scenario being the realization that the person you are dining with does not resemble the individual you canoodled with the previous. However severe the situation is, one cannot go wrong with mere friendliness. Just a simple, "How do you take your coffee?" the next morning can help alleviate the pain that accompanies the awkward breakfast, as well as one's throbbing head.

Once the tragic morning is over, the next step is how to act the next time contact non-sexual that is made.

As every situation is different, it is hard to give a definite answer. It all boils down to who the lucky individual was. Whether it was a good friend now turned lover or random Randy, it makes a big difference.

Once in a while a drunken hook-up could lead to new doors of opportunity; and then of course those doors that you want to bolt shut, row out to the mid-Atlantic, and then proceed to chuck the key as far as possible.

Another problem is one person reading too much into the

drunken hook up. Girls often spent countless hours over-analyzing the situation with her girlfriends. Often they will tell their friends, "He just said the sweetest things." Guys on the other hand just say, "Dude...last night I was sooo wasted!!"

I only have one thing to say in reference to this scenario; there is a difference in a person getting "liquid confidence" and confessing their inner thoughts, and the blatant attempt of sweet-talking a person's pants off.

Just be smart about the situation. If someone says "I've been in love with you since Miss. Brown's fourth grade class," when you clearly had Miss. Greene as your teacher, there's your answer right there.

You're best bet is to avoid getting into the situation all together. Instead of "sex on the beach" being the drink and activity of choice during spring break, do something beneficial. Spend time with your family, participate in a service project, whether it be going on a missionary trip or building a house for Habitat for Humanity.

If you want to avoid exerting any effort at all over break just sleep. That's right, make like a bear and hibernate the whole week. One hundred and sixty eight hours of sleep never hurt anyone.

In short, whatever you choose to do over spring break, be safe. Remember, a newly discovered hickey in the morning to remind you of a drunken mishap will go away in 2-3 days; an STD, not so quickly.

Men's golf finishes rough conference schedule

Cavs lose conference match to Team W

The men's tennis team lost its first AAC match of the season on March 3 to Tennessee Wesleyan 5-4.

The Cavs had a 1-1 lead after doubles competition but the Bulldogs were able to take the four lower singles matches to claim the victory.

Winners for the Cavs in singles matches included junior Henning Kutch who defeated Juan Baquerizo 6-1, 6-1 and junior Derick Wood who defeated Cody Chabry 6-3, 3-6, 11-9.

Kutch and Wood combined to win the doubles match against Baquerizo and Gaby 8-5.

Senior Chris Kostic and freshman Wes Sturgill paired to defeat Eric Siles and Chris Dena 8-5 for the other Cavalier win.

The Cavs next match will be against Brevard on March 24 in Brevard, N.C.

Lady Cavs remain undefeated in conference

The women's tennis team won its second AAC match March 3 with a 5-4 win over the Lady Bulldogs of Tennessee Wesleyan.

Seniors Nicole Pilkenton and Laura King secured the only doubles win for the Lady Cavs defeating Courtney Smith and Jessica Robinson 8-4.

Junior Autumn Lauzon managed to defeat Whitney Noble 6-3, 3-6, 10-5 while King beat Courtney Smith 6-4, 6-4.

Pilkenton and Junior Rhysa Phillip each won their singles matches by identical scores of 6-0, 6-0.

The Lady Cavs currently lead the AAC standings with a 2-0 record.

The Cavs next AAC matchup will come on March 24 when they travel with the men's team to Brevard, N.C.

Banner picks up 200th and 201st wins

Head baseball coach Hank Banner earned the 200th and 201st wins of his career when the Cavs swept Emory Henry on March 14.

The first game saw sophomore Brad Robbins hit a two-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh to defeat the Wasps 2-1.

Junior Brock Funk got the win improving his record to 3-1.

In the second game junior Matt Begley hit a three-run double to tie the game at 3-3 before junior Matt Hall hit a two-run double in the same inning to take the lead.

The game ended by a score of 14-4. Senior John Bigley got the win.

The Cavs next home game will be against Virginia Intermont on March 27 at 12 p.m.

By Aaron Collier Staff Writer

In their fall matches the Cavalier golf team played mostly Division I and II schools.

After an up and down season that included a third place finish at the Mid-Carolina Invitational, the Cavs are ready to jump into AAC conference play.

"I did pretty well," said coach Leigh Clark. "I felt we got better and it also helped us know what we need to work on for spring."

Clark said AAC golf is tough with teams like Milligan, Bluefield and Union, but the Cavs are up for the challenge that the spring brings.

"I'm in the golf in this conference it's very good," Clark said. "I think we have a real good chance."

The Cavs finished fourth as a team in the Milligan College Men's Invitational on March 14, the second tournament of the season.

Individually, sophomore Shane McDavid finished 3rd with a low score of 75 and finished the two day tournament with a 151, one shot behind second place.

Junior John Blake Graham tied for 5th and finished the tournament with a low second round of 73 and a score of 155.

The 2006-07 Cavalier Golf Team From left: Shane McDavid, Jay Cantrell, Matt Falgout, Brian Bentley, John Blake, Graham, coach Leigh Clark.

The Cavs return a young but experienced group with Graham as the lone returning upperclassman. Sophomores Brian Bentley, Eric McDavid and Jay Cantrell also return with freshman Matthew Parcloth rounding out the team.

McDavid said all five players are capable of putting up good numbers on any given day.

"I think we have a good team," he said. "We have a solid five players that at any time can post up a good number. It should be a good year."

Bentley who was the low scorer for the fall season said the team is ready for the upcoming season and said he feels the team worked really

hard to prepare.

"I know a lot of us have been working hard in the winter to get ready for it [the season]," Bentley said. "I think we're really prepared for this season."

Cantrell said the team has bettered themselves by practicing and training for the spring season.

"We're all practicing a lot," Cantrell said. "We're playing pretty good. I'm looking forward to it [the season] a lot."

One way that the Cavs trained was in the weight room, Clark said and the team decided that hitting the weights was something that could only help the team get better.

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Kutch shines on the court and in the classroom

By Cody Dalton Staff Writer

The journey for junior Henning Kutch has been long spanning from Germany to the United States.

A native of Hamburg, Kutch has become a standout on the men's tennis team since enrolling at Wise.

It all started when Kutch decided to come to the United States as a transfer student.

"I just wanted to come over to the United States for a new experience," Kutch said. "I wanted to learn the speaking part of the English language. My sister had also gone over as an exchange student before me and I decided at that time already that one day I would do the same."

Kutch was placed with an exchange family and immediately enrolled at Gate City High School.

As a member of the high school's tennis team in 2004, Kutch won state championships in both singles and doubles competition.

"I didn't realize how important state titles are here in the U.S.," Kutch said. "I had won state championships before in Germany but I certainly did not get a big deal for it."

While he was still enrolled at Gate City, Kutch met Danny Rowland, who would eventually be his college coach here at Wise. "When I first met him, he seemed to be very quiet," Rowland said. "He had only been in the U.S. for about a month and they wanted me to hit with him at the college."

Later that summer, Kutch would sign on to play tennis and attend Wise with the help of Rowland.

However, Kutch would have to make some changes to his tennis game.

"Henning had been used to playing on clay courts," Rowland said. "The hard courts were an adjustment for him."

Since coming to Wise, Kutch has Luther David as his tennis game and has become a leader on the men's team.

He led the team in victories last year and is currently 4-0 in singles competition with a

2-2 mark in doubles play.

"I give my best on the court when I play," Kutch said. "I try to use the practice time as much as I can to prepare. I think that my variety of shots and my love for mixing all these different spins and speeds together are my greatest strengths."

"Henning is someone we have to depend on at the top of the lineup," Rowland said. "He is a competitor and is always looking for ways for the team to excel."

Not only is Kutch knowledgeable about tennis, but he uses that same competitive attitude in the classroom. He has made the Dean's List every semester since enrolling at the school in 2006. He was also inducted into the Darden Society for his high academic performance in the classroom.

"I think it is great to be recognized in such a way," Kutch said. "It is great that there are societies to give students some sort of reward for their studies."

"He is an excellent student with a double major," Rowland said. "He is also a great thinker and very smart."

To give himself some time away from the tennis court and studying, Kutch decided to pledge the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity on campus and he has been a member of the fraternity for one year.

"Although it takes even more time out of my busy schedule," Kutch said, "the benefits of great friends and an opportunity for community service and helping people in a way that would not be possible as a single person are priceless to me."

After college, Kutch plans to pursue a career in medicine.

"I want to try to do cancer research," Kutch said. "That will require a Ph.D. So for me, I will be in grad school for quite a while until I can try to find a job."

"He has done everything I have asked of him and then some," Rowland said.

"Henning is a team leader and captain and in someone we have come to depend on when we need it," he said. "He will do well for himself in the future."

Spring starts set in March

A quick look at the past week's forecast and it's easy to see that it is March.

In what other month could it be snowing on one day and be a beautiful 67 degrees on the next?

Yes, it's definitely March, the craziest most unpredictable month of the entire year. But amid all the madness of the NCAA basketball tournament and unpredictable weather patterns, comes the hope of something better: April 2, Major League Baseball's opening day.

Yes, opening day. The Single Sports Editor.

Greatest Day of the Year. More fun than Christmas and more important than any birthday. Opening day is the day that we tell our girlfriends or boyfriends, of course, that we are watching baseball for the next seven months and to leave us alone.

For me, athletic competition does not get any more exciting than baseball. A quick look at either my Facebook profile or my Myspace page will tell you exactly who my team is.

Since we try to keep this paper's pages focused on campus issues, I'm not going to talk about John Smoltz's 16 win season last year, Brian McCann's .333 batting average, or how Andrew Jones has hit 91 home runs in the past two seasons and obtained a gold glove in each of his last nine seasons. Nor will I even mention the 103 RBIs garnered by Jeff Francoeur in his first full season.

The truth is that I do not want to sound biased and talk about any of these things—including how I believe the Atlanta Braves will win their 15th division title in 16 years. I just don't believe that would be fair to you as readers with different opinions, no matter how right I may be.

Since it's my job, let's talk about the next best thing to Major League Baseball—college baseball. More specifically, Highland Cavalier Baseball.

The Cavs are off to an amazing start with a 15-1 record. I know what you're thinking: A tie? Yes, ties do actually happen, no matter how weird it may seem.

However, the year is starting almost exactly the same for the Cavs as it did last year. After the Cavs first 20 games in 2006, the team was 15-3 and finished 5th in the AAC.

All evidence would point to the Cavs climbing up the AAC ranks this year. The team is currently 5-1 in the conference and in a three-way tie for 2nd with Union and Montreat. Tennessee Wesleyan leads the pack with a perfect 6-0 record in the conference.

So far, the most impressive offensive performances for the Cavs include sophomore Edwin Narvez and junior Matt Hall—each with over 70 at bats and averages of .437 and .417, respectively.

Sophomore Josh Verts leads the team with five home runs and 20 RBIs. Jorge Laboy leads the team with 26 runs.

In the pitching category, David Jones has the best record at 5-0 with a 0.90 ERA. Jones has also amassed an impressive 36 strikeouts in 30 innings.

The Cavs have dominated their competition this season. They have outscored opposing teams 167-57 and out hit them 216-115.

So, this early part of this season has been successful for the Cavs, however, the question remains whether or not the team can continue its success against the major AAC teams.

The team's first true test will come when the Cavs face the conference leading Tennessee Wesleyan Bulldogs on March 31 in Athens, Tenn.

Table with columns for dates (Mar 19, Mar 21, Mar 23) and game results (Cavs 16 Bluefield 3, Cavs 5, etc.)