Students visit London over spring break

Ten of the college's students visited London and its historic landmarks—including London Bridge and Westminster Abbey—and returned to campus just around the first day of the new term. Most of the students were enrolled in John Mark Allain's "London in Literature" course. Adrian and his wife, Wendy, served as the students' tour guides.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 24
Home softball game vs. Morristown, 7 p.m.

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

Monday, March 26
Heart's tournament, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., in the 1825 Tobacco Barn Room

Monday, March 26
Home softball game vs. Virginia Commonwealth, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28
Home softball game vs. UGA, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 30
The UVa-Wise Student Government and the UVa-Wise Student Union Present the "British Invasion" at 8 p.m. in the Theatre.

Saturday, March 31
The UVa-Wise Theatre Department and the UVa-Wise Union Present "Heathers," a musical, at 8 p.m. in the Theatre.

Tuesday, April 3
Home men's and women's tennis matches vs. Virginia Military, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4
The UVa-Wise Theatre Department and the UVa-Wise Union Present "The Crucible" at 8 p.m. in the Theatre.

Thursday, April 5
The UVa-Wise Men's and Women's Soccer matches vs. Virginia Institute of Technology, 7 and 9 p.m.

Coffee Night on April 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Featuring special guest 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 underway.

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

"Unfortunately, to make room for construction equipment and building expansions, several trees must be relocated or removed," said Chancellor David Prior, in an e-mail 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 current 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 obsolete units for music and will provide needed laboratory, classroom and office space," said Prior, chair of the campus 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," Prior said.

The campus construction will also include the renovation of Sandly Hall and the old part of the Science building and the entrance to campus will be relocated.

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

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

By Aileen Barrett
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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 how to start writing, to share stories 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 them first 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.

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. Students interested in renewing a current scholarship or seeking a scholarship for the first time need to submit General Scholarship Applications to the college by April 1, Wendle said.

Wendle said students should periodically check the student financial aid website for reminders and for information regarding the pursuit of external scholarships.
### CAMPUS & LIFESTYLE

#### Appalachian Writing Project teaches teachers to teach

"The idea behind the teaching writing club and the AWP is to keep teachers inspired in their job," Clark said. "They want to inject some of that energy and excitement into the classroom."

"You don't have to be a writer to teach the art of writing," Mullins said. "Students love to share their ideas and insights with those new teachers."

Mullins and her teaching assistants have planned the following events so far: a screening of a documentary film about the social movements of the 1960s; a "Teaching the Art of Writing" workshop; a "Teaching the Art of Writing" workshop with a literary agent; and a "Teaching the Art of Writing" workshop with a professional writer.

"We hope to continue to bring in more guest speakers and to offer more workshops and events," Mullins said. "We want to offer as much variety as possible to our teachers."
en's golf colors enough course schedule

by Ashley Clark

The gym was packed with softball fans cheering for the Lady Cavs. The crowd
was over 600 strong as the Lady Cavaliers took on the Pioneers of Midway
College. The Lady Cavs won 14-10 to extend their winning streak to three
straight games.

The game began with the Pioneers in the lead, scoring five runs in the
first inning. However, the Lady Cavs responded in the second inning with
four runs of their own. The game was tied at 9-9 by the fifth inning, but the
Lady Cavs scored five more runs in the sixth inning to win 14-10.

The Lady Cavs are now 3-3 in the season. They will be back in action on
March 24 when they travel to Bluffton to take on the Beavers. The game will
begin at 11 a.m.

The next scheduled game for the Lady Cavs is on March 26 against the
Bulldogs of Union University. The game will be played at 1 p.m.

So far, the Lady Cavs have scored 22 runs in three games. They will be
looking to continue their winning streak as they prepare for the remainder of
the season.