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## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, April 21**

UVa-Wise 360°—Campus Preview Day

Marching Highland Cavaliers Band auditions in Music Center I and II. Contact Richard Galyean at 276-328-0235 for more information.

Home softball game against Milligan, 1 p.m.

The UVA-Wise Theatre Department presents "The Love Talker" and "The Bald Soprano" in the Theatre, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Phi Chi Induction ceremony in the Rhododendron Room, 6 p.m.

**Sunday, April 22**

Home softball game against Milligan, 1 p.m.

Academic Honors Induction in the Science Atrium, 2 p.m.

The UVA-Wise Theatre Department presents "The Love Talker" and "The Bald Soprano" in the Theatre, 2 p.m.

**Monday, April 23**

Intramural Texas Hold'em Tournament, 5th floor Student Center, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 24**

Home baseball game against Pikeville, 2 p.m.

Phi Alpha Theta Induction, Dogwood Room, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 25**

Student-Alumni/Commuter Appreciation Picnic, Gilliam Sculpture Garden, 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Faculty Colloquy, 1 p.m. in the Chapel. Aaron Johnson, associate professor of geology, will speak on "The Evolution-Intelligent Design Debate: Is Science Partially to Blame?"

Sigma Zeta Induction, Science 100, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 26**

Intramural Doubles Horseshoes Tournament, 4 p.m.

Darden Society Induction in the Greear Gymnasium, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 27**

Lambda Pi Eta Induction in the Rhododendron Room, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 28**

Cavalette try-outs in the Aerobics room of the Student Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Home baseball game against Bryan, noon

Sigma Delta Pi Induction in the Chapel, 4 p.m.

Spring Formal in Greear Gymnasium, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## Mourning a Tragedy



Thousands of students watched the convocation ceremony Tuesday on the big screen at Tech's Lane Stadium.

Photo by Simon Henry

## Tech community copes with tragedy

By Simon Henry  
Staff Writer

BLACKSBURG, April 17—A sea of orange and maroon converged on Cassel Coliseum today. It overflowed from its doors, onto the sidewalks, into the streets, and snaked its way down into Virginia Tech's football stadium.

Overhead, fighter jets swept the sky. On the streets, many hundreds State Police officers stood guard.

Hundreds of news cameras from around the world were fixed on the faces of the students.

"This feels like a football game," said David Cantrell, a junior from Big Stone Gap, to his friends.

Something big was happening on campus. But it wasn't game day in Blacksburg.

This was the convocation service to

**Tragedy strikes Virginia Tech**  
Earlier this week, on Monday, April 16, Cho Seung-Hui, a 23-year-old English major at Virginia Tech, opened fire on students and faculty members in a residence hall and a classroom building on the Blacksburg, Va. campus. He killed 32 people and later committed suicide. At least 15 others were injured. The incident has been called the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history.

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Photo by Simon Henry

Virginia State Police guard the crime scene at Norris Hall on the Virginia Tech campus, the site of Monday's shooting.



Photo by Whitney Bentley

Students at Tuesday's ceremony of support and remembrance in the Chapel signed a memorial book to be sent to Virginia Tech. The book will be available in the Student Center lobby until the end of the day for students to sign.

## College has emergency response plan in place

By Kate Baldwin and  
Reid Salomonsky  
Staff Writers

This week's tragedy at Virginia Tech raises the question of how our campus would react if placed in a similar situation.

Although college administrators say that you can never really be prepared for an event like Monday's shootings at Tech, there is a plan in place. And, that plan is likely to be altered in the aftermath of the incident in Blacksburg.

"We take safety and security very seriously here on the campus," said Gary Juhan, vice chancellor of administration. "But you can't be prepared for everything. You can't plan for every contingency."

The college's emergency plan, outlined in the "Emergency Preparedness Handbook," has been in place for four years, Juhan said. Since the fall, the chancellor has had a campus committee investigating possible updates to the plan.

The current plan calls for:  
—The director of public safety to be in charge of traffic control and other law enforcement activities on campus.

—After learning of an emergency, police are directed to contact local agencies and personnel in accordance with a designated notification list.

—In the event of a death on campus, police are directed to notify the appropriate agencies.

—In the case of an extensive disaster, a command post would be set up in either the Student Center or the Science Building.

—If a campus evacuation is necessary, students will be asked to report to an evacuation center, the grounds will be cordoned off, and reentry will be approved by the vice chancellor for administration.

Juhan said the campus has in-place agreements with local community organizations to provide hospital, safety, and counseling services in the case of an emergency. In the event of a statewide or nation-wide disaster, the state would

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From the Editor's Desk

A World of Violence and Hate

I know that the recent tragedy at Virginia Tech has affected everyone in our campus community in some way. Whether you knew someone that attended school there or worked there, or it just scares you because Tech is so close—you are affected. I have several friends that go there, or went there at some point, and I too, thought about going there. It's almost terrifying to think about it now. But what's even more terrifying is that it could have happened here just as easily.

It really makes you think about our false sense of safety. A lot of the students from Tech that have spoken on the news have said that they felt so safe at Tech that they never thought anything like this would happen. They said that it seemed like such a safe, quite community.

This just shows that there is no place that is completely safe. Violence is everywhere—not just in big cities or "bad neighborhoods."

One of the things that makes me the maddest is that one professor, Liviu Librescu, was killed. Librescu had survived the Holocaust. The Nazis couldn't kill him. But a student at his own college in Virginia did.

How could someone live through one of the deadliest occurrences in world history, and then be killed at work?

This is a sad testament to the world we live in today. There is so much violence, so much hate, and no place is safe from its reach.

It's come to the point that even the finest, most sheltered little corner of the world could be hit with tragedy.

The national news media reports that not only is this the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history, but it's also the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history.

And this was in our own backyard. Blacksburg is not that far away. Which is what makes Tech such an appealing possibility to students living in this area. That is why I, along with many of my high school classmates, applied there. It is close to home—therefore it must be safe, right?

I think that each time something like this happens we all become a little tougher, a little more hardened, in our hearts. We begin to lose faith in one another. We become less trusting. We feel more hopeless.

We also begin to question. What would cause someone to do something like this? How could someone kill all those people? How could someone be that numb? How could someone be that evil? Is there anything that could have been done? Could that happen here?

Surely that could never happen here, right?

I know that's what everyone at Tech thought. I know that a week from now that's what every school system across the country will be thinking, once the initial shock has worn off.

The fact still remains—this could have happened anywhere. There are no longer any safe places. There is no guaranteed safe place left in this world.

I don't want to sound like I'm preaching that there is nothing but hopelessness and we should all hide in caves. All I'm saying is that we need to be aware. We need to quit lying to ourselves. Something like this could happen here. These mountains aren't a bulletproof vest; they don't protect us.

We need to know what to do to prepare, or prevent, something like this from happening at our school.

This morning on the "Today Show," they spoke with a Columbine survivor. They asked her what she thought students could do to prevent violence at their school. She mentioned one thing that caught my attention. If you see or know someone that seems depressed, sad, or left-out, talk to them. Include them. Be their friend. That's often all someone needs—especially in a college setting.

Leaving your home, comfort, friends, and family can be an earth-shattering experience for anyone. Often, students are attending a school where they know no one. It can be scary, and it can bring you down.

If you notice someone that doesn't seem to be happy, or they look left-out, go and talk to them. Befriend others around you. There is no such thing as having too many friends. Make one more.

—ALLANA BARRETT, Editor-in-Chief

Do you have a reaction to a story in this issue? Do you have an opinion you would like to share with the campus community? E-mail it to Opinion Editor Kate Baldwin at [keb6d@uvawise.edu](mailto:keb6d@uvawise.edu).

"A sorry attempt to cover my tracks"

By Simon Henry  
Staff Writer

I wasn't going to write anything this week for the opinion page. As far as I am concerned the battle between who has the larger half of the state of Virginia has been blown way out of proportion. Even as the insults, criticism, and praise poured in, I wasn't going to write.

Then someone said something to me. They said they didn't see anything in my article that warranted an attack on illegal immigrants.

I had to stop and think about what I had done to attack illegal immigrants. I had to go back and read my story to remember the phrase "invaded by illegal immigrants."

Don't call Rev. Sharpton just yet.

If I understand the rules of today's political correctness civil war, then I can call on illegal immigrants for the same reason Don Imus can't call someone a "nappy ho." He never was one.

That's right; ten years ago I was an undocumented worker on a pig farm in Western Europe. I was paid the equivalent of \$2 per hour to scrape pig feces and other pig related matter off of the floors and walls of the pens.

There is nothing more disgusting than being in the wrong place at the wrong time-like when a premature pig bull is practicing the rhythm method. If you don't know what that last sentence means, then consider yourself lucky.

My colleague was another "undocumented" worker from Turkey named Tiko.

Tiko was a devout Muslim. He would never do anything that involved touching the pigs or their waste, so he took other chores.

I do not speak Turkish. Tiko could not speak Dutch or English, yet somehow we shared hours of conversation. He taught me about the five pillars of faith and I taught him about rednecks.

Every Saturday after work as part of Tiko's pay, he was allowed to catch a chicken to take home for his wife to cook. I could help him catch the chicken, as long as I did not touch it with my hands. I was an infidel American and if I touched the chicken, Tiko would pick out another one to chase instead.

I admired Tiko's dedication to his faith and never took offense to the notion that my infidel hands contaminated his otherwise pure chickens.

I worked with Tiko every weekend for a year. One day he did not show up. I asked the farmer where Tiko had gone. The only answer I got was a shake of the head and a shrug of his shoulders.

I never saw Tiko again. So what's my point? I don't know. Maybe this is just a sorry attempt to cover my tracks on the "invaded by immigrants" statement.

Or, maybe my point is, that it's pretty stupid to have this feud on campus.

There are students from other states and around the world who go here, too. They are all from far more different places than NOVA, and they adapt, make friends and make the best of their life here. All of us earned, or have been given the opportunity, to receive an education at this beautiful facility.

So, grow up. Get out. Make friends. Have fun. Make the best of it all, before you are standing in the mirror counting grey hairs wondering how you spent the best years of your life.

Missed opportunities for students

By Reid Salomonsky  
Staff Writer

As week of you don't know, Jon Meacham, the Editor of Newsweek, cancelled his upcoming appearance at UVA-Wise. I say that you don't know, not because it hasn't been formally documented, but because most of the students on this campus could really care less.

Although it would be difficult to say this college has an "identity," it is certainly not catered to anyone pursuing communication or journalism.

We have a bi-weekly four page newspaper, that showcases the lackluster events that occur on this small campus. Not to insult the school or anyone who goes to it, but let's face it, what is there to report?

The paper is one of the few outlets for aspiring reporters, and if it were not for required assignments by the only journalism professor, we would most likely be down to a two page newspaper.

After four semesters here at Wise, I have had six communications courses, all in the same classroom. They have

also been taught by two different professors.

Now, one of the few highlights of the journalistic discussion with a highly respected member of the journalist community was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Yes, we were treated to a brief Q and A with James McBride in February about the life of a traveling journalist, but aside from that there isn't much that has been offered to those who aspire to write.

More so than any other academic field, journalism students need this hands on experience and newsworthy stories to cover, or we will have no idea what to do once we receive that lovely piece of paper when we are done here.

I know that it is not the school's fault that Meacham cancelled, but do you think they should replace him? Yes, it is very late and these people are very busy, but this is extremely important to any student who aspires to be a professional writer.

If not, how about a school-regulated NOVA vs. nova battle on the McCrary lawn? That should leave plenty of stories to write about the rest of the semester.

Stereotypes threaten U.S. society

By Cody Dalton  
Staff Writer

Recently there has been a lot of backlash of culture in society, some here at the college and some out in public.

The biggest case is the comments that radio personality Don Imus made about the Rutgers women's basketball team, calling them quote "nappy-headed ho's," after their National Championship game appearance and loss to Tennessee. This comment was looked at as racist because eight of the 10 players on the Rutgers roster are African-American.

I think that the biggest case of this on campus lies within this school newspaper, The Highland Cavalier. In two weeks of issues, there were columns printed entitled, "NoVa vs. Nova" by Cassie Groover and "Not nappy? Other colleges abound in VA" by Simon Henry. The first article created a lot of controversy because the author made it seem as if she were not happy with this area and belittled the people from the area because they did not know about her region.

A response article was answered by Henry, suggesting that Groover attend a college elsewhere and said he could refer to "Nova" as "a place where the public businesses run empty because the eight-lane highways are clogged with overpaid college graduates in Volvo's."

What is the common tie between these three you ask? It

is the stereotypes that live in our society. Just because someone is of African-American decent doesn't mean that they listen to rap music or just because someone is from Southwest Virginia does not make them any less intelligent than others.

Stereotypes are a big part of our society these days and because of this, there are problems within our society. Not to utter the same crap that you have heard from your guidance counselor, teachers, and employers, but it is the truth.

So what would have happened if Imus hadn't used the slur? No issue at all. Don Imus shouldn't have made the comment, but when he did and then apologized to the Rutgers and the African-American community, there was constant hatred and backlash. It is understandable to be angry, but we as a society, race, gender, or group must accept the apology, not hold a grudge.

The voices of anger seem to cover those of reason. It's just true, plain and simple. If we as a society can come together and get rid of these stereotypes, our society could be more cohesive and less full of hatred and cruelty.

So I plead to you, take a stand. Just because someone is black, white, female, male, tall, short, fat, skinny, or from a different place than you, don't assume. Assuming is the worst thing to do. As the old saying goes, "Don't judge a book by its cover."

Campus reacts to Tech tragedy

"I did Facebook...to find out if everybody was OK. Even friends from other colleges were calling to say that friends [at Tech] were OK."  
—Jodi Harris, junior, elementary education (science concentration)

"Me and my roommate were eating lunch and her mom called her and said there were seven shootings at Tech....I have a good friend at Tech. One of the girls I went to high school with her RA actually got shot during all the stuff. Her name was Katlyn. She died....I wouldn't put it past anybody, but I hope it doesn't happen here, but it could happen anywhere."  
—Jenna Haynes, sophomore, psychology

"Some people didn't know that I moved back [transferred from Tech to Wise] and they were calling to say, 'Is Luke OK? Is Luke OK?'"  
—Luke Logan, freshman, biology

"I feel very saddened by this. I had friends there. An RA lost his life in the line of duty. Being a former RA, it hit me very hard."  
—Jason Lewkowicz, director of residence life

"I think it's a terribly tragedy but I definitely think they [will] recover with all the prayers and support. It has brought everyone together at the university."  
—Melissa Koger, sophomore, biology  
"[This is] Very profound and sad for anyone who works or attends any college. Our residence life [staff] has a close relationship with the one at Virginia Tech, and I know that our RAs are strongly affected by this. The loss of a staff member is horrible. If it happened anywhere else, we would be in mourning. But since it's so close to home, it hurts so much more."  
—Jeff Howard, dean of students

"I have about eight or nine friends that go up there from [my] high school. I text messaged one of my friends' brothers and two other friends that were up there. They're all OK."  
—Cara Cooper, freshman, undeclared

"I think they've [the media] done a little bit better than in the past covering stuff. Usually in situations they might try to blame different political parties, but with this there is no way you can do that. It tends to be more unbiased."  
—Ben Harding, sophomore, music

Campus emergency plan to be reevaluated

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provide additional assistance, Juhans said. Communication with students, their parents and the campus community is also an important component to the plan, Juhans said.

"We would communicate the best way we could—including e-mail—but also by sending people [resident advisors, members of the student affairs staff, and campus police] into the buildings," he said.

Compared to Tech, the size of our college makes it easier to deal with a campus emergency, Juhans said.

"If something like this were to ever happen here, we have two things in our favor—the size of the campus is small and there are only two entrances, making it easier to control access," he said.

Campus Police Chief Steve McCoy said the college's small size also allows word of an emergency to spread more quickly across campus.

The Tech incident has caused the college to reevaluate its emergency plans, said Marcia Quesenberry, the emergency assistant to the chancellor and the director of strategic planning. Quesenberry is also the mother of a current Tech student.

An emergency preparedness web-site, for instance, will be created to alert the campus community to what to do in case of an emergency, Quesenberry said.

"We will be looking at campus safety plans even more



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seriously now," she said. "We all feel the weight of these events."

Quesenberry said an updated campus emergency plan will be published this spring.

"We can't absolutely guarantee someone's safety," Juhans said. "Life is a risky business."

Tech community, country mourn the lives lost

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begin the healing process here at Tech after Monday's horrific events.

More than ten thousand students filled the gridiron and bleachers, and there wasn't a sound to be heard.

They waited with their eyes fixed on the JumboTron, staring at an empty podium.

Then, someone familiar to the students stepped to the microphone with tears in her eyes.

A sigh of pity, comprised of ten thousand voices filled the stadium.

It was quiet again. The camera switched, and now in focus was President George W. Bush.

A strong applause erupted from the crowd. The familiar face at the podium was Zenobia Hikes, the college's vice president for student affairs.

Her voice came through the PA system and the students were hypnotized.

"Your loved ones will be missed not only in our halls, but in our hearts," she said.

These were the first long-awaited words from their beloved school since yesterday's podium.

Following her to the podium was Charles W. Steger, president of the university.

The crowd stood and even louder applause turned into a cheer.

The pride and warmth in the atmosphere, mixed with the unspoken appreciation to the fact that the world had its attention fixed on their pain, almost completely disguised the reality that a day ago this was the scene of the most horrific massacre in the history of the nation.

Speakers at the convocation ceremony included the biggest names in Virginia and American public service.

Still jet-lagged by his abrupt return from Tokyo, Virginia Governor Tim Caine gave his condolences during a dynamic

speech—so incredibly heart-spoken, that he never once seemed to glance at his notes.

Caine related the campus community's suffering to the story of Job, and offered that, "In the darkest hour, the world saw you."

Following Caine's speech, President Bush was called to the podium.

The president had come to Blacksburg to pay recognition to the community's grief and the thousands roared and stood to their feet.

Virginia Tech, if only for one day, was the center of America.

The further you go from the scene of the convocation, the more the reality of the situation is revealed. Dumpsters outside the residence halls were overflowing with bags of unopened food. Students were loading much more than a weekend's worth of belongings into their parents' cars. The evidence was everywhere. Many students will not be returning to complete the semester.

"This campus is full of news cameras, reporters, ATF, FBI, state police, crime scenes," Cantrell said. "Our world is upside down. We just want to go somewhere that we can be comfortable."

"Tonight we are having a candlelight vigil and then I'm going home to Wise," said Tech sandler Lauren Barnette.

Across the campus drill field, the yellow crime scene tape wraps around tree trunks and surrounds Norris Hall.

There were tire tacks and boot prints in the grass from the responding police, and a triage pillow was still lying under an open window.

Quiet mourners stand in front of the classroom building. The reporters were not bothering these people—and for good reason. This was the closest family members could get to any physical memory of their lost loved ones, as access to the morgues had not yet been granted.

Jam4Man rocks campus in May

By Amber M. Adams  
Staff Writer

Are you in need of some major jamming out? Jam4Man, the two-day on-campus concert sponsored by SGA, will be held on May 4 and 5. Proceeds from the concert are donated to the Hope House in Norton.

"SGA wants this turnout to be awesome because we are trying to give back to the community by holding this benefit," said LJ Boothe, SGA vice president. "We will not be successful if no one participates in this activity."

Students with a valid college ID, faculty and staff are admitted free of charge. All other attendees must pay a \$5 charge or donate five canned goods.

Once admitted, each person will receive a wrist band that will be considered a ticket for the next day's scheduled events.

"We are trying to make our event more positive, more fun, and more charitable this year," Boothe said. "Please use this as your opportunity to make a lasting impact on the local community. Clean out your cabinet and bring as many canned foods as you can afford and let's make a difference together."

A slip and slide and a balloon artist sponsored by the Outdoor Recreation Club and Encore Productions will also be onsite.

A number of sponsors will provide food and beverages. Chartwells, the college's dining service, will also be involved in this event.

"Our cafeteria is providing food services for a great cause, and I hope to see the faculty, students, and staff enjoying it those two days," Boothe said.

Event t-shirts, designed by freshman Amy Ratliff, the winner of SGA's design contest, will be sold for \$7 or the equivalent of seven canned goods, Boothe said.

Boothe said he hopes other campus organizations and students will assist in this event because their time and effort would really make a difference.

"The more organizations that are involved, the better the chance of topping our past donations," Boothe said. "Every little bit helps."

If you have any questions or concerns, contact LJ Boothe at [llb7b@uvawise.edu](mailto:llb7b@uvawise.edu).

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## Sports Briefs

## Robbins' homerun propels Cavs past Union for split

The Cavalier baseball team split games in a doubleheader on April 17 with the Union Bulldogs, losing the first, 8-3, and winning the second, 4-2.

Sophomore Brad Robbins was the hero of the second game when he hit a two-run homer in the sixth to win the game for the Cavs.

Junior David Jones got the win, improving to 7-2 on the season.

In the first game, Robbins had eight strikeouts in six innings but dropped to 2-3 on the year with the loss.

Junior Matt Hall had the best day of all the Cavs going four-for-six, including three singles, one double, and two runs.

The Cavs next match-up will be on Saturday at Milligan.

## Lady Cavs still first in AAC

The Lady Cav softball team improved their AAC record to 8-2, following their April 13 wins over Bluefield College in a doubleheader, by scores of 13-0 and 9-1.

Sophomore Mary Wilson had the most impressive day for the Lady Cavs with three singles in game one and a two-run homer and a two-run double in the second.

Junior Amanda Wheeler got the win in the first game, allowing just three hits and improving to 9-7. Freshman Lauren Snead gave up only one hit—a solo home run—to improve her record to 10-6.

The Lady Cavs will play again on Sunday when they host Milligan at 1 p.m.

## Men's tennis blanks Pikeville

The men's tennis team finished the regular season on a positive note by defeating Pikeville, 9-0.

Senior Chris Kostic was given the opportunity to play number one singles and doubles in his last home match, dropping only one game in both matches.

The Cavs combined to drop only four games in the contest.

The team will face Milligan in the first round of the conference tournament beginning today.

## Lady Cavs finish strong in AAC match-ups

The women's tennis team also finished the regular season strong by dispatching the Milligan Lady Buffs, 5-4.

Senior Davina Dishner and junior Autumn Lauzon combined in doubles play to win, 8-3, while seniors Laura King and Nicole Pilkenton won their doubles bout, 8-5.

In singles play, Lauzon and King defeated their competition in straight sets and junior Rhyssa Phillip won, 6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 10-3.

The Lady Cavs will travel with the men's team to the Liberty Bell Complex in Johnson City, Tenn. for today's conference tournament.

## Spring game preps Cavs football for next season

By Cody Dalton  
Staff Writer

College football season is right around the corner and on Saturday it will return to Carl Smith Stadium as the UVa-Wise football team hosts its annual spring football game.

Spring football is an exciting time for players, as they get to compete with their teammates and friends.

Ray Damm, a graduating senior and place kicker for the Cavaliers last season, said the spring game offers a chance to prove yourself and enjoy the competition.

"You want to perform at your personal best, but at the same time it's a lot fun," Damm said. "There is a lot of competition and pride is at stake. You want to do better than your buddies."

For many on the team, however, this will be a new experience. Some of the youngest players will be playing in their first ever spring game.

Freshmen wide receiver Matt Barbour is looking forward to this experience.

"I'm in a college football mood right now," Barbour said. "I'm excited about the game and I'm hoping I can keep up what I been doing thus far."

This game will also serve as preparation for next year. The football team will undergo some changes next season, most notably on defense, which will change from a 4-3 scheme to a 3-5—meaning instead of four down linemen and three linebackers, there will be three down linemen and five linebackers.

Coach Bruce Wasem said that these changes will take some time to get used to.

"We will build around this, but it will be a challenge," Wasem said. "It is not different from the guys thinking on the field, but it will give us a different look."

At the game, Cavalier fans can look for some of these changes in the player's positions. With many players changing from offense to defense and vice versa.

"We moved [red shirt freshman] Joe Bodenheimer over from linebacker to fullback and [freshman] David Shaffer over to tight end from defense," Wasem said. "That will be a big adjustment for them. There are always guys who are changing positions, so they will have to learn some new things."

Regardless of the position, every player on the team wants to start. The guys who are looking to find a starting position on the team will have the spring game to prove that they have the potential to be starting.

"The spring game is really important to working towards playing time," Damm said. "It's the first impression at making your case for a starting position during the season."

"You don't win a starting position in spring ball," Wasem said. "A guy can take a step towards getting a position, as well as take a step backward. Very little do you write someone out of a position, but you can feel a lot better about someone's playing ability."

The game will be played tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Carl Smith Stadium. Admission to the game is free.

## Lady Cavs softball split doubleheader with UC

By Daniel Robinson  
Sports Editor

The Lady Cavs softball team faced off against NCAA Division II opponent University of Charleston on April 10 in a doubleheader.

The Cavs lost 3-0 in the first game. Junior Amanda Wheeler Sims was saddled with the loss in a 10-hit, one earned run outing.

In the second game, sophomore Hannah Ellis hit a sixth-inning single to drive in junior Sarah Frazier to give the Cavs the lead and the win.

Freshman Lauren Snead earned the win, giving up seven hits and one earned run. She struck out three in the effort to improve her record to 9-6.

The Cavs will have the chance to defend their 2006 AAC tournament crown beginning May 2.

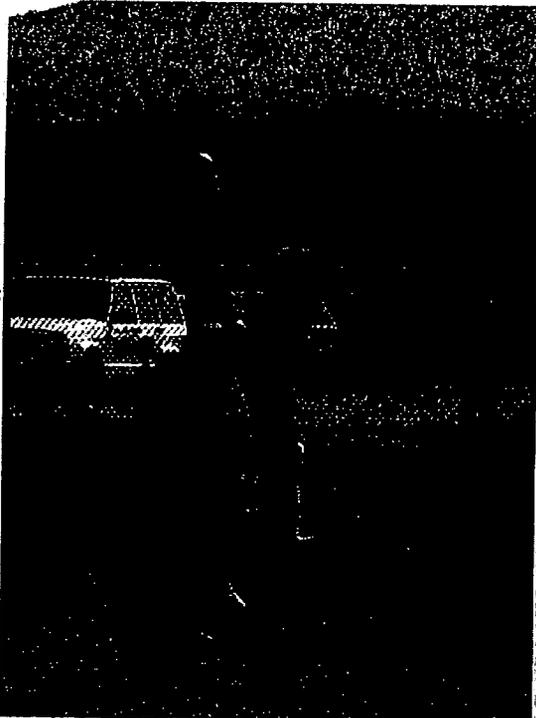


Photo by Whitney Bentley

Sophomore Britney Lawson comes in from right field to make the play over the shoulder of sophomore second baseman Bobbi Mihelarakis.



Photo by Whitney Bentley

Sophomore Britney Lawson slides in safely to second base as the University of Charleston's shortstop applies the late tag.

## From the Sidelines

## Tennis Teams Prepare for AAC Tourney

The end of the semester is quickly approaching and of course professors see it as a chance to take every last bit of sanity you have left by assigning final papers and exams.



Daniel Robinson  
Sports Editor

The end of the semester also marks the end of the spring sports season with each sport participating in their own respective Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) tournaments.

As of now, the tournaments for both softball and baseball are scheduled for May 2—the last week of classes.

The men's golf team has already had their conference tournament. The Cavs finished third in the AAC and fourth in Region XII. Brian Bentley was able to garner both All-AAC honors and All-Region. John Blake Graham also earned All-AAC honors.

So that only leaves one sport for me to talk about—tennis.

Both the men's and women's teams will compete for the conference crown this weekend, April 20 and 21 at Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Tenn.

It would seem that the women's team has a very good chance of claiming that title as defending champs of last year's tournament.

The team finished second during the regular season with a 5-1 conference record and 11-4 overall.

While the full bracket has not yet been released, the Lady Cavs will likely play Virginia Intermont in the first round before facing the winner of the third-ranked Tennessee Wesleyan and sixth-ranked King match.

The Cavs defeated Virginia Intermont, 9-0, during the regular season. They also dispatched Tennessee Wesleyan, 5-4.

If all goes as planned, the team would face Union College, the regular season conference champs. Union handed the Lady Cavs their only conference loss of the season by a score of 6-3 on March 31.

The Lady Cavs have been consistent throughout the year with players like junior Autumn Lauzon, senior Laura King, and junior Rhyssa Phillip each 5-1 in conference singles matches. The team of Lauzon and senior Davina Dishner has also been strong at the number one doubles spot with the same record.

Seniors Nicole Pilkenton and Audra Fritz have had consistent years both ending 4-2 in conference play.

The story is not quite the same on the men's side.

The team finished the regular season 1-4 in the AAC and just 3-8 overall.

Similarly, I'm not positive on the full bracket, but the Cavs should face fourth-ranked Milligan in the first round of the tournament and then Union College, the regular season champs.

The team lost to both Milligan and Union in the regular season, 7-2 and 9-0, respectively.

Number one seed junior Henning Kuich, has arguably had his best season since coming to Wise. Kuich finished the year with only one loss in 12 matches; beating AAC powerhouse Virginia Intermont and even NCAA Division I ETSU in singles competition.

The Cavs will begin play today when the first two rounds will take place. The championship will be played on Saturday.

## CAVS' SCOREBOARD

Baseball	Softball
April 12 Cavs 12, Alice Lloyd 1 Cavs 2, Alice Lloyd 4	April 13 Cavs 13, Bluefield 0 Cavs 9, Bluefield 1
April 17 Cavs 3, Union 8 Cavs 4, Union 2	April 17 Cavs 8, Georgetown 5 Cavs 8, Georgetown 9
Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis
April 12 Cavs 6, King 3	April 10 Cavs 8, E & H 1
April 15 Cavs 2, Milligan 7	April 12 Cavs 9, King 0
April 16 Cavs 9, Pikeville 0	April 15 Cavs 5, Milligan 4