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## Calendar of Events

### Monday, May 7

Last day of classes for the spring semester.

Art exhibit on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center. Spring semester students will exhibit their work through May 11.

Concert choir performance, in the Chapel beginning at 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 8

Reading Day

Pre-registration begins for Summer Session I. The Student Portal will be open for pre-registration until May 13.

Student recital, in the Chapel at 4 p.m. The recital will feature solo performances from the college's spring music students.

Chamber Choir concert, at Coeburn Middle School at 7 p.m.

Late Night Breakfast, in the Cafeteria beginning at 10 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 9

Final exams begin

### Monday, May 14

Pre-registration begins for Summer Session II. The Student Portal will be open for pre-registration until May 20.

### Tuesday, May 15

Final exams end

Chamber Choir concert, at Wise Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 16

Residence halls close at 9 a.m.

Final grades posted online

### Thursday, May 17

Senior Send-off Tailgate Party, in the upper parking lot at Carl Smith Stadium beginning at 11 a.m. The event will feature food, drinks and music performed by Friend of a Friend. The event is hosted by the Alumni Association, the Office of Development and Student Affairs.

Graduation rehearsal, at Carl Smith Stadium at 1 p.m. (Seniors need not bring their cap and gown.)

Nursing pinning ceremony, in the Chapel beginning at 6 p.m. A reception will follow in the Student Center atrium.

### Friday, May 18

UVA-Wise Board Meeting, in the Slemp Student Center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Alumni Reception and Awards Convocation. The reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Greer Gym. The awards ceremony will follow, beginning at 8 p.m., in the Betty J. Gilliam Sculpture Garden. Both events are open to all graduating seniors, their guests and the college's faculty and staff.

### Saturday, May 19

Commencement, at 11 a.m. at Carl Smith Stadium. Leonard W. Sandridge, the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the University of Virginia and the chief financial officer of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address.

## Afroman headlines Jam4Man

By Reid Salomonsky  
Staff Writer

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow could stop the rock.

An optimistic mentality for those that attended the annual Jam4Man concert this past weekend.

The two-day concert, held on May 4 and 5, is designed to be a last-minute escape from the horrors of final exams. The wrath and horrors of Mother Nature attempted to disrupt the music.

But, the rain didn't stop anyone from rushing the stage to see their favorite performers entertain hundreds and help give back to a needy foundation.

The event, sponsored by SGA, is not only intended to benefit stressed out students, but also the Hope House. Entry was free to students and five dollars to all other patrons, but canned food items could be used instead of money.

Money was also raised for Hope House by the Kappa Sigma fraternity—through the sale of food and drinks.

In addition, AC/DC cover band Sin City provided more than just an incredible show. They arrived in Wise with two SG guitars donated by the Guitar Center of Richmond, Virginia, which were given away in a raffle each night of the concert, with all proceeds going to the Hope House.

Virginia's own, The Marauders, had the honor of kicking off this year's festival with their soft, rhythmic grooves. The trio's set which included covers of bands like Sublime, left concert-goers dancing on the



Photo by Dave Strauss

Afroman entertains students and other audience members with his off-color lyrics at the two-day Jam4Man concert on May 5. The concert was held in the Betty J. Gilliam Sculpture Garden.

side stage.

Local band Two Dollar Mary followed with their unique blend of country and rock. After playing several of their original songs, they put their down-home spin on several popular hits, such as "Bad Boys" by Inner Circle. Although the crowd was still low in number, Two Dollar Mary was able to get them moving.

"I've seen every Two Dollar Mary show in Wise County," said senior John Prater. "But that had to be their best show

by far."

Perhaps the most unlikely of popular acts came from someone who didn't step a foot near the stage. Dressed in a bright lime green suit and black hat with a feather, Dave Evans entered the Sculpture Garden Friday, appearing to be working the corner. Little did anyone know, he was there to showcase his truly gifted talent.

"I've been making balloon animals for about 15 years," Evans said. "I've made

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## Seniors to graduate at Carl Smith Stadium

By Brittany Padgett  
Staff Writer

The school year is ending and for some this simply means a summer break before another semester begins.

For others it is the end of their journey here at UVA-Wise.

Commencement 2007 is quickly approaching, and for seniors it's the countdown of their final days as students at the college.

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m. at the Carl Smith Stadium.

And, this year's commencement ceremonies will be different from previous years because of the relocation to the college's football stadium.

"Commencement is moving to the Carl Smith Stadium because

McCraray Field will be a staging area for construction of the arts center," said Diane Cornett, academic affairs associate. "Crockett Hall and Smiddy Hall are also slated for renovation, so commencement will likely be held at the stadium for at least two-to-three years."

The new location offers benefits for the seniors and their guests, Cornett said. "One benefit is that we will not have to deal with a muddy field, which makes wheelchair access easier as well. I believe guests will have a beautiful view of the processional and the stage from the bleacher seats."

In preparation and celebration of commencement, the Alumni Association, the Office of

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## Fraternity calendar stirs controversy

By Simon Henry  
Staff Writer

Members of the college's Kappa Sigma fraternity recently produced the first—and perhaps the last—"Girls of UVA-Wise" calendar.

The calendar, which has been for sale across campus and in the bookstore since late last month, features 15 undergraduate females in various risqué poses.

And, the calendar has been met with criticism from both faculty and students.

"Calendars such as this one objectify and degrade women," said Marla Weitzman, an associate professor in the Department of Language and Literature. "I am dismayed that our

students feel that it is acceptable to demean women in this way and that the UVA-Wise name is attached to this calendar.

Beyond issues of taste, the criticism across campus does raise serious questions about how the calendar received approval from university authorities.

"I personally would not want one," said Jeff Howard, dean of students.

But he said the fraternity followed all of the proper procedures in the production of the calendar.

"Not everything the students do will be agreed upon by the school," Howard said. "But the content is the organization's decision."

## Graduates face varied future plans

By Allana Barrett  
Editor-in-Chief

Three hundred and eight seniors are scheduled to receive their diplomas in just over one week.

As they walk off the stage they will all embark on a new journey—some will enter graduate school, one will travel across the country to pursue a future in California, and others don't have anything quite set in stone.

Michael G. McBride, a psychology major and secretary of Psi Chi and vice president of Phi Beta Lambda, will spend his summer following graduation as a riflery instructor at the Abingdon 4-H center. In the fall he will begin study at

Radford for a master's degree in college counseling and student affairs.

Although his current plans will take him away from Wise, Ryan Hayes, a computer science major, plans to return in the future.

"My current plans are to attend graduate school for software engineering and eventually obtain my Ph.D. in the same field," Hayes said. "I would like to then work in the software development field in either the Washington D.C. area or Charlotte, North Carolina."

"After working in the industry for several years, I hope to return to UVA-Wise to teach a new generation of software engineering students."

Some students plan on staying right

where they are.

Conchetta Peters, a communication major, said that she will be staying with her current employer, TeleMed.

While there she will begin teaching a Spanish class to help increase the Spanish speaking abilities of those employed. She also plans to come back to the campus in the fall as a recruiter—recruiting strong Spanish students to work for TeleMed.

"My long-term plans however, are to continue my education by attending graduate school and possibly obtaining a masters degree in either family communication or health communication," Peters said. "If all goes well with that, by the time I am 40, I hope to obtain a

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From the Editor's Desk

Final Thoughts

All good things must come to end, or so they say. This is the last issue of The Highland Cavalier under my guidance as editor-in-chief. I will be graduating on May 19 and there will be a new editor-in-chief next year.

I am very pleased with the changes that we've made to the paper this year and I have good faith that next year's editor will continue this move forward and the paper will be even better.

Despite the fact that I had no experience whatsoever with journalism and news editing, layout, or anything that is involved with a newspaper, I was given this job. I dedicated myself to this publication and I strove to make it the best that I could.

I feel like I accomplished this goal, despite what certain "concerned students" might have said.

I worked with what was given to me and did the best that I could.

I am very proud of what this paper has become. I know that there were mistakes made and problems that arose, but that's to be expected.

Nobody is perfect, and everyone misses typographical and grammatical errors at 4 a.m. when they're pushing to get the paper finished in time to take it to the printer in just 4 more hours.

Although it was stressful, and at some times I asked myself why on earth I took this job, I enjoyed (almost) every minute of it. It was hard work, but it was sort of fun, and the paper has moved leaps and bounds forward.

I can't take all the credit for myself; I did have a lot of help. Daniel Robinson, the sports editor, and Kate Baldwin, the opinion editor, were crucial elements in the improvement process, and Michael McGill, the faculty adviser, was a priceless asset. He stayed here as late as I did (and sometimes even later) for every issue. If it weren't for him none of these improvements would have ever happened. I probably wouldn't even be able to operate the software if it weren't for him. The staff writers, of course, also helped. The fact that we actually had regular staff writers was a huge improvement over past years.

I know that next year this paper is going to get even better. There will be a full editorial team so little errors will no longer be overlooked, pictures will be beautiful, and mistakes fixed.

I wish that I had become involved with this paper sooner and could have done more. I know that it has a lot of room for growth, and I'm sad that I could only be here for the beginning.

I don't know how a former biology major who had only been taking communication classes for one semester could somehow become editor-in-chief of a college newspaper, but that's exactly what happened with me. It's unique if nothing else.

I really appreciate that I was given this opportunity, and I'm glad that I was able to assist in deciding who will be awarded the opportunity next.

Just don't go trashing me next year when the paper's even better. Remember that the new editor had a lot more to work with than I did.

And to "a very concerned college student," I'm glad that you pay attention to our paper, and I'm glad that you are "concerned." But maybe you should put all the energy you invested in writing me letters to good use and join the staff. I'm sure that you have a lot to offer to the paper and they would be glad to have you.

Thank you to everyone that read the newspaper this year. I know that the last few issues have spawned a lot of discussion around campus, and apparently ruffled a lot of feathers, which is excellent. That's what a college newspaper's supposed to do. We are here to facilitate discussion and bring out issues to the public.

I hate to be leaving this paper when I feel like I'm just getting started, but I know that it's in good hands.

Congratulations seniors. Goodbye everyone. I'll see you on the other side.

—ALLANA BARRETT, Editor-in-Chief

The staff of The Highland Cavalier congratulates all graduating seniors on their achievements.

No peace in Iraq's future

By Joel Byron

"There is no military solution to a problem like that in Iraq, to the insurgency of Iraq." —General David Petraeus on CNN, 3/09/07

Senator Harry Reid was right to say the war is lost, but maybe it is more accurate to say that the peace is lost. By conservative estimates, hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have been killed or kidnapped and the violence has not diminished in four years of occupation. The firestorm of sectarian and ethnic bloodshed will never be won with military force.

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Will we stay 10 years? Twenty years? One hundred years? Longer if we do not want them to wait us out?

To say we must fight them there or fight them here is just as irresponsible. The fact is we will fight them here and we will fight them there and likely in hot spots all around the globe.

So is it worth it to pour hundreds of billions of dollars and thousands of American lives to win another country's civil war when our own country remains, over five years after 9/11, unsecured—with unsecured borders, unsecured ports and zero capability to respond to large scale disasters? Will this Iraq occupation truly make America safer?

Let me say again what was said by General Petraeus: No amount of U.S. military might will win the peace for Iraqis. If this is a war for peace in Iraq, then the war is certainly lost.

Joel Byron will graduate next week with a bachelor's degree in government.

Expedition unites class

By Andrea Justus

Expedition Orientation was initiated with the arrival of the class of 2010.

It provided students with activities to meet fellow classmates, offered tips for success in college and gave every student something to complain about.

From the moment freshmen arrived on campus last fall, activities were lined up one after another. The first five days on campus had been strategically planned to get students involved in as many activities as possible. The activities were aimed at getting freshmen to interact with other students and to make the transition from home to college easier. With so many programs to attend, students did not have time to even think about missing home.

Some of the programs also offered helpful advice about many different aspects of college life.

During the extended orientation, students were sent to seminars that advised them about various issues they might face in the coming weeks and months. Topics ranged from peer pressure to financial aid. Students were given tips on studying and using time wisely, being responsible, and paying for college. These lectures broadened our understanding of some phases of college that we really did not know about.

Although the extended orientation was designed to be a positive experience for freshmen, it received negative feedback. It did give everyone something to agree on, however. For the most part, the entire freshmen class concurred that Expedition Orientation was boring and a waste of time.

Although I did believe it was boring, I also think that it was very beneficial. Personally, I think that if we had not been so busy I would have been more homesick than I was and would have had a harder time adjusting to college than I did. Expedition Orientation definitely made my transition from high school to college easier; and I don't think I'm alone.

Because of the activities and seminars, students got to know each other and adjust more smoothly to the new changes in their lives.

In the end, I think Expedition Orientation allowed this year's UVA-Wise freshmen class to jump into college with ease.

Andrea Justus is a freshman at the college. She originally wrote this opinion piece earlier this semester for her Freshman Seminar class.

NoVa Reconsidered

By Cassie Groover

The school year has come to an end; all the cafeteria food has (finally) been retired, all the tests have been collected, and all the parties have died down — until next semester. That's when we will all have to pull our sunburned brains out of the clouds and back into hard plastic chairs.

I never thought coming to college would change me, turns out I was wrong. This once anti-social, knew everyone but did not know anyone, arty kid from a huge high school; went from being a number to a name. I have become mildly social; I have made friends that I could never forget, but I still walk around with paint on my face.

The people that I have met here have made me realize that life is just that—life. That it should be taken one day at a time, and that if I want to be heard I have to open my mouth first. I did just that in writing "NoVa vs. Nova," and I'd like to do it once more before the semester is over.

My name is Cassie Groover and I am the author of "NoVa vs. Nova," and I've heard that I have offended many of you in some form or fashion. I wanted everyone to know that I am not writing this to apologize for anything, because I do not think what I said was offensive. I am not writing this in hopes of forgiveness or pity, because I do not believe I did anything that needs it. I am writing this to explain why I wrote what I did and how it may have been misinterpreted due to my dry humor.

I did not write "NoVa vs. Nova" to ruffle feathers, or cause a huge dislike for the Northern inhabitants of this state. I did not write it to cause war between the students, but from the way things are looking we're going to turn into some kind of Westside Story reenactment. Which personally I think is ridiculous, because traveling in packs hunched over, snapping our fingers, and belting out catchy tunes is so HBO.

I wrote "NoVa vs. Nova," to show how much I miss home, and how I never noticed it before. I wrote it to explain the

differences in saying NoVa and Nova, that's all. When I first said Appalachia, here, I was verbally smacked, with "that is not how you say it!" So in turn I have been re-educated on the way to say certain things. When I say Appalachia I pronounce it App-ul-la-chu, when here it is pronounced App-pa-la-chi-a. Toe-may-toe, Ta-ma-toe it is all just pronunciation.

Until the April 6 issue of The Highland Cavalier, I had never been confronted with any disapproval. Only whisperings of, "I heard that 'so and so' said 'such and such.'" So when I read, "Not Happy? Other colleges abound in VA," written by Simon Henry, I lit up to see that someone actually had the balls to come out and say what they thought to my face.

But Simon, like many others took what I said the wrong way; I am not some emotionless drone—I swear. I never called anyone "slow" as in stupid; I said "slow lifestyle" meaning slow paced, never rushed. And when did calling someone polite become an insult? I never insulted anything about this place; I just said that I was not used to it. What is so wrong in that? Wouldn't you compare your new living conditions with your old ones? Culture shock is culture shock, no matter how you paint it. So if anyone would like, you could come home with me. And I'll bet that whoever does will have something to say about it.

You can take the Northerner out of NoVa but you can't take the NoVa out of the Northerner.

Cassie Groover is a freshman art major. She dedicates this piece to her hallmates (Amy and Ninny, too), and Ms. Silver. You have become my family, my inspiration, and my heart. I love all of you.

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Summer sequels tempt students

By Aaron Collier Staff Writer

Soon we will all be looking for some way to keep cool as we try to escape the prolonged, and inevitable, heat wave of the upcoming summer months.

Fortunately, Hollywood has the perfect remedy: Summer Movie Sequels!

2007 looks to be a rebound year for the summer blockbuster. After a sub-par 2006 with only three true blockbusters ("Superman Returns," "X-Men: The Last Stand" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest"), a film of biblical-sized controversy ("Da Vinci Code") and a failed mission thanks to a crazy couch-jumping alien ("Mission Impossible III"), Hollywood is looking to bounce in a big way.

After surveying students on what movies they are excited about seeing this summer, Hollywood seems to be hitting with the big time sequels they have lined up that could make 2007 a huge year for both the studios and the theaters.

May brings you three huge sequels starting with Sony Pictures' "Spider-Man 3," starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, which bursts into theaters on May 4. The story involves Spider-Man discovering a strange entity from another world that bonds itself to the wall-crawler and causes him inner turmoil and much more trouble than he bargained for.

With both "Spider-Man" and "Spider-Man 2" being huge summer blockbusters, the third film in the series is bringing the same anticipation and excitement as its predecessors. Junior Sabrina Jones has already decided that this sequel gets the special treatment.

"I'm definitely going to the midnight showing," Jones said. "I can't wait!"

"Shrek the Third" premieres on May 18, as Shrek finds himself as king of the Land of Far, Far Away after his father-

in-law, King Harold, falls ill. Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, and Antonio Banderas all return to lend their voices to the third part of the successful DreamWorks family-friendly franchise.

Senior Jenna Powers is ready to laugh at the big green ogre one more time.

"I'm really excited to see Shrek 3," Powers said. "It's a movie that makes you laugh and feel good about yourself."

May ends like it started with a huge bang as Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" rounds out the month of the blockbuster sequel premiering May 25. The third part of the amusement ride inspired film is being released less than a year after last summer's second installment, "Dead Man's Chest." All the main players are back with Johnny Depp returning as Captain Jack Sparrow and both Orlando Bloom and Keira Knightley also donning their pirate garb once more.

Junior Cody Dalton said that he looks forward to seeing the next chapter of the story after the end of Dead Man's Chest. "Pirates 3 should be a really great because the last one left you hanging," Dalton said.

The fifth chapter in the Harry Potter franchise flies into theaters on July 18 with "The Order of the Phoenix" to huge fanfare not unlike its predecessors.

Junior Megan Neal can't wait to see the next step for the Potter franchise.

"I really want to see Harry Potter," Neal said. "I liked the rest and I want to see this one."

August rounds out the summer with The Bourne Ultimatum starring Matt Damon opening on the August 3 and the much-anticipated "Halloween" prequel, directed by shock rocker Rob Zombie, on the August 31.

With all the choices for summer movie viewing there is bound to be something for everyone.

Local bands, Afroman play Jam4Man

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life-size Harley Davidsons, Hummers, and I even do a bit of magic in my spare time."

Friday night's event was headlined by Sin City, who provided nothing short of a spectacular performance. As nearly 100 people gathered around the stage, Sin City wowed the audience with such hits as "Back in Black," "Highway to Hell" and "Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap."

"I love playing here," said guitarist Evil Angus Yeti. "We had so much fun last year, all we've talked about since is when we got to come back."

Day two of the event was showcased by rap star Afroman, but before he hit the stage with his life's-a-party atmosphere, patrons were treated to a bit of local sound.

UVA-Wise's own Second Floor, which features students John Prater and Josh Hill opened Saturday evening with their blend of acoustic rock. Their set, which included three originals, was centered around their renditions of classic artists such as Tom Petty, Lynard Skynard, and even Johnny Cash.

Their devoted following was very happy with their performance.

"They do more with two guitars than most groups do with a full band," said junior Tyger Williams.

"I love [Second Floor]," said junior Andrew Slem. "It's nice to hear some good talent from around here. This is the only band I really wanted to see tonight."

However once their set ended, the rain started and definitely affected the number of audience members in

attendance.

But neither the rain, nor number of people in the crowd affected the Josh Hughes Trio from rocking the stage. Their smooth sound which featured covers of bands such as The Goo Goo Dolls, Snow Patrol, and the Fray was enjoyed by all that were willing to battle through the rain.

"I had a great time," said singer Josh Hughes. "I'm from Richlands so it's nice to play close to home."

However, not everyone was having a great time at that point. The rain, although not heavy, continued to drop and many were seeking shelter.

Hip Hop group Real Money Entertainment's performance was delayed for over an hour, in fear that the rain would ruin their equipment. After the long wait, and a carefully placed tarp above the stage, the music continued.

Their performance entertained a packed crowd, which was treated to an interesting act, which featured handfuls of dollar bills tossed into the crowd and a "get low" contest.

The festival's headliner, Afroman, hit the stage late Saturday with his conventional rhymes of smoking marijuana, drinking all night, and sexual acts. Fans were treated to his popular hits "Colt 40 FIVEA" and "Because I got high."

Despite the rain, students came out to listen to live music and even helped a local charity.

"It was a huge success," SGA President Luke Lane said. "In the first night alone we've raised more money and more food than we did all of last year."



By Nancy Stickle Staff Writer

There comes that time in the year when a person has to realize that it's just not going to happen. I'm not talking about passing Spanish, nor am I talking about your intramural team finally winning a championship game, in order to receive one of those coveted all campus t-shirts. I am talking about getting in a relationship.

The exact deadline is not certain. It can be anywhere after realizing the only thing your lips are going to touch when the clock strikes midnight on new years eve is your cheap bottle of champagne; or after Valentines day when you realize that although that box of chocolate brought you immense amounts of pleasure earlier that afternoon, you defiantly fell asleep alone, box in hand, with remnants of caramel on your face.

The final cut-off is spring break; when you realize that one night of passion was indeed just for one night. So what is one to do during the remainder of the school year? Start preparing for finals? Ha, good joke. I suggest if you're not going to work on anything educational, you might as well try and work on something beneficial, like your game, by playing the field. Some have been known to get seriously injured when playing the field, but with the right skills you won't be getting hurt, you'll be scoring goals.

Let me first start off by saying there is a difference between

playing the field and being overly promiscuous. The two can have a correlation, but only when one decides to round ALL the bases instead of relaxing on first.

Playing the field is actually an art of communication. It comes down to how good you can talk the talk. I think we all can say that at one time we have run into a smooth talker. I'm not talking about the jokers who use the most cheese ball lines you have ever heard. I'm talking about the individuals who keep you at the edge of your seat.

Let's be honest, in this day in age, more like the person who can keep one staring at their instant messenger conversation box, anxiously awaiting a significant other to finish "typing," to see what their next earth rocking response will be.

There is also the dreadful anticipation of a commonly heard sound. That familiar sound which one would rather hear over their new favorite song, better known as the text message alert, until you realize it's coming from another person's phone... damn razzos.

Playing the field is all about the game—the game, as we all know is about the chase. Therefore the main aspect of playing the field is making yourself unavailable for others. It is like that lame expression single people tend to use to make themselves feel better about their situation, "single but unavailable." I know it all too well, in fact, I'm pretty sure I had it in my profile for about five months my freshmen year.

College celebrates graduating seniors next week

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Development and Student Affairs will host a Senior Send-off Tailgate Party on May 17 at 11 a.m. in the upper parking lot of the Carl Smith Stadium. The send-off will include music from Friend of a Friend as well as food and drinks. Seniors will also be eligible to win prizes including a cruise.

A full rehearsal for commencement will follow the tailgate party at 1 p.m.

Commencement is an accumulation of student's hard-work and success here at UVA-Wise, and it is accompanied by a variety of feelings.

"Commencement brings about a lot of mixed emotions," said Josh Justice, a senior history and government major. "Though I am very excited about completing my degree requirements here, I am also sad at leaving this wonderful place."

Justice will also be one of the student speakers at this year's ceremony.

"I think what I look forward to the most about commencement is the atmosphere that surrounds it," he said. "Everyone is excited and relieved that exams and papers are finished, and it is a time to reflect upon the experiences that you have had over your years here at UVA-Wise."

"It's also a time of celebration because Commencement is not necessarily an ending, but in fact, a new beginning. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for all members of the Class of 2007."

Andrea Jones, a senior psychology major, will be the other student speaker at Commencement 2007.

"What I am looking forward to the most about the ceremony is just being able to walk and graduate with all the friends I came to UVA-Wise with four years ago," Jones said.

An alumni reception and awards convocation will take place on May 18 in celebration of Commencement 2007.

"Commencement is the culmination of everything we work toward, and it is always a joyous occasion for students, their guests, and college personnel," Cornett said.

Students off to grad schools, jobs after graduation

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doctorate."

Still, there are seniors who don't have plans. Some just haven't decided what they want to do and others are awaiting answers from graduate programs.

Sarah Flanders, a biology major, said that she is waiting to hear from the medical and graduate schools where she applied.

And then there are those that are looking for a unique and exciting life after Wise.

Dave Strauss, a theater major, said that he will be working as an event and press photographer in Fairfax County and will also travel to California soon for an interview to work as a professional photographer.

Playing the Field

Some people who do not play the field correctly, by neglecting the proper field playing etiquette will get hurt, and hurt others, and that is not the point of this activity.

I've seen it all too many times the text message stating, "Hey babe, I had so much fun at the movies with you." A nice text, too bad it will never see the light of day in the intended receiver's inbox. Note to self: Katie and Katherine being right next to one another in your phone book will get you every time. Basically, don't get caught riding dirty.

Playing the field is not meant to make one a "player," it is about achieving the personal growth and independence that comes with having your choices, not your choices having you.

In the end, ironically enough, playing the field will usually lead to one eventually settling down.

In due time you will find yourself favoring one person more than another, as noted by their personal ring tone. Who in turn will like you, and appreciate you for the fact that they had to work hard to get your attention. They also like the fact that you were not always bothering them about where they went the night before, and why they did not call (partly because you didn't notice because you were busy talking to others, but those are minor details).

Playing the field if done correctly can be a win-win situation. After all what is the point of victory if you have no one to share it with.



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## Softball crowned AAC champs, advance to national tournament

By Aaron Collier  
Staff Writer

### Dominance.

That one word can describe the Lady Cavalier softball team's performance in the AAC.

This season, the team claimed their fourth AAC Championship in a row and their fifth in the last six years.

Head Coach Tory-Raby Gentry said that prior to the season she felt the team could win another AAC Championship, but after a tough start she knew that it was up to the team to respond.

"It was one of those deals where you kind of had an idea," Raby-Gentry said. "But until you actually started playing you don't know how they were going to respond."

The Lady Cavs responded with a 13-3 record in the month of April and started their ascension to the top of the AAC conference standings. The comeback was sparked by an offense that produced a .279 team batting average, 34 homeruns, and 236 runs scored.

Junior catcher Shelly Newton led the offensive charge for the Lady Cavs. Newton led the Lady Cavs in all major statistical categories with a .393 batting

average, 8 homeruns, and 48 RBIs.

Raby-Gentry said before the season started Newton would be the Lady Cavs' number one offensive threat.

"If you asked me day one who was going to lead our team, as far as offensively, that is exactly who I would have told you (Newton)," Raby-Gentry said. "She's just a gamer."

Newton isn't the only one that contributed to the Lady Cavs' success at the plate. Sophomore centerfielder Britney Lawson batted .341 with 7 homeruns and 23 RBIs. Senior catcher Tori Flint added to the offensive surge by batting .295 and blasting 7 homeruns with 28 RBIs.

Before the season even started Raby-Gentry knew the offense was going to be a strong point for the Lady Cavs.

"Basically we knew the offense would keep us in games," Raby-Gentry said. "The question was our pitching staff."

The Lady Cavs' pitchers stepped up in this crucial part of the season after early struggles. Junior Amanda Wheeler played a big role in the resurgence of the Lady Cavs' pitching staff with a team-leading 2.24 ERA and an astonishing .54 ERA against conference opponents.

"I know that conference games are very important so I just really try my best," Wheeler said. "I just keep praying with every pitch that God's will be done with the game whether we win or lose."

Raby-Gentry said Wheeler has done a great job for the Lady Cavs every time she takes the mound.

"Amanda Wheeler has stepped up tremendously," said Raby-Gentry. "She has done a fantastic job."

The Lady Cavaliers finished the season 26-21 overall and 10-4 in the AAC. Raby-Gentry said the college's softball program is still growing and people are taking notice of the winning tradition that now surrounds the Lady Cavs.

"In all honesty one of the things people comment on when they bring teams is the number of banners we have," Raby-Gentry said. "We have one of the winningest programs here. We've gotten the word out."

The Lady Cavaliers lost to Virginia Intermont, 8-2, in the AAC title game, but still advanced to the NAIA National Tournament.

### From the Sidelines

## More Final Remarks at Semester's End

Finally we reach the end of the semester and once again my brain has completely given out. From final papers, to projects, presentations, and the like, our 2006-07 school year is finally coming to a close.

Frankly, I can't wait to get home and do absolutely nothing. I plan on sitting on my couch eating potato chips, drinking Dr. Pepper, and watching Braves baseball for as long as my dad will let me get away with it. Although, I know that won't be for very long.

I realize that since this is the sports page, I should probably talk about some sports, but there is little left in the Cavalier sports world for me to talk about.

If you need a refresher, staff writer Cody Dalton has provided a review of all Cavalier sports from this past year, except for softball and women's tennis because both of those have their own write-ups in this issue.

So instead, I suppose this will be yet another "final remarks" column where I talk about how much fun I've had.

And of course, I have had fun. Working on this page over the course of this year has been a great time. I hope you all have enjoyed reading it. Everyone on the staff is always trying to come up with new ways to make this paper better. But we can't do anything without your help.

Your feedback is essential to the survival of this paper. You have to tell us if we're doing something really well or doing something else incredibly poorly.

Almost all of our writers respond well to constructive criticism, and attempt to improve themselves every issue. So if you just absolutely loved Nancy Stickel's last "Sex and the Country" column, send us an email so that she'll know her work is appreciated. Similarly, if Simon Henry's last opinion article really ticked you off...blame him, not us.

Of course, I'm just joking. But to make ourselves better writers we have to hear from you and find out what you're thinking and what it is you like to read about.

Another thing I would like to do in this column is give a special thank you to our Editor-in-Chief Allana Barrett, a graduating senior. She puts in hours upon hours upon hours of her time to get this paper out promptly every issue and she is not always given enough credit. She spends many late nights making sure that this paper is as good as it can possibly be.

Her affect on this paper is easy to see. The Highland Cavalier's layout, writing and overall quality is much better than it's been in years past.

So, to Allana, thank you for setting the bar high and giving us a good model to further build on. Hopefully we can make the paper a little better each year. I know you'll be successful in what ever you decide to do in life. McGill and I will miss you.

As for me, I probably will not be back as sports editor next semester (Thank God, right?), but I will be working on the paper in some way, shape, or form on the editorial staff.

If you have any thoughts about how to improve The Highland Cavalier or are interested in being a part of this little publication, feel free to e-mail me any time this summer. My e-mail can be found on the college's website by simply typing in my name in the search engine.

So, I suppose all that's left to do is say goodbye for the summer. Congratulations to all seniors who finally get out of here.

For those returning, be ready for another great year of Cavalier athletics in the fall.

## Lady Cavs runner-up in AAC tourney, fall to IUS in Region XII

The Lady Cavalier tennis team attempted to defend its AAC Tournament crown in Johnson City, Tenn. on April 20 and 21, but had to settle for second after falling to Union College, 5-1.

The team began its run to the finals by dispatching Virginia Intermont, 5-1, in the first round.

The Cavs faced off against Tennessee-Wesleyan in the semi-finals and narrowly defeated the Lady Bulldogs, 5-4.

Senior Davina Dishner and junior Autumn Lauzon teamed up to win their doubles bout, 9-7, while junior Rhyssa Philipp and sophomore Kyndall Winger won their doubles match, 8-4.

The Lady Cavs gained singles victories from Lauzon (6-3, 6-4) and Philipp (6-1, 6-1), before winning the final victory from senior Audra Fritz (6-2, 3-6, (10-2)).

In the championship round, the Lady Cavs fell to the Union Bulldogs. The team's only win came when Winger and Philipp won, 8-6, in doubles play.

The team advanced to the Region XII Tournament for the fourth year in a row, but fell to Indiana University-Southeast, 5-0.

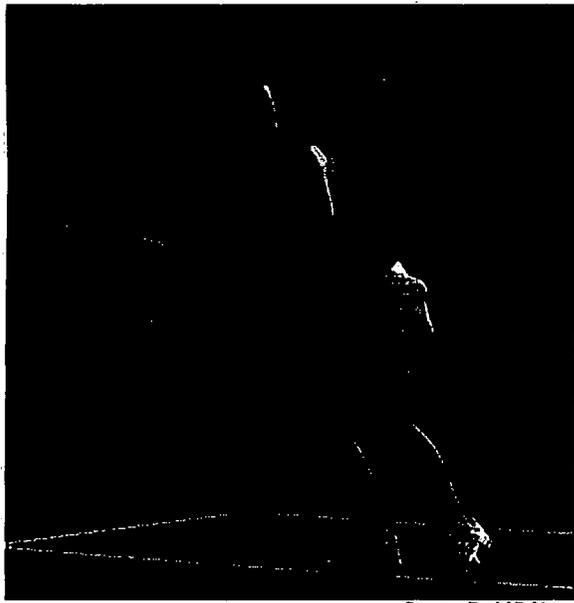


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Junior Autumn Lauzon prepares to hit a forehand during a doubles match against Virginia Intermont on April 20 in the first round of the AAC tournament in Johnson City, Tenn. She and senior Davina Dishner lost the match, 9-7, but the team won, 5-1.

## Year in Review: A look back at this seasons' Cavs' sports

By Cody Dalton  
Staff Writer

UVa-Wise may not be a traditional powerhouse for athletics, but during the 2006-07 school year many of the campus sports teams made huge strides.

The following is a recap of the highlights of the college's fall and spring sports teams.

### Cross Country

Last fall, the men's cross country team's season was highlighted by a first-place victory at the Tusculum Invitational on September 16 and a second-place finish at the Maryville Invitational a month later, on October 14.

The women's team also showed promise, as freshman Maureen Seibold made the All-AAC freshman team. The team will return every runner, while the men's team will lose seniors Seth Collins and Sean Stiltner.

### Basketball

As for basketball, both the men's and women's teams had difficult seasons. The women's team finished at 8-23, 6-12 in the AAC, while the men's team was 7-24 overall and 4-14 in the AAC.

The women's team loses starters Rachel and Sarah Helton, Chelsea Lee, Terri Ann Hill, and LaShay Collier. The men's team will lose only one player, guard Cassidy Vaughn.

### Football

The football team improved from 4-7 overall and 1-4 in the Mid-South Conference in 2005 to an 8-3 record, 3-2 in the conference.

Junior running back Ra'Shad Morgan was named the Dudley Award recipient for his work on the field. The team will lose 12 seniors.

### Volleyball

Rounding out the fall sports is volleyball. The Cavaliers finished in the "middle of the pack" in the AAC, with a sixth place finish in the standings. Their season ended early, however, as the Cavs lost their opening round match to Virginia Intermont.

The team will lose Kate Daub and Stacey Ringhoffer.

### Baseball

The men's baseball team finished their regular season at 27-12-1 overall, with a 10-6 record in the conference—tying the Cavaliers for third in the standings, just above their fifth place finish last season.

### Tennis

The men's tennis team struggled with a young team, but had some strong moments with junior Henning Kuich leading the way. Next season, the men's team will return all but one player, Chris Kostic.

## CAVS' SCOREBOARD

### Baseball

April 24  
Cavs 10, Pikeville 0  
Cavs 2, Pikeville 1

April 28  
Cavs 13, Bryan 6  
Cavs 3, Bryan 5

### Men's Tennis

April 20  
Cavs 0, Milligan 5

### Softball

April 29  
Cavs 5, Ind. U Se 2  
Cavs 0, Ind. U Se 4

### Women's Tennis

April 20  
Cavs 5, Va. Inter. 1  
Cavs 5, Tenn. Wes. 4

April 21  
Cavs 1, Union 5