UVa-Wise students get down and dirty on Outdoor Recreations's trip to explore the caves of Natural Tunnel State Park and Bristol Caverns


Construction spells inconvenience for students and faculty alike

By Katie Hurst
Staff Writer

With the ongoing construction around campus, students and faculty are experiencing some inconveniences.

From Clinic Valley College to The University of Virginia's College at Wise, the campus is overdue for expansion. Although changes are necessary for more space and a better learning environment, it is hard to sleep and move around easily for residential students. A couple of students and a faculty member expressed the positive side of expansion on campus.

Sophomore Brittany Robinson said there is some good to the construction occurring on campus. “This is a small campus. It would be nice to expand since we have so many students coming in this year,” Robinson said. Elizabeth Steele, the coordinator for advising, retention, and assessment, said she is very excited about seeing a new UVa-Wise.

“I enjoyed seeing Crockett hollowed out. It is very poetic. It's almost as if we are all seeing the bones of this building,” Steele said. Steele was one of the faculty members that stayed during the summer months and witnessed the construction of the new entrance. “It was also really fun to see the entrance done during the summer months,” she said. “It is a great view from Papa Joe’s and the construction's progress has moved really fast thus far.”

Sophomore Amy Burganski, a theater major, said she is concerned about the construction. “Eventually it will look better and there will be a better arts and theater building but it is completely cluttering everything on campus,” Burganski said.

The students and faculty member expressed this year. He is studying “Fungus that Changed the World” with biology professor Kevin Jones. Freshman Joanna Lewis is new to the honors program and said she was excited to begin the program.

“I am really looking forward to being a part of it,” Lewis said. “It’s a great opportunity for me to meet other people and challenge myself.”

Thirty-six students represent the college’s honors students this year. Adrian said he would like to see membership stabilized around thirty-five to forty students.

To be selected into the program, rising freshmen are required to have a grade point average of 3.5 or better in high school, and have a combined (math and verbal) SAT score of 1200 or better.

Sophomores can be added to the program based on academic achievement their freshman year at the college.

Students in the honors program must take three honors classes during their time at the college and attend eight honors events.

Classes offered for honors credit include, “Language and Society,” “Math and the Real World,” and “The Benevolent Robot.”

Honors events include trips and lectures given at the college. These are in

College opens new website

By Stephanie Sken
Staff Writer

UVa-Wise has joined other colleges in offering their own intranet portal for students, faculty and staff to stay up to date with campus happenings.

The new website, @ Home (http://home.uvawise.edu), will “provide a central campus point for all campus news, events, and announcements,” stated an email sent out by Keith Fbwikes, vice chancellor of information technology. A collaboration between the Office of College Relations and the Office of Information Technology, the portal offers on-campus users access to campus news, discussion forums (including a “Campus Trader” where users can sell personal items), e-cards, live computer support, local weather, a buddy list, and more.

Users can also customize the site to their preference, such as being able to view local, national and international news feeds and weather.

Also provided are links to the most commonly used systems on campus, such as Webmail, Blackboard, the Student Information Portal, Print-Limit and more. One of the most important features is the Safety & Construction Updates box, which will provide construction updates and alert the campus community to any emergency (weather-related or other).

Adrian becomes new head of honors program

By Allie Robinson
Staff Writer

The Peak Honors Program began the new school year last week with a cookout at the home of new director John Adrian.

Adrian, who served on the Honors Committee last year, was selected to replace Dana Sample following her death in the spring.

“I’m excited about working with the program - it would be my first choice of how to serve the college,” Adrian said. Adrian was an honors student at Randolph-Macon College where he earned a bachelor’s degree. And he said he enjoyed being a part of the program.

Adrian went on to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has been teaching composition and literature at UVa-Wise for the past three years.

Virtan honors program member Matt Carter said he is looking forward to working with Adrian this year.

“Adrian is a good replacement,” Carter said. “He fosters the desire to learn in others because he has himself.”

Carter, a senior, is completing his capstone project this year. He is studying “Punings That Changed the World.”
College organizes spring break trip to Austria

By Stephanie Ring
Staff Writer

Students looking for an interesting place to go for spring break 2006 need to look no further than Salzburg. Austria.

Amelia Harris, dean of student affairs, has arranged a spring trip to Austria in conjunction with several classes.

The trip features sightseeing and overnight stays in Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. Students will be able to view the Schloß­hof and Hofburg Palaces in Munich. Students will be seeing and overnight stays are arranged a spring trip to Austria. Students looking for an interesting place to go for spring break 2006 need to look no further than Salzburg. Austria.

Jodi Harris, a senior English literature major, looked at the trip to Austria as a way to have an exciting and unique experience.

"What interested me in the trip was the fact that it is in my senior year and I really wanted to do something for my spring break that I would never done before," Jodi Harris said. "I wanted to do something different. The trip to Austria is a great opportunity and after I graduate, I don't want to miss out on this kind of opportunity again."

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"It was an opportunity to see other cultures of the world," said Jodi Bolling, a junior education major. "You get to see another country's history and the art that goes along with it."

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An affordable rate is offered from EF Tours, and scholarships are also available to those students who apply and meet the minimum qualifications.

Many students have not had time to utilize the portal, but like the idea of being able to submit news for the campus community to see. "I believe allowing students to submit events to be posted in a great idea and a good way to spread the word about events and meetings," said Mark Moss, president of the student government association. Although both the main website and the ever- Home website will offer the same information, the ever- Home site is not meant to replace the main college webpage.

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Outdoor Recreation - "Climbing the Peaks" mountain climbing trip

Time: 10:00 AM
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Marching band begins second year

The 2007 school year started positively for the members of the U.Va-Wise Marching Band as they entered their second year in existence. The band has already performed twice in recent weeks and reviews and things are only going up from there with this year's yearbook classic Broadway tunes from musicals such as "Les Miserables," "Grease," and "Rent." The forecast for the upcoming fall is looking promising and is a testament to the foresight of Stuart Johnson, the band's director. The band is also enjoying a significant growth in membership this year.

"V" is for anarchy

By Aaron Cottle, Features Editor

"V for Vendetta," written by Alan Moore and illustrated by David Lloyd, is the story of "V" and his 16-year-old sidekick, Reid, as they set their quest to free a futuristic, post-terrorist England from the fascist government and enact some personal revenge along the way. The 10-hour mini-series, which aired in 1988 and concluding in 1989, has been collected in graphic novel form by DC Comics. The graphic novel includes introductions by both Moore and Lloyd and cuts out anything that was cut from the original script. The main character "V" is what drives this use to one of the greatest stories ever told in comic book form. Moore is known as a story writer, not necessarily for his ideas or villains through-out the book and making a character so quotable and recognizable is not easy. He was quite successful in this.

The "Freedom 15" (more than once).

3. Work out in the Student Center to lose flab off (and then go sanitize them).

4. Go to High Knob and watch the sunset.

5. Visit the Career Development office and have a bathroom to yourself.

6. Go to the Midnight Breakfast during exam week and revel in the fact that your professor is serving you. Ask for a snack with grades, self-image, or the way we view ourselves.

7. Spend your senior year, show up for class, and have a bathroom to yourself.
Is the Staph Infection Spreading?

By Reid Salomonsky
Sports Editor

I used to believed that unless you’re a five-star athlete who is destined for the Rose Bowl, there were only two reasons to participate in intramural sports.

1. To receive a diploma, and get a good job.
2. To stay on your parents health insurance a little while longer.

That was what I believed—Until I overdosed a conversation between a student and teacher a few years ago, during an intramural softball game.

“You should take one of my classes,” the teacher said.

“You kidding?” said the student. “I don’t even go to my own classes I have. I only go here so I can play intramurals.”

Intramurals are undoubtedly one of the most competitive aspects of campus life, and the ultimate goal is the All-Campus Challenge. This year’s competition, designed for pure fun and enjoyment, has received scrutiny for a fairly questionable move.

Although anyone is eligible to sign up a team, the challenge has been a point of contention for the intramural staff and the intramural committee.

Five students are currently listed on the roster and participating on Staph Infection, a move that has some other teams complaining about the spirit of the so-called faculty team.

“Just Davis, the assistant director of the Stump Student Center, doesn’t care if it’s Staph Infection,” Davis said. “The faculty squad just didn’t fill the team requirements, and these kids were looking for chance to play. What’s the harm?”

“The harm...well, there really isn’t any,” Skeen said.

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