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UVa-Wise students get down and dirty on Outdoor Recreations's trip to explore the caves of Natural Tunnel State Park and Bristol Caverns
 Standing: Leah Arthur, Justin Allen, Heather Hawthorne, Joanna Lewis, Sarah Lowe, Brad Schassberger, Winter Harmon, Chistina Ancel, Aslihan Aras, Gokce Gazioğlu. Sitting: Caroline Mastbrook, Mark Sobczak, Justin Bongard, Vanessa Tomes, Oktay Daymaz, Elena Klinova, Frank Lewis.

Construction spells inconvenience for students and faculty alike

By Katie Hurst
 Staff Writer

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

From Clinch 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 Burgarski, 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," Burgarski said.

The students and faculty see Construction, page 2

Adrian becomes new head of honors program

By Allie Robinson
 Staff Writer

The Peake 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.

Veteran 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 it himself."

Carter, a senior, is completing his capstone project 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 as honors students this year. Adrian said he would like to see membership stabilize 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 better 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

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College opens new website

By Stephanie Skeen
 Staff Writer

UVa-Wise has joined other colleges in offering its 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 Fowikes, 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 provides construction updates and will alert the campus community to any emergency (weather-related or other see Website, page 2

To all Campus Clubs and Organizations, if you would like to place an ad, news story, or event in the Highland Cavalier, contact Editor-in-Chief Daniel Robinson at dsr8a@uvawise.edu.

College organizes spring break trip to Austria

By Stephanie Ring
Staff Writer

Students looking for an interesting place to go for spring break 2008 need to look no further than Smiddy Hall.

Amelia Harris, dean of academic affairs, has arranged a spring trip to Austria in conjunction with EF Tours.

The trip features sight-seeing and overnight stays in Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. Students will be able to view the Schönbrunn and Hofburg Palaces, the Salt mine, and the setting of "The Sound of Music," as well as various other locations.

Jodi Harris, a senior education 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 my senior year and I wanted to do something for my spring break that I had 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 know when or if I will get this kind of opportunity again."

Students Jaret Bolling, Emahunn Campbell and Nickie Fones, who journeyed to Italy last spring, encourage others to travel.

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

"The opportunity to visit a place that you have never been before was an extraordinary delight," said Campbell, a senior English literature major. "I would recommend a trip similar to this to anyone."

"The benefits I received from the trip are more than words can express," said Fones, a junior nursing major. "My love for traveling and interest in other

cultures was exacerbated with this trip."

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

"Dean Harris does an excellent job and works to make such trips a reality for the students here," Campbell said.

"The opportunity to visit a place that you have never been before was an extraordinary delight."

Emahunn Campbell

the best things anyone can experience."

An interest meeting for the trip was held on Aug. 31, but students who were unable to attend and are interested in spending spring break in Europe can stop by Dean Harris's office for an informational packet.

Applications are due Sept. 24.

New website offers campus news

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Perhaps the most beneficial part of the @Home website, is the opportunity for any registered user to submit news stories and events to be published (by a moderator) to the front page of the @Home website.

This feature provides opportunities for campus organizations to spread the word about their activities and events, and even inform students of clubs they may not have been aware of.

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.

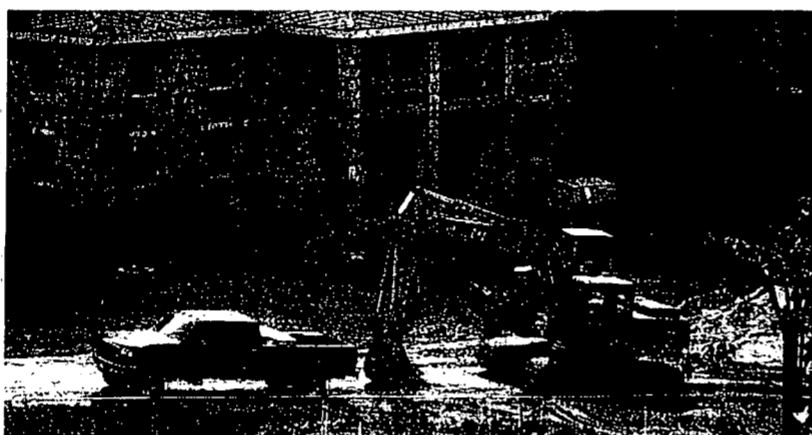
"I believe allowing students to submit events to be posted is a great idea and a good way to spread the word about events and meetings," said Mark Moss, president of the AJUS Club and an administration of justice senior.

Although both the main website and the new @Home website will offer the same news stories, the @Home site is not meant to replace the main college webpage.

Instead, it will supplement the current website by also sharing "in-house" information to the campus community, such as information that only students, faculty and staff had access to previously through mass emails.

"The new intranet portal can become a beneficial new tool for internal communication at UVa-Wise," said Roger Hagy, assistant director of college relations. "However, the only way it can do so is if students, faculty and staff take full advantage of the portal's offerings."

Unfortunately, despite its name, the portal is only available for on-campus access, although the website states "off-campus access will be available in the near future."



Construction continues with improvements made in and around Crockett Hall. The renovation is one of many ongoing projects.

Campus community eagerly awaits end of construction

Construction from page 1

ty member also had some negative views on the construction of campus.

Both Steele and Robinson said the fence in front of the student center was a major hindrance on campus.

"I could do without the fence," Steele said.

"I feel like the fence kind of separates the campus," Robinson said.

Burgarski said she was a little onced when it came to the cons of construction.

"It complicates the simple matters in life such as where to walk and unwanted

noise in the morning," Burgarski said.

Steele said she was more concerned for the students and their well-being.

"Something that bothers me about the construction is that it might make it harder for students to settle in because of the change," Steele said.

Robinson said she was tired of the noise from the construction and the random shutdown of water usage.

"The noise in the morning and the water being shut off with very little notice is a nuisance," she said.

Meaning of Labor Day lost

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pay check, a feat that is becoming more and more unrealistic.

Opponents of the law argue that the increase will cause widespread inflation in the economy. Basically, they feel that \$7.25 in California or New York is not the same as \$7.25 in Nebraska or Wyoming due to the different cost of living. This may be true, but without a national inflation index, individual states, such as Oregon and New Mexico, have successfully increased the minimum wage to above \$7.25 without negative repercussions.

In conjunction with the minimum wage raise, the Bush Administration

has taken measures to save American's money on imported goods from Mexico by proposing a bill that allows Mexican freight trucks to travel anywhere in the U.S. effective on Labor Day.

I must admit that I'm thoroughly confused as to how this could be helpful to any labor issue.

This would reduce hundreds of American truck driving jobs to save a few million dollars.

If saving money to bolster the economy and create jobs is the agenda, then perhaps we should turn to a more obvious and sensible answer, like ending the war in Iraq.

The billions of dollars that are being wasted in that war could be used for education to help people get better jobs or simply put money back into our economy.

Considering that last week, 9,000 more people than expected applied for unemployment benefits, U.S. jobs can't be taken for granted.

So, is labor still an issue in the U.S. or is Labor Day just another holiday on the calendar? If you ask the Teamsters union, the organization supporting the U.S. truckers, I'm sure they'll be more than happy to explain their opinion on the significance of Labor Day.

OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

Getting Off to a Slow Start

Well, the new semester has finally gotten underway and I can think of about a million things I'd rather be doing - sitting at the beach, sitting at home, sitting next to a TV, basically sitting anywhere other than a Zehmer Hall classroom.

Like many of you, I've been having a difficult time opening my textbooks.

Not because they are heavy (even though most break the 1000 page barrier), but because the days of summer are still fresh in my mind.

And with the temperature finally cooling to a point that will allow you to walk outside without bursting into flames, why would you want to read a textbook?

I suppose, therein lies the problem. Many of us spend the majority of our first few weeks back at the college getting readjusted to campus life and the stress of classes.

By the time fall break rolls around, we're behind in every class and struggling to turn in assignments that were due in September.

And by that time, you've got a couple of ticked off parents ready to lay the proverbial smackdown on anything below a "B."

So the question becomes, "how do I avoid a moon-sault off the top rope?"

The only advice I can provide is to get started good and early, i.e. right now. Don't give yourself a chance to get behind.

With so many distractions like, intramural soccer, varsity athletics, parking tickets, greek recruitment, parking tickets, new fall television shows, NFL football and of course the constant stream of parking tickets, it's easy to forget the real reason we come to this campus day in and day out - to earn a degree.

It's important to remember that we're not paying almost \$4,000 in tuition to win an intramural t-shirt or to watch Ra'Shad Morgan rush for 200 yards in a game.

So while you may be sleeping during Biology 103 lectures, skipping that 8 o'clock class one more time, or text messaging under your desk every time your professor turns around, remember, the only one you're hurting is yourself.

I'm sorry because I realize this is starting to sound like a bad public service announcement (just like the last one), but I am just trying to talk about problems that you and I face every day - whether it be on Facebook and MySpace or in the classroom.



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With the minimum wage increase, what are you going to do with the extra money?

Jennifer Duty
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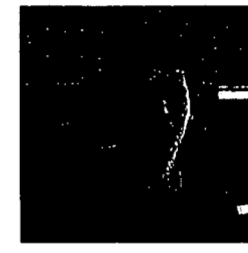
"Probably put it back for wedding expenses. I'm getting married in the summer and need to save some money."

Niek Marose
Sophomore

"I need to pay for most of my tuition and I could use some new clothes."

Felleia Hamilton
Senior
Sociology Major

"Really, the extra is not that helpful because everything else is going up. I mainly put it into gas."



Parking still problem for many students

By Jenna Johnson

In relation to Shannon's (Parking Spots: Going...Going...Gone, 8/31) article about how horrendous parking is this year, I'd like to make note that parking was always bad, but with recent - and on-going - construction projects parking has become a four letter word.

Being a senior this year, I was excited to know that I'd have the ability to park almost anywhere on campus. I could stay out later on Sundays. I could go to town. And I could drive to the music trailers for choir without fearing that I wouldn't find a spot to come back to.

But now with the gravel lot gone and half of the McCrary lot given to faculty, we're all forced to interrupt our carefully laid plans in order to return early and, literally, fight for a parking space that I've paid \$60 for.

It's ridiculous, unfair, and unconstitutional! Students, especially while construction is going on, should not have to pay for parking if space is so limited. Yes, give us decals to make certain that we're supposed to park in certain lots, but don't make us pay for something we might not get a chance to use.

I admit, I've already been given a ticket this year. Yes, a \$65 fine that looks really good with the \$60 I paid to avoid a ticket - there's the irony. But, honestly, I parked there because it didn't say I couldn't park there, and I refused to park at the stadium at three in the morning, not knowing what booger would jump out from behind a tree and try to kill me.

Why not allow students to park wherever they can?

Grass grows back. And since everywhere else is full, that's the only place that can be useful with heavy equipment littering campus.

I propose that junior and senior students be allowed to park wherever they can fit their vehicle, so long as others can get in and out.

Jenna Johnson is a senior English major

No rest for the worker on Labor Day

By Eric Vanover
Opinion Editor

This past Monday Americans celebrated the holiday dedicated to the accomplishments of the laborer. From the very first Labor Day celebration in September 1882 in New York, this day has been dedicated to the "working man" as a day of rest and, for some, as the symbolic day for the end of summer.

For many, Labor Day is that last chance to enjoy a leisurely weekend with family and friends in the warm summer weather before the long haul to Thanksgiving. In the past two decades, people have tended to view Labor Day as another one of those paid holiday without really examining the history of the holiday or how it applies to labor in the U.S. today.

From the first Labor Day Parade 125 years ago, Labor Day has been an opportunity for workers to express their grievances with working conditions and for unions and

other organizations to plan strategies for securing fair working conditions, acceptable pay, and, in some cases, acceptable benefits.

All over the country, the day was filled with labor parades, protest marches and union activities. In today's America, these things have been replaced by picnics and college football games.

The question must be raised, is labor still a major issue in the U.S.

We live in a nation where we are constantly reminded by those in high political positions, including the president, that America is the hardest working nation in the world.

If that is so, do we as a nation feel that we are justly rewarded for our effort? I suppose the answer to that question depends on who you ask.

Recent research found that Americans receive less vacation time than people in other countries and one out of every four workers get no vacation at all, much less a paid vacation. Many Europeans

have termed America as the "no vacation nation."

A CNN study found that 18 percent of Americans work at least 48 hours a week and some professions (including firefighters, doctors, and extraction workers) work 50 hours or more a week.

In more local terms, the average time sheet for a non-union strip miner is around 114 hours every two weeks. That's 17 hours of overtime a week!

What does that say for us as a nation?

It says that Americans are working harder to keep up with the cost of living and inflation in today's society.

For me, it is a personal issue. I have many times heard my father say that if it wasn't for the overtime he works and my mother's second job as an RN, our family financial situation would be in trouble.

How then, do our lawmakers and political leaders react to such a situation?

In the past few months there have been major policies put into effect to help

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Campus Calendar

Sunday, September 9
Greek Recruitment, 5th floor SSC, 2:45 p.m.

Monday, September 10
CSD's Suicide Prevention Day

College Fair, 5th Floor Student Center 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11
Memorial Day of Prayer

College Fair, 5th Floor Student Center 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 12
Senior Send Off Lunch, 5th Floor SSC, 1 p.m.

Greek Recruitment, 5th Floor SSC, 4 & 6 p.m.

Pi Kappa Pi meeting, 5th Floor SSC, 9 p.m.

Kappa Sigma meeting, 5th Floor SSC, 9 p.m.

Friday, September 14
SAB Film "Knocked Up," at Dusk on Henson Lawn

Saturday, September 15
Outdoor Recreation "Climbing the Peaks" mountain climbing trip

SAB Film "Knocked Up," at Dusk on Henson Lawn

This Week In History

September 10, 1846 - Elias Howe patents sewing machine

September 11, 2001 - 19 terrorists hijack 4 commercial jets, two of which are crashed in two the World Trade Center.

September 12, 1958 - U. S. Supreme Court orders Little Rock, Arkansas high school to integrate.

September 13, 1862 - 1st naval battle of the American Civil War takes place.

September 14, 1984 - Bette Midler and Dan Aykroyd host the 1st annual MTV Music award show

Corrections

Page 5 - The final paragraph of Dr. Clark's remarks in his last week's paper were misquoting him. The actual words of Dr. Clark were: "I'm not a scientist."

Page 6 - Ra Shadi Marwan was credited with having rushed for the 2nd half in rushing yards in school history instead of rushing yards.

"99 Things to Do Before You Graduate" from UVa-Wise

By Autumn Lauzon
Copy Editor

For many, the start of college means a new beginning - whether that has to do with grades, self-image, or the way we want other people to view us.

Being a timid and shy freshman myself four years ago, I will be the first to tell you not to turn down any opportunities you have during your time here. Believe me, it goes faster than you want it to.

Here's a list of a things to experience so that you won't have any regrets when you're handed your diploma. (Don't worry seniors, you've got a whole year to fit all these things in!)

Here are numbers 1-33:

1. Eat at every restaurant in Wise. It should only take you a week.
2. Drop a class.
3. Go to the hill behind Henson and watch the sun rise or set.
4. Go to High Knob and watch the sun rise or set.
5. Go fishing at the "lake."
6. Put your feet in the "lake" to cool off (and then go sanitize them).
7. Live in the dorms and experience community bathrooms.
8. Live in a house or apartment off campus and have a bathroom to yourself.
9. Stand in line at the bookstore.
10. Visit the Career Development office (preferably before your senior year).
11. Stand in line at Papa Joe's.
12. Pull an all-nighter (like you're really going to have a choice).
13. Stand in line at the Cashier's Office.
14. Go to the Midnight Breakfast during exam week and revel in the fact that your professor is serving you. Ask for lots of refills.
15. Find a weekly tv show that you

and your friends would rather fail an exam for than miss.

16. Work with a professor for a week, semester, or summer on a research project.

17. Walk into a final exam and say, "What the heck is this crap? And where's the regular professor?"

18. Read at least one Highland Cavalier cover to cover.

19. Wander aimlessly around campus after bombing your latest exam.

20. Freak out prospective students in tour groups by screaming, "The Horror! The Horror!"

21. Complain about Student Services. Take your pick from parking, housing, dining, etc.

22. Meet the waitress at Huddle House at 4 a.m.

23. Dance. Dance publicly. Dance wildly. Ignore the laughter.

24. During senior year, show up for your last lab or final hammered. Just don't blame us for the consequences.

25. Call your parents and beg for money.

26. Call Financial Aid and beg for money.

27. Go to East Main Street and beg for money.

28. Pick up a guy or girl in the library.

29. Figure out why differential equations are important things to know.

30. Vote in an SGA election.

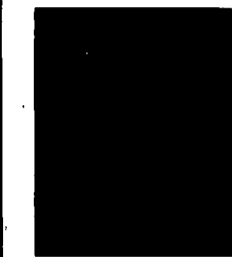
31. Gain the "Freshman 15" (more than once).

32. Work out in the Student Center to lose the "Freshman 15."

33. Have a conversation with the Thomas Jefferson statue until someone notices. Stare back at them like they are the weird one.

Next time: Numbers 34-66

5 Questions With...



Jacob Somervell
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

1. Happiest moment of your life so far?
The birth of my son.

2. Favorite movie?
"The Shawshank Redemption"

3. Favorite cookie?
Warm peanut butter with a glass of milk.

4. Your passion in life?
To be a good person, help people achieve their goals.

5. The best aspect of UVa-Wise?
Faculty-student relationships

Where the Hot Jobs Are

Do you know what the hot jobs are? According to The Bureau of Labor Statistics demand for the following jobs will increase between 30 and 50 percent by 2014. And the best part, these jobs require only a bachelor's or associate's degree

Physician assistants
Average salary: \$63,792 Growth: 49.6 percent
Education: Bachelor's degree

Computer applications software engineers
Average salary: \$56,184

Growth: 49.4 percent
Education: Bachelor's degree

Dental hygienists
Average salary: \$49,309
Growth: 43.3 percent
Education: Associate's degree

Computer systems software engineers
Average salary: \$59,297
Growth: 43 percent
Education: Bachelor's degree

Network and computer systems administrators
Average salary: \$62,534
Growth: 38.4 percent

Education: Bachelor's degree

Database administrators
Average salary: \$70,016
Growth: 38.2 percent
Education: Bachelor's degree

Diagnostic medical sonographers
Average salary: \$51,648
Growth: 34.8 percent
Education: Associate's degree

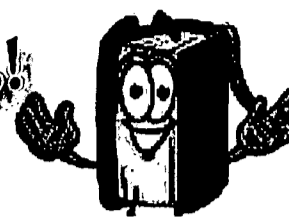
Computer systems analysts
Average salary: \$55,811
Growth: 31.4 percent
Education: Bachelor's degree

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Books!



"V" is for anarchy

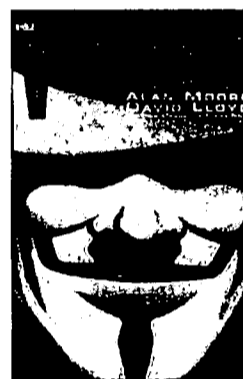
By Aaron Collier
Features Editor

"V for Vendetta," written by Alan Moore and illustrated by David Lloyd, is the story of "V" and his 16-year-old accomplice Evey Hammond and their quest to free a futuristic, post-nuclear England from the fascist government and enact some personal revenge along the way.

The 10-issue mini-series originally released in 1988 and concluding in 1989, has been collected in graphic novel form by DC Comics. The collection includes introduction by both Moore and Lloyd and extra pages that were cut from the original story.

The originality of the character "V" is what drives this tale to one of the greatest stories ever told in comic book form. Moore writes "V" both as hero and villain throughout the book and makes the reader enjoy and hate "V" at the same time. He uses any means necessary to achieve his goal of giving freedom back to the people of England, but shows no sympathy for them and lays the blame on their shoulders for letting their lives be controlled by the government. Even his accomplice Evey is not spared from his volatile tactics and is both abused mentally and physically by "V" throughout the book.

What really makes this book captivating is how much work Moore puts into fleshing out the supporting characters. The story of Mr. Finch, the detective assigned to stop "V," is one of the most riveting elements of this entire plot rivaled only by



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"V for Vendetta" is a perfect example of the capability of the graphic comic's medium.

If you liked the film then this is must read, or if you just want a good book to read on a rainy day then look no further than this Alan Moore masterpiece.

Marching band begins second year

Greg Tate
Staff Writer

The 2007 school year started positively for the members of the UVa-Wise Marching Band as they entered their second year in existence.

The band has already performed twice to rave reviews and things are only going up from there with this year's show consisting of classic Broadway tunes from musicals such as "Tommy," "Grease," and "Rent."

"The music is so much fun and different from the ordinary," said Kristen Twigg, a freshman color guard member. "Everyone can relate to it, especially with hand jive. I mean, who doesn't love 'Grease?'"

The band is also enjoying a significant increase in size this year. Sophomore Clint Tipton said he is impressed with the noticeable increase.

"I would say that this year is indeed more fun," Tipton said. "We have nearly twice as many members, so as the saying goes 'the more the merrier.'"

The band is led this year by junior and newly appointed drum major Amanda Watson.

She said that the change to drum major hasn't affected her, but it helps to have a co-drum major like Reagan Cecil who takes a different approach to doing things.

"It hasn't been a dramatic change, but it did put things into perspective; it's also a scary task to be the person the entire band relies on for the tempo," Watson said. "It's good having a co-drum major because we play off each other. I am loud and outspoken, but conservative on the podium. Reagan is quiet in rehearsals, but when she gets on the podium she dances like no other!"

The band is instructed by the Directory of Banes, Rick Galyean, and will perform at all UVa-Wise football games and two festivals this year.

The first performance will be at the Lonesome Pine Band Festival held at J.J. Kelly High School on Oct. 6th. The second performance will be at the Highland Cavalier Marching Festival hosted by the UVa-Wise Marching Band on Oct. 27.

Honors program starts new semester

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addition to the college's mandatory cultural activities and require a written report of the event.

Honors students also complete a capstone project during their last semester. Students have to generate their own research and present their findings to a public audience.

In October, the honors program plans to take a trip to Jamestown to celebrate the 400th birthday of America.

Social events like this count as an honors event and increase interaction among the honors students as well as encourage learning off-campus, Adrian said.

"The cool thing about the honors program is that students in it are around like-minded people and have the opportunity to be intellectually curious," Adrian said.

"I would like the honors program to help elevate the intellectual climate on campus. This isn't an elite club, but a way to enhance the intellectual quality at the college, and to change how people think about academics."



Music

"Singularity" no singular accomplishment

Aaron Collier
Features Editor

Originally formed in

Virginia Beach, Mae turned heads in 2005 with their second studio album entitled "The Everglow," released on Tooth and Nail Records in 2005.

Mae's first major-label release on Capitol Records could do more than just turn heads - it might make people stand up and take notice.

Mae's new album, "Singularity," is a blast of sound that mixes the best of the alternative rock and pop genres and makes Mae a band to watch in the future.

Mae blends alternative guitars with a pop melody and sensibility that sounds nothing like anything on mainstream radio. Mae's big and epic sound is the shot in the arm that radio has been searching for.

The first track, "Brink of Disaster," is a great way to start the album with its smart lyrics and powerful guitars. The lead single, "Sometimes I Can't Make It Alone," is a great commentary on finding that relationship that you can't live without. "Just Let Go" shows off the vocals of lead singer Dave

Elkins and is a beautiful song about courting the one you've fallen for. "Sic Semper Tyrannis" has the best hook on the album and suggests that only this generation can get every-

thing back on track. The song that brings everything together is "Waiting," which blends Elkins' vocals with a great drum beat and keyboard melody.

"Reflections" is a slow-down from what is a fast-paced album and tells the story of a relationship that ended and the search for why everything fell apart.

The last song is a hidden track, entitled "Last Transmission II," that tells the listener that being in love is a great place to be.

Mae deals with everything from life to love to relationships on what is a solid thirteen-track effort from beginning to end.

The album shows why Mae might be ready to blow up into "the next big thing" in the music industry.

Is it better than "The Everglow"? Not quite. But it is a great album nonetheless.

If you like alternative rock with great pop hooks, then don't hesitate to pick up "Singularity."

Staff meetings are held Mondays in the Honor Court room at 2 p.m. and are open to ANYONE who wants to be involved with the paper.

Applications Due: October 19

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UVA-Wise Tennis Team Tryouts

For Men's and Women's Teams

Date: Saturday, September 15
Time: 10:00 AM
Place: UVA-Wise Tennis Courts

Just Talking?? Sex @ the Country

By Nancy Stickle

You didn't plan it. It just sort of happened. You got in a relationship during the summertime. Everything is fine until late August, when all your friends start interrogating you about the mystery person who appears in all the pictures in your Facebook album titled, "This Just Can't Be Summer Love." Your response is a shrug combined with a sly smirk, and the words "We're just talking."

"Talking," is that what they're calling it these days? What exactly does "talking" mean? Is it the newest expression to describe someone who strikes your fancy or are you "talking" with someone who you are scared to admit you're serious with?

If I asked my father who he is "talking" to these days, he would probably mention the following: his boss, the local homeless person on the metro or the same McDonald's employee who pours his senior coffee for him every morning at 5 a.m.

If I met my girlfriend at the local coffee shop while enjoying a sugar free, hold the whip, non-fat water and asked her the same question the typical response would be: "Well, me and Bobby were talking for a week, but he totally started to suck. So now I'm talking to Chad, but I'm nervous about it because I heard he was talking to Samantha; but who hasn't talked to Samantha!?"

The point is my father would respond with people he actually spoke to and not the person he is in a relationship with. Possible explanations may be that girls are afraid of saying they are in a relationship because it might make them gain fifty pounds, thus making themselves unattractive in the eyes of a potential prospect.

Guys may worry that by being in a relationship their friends are led to believe that instead of being interested in football and "The Man Show," they have a new found enjoyment of books written by Nicholas Sparks and weekly manicures.

At the end of the day whether or not you want to be honest with others about your relational status is your prerogative. However, you do owe it to yourself, as well as your significant other, to be honest. If you find yourself feeling that you share something in common with Bill Clinton when it comes to keeping relations under wraps, maybe you should re-think the relationship you are in.

Any relationship in life, regardless of whether it's a friendship or more than a friendship, should be something one takes joy in and is proud of and not treated like a big pimple that you try to cover up.

Junior Jade Barnette says it the best: "Conceal your blemishes not your boyfriends."

Sports Briefs

Salyer wins AAC Player of the Week

Junior outside hitter Kristen Salyer won Appalachian Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors this week after she had 40 kills, 37 digs, four aces, and nine blocks during the Emory & Henry Tournament.

Salyer and teammate Natasha Viers were named to the All-Emory and Henry Tournament team.

The Cavaliers went 2-1 with wins over Ferrum and Randolph to reach the championship final, but fell to Southern Virginia, 3 games to 0.

Hippeard earns MSC honor

Junior Randy Hippeard was named MSC Offensive Player of the Week for his efforts against North Greenville.

Hippeard connected on 32 of 48 passes for 564 yards and six touchdowns.

Scoreboard

Football (1-0)

9/1 - UVa-Wise 61, North Greenville 55

Volleyball (4-4)

8/31 - UVa-Wise 3, Ferrum 0

8/31 - Chowan 3, UVa-Wise 1

9/1 - UVa-Wise 3, Randolph Macon 0

9/1 - Southern Virginia 3, UVa-Wise 0

9/4 - UVa-Wise 3, Milligan 2

Standings

UVa-Wise Standings -

Football - (2-0, 0-0 in the MSC)

Tied for second in the Mid-South Conference East Division

Volleyball - (4-4, 1-0 in the AAC)

Through 9-5-07, tied for second in the AAC

Intramurals

9/10 - Intramural Air Hockey Tourney, SSC Game Room, 1 & 8 p.m.

9/11 - Intramural NFL Fantasy Football Draft, 7 p.m.

Cross Country teams benefit from good freshmen class

Craig Rice
Staff Writer

The Cavalier cross country team travels to Spartanburg, South Carolina on Sept. 8 for their first meet of the season, appropriately titled "The Eyeopener Invitational."

With a renewed sense of stability and teamwork, cross country coach Jason Lewkowitz expects big things from this year's team.

"The team has been working really hard and this is the best talent level we've had since I've been coaching here," said Lewkowitz, who also acts as director of residence life.

"It's a delicate balance. Coaching demands a lot, but so does a wife and two kids at home. It's a release for me to be done here at 4 o'clock and go out and coach. But this is my third year so I have a pretty good grasp on things."

With the addition of a few key elements the team

is setting up to open a lot of eyes both regionally and nationally.

On the women's side, the Lady Cavs add Britany Killough from J.J. Kelly high school.

Killough, a state distance winner and a heavily regarded recruit, entertained offers from several NCAA Division I schools, including Virginia Tech.

Killough's sister, Desirae, is also a newcomer to this year's women's team. She is a transfer from Virginia Tech that adds depth to the Cavalier's first NAIA recognized women's team.

Three other freshmen join the team - Leah Arthur, Tamara Haack, and Therese McMahon.

"It's exciting to have a full team. They add a sense of camaraderie that the men's team can lean on and rally around," Lewkowitz said.

With the return of Maureen Seibold, who earned a place on last year's AAC All-Freshmen team, and

sophomore Brandi Bailey, the Lady Cavs are gearing up for a big season.

On the men's side the duo of sophomore Stephen Gregory and freshman Collin Skeen add a much needed anchor to an already improving team.

Skeen joins fellow freshman Landon Smith and sophomore Spencer Adams as newcomers to the squad.

"I think that as long as we keep focused and stay relatively injury-free, we're going to surprise some people," Skeen said.

Other returning runners include senior Britten Olinger and sophomore Derek Bunch

Lewkowitz and the Cavs plan to improve on their impressive showing at last season's AAC/NAIA Region XII Championships.

"Coach Lewkowitz is definitely the coach to lead this team in the right direction," Bunch said.

Cavs geared up to play tough Concord squad

By Cody Dalton
Asst. Sports editor

The Cavalier football team hopes the proverb "the third time is the charm" will hold true, as they take on Concord College tomorrow in their second straight out-of-state night road game.

After a game against North Greenville last week featured 116 total points, 1,228 total yards from both teams, and two UVa-Wise records for junior quarterback Randy Hippeard, the Cavaliers now prepare to face a Mountain Lions team they haven't faced in seven seasons.

"They are a pretty good football team," said head coach Bruce Wasem. "They have got a lot of kids back. Concord also has a pretty open offense."

The key point that should catch the Cavs' defense eye will be the spread offense that Concord runs, which means they could use three, four, or even five wide receivers in one play testing the Cavs newly implemented 3-5 defense.

"We are looking to make our transitions a little easier," said Jahmal Potter, a red-shirt freshman for the Cavs defense. "This week we are going to make the changes much smoother so we can play with more confidence."

While the defense continues to learn and grow, the offense for the Cavs is as strong as ever.

Both Hippeard and running back Ra'Shad Morgan have had record wor-

thy performances in their first two games making it difficult for other teams to contend with the Cavs.

"This is why we wanted a balanced offense," Wasem said. "If you try to stop our running game, you are going to have to give up some plays to the pass and vice versa."

"We have people, not only Randy, but our wide receivers that can take some advantage of that."

The biggest threat to a big game for the Cavs defense will be senior Concord linebacker Darryl Wilson. A first team All-WVIAC selection for the pre-season, Wilson led the Mountain Lions with 140 total tackles and 26 tackles for a loss of yardage last season.

"It's always hard when you go into a game never playing an opponent before because you don't know exactly what they like to do or have done before," Hippeard said. "We're just going to prepare for Concord just like we would any other team."

"We already know the coverage's they like to run and their base defense," said wide receiver Matt Barbour. "They run a two safety look and they like to run a 4-3 defense up in the front line. They also like to run covering four wide receivers and three wide receivers, so it should be interesting."

The last time the Cavs and Mountain Lions met, it was 2000. In that game, the Cavs lost, 28-20, under former coach Bill Ramseyer. The Mountain Lions lead the overall series, 2-1.

Is the Staph Infection Spreading?

By Reid Salomonsky
Sports Editor

I used to believe that unless you're a five-star athlete who is destined for the Rose Bowl, there were only two reasons to go to college.

1. To receive a diploma, and get a great job.

2. To stay on your parents health insurance a little while longer.

That was what I believed - Until I overheard 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 any of my 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 marks the 10th year anniversary of the All-Campus Challenge, in which teams and participants compete in intramural events for the entire school year. The teams receive points for participation and wins, and the team in first place at the end of the year is named champion.

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 always included fraternities and the infamous faculty team known as "Staph Infection".

This year however, Staph Infection is sprouting a little more youth than it used to...a lot more youth.

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.

Chris Davis, the assistant director of the Slemp Student Center, doesn't see a problem with it.

"This isn't the first time students have played on 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.

The challenge's team requirements are that there be no more than 25 players to a team, and once their names are placed to a team they cannot be removed under any circumstance.

This has bothered a few teams because they feel it is hurting the integrity of the challenge. Every team takes pride in their individuality and persona, which they value just as much as a victory.

I do not see a problem with students wishing to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the events. As long as students and faculty are enjoying competition, what's the harm?

Run for the Record!!

Running back Ra'Shad Morgan & Quarterback Randy Hippeard are both on track to break school records this season. Morgan in most career rushing yards and Hippeard in most career passing yards.

We will be watching their run for the records each week.

Morgan:
1,441 yds to go

Hippeard:
1,167 yds to go

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