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Students plan for winter abroad trip to Ecuador

By Allie Robinson
Staff Writer

The date is January 7. It is between semesters and students are off campus.

But where are they, exactly?

Are they at home, fighting with their younger siblings over the Nintendo Wii—bundled up against the winter cold?

Or are they exploring the Amazon rainforest and enjoying the temperate climates of Latin America?

For students at the college, this utopian dream can be a reality.

During winter break, 13 students will travel to Ecuador with Spanish professor Esteban Ponce, a native to the country.

"Ecuador is a small country where there is a lot of diversity," Ponce said. "Geographically and culturally, it is unusual because of the variety. You can ride a bus for five hours and go from freezing glaciers to the tropics of the Amazon."

The trip was planned in conjunction with Spanish courses and the Office of Interna-

tional Programs. It will be the first trip available for students to travel to Latin America. It is also the first winter study-abroad program that has been offered.

Students

who go on the trip will see the diversity of the country, which runs from the Amazon River to the Andes Mountains to the equatorial beaches. Planned activities include a visit to the city of Quito and La Compañía Church. Students will shop the marketplace of Otavalo and see a monastery in San Francisco that, at one time, was the tallest monastery in the world.

Other activities include a canoe trip down the Amazon River, a visit to a butterfly

In addition to the winter Ecuador trip, the Office of International Programs is sponsoring summer trips to Mexico, Spain and Portugal, and Belgium. For further details about any of the trips, contact Witold Wolny, field director of International Studies (378-0287, ww4p@uvawise.edu, 105 Darden Hall).

reserve in Mindo and a visit to Chimborazo Volcano, which, measured from the center of the earth, is the world's tallest volcano.

Students who have already signed up for the trip seem to be just as enthused as their professor.

Oktay Duymaz, a senior exchange student from Turkey, said he has always been interested in Latin American countries and is looking forward to photographing the experience.

"I want to learn the culture and get good pictures of the local people," he said. "Locals love to be in pictures, and then you can share the experience with others."

Duymaz said he is also interested in experiencing the flavor of Latin America.

"My friends have been to Latin America before and they say that the best foods are there," he said.

Junior Joe Gallimore, vice-president of the International Affairs Association, said she eagerly anticipates the trip.

"It's been a long time coming," she said. "This is a ground-breaking trip for the cam-

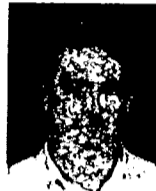
pus—we can help fight stereotypes of Latin America in the United States."

Gallimore said she plans to study abroad in Spain at the Universidad de Huelva next semester, and she said she is looking forward to seeing another Spanish-speaking country.

"The culture is very interesting to me," she said. "I honestly can't wait!"

"I hope this experience will encourage more students to study abroad in Latin America," said Witold Wolny, field director of the Office of the International Program. "We have a sister institution in Mexico, and didn't send anyone this year. I hope that changes as students get excited about the study abroad opportunities in Latin America."

Students interested in signing up for the trip should contact either Esteban Ponce or Witold Wolny. Trip brochures are posted campus-wide.



WOLNY

Coffee shop provides new hang-out on Friday nights

By Julie Kaye Short
Staff Writer

Live music and free snacks are available every Friday night at Harvest Time, a local coffee shop located between Dari Barn and the Wise County Court House.

The event is an opportunity for college-age students to hang out and spend Friday nights (8 to 11 p.m.) with friends in a comfortable environment.

Every Friday night, Jason Lewkowicz, director of residence life, and others open as the house band. The band specializes in acoustic originals and cover music.

In addition to the

house band, some nights are open mic, allowing college students to become a part of the entertainment.

The event began when Lewkowicz and wife, Wendy, head cheerleading and dance team coach, decided to find a different but enjoyable way for students to spend their Friday nights.

"Two years ago we sat down with some friends and decided that we wanted to do something for the college community, providing them an alternative to what was going on Friday nights," said Wendy Lewkowicz in an e-mail. "It's a night to bless college students, provide a place where students can meet each

other, relax, be served (for free), and be in an atmosphere that most college towns offer."

And students seem to enjoy the laid-back setting.

"The atmosphere at the coffee shop is so relaxed and homey," said Marshall Bradley, a sophomore from Williamsburg, Va.

In order to help provide this environment, the Lewkowicz's asked their church, Zion Family Ministries, for their help in keeping everything free.

"They partnered up with our vision and provided the resources we needed to serve people every week," Lewkowicz said. "We offer all sorts of desserts, muffins

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Talkin' Trash

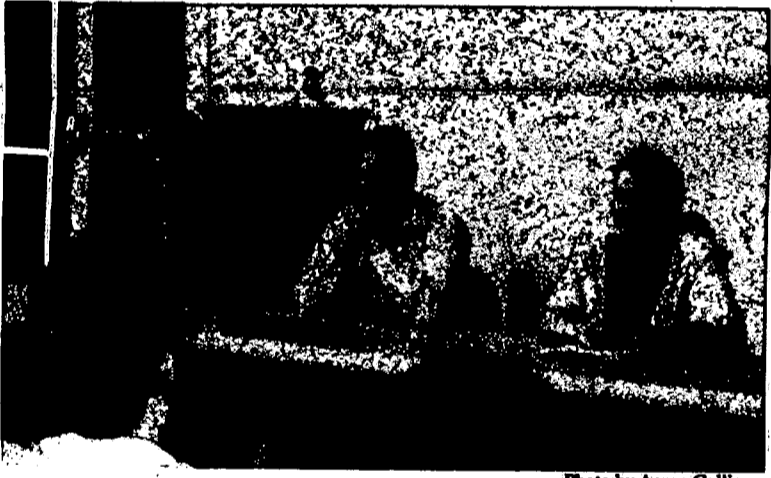


Photo by Aaron Collier

Three UVA-Wise professors "talk trash" with freshmen students on Sept. 10 in the Student Center. Kevin Jansen, Jacob Somervell and Rachel Tighe gave a glimpse into the highs and lows of being an undergraduate.

Feelings remain mixed about print limit software

By Stephanie Skeen
Staff Writer

When students logged in to lab computers for the first time this semester, they were greeted with something that looked oddly like a timer in the right-hand corner of their screen.

This "timer" that most students have by now at least heard about is Print-Limit, the new software installed over the summer to limit printing in computer labs.

Print-Limit does just what the title suggests.

Students start with \$30. For each page printed, money is deducted from the total: Every black and white page deducts 10 cents, and every color page deducts 35 cents.

The reason for the new software is simple: Too much paper was being wasted.

"The paper waste got out of hand," said Keith Fowlkes, vice chancellor of information technology. "There were literally reams of paper being left on the printers in the library every day."

Many students have mixed feelings about the printing limit.

"I don't agree with the new policies that the college has implemented," said Inmar Romero, a sophomore political science

major. "Students pay thousands of dollars for tuition and other fees, and I believe that money should include printing."

"I don't really like it, but I can understand why they're doing it," said Jenna Powers, a senior communication major. "You have a lot of students who aren't paying attention to what they print and end up wasting a lot of paper. It's bad for the school and the environment."

"I'm a lot more cautious and make sure to print what I know I'm going to need, so actually it's forcing me to be more conservative, which can be a good thing," Powers said.

Despite having to pay for paper now, choosing Print-Limit over other alternatives did save money. Because it's a software program and there was no hardware equipment to buy and install, Geneva Logic's Print-Limit was a cheap solution.

"The benefit of Print Limit was that there was no card swipe units or other hardware to buy and maintain," Fowlkes said. "This system is software-based and very inexpensive."

Users can refill their accounts with codes from pre-paid cards available in the bookstore or transfer credits to another account by clicking on "Details" in the print balance box and log in to their Print-Limit account.

Honor Court holds competition for new pledge design

I certify as a student at The University of Virginia's College at Wise that I have neither received nor given aid on this exam or paper

How would you like a plaque designed by you to be displayed in every classroom on campus?

The Honor Court is sponsoring a competition to do just that!

The Honor Court wants to refresh the Honor Code plaques in every classroom with a design created by someone from the student body.

Here are the requirements: Entries must be submitted as an 8 1/2 x 11 inch document, reproducible to 18 x 24 inches and must have a theme of "honor". The rest of the design is up to participants.

Submit designs to Campus Box 4702 no later than Wednesday, Oct. 3.

The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to the bookstore.

If you have any questions please e-mail Holly Welsiger at hew6h@uvawise.edu.

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College explores possibility of two new student programs

By Stephanie Ring
Staff Writer

The campus is not the only thing expanding at UVa-Wise. The college is exploring the addition of two new programs—Phi Beta Kappa honor society and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). "I was asked by a member of the faculty to explore the possibility of a Phi Beta Kappa chapter here at UVa-Wise," said Gil Blackburn, provost of the college.

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society in the nation, having been founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary. The society promotes academic excellence and outstanding achievements in the liberal arts and sciences.

Only 10 percent of colleges and universities in the nation have Phi Beta Kappa chapters, with only 10 percent of these institutions looking into obtaining a ROTC program. "For the past couple of years, we have talked with

clude 17 former U.S. presidents, seven of the nine current Supreme Court justices, renowned inventors, prominent authors, Nobel Prize awardees, and even NFL star Peyton Manning. the people at ETSU about ROTC," Blackburn said. "Our present plans are to explore offering ROTC here in the fall of 2008 with ETSU delivering the program."



ROTC produces officers for the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. Each branch offers competitive scholarships and college funds, as well as a wide variety of career choices, ranging from aviation and law enforcement, to health care and finance. The ROTC program focuses on leadership and professional development, in addition to problem solving and strategic planning. Non-ROTC majors would also be able to take the coursework as leadership training without being part of the program.

"The standards for acceptance of a chapter application are very high, the most difficult hurdle being the existence of a mature culture of learning and inquiry on campus," Blackburn said. "They send a team to campus to spend several days talking to students and faculty to gauge the school's commitment to scholarly endeavor." The college is also looking into obtaining a ROTC program. "For the past couple of years, we have talked with

Tutor Connection helps students become better scholars

By Katie Hurst
Staff Writer

If Spanish 101 feels like Spanish 500 it might be time to consider going to the Tutor Connection in Zehmer Hall.

Having support services that are free of charge and teachers who recognize that going to a tutor will help, is a huge benefit. The Tutor Connection is one of the three offices that are a part of Academic Support at the UVa-Wise Campus.

Whitney Wells, the academic coordinator for Student Support Services, said the Tutor Connection is helpful for students who are having difficulty in their classes.

"It's a great success and the tutors we have are amazing," said Wells.

Wells said that the Tutor Connection brings in many students.

"Fall semester, we bring an average of 400-500 students and in the spring we see about 300," Wells said.

Joe Gallimore, a foreign language tutor, said she is very happy with how it is

run and her job with the program.

"This is my second semester as a Spanish tutor and I feel the program is run well," she said.

However, Gallimore said there were some difficulties with the program.

"The group tutoring for languages is extremely difficult but I still have one on one time with students in case they didn't understand the information," Gallimore said.

Gallimore also said that tutoring was a two-way street.

"There is the question if the students want to be taught," said Gallimore. "If they do not want to learn it becomes very difficult to tutor them."

Junior Sara Hamilton says she enjoyed the Tutor Connection and learned a lot from her tutor.

"I enjoyed the Tutor Connection because I received a lot of help from the program and I would highly recommend it if anyone is struggling," Hamilton said. "The tutor I had really helped me excel in my German class."

Down time with The Highland Cavalier



Photo by Kate Baldwin

Simon Henry, Stephen Lucas and Nancy Stickel enjoy a rare cool end-of-summer day over *The Highland Cavalier* and a meal from Papa Joe's

Can you draw?
Do you take a lot of pictures when you go out with friends?
Are you good at telling stories?

Contact Editor-in-Chief Daniel Robinson at dsr8a@uvawise.edu to find out how you can get your work in the paper.

Harvest Time coffee shop offers music and free food on Fridays

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and fruits along with a variety of coffee drinks, hot teas, smoothies and bottled water.

"We don't hide the fact that this service is a ministry and church supported; however, there are no strings attached and we have no agenda other than to bless people with a place to hang out and spend their Friday nights," she said.

The students from the college enjoy going to the coffee shop, hanging out and listening to live music.

"The best part for me was listening to everybody play guitar and sing, especially Jason [Lewkowicz] singing John Mayer songs," Bradley said. "Another good thing is that all the adults that work at the college are just hanging out with us for that night. They're not the cheerleading coach, or the

cross-country coach, or a professor. On Friday they put their profession aside for the night."

Bradley said it was a good chance to forget about the pressure and stress of classes.

"We come there on Fridays after a week of classes, and sit around and play games and drink yummy treats," Bradley said. "Nobody is thinking about classes or homework. For those brief few hours, we're just relaxing."

"We've been doing this for over a year, and the best compliment we've been given is when someone says that it is 'nothing like they thought it would be,'" Jason Lewkowicz said.

Students can join the events every Friday night at the Harvest Time Coffee Shop, located at 310 East Main Street.

OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

Making SGA Elections Better?

It seems like almost everything on this campus has moved online.

Course evaluations, financial aid reports and essential forms needed for graduation have become almost exclusively available by the click of a mouse.

The newest addition to this trend is SGA elections. For those who do not know, the elections for SGA representatives were held almost completely online for the first time this semester on Sept. 11.

I dare say that many of you did not know that this was the case until you received an e-mail the day of the elections saying you had 24 hours to vote.

I would also guess that some of you didn't even receive this e-mail until it was too late, if you received it at all.

While never involved with SGA personally, I have always taken the time to vote for my representatives. Granted, it was usually because someone I knew flagged me down in the student center and reminded me to do so.

The truth is, however, that many students do not take the time to vote in elections.

And with the elections moving online, it gives students another reason not to vote.

Many can simply delete the e-mail and not give it a second thought. They no longer have to worry about getting called out on their way to class. They can live in peace with absolutely no idea who represents their interests in the college community.

Now I can understand why SGA would want to make this change. It saves time. People don't need to sit manning the polls in the student center for hours on end and they don't have to waste precious hours counting and recounting votes.

However, I believe that the organization needs to do all they can to get people to vote, instead of giving them excuses not to do so.

The same problem exists with course evaluations. Many students don't take the time to evaluate the course without some incentive. While the process may be easier and less time consuming, the response will not be the same.

Hopefully, all this complaining is completely without merit and SGA got a great response from the student body, eager to support their representatives. If that's true, I'll eat crow and go on about my business.

But if I'm right, and the voting was down from recent years, then SGA needs to do more to keep students involved.

Online elections are fine, but at least do more to let students know that they're happening—send multiple e-mails in advance, post flyers, have people walk around campus with sandwich boards around their necks yelling, "SGA elections on September 11!"

Every student on campus has the right and privilege to vote for their representatives. Whether they care or not.

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Who do you think will win the Super Bowl?

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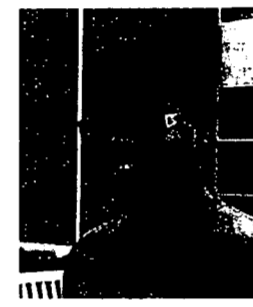
"Personally, I think the Redskins are going to win the Super Bowl. They're the greatest team in the world."

Robert Bareford
Sophomore
Undeclared

"The Colts are going to win the Super Bowl just because of Peyton Manning."

Aryca Wynn
Freshman
Biology Major

"I think the Falcons are going to win the Super Bowl because they're a great team."



Parking not as bad as it seems

By Simon Henry
Staff Writer

Every morning we converge on campus like a herd of drunken cows, in Chargers, Cameros, Explorers, Civics and other makes and models of gas guzzling, carbon belching monoliths.

We snake around Cavalier Drive, try not to run over the suicidal lemmings who cross the road anywhere they feel like, and like a giant game of musical chairs, find the closest possible parking spot.

While children starve to death in Africa and die by the thousands in war in the Middle East, our greatest worry today, is "how far am I going to have to walk from my Honda to Zehmer Hall?"

To me, listening to the decade-old debate about parking at UVa-Wise is like listening to a Fox News broadcast about whatever Anna Nicole's corpse did last night.

Here at school there are two groups of students—

those who live here and those who don't. It seems that in light of the construction projects, the debate about parking has evolved. It used to be that the commuters got the fecal end of the parking stick.

Now the tables have turned.

What a travesty that the residential students now have to walk further than 100 feet to try and find their car! What will happen to the "freshmen 15"? This is a direct threat to our national past-time of obesity.

Maybe we should call in the Army Corps of Engineers and level the trees and the grass, pave the pond, pave it all!

I say ban the cars. Ban every last one from campus. Make everyone walk an equal distance to class.

Have you ever been to Virginia Tech? Do you know how far you walk from a residential hall to the classrooms? Let's put it this way...its kind of like parking at the Bee-Line.

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Hip Hop Is Dead and the Elitists Did It!

By Emahum Campbell

Approximately a month ago, I was at home watching Larry King Live during a discussion of the dog fighting incident and gambling of former Atlanta Falcon quarterback Michael Vick. While one can have a candid and explicit discussion about the egregious acts of Vick, something absolutely startling was presented on the talk show.

Unfortunately, the ceaseless and recurrent inquiry was posed, "Does Hip Hop perpetuate violence, even among animals?" Astonishment accompanied by a simultaneous emotion of anger presented themselves to me, and I fervently listened as the white "expert" answered in the affirmative.

Therefore, I feel that it is my obligation to write about a particular genre of music that has nurtured me throughout my adolescent years, held me during my dark teenage years, and continues to teach me as much as great philosophers and intellectuals of past and present. It is time to present my concise disquisition on the genre of Hip Hop.

Hip Hop, at its best, is the lyrically-skillful, rhetorically clever, and majestically presented art form of pavement poetry. The aesthetic beauty of the music was not created during the 1970s in which brothers and sisters in New York tapped into

the electrical power source of the city (something similar occurred in the prologue of the novel, "Invisible Man") and commenced the brilliance of the synergetic coalescence of poetry and upbeat music that was novel at the time.

Rather, at that point Hip Hop reached its peak and reinvented itself as the years progressed. I would argue that the inception of Hip Hop arguably began with Phillis Wheatley, the first Black writer/poet to publish a book in America. Obviously, this does not account for the oral traditions in the various tribes of Africa prior to the Transatlantic Slave Trade, nor does it account for the oral traditions of African American slaves during the Antebellum Era. However, I feel that this is an excellent place to begin in terms of blacks in America leaving their transcribed and permanent mark on this country through words.

Despite its brevity, I feel that it is necessary to present such a history in order to comprehensively and clearly understand not only what Hip Hop is facing in terms of its extirpation, but what African Americans are facing as well. It is becoming evident that African American people are being attacked through something they can truly call their own, which is Hip Hop.

The culture has already proven that it is not a trend, nor is it a fad.

Sadly enough, however, the music has taken a turn for the worse and I do not solely blame the artist. In my opinion, commercial rap artists are expendable and do not possess an ounce of talent in their lyrically-feeble minds.

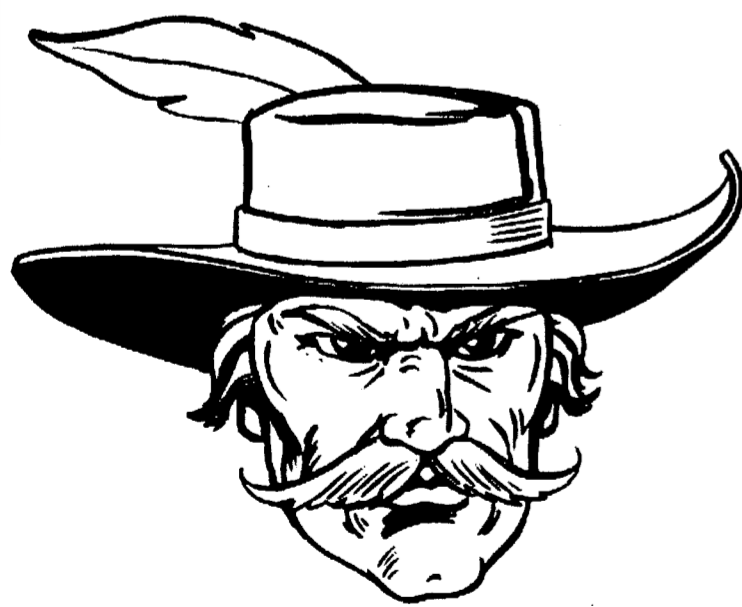
Rather, I feel that a significant blame needs to be placed on the corporations that acquire these artists. Artists like Soulja Boy, Young Jeezy, Young Jeezy, Young Dro...do you see a trend here...D4L, and Lil' Mama, Corporations have proven that capitalism can have harmful effects on our culture.

If one considers that record sales have gone down by 40 percent (such a statistic and be immediately attributed to the inflation rate, specifically the rise in prices of consumer goods) and the top ten selling albums did not derive from Hip Hop, it is obvious that these artists (that the masses unjustly adore) are being used economically.

It has come to the point where the media has criticized the metaphorical Pinocchio (i.e. the artists). Yet refused to scrutinize the metaphorical Geppetto (i.e. the corporations). Seventy to eighty percent of the rap albums that are purchased in this country are purchased by white Americans. However, you have an elitist by the name of Oprah Winfrey virulently criticizing Hip Hop culture, Black youth, and lyrics that

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Campus Calendar

Sunday, September 16
Intramural 2-Person Captain's Choice Golf Tournament - Raven's Rock Golf Course

Monday, September 17
RHA's Build Your Own Homeless House, McCrayer Lawn 7 p.m.
Golf at Montreat Invitational

Tuesday, September 18
Intramural Flag Football Captain's Meeting, 3rd floor SSC 5:30 p.m.
Lady Cavs vs. Mountain State, Greear Gym 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 19
Hump Days Face Painting, SSC Atrium 1 p.m.
Intramural 4x4 Wallyball tournament, Racquetball Courts 6 p.m.

Thursday, September 20
Medieval Renaissance Conference, 5th floor SSC 8 a.m.
Luau by the Lake 4:30 p.m.
Lady Cavs at Union, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 21
Medieval Renaissance Conference, 5th floor SSC 8 a.m.
SGA "Get Fired Up" Pep Rally, SSC Amphitheater 1 p.m.
Inflatable Bungee Run, Slide & Obstacle Course, SSC 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, September 22
Homecoming/Football Game, Cavs vs Georgetown 1:30 p.m.
Alumni Art Exhibit Opening Reception, Alumni Hall 3:30 p.m.
Homecoming Dance, Norton Inn 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

"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 34-66

34. Wish you were home (just not too much during your freshman year - it looks bad).
35. Date or go on a date with someone who isn't really your type.
36. Walk up the stairs to get to class instead of taking the elevator.
37. Come to the realization that you ARE going to fall at one point going up those stairs.
38. See how many people you can fit into the elevator at the student center.
39. Have everyone jump at the same time while it's moving.
40. Imagine that your roommate is getting paid to ruin your life.
41. Realize that your professors really are getting paid to ruin your life.
42. Have dinner with your favorite professor.
43. Give an administrator a hug.
44. Eat Easy Mac and/or Ramen Noodles every day for a week.
45. Attend a Cavs home game for every sport.
46. Road trip to at least one away game.
47. Attend every "Movie on the Lawn."
48. Sign up for every Intramural tournament.

ment. It doesn't matter how bad you actually are.

49. Win at least one intramural champion t-shirt.

50. Have a long conversation with someone who is sitting on a bench around campus.

51. Sit above the fountain in the Sculpture Garden between the Science building and Zehmer. Dangle your feet. Wave at your friends as they walk by.

52. Figure out what's on the 3rd floor of the Science building.

53. Right "Gotcha!" on a fake parking ticket. Place them on the construction trucks.

54. Sleep on your or your hallmate's floor by accident.

55. Learn some ghost stories about Crockett Hall.

56. Take a final. When you're finished, immediately change your major.

57. Grow facial hair. (Um, just the males please)

58. Visit your senior friends while they're writing their senior seminar paper.

59. Think about transferring to Tennessee Wesleyan, Pikeville or Union College.

60. Wake up! It was only a horrible nightmare. (See #59)

61. Lie on a blanket and study for exams on the grass in front of the "lake."

62. Meet with your advisor. The sooner the better so you can find out if they will be useful.

63. Go on at least one spring break or fall break trip to another country with the school.

64. Get a degree.

65. Ask a professor to join you for lunch.

66. Ask a professor to join you for happy hour.

Next time: Numbers 64-99

5 Questions With....



Rachel Tighe
Associate Professor of Communication Studies

1. Happiest moment of your life so far? When I successfully defended my dissertation.
2. Favorite Movie? Ghostbusters 1 & 2
3. Favorite Cookie? Chocolate chip macadamia nut
4. Your Passion in Life? Helping others
5. The Best Aspect of UVA-Wise? Having the opportunity to make a difference with people who truly appreciate what you do.



Hollywood remake gives life to westerns

By Derek Bunch
Staff Writer

"3:10 to Yuma" arrives as a box-office hit.

Director James Mangold's ("Walk the Line") remake of the classic 1957 film "3:10 to Yuma" gunned down the competition in its debut weekend earning \$14 million dollars and the top spot at the box office.

The film stars Christian Bale ("Batman Begins") as Dan Evans, a man who lost a leg in the Civil War and is fighting to keep his ranch from being taken by the railroad company. He becomes desperate for money after the company burns his barn down. He agrees to accompany a notorious outlaw named Ben Wade (played by Russell Crowe) to the 3:10 train to Yuma. In order to get the money, Evans must get Wade to the train on time or he gets nothing for his efforts.

"3:10 to Yuma" is filled with action, gunfights, and close call getaways. Russell Crowe is phenomenal at playing the bad guy for a change, but as always his character is tough and determined.

Christian Bale makes a nice transition to the western genre after playing Batman in his last big movie. Mangold's direction and selection of scenery was fantastic and shows he has a flair for westerns. After seeing this movie, I believe that the western genre might be able to make a comeback after all.

"Hip Hop in a precarious state."

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virulently criticizing Hip Hop culture, Black youth, and lyrics that speak of rage against an oppressed culture.

Surprisingly, she has candidly stated that she has 50 Cent (known for his "virulent" and "venomous" lyrics) on her iPod. Despite the fact that Oprah's audience is comprised of white females, the children of Oprah's audience are "leaning with it" and "rocking with it."

Hip Hop is in a precarious state at this juncture. Undeniably, it perpetuates sexism, chauvinism, patriarchy and materialism. But Mark Foley did the same thing. Bill Clinton did the same thing through his infidelity. Newt Gingrich did, and probably does, the same thing. Bill O'Reilly did the same thing when he was charged with sexual harassment, yet, this is the same man that was blatantly in agreement when it came to the rapper Ludacris losing his Pepsi endorsement.

So until we talk about sexism and patriarchy on all levels, let us take a break from the unjust criticism of Hip Hop and get to the casual root of these issues. Let us take it upon ourselves to change the music.

Emahunn Campbell is a senior English major.

Lewkowicz's "The Girl Who Almost Had It All" based on real life experiences

By Aaron Collier
Features Editor

Wendy Lewkowicz has three titles: wife, mother and coach.

Published author is now the fourth.

Lewkowicz's book, "The Girl Who Almost Had It All," is a story of a girl named Gabriella whose life takes a devastating turn sending her crashing to the ground. She finds solace in her great-aunt Maria and discovers that she isn't the only one with fear and trials.

"She's figuring out who she really is, who she wants to be and how to overcome obstacles," Lewkowicz said.

Lewkowicz is an education major from Appalachian State. The idea for "The Girl Who Almost Had It All" came from her experience teaching 7th grade at an inter-city school in Texas.

"I missed giving advice

to all the kids," she said. "So I started writing based on my students and based on their problems. It sort of all melted into a story."

Lewkowicz's doubts almost sabotaged the story before it could be completed.

She said that after two months she questioned whether she could take on the task of writing a book.

Her husband pushed her to continue, but it wasn't until she visited a bookstore in Denver that she decided to finish the book.

"I went on a trip to Denver and went into a bookstore and saw all these books and

something triggered," she said. "So, I decided to start working on [my book]."

She finished the book and after much thought and prayer decided to try and publish the book.

She sent her manuscript to Publish America, a free publishing company. They liked what they read and agreed to publish the book.

"I sent my manuscript in to them and four days later they said they would accept it," Lewkowicz said. "It just kind of happened."

And Lewkowicz has received positive feedback from readers.

A reader from Costa Rica wrote how much she enjoyed

the book and how much it read like her own life story.

"That made me cry," Lewkowicz said.

"It was so real that it touched someone that much." Lewkowicz said she plans to write a sequel to answer reader's questions about what happens to the character of Gabriella.

She said that she has put the project on hold until she can find the time to sit down and start writing.

"My life is so crazy right now," Lewkowicz said. "I'm just waiting to be motivated."

Her advice to students who want to use their talents is very simple: Don't listen to anybody.

"I had people close to me tell me I couldn't write. That I wasn't good enough," Lewkowicz said.

"If you have a passion then go for it and don't let anything stop you."



Parking

Parking from page 3

How many of you actually pay for your parking decal? I know there are some of you out there who do, but most of you can chalk it up on the parents.

Maybe the school should add 65¢ to tuition, and give us free decals! Somehow, I think that would make sense to some people here.

Give me a break. This college has probably some of the best University parking in the state.

The University of Virginia's College at Wise Lady Cavalier Volleyball Team Hosts "Dig for a Cure" at Greear Gym, Oct. 10 6:30 p.m. UVA-Wise vs. Tenn. Wesleyan

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This Week In History



- September 17, 1972 -- M*A*S*H premieres on NBS TV.
- September 18, 1850 -- Congress passes Fugitive Slave Law as part of Compromise of 1850.
- September 19, 1676 -- Rebels under Nathaniel Bacon set Jamestown Virginia on fire.
- September 20, 1884 -- Equal Rights Party nominates female candidates for President and VP.
- September 21, 1970 -- "Monday Night Football" premieres on ABC - Browns 31, Jets 21.

Are you enjoying "99 Things to Do Before You Graduate" from UVA-Wise? If so, send us a picture of you doing one of the "99 Things" to be printed in the paper. Send all pictures or questions to Editor-in-Chief, Daniel Robinson at dsr8a@uvawise.edu.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



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

Bolling highlights Thursday night at Mosby's

By Greg Tate
Staff Writer

Junior English major Jade Bolling is becoming quite the local celebrity.

Over the summer, she began performing live at Mosby's and is continuing to wow audiences with her voice, ability to play the guitar and her original song writing.

Bolling has been playing the guitar for five years, but has been singing since she was very young.

Her inspiration for songs often comes from her christian

beliefs and her own life. She has been heavily influenced by 1960s and 1970s singer/songwriters which shows through in a large portion of her songs.

She said that the people that attend her performances [at Mosby's] are a great audience.

"I like the people there because they are really down-to-earth and they seem to enjoy listening to my songs," Bolling said. "A lot of people like to ask me how long I've been playing or what kind of guitar I have."

Bolling has also been

teaching children to play the guitar at On Track Studios.

She said she loves seeing her students succeed at music and enjoys sharing her love and talent for music with them.

"It's really exciting when my students learn their first chord or play a whole song," Bolling said. "I get to share my love of music with others."

In the past, Jade has performed at Bonterra, her own church and coffee houses in Abingdon and Johnson City.

She will be performing at Mosby's Sept., 20 at 7:30 p.m.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2007

Thursday, September 20
4:30 pm Luau by the Lake

Friday, September 21

- 11:30 am Class of '57 - 50th Year Reunion Luncheon Moved from Life Vicens Smith House Pavilion to Alumni Hall
- 1:00 pm SGA "Get Fired Up" Pep Rally C. Bascom Sleep Student Center Amphitheater
- 6:00 pm Cluster Reunion for '76, '77 & '78 C. Bascom Sleep Student Center

HOMECOMING DAY

Saturday, September 22

- 8:00 am Alumni Leadership Breakfast By Invitation
- 11:00 am Alumni Picnic Lawn by the Lake
- Noon Alumni Tailgating Carl Smith Stadium - Upper Parking Lot *Tailgating permits must be purchased at Alumni Hall by Friday, September 14th.
- 1:30 pm UVA-Wise Cavs vs. Georgetown Carl Smith Stadium
- 4:30 pm Post-Game Alumni Reception & Art Show Alumni Hall
- 10:00 pm SGA Homecoming Dance

LIVE MUSIC Thursday Night at Mosby's



Jade Bolling
September 20th
7:30pm - 9:30pm

Sports Briefs

Two Lady Cavs earn Player of the Week

Junior Britney Lawson and senior Natasha Viers both earned honors in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. Lawson had 167 digs total last week and posted 37 against both King and McDaniel. Viers had two, 31 kill games and also became the first Lady Cavalier to pass the 1,000 kill mark.

Cavs golfers finish 7th in Cumberlands Invitational

In their first tournament of the season, the men's golf team finished 7th overall. John Blake Graham finished 14th overall. The team finished with a total of 621 total strokes. The Cavs next play at the Newberry Invitational tomorrow

Scoreboard

Football
9/8 - UVa-Wise 35, Concord College (WV) 28

Volleyball
9/4 - UVa-Wise 3, Milligan 2

9/6 - UVa-Wise 3, King College 2

9/7 - Southwestern 3, UVa-Wise 0

9/7 - UVa-Wise 3, McDaniel 0

9/8 - UVa-Wise 3, Southern Virginia 2

9/8 - Christopher Newport 3, UVa-Wise 1

Standings

Football - 3-0 (0-0 in the MSC). Tied for 2nd in the Mid-South Conference East Division. Ranked #13 in the NAIA Poll.

Volleyball - 7/6 (2-0 in AAC).

Intramurals

9/16 - 2-Person Captain's Choice Golf Tournament

9/19 - 4x4 Wallyball Tournament 6 p.m.

Lady Cavs route King in dramatic fashion

By Daniel Robinson
Editor-in-Chief

The Lady Cavs made quite an impression on the rest of the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) when they defeated defending regular season champions, King College on Sept. 6.

The Cavs won in five games by scores of 30-28, 30-21, 29-31, 22-30 and 15-7, respectively.

Senior Natasha Viers led the Cavs with 31 kills. She added seven digs and seven blocks.

Junior outside hitter Kristen Salyer had 17 kills and 15 digs while fellow junior Britney Lawson had a career-high 39 digs.

Other notable performers included freshman Sam Puryea with 63 assists, nine digs, and five kills; senior Leeza Dos Santos with 10 digs and three aces; freshman Maggie Berry with 10 kills and five blocks; senior Cara Hamilton with seven digs and two aces; and senior Whitney Lane with eight kills and six blocks.

The Cavs are currently 2-0 in the AAC and 7-6 overall.

The Lady Cavs will travel to Bryan tonight and then face Covenant and Tennessee-Wesleyan on the road tomorrow.



Photo by Jessica Price

Freshman setter Sam Puryea serves during the Lady Cavs' 3-2 win over King College on Sept. 6. Puryea had a career-high 63 assists with nine digs and five kills.

Cavs off week helps to prepare for tough road ahead

By Cody Dalton
Asst. Sports Editor

The Cavalier football team has earned a break this week.

Three games into an extremely rough schedule, the Cavaliers football team is serving their annual bye week and preparing for the homecoming game next Saturday.

Many players are glad the break in action has arrived.

"I don't think the bye week could have come at a better time," said senior quarterback Randy Hippeard. "We have a few players that are bruised up, so it'll give us time to heal"

"We have played three hard non-conference games and they have been very close," said senior linebacker Ben Robertson. "Both of these games have put a physical beating on us and we really need the break right now before we start to play our conference games."

A week to heal also means a week to prepare for another storm of sorts.

The Cavs next two opponents, Georgetown and Bethel (TN), are both ranked in the top 10 teams of the NAIA Top 25 poll. Both teams are also conference opponents.

"That makes it a challenge," said Cavs coach Bruce Wasem. "It really makes the whole season a challenge. We knew we

were going to have five straight games that were going to be tough to contend with. We couldn't stumble on any one of them, but now we've still got two tough ones to go."

The Cavs progress this season has inched them closer to the top of the NAIA. They are ranked no. 13, their highest ranking since week three of last season, when the Cavs were ranked no. 18.

The top 16 teams at the end of the year will enter the playoffs.

"It is very important for us to be ranked this high at this point in the season," said running senior back Ra'Shad Morgan. "It means we don't have to climb as high in the polls to reach the playoffs."

"Well, it is nice to be ranked that high because when you are ranked that high that early it means that you have a better shot at being in the playoffs," Wasem said. "We wouldn't have to climb in there from outside the top 25. The only ranking that really counts though is the one at the end of the season."

With the possibility of playoffs looming, the Cavs realize their goal is still far from happening just yet.

"Our main goal right now is to win one game at a time and that starts with beating Georgetown in two weeks," Robertson said. "Our goal is to go undefeated, so we have reached that goal so far, but we have a long road ahead of us."

Could UVa-Wise produce a "Vick"?

By Reid Salomonsky
Sports Editor

I wanted to go as long as possible without mentioning it, and I think that the third issue is long enough.

Michael Vick.

The NFL season kicked off last week, and Vick has been kicked out until further notice after participating in morally questionable activities in his personal life.

While under the spot light, athletes represent themselves, the team and the entire sport in general.

While it is simple for us to say "Whatever you do, don't act like an idiot!" face it, it's easier said than done.

That is why the NFL has instituted a conduct policy in which the players agree to avoid participating in activities that could reflect poorly upon the team.

In one aspect, it is sad that things have come to this point, but it is also refreshing to see coaches take an interest in their athletes lives.

The head coaches at UVa-Wise, have always been concerned about their players' off the field conduct, and play an active part of their lives.

Football coach Bruce Wasem preaches to his team that their actions do not only reflect themselves.

"Our [players] do represent the team, school, and student body," Wasem said. "I set a standard of conduct with expectations on the field and off."

Softball coach Tori Raby-Gentry agrees that conduct is a very important aspect of college athletics.

"Anything that could hurt [a player], ultimately affects the team," she said.

Cross country coach Jason Lewkowicz says that college athletes' conduct is more important than non-athletes.

"Student-athletes are held to higher standards than non-athletes due to their visibility," Lewkowicz said. "They represent the institution, and it is vital that they realize the ramifications if they act inappropriately."

Lewkowicz says he believes that nothing an athlete does is "their own business".

"A student-athlete, regardless of the sport, is part of a team, represents a piece of a bigger puzzle," he said. "They are on the clock 24-hours a day."

Women's basketball coach Rachel Clay-Kehane said she stresses to her players that the behavior expected while on the team is no different from that expected in the workplace.

"Doctors, teachers, etc., have a code of conduct that must be adhered to or their profession will suffer," she said.

Requiring players to act according to ethical standards is difficult. How do you prohibit them from living an "active" lifestyle?

"Each player has the right to be an individual, but when they [join the team] they make a commitment," Wasem said. "Including their behaviors which affect them, and, the team."

"I know that I cannot regulate all of this without having a 'lock down' of the team. But we emphasize expectations and try to have players with the right commitments and values things generally turn out pretty well."

What Vick did for professional sports is shameful, and has changed the game forever.

Whether or not you're an athlete, you should take pride that you're at an institution that values respect and conduct as much as these coaches do.

Go Cavs!

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:
1,325 yds to go

Hippeard:
930 yds to go

Player of the Week

31 kills, seven digs, and seven blocks in a 3-2 win against defending AAC champion King College on Sept. 6.

Reached the 1,000 kill mark for her career in the game against King Sept. 6.



Hometown:
Abingdon, Va.

Major:
Health and Physical Education

Natasha Viers
Junior Outside Hitter

dig (dig) - to strike or redirect (a ball) just before it hits the ground (volleyball)