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## College TV station set to begin broadcasting next month

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The college's TV station, still unnamed, plans to air its first programming within the next month.

The Office of Information Technology, the Department of Communication Studies and a group of the college's students have been working to develop a new, working educational television station here at the college, said Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Keith Fowlkes said in an e-mail.

"Right now we are in the planning process piecing together ideas and setting up the studio," said Alison Ray, coordinator of media services.

The station will broadcast educational programs as well as bring the latest news and events to the attention of the campus and surrounding counties.

Fowlkes said students from all different majors will have the opportunity to produce programs, like interviews with guest speakers and faculty members, and a reality show that documents what it is like to be a student at the college.

"One big resource that will set Channel 55 apart from other local school channels on Comcast is our new partnership with Annenburg Media to air educational television programming," Fowlkes said. "This programming ranges  
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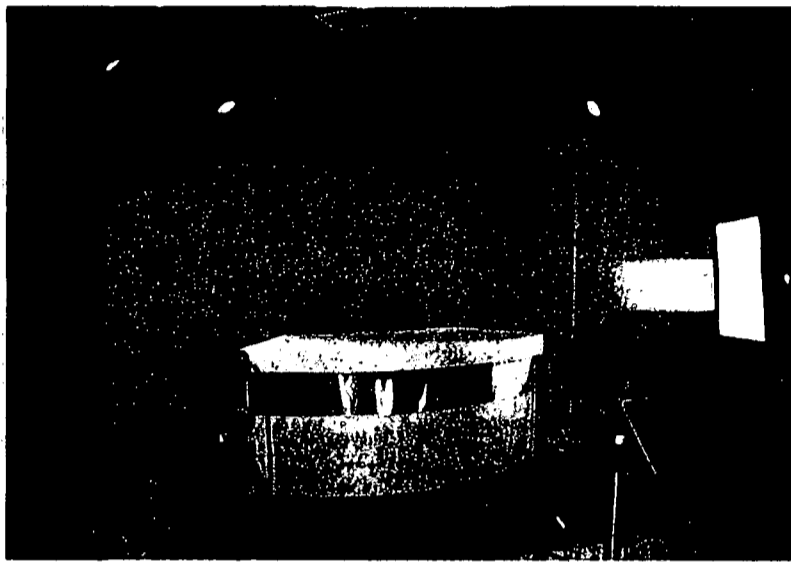


Photo by Kate Baldwin

The newly-constructed anchor desk, in the college's broadcast studio in Zehmer Hall, is the centerpiece for Cav-TV, the student-run news program. The station will begin broadcasting Cav-TV in late-February.

## Campus installs new emergency alert system

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In the wake of the April 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech, UVa-Wise has implemented a new campus-wide security system that notifies students and faculty in the event of an emergency.

The system was tested early in the spring semester.

"It sounds like an air raid siren," said senior James Kennedy.

The project, which cost around \$30,000 to implement, is only used in the case that there is a need for a lockdown on campus said Police Chief Steve McCoy.

The system is activated manually from the campus police station but can also be accessed through police radios. The siren system also doubles as a PA system that can reach the entirety of the campus.

The campus is furthering its security measures by adding more security cameras in all student parking areas and some dormitories as well as starting a Crisis Committee and internet notification system.

"We've work hard and diligently to put this system in," McCoy said.

The events at Virginia Tech sent a tremor throughout the college environment as many colleges took a much closer look at their own security measures.

Some college campuses have also instituted a program that sends text messages to students across campuses in the event of an emergency. The cost is only about one dollar per student.

The increased security measures should allow for safer and more secure campuses. But for some students it is more than an afterthought.

"After what happened at Tech, I think a lot more students are looking at how safe a campus is when choosing where to attend," said freshman Halla Kiser. "It makes colleges ask, 'Are we safe enough in the event that something like that happens here?'"

## Students trespass on campus construction sites

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As campus construction continues, a number of students have taken behind after-hours to see what is going on behind the plywood windows.

"Our whole floor went into Crockett last semester when there were copperheads in the basement," said one student who wished to remain anonymous. "I know we weren't the only ones"

"I've been in Crockett a couple of times just to see what they were doing," said a senior who spoke on the condition of anonymity

However the campus administration has no tolerance for this type of self-education. As stated in the Student Handbook, "Unauthorized entry/exit or occupation of College facilities which are locked, closed to student activities, or otherwise restricted as to use" is "prohibited conduct for which a student is subject to discipline."

"The risk of personal injury to those trespassing after hours is real and substantial," said Travis Perry, the capital projects manager. "If anything were to ever happen as a result of an after-hour visit, beyond the personal injury to the individuals, the cost to both the college and the contractor would be significant and could impact not only that project but others as well."

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Photos by John Carter, UVA Construction Administration

Electrical and mechanical construction continues inside Crockett Hall. A number of the college's students have made trips into the building after-hours.

## Bookstore makes deal with New Era

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It has been the official hat of Major League Baseball for nearly 70 years.

Athletic greats in the NBA and the NHL also sport the brand, as well as students at major universities across the U.S.

The college's bookstore is ushering in a new era of branding with the introduction of New Era brand caps featuring the UVa-Wise insignia.

"I've never seen something go so fast," said bookstore employee Brittney

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Photo by Daniel Robinson

## Benke named president of VLA

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Robin Benke can add one more title to his name—president of the Virginia Library Association.

Benke, the director of library services and assistant professor of library science, has been part of the VLA since 1978 and has both

chaired the College/University section for the last two years and served on several committees.

Benke said that he is ready for the challenge of his new position.

"I more or less know what is involved with heading or chairing a committee," Benke said. "I was very pleased I was elected and honored that I was going to  
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## Super Bowl Sunday Finally Here

Weekends are meant to be a time of joy and rest. A time without classes, lectures or note taking of any kind. However, I never thought I would actually be praying for the week to begin after the single most boring Sunday in the history of the world—the Sunday before the Super Bowl.

Football fans get spoiled by 18 straight weeks of guaranteed football. From Friday to Monday, and sometimes Thursday, we are treated to hours of America's other favorite pastime.

But for me, last weekend's options ranged from meaningless college basketball games, to the exciting action of professional baseball, to being forced to watch the latest Lifetime original movie.

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But despite all of my complaints, this weekend (Feb. 23-24) will be a great one. I'll be watching the Super Bowl on TV, and I'll be watching the Super Bowl on TV.

## New campus group looks to spread fun and faith

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If praising God, having fun and hanging out with your friends for free is your idea of a good time, there is a new program on campus that is just for you.

"Teammates for Life" is a new organization that is promoting a fun, safe environment.

The group, founded by senior athlete and president Janed Soles, wants to give the campus community something fun while getting people involved.

"We tried to create the FCA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, but it never really caught on," Soles said. This is a way we plan to reach out to the entire campus. We all had gifts we wanted to glorify the Lord with and it just so happens it is sports."

Teammates for Life (TFL) held their "Wise Campus Skills Challenge" this past Sunday, which allowed members from around campus to participate in a variety of events including a three point contest and milk pong contest.

After the first few events took place, those who were in attendance were treated to Ignite, a local praise and worship band.

and guest speaker Luke Paiks.

Parks, a sophomore from Damascus, said he thought the program was a good idea.

"This is an awesome program," Parks said. "I believe this is exactly something UVa-Wise is looking for. We are doing some great things, while meshing Jesus with fun." TFL Vice President Ben Robertsonsaid the program is not just for athletes. Anyone is welcome to attend their events, he said.

"We are trying to get an outreach not only to athletes, but to everybody," Robertson said. "We have many Bible study programs on campus, but not something that brings everybody together at the same time. That is what we are trying to do. Bring everyone together, worship God and have some fun. We are also letting people know about the other Bible study groups around campus as well."

TFL is hoping that the "Skills Challenge" is just a small part of what the organization hopes to accomplish this semester and in the near future.

"We are trying to provide a positive Christian message throughout campus," Blackwell said. "Janed had done an amazing job organizing this thing. We are just trying to have a little fun along with our message."

## Students enjoy snow tubing trip to Winterplace

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Perhaps it was "snow fever" induced by last week's cancelled classes and weather-related delays, but this year more than 40 students went on the college's fourth annual snow tubing trip - twice as many as last year, according to Chris Davis, director of student activities.

"It was the most we've ever had to sign up for this trip," Davis said. "Werenteda big bus from the school to take everyone."

The group went to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia, and the trip was free to students. They hit the slopes in the afternoon for about four hours, Davis said.

"It was a long drive, but it was pretty fun," said freshman Shaun FASTER. "I hadn't

done that since I was a kid, and went basically because my friends did, but it was fun." Freshman Bryant Gray said he had a

Mast "It was a good way to relieve stress, flying down the mountain," he said.

The Outdoor Recreation group has other events planned each month through April.

Next month will be an overnight ski trip to Winterplace or Ski Beach on Feb. 23-24. The trip will cost between \$30 and \$40, said Davis.

On March 22, the Saturday after students return from Spring Break, there will be a paintball trip, which Davis said should be free for students.

Davis said there are several trips planned in April, including mountain biking trip, the 19th annual Ashing tournament in McCrary Lake and a trip to Six Flags in Ocoee.

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from topics like art and music to business and bio-ethics."

The new educational resource will benefit students and the community as well as help the college to be more well-known throughout the area, Fowlkes said.

"Being more visible in the region helps us reach a wider group of prospective students, our local alumni and interface better with regional industry and business," Fowlkes said.

Students involved with the station are now looking for on-air talent.

"Right now we are going through outreach to our staff and students on campus (or on-camera talent," said Mike Mebrahtu, assistant general manager of the station.

Simon Heniy, the station's general manager, said he looks forward to entertaining

the campus and bringing quality news to the viewers that will make them say "that was awesome."

"I'm very excited about this project and the new, redesigned studio," Fowlkes said. "Most of all, I am proud of the students that have stepped up in leadership of the studio."

Mebrahtu said he looks forward to students receiving the news in a way that has not been done before.

Fowlkes said he hopes "it will spark a new creativity outlet on campus that can be enjoyed by all."

"We all are really excited," Ray said. "We have a really good group of students who are really talented and represent our college well. I am excited to see what they can do."

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## Trespass: College construction proves attractive to explorers

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There are real safety hazards on a construction site after dark. Additionally, there could be risks to the workers entering the site the next day if they are unaware that something crucial may have been changed or com-

promised by unauthorized access.

Persons found trespassing could find themselves before the Judicial Board or face criminal prosecution.

"If people are staying out of the Science Building

it is because there are fewer ways in," said a junior who asked to remain anonymous. "People don't want to get on the bad side of Officer Nichole (Davis) and what she'd do to you if she caught you messing around in there."

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As you all know, the campus construction is well under way.

The amount of money that we received for it, it's going to be a substantial library."

Benke's said his national service to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as an evaluator of university and college libraries across the southeast gave him an insight into what libraries should have. He said he hopes to incorporate what he has seen in other libraries.

"I know that students need just from my experience evaluating other libraries," Benke said. "I would like to include the best of what I have seen."

Benkesaid that seeing the new library finished would be his greatest achievement in his long career at Uthe college.

"I would believe I accomplished everything I can accomplish at UVa-Wise," Benke said.

In the end, Benke said he wants nothing more than to meet the students' needs and make the library a place students can find both resources and relaxation.

"I try to be as service oriented and meet the students needs," Benke said. "I am very proud when I see the students using the library."

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## Benke: Library director named VLA president

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VLA Director Donna Cote said that Benke's service to the VLA has shown he is ready to be association's president.

"He is a leader in the profession, advocating collaborative and cooperative relationships among Virginia libraries," Cote said. "The Virginia Library Association is honored by his willingness to serve."

Benke, born in Trinidad, graduated from Hampden Sydney College and earned his master's degree from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University before coming to work at UVa-Wise in 1978. He said he saw the listing for the job in "The Chronicle of Higher Education" and saw a perfect opportunity to come back to Virginia.

When I did research on the college, at that time Clinch Valley College, I saw it was a small college," Benke said. "I thought I would prefer working at a small college as opposed to a larger university."

Benke said that working at a smaller college allows him to do what he loves to do the most working with students.

"One thing I enjoy doing is working with students," Benke said. "That is why I came to a small college be-

cause you get close contact with students."

Benke's work on campus has yielded him many awards during his nearly 30-year career at the college, including the Clinch Valley College Outstanding Service Award in 1998 and the UVa-Wise Harrison Award for Outstanding Service in 2004. He said that being recognized by his colleagues for his work is very important to him.

"(The awards) mean a lot when you are appreciated and honored," Benke said. "It means a lot when your peers give you these."

One of Benke's greatest concerns at the college is making the students comfortable in the library. Whether it's the comfy furniture, the coffee bar or implementing laptops, Benke said he wants students to find the library a welcoming atmosphere.

"I want this library to be very service-oriented and that students have a very comfortable environment," Benke said.

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# Happiness through Simplification: Coffee Gum Shares his Stories

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He is (he ideal momiog persoa He is one of the most recognizable people on campus. He is not a student, teacher, or administrator. He is not a Mc, a *Dr.*, or a professor. He is simply, Kenny.

Kenny Owens, the bearded barista of Books & Brew, has delighted many customers with not only delicious bot beverages, but also tales of this truly interesting man's life.

His stoiy begins here in Wise, where he was bom and raised He left home to attend and excel at Rorida State University. There he received a bachelor's degree in nutrition as well as a master's degree in exercise physiology.

However, Owen's formal training is not only in these areas.

"I have a bartending license, I am a certified mine foreman, and I am a trained EMT."

While he is skilled at many different areas of life, Owens' true passion goes far beyond the limits of schooling.

"I have traveled o'er 6,500 miles on my bike," Owens said.

"Most people ate excited to hear about my trip across America. I traveled 4719 miles from coast to coast. It was on the Transamerica bike trail, and started in Oregon. When I was there I dipped my rear tire in the pacific and when I made it to Virginia Beach I dipped my front tire into Athmtic. It took 90 days."

While many would see this as an extraordinary feat, this is not Owens' favorite cycling adventure.

Alaskan bike trail is the most beautiful thing I've ever seen," he said. "It is 1200 miles of wild forest life and it is vast behind belief."

Although his passion (or cycling has lead to quite a few excursions, his outdoor life is not limited to peddling.

"Hiking 600 miles across the state

of Virginia was an adventure." If bearitg about his many travels does not fascinate listeners, perhaps they would prefer to read them.

"I have written three books abom my travels," Owens said. "The first "I'm not lost, I'm jua exploring" is about my bike trail across the country. I also wrote a book titled "Virginia Creeping" abom my hike across the country. My third book which is about my Alaskan bike ride, is currently untitled"

He also has plans to write two additional books, c>e being an autobiography with the worcing title The life and limes of a wayward hillbilly' and a second book of true stories from his adventures 00 greyhound bus trips. Owens claims to haveriddenover 25,000 miles on Greyhounds.

"Anyone who hasriddenon a Greyhound bus knows that they will have a story to tell."

As if that were not enough, Owens

## 5 Questions With....

### Clara-C. Adame de Heu Instructor of Spanish and French

#### 1.1 If your house was onfire,what would be one thing (non-living), that you would save?

If my house were on fire (I hope not!) I would save my Le petit Robert dictionary. It is not possible to live without it.

#### 2. What one person has had the most Inspiration on your life?

My mother had the most inspiration on my life.

#### 3. What's the last book you read?

I just read "La môtaphysique des tubes" by Nathalie Nothomb. Right now I'm reading "Lesrosesde la solitude" by Jacqueline de Romilly.

#### 4. What did you want to be when you were a kid?

When I was a ldd I just wanted to be a woman.

#### 5. Who would you rather be: Bart Simpson or William Shakespeare?

Why don't we say Jean d'Ormesson?

## O.A.R.'s latest live album leaves much to be desired

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O.A.R. (Of a Revolution) has been known primarily as a college band for more than 10 years. Because of this, the group's live performances have constituted some of its best work. In 2007, the band released its third live conceit album, "Live From Madison Square Oarden."

Like their previous two live recordings, "Any Time Now" and "34th & 8th," tMs set is a double-disc showcasing some of the band's most memorable songs.

This is a paticularly good record because it is the first live album since their last studio-recorded effort and contains many of the best songs from "Stories of a Stranger."

The band begins its set with "Love and Memories," one of the band's few songs that received regularradioairplay.

The group continues to mix and match new songs like "Heard the Word" and "One Shot" with older favorites including "About Mr. Brown," "Black Rock" and "About an Hour Ago..

It's easy to hear that the band has im- (HD)ved over the years. Richard On's abilities on guitar have greatly improved and the original sound of Jerry DePizzo on saxophone continues to be one of the band's most interesting aspects.

While lead vocalist Marc Roberge's voice lends itself perfectly to the college sound of tliil band, it s\* UMe ifriiisia<i-i^ \aii he regularly changes the way he sings certain verses. It makes it hard to fdlow along with songs that I've learned and I dare say it's difficult for the fans as well.

While the first disc of the album is entertaining, it's not until the second disc that the band really shows off.

"That Was a Crazy Game of Poker" has long been the band's most popular soig. It's

obvious lbal the group takes pride in its flag- ship tune that runs for more than 15 minutes.

The band starts off by playing a completely different opening to the song. In fact, the crowd does not even know what song they are playing until nearly fow minutes into the track when the familiar opening begins and the crowd really gets going. Roberge lets the crowd sing much of the chorus and the Madison Square Garden audience doesn't disappoint and really gives you the feeUng of being at the actual concert

I was a little surprised, however, at the lack of emotion shown l^ much of the crowd throughout the CD until "Crazy Game of Pck- er." It's hard to tell that Uiey are even there at certain points of the album. This could be because Roberge changes many of the lyrics- making it hard for the audience to follow or sunply because the producers didn't get good enough sound from them.

All in all, this is a good CD. If you're an O.A.R. fan who's looking for live versions of some of the band's newer songs, then this is the record for you. However, if you ate just looking for a good live album from the group, "Any Time Now" is a better choice.

#### Daniel's Rating: 3 "oars" out of 5

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## "Smackdown vs. Raw 2008" good as a weekend rental

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I love pio-wrestling.

I can remember seeing Hulk Hogan for the first lime and the next day I was taking my vitamins and saying my prayers. I can remember wrestling with my Grandpa and when I was just about to lose I would run out of the designated ring and scream "Out of the ring. Pawpaw! Out of the ring!"

More like Ric Flair then Hulk Hogan I'm afraid.

When THQ and World WresUing Entertainment (CWWE) joined forces to develop a wrestling game that truly covers every aspect of pro-wrestling, I was stoked. From the very beginning of the "Smackdown!" series on the Playstation, the series has lived up to its potential. From the action in the ring to the soap opera-like storylines, THQ produced a wrestling game that had never been done before.

The series made its jump to the next-gen consoles last year with "SvR 2007" on the Xbox 360. The game was extremely well done andIbad me excited for the next instalbnent, "Smackdown vs. Raw 2008."

I picked up the 2008 instalbnent for the Xbox 360 a couple of days after Christmas and began my sojourn iido wrestling euphoria. Unfortunately, not everything is as I remembered it

The game does bolster an impressive

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## New Era: Campus bookstore offers popular hat brand

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excited!"

In fact, some of the caps sold before they were put out on shelves.

"We got them in the week of exams," said Chad Gentry, bookstore director. "Some students saw them in the boxes and bought them before the break, and since we've had them out 00 the sales Boor they've been selling really well."

Gentry said initially he was skeptical of introducing the brand because of the cost, but lbal it was something students wanted.

"Former student Travis Gardner really pushed to get them," MulUns said. Gardner worked in the bookstore until October when be left for the Police Academy, she said

"He helped Chad design them andwwe're gladio have something he worked on in the store." she said. Geotly said that most of

the hals have been sold to guys, but that girls have been purchasing them. loo.

"I've seen girls wear them on campus, so they're buying them for themselves, not just their boyfriends." he said.

"I really like them," Mullins said. "But I don't have one."

Junior Adam Nicholson does, though. He said he likes the hats because they are New Era. and he also has other New Era hats for MLB teams.

"It's the best hat they've had so fat" saidJunior Darrell Ely He also has New Era bats for MLB teams, such as the Cindnittli Reds.

There are two styles cunently at the store, a tback cap with a red and.white logo and a red and Mack capi They sell for about \$30., which is about \$10-\$15 more than other hals in the store, said Oenly.

"But about anywhere else, [this brand] is the same," he said.

The Mack hats have been selling the best and students are requesting more, he said.

"Pecqdewillaskmeifl canorder the same exact Mack cap,bid with Mack stitching," be said. The tone-on-lone style has been'made popular with other universilies such as the University of Virginia.

"It will be a while before we could possibly get those in, though, possibly next fall," Gentry said.

Something new that's coming in a bit sooner, thoigh, is New Era's 'Neo' style hat The Neo style boasts a curved bin and a mesh material on the back, similar to the wicking material Under Armour attire ismadeof.

Students can expect to see IUs wave of New Era in May

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## Sports Briefs

Can football coach beared In automobile accident

DusbaHU Austin, the defensive backs coach for the UVa-Wise football team, was involved in an accident on Jan. 26 near Big Stone Oap.

Edwin Shelton drove on the opposite side of the road, striking Austin's car.

Emergency peisonnel arrived on the scene shortly after the two cais made contact. Austin was removed from his vehicle with the Jaws of Life because his legs were trapped

Austin, who lives in Johnson City, was taken by helicopter to Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn

Senior e c U p s M 1 ^ points for Us career

Senior gauid Jarred Soles scored his 1,500th point in the lirst quarter of the game against Bryan College on Jan 26. Soles is only the sixth person in team history to reach that mark.

"I didn't even know I was close until I read it in [The Highland Cavalier]," Soles said.

"Right now, getting the next win is more important to me, but in a few years I think I will look back and grasp the significance of it."

Soles said that the team's performance is more important than any individual accomplishments.

"We've played such a lough schedule," sai Soles " Having to play against four Division I teams, and going on long road stretches has not been easy for us."

Despite a disappointing record, Soles said he is confident that the Cavs will finish strong.

"When it comes down to it, it's all about our conference record. We have a tough few weeks ahead, bm considering the way we've been playing, the season could end either way."

The cavs'impressive 7-1 home record has contributed to their success this year and Soles has many to thank.

"The fans help out so much," he said "When we go on the road, we notice that no one has fans Uke UVa-Wise. It gives us alot of motivation."

In his senior year, Soles said that be has one last goal to accomplish.

"It has always been my dream to go to the nation^ tournament. Right now it's about winning every game we can and earning a spot in the conference tournament and earning a spot in the nationals."

## Cavs bench proves to be a key to success

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The Cavs basketball team has had a rollercoaster year, but its been successful nonetheless.

While many believe it b because of the clutch shooting of Jarred Soles or the emergence of sophomore Pancc Kecev, there is a group of unsung heroes that have carried the team.

The Cavs' bench *bias* provided a much needed spark over- the past few weeks, helping the team win three of its last five games. And their versatility has been the key.

"Our bench brings so many weapons to the table such as shooting, rebounding, speed and skill," said forward Travis Brannoa

Players like Eric Swords, Adam Hood, Robert Amis, Aaron Meachem, Travis Willis, Justin Sorenson, Ejanial Adams, and Brannon are all port of the formula of success.

They have impressed coach Lee Clark so much that it has [Hit several starting positions in jeopardy.

"In practice (the starting lineup] are pressured'to play at their best at all times due to the skill of the back-up players." Brannon said.

The different styles and weapons off the bench have lifted this team from a 7-24 record last season to a 10-13 record.

### Junior guard Aaron Meachem goes in for a lay up In the Cava' 84-76 win over Covenant

Photo by Kate Baldwin

The different styles of play have confused and even frustrated slaitcis of opposing teams.

On Jan 29, beichcrs Hood and Swords dominated with a combined 29 points to lead the Cavs over Alice Lloyd at home in a 74-63 victory.

Hood has become a 3-point shooting threat averaging 10.8 points per game.

On the other side of the bench junior Eric Swords is shooting an impressive 44.7 percent from the floor aaid is averaging 6.8 points per game.

Freshman Robert Amis has racked up an extraordinary number of rebounds and assists in limited play, while sophomore Travis Willis pro-

vides the bench with athleticism.

Brannon leads the team in rebounds with 3.9 per game and has sparked the Cavs' *defense*.

Senior Justin Sorenson makes opposing teams thinks twice before driving to the rim.

Aaron Meaclem who's getting his feet wet in his ninth game of his career provides an acrobatic spectacle for dunk fans. With so many weapons opposing teams crumble due to fatigue in the fourth quarter.

With only seven games remaining in the regular season, the Cavs will look for the players on both the court and the bench to step up, and end the year on a high note.

## Cavs baseball prepares for start of new season

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With only one week until their opener at Emmanuel College, the Cavs baseball team has plenty to be excited about

Senior shortshop Jorge Laboy said be is hoping that this season can end the same way that last years did.

"I'm looking forward to repeating what we did last year and hopefully going further into the season like super regionals and even the World Series."

Last season, the Cavaliers recorded the most season wins in school history (32), and ended 32-17-1. However, the highlight of the season was making it to one of the final brackets in the NAIA Region XII tournament.

Senior pitcher David JoiKS said he believes this team has the formula to go all the way.

"I feel like we have good team chemistiry and a strong group of seniors and I feel like this is our year to step up and be champions."

There are six seniors on the team this season—Malt Hall, John Bigley, Matt Begley, David Jones, Brock Funk and Laboy.

Four players did not return, some due to academic reasons.

The team is hopeful they can pool enough determination to not only make it to super regionals, but also show everyone what they are capable of

The underclassmen have big shoes to All, but had much to say about tlie upcoming season.

"I'm looking to have

another great season and to qualify for regionals then go to super regionals," said sophomore catcher Alan Stoupa.

Sophomore oulflekler Brad Austin said he thinks that this team might be better than last year

"I am really looking forward to the team buikling off of last year's success and pushing ourselves to be an even better team this year," said sophomore outfielder. Brad Austin.

"I'm looking for^vard to us (as a team) getting better every day, and making a run at conference," said Billy Fox, sophAnore outfielder.

The Cavs seem to have the sairte frame of mind when it comes to going far this season, and with the numbers they put up last season, it docs not seem out of reach.

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## A Very Thankful Sports Writer

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As a writer for The Highland Cavalier, you get in touch with athletes and coaches from sports around the campus- from baseball to tennis. With the added task of working for the Coalfield Progress as well, I get to know people from all around the region.

The blessing of being a sports writer is sometimes a curse however, as was the case this past Saturday. Here's the story:

My roommate and I decided to travel to Johnson City and visit the mall and surrounding stores so that we could get some fresh air.

It was a fun-packed day, full of new and exciting places to visit. The return, hovever, would turn all of the feelings into solemn ones.

We iclumped to the Wise and Big Stone Oap areas around 10:30 p.m., when ambulances and other emergency personnel rushed past tmwards an accident.

I made the comment "I hope that no one is seriously injured." Another emergency vehicle rushed from behind us. This confused me, as I thought the accident was behind where we were going.

In fact, the accident was In front of us. We pulled in behind a truck with fire fighters and turned off the car. I looked over at the car that had been involved not knowing who was or the extent of the injuries.

As wailed for the road to clear and the peRon to be taken to the hospital, the cavs offensive coordinator, Dewey Lusk, walked past our car. When I saw him, my heart sank to the floor in terror'that someone involved with our football program was seriously hurt.

Lights flashed around us as the emergency crew unloaded the Jaws of Life to free whoever was in the car I sat in my car somen hat quiet, praying that the person wasn't seriously hurt.

After the accident victim was freed from the vehicle, a helicopter landed and took them off to a medical facility. The road was then cleared and we moved on to our home destination after about an hour and ten minutes.

The next day, I woke up to see who was hurt I couldn't find anything on the news sites or from anyone I knew. I would attend the 'Teammates for Life' event hekl later that night to find out who this mysley person was.

It was Dushawn .Vuslin, our secondary coach for the football team. A man had driven on the opposite side of the road and struck Austin's car. 'f his was the accident my roommate and I had witnessed.

After he was aidified, Austin was operated on and it was discovered that he had sulfcied hip and rib injuries, as well as minor cuts.

I liopc that the entire UVa-Wise campus and the Wise community send coach Austin a card or even give him a visit, at l Mston Valley Medical Center.

This is one sports writer who is thankful that coach Austin ok and that no one else was with him. This could have been an even *wokc* situation than it already was.

## Game of the Week

The Lady Cavs basketball team is on a 2-11 slump, and are looking to turn it around.

On r^b. 2 they face A AC rival Virginia Inlermont, one of the only teams they have success against this season.

On Dec 4 the Lady Cavs defeated the l^y Cobras in a close 75-73 game that came down to the last minute.

Junior Lauren Jen is had a career high 16 rebounds in the game and scored 12 points.

The Lady Cavs are currently 4-19,2-9 and are in the midst of a five-gamelosing streak.

The team will look to Junior Kim Noiris to dominate.

Junior Guard Kim Norris has averaged points per game this season and has recorded 30 steals