Students share experiences from study abroad trip to Ecuador

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Over winter break, while many UVa-Wise students were sleeping late, hanging out with old friends, and bringing in the new year with style, eight students, along with Spanish professor Esteban Ponce, were honing their Spanish skills and learning about a different culture in Ecuador.

"At the beginning, I didn't want to go," said sophomore Marshall Bradley, during the presentation the group gave last Thursday in the Chapel of All Faiths. "And I think I had the most fun out of the group."

The eight students who participated in the trip were Bradley, Nickie Fones, Joe Galloway, Bruce Blansett, Jaime Herman, Joy Bryant, Allyson Craft and Courtney Hammond.

Members of the group agreed that each traveler had a good time, including Ponce.

"I really enjoyed the trip," Ponce said. "It was most interesting to see their ([the students']) positive reactions. I'd been to all the places before, but it was interesting to see them from the students' eyes.

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Student and faculty form Environmental Society

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Nearly three years after the first Earth Day was celebrated on campus, students and faculty again felt the need for a more environmentally-friendly worldview.

The group's goal is to encourage the campus to take action in order to become more environmentally-friendly.

"We need something more than just a Woody Allen meeting and to become a real organization," William said at the start of the meeting.

Students agreed that they wanted to make a change, which they believe is possible. "We are not the only ones who care," a student said. "We are the ones who can make a difference."
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Iced Earth surfaces up a great old school metal experience

In an age where the heavy metal genre has embraced both musicians and a wider audience, Iced Earth has proven itself as a true testament to the power of classic metal. The band’s music, both on record and on stage, is a breath of fresh air in a world where innovation often takes precedence over traditional songwriting and performance. Iced Earth’s recent album, "Framing Armageddon," is a testament to the band’s ability to continue to evolve while still remaining true to their roots.

The album, which features a mix of new material and reimagined versions of older songs, showcases Iced Earth’s signature sound - a fusion of intricate guitar work, powerful vocals, and an overall sense of grandiosity. The album’s title track, "Framing Armageddon," sets the tone for what is to follow, with its epic orchestration and haunting melodies.

From the leads of "Every Time It Rains," to the powerful "Never Say Goodnight," the album is filled with moments that are both nostalgic and refreshing. "The Glorious Burden," the album’s closing track, is a fitting end to a journey that is both emotional and exhilarating. It’s a song that not only looks back at the band’s history, but also looks forward, hinting at new adventures and challenges to come.

Iced Earth’s music continues to be a beacon of hope in a world that often feels lost and disconnected. It’s a reminder that, despite the challenges we face, there is always a way forward. Whether you’re a long-time fan or just discovering the band for the first time, "Framing Armageddon" is an album that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

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Sports

Sports Briefs

Cavs sign two StoweWell
Jackson students

The Lady Cavs basketball team added two StoweWell Jackson, players to next year’s recruiting class, Alexander Hughes and Amber Carter. These two have signed on to play for UVA-Wise next year.

The two are leading the Cavaliers to a perfect record so far this season (19-0) and have them ranked second in the state to the A-A east.

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The Lady Cavs stayed close in the first period, but a big second half by Virginia Inter­national had the Cobras up 19-20 at the half. The Lady Cavs finished the game 77-75, on Feb. 2.

The Cobras had a three-point lead, 3-2, in the first half, holding the Cavs to just 33 points and rolling over a 35-33 lead.

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In Strumica, he honed his skills in the art of three point shooting. After years of training, he finally picked up the sport on the Moutonide National Team. He proved successful in his home country, but was invited to the United States.

Along with exchange student program, Kecev came to America in 2006. He was brought into a generous host family. He attended Twin Springs High School and instantly had an impact. As the point guard, Kecev carried his team to the state semi-finals.

Kecev’s ability to adapt to his new environment so quickly can be credited to his family and the very sport he adores.

“Playing basketball and having a great family made my transition from Macedonia to America a lot faster and easier than expected,” Kecev said.

Even though he is living his dream to be a professional basketball player, he sometimes wishes he could have played at home, close to his family and the very sport he adores.

View From the Cheap Seats

Cavs Sports Expanding

I thought that watching the Giants upset the Patriots last Sunday was the first sign of the apocalypse.

Then a few days later, I received a little piece of in­formation that led me to believe that it was either the second sign, or that this college is finally modernizing.

After several months of growing, complaining and downsizing, it appears as if UVA-Wise is finally branching out from the old­fashioned sports program that our parents grew up with.

While I am more than content with the athletic op­portunities here, the idea that we actually have more than one is more interesting and unique sporting event is one of the best ideas the department has ever come up with.

One of the mainstays of this new movement to the col­lege is sophomore Brad Davis, who is attempting to start a rugby team on campus.

“We are dying to have a practice game with some other students on campus,” Davis said.

Davis has also expressed interest in creating a crew team, though he admitted it might be difficult to get going.

“We’ve made a call to UVA [Charlottesville] to get_def. But they are yet to get back to us,” Davis said.

There are also new ideas being proposed for the col­lege’s women’s athletics.

A field hockey club is currently in the works and has the campus excited about the opportunity to take UVA-Wise to the next level.

Unfortunately, even if these clubs prevail, none of these sports are NCAA participating activities. But that doesn’t stop us from wanting to try something new.

However, one of the already established Cavs’ sports teams has taken a step toward the 21st century.

On March 20, the Cavs baseball team will hold its first home night game in team history, a feat that took the Chicago Cubs more than 100 years to do.

While this school be secluded and maintain its small town atmosphere, having new chances and exciting sports on the field could be one of the best things to happen to Wise.

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Lady Cavs fall to King, look for win against TWU

The Lady Cavs basketball team lost their seventh game in a row on Wednesday, Feb. 6 in a 43-20 rout by King College.

King is currently tied for third in the AAC with a 10-3 record.

Notable Car perform­ances included freshman Adrienne Womack (15 points, junior Kim Norris (eight points), and freshman Meghan Rutherford (seven rebounds).

River Lady Tornadoes ended the game with points in the double-digits.

Following the loss, the team is 4-21 overall and 1-7 in the AAC.

The Cavs next game will be tomorrow against Tuskegee University. Tip-off will be at 2 p.m.

Cavs baseball season opens in Georgia

The Cavs baseball team has a good, solid 2-2 record against Western Carolina last weekend.

In their last meeting, at Tuskegee last weekend, the Cavs took the win. "We have come a long way since last season," head coach Jeff Scarr said.

Our players have worked extremely hard since the start of the season to get to this point in the season, and they are anxious to put out some good work," the Cavs said.

The team will travel to Bryant College on Feb. 16th and 17th.

"The best thing about playing today is just getting to play and having the guys do their thing," assistant coach Justin Shewchuk said.

"Our players have worked extremely hard since the start of the season to get to this point in the season, and they are anxious to put out some good work," the Cavs said.

Game of the Week

The Cavs basketball team hosted the University of Wisconsin tomorrow Feb 9 at Great Gym.

As of Feb. 5, the Cavs are 11-13 with an impressive 7-1 home record.

In their last meeting, the Cavs fell short on the road against Tennessee Wesleyan University.

"Our players have worked extremely hard since the start of the season to get to this point in the season, and they are anxious to put out some good work," the Cavs said.

The Cavs will rely on the red hot junior Jared Lewis and freshman Adam Hoot who have combined for 31 points against Alice Lloyd.

The Lady Cavs tip off at 2 p.m. while the men com­pete at 6 p.m.