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Speaker challenges audience to put aside differences



Photos by Kate Baldwin

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Charles "Chuckabu" Abuyeka from Kenya, by way of Lexington, Ky., spoke at the Teammates 4 Life event on Sunday, Feb. 24 in the Slemp Student Center.

Chuckabu, as he prefers to be called, played guitar while students Samuel Sarfo, Gokhan Cakar, Raymond Kago, and Shakraek Nthusi sang a Kenyan Christian praise song.

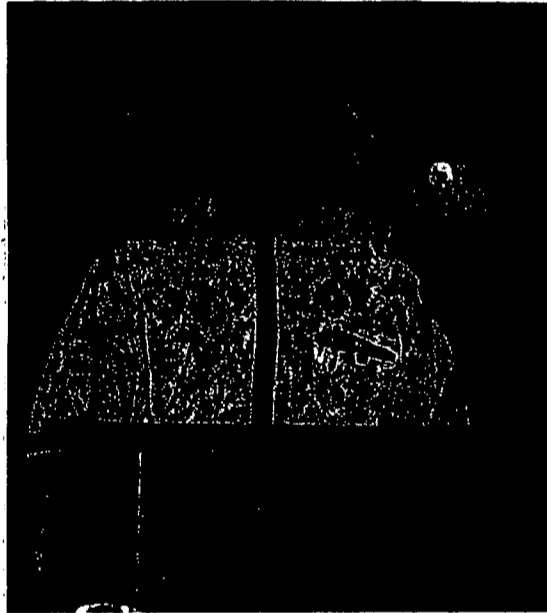
Chuckabu spoke about the need for all people regardless of race or ethnicity to put aside differences and come together for the good of all human kind.

The event was sponsored by Teammates 4 Life and the Multi-Cultural Alliance.

Jarred Soles, head of Teammates 4 Life, said he met Chuckabu four years ago while on a mission trip and they became close friends. Soles went on to say that there are only about four people who he would call upon in times of trouble and Chuckabu is one of them.

Chuckabu said he was grateful for the opportunity to speak at the college.

"I don't take pride in the degrees I've earned because they are just a step to where I want to go," Abuyeka said. "I usually work with high school students, so I am honored to be here today."



Comittee selects new freshman read

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British-born author Mark Haddon's 2003 novel, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," has been selected as the college's Freshman Seminar reading for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The book tells the story of 15-year-old Christopher Boone, a math prodigy with Asperger's Syndrome, and his investigation into the death of his neighbor's poodle. In the course of the investigation, he learns about the secrets of his parent's marriage and the world outside his comfortable, everyday existence.

The selection of Haddon's book was a tough decision for the faculty and staff members on the book committee, said Elizabeth Steele, coordinator of the Office of Advising, Retention and Assessment.

She said that committee members read a series of books—the titles of which were provided by magazines and organizations like the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition—and then narrowed their list.

Steele said the book came highly recommended from other schools.

She said the book fulfills the college's desire to encourage student's engagement in reading and writing. She said complexity of Haddon's writing will provide students with

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IN THE NIGHT-TIME

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NSTA collects cell phones for troops

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The UVA-Wise Chapter of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) has collected about a dozen used cell phones during the past month and hopes to collect more in its campaign to provide call-time minutes for troops stationed overseas.

This project is part of the national Cell Phones for Soldiers Project that was started in Massachusetts in 2004 by two teenagers who wanted to find a way to help soldiers overseas.

"The Cell Phones for Soldiers is a project that we are working on to collect cell

phones and then send them off to be turned into calling cards for soldiers to call home," NSTA vice-president Katharine Weedon said in an e-mail.

Donated phones are sent to ReCellular, a company that pays the project money in exchange for the phones. The money is used to purchase minutes on calling cards that are sent to troops overseas, according to the program's website. For more information visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Cell phone donation boxes are located in the post office, the library, the education department and the science department.

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Norton coffee shop offers new hangout for students, faculty

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Students who want to sip on a warm cup of coffee while fulfilling their childhood dreams of doodling all over a wall without getting into trouble may want to pay a visit to the new coffee shop in Norton.

Cupid's Coffee Shop located on sixth Street in the downtown area, and just opened earlier this month. The shop's interior walls are covered with chalkboard paint, and a small bowl of chalk sits invitingly next to the register. Customers are encouraged to add their piece of art to the décor.

"Growing up, my mom let my sister and me scribble all over the walls in our attic room, so I suppose that may have inspired this idea," said Melanie Coleman, owner.

The shop serves coffee, sandwiches, soups, and specialty desserts, such as chocolate-covered strawberries. They also have appetizers see Cupid's, page 2



Photo by Kate Baldwin

The new Cupid's Coffee Shop located in downtown Norton offers a wide selection of drinks, sandwiches, soups, specialty deserst and appetizers. The shop also offers free wireless internet to all of their customers.

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Marching band to hold auditions next month

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The Highland Cavalier Marching Band will hold tryouts for new members on Saturday, March 22. Auditions will be held in the Music Center 2 and will begin at 10 a.m.

The tryouts will consist of individual auditions in which potential members will be asked to play a few scales, said Rick Galyean, instructor of music and director of bands.

"I know there are people on this campus that play band instruments that aren't involved in music," Galyean said.

Galyean said there was a need for many different instruments, but some areas needed more attention than others.

"We need all instruments," he said. "[But] the last two years we've been short on trumpets. We need trumpets, flutes, clarinets and things of that nature."

The marching band just started three years ago and already has 35 members. However, Galyean said he expects that number to go up.

"I have a personal goal of over 100 [band members] within about five years," he said. "We'd like to see about 50 in the band next year."

Galyean said he was thankful for the students that have participated.

"The kids that have been in it so far... have been great. They've been enthusiastic and at football games they have made their presence known. With more people, we can do more things."

Although the band is looking for talent here on campus, Galyean said he has also been in many area high schools, recently, offering scholarship money to potential members.

"There's a lot of interest from a lot of incoming freshmen," said sophomore band member Ben Harding.

Galyean said he believes the band has been a welcome addition on campus.

"Everybody has been very supportive of the band," he said. "I think we've added a whole lot to the football experience."

Galyean said the main purpose of the band was to support the football team, entertain the crowd and to just have fun.

"That's what our main focus is. And I think we've accomplished that," he said.

"The best part about being a part of the band... is the fellowship," Harding said. "And the football games."

Galyean said he wanted to reassure college students that any and all talent was needed and appreciated. He said they would work with potential members no matter how long it had been since they played an instrument.

"We've not turned anyone down yet," he said.

ISEP offers new study abroad trip to Germany

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UVa-Wise will offer students an opportunity to study the fall of communism abroad in the winter of 2009.

"The Collapse of Communism and Beyond" is a three-week program that will allow students to travel to Estonia, Russia and Ukraine.

Students will spend a week in each country attending lectures at local universities along with cultural activities, including touring local business and city tours.

Field Director of International Programs Witold Wolny said that students have a unique opportunity to experience life in countries affected by communism.

"The idea is to share with U.S. students the reality of post-communism countries," Wolny said. "I think it will be fascinating for students that are interested in history or political science."

The trip will be in conjunction with International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and will be the first winter program to be offered in 2009. ISEP wants a minimum of 12 students to attend the study with 30 students being the maximum.

Students will be chosen from the network of college's that work with ISEP. The network

allows for American students to go abroad and foreign students to come to an American college to study.

Students who are interested must be enrolled as a full-time student at the college and will receive three credits at the completion of the three-week study.

Students will attend three universities during the trip—St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia; Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Kiev, Ukraine; and the University of Tartu in Tartu, Estonia. Each university will offer a series of lectures given by local professors.

Students will also visit both the Estonian and Ukrainian parliaments and meet with members of the European Commission.

"I think it's just very exciting [and] kind of a new idea of the short programs abroad," Wolny said. "I really hope someone from our school will join this group."

The cost of the trip will be \$3,000 and includes tuition, accommodation, participation in the cultural program and transportation between sites. The cost does not include meals or transportation to and from Estonia or the Russian Visa. ISEP Program Officer Aaron Potts said by email that the dates have yet to be scheduled for the winter trip.

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College experiences normal decline in freshmen

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Contrary to recent rumors, the decline in the freshman class this academic year has been over stated.

What started out as the largest freshman class in campus history has been reduced by 8 percent since the fall semester.

"This is a middle of the road decline," said Elizabeth Steele, coordinator of the Office of Advising, Retention and Assessment. "Some years we've had as much as a 12 percent decrease and in others as little as 4 percent."

These figures are in keeping with national trends according to Steele.

"We want students to get an education," she said. "We'd rather they stay here, but students leave for a large number of reasons."

Current figures indicate that there are four main reasons that students leave—personal and medical reasons, they transfer or move, they have work conflicts or have military activation.

Overwhelmingly, the "for personal reasons" category is the one most often cited by students who academically withdraw through the Office of Advising and Retention.

"This typically happens in the spring," said Jason Lewkowicz, director of Residence Life. "It's better than it has been the last couple of years."

This is only the second year that freshmen students have been required to live on campus and the departure of even a few freshmen has the housing office consolidating rooms.

"There are a few beds open in McCrary right now but that's about it," Lewkowicz said.

Some freshman seminar faculty said they were surprised when some of their students didn't return this spring.

"I had three students not come back," said Kathy Elkins, assistant director of Career Development. "I've never lost that many before."

"We do notice when [students] aren't there," Lewkowicz said. "We never like to lose students."

There is no one factor that keeps students returning semester after semester, but where they live does play a key role.

"Our students are a highly mobile population that has a lot of options about where to go to school," Steele said. "We know that the further they live from home the more likely they are to leave."

Student Development hosts "Advice & A Slice"

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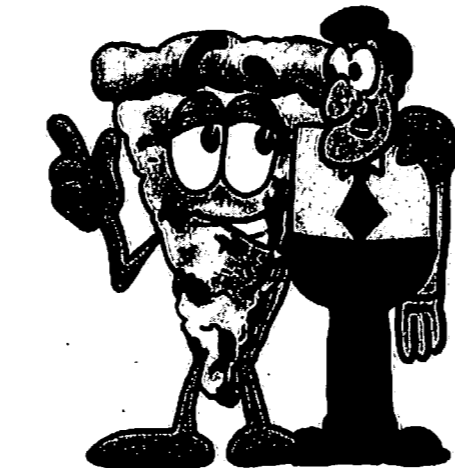
In an effort to make sure that departing seniors and all students are better prepared to enter the workforce, the Center for Student Development is sponsoring the first "Advice & A Slice" seminar of the spring semester.

The first event—"How to Navigate a Career Fair"—will be held Mar. 4 at 5 p.m. The focus of this seminar is to help prepare students for the upcoming campus career fair to be held Mar. 19 in Greear Gym.

"All our events are open to all students," said Kathy Elkins, director of the Center for Student Development. "But March is tailored to seniors getting ready to enter the workforce."

Typically the "Advice & A Slice" events are employer-sponsored.

Elkins said the session on



interviewing will be on March 25 and is sponsored by COI. The session on applying for a government job will be April 16 and is sponsored by STG. Those interested in finding out which companies will be at the career fair can go to http://www.uvawise.edu/student_development/careerfair.html for a complete list.

Campus Overdue for Internet Upgrade

CRASH!!! SMASH!!! BANG!!! That's the sound of a UVa-Wise student beating up on his computer because of the endless problems he is having with his Internet connection. And I can't say that I blame them.



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There's only one word I can think of to describe the internet connection here at school: atrocious.

The school's Internet is absolutely terrible. For starters, the connection itself

is slow as molasses when it comes to downloads. I have had downloads that should take only a minute or two take up to 10 or more minutes to complete.

Also, I am regular user of the iTunes Music store, as are many students on campus. Because of the school's slow connection, downloads from the store, especially for videos, take longer than they should, if they even download at all. Anyone else get the "-3259" error message?

Downloads aren't the only problem.

Instant messenger service is also affected. I'm a user of the MSN Messenger Service and it has the strangest tendency of randomly sign me out when I'm typing a message. I don't like having to sign back in and explain to the

person on the other end what happened so they don't think I'm blowing them off.

And all this is not counting the cut-outs of the network, long load times with streaming videos, lack of spam filters on the school's e-mail server, and horrendous performance with certain browsers, especially the latest version of Internet Explorer.

In conclusion, the school needs to step up and provide better internet service to the students.

When we pay our tech fee, we expect to be provided with adequate internet service, not a subpar one.

The school needs to start forking out for better internet service, and I'm sure that most students wouldn't mind paying an increased tech fee for it.

The Dangers of Going to the Movies

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There are a lot of places in this world that we often go and things that we often do that present danger.

For instance, we go skiing or mountain climbing.

Perhaps we go to work in the mines or in a chemical power plant.

We must now add another activity to that list: Going to the movies.

In a recent CNN.com report, the world found out just how dangerous it is to go see a scary movie these days.

Apparently, an over enthusiastic audience member in Fullerton, Calif. took the opportunity to participate in a little real-life horror as he stabbed two fellow moviegoers during the film, "The

Silence."

Now, I'm not a fan of horror movies and probably never will be, but after this shocking event even a hot date won't be a good enough reason for me to put aside my fear of the dark (just kidding... but not really) to venture into the abyss that is a dark movie theater.

Especially now that I might get stabbed!

I understand that this is not a typical movie theater experience, but it does make a person wonder just what kind of entertainment and relaxation is safe in the world today.

When white-water rafting is safer than going to the movies, one has to wonder.

In a world where words like homeland security, border control and terrorism are in the vocabulary of every gen-

eration, you'd think we could feel safe at the movie theater.

Of course, perhaps the man, who is still on the loose, was a bit smarter than the 15-year-old snack vendor at the movie theater. The manager did throw the assailant out earlier that day for trying to bring alcohol into the theater. But he somehow managed to sneak back in later with a knife and a score to settle.

The result?

Well, let's just say the man who screamed during the movie wasn't all of a sudden frightened by the horror film.

So, the next time you think about going out to watch a movie, you might want to think about wearing that protective vest you bought after 9/11.

A person never knows these days—the movie might just be more horrifying than you expected.

He Said, She Said: Body Image



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Dude. With the exception of maybe George Jetson, name one famous cartoon family that didn't feature an overweight husband with an incredibly large bag.

I'm not saying that I have a thing for Wilma Flintstone, but it seems as if from an early age, men

are told, "It's cool bro. Finish off that pizza, and open another beer. You'll still land a hottie."

It doesn't just stop at cartoons. "King of Queens," "Yes, Dear," and "Still Standing" are prime examples of these lazy good for nothings, with perfect ten wives.

It's crap dude. Total crap.

I doubt that there are any Maxim models who are drooling for someone who could tell you how many Doritos are in an average bag.

No centerfolds want to see your beer pong trophy, and hear your reasons as to why the Suns are stronger without Shaq.

Let's face it guys: If it doesn't involve scoring points, our minds are always on women.

We base our decisions of clothes, hair, car and just about everything else on how we are going to meet the Mrs. Right, or Mrs. Right Now.

If the media continues to show these guys—the ones have eaten one too many Twinkies—with the hottest wife on the block, then cholesterol and standards are going to skyrocket.

We do care about our image, we really do.

Our minds are just brainwashed to believe that we don't have to.



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From a female perspective, body image is something that affects us everyday, everywhere we look.

I can't even count how many diets there are right now—from counting calories, fat grams and carbs to spending outrageous amounts of money on special diet food.

Unlike guys, I can't eat three cheeseburgers with a large order of fries and then put away a pizza at midnight and not gain a pound. And I loathe all of you who can do that.

I'm sure many of you girls would agree with me when I say that for once, I'd like to eat something fatty without feeling bad about it.

Along with our weight war, we spend hundreds of dollars on makeup products to hide our faults. I can't lie, I rarely leave the house without it on and feel extremely self-conscious about myself if I go without at least foundation.

Why do we feel like we have to be stick-thin, with makeup perfectly applied and not one hair out of place?

It's hard not to get obsessed about weight and looks when TV and magazine covers bombard us with the "flawless, perfect woman." We see guys drooling over models, singers and actresses and feel completely inadequate.

Let's face it, we live in a superficial society.

But don't feel too bad, ladies. If all we had to do was work out for our job and had stylists to perfect our hair and makeup, we'd look just as good as all those red carpet women.

So take some pride in being real, not just another airbrushed face.

What are your plans over Spring Break?



Jonathan Moore
Sophomore
Computer Science

"Probably go home. Rest a little bit."



Toni Davis
Senior
Sociology

"My plans are to go home and sleep. Probably go to the beach."



Joseph Bodenheimer
Junior
Business Administration

"Just to gany out. Nothing expensive this year. We went to expensive last year."

Staff meetings are held Fridays outside the Honor Court room at 1 p.m. and are open to ANYONE who wants to be involved with the paper.

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a unique perspective on the world and help to expand readers' knowledge of physical and mental handicaps.

In 2003 Haddon told Powells.com that "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" is "not just a book about disability. Obviously, on some level it is, but on another level, and this is a level that I think only perhaps adults will get, it's a book about books, about what you can do with words and what it means to communicate

with someone in a book. Here's a character whom if you met him in real life you'd never, ever get inside his head. Yet something magical happens when you write a novel about him. You slip inside his head, and it seems like the most natural thing in the world."

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" was named the Whitbread Book of the Year in 2003, and the winner of both the Los Angeles Times First

Fiction award and the Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award in 2004.

Haddon, a Northampton native and a graduate of Merton College, Oxford, is the author of 14 children's books, a poetry collection ("The Talking Horse and Sad Girl and the Village Under the Seas: Poems"), two novels and television screenplays. He also occasionally teaches creative writing for the Arvon Foundation.

Battling Cancer: Cav baseball player diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma

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The Cavs baseball team traveled to Columbia, Ky this weekend to take part in the Annual Lindsey Wilson College Cancer Awareness Classic.

But before participating, the Cavs learned earlier in the week that one of their own players had been diagnosed with cancer.

Sophomore outfielder Billy Fox was recently diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma, a treatable form of cancer that sees over 90 percent of those infected cured to the point of remission.

"I found the lump in my neck over the summer, and didn't think much of it," Fox said.

"But when it started to affect my performance in practice, I decided to get it checked out."

Fox left early Sunday morning to drive back to Chincoteague, Va where he is spending the rest of the semester to get treatment.

"I'm going to try my best to get back next semester... there is a 90 percent chance of me having to be treated by both radiation and chemotherapy."

Many initial signs and symptoms may be similar to those of the flu, such as fever, fatigue and night sweats. Eventually, tumors develop, also according to MayoClinic.com.

This has been a devastating blow for the Cavs. Not only is the team standing at a

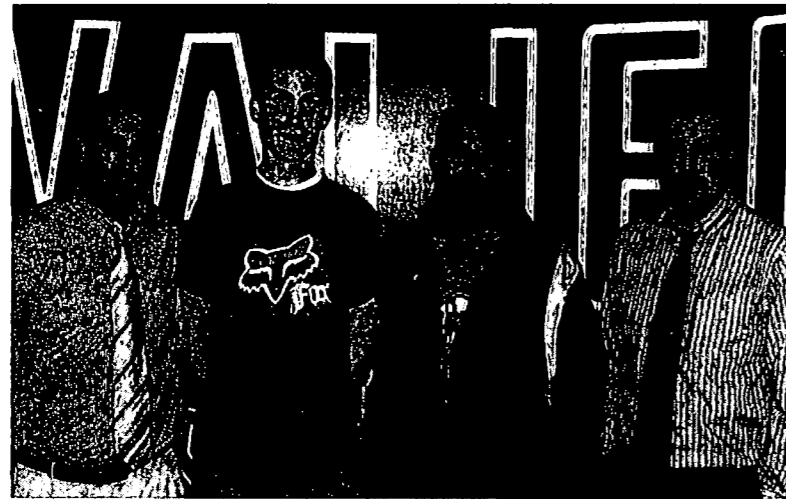


Photo by Alan Stoupa

Sophomore Billy Fox (middle left) stands beside coaches Josh Scarborough (left), Doug Bates (middle right), and Hank Banner (right). Fox was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma earlier this semester. The baseball team will be selling wristbands to help support Fox and his family with cancer treatments

record of 3-6 after this weekend, but they are dealing with the loss of a great friend and teammate for the rest of the season.

Players said they were all extremely optimistic about Billy's recovery and plan to visit him as much as possible.

The team threw a going away party for him last Friday, Feb. 22. The team presented him with a signed baseball and t-shirt and reminisced about the past.

Brad Austin, sophomore outfielder said he was strongly effected by the news.

"This game gets really serious sometimes and it should be," Austin said.

"But, with Billy being gone we're all reminded of why we started playing in the first

place, to have fun. I wear a t-shirt with his name and number on it under my jersey every game."

Fox said the hardest part about the ordeal was feeling like he is letting his teammates down.

Assistant coach Josh Scarborough said the loss of Fox won't effect the players during game time.

"I don't think it is effecting our play because we all know how much Billy cares about the team, and he wants the us to be successful," Scarborough said.

"It has really put the game in perspective," he said.

"Being a former Cavs Baseball player myself, I know that my best and most valued memories about playing here were because of how close

I was to my teammates, not because of what happened on the field. I think Billy's absence has shown our guys that they need to have fun, and enjoy the time they get to spend with each other."

The Cavs took Billy's jersey to the games this weekend and hung it appropriately on the top of the dugout. The team plans to do so every game.

The team will be selling wristbands to help Fox and his family pay for medical costs. Anyone interested in purchasing one can get them from the athletic office in the gym.

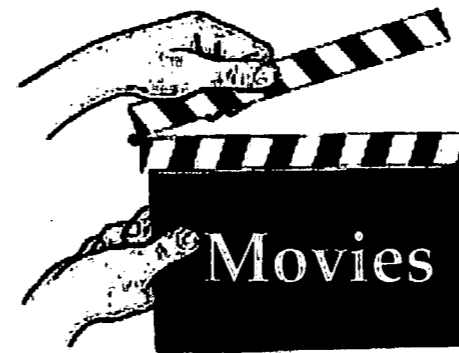
The Cavs first home game is tomorrow against King College at 12 p.m.

5 Questions With....



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- 1. If your house was on fire, what would be one thing (non-living), that you would save?**
My grandfather's rifle that was passed on to me.
- 2. What one person has had the most inspiration on your life?**
My parents. (I couldn't just pick one.)
- 3. What's the last book you read?**
Non-fiction: Unix System V Release 4.2 by Mark Sobell
Fiction: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
- 4. What did you want to be when you were a kid?**
Astronaut
- 5. Which do you hate worse: Bad Breath or Stinky Feet?**
Bad breath. You run into it way more than stinky feet.



"American Gangster" doesn't disappoint on DVD

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"American Gangster" brings the classic mob movie feel into the modern age of film-making and a DVD packed with features and extras.

"American Gangster" follows the true story of Frank Lucas, a notorious drug lord in 1970s New York played by Denzel Washington. The story also includes detective Richie Roberts (played by Russell Crowe) who follows Lucas' drug operations in hopes of bringing him down.

Viewers of the movie have the choice between the original theatrical version of the movie or the unrated extended edition. With the theatrical version, the audience has the option of bonus features that include commentary from director Ridley Scott and writer Steven Zaillian. The unrated version is 20 minutes longer.

The second disc in the two-disc set includes two deleted scenes from the original movie and a "making of" featurette.

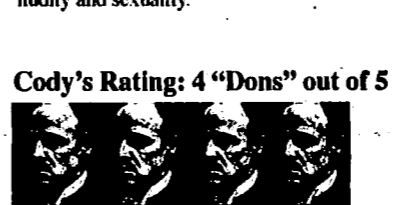
For those who are unfamiliar with the story of Lucas, I recommend watching the "Making of American Gangster." The featurette gives you details on the real-life story of Lucas without spoiling the plot of the actual movie.

You also get an exclusive look at meetings between director Ridley Scott and Zaillian and how they wanted to write the movie, how they wanted to set up many of the scenes and discussions of plot ideas for the film.

With the many features that this DVD includes, as well as an interesting plot and real-life story, this two-disc DVD is worth a watch.

American Gangster is rated R for violence, pervasive drug content and language, nudity and sexuality.

Cody's Rating: 4 "Dons" out of 5



Ivoryline's full-length debut album a solid effort

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The newest member of Tooth and Nail Records, Ivoryline, brings a great rock/alternative sound and blends it with powerful vocals to produce a solid debut album titled, "There Came a Lion."

Ivoryline's music is centered on their Christian beliefs and the first track on the album, "Days End," conveys the message of their faith as they sing "It is then when we will cry for forgiveness/ Yet not understand the weight of our words nor the depth of His love/ But he will deliver/ Failure is beneath him/ Yes, he will deliver/ Failure's not an option."

"We Both Know" continues to bombard the listener with heavy guitar riffs and big vocals. The strongest section of the song is the chorus, which provides a hook that will be stuck in your head well after you listen to the song.

"Parade" might possibly be the best song on the album as the band puts together a great effort that brings everything the band has to offer to the table. The lyrics are a celebration of the band making it and touches on all their critics in their hometown of Tyler, Texas. It's a very powerful song that shows how hard the band has worked to get to where they are now.

"All You Ever Hear" has the most powerful line on the whole album as the lead singer blares, "And the players, all the religious and the scoundrels -one in the same/ Oh what a shame/ What an absolutely terrible shame." The track serves as a commentary on how Christianity has been put in a negative light because of the actions of a handful of people.

The lead single off the album is "Be Still and Breathe" and it is a strong track that will garner the band much attention. Again, the lyrics shows the bands' Christian faith and delves into how much their faith drives the direction they go with their lives.

"Left Us Falling" is one of the best tracks on the album. In it, the band churns out

another great chorus as they sing about how the world today continues to be hopeless and in a downward spiral. For some this song may come off as "preachy," but the band sings the song in a way that doesn't put them on any judgmental pedestal. Instead they admit the fact that before their faith they were heading the same way.

"Bravery" is one of the album's strongest offerings with its bluntness that sometimes we have to gather our courage to change our current situation and not wait for someone else to do it.

"The Last Words" is the final track on the



album and is the lone ballad. Here the band truly shows you how much love and passion they have in their beliefs.

Ivoryline has done something that you don't see in the music industry much today—they are genuine and unashamed in what they truly believe. It's safe to say that this album isn't for everyone. As a Christian myself, I love this album from top to bottom. But don't let the band's faith-based lyrics scare you from trying out this album.

Ivoryline has crafted an album that is truthful, but does it in a way that is not overly preachy by any means. The album shows how much better a product can be when the band has a passion for what they are singing.

Aaron's Rating: 4 "Aslans" out of 5



Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



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the cell phones is free and paid for by the company so all we have to do is collect as many as possible to make sure our troops have a way to keep in contact with their family while they are away and fighting for us," Weedon said.

Also, anyone can make their donation personal if they know someone or have a loved one in the services and would like to have them benefit from the calling card.

"Our NSTA Student Chapter decided to participate as a form of community

service to benefit soldiers in the local area, especially students from campus who are deployed overseas," said assistant professor of science education and NSTA faculty advisor, Dr. Matthew Maurer in an e-mail.

"This project will be going on throughout the rest of the school year and depending on how successful it is, our hopes are to do this next year as well," Weedon said.

The chapter at the college will continue to collect phones and would like to encourage others to donate

their old phones. "Our campus chapter hopes to make this an ongoing project," Maurer said. "We encourage people on campus to keep us in mind before throwing any old cell phones away," Maurer said.

The college's chapter of NSTA began in 2004 and is one of 99 NSTA student chapters in the United States. The chapter at the college has a positive reputation among the 99 chapters for the work they do at the college Maurer said.

New "Lust, Lust, Lust," nothing to 'rave' about

By Ben Pierson
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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis.—Any fan of the Raveonettes' strange and distant sound will probably enjoy their new album Lust, Lust, Lust if they can get past its long, repetitive beginning. Although the album has some very ear-friendly parts, it's a bit of a downer on the whole.

Every song on this album is a love song, or at least a lament of one. The Danish duo really know how to pump out emotional tripe, which is only good if the listener enjoys overly dramatic lyrics set to mildly danceable beats. This is either a concept album trying to capture the sad, distant nature of a doomed relationship or just an exercise in mulling over the past.

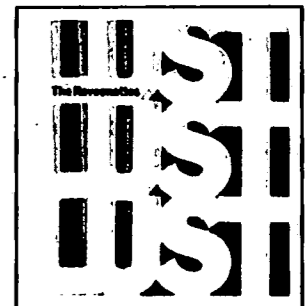
The best way to describe this album is as a new, but ill-fated, courtship: interesting, then down, then up, down and then dead. This makes sure the listener really gets the point: Who cares?

After a few songs, the thin film of this art album wears off and the heavily influenced nature of the Raveonettes grinds a little bit too hard.

Lust, Lust, Lust sounds like an uninterested version of the Everly Brothers playing surf rock while strung out on heroine and pretending to be the Velvet Underground, nearly replicating the sound of Jesus and Mary Chain.

Even with the heavy influences, this is

an adequate pop album. It has a washed-out, sparkling sound, using light, high, short notes that pierce through the heavy feedback to create a fuzzy astral buzz similar to their previous albums. It's great for background music, waking up or spinning into a deep mire of lovesick depression.



Lust is best when it capitalizes on driving hooks and echoes of surf rock. Starting with "Blush," Lust really starts to pick up their fun sound from previous albums. There are also some very catchy songs like "Sad Transmission" and "You Want the Candy" that can be played over and over again. Unfortunately, the fun is short lived and Lust sinks back into the love-tinged melancholy of the first half.

Overall this would make a decent addition to a late-night road trip soundtrack, but it would need to be sandwiched between something with some bite so the driver doesn't fall asleep at the wheel.

Coffee Trivia: Did you know that world-wide, 11 billion pounds of coffee change hands each year?



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Red hot Cavs down Bulldogs in season finale, prepare for tourney

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The UVA-Wise men's basketball team finished off their regular season with an impressive 86-63 Senior Day victory over Union College.

Senior forward Jared Soles led the Cavs attack with 25 points. Sophomore Pance Kecev added 20 of his own in the victory.

The teams' seesaw battle in the first half, led to several lead changes. The Cavs began to break away in the middle of the first, as Soles hit a three-pointer. Soles basket was followed by two more scores by sophomore Travis Willis and senior Justin Sorenson. The Cavs took a 25-20 lead.

Just as the quarter closed, Soles scored seven more points to close out the half. He had 17 points in the first half. The Cavs led 41-32 at the break.

"I thought our kids came out with a lot of intensity and a lot of focus," said Cavs coach Lee Clark.

"They did a good job. Obviously, it is a lot better game when some shots are falling for your team and luckily we were able to do that."

Coming out of the half-time break, the Cavs picked up where they left off. This

time it was by Kecev. The Nickelsville sophomore hit two three pointers, which helped the Cavs go on a 19-0 run. Kecev scored 11 of those 19 points.

Union had trouble with keeping composure, as Bulldog players Bill Davis and Nathaniel Peyton both earned technical fouls. The Cavs had opened up a 20 point lead.

As the game and a Cavs victory came to a close, each senior player was given a tribute by having their own exit from the game.

"It was a great day," Soles said. "You can't ask for anything else. To go out with your friends. People don't understand how much blood, sweat, and tears we have all put in together. To go out like this really touches your heart."

"We had a good game," Kecev said. The seniors played really well and were good leaders. They led the team all night. The younger players just kept following them. We kept the intensity up all night too and that was a big key."

Clark said he would miss the men he had spent four years coaching.

"They are all good kids," Clark said. "They have worked hard and most importantly they are going to be good graduates for our institution."



Photo by Kate Baldwin

Freshman Adam Hood attempts a three point shot against Union on Saturday Feb. 23. Hood scored six points (both three-pointers) in the Cavs 86-63 victory

While the Cavs breezed past Union, Clark was already beginning preparation for the AAC tournament. "Now we are going into the tournament and I hope

we can respond," Clark said. "You have to hope that your team is ready to go and be on the offensive instead of being conservative. I think that's a big key for anybody."

Tennis teams fall short against Division II team in home opener



Photo by Kate Baldwin

Senior Henning Kuich attempts a backhand in the Cavs 8-1 loss to Mars Hill on Feb. 25. Kuich won his match 6-2, 8-2.

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The Cavs tennis teams kicked off their season on Feb. 25 against Mars Hill at the Humphreys Tennis Complex, but could not pull out a victory over the NCAA Division II squads.

The men's team lost 8-1, with the only victory coming from senior Henning Kuich.

"[We] didn't have a lot of time to practice because of the weather," Kuich said. "I felt good though, and if we get more time on the courts, we will succeed."

The women's team which finished 11-4, 5-1 against the conference last season, came up just short against Mars Hill.

The Mars Hill's women beat the Lady Cavs 5-4, despite winning two-out-of-three doubles matches.

Sophomore Kelsey Adkins won a close singles match and teamed with sophomore Carrie Howard for a doubles victory.

The tennis teams travel to Greeneville, Tenn. tomorrow as they take on Tusculum College.

However, they are nervous about facing another NCAA Division II team.

"All we can do at this point is hope it stops snowing," Kuich said. "As long as we get a chance to hit the courts before the match, and strategize it will be a good trip."

View From the Cheap Seats Bad Things Happen in Threes

This year has been hell for the Cavs and their fans. Whether it is the devastating losses, blown calls, or just plain bad luck nothing seems to really be going their way.

However, there have been more serious tragedies this season than just on the court and on the field.

Sure, the Cavs football team getting royally screwed out of the playoffs is a catastrophe, but there have been much more important events that have transpired.

Within a matter of weeks, it seems as if there have been dozens of new devastating stories to report that has nothing to do with sports...just the people who play them.

A few short weeks ago, the Cav football's secondary coach Shawn Austin was involved in a horrific car accident, leaving him hospitalized with leg and foot injuries.

Austin will be fine, and is lucky to receive only minor injuries, without having to fight for his life. Other Cavs have not been as fortunate.

Freshman football players Steve Fochtman and Brandon Arrington were in a vehicle accident that left many of us praying for a chance.

Arrington, the car's passenger, received only minor cuts and a mild concussion, the same could not be said for the car's driver.

Fochtman was rushed into intensive care, and received multiple surgeries to remove a ruptured spleen and repair his fractured skull and a broken arm.

He has made a strong recovery however, reassuring those on campus who heard such outlandish rumors as "I heard Steve only has a 30 percent chance to live."

As most unfortunate things occur in threes, this UVA-Wise has been no exception.

The Highland Cavalier reported this week that sophomore outfielder Billy Fox has been diagnosed with cancer, a disease that my family and I are far too familiar with.

Fox will most likely need both chemotherapy and radiation as treatment. He will spend the remainder of the semester at home. I know that all of us wish him the best of luck.

The past few weeks are proof that those of us who live and die by sports, should always remember that winning isn't everything.

Go Cavs!



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The Highland Cavalier asks...

"What's it like to play basketball at UVA-Wise?"



"It's like playing in front of your family."
Senior Justin Sorenson



"Playing basketball at UVA-Wise has been the best experience of my life." Senior Daniel Adams



"I know 100 percent that this is where the Lord wanted me to be. These four years have taught me so much and I wouldn't take a second of it back." Senior Jared Soles



"Being here at UVA-Wise has made me feel like I'm part of a family. It is something that I will never forget. I love every second here." Senior Ashley Reese



"It's good to be part of a real close team. It's nice to be a part of a program like this here at UVA-Wise." Senior Crystal Ratcliffe

Players of the Week

Scored 23 points against Union College on Senior Day. The Cavs won 86-63. Jared Soles, Senior.



Jared Soles
Basketball - Senior



Lauren Jorje
Basketball - Junior

Scored 11 points in the game against Union College on Feb. 23. Recorded 11 rebounds and three assists in her double-double performance.

