

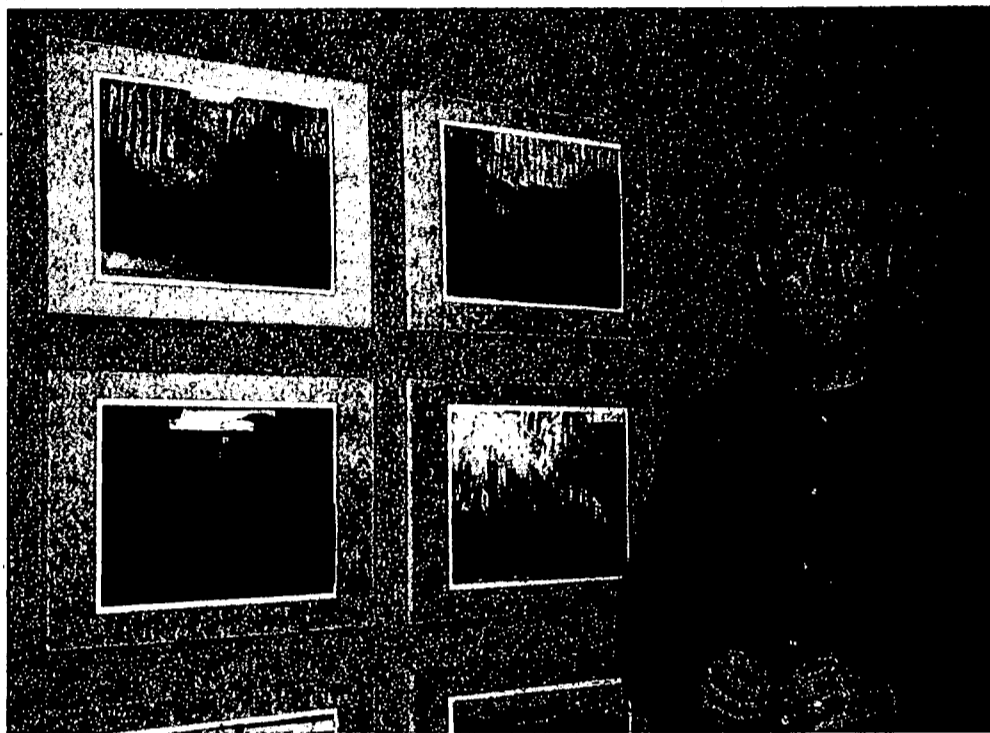
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Constable exhibits original oil paintings in local library gallery



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David Constable, an adjunct faculty member in the Visual and Performing Arts Department, is an artist whose primary medium is oil paints.

One of his most visible art pieces is the tower made of discarded chemistry books located in a corner of the John Cook Wyllie Library.

His current show, on display at the Lonesome Pine Regional Library's Harris Gallery, will be on display through the end of March, includes the "Us" series and two other installations done in chalk, pastels and spray paint that depict abstracted landscapes based on the coal fields.

"I work in oils because of the challenge," Constable said. "I'm still trying to be competitive with [oils]. Every time I paint it's almost as if I've begun all over again."

Photo by Kate Baldwin

Adjunct faculty member, David Constable, stands beside his oil paintings exhibit based on the coal fields of Southwest Virginia. The paintings can be seen in the Harris Gallery of the Wise Lonesome Pine Library.

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Priority dates set for fall semester

From Staff Reports

The fall 2008 course schedule was released earlier this week along with priority registration dates for all students.

Seniors can register beginning today, juniors on March 31, sophomores on April 2 and freshmen on April 4.

Students who earn 60 hours or more by the end of this semester are required to complete an Intended Major Form before they will be allowed to register. Those with 60 or more credit hours and an undeclared major will not be able to register until April 7. Along with non-degree students.

All student accounts must be paid in full by March 25

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Tornado affects college's students and staff

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An EF1 tornado touched down on March 4, along Highway 58, and passed through downtown Big Stone Gap. A number of the college's students, faculty and staff were affected by the tornado.

"It was devastating to the community,"

said junior Darrell Ely, whose family lives right outside the damaged path.

The tornado carved a 300-yard wide, one mile long path of damage. It destroyed six homes, caused significant damage to another 15 homes and minor damage to 25 others.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) determined a Category 1 (86-110 mph winds) tornado

slammed into the Poplar Hill/Bullitt Park area of town. No one was seriously injured.

Assistant professor of rhetoric Amy Clark said her house was damaged in the storm.

"We had both interior and exterior damage," Clark said. "Like most of the people on Poplar Hill, we have to have our roof and windows replaced. We also lost trees

and other landscaping, as well as our fence and part of the deck."

Marla Weitzman, an associate professor of English, said her home was also directly affected by the storm.

"I watched the porch swing come through my living room window," Weitzman said. "We lost eight windows and eight trees, but two houses within a block of us were condemned."

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SGA to host Miss UVa-Wise pageant in two weeks

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The 2008 Miss UVa-Wise scholarship pageant will be held April 12 at 6 p.m. in Greear Gymnasium.

SGA organizers said, seven women have signed up as contestants and the pageant committee is looking for more participants.

The last Miss UVa-Wise pageant was held in 2006 and last's year was cancelled, said SGA president Jekeyma Robinson. He said the event was something that SGA really wanted to bring back.

"I am definitely looking forward to this event," SGA sophomore senator, Kasey Cantrell, said in an e-mail. "I love to be involved with campus activities."

Cantrell said planning the event has been stressful at times. However, as with planning other events, "it takes time and patience."

The pageant will have award a winner, two runners-up, a Miss Congeniality voted on by the contestants and a Crowd's Choice determined by the votes from the audience.

The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and all contestants receive a free t-shirt.

"I think the pageant is a great event and opportunity on campus because it provides a \$500 scholarship to the winner," Robinson said.

Participants will compete in stage strutting, casual category, talent category, evening wear and interview. Each category will showcase the contestants' style, per-

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Photo by Kate Baldwin

Are you feeling lucky?

Students draw numbers during the Housing Lottery on Wednesday, March 26 in the atrium of the Slemp Student Center. All students wanting to live on-campus next semester are required to participate.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jones pitches well in night game, but Cavs fall to Intermont



Photos by Kate Baldwin

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As a record number of fans entered Stallard field on Wednesday evening, it wasn't long before the sun went down and the stadium resembled Fenway Park.

On March 26, the Cavs (10-12/5-4) hosted Virginia Intermont (13-16/3-5), but the biggest story of the game was not the 8-6 loss for the Cavs, but the inaugural night game for the baseball team.

Chris Davis Associate Director of the Slemo Student Center said he was very excited about finally having a night game. He said that it adds an extra element to our sports program and allows the college to possibly generate more revenue.

The game itself was as exciting as the new lights at the stadium.

After senior pitcher David Jones threw three strikeouts in the first inning, the Cavs were able to take an opening lead when senior Jorge Laboy scored on a single by junior Josh Verts.

In the third inning, freshman Brad Ricker dazzled fans with both his glove and his bat. After a sharp hit to deep right field, Ricker flashed the glove

with a diving catch in foul ground. In the home half, Ricker reached base on a single and was able to steal second.

After a Mike Lang single scored Ricker, Verts returned to the plate and belted his second homerun of the season over the left field fence, to give the Cavs a 4-0 lead after three innings.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Cavs hottest hitter of the season, junior Brad Robbins, stepped to the plate, and pulled his sixth homerun to deep right to increase the Cavs lead to 6-1.

After seven strong innings of pitching from Jones, and freshmen D'Andre Bussey Seth Frisby and the Cavs pitching took for the turn for the worse.

When freshman Jonathan Painter took over in the eighth inning, and Intermont took a commanding lead after a grand slam capped off a seven run inning to give the visitors an 8-6 lead that the Cavs were not able to overcome.

Despite the loss, the record setting attendance of 379 was full of excited fans.

Freshman Jennifer Elks said she enjoyed her first Cavs baseball game.

"It was a lot of fun," Elks said. "It was definitely not my last game."



Top: Junior Brad Robbins hits his sixth homerun of the season during Wednesday's game against VI

Above: Senior Jorge Laboy scores on a single by junior Josh Verts. Laboy had a RBI double and a single in the game.

Cavs return from rough road trip against division rival Virginia Intermont

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Despite an impressive offensive performance, the Cavs could not handle the firepower of Virginia Intermont, getting swept 11-8 and 8-2.

The game was originally scheduled for Thursday, March 20 but was postponed to last Saturday March 22 in Bristol, Va.

Senior pitcher Brock Funk had a rough outing in game one, has Virginia Intermont scored in each of the first four innings to take a 6-1 lead. Clutch hitting allowed the Cavs to come back in the fifth, to make the score, 6-3. In the top of the sixth, junior Mike Lang drew a bases loaded walk as part of a two run

inning for the Cavs, making the score 6-5.

However, this strong offensive performance did not last for long, as Intermont was able to pound out five more runs, three of them unearned as the Cavs lost, 11-8.

Freshman pitcher D'Andre Bussey said that the unearned runs were the Cavs biggest mistake in the game. He said they should have won the game.

"We didnt perform to the best of our abilities and we payed for it," Bussey said.

Freshman pitcher Scott Cole started game two, but Intermont capitalized quickly on his inexperience by hitting five runs in the bottom of the first. Scoreless in the second, the Cavs came back in the third with two runs off hits

by sophomore Brad Austin and junior Mike Lang.

Cole said he thinks the Cavs may have underestimated Virginia Intermont (12-16/3-5).

"We went into the games thinking we already had them beat," he said. "We knew we had the better team but we just didn't prove and come to play when it came down to it."

Tomorrow the Cavs host top ranked Tennessee Wesleyan, who are 18-0 against AAC opponents. The Cavs are looking to end that streak.

"I think Wesleyan is definitely one of hardest challenges to date," Cole said. "But if we play as a team and play to our potential there should be no reason we should not come out with one, if not two wins."

Major League Baseball Gets It Wrong

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Personally, I'm a big fan of baseball. I know a lot of people don't like it because of its slow-paced nature, but I think it's the one true American sport out there.

The sport has had its problems in the past with steroid issues, but it has been getting better. As more names surface, the sport begins to cleanse its darkened reputation.

However, this column isn't about steroids. It is about baseball and how Major League Baseball (MLB) got it all wrong by starting its season in Japan.

OPINION

I understand that the game is becoming more international with names such as Albert Pujols and Daisuke (Dice-K) Matsuzaka, but MLB forgot the most important aspect in this whole deal. This is baseball. It is the pure American game.

So with that said, we decide to start the season in, of all places, Japan? I understand that one of the teams featured has a couple of former Japanese aces, but that justifies having the season start in Japan?

I think that MLB should take a page from the National Football League (NFL). Did the NFL start its season in a foreign country and disregard its American fan base? No they didn't. They kicked off the season with two strong teams - the Indianapolis Colts and the New Orleans Saints - and it was an entertaining game.

Later on in the season, they did make a trip to London, to showcase their talent in a game between the New York Giants, who won the Super Bowl, and the Miami Dolphins, the worst team in the league.

So with that said, MLB should give its true diehard fans the opening that they deserve. It is only fitting that they start the season where they were founded and with a bang. Of all the MLB fans in the world, none of them wanted to make that trip out of bed at 6:05 a.m. Not even me, a big Boston Red Sox fan.

I did manage to catch a few game highlights while getting ready to head to class on Thursday, but not all of it. Thank God for TiVo and a replay on ESPN.

So my advice to MLB: Start the season in the states. This is our game - America's Game. If you want to have a game in Japan, go for it. Have it toward the middle of the season, so that you can get your publicity, but give us our game at our time.

Cavalier Game of the Week

The Lady Cavs softball team travels to Barbourville, KY tomorrow to take on Union.

The Lady Cavs are currently 7-7 overall, and 3-1 against division opponenets. Union comes into the game with a record of 8-18, 1-1 against AAC rivals.

The Lady Cavs will look to junior outfielder Britney Lawson to lead the offensive attack. She currently leads the team in runs scored and total hits.

She is also second in the team in batting average and RBIs.

The Lady Cavs dominated Montreat on Wednesday March 26. Thanks to a strong performance from sophomore pitcher Lauren Sneed they swept the doubleheader 8-0 and 10-4.

The Lady Cavs will return home on April 4 to host Pikeville.



Junior Outfielder Britney Lawson is currently second on the Lady Cavs with a batting average of .400, and tied for the team lead with three homeruns.

Players of the Week

Josh Verts
Baseball - Junior

Hits second homerun of the season, a single, and three RBIs against Virginia Intermont on March 26. Also pitched a difficult inning in the game (7) Leads the Cavs with a 2.75 ERA.

Mary Wilson
Baseball - Junior

Hit two singles and an RBI in game two of a doubleheader against Tusculum on March 29. Hit four singles against Georgetown College on March 21.

