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College celebrates Thomas Jefferson's birthday in Founder's Day event

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It's not everyday you get to attend a 265th birthday party.

On April 9, the college celebrated Thomas Jefferson's birthday with its Founder's Day event in Greear Gymnasium.

The speakers included Chancellor David Prior, college board member William Sturgill, Kenneth Asbury Professor of History Brian Wills and the featured speaker "Papa Joe" Smiddy. The event also celebrated Smiddy's lifetime of service to the college.

"It's important whenever and wherever we are to honor our traditions, our founders," Prior said. "It's an opportunity for us to celebrate our legacy and all of those who preceded us."

The audience was shown a documentary that featured reflections on Smiddy's life



and the history of the College.

After the documentary the audience was treated with a speech from Smiddy. In his speech he introduced the first two people enrolled at the college—a secretary and a maintenance man. He also talked about how the college accepted female students from the beginning.

"We had been doing something at this school

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Above: Papa Joe Smiddy sits between Brian Wills and William Sturgill during the Founder's Day event held in Greear Gymnasium on April 9.

Right: Smiddy, Chancellor David Prior, and Library Director Robin Benke speak after Founder's Day. The event celebrated the 265th birthday of Thomas Jefferson.



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Rage In The Cage

Willie Meade stands after winning the championship belt at the 265 lb. weight class during the mixed martial arts event held in Greear Gymnasium on April 5. See the story on Page 4.

Performers set for annual Jam4Man concert

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The college is gearing up for its annual "Jam4Man" concert event, where students can kick back, relax and listen to great music at the end of a tough semester.

This year's line-up of bands includes local and regional bands, as well as a few cover bands. The two-day concert, to be held on May 2 and 3, is highlighted by performances from the Sin City, an

AC/DC cover band, on Friday and by King Palace on Saturday night.

Friday night bands also include The Endless, Lethality and Scandelis.

Saturday night's line-up showcases the bands Tywon, Dreaming Under the Table (A Dave Matthews cover band), Picture in Pieces and Friday Night Boys.

Sophomore Cody Edwards, the Jam4Man committee head, wrote in an e-mail that the selection process was based on the demographic characteristics of the college community.

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Students participate in second annual research symposium

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UVA-Wise and Emory & Henry held the second annual Undergraduate Research Symposium at Emory & Henry on April 3.

Thirty-six UVA-Wise students submitted papers and poster presentations—in the areas of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, psychology, art and English—in the event's second year.

"Our intent is for this to be a professional conference," said Christopher Qualls, Emory & Henry's Vice-President for Academic Affairs & Dean of Faculty.

Brittany Harris, a senior English major, presented a shorter version of her Senior Seminar paper titled, "The Third Life of Grange Copeland: An Artistic Ethnography on the Institution of Sharecropping."

"I submitted my work because I love my project, and I really wanted to share it with others," Harris said. "I also thought it would be

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SGA passes resolution against new power plant

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The Student Government Association (SGA) passed a resolution on April 4 pledging their disapproval of the Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center, a Dominion power plant to be built in Wise County.

The "Clean Energy Future" resolution is in direct opposition to The College Board and their approval of the Energy Center two years ago with the "Dominion Resolution."

The SGA resolution is similar to the one passed earlier this spring by students at main campus.

Senior Adam Malle, a member of the college's Environmental Science Club, said in an e-mail that the resolution was meant to separate the student's opinion of the plant from that of the university's.

"The resolution was meant to drive contrast between the school support of the power plant and the student body," Malle said. "For young people the environment and global warming is a top priority because we are going to have to live with the consequences of their actions."

SGA Vice President Mike Mebrahtu said that 400 student signatures secured on a petition against the power plant's construction prompted SGA's response.

"We had to represent the student body and whatever they felt," Mebrahtu said. "So we signed off that the power plant should not be built."

The resolution was spearheaded by student-led organizations on campus—the most prominent being the Environmental Science Club and the Black Student Union.

Christopher Bailey, president of the Environmental Science Club, said sign-

mail that he felt it was time for the campus to take a bigger stand against the power plant.

"I felt our school could do more to prevent this power plant," Bailey said. "UVA has set up a resolution stating they are against it, along with several other campuses, so I figured we could do the same."

Black Student Union President Emahunn Campbell said that the timing was right to organize students who disapproved of the plant and let their voices be heard.

"This is the perfect moment to mobilize the people that are opposed to this plant into pragmatic action," Campbell said. "Once this is accomplished, then we will have a viable chance of stopping the Dominion plant from being built."

UVA-Wise's resolution will join others from around the state that will be presented to Gov. Kaine at a later date.

Malle said he believed that if the governor allowed the plant to be built it would send the wrong message to the people of the state.

"The governor is going to be presented with hard evidence of deep-rooted opposition to this project," Malle said. "To disregard the clear opposition expressed in these resolutions, in the town hall meetings, in the hearings, and the protests would send a signal that business interests are more important to the Virginia government than the people."

Bailey said he believes that the resolution will not have the same sort of bearing on whether or not the plant will see construction.

"I believe it [the resolution] will have an impact," Bailey said. "Whether the corporate monster and the state government decide to ignore us, our opposition will have some impact."

Freshman Seminar class hold Darfur presentation

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Some students go to their Freshman Seminar class to get an easy "A" in exchange for 50 minutes of their time each week.

Other students go to freshman seminar to change the world.

Rick Galyean's students have chosen to make a difference.

After reading Tim O'Brien's "The Things They Carried," this year's freshman read, students in Galyean's class discussed war and genocide—specifically, the genocide that is occurring in Darfur.

The class presented information on Darfur on April 8 at the Wesley Fellowship dinner. The students had earlier screened the movie "Hotel Rwanda" and they are planning a Darfur rally in the fall.

"The concept really just snowballed," said Galyean, an instructor of music.

Current statistics indicate that 100 people of Darfur die each day and 5,000 die each month.

"This is the 21st century—this shouldn't be happening," Galyean said. "The entire population of Big Stone Gap, 5,000 people, could be wiped out within a month on the basis of ethnic differences. Our government isn't really doing anything about it."

Galyean said he has joined the Save Darfur Coalition and he encourages students to join and write letters to state representatives about the issue.

"I found out the best thing to do is go

to your Congressman, not the president," he said.

Jarrell Lytes, a student in Galyean's class, said that researching the Darfur issue and talking with his classmates made him realize how misinformed people are.

"My classmates see movies like 'Blood Diamonds' and don't realize that it's real," he said. "We just need to get the word out that there is genocide in Africa that needs to be stopped."

Another student, freshman Raymond Kago who is originally from Nairobi, Kenya, said that he has met a lot of Sudanese people and heard their stories.

"The main problem is that people here don't really think it's happening," he said. "You as an American might actually know more than someone who lives in Africa, because Americans are really privileged and have Internet access. Africans might not actually know much about what is happening."

Students in the class are working to change what may be perceived as American ignorance or apathy.

"My class has been really engaged," Galyean said. "They've been tremendous."

Kago said his classmates' reactions have been fantastic and that he thinks it is great that they are taking part and spreading the word.

"The more people involved, the better chance we have of getting something done," he said.

For more information on the Coalition go to www.savedarfur.org.

OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

New Editorial Positions Available

With only three weeks of classes left in the semester, most students can't wait for summer. And since many of us will study ourselves into comas during exam week, the break will be greatly needed.

Even if you won't admit it, I know most of you returning students are already thinking about next fall and the classes you'll be taking.

Just as you all are planning for the new academic year, so is The Highland Cavalier.

Beginning this week, The Highland Cavalier will be accepting applications for next year's editorial staff. And since the majority of the staff will be graduating at the end of this semester, we'll need all the help we can get.

The available positions will include, News Editor, Sports Editor, Opinion Editor, and Layout Editor. We also may make-up a few new positions if there interest.

Anyone wanting to apply can pick-up an application outside of faculty advisor Michael McGill's office in Zehmer 124. Applicants also need to sign up for an interview time when they turn in their applications outside McGill's office. Applications need to be turned into McGill on April 18 by 5 p.m.

You may be asking yourself, "What do I have to offer to the newspaper?"

The answer: anything and everything.

Writers, photographers, cartoonists, opinion columnists and the like are all welcome additions to the staff. Like to watch sports? Think you know a thing or two about the Cavalier teams? Apply for the Sports Editor position and start getting the campus excited about Cav athletics.

Have an opinion? Want to share it with the entire campus community and get people talking? Apply for the Opinion Editor position and open a new mailbox for all that hate mail.

This year has been the paper's most successful in history. We have printed more issues than any other Highland Cavalier staff and double the amount we did last year.

You could be a part of making it even better. It looks great on a resume.

Plus, we'll pay you.

What's the downside? I would like to reassure everyone that no prior experience is needed. At least three members of the current staff, myself included, had no previous newspaper experience before working with The Highland Cavalier.

That's not to say previous experience isn't a good thing. If you worked on a high school paper or submitted to us before, you could be qualified for a position. You could probably even teach me a thing or two.

If you have any questions about what the jobs entail or any other concerns, please do not be afraid to ask. You can e-mail me at dstr8a@uvawise.edu or McGill at mtm3b@uvawise.edu or reach him by phone at 376-1090.

Again, The Highland Cavalier is always in need of help and contributions from the campus community.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of one of the oldest traditions at UVA-Wise?

Corrections

In the April 4 edition of the Highland Cavalier, the date of the upcoming Coffee Night was incorrectly printed as April 8. The event will actually be held on April 15.

Housing Lottery Doesn't Work

Every spring semester the students of UVA-Wise are put through the ordeal of the housing lottery.

Each and every student planning to live on campus must pass through the Student Center doors and line up to get their number for the housing lottery, praying that the number they select will be one that will guarantee them a room for next year.

I have just one question about this method; how exactly are we being served by turning the process of getting housing into a game of chance?

When we signed our application forms (or letters of intent in the case of some student athletes), we expected to be able to obtain on campus housing in a reasonable manner, not have to play a game of dorm room Keno in order to get a place to live. This is Wise, not Las Vegas or Atlantic City. We shouldn't have to gamble for a room.

To be a realist, no method of choosing housing will be completely fair. There will be some who will have to live off campus, because there simply aren't enough rooms to accommodate everyone. New dorm rooms are being constructed, but for now, some will have to make do. However, a housing lottery makes getting a room a game of chance, and that is completely unnecessary.

Therefore, I propose a new system. Simply make getting housing on a first come, first serve basis, on and on, until all the rooms on campus are filled. This would be the fairest method of choosing housing, without having to play Bingo for it.

Because look at it this way, would you want to play a lottery for your living accommodations? I think not.

What is the nicest compliment you've received?



Aeshin Wampler
Freshman
Psychology

"That I look better when I don't wear as much makeup. That I look prettier."



Andrew McQuillan
Senior
Administrative Justice

"I get a lot of compliments for being nice to people and being respectful."



Tiffany Lindsey
Sophomore
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"The nicest compliment anyone has ever said to me is 'you have really pretty eyes'."

Library offers prizes for National Library Week

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Students who check out material from the college library next week may find that it will pay off.

The John Cook Wylie Library is participating in National Library week, April 13-19, and is offering students an opportunity to "join the circle of knowledge @ your library," in accordance with this year's theme.

For each item a student checks out next week, their name will be placed in a daily drawing for items such as UVA-Wise rega-

lia and citation and research books.

Three prizes will be given away daily, and all items have been on display in the reference section of the library this week.

"We have been celebrating National Library Week here for many years," said Robin Benke, the director of library services. "This is an opportunity for us to encourage students to use the library and be rewarded with fun and useful prizes."

This year marks the 50th anniversary of National Library Week, which is sponsored by the American Library Association.

For more information, visit the library or the American Library Association website at www.ala.org.

Research: Symposium a success for UVA-Wise students

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good practice for me before my seminar presentation."

This was the first time she had participated in the symposium.

"I would definitely participate again. I think that it was a wonderful experience that will be good preparation for seminar as well as other graduate level presentations that I will have to do," she said.

Senior Olga Hayes and sophomore Inmar Romero collaborated on their research project "Latin American Writers translated into English in the United States in the 19th Century"—a bibliography of materials from Latin America translated into English in the United States from 1830 to 1930.

"We decided to collect data in order to create the most complete bibliography pos-


sible of all the published sources translated into English of Latin American authors in 19th century and during the first part of 20th century," Hayes said.

"We decided to submit our work because we want to educate the public about Latin American writers and to find the interest that [the] US had in Latin American during 19th century," Romero said.

Most of the student researchers said they enjoyed the experience and would like to participate again.

"The most memorable part of this experience was the satisfaction that I had knowing that this project was original and that I was presenting my own ideas to faculty and students from both UVA-Wise and Emory & Henry," Harris said.

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Does Google Go Too Far?

Staff Editorial
The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

(UWIRE) Normal, Ill. — Technology seems to be rapidly advancing.

In this country, as well as many others, we have developed systems that make it possible for us to view massive amounts of information at one time without having to leave our desks. We can listen to 1,000 plus songs on a device that is the size of a credit card, film short videos and put them on a public forum for the world to see and watch our favorite episodes of television over and over from our computers.

The possibilities have become vast. One very active participant in this technology growth is Google. The search engine has quickly become widely used, allowing people to find information on almost anything that has been printed or published online.

Going on a blind date that Mom set up? Find the person's name and "Google" it.

Want to work for a company that you have never heard of? "Google" it and find out more.

Need directions to a new restaurant? "Google" the name and get the address and directions.

Google has allowed us to find

necessary and unnecessary information on almost any topic we please. It gives news, information, images, maps and more.

"What if the new feature made it easier to stalk a person without being penalized by the law?"

The Daily Vidette

Recently, Google has added a new feature to Google Maps, now uploading street view photos of a destination. These types of photos include locations of businesses, stores, and even subdivisions.

For many people, if they Google their address, it might be very possible for them to find a street view photo of their home. To some, this is a nifty new feature, but to others, it crosses the line.

Recently, a Pittsburgh couple has filed a lawsuit against Google because of the photo of their home on the website.

The couple claims that they saw Google come onto their driveway in order to take pictures for the new feature, and that the photo online threat-

ens their safety.

However, Google does not agree. The company has pointed out that website users can file a request with Google to have the photo removed if desired.

While Google did not actually commit a crime, as things that are within public view can be photographed legally, the line between violating privacy and staying within one's rights seems very fine.

True, if Google did take the photo from the couple's driveway, as they claimed, the situation might be a little different, as the company would have taken the photo from public property.

Either way, the question still stands: does this violate our privacy?

While it might not be unconstitutional, the Pittsburgh couple felt unsafe that a photo of their home was on Google Maps. Other people might feel the same way.

What if this feature of Google Maps became a tool to someone trying to break in to a home?

What if the new feature made it easier to stalk a person without being penalized by the law?

With these questions, it becomes clear that while this lawsuit is probably not necessary, it is also probably not a means to gain a quick dollar from a large corporation.


But will there be other lawsuits?

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UVa-Wise hosts mixed martial arts event in Greear Gym



Photo by Reid Salomonsky

Adam Bentley is carried out on a stretcher after passing out following his fight against Andre Boyd at The Arena event held on April 5. Boyd won by tap-out in the first-round.

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Two broken arms, a handful of bloody noses and a trip to the hospital.

It's just another night at the office for the competitors of The Arena fighting promotions.

More than 800 students and local fans were treated to the action-packed excitement of mixed martial arts cage fighting on April 5 in the college's Greear Gym as The Arena held its first ever "Title Night."

Arena promoter David Shelton said he was ecstatic about the turnout for the organization's fifth event.

"This was by far the biggest crowd we've ever had," Shelton said.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout."

Fans were treated to 22 intense fights inside a cold steel cage, where several amateur fighters were more anxious to fight than spectators were to watch.

Dozens of fighters entered the gym, covered in tattoos, toned muscles and mohawks. As intimidating as their appearance was, it was their demeanor that struck fear in those around them.

"I've been fighting my whole life," said 41-year-old Sherman Maggard. "Three months ago somebody told me about [The Arena] and I felt that it was perfect for someone like me. I'm always looking for a fight."

Maggard, who works as a carpenter by day, made short work of his opponent, Matt Summers, who was

about half Maggard's age.

"I just wanted to beat the crap out of him," Maggard said.

Eighteen-year-old fighter T.J. Eskew, who has been training for over a year, had his first fight ever at the event.

"I've been working for this for about a year now, and I hope that all this dedication is going to pay off," Eskew said.

Eskew's training proved to be effective as he defeated Jason Cox by tap out in the fight's second round.

Of the 22 fights held, four were for vacant titles. Sean Beller, the 170 lb.-champion, defended his championship.

The first title match of the evening featured Josh Steele and Kevin Depriest for the featherweight championship. *see Arena, page 5*

5 Questions With....



Tom Costa
Professor of History

1. If you had a million dollars and could only spend it on one thing, what would it be?

A house in England.

2. If you could be one person for a day, who would it be?

I get to be myself everyday.

3. What is your fondest memory of your college days?

My professors taking me out after my dissertation defense.

4. If you could add one building/structure to the college what would it be?

A multi-purpose convocation center/athletic arena.

5. What would be one piece of advice you would give graduating seniors?

Be patient.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



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Search the City brings a breath of fresh air with newest full-length effort

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search the city



"Ambulance Chaser" is one of the standout tracks on the album with its alternative guitar riffs and pop chorus. The song is about a person who finds himself running from the memories of a past relationship. The song again delivers great lyrics as Frost sings about the person's former significant other, "You keep making a mess and turning heads and the worst part is that you know it."

"To the Moon for All I Care" is an anthem for anyone who can't find the courage to end a relationship that both parties want

out of. The song's chorus is what makes the track stand out as Frost sings, "I love the way I said goodbye/this is my exit and your time to shine."

"Detroit was Built on Secrets" is the band's ode to the cutthroat Detroit music scene. Frost tells of the lying nature of the scene as he sings, "This city was built on secrets/it's where all the good ones come from." Even though the band shows their disdain for their hometown music scene, they also want to be the band that helps clean up the negative reputation of the city. Frost sings that the band will be the exception to the rule in the opening line of the chorus, "I'll be the reason you're wrong/ but I don't want to be the reason they find you out."

The rest of the album continues to deal with the subject of finding love and then losing it. Tracks such as "Bigger Scars Make Better Stories," "Clocks and Time Pieces" and "In This Scene You're Just an Extra" all deal with the subject of relationships and the problems that come with them.

Even though I thoroughly enjoyed the

album, there were some hiccups along the way. The length of the album is annoying as it only has ten tracks and leaves you wanting more.

The other problem is that the tracks seem to blend together. Besides the unique and smart lyrics that each song possess there is really no other distinguishing factor between the songs musically. All of the songs have the same basic sound and, even though it didn't take away from my enjoyment of the album, I can see where some listeners could become bored after a couple of listens.

Overall, the album is fantastic and is worth a listen. If you're a fan of bands like Jimmy Eat World and The Starting Line then "A Fire So Big The Heavens Can See It" should be right up your alley.

Aaron's Rating:
4 "Broken Hearts" out of 5



"Hitman" delivers a high octane thrill ride on DVD

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"Hitman," the newest video game to be turned into a major motion picture, was released on DVD on March 11 to excited fans everywhere.

Timothy Olyphant plays the infamous Agent 47, a hired hitman who is called upon to carry out various "hits" on any target that is requested by the unnamed organization that employs him.

Since he was a child, Agent 47 was taught martial arts and the killer instinct that allows him to become an assassin. After a failed hit that involves a fictional target, Agent 47 is spotted by Nika Boronina, portrayed by Olga Kurylenko. After his cover is blown, Agent 47 is a wanted man and decides it time to start uncovering his mysterious past.

While many "game-to-movie" adaptations fail miserably, this one is a surprisingly different. The story is well told and the selected cast did an excellent job.

The actors are relative unknowns, but they make the movie shine with their performances, especially Olyphant who did an amazing job as Agent 47.

The DVD itself contains special features, which includes four deleted scenes, an alternate ending and trailers for the movie.

Overall, this is a good action packed

movie. It reminded me of the very first "XXX" movie, but with more action and a better storyline.

I would warn those who are squeamish that it contains very graphic violence and sexual content.

It is definitely not for the faint of heart.

Cody's Rating:
5 "Mr. Clean Hitmen"
out of 5



Jam4Man: Sin City, King Palace to headline concert

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"We sat down, as a committee, and tried to figure out the best possible combination of bands that would best represent the demographics of the campus, as well as the demographics of Wise County," Edwards said.

The committee gathered together a large number of bands, listened to their demos and selected the best line-up of bands possible given money restrictions.

The Jam4Man committee has final say on the bands selected.

Last year's Jam4Man was highlighted by rap artist Afronam, but this year's event could be even better.

Some students are skeptical of this year's event since it is lacking a big name like last year's concert.

"It was great to see the college bring in

a big name artist, it's a shame the same can't be said about this year," said Junior Darrell-Dingus Ely.

But Edwards promises big things at this year's event.

"I think that compared to last year the students will be much happier," he said. "We have a lot of very exciting activities planned for this year which I think will give this year's Jam4Man that extra component that it has lacked in the past."

As for the future of Jam4Man, Edwards said he is focused solely on this year's concert.

"I think that next year's Jam4Man is going to have a pretty tough time topping this one."

Arena: Mixed martial arts event receives good turnout

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pionship. The 25-year-old Steele had more than a belt motivating him in the match.

"I want to dedicate my fight tonight to my nephew," Steele said with tears in his eyes. "He was born just four days ago, but they had to give him a pacemaker. He's at the UVa Charlottesville hospital as we speak."

Steele came up short against Depriest in three rounds, however. Depriest was named the new champion.

"I'm really surprised," Depriest said, who now has a record of 8-1. "I honestly thought we would go into a couple of overtimes. [Steele] is one hell of a fighter."

The night's most intense fight came in the middle of the card, when Ricky Estep defeated Shane Carroll by judge's decision, after the two fought for five rounds. With his win, Estep became the champion at the 135 weight class.

"It was the toughest match of my life," Estep said. "[Carroll] is one of my best friends. We trained together for months and I think this made us closer."

Estep was later named the co-fighter of the night along with Justin Gent who defeated Tanner McCowan in a two-round tap out.

Perhaps the most disturbing image of the night occurred directly after a hard fought bout between Andre Boyd and Adam Bentley.

After the referee declared Bentley unable to continue and awarded the match to Boyd, Bentley exited the ring with the assistance of his trainer and collapsed to the floor as blood spilled from his mouth.

Bentley complained of serious stomach pains and on-call nurses were concerned that he could be hemorrhaging and have a mild concussion. He was rushed to Mountain View Hospital by the on-call ambulance and fights were not allowed to continue until another emergency vehicle arrived.

Although there was quite a lot of violence, all of the competitors showed impeccable sportsmanship.

"We encourage all of the fighters to be respectful," Shelton said. "But they do a lot of that stuff on their own. They treat each other like family when it's all said and done."

The Arena will hold their next event next month in Big Stone Gap. Fans can contact Shelton at arenafighting@yahoo.com or at 276-328-5888 for more information.

Founder: Smiddy calls college an "opportunity factory"

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that had never been done at Charlottesville," Sturgill said, in reference to the fact that the first day of classes included women students.

Smiddy said he wanted students to understand how much the college meant to the Wise community.

"The most important thing that I want to get across to you is the fact that the University of Virginia brought something new to this area," he said, referring to the fact that the college was not under the influence of the local coal industry.

"This school was an opportunity factory. Students could come here and seek an opportunity for a better life," Smiddy said.

Smiddy said 109 students attended the first day of classes at the college on September 13, 1954.

Many students attended the event not only to receive extra credit but to hear from Smiddy.

"From this event I learned a lot about the history of UVa-Wise and the three wise men as well as the life story of Mr. Smiddy," said freshman Steven Allen.

Smiddy closed his remarks with the following words: "I want to ask you to do one thing: Remember that your support, your encouragement, [and] your dedication is going to keep this wonderful fire burning."

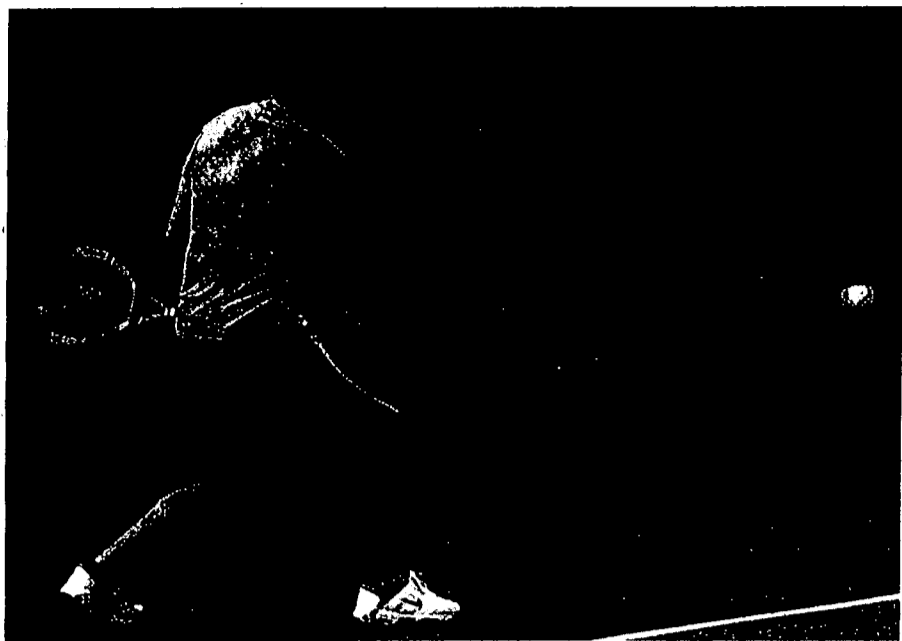


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Sophomore Caleb Crowder prepares for Saturday's on the road match against Berea College in Kentucky during practice on April 9. The Cavs defeated Berea 9-0 earlier this season at home on March 16.

Tennis teams prepare for final matches, AAC tournament

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The Cavs tennis team is entering the final stretch of its season this weekend, as the team travels to Berea, Ky. for their final matches against both Berea and Brescia before the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament.

As the Cavs enter the last leg of the season, the 3-5 records held by both the men's and women's squads do not do them justice.

Junior Beth Dye said she is looking forward to facing Berea for the second time this season.

"We played them once already this year," Dye said. "We beat them pretty badly."

Both teams won 9-0 on March 16, and are looking to duplicate that success.

Dye said the key to victory is consistency and the ability to maintain a strong offense.

The weekend trip will include a Saturday match against Berea and a Sunday match against Brescia at Berea.

"We don't know a whole lot about Brescia," Dye said. "Hopefully we can just use Berea as a practice game."

Sophomore Caleb Crowder agrees with Dye that the team needs to play consistently.

"We don't need to change a thing against Berea," Crowder said. "Our strategy last time we played them worked to perfection, so we just need to go in with the same mentality."

Junior Kyndall Winger said that the way to win was to exploit the opponents' weaknesses in both this weekend's trip and the AAC tournament.

"We play to win," Winger said. "The tournament is what we've been working on all year."

Winger said the teams need to work hard and get a couple of good practices in and hope that it does not rain.

Crowder said that the men's team could really turn some heads at the tournament.

"I think we've done pretty good this year," Crowder said. "We are a really talented bunch, and I think that we could have won a lot more matches than we [did]."

Both matches will begin at noon.

Two Cavs selected as Players of the Week, prepare for rival Union

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This has been a busy week for Cavs baseball.

The Cavs team is sporting a 17-15 record while going 7-5 in the conference, putting them in fifth place.

The Cavs split a doubleheader with rival Montreat on April 6. The big news is that two Cavs were named AAC players of the week and two pitchers have been added to the 2009 roster.

Cav senior pitcher David Jones who is 3-2 in eight starts this season, struck out eight batters in an 8-2 win over Brevard on April 6, and junior Matt Duffy collected six hits in the week to earn

the awards.

Senior Brock Funk started, and after he gave up five runs, freshman D'Andre Bussey entered the game only giving up two runs. But Brad Robbins' four RBIs were not enough to save the Cavs as they lost 7-5.

The Cavs came out swinging in game two as Duffy, junior Josh Verts, and junior Edwin Narvaez all had two RBIs. Jones hit the mound, and after a rough first three innings the Cavs came back in extra innings to win 9-8.

"It feels good to get player of the week," Duffy said. "I wasn't expecting to get it but

it feels good to know that I'm helping the team win. The biggest part of my success this season has been the guys that surround me in the lineup. I bat behind two great hitters [Verts and Robbins] and then I have great hitters behind me, so most of the success comes from the guys around me. It makes it a lot easier for me to relax and just hit."



Duffy

It was also announced this week that two new pitchers will be added to the 2009 roster—Josh Guizar from Riverbend, Va. and Brent Hall from Hillsville, Va. Brent is brother of senior

outfielder Matt Hall.

"This group of players is as good as any team I have been a part of, and I am excited to see them perform," said assistant head coach Josh Scarborough.

The Cavs will next face rival Union college in a doubleheader in Barboursville, Ky. The first pitch will be at 1 p.m. Union is currently ranked first in the AAC with a record of 9-3.

"I believe we can sweep Union this weekend," Duffy said. "I think our team is capable of beating anybody at any given time. We have the players and the depth in the bullpen to win. We just have to show up and play hard."

View From the Cheap Seats

We can't go pro

As we near closer and closer to the end of the month, we football fans are treated to the most exciting black tie optional sporting event of the year.

The 350 pound lineman, dreadlock wearing wide-outs, and future strip club A-list cornerbacks will don their Sunday best on April 26 as they await for the all-knowing call.

The NFL Draft, or perhaps the nursery for the future Pro Bowlers of America, gives the impression (if just for one day) that they are prim and proper.



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Hundreds of athletes who have literally dedicated their entire lives to one sport—missing out on the perks of growing up—are finally having their devotion rewarded with a signing bonus so big, it pays for the diploma that they probably aren't going to earn.

Unfortunately, not everyone who dedicated their lives is getting the same opportunity.

The dominance of the NCAA has overshadowed its ugly stepsister the NAIA, preventing many gifted athletes from seeking the prominence of being a professional athlete.

At this year's NFL combine, an event in which hundreds of college football players participate in assorted practices or game scenarios for pro scouts, only ONE player from the NAIA was featured.

Previous years have not been much different, in that the only two recognizable NAIA alums in the NFL are Patrick Crayton, a third string wide receiver, and quarterback Jon Kitna.

Kitna, a former first round pick, is perhaps the most famous NAIA alum in sports history, despite his mediocre professional career.

Major League Baseball isn't much kinder. Despite a few legendary players like Lou Brock and Vida Blue, who arrived before the NCAA's dominance, former National League Betting Champion Freddy Sanchez is the only recognizable NAIA product in the league.

The Cavs are quietly awaiting their first alumnus to go pro in any sport.

So where does that leave the athletes of UVa-Wise?

Why continue playing a sport if the odds of going pro are drastically against you?

They have trained and worked just as hard as the players at NCAA schools, and while many believe that NAIA talent is on-par with that of NCAA Division II, the stigma of being from a lesser-known college prevents the truly gifted athletes from pursuing their dreams.

Most athletes will simply give up on their dreams, accept a desk job and every once in a while reminisce at the water cooler about their last second buzzer beater against Pikeville.

However, there are those who think outside the box and will not allow the NAIA discrimination to hold them back.

Senior Jarred Soles, who just completed one of the best careers in Cavs basketball history, plans to head overseas after graduation to continue playing.

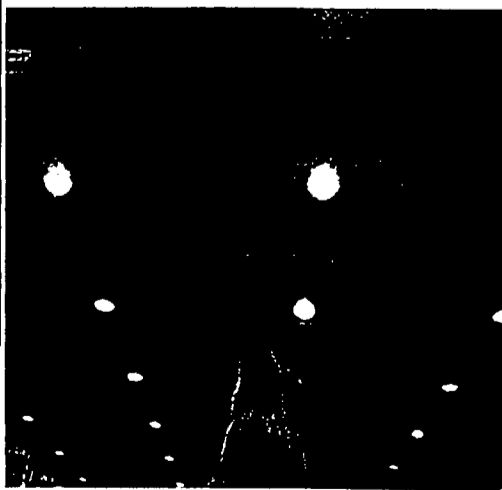
Soles plans to travel to Russia, which has become a top scouting area for international players in the NBA. There he will hit the court and show the rest of the world how great we know he is.

While many athletes would not take the risk that Soles is, we can all respect the fact that he is chasing something that most of us would only call a dream.

Go Cavs.

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A contestant in the Intramural slam dunk contest attempts a dunk on April 8. Jerrel Lyles won the event.



Players of the Week



John Bigley
Pitcher - Senior



Lauron Sneed
Catcher - Sophomore



Matt Hall
Outfielder - Senior