Former senator to address seniors

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Former senator John H. Chichester, the recently retired state representative for the 29th Senatorial District in Northern Virginia, will deliver the keynote address at the college's commencement ceremony on May 17.

The ceremony—which will honor the 321 members of the Class of 2008—will be held at Cal Smith Stadium beginning at 11 a.m. The event will be held rain or shine.

Chichester is a 29-year veteran of the Virginia Senate who took office in December 1978 following college's commencement ceremony. He was elected of his own party in 1977. Chichester was the longest-serving Republican in the state senate.

He served as the senate's president pro tempore from 2000 to 2008. In 2004, Governing Magazine selected Chichester as one of its "Politicians of the Year." See Chichester, page 2.

Jimson Weed founder speaks during Coffee Night

By Daniel Robinson

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Students and members of the community filled the Chapel of All Faiths to nearly maximum capacity last Tuesday, April 15 when the Jimson Weed presented Coffee Night.

Coffee Night is a bimonthly event in which students, faculty, and staff write poems from the community can read or perform original work in an open forum.

Jimson Weed Managing Co-Editor Sara Hurd said she was surprised at the amount of people who came to this semester's event.

"There were more people here than I've ever seen before," Hurd said. "I hope that it keeps getting that way to the point that we can't do it in this chapel anymore and we have to use the gym." Much of the crowd turned out to hear this year's featured speakers, Richard Peake and Catherine Mahony, both former UVa-Wise faculty members.

Peake, a professor emeritus of English, was the original founder of the Jimson Weed and presented poems from different stages of his life as well as stories about his tenure at UVa-Wise.

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Virginia Tech remembers those killed in shootings

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BLACKSBURG, Va., April 16 — The Drillfield at Virginia Tech was a patchwork of maroon and orange Wednesday to mark the one-year memorial of the shootings at the university.

College officials estimated that nearly 15,000 students, parents, faculty and members of the "Hokie Nation" at large attended the 10:30 a.m. commemorative service. The ability to both remember the incident and move forward echoed throughout the ceremony.

"Although our sadness continues to weigh upon us, the one thing we can put to rest now is any fear that we will forget those who were taken from our midst," Virginia Tech president Charles Steger told the audience. "We know now that will never be the case. We have found that weaving those memories into the fabric of our days inspires us to reach our highest potential." Steger offered a moment of silence, echoing Singer's sentiments.

"In order to be fully human...to be fully Hokies, we need to live our lives in service to others," Kaine said. "The world was changed...if we realize how short our own lives are, we will focus on the things that are really important." "I want to get involved and make a difference," he said. "I really feel the drive to give something back."

Students at the memorial showed sorrow and a sense of strength and hope. They made their way in front of Burruss Hall to pay respects at the Hokie Memorial. Then they listened with reverence as the names and stories of the students and faculty killed that day were read aloud.

"I really liked how they went through each person's name," said freshman Garrett Butler. "Last year, I don't think we were ready to hear all that, but this year it was time. It made me really glad because I could connect with the students even though I never knew them."

Connectivity of the Hokie community keeps a theme at the university for the past year. "Support from people was pretty tremendous," said senior Bennie Arnold.

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Students place flowers and notes at the Hokie Memorial outside Burruss Hall on the Virginia Tech campus on April 16. Fifteen students and faculty members were killed in the shootings on April 16, 2007.

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Boyd crowned as Miss UVa-Wise

By Kale Baldwin

First runner-up Nancy Kamal poses with the new Miss UVa-Wise 2008 Meagan Boyd. Boyd won a $500 scholarship and a $100 jewelry gift certificate.

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   Season tickets in the luxury box section for Redskin games

2. If you could add one building/officiate in the National Flag Football Tournament in New Orleans, La., what would it be?
   Tournament in New Orleans, La.

3. What is your fondest memory of your college days?
   Being a founding member of Gamma Chi Omega Fraternity and being selected to officiate in the National Flag Football Tournament in New Orleans, La.

4. If you could add one building/structure to the college what would it be?
   Rec/Plex Student Recreation Center

5. What would be one piece of advice you would give graduating seniors?
   Don't be afraid to fail. The best of us fall. The only way to make mistakes is to learn from them.

Coffee: Music and dramatic reading highlight bi-annual Coffee Night

Tournament in New Orleans, La.

What would be one piece of advice you would give graduating seniors? A bad salary, when you're working on a deck full of deck stuff.

Leader: Student leaders to be honored during banquet

“Leatherheads” offers fun look at football history

Season four premiere of “Deadliest Catch” hits like a rogue wave

By Justin Jorek
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“Leatherheads,” which opened in theaters on April 18, is a comedy-drama about the early days of professional football.

George Clooney stars as Dodge Connolly, a long-time football player who at- tempts to take his team, the Duluth Bulldogs, from the back of a junk truck to the big time, in an effort to save the team, Connolly recruits Carter Rutherford (played by John Krasinski) from The Office.

Rutherford’s story of wartime heroism is succeeded through the eyes of reporter Lyle sunshine (Reno Wilson) and Duluth lifer (played by John Goodman) who have to prove themselves to Connolly who is determined to save the game of football into what it is today.

“Overall, this was a great movie. The cast worked together well and the came relief of George Clooney was a good way to help give the movie a little push. I would recommend this movie to anyone who is in love with football, sport, or in general. This is a treat for everyone and leave Leatherheads.”

Codys Rating: 5 “Pickles” out of 5

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The crew's ability to stay on top of their game is impressive; however, the catch is often delayed due to weather conditions.

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Baseball and softball teams rack up runs, prepare for tourneys

By Shawn Rockefeller

Junior infielder Bobbi Fishback and junior catcher Mary Wilson catch a University of Charleston runner in a rundown, during the Lady Cavs 8-7 victory in game two of their doubleheader on April 11.

Junior Matt Duffy makes a throw to first base during the Cavs 4-4 loss to Pikeville on April 10.

Despite losing game two, the Cavs were very happy with the outcome of the doubleheader. "I thought that the team is more concerned about their seeding in the AAC conference tournament. "It felt good to get a big win against union," Vent said. "Because we really needed it to stay in the race for a good seeding in the conference tournament." 

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