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## Former senator to address seniors

From Staff Reports

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 Carl 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 a special election. He was elected to seven consecutive Senate terms and when he retired in January he 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 "Public Officials of the Year."

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## Jimson Weed founder speaks during Coffee Night

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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 bi-annual event in which students, faculty, staff and writers 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 little 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.

Peake said he was impressed with how much the Jimson Weed had grown over the years.

"I think the current Jimson Weed is excel-

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Photo by Daniel Robinson

Richard Peake, a former professor in the Department of Language and Literature, was the featured speaker at Coffee Night in the Chapel of All Faiths on April 15. Peake shared poetry and stories from his tenure at the college.

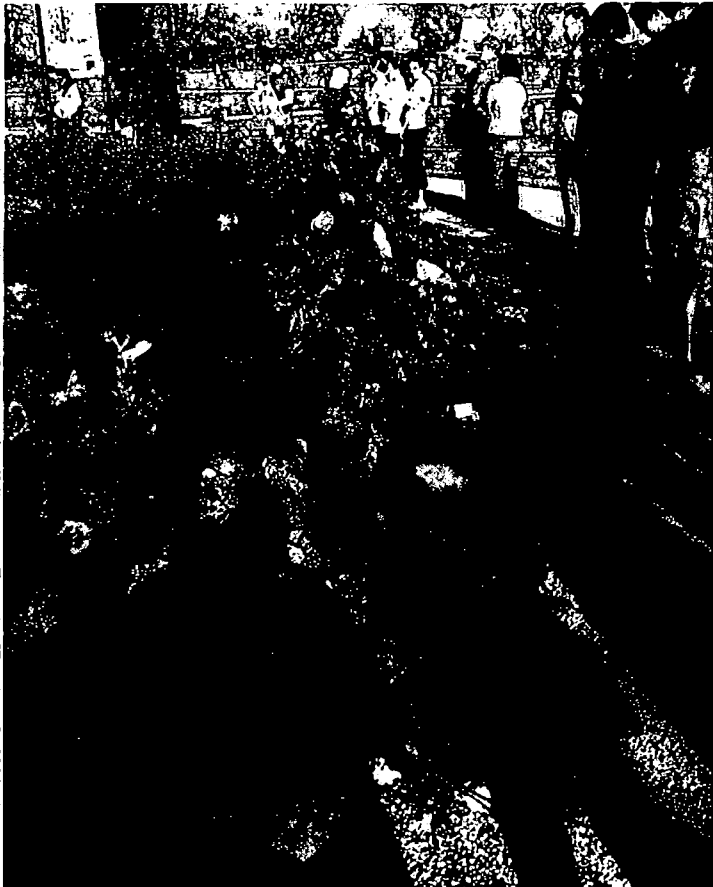


Photo by Allie Robinson

Students place flowers and notes at the Hokie Memorial outside Burrell Hall on the Virginia Tech Campus on April 16. The day marked the one-year anniversary of the fatal shootings that took the lives of 33 members of the campus community. Fifteen others were injured during the shootings.

## 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 promise."

Gov. Tim Kaine offered closing remarks, echoing Steger'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 cheat-

ed...if we realize how short our own lives are, we will focus on the things that are really important."

Junior Chris Armstrong said that he has strived to serve the community after the tragedy.

"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 Burrell 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 Busic. "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."

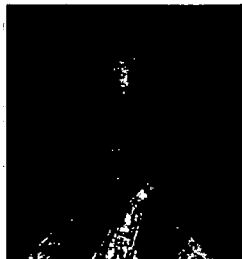
Connectivity of the Hokie community has been a theme at the university for the past year.

"Support from people was pretty tremendous," said senior Rennie Arnold.

"Every poster that was sent means a lot to us, and some of them were in the fresh-

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TEN STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE MISS UVA-WISE PAGEANT ON APRIL 12 IN GREER GYM. SEE WHO TOOK HOME THE CROWN ON PAGE 2.



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## Boyd crowned as Miss UVa-Wise

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In this current age of feminist values, the 10 young women who participated in the Miss UVa-Wise pageant on Saturday, April 12 didn't see any conflict.

"Who says you can't be beautiful and a feminist," said contestant Brandy Green, a sophomore sociology major.

Green was joined in the competition by freshmen contestants India Hedgcock, Helen Meisken, Kaitlyn Collins; sophomores Leah Arthur, Nancy Kamal, Megan Boyd and Kayla Dougherty; junior Kelly Maples; and senior Swadu Beckley.

Boyd was crowned the winner following the four phases of the pageant—introduction, casual wear, evening gowns and talent.

Kamal was named the first runner-up and crowd favorite.

And, Arthur won the Miss Congeniality award.

"It means a lot to me to have won the title of Miss UVa-Wise," Boyd said. "Out of all of the pageants that I have participated in thus far, this one is by far the best that I could have possibly won. I really believe there could not be a more

thankful titleholder."

Along with the title of Miss UVa-Wise 2008, contestants were battling for a \$500 scholarship and a \$100 jewelry gift certificate.

"As we know, higher education is expensive and every little bit helps," Boyd said. "I have five more years left of school, and this being a scholarship pageant enabled me to gain more financial assistance."

Contestants were judged on the basis of stage presence, confidence, creativity, personality, attire, natural beauty, showmanship, entertainment quality and overall presentation.

"Over the last few years 'beauty' has been redefined to include what is inside and out," said Jessica Compton, a former Miss Wise titleholder, a teaching fellow in the college's Department of Communication Studies and one of the event's judges.

Other judges for the event included: Teena Fast, a former Miss Virginia U.S. Teen, Miss Tri-Cities and an accounting professor at the college; Kenny O'Neil, an award-winning cheerleading coach at Tusculum College; and McKenzie Hurt, the reigning Miss Johnson City.

The contestants had varying levels of experience with pageants. Some had participated in pageants before. For others, it was their first competition of this kind.

"I'm always involved in sports and running around in jeans," said Dougherty, a sophomore psychology major. "This [competition] gives me the chance to be a girly-girl."

"I've done elementary pageants before," said Collins, a freshman environmental science major. "This is [my] first time [competing] at this level."

Natasha Hickman, Miss UVa-Wise 2006, was on hand to crown the winner.

The 2007 pageant was cancelled due to concerns from members of the executive board that there was no male counterpart to the event.

SGA President, Jekeyma Robinson, said he was happy to see the pageant revived and saw it as a great opportunity for students to obtain scholarship money.

"I made it one of my goals to reinstate the pageant," said SGA President Jekeyma Robinson. "I think that having the scholarship is one of the best ways to give money back to the students."



Photo by Kate 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.

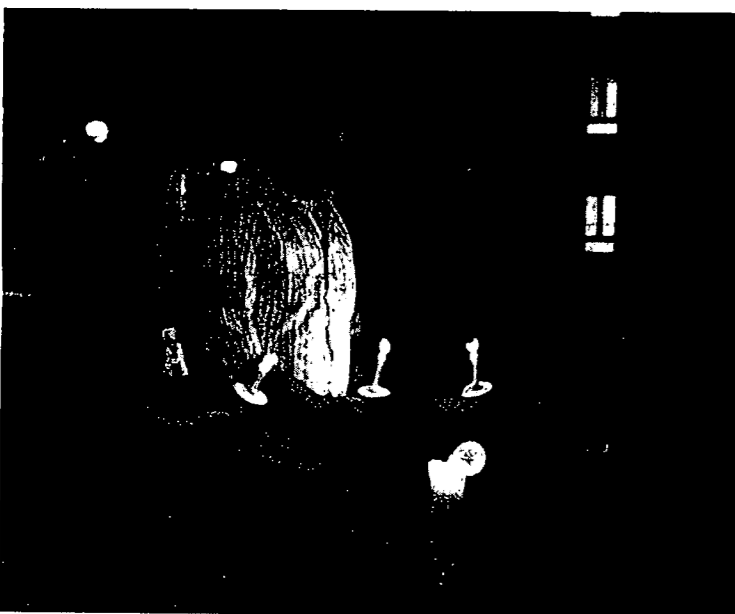


Photo by Kate Baldwin

UVa-Wise students participate in a candlelight vigil held on April 16 at the lake. Many of the students who participated in the event had friends and relatives who were injured or killed in the incident. Those students lit their candles first and passed the flame to others at the memorial.

## FINS hosts t-shirt design contest

What would you do with \$100 this summer? If you create the winning design for the Department of Natural Sciences undergraduate research program, "Fellowship in the Natural Sciences" (FINS), the summer might be a bit more interesting.

FINS provides support for student summer research under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Research projects can be in any area of the natural sciences, including biology, chemistry, geology, physics, science education or environmental science.

Designs should be submitted to Brenda Whitaker in the Science Center by Friday, May 2, at 4 p.m. Her office is located in the loft overlooking the Science Center Atrium.



### Contest rules:

1. Full- and part-time students are eligible.
2. Students may submit no more than two designs.
3. Logos may be created free-hand or digitally but must be submitted as a hard copy. Free-hand logos should be photocopied or scanned for submission.
4. Logos should be submitted on a clean sheet of 8-1/2" x 11" paper, with the name of the student and contact information on the back. The contest winner will be chosen after classes have ended, so it is important that the student provide an e-mail address, telephone number or mailing address where he or she can be contacted during the summer.
5. No element of the college's current logo may be incorporated in the FINS logo.
6. Originals will not be returned.
7. Photographs or copyrighted material may not be used in the design.
8. No more than three colors should be used.
9. Any artwork submitted becomes the property of the college, and we reserve the right to modify designs as needed.
10. If no submitted design is deemed acceptable, the competition will be repeated in the fall semester.

## Chichester: Senator to speak to grads

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The following year he was awarded the Excellence in State Legislative Leadership Award by the National Conference of State Legislatures and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation.

Two of the college's graduating seniors—

Donovan Mabe and Sarah Hamilton—also will address their peers at the ceremony. Mabe will deliver the "Moment of Reflection" and Hamilton will offer the "Challenge to the Graduates."

# OPINION

## Why Firearms on Campus are a Bad Idea

By Gary Juhan

In the year after the tragedy at Virginia Tech, multiple changes have taken place on college campuses across the country in an effort to make them safer, as well as to provide more timely and accurate information in the event of a campus crisis. As such, institutions have formed crisis management teams, installed sirens, text messaging and phone alert systems, as well as updated web-based notification systems in order to better communicate with students, faculty and staff. On the state level, Virginia has even passed legislation addressing mental health issues and clarified when parents can and should be notified of issues their students may be experiencing.

Discussions regarding these matters continue to take place on campuses and in state legislatures across the country. In these discussions, two questions are typically raised. The first is, "Would we be safer if firearms were allowed on campus by those who have permits to carry (i.e. concealed carry permits)?" The second is, "Would such a practice serve as a deterrent to a potential active shooter or even be used by individuals to stop

a person bent on causing harm to others?"

On the surface, allowing law-abiding individuals to carry firearms on campus may seem like a reasonable thing to do. But, I would ask those that hold that opinion to consider the following two points.

UVa-Wise Chief of Campus Police Steve McCoy and I recently attended the 2008 National Conference on Law and Higher Education. One session we attended, "Weapons on Campus," was led by Jesus M. Villahermosa, Jr., a member of Washington's Pierce County Sheriff Department's S.W.A.T. team since 1983. One of Villahermosa's most compelling statements were in regard to the fact that the average distance of a "shootout" involving police officers was approximately ten feet—Ten feet. And, that at this short distance and with trained officers, the on-target "hit" ratio is only 30 percent—Thirty percent. Therefore, if a trained officer fires ten rounds, an easy task with today's automatic weapons, seven of those rounds actually hit someone or someone other than the intended target. Seven.

Yet another compelling point for consideration is that in the event of a

crisis, how do even the best-trained law enforcement personnel discern between an active shooter and a permit-carrying individual brandishing a gun?

We all want to feel safe as we go about our daily lives, and this is particularly true in the havens of college campuses. Many feel that they have a right to bear arms, and we each certainly do under prescribed restrictions. Yet, just as it is unthinkable that someone would attempt to carry a gun onto an airplane, it should be considered equally unwise to bring a weapon onto a college campus. Would it truly make us feel safer to know that the student sitting next to us in class has a gun on her person or in a backpack or that a professor or administrator has a pistol in her coat?

As I was growing up, when I would make unwise or poor choices, which was quite often, my father would always remind me, "there is a time and place for everything."

It is most certainly not the time or place to have weapons on campus.

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## What are you doing for the environment?



Jacob Fowler  
Freshman  
Physical Education

"I did campus cleanup today [Wednesday] and make sure to just take trash to the dumpster and not litter on campus."

Marshall Bradley  
Freshman  
Communication

"I recycle. I throw all my trash away."



Daniel Seiberlich  
Freshman  
Government

"I want to buy a fuel friendly car."



## College Needs A Realignment of Spending Priorities

I normally don't do this, but I am going to start this week's column off with a little story about my daily life.

It was 2:31 in the afternoon and I was sitting in the library trying to get the computers to work with my flash drive so I could print my paper for Modern Europe through Film class. Unfortunately, the computer was slow to work and it was 2:45 before I could actually access my flash drive. Then the password software attached to the drive refused to work and I couldn't access the drive.

I know for a fact that my drive was working properly, as I had been able to use it before. Therefore, I can only come up with one conclusion: The computers are not up to snuff.

In the face of this fact, I can only ask one question, "Why isn't the college recognizing the problem and fixing it?" There's only one answer to that question. All the construction around the campus has sapped the college's funding and made it impossible to upgrade technology.

I heard from other students that the college is spending \$2 million to build a new entrance to the campus. Along with this addition comes the new addition to the theater building and the new buildings going up elsewhere on campus. And I have to ask, "Is it really necessary?"

All this construction is using up money that could be spent on other things, like significant upgrades for the college's computer networks. The computers are slow, inefficient, obsolete and are overdue for an upgrade.

In addition, many of the electronic media used by teachers are subject to frequent breakdowns.

The money being spent on the entranceway and other needless projects could most certainly be put to use on technology.

In light of these problems, the college needs to seriously reevaluate its spending priorities. And do it quickly.

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Let's be honest: Professional sports have been lacking rivalry for a some time now. Except for the Red Sox-Yankees in baseball, rivalries are dead in other professional sports. The lack of rivalries between pro-teams have led to my disregard for games altogether.

Gone are the days of Lakers-Celtics, Cowboys-49ers, or even the little known, but brutally great, hockey rivalry between the Colorado Avalanche and the Detroit Red Wings.

It seems like players just don't care about the passion and friction that rivalries can create between two great teams and would rather take their million dollar contracts and play nice.

As the NBA season ends, I was ready to concede that rivalries were still dead in their grave, until Washington Wizard shooting guard DeShawn Stevenson decided to open rivalries grave and wake up the old geezer from his slumber.

Stevenson told the Washington Post's NBA insider Mike Lee that Cleveland Cavalier superstar LeBron James was overrated after a recent game between the two teams.

"He's overrated," Stevenson said. "And you can say I said it."

James responded by saying that Stevenson's negative comment about him was like one-hit wonder Soulja Boy busting on hit-maker Jay-Z. In James' words: "It doesn't make sense."

The mud-slinging words continued

## Wizards-Cavaliers bring rivalries back to the NBA

when Wizards' superstar shooting guard Gilbert Arenas threw his hat into the ring. He said the Wizards' wanted the Cavs in the first round of the playoffs.

"We want Cleveland for our own reasons; we don't think they can beat us in the playoffs three years straight," Arenas said. "It's hard to beat a team three years straight. We want to try our luck."

This isn't the first time that the two teams have verbally jabbed at each other. The war of words started when Arenas questioned James' desire to take the big shot with the game on the line.

"The guy LeBron needs is [Los Angeles Clippers guard] Sam Cassell," Arenas said. "He needs someone who wants to take the big shots at the end of the game. LeBron would much rather have Cassell take the final shot. People don't realize that LeBron doesn't want it."

Again, much like with Stevenson, LeBron fired back with a dagger of his own.

"I made two game-winners in the playoffs against him and knocked him out of the playoffs," James told the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "So I don't understand where he gets that from. That doesn't make sense to me."

LeBron 2, Wizards 0. With all of this animosity, the playoff series between the two teams should bring us back to the 1980s era when players had a desire to beat the opposing team into the ground. In short, every game was a rivalry.

The fact that each team has a mega star on their roster will give the series the flare it needs to be a classic. Both James and Arenas might be the closest we ever get to a Magic Johnson-Larry Bird type rivalry in the NBA. Both can hit the big shots and take the game on their shoulders at any given moment.

Then you have DeShawn Stevenson—the man that violated the rivalries grave, a no-name bench player that decided to take on one of the biggest superstars in all of pro-sports. What will become of him during this potentially physical and dirty series?

I believe he might be on the wrong end of many SportsCenter highlights thanks to one LeBron James.

But I guess I should be thanking Stevenson for reinvigorating playoff basketball for me and many others. We're wishing for more than just lazy defense in our NBA.

And I'm sure the people of Cleveland are licking their chops knowing that this guy may have lit a fire under James at just the right time.

And Washington fans are weeping into their pillows, knowing that the basketball equivalent of the boogie-man is going to turn their dreams of a championship into the nightmare of elimination.

I will be watching and waiting as the powder keg of testosterone and ego continues to approach overheating and the eventual explosion of what I hope will become a great display of pro-basketball.

Rivalries are alive and well. Let's hope it stays a little longer this time.

## Va Tech: UVa supports Virginia Tech with "Hoos for Hokies" banner

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man dorms when we moved in," said freshman Charlie Petty. "You might think it doesn't mean much to put together a poster, but it means a lot to see them in the dorms."

Posters have still been arriving at the university, junior Robert Zayas said.

"We just got a few this past week, actually, from various colleges and businesses, showing their support," he said.

Senior Cristin Kelsh said that Vir-

ginia Tech's biggest rival, the University of Virginia, was really supportive after the tragedy.

"They became like our best friends and were really supportive," she said. "My best friend goes to UVa and she sent me a picture of the bridge in Charlottesville that they had painted to say 'Hoos for Hokies' and it just meant so much to me."

Busic said that he felt the weather at the ceremony Wednesday contributed to the sense of community he felt

with the people there.

"It was a warm, sunny day—it made everyone feel like they were together," he said. "There were parents, and their kids, and their dogs...it was a real community out there, not just the students."

Senior Christina George said that there has definitely been a different mood on campus this year than in years past.

"Everyone has a connection," she said. "We really are a Hokie Nation."

## Student Leadership Banquet to recognize students next week

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The sixth annual Student Leadership Banquet will be held on April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Greear Gymnasium.

The leadership banquet will recognize those students and organizations that have excelled throughout

the school year.

"The purpose is to honor student leadership on campus," said Jewell Worley, dean of students.

Awards will be presented to individual students and organizations for their leadership both at UVa-Wise and the community, Worley said.

"From the college perspective, it is a way to say 'thank you' for what

they contribute to the campus community," she said.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Gary Juhan said students have a lot of leadership opportunities being on a small campus; therefore, the growth and experiences of the students are easily recognized and honored.

Having the banquet during this

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## 5 Questions With....



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

Season tickets in the luxury box section to the New York Yankee and Washington Redskin games

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

Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees

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

Being a founding father 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?

Find a job that you will love. Make sure you are happy in your profession!



Photo by Daniel Robinson

The Five O'Clock Shadows, made up of Nathaniel Sproles, Jonathan Harlow and Jennifer Hawkins, played original music during Coffee Night on April 16. The group served as the house band for the night and played music during intermission and between presenters.

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

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lent," he said. "I'm delighted to see it revived."

"I have been reading his [Peake's] poems [that] he submits every time," Hurd said. "And it was nice to finally see him."

Mahony, the other featured speaker and also a professor emeritus of English, followed Peake with original poetry.

While the large crowd thinned some following the featured speakers, those who stayed were treated to music from the house band, The Five O'Clock Shadows, poetry from students like Marcus Adkins and Morgan McKinnon, and dramatic monologues from Emahunn Campbell and Craig Rice.

"I was a little nervous," said McKinnon, a senior English major. "It was weird because I never share my stuff."

Adkins, also a senior English major, said he was inspired to submit to the Jimson Weed for extra credit.

"We were assigned a project in Modern [Poetry] English class with Dr. Huang-Tiller," Adkins said. "I guess I was inspired by the 'Romance of the Rose' and the 'Pearl' poet and decided to write on the fall of man."

kind. I felt like people should read it because it makes people think."

One of the highlights of the night was Rice's performance titled, "Speed Dating." Rice, a junior majoring in communication, said he was glad to have the opportunity to present.

"I knew about the Jimson Weed, but I was too lazy to ever submit anything," Rice said. "I decided I wanted to speak. That was the first time I had ever done spoken word poetry and I just went up there and gave it my best shot."

Although the event lasted for an hour longer than it was supposed to, Hurd said you can't put a time limit on creativity.

"We try to put a tight rein on these things...and it doesn't work," she said. "And I like that about it."

Hurd and managing editor Colin Cox, both of whom will graduate in May, said they will miss being part of Coffee Night and the Jimson Weed.

"Through the whole process it's been in the back of my mind that this is going to be the end of my tenure here with the Jimson Weed," Cox said. "I try not to focus on that. I just try to remember that it has to end and I'm not going to worry about that. I'm

going to worry about doing the best I can with the production."

"I'm too relieved that we got it done to really be as sad as I probably should be," Hurd said. "I really expected to cry, but they [the presenters] kept me laughing."

Next year, junior Jade Bolling will take over as managing editor of the Jimson Weed along with a new editorial staff.

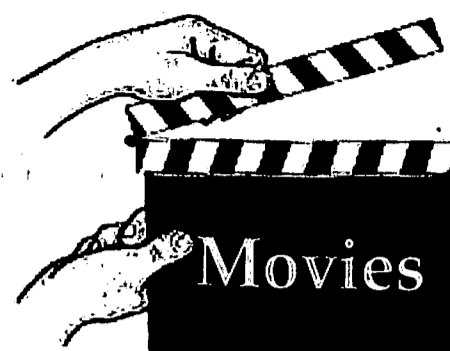
"I have every confidence in Jade," Hurd said. "We let her make some decisions so she'd get the hang of it and she did a really good job."

Cox said he was more than happy with the new staff taking over after he graduates.

"They're incredibly confident and they're very opinionated, which as far as I'm concerned [are] two of the most important qualities they could have," Cox said. "To do what we do with the Jimson Weed, you can't necessarily be passive."

Hurd said that anyone wanting to submit to the Jimson Weed can do so at anytime by e-mailing their work to jimson-weed@uvawise.edu or to Gillian Huang-Tiller at gch7u@uvawise.edu.

# Entertainment



## "Leatherheads" offers fun look at football history

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"Leatherheads," which opened in theaters on April 4, shows a new, yet old page from the early days of professional football.

George Clooney stars as Dodge Connolly, a long-time football player who attempts to take his team, the Duluth Bulldogs, from the brink of being shutdown to the big time. In an effort to save the team, Connolly recruits a war hero named Carter Rutherford (played by John Krasinski from "The Office").

Rutherford's story of wartime heroism is uncovered through the legwork of reporter Lexi Littleton (Rebecca Zeltweger). Littleton uncovers both Rutherford's life as a war hero and the rise of professional football connected to his playing for the Bulldogs.

The movie is based, at least in part, on history. Clooney's character is based



on Johnny "Blood" McNally and the Duluth Bulldogs are based on the Duluth Eskimos. The Eskimos were instrumental in molding the game of football into what it is today.

Overall, this was a really great movie. The cast worked together well and the comic relief of George Clooney was a good way to help give the movie a little humor. I would recommend this movie to anyone who is interested in history, football, or sports in general.

Take the time to go and see "Leatherheads."

Cody's Rating: 5 "Pigskins" out of 5



## Leader: Student leaders to be honored during banquet

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time of the year is a good way to close the year and recognize what students have accomplished, Juhan said.

He said that students who have leadership roles at the college will benefit in their future occupations by having confidence in leadership positions.

Both Worley and Juhan said that students were nominated by different committees, faculty, staff and students depending on the award.

Awards given at the

banquet include Greek organization awards, an award for the freshman who excels during the school year, and Outstanding Student Leader, which is the most prestigious student award given, Worley said.

Other awards include, Organization of the Year, Most Improved Organization, Advisor of the Year, Commitment to Diversity Award, Unsung Hero Award and the Student Organization Community Service Award.



## Season four premiere of "Deadliest Catch" hits like a rogue wave

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A fishing vessel trudges through the icy waters of the Bering Sea, pitching and rolling with each storm-driven swell, when out of nowhere, a massive 50-foot wall of water rears up and slams into the boat's bow.

The boat shakes with an almost unearthly force. Massive steel crab traps (referred to as pots) are tossed about the deck like Tinkertoys and crushed like soda cans.

The massive wave breaks a seam in the ship's hull, causing icy water to begin trickling into the boat. The crew rushes to repair the damage and save the boat.

So begins the first episode of season four of the Discovery Channel's hit reality series, "Deadliest Catch."

On April 15, the Discovery Channel gave us a treat, in the form of a double episode premiere to kickoff the fourth season of the insanely popular show, which highlights the trials and tribulations of the men who work in the most dangerous job in the world—Alaskan crab fishing. And from the looks of things, this season may be one of the best yet.

The new season opened with an episode titled "Get 'Em Back Safe," the entire focus of which was the preparations of each boat for the rough season ahead.

We are introduced to four of the boats that will make up the core of this season's roster: the Northwestern, captained by Sig Hansen; the Cornelia Marie, led by Phil Harris; the Wizard, and its captain Keith Colburn; and the Time Bandit, captained by Jonathan Hillstrand.

The episode primarily focuses on the preparations each boat makes to get out to sea, but a few humorous moments highlight the show. Foremost are the Hillstrand brothers and their attempt to load a full-size junk truck onto their boat. The truck is a "gift" for Harris, a fellow captain, who had apparently mentioned needing a new truck. Harris's youngest son, Jake, is once again using his old man's credit card to make purchases—this time, a plasma TV for his bunk. ("Now we know why lions eat their young," says Captain Phil.)

Aboard the Northwestern, a damaged propeller shaft threatens to seriously delay the vessel's departure, leading to understandable tension, especially for Captain Sig.

In the second premiere episode, "Striking Out," the crews are finally able to begin fishing. Sig and the Northwestern included.

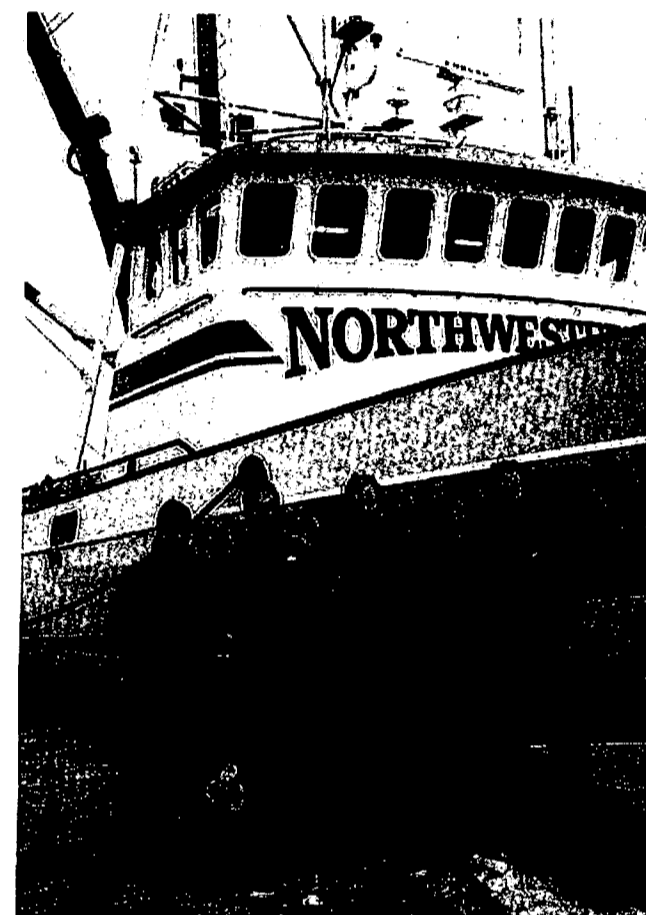


Photo obtained from Discovery.com

Captain Sig Hansen stands with his crew behind "Deadliest Catch" host Mike Rowe. Hansen's boat, the Northwestern, has been featured on "Deadliest Catch" for the last four seasons.

However, a combination of bad weather and poor fishing leads to hell for the crews of each of the ships. Hansen decides to fish in waters formerly fished by his father, only to find bare seafloor and a healthy dose of jellyfish slime.

The Cornelia Marie, likewise, experiences bad fishing, but spirits are lightened when the crew pulls up the junk truck, left in place of one of their pots by the Time Bandit crew. After straining to pull the truck up on the coiling block (a device used to coil the pot lines as they are retrieved), a laugh riot is had by all, especially Captain Phil.

In this episode, we are also introduced to one of the other core boats, the Early Dawn, captained by Rick Fehst. At the beginning, the boat is long-line fishing for brown king crab and preparing to switch over to fish for red king crab. The crew pulls in over \$2 million worth of brown crab, netting each deckhand up to \$90,000.

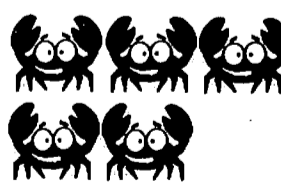
Not a bad salary, when you're working on a deck full of death traps.

All in all, the season four premiere began the season well, giving viewers just enough drama and humor to whet our appetites for more. The show didn't change a single detail of its wildly successful formula, and that's a good thing.

Why fix it if it ain't broke? The cinematography continues to be amazing—placing the viewer right in the thick of the brutal Bering Sea weather the men face every time they go to work. And, all of the drama and action viewers expect is there as well.

I can't wait to see more.

Justin's Rating: 5 "Red King Crabs" out of 5



## Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



## View From the Cheap Seats

### Our very own Pacman

Before I begin, I would like to thank Adam Robinson for bringing to my attention a mistake in last week's issue.

Former NFL tight end and Clinch Valley College star Shon Bell, is the only Highland Cav to go into pro sports.

Bell is certainly someone Cavs fans can be proud of—for setting the bar as high as he could.

However, should someone be commended and thought of as a role model just because of what they do on the field?

For those on the fence, let me just mention that the Pacman Jones saga continues.

Thankfully, the Cavs have never had someone with such questionable moral values suit up...yet.

Several students recently told me that former West Virginia standout Jason Gwaltney is making a bid to join the 2008 Cavs squad.

Gwaltney, who hasn't played since 2005, is absolutely loaded with talent, but he also comes with a cancerous reputation.

His arrest record, which is more than some simple misunderstandings, was enough for WVU to drop their most highly regarded recruit in school history.

Not only has he been hurting his own credibility, but also his teammates and friends have been grossly affected by his inability to obey the law.

Gwaltney's friends have been involved in his many criminal escapades and he is more known for letting his teammates down rather than picking up the slack.

But, with any infamous sports star, there is the upside.

The 6-1, 240 lb. bruising back scored 90 touchdowns in his three years of high school football. A leg injury however, held him to just 186 yards on 45 carries in his only year in college athletics.

The Cavs would be the perfect system for someone like Gwaltney who would thrive in head coach Bruce Wasem's rush heavy offense.

On top of all that, Gwaltney still has dreams of going into the NFL and with the organizations stiffer policies on player conduct, he has no choice but to clean up his act.

So alas, we are faced with a pivotal question: Is he in or is he out?

With the loss of Ra'Shad Morgan we are in desperate need of a running back who can take over an offense. Gwaltney could be that man.

However, the last thing this school needs is a player who will potentially damage the integrity of our program.

Thankfully, Gwaltney's academic record was not strong enough to allow him to stay in WVU or a local community college, so it will most likely not be acceptable here. The issue of whether or not he will be allowed to join the team may never come up.

Many believe in second chances, while others say that someone of Gwaltney's character is out of opportunities.

I say give him a shot. If he has matured character wise, he should be allowed to finish what he started on the field.

Go Cavs!



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Junior infielder Bobbi Mihelarakis 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.

## Baseball and softball teams rack up runs, prepare for tournys

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The bat swingers, arms dealers and base stealers of UVa-Wise have made quite a splash in the AAC pool.

On April 12 the Cavs baseball team traveled to Union College, and were able to split a doubleheader with the division rival, as the two maintained their fourth place tie in the AAC.

The Cavs opened game one against Union behind as senior Brock Funk allowed four runs early. However, thanks to strong offensive performances from junior Matt Duffy and sophomore Brad Austin, the Cavs were able to even the game at four.

After back-to-back doubles from Duffy and senior John Bigley, the Cavs were able to take the lead and never look back as the team won 10-8.

Unfortunately the momentum did not carry over into game two.

Poor fielding and a power outage from the Cavs most reliable bats contributed to a 10-0 shutout for Union.

Despite losing game two, the Cavs were very happy with the outcome of the doubleheader.

Junior Josh Verts said that the team is more concerned about their seeding in the AAC conference tournament.

"It felt good to get a big win against union," Verts said. "Because we really needed it to stay in the race for a good seeding in the conference tourney."

Verts said he was upset about the loss in the second game against Union, but will remain focused on their upcoming series against Milligan.

"In the second game we made a lot of errors," Verts said. "All around, we could have played a better game."

He said that in the Milligan game, the Cavs will try to hit well and just let the chips fall where they may.

The Lady Cavs softball team entered a tie for first place in the AAC this weekend after splitting their fifth straight series and outscoring Ferrum College 14-4 in their doubleheader on April 13.

Thanks to another outstanding pitching performance from sophomore Lauren Snead and dominate offense from senior Shelly Newton, sophomore Cristine Cantone and junior Britney Lawson, the Lady Cavs easily beat Ferrum 12-1 in game one.

Game two saw another impressive pitching performance from freshman Megan McCoy, but was not able to get similar run support as Snead as the Lady Cavs lost, 3-2.

Although neither team was able to sweep their respective series, both Cav teams are looking forward to the end of the season and the beginning of the regional tournaments.

However, before the tournys begin, the Cavs host Milligan College tomorrow for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

The Lady Cavs will host Covenant tomorrow at 1 p.m. and will have their final home game of the season against the University of the Cumberlands on April 22 at 4 p.m.



Photo by Kate Baldwin

Junior Matt Duffy makes a throw to first base during the Cavs 4-5 loss to Pikeville on April 10.

## Cavs football set for new beginnings

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For those who are fans of football and have missed the game, fear not.

This Saturday, the UVa-Wise football team returns to action in their annual spring football game at Carl Smith Stadium at 1 p.m.

And this year, unlike those in the past, will be even more challenging as the coaching staff faces attempts to fill spots on their roster. Head coach Bruce Wasem sees the atmosphere as fun, yet difficult.

"The spring game is really a fun time other than taking some serious time to evaluate

our players," Wasem said. "It's a little different this year, especially with the new players we are going to bring in during the fall."

This year's game will be conducted differently than in years past. Instead of two teams, only one team will play.

Wasem said he feels this change gives he and his staff time to better evaluate their talent.

"We are going to do it differently this year because of what I'd like to get accomplished," he said. "If I'm going to evaluate talent, I need to put them against guys on the same level."

A key area to be addressed on offense is the departure of lineman Henry Potter and running back Ra'Shad Morgan.

Returning quarterback Randy Hippeard said that despite the losses, the offense wouldn't change.

"Losing Henry and Ra'Shad hurts, but we are not going to try anything different," Hippeard said.

Wasem said the losses of Potter and Morgan, combined with the defensive losses of Ben Robertson and Reggie Dorsainvil, are more leadership losses than athletic losses.

"They were great leaders," Wasem said. "That is a hard thing to measure. Now that we are into a higher level, maybe we don't need as much leadership on the field. That's one of the things that concern you and it's something I don't have a lot of control over."

While Wasem said he is trying to build

a team of great talent, he made it clear to his players that his four "A's" – academics, achievement, attitude and ability ultimately determine who stays and who goes.

"I feel that you don't win your position in spring ball," he said. "However, you win the opportunity to compete for the position in the fall."

Hippeard said he has a good feeling about the upcoming football season.

"The defense is having more fun and they are challenging the offense more," Hippeard said. "Things look good right now. If we can get everyone healthy and everyone back, then I think this is a start to a great year."

### Players of the Week



**Matt Duffy**  
Baseball - Junior



**Britney Lawson**  
Softball - Junior

Had four hits and two runs scored and four RBIs in the Lady Cavs doubleheader game against Ferrum on April 13.

Lawson leads the Lady Cavs in home runs with seven.

### Line of the Week

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