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## College to award students and faculty

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With the 2007-2008 school year rapidly drawing to a close, many of the college's students and faculty are being recognized for their accomplishments. Leadership awards, academic awards, departmental awards and others will all be presented during the final week of classes.

The first of the award ceremonies to be held is the student leadership banquet on Friday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Greear Gymnasium. The event is a semi-formal dinner to honor and thank students and faculty sponsors who have participated in campus clubs and organizations.

Next up is the Academic Awards ceremony on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. The ceremony—and small reception to follow—will be held in the Science Building atrium and will recognize the achievements of undergraduates.

"This [non-graduate] ceremony is open to everyone," said Academic Dean Amelia Harris. "We want to honor all of our students' achievements."

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## Students elect new SGA senators, board members for next year

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Sophomore Travis Brannon was elected president of the Student Government Association (SGA) on April 16.

Other winners of last week's election include Vice President Abubakarr Massaquoi, secretary Meron Belachew, treasurer Clint Tipton, senators-at-large Josh Vaughan and Jarriel Walton, senior Senator Tiffany Rose, sophomore senators Leah Arthur, Helen Melshen, and Joseph Slaydon and junior senators Clay

Guynn and Luke Parks.

"I am extremely excited to be elected the President of the Student Government Association," Travis Brannon wrote in an e-mail. "It is a huge honor and I have worked two years on the SGA so I understand the responsibility of the position."

Brannon said he has big plans to make improvements.

"I wish to create the most functional and committed Senate and Executive Board that has ever been here on campus," he said. "The Senators that have been elected will understand that attendance and enthusiasm are extreme-

ly important for the SGA to reach our goals. Student Government is a wonderful breeding ground for the leaders of the future. I will ensure that I am surrounded by Senators of the best quality."

With many resources at SGA's disposal, Brannon said he hopes to improve student involvement and community connections.

"There seems to be a separation between UVA-Wise and the town/county of Wise," Brannon said. "The relationship has been weak in the past, but I am already meeting with the Wise Business Association and town officials on a regular basis to voice concerns of the stu-

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Photo by Aaron Collier

## Pickin' in the Garden

North Carolina based acoustic/folk singer Tad Dreis entertains students and faculty during the Student-Alumni/Commuter Picnic in the Sculpture Garden on April 23. Dreis played acoustic guitar and harmonica during the event.

## SGA to host Spring Formal at Holiday Inn

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The Student Government Association's Spring Formal will be held on Friday, April 25 at the new Holiday Inn in downtown Norton from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The theme for the dance is "Night on Bourbon Street" and the facility will be decorated in Mardi Gras style.

Junior Bakarr Massaquoi, the event's chairperson, said this year's formal should be fun at the new location. And, he said SGA is expecting a larger-than-normal crowd this year.

Students will need to have their student ID available in order to enter the event, Massaquoi said.

Students can bring one or two guests. But guests need to be accompanied by a student with an ID, he said.

Students can park at the J.I. Burton High School parking lot.

"I am looking forward to having spring formal at a new facility because I think things will run a lot smoother," said SGA President Jekeyma Robinson.

The event will be held on the fifth floor of the hotel. Semi-formal or formal attire is requested.

## Michael releases new book on life of well-known Holocaust denier

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Willis Carto worked for George Wallace's 1968 presidential campaign.

He was involved with the Populist Party in the 1980s and supported the career of David Duke, a former Grand Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

And, Carto is a well-known Holocaust denier with ties to the militia movement.

He may not hold popular beliefs, but Carto is the subject of a recently-released biography, "Willis Carto and the American Far Right," by George Michael, an assistant professor of political science and administration of justice.

In the book, Michael traces Carto's role as a central figure in America's postwar far right movement.

Now 81 years old, Carto is the founder of Liberty Lobby, a conservative political advocacy group that

operated out of Washington, D.C. from 1955 to 2001. In 1955 he also started "The Spotlight," a weekly newspaper published by his Liberty Lobby organization. In the 1980s, the paper boasted a circulation of over 300,000.

Carto has also long been associated with the Institute for Historical Review, which has, according to the organization's Web site, "published detailed books and numerous probing essays that call into question aspects of the orthodox Holocaust extermination story, and highlight specific Holocaust exaggerations and falsehoods."

Michael's book grew out of his dissertation research at George Ma-

son University's School of Public Policy. During that research, "Carto kept coming up," Michael said. "He is a legend in the far right. That's why I decided to approach him about doing his biography."

And, although Carto was initially opposed to the project, after giving it some thought he changed his mind, Michael said.

"Gaining the cooperation of Carto was the biggest obstacle to creating this book," he said. "It would have been too hard to get all of the information without his support."

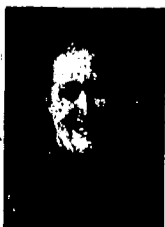
"Willis Carto" is Michael's third book. His other books include "Confronting Right-Wing Extremism and Terrorism in the USA," published by Routledge in 2003, and "The Enemy of My Enemy: The Alarming Convergences of Militant Islam and the Extreme Right," published by the University Press of Kansas in 2006.

Michael will next work on a book about terrorism and insurgency.



Michael

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THE CAVALIER BASEBALL TEAM FACED CONFERENCE RIVAL MILLIGAN COLLEGE ON APRIL 19. FIND OUT IF THE CAVS PULLED OUT THE WIN ON PAGE 6.

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## Sports Briefs

### Lady Cavs have up and down offense against Cumberlands

The Lady Cavs softball team split a doubleheader against the University of the Cumberlands on April 22.

Game one saw a tremendous pitcher's duel as the Lady Cavs came up short 3-1, despite an outstanding performance from sophomore Lauren Snead.

Game two was a different story for the Lady Cavs' hitters as they ripped through the Cumberland pitchers, 12-0.

Sophomore Christine Canton and freshman Candace Wilson each racked up four RBIs.

The Lady Cavs who are 25-13, and 13-3 against conference opponents are traveling to Beckly, W Va. to take on Mountain State University on April 27. The game will start at 2 p.m.

### Cavs tennis teams return from AAC Tournament

The Cavs tennis teams traveled to Johnson City, Tenn. on April 18 for the weekend-long AAC tournament.

The men's team did not last long in the tourney losing to Covenant 5-2.

The women's team was able to strike some success in the opening round of the tournament as they defeated Tennessee Wesleyan, 5-3.

Their win was short lived however, as the Lady Cavs then took on Milligan.

Despite some impressive performances, the Lady Cavs fell 5-1 to the conference rival.

The men's team finished with an overall season record of 5-6 and 1-4 against conference opponents.

The women's team also finished the season with an overall record of 5-6, but went 2-4 against conference opponents.

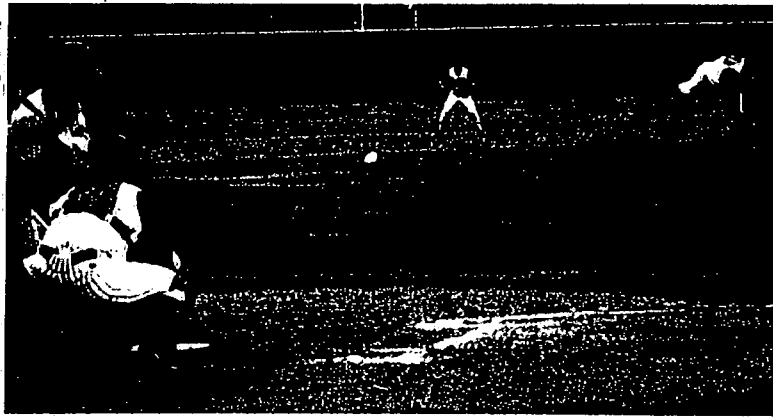


Photo by Kate Baldwin

Senior Brock Funk delivers a pitch during the first inning of the Cavs' 8-5 loss to Milligan College on April 19. Funk pitched seven and one third innings and gave up five earned runs.

## Cavs baseball falls to rival Milligan, prepares for tourney

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As the Cavs baseball season comes to a close, AAC opponents are chomping at the bit to jump back into the conference race.

On April 19, the Cavs hosted rival Milligan College and despite some tough pitching during the first few innings, the Cavs were able to come back late to tie the game. However, the bullpen could not hold it down for the Cavs as they lost 8-5.

Junior Brad Robbins had a big game as he belted his 10th homerun of the season, and senior Jorge Laboy had two hits and scored two runs.

Laboy said that the Cavs could have played much better in the game.

"Well we just made too many mistakes and that's what happens when we are not on the same page," Laboy said.

"We just really need to relax and play how we are capable of playing, especially before the tournament starts," he said.

The Cavs are now 23-19 and 8-8 against conference opponents, which puts them in fifth place in the AAC.

Sophomore Brad Austin said the Cavs are suffering from some ailing injuries which could be the reason the they lost two straight to Milligan.

"We have some guys banged up right now and [because of the injuries] some people are playing out of position," Austin said.

He said that the Cavs need to play their best and forget about the tough losses, because the next few weeks are the most important.

"As long as we stick together and play the game with everything we've got we'll be good, we're a tough team to beat," he said.

"I'm excited about these next couple of weeks because I feel like a lot of people are underestimating our club and I feel like we can make a run," Austin said.

The AAC tournament begins on April 30 in Kingsport, Tenn.

The Cavs travel to Bryan College tomorrow in Daytona, Tenn. for a doubleheader. The game starts at 1 p.m.



Austin

## Cavs golf team impresses at AAC Championship

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The Cavs golf team finished its season last week in London, Ky. by posting the best team total in the final round of the AAC/NAIA Region XII Championship.

Senior John Graham posted a round of 73 as the Cavs shot a team score of 305 on the day and moved up a spot in the final standings to sixth place, just five strokes out of third place.

After the first day of competition on April 14, the Cavs ranked seventh in the field of eleven.

The round secured a sixth place finish this season for the Cavs golf team in the overall AAC standings.

The team had its ups and downs over the season and hopes to add depth for next season.

Returning will be freshman Evan Sturgill who finished the AAC championship in a 16th place tie with teammate junior Bryan Bentley.

Sophomore Rhyne Hammit finished in 21st place while sophomore Matt Faircloth completed the team members in the tournament in 41st place.

Dylan Allen of Castlewood signed his letter of intent early on in the season, and should make a major impact next year for the Cavs.

Allen, the two time Cumberland district champion hopes to bolster a line-up that returns all but senior captain Graham.

## View From the Cheap Seats

### A Year to Remember

Twenty-five issues down. One to go.

Last year when I accepted the position of sports editor, I was told that the newspaper was going from a bi-weekly to weekly.

I thought to myself, "How in the world will I be able to fill the page every week?"

Well, thankfully, the Cavs have given sports writers and I plenty to report to their loyal fans.

Aside from a few sidetracks and slumps, the entire athletic department of UVa-Wise will remember the 2007-2008 seasons as one of the best ever.

However, for those who did not see these historic events in person, I will take a second to mention a few Cav highlights that you might want to tell the grandkids about some day. (You can just lie and say you were there.)

Let us all reminisce as we count down the top ten Cav moments of the year.

**10. There's no place like home.** On Sept. 29, the Cavs cross country teams hosted their first meet ever against Milligan and Tusculum. The Cavs won easily, in what hopes to be the first of many home meets.

**9. Dig for a Cure.** Nothing is more heart warming than when athletes give back. Well, I would expect nothing less from the spikers on the Lady Cavs volleyball team. On Oct. 10, the Lady Cavs beat rival Tennessee Wesleyan, 3-1, but the real stat of the night was that both teams raised \$2,150 for the Susan G. Komen foundation. That's more important than any win-loss record.

**8. Ra'Shad's opening rampage.** Back on Aug. 25, the Cavs football team opened its season against Brevard, but running back Ra'Shad Morgan did most of the work. Morgan ran for 244 yards on only 29 carries and scored four touchdowns. His total - the second most in school history - was only 50 yards shy of the single game record...also held by Morgan.

**7. The Streak.** The Cavs basketball team had to play seven games prior to getting to play in Greear Gym. They proved to fans that it was worth the wait, as they began their season 6-0 at home. The Cavs finished the season 9-2 in front of the home crowd and left fans at the edge of their seat all year long.

**6. Freshman phenoms.** The freshman class of the 2007-2008 season may be the best in school history. Basketball fans can look forward to Adrienne Womack and Megan Rutherford anchoring the Lady Cavs for years to come, and seeing Adam Hood lead the men's team into the promise land. Maddie Ridenour has been outstanding in her first year with the Lady Cavs softball team, while Jahmal Potter provided to be a dominating D-Back in his debut season.

**5. Randy shatters the record books.** When the Cavs signed quarterback Randy Hippeard in 2005, they knew he would make an impact. But I don't think anyone knew what this guy could do for our program. The junior had an amazing season as he set the all-time records for pass completions (446), passing touchdowns (61) and total offense (6,738). With one more year to go, it should be exciting to see what he does next.

**4. Let there be lights.** This season's baseball and softball games didn't have to conflict with our precious lunch schedules. The teams hosted their first night games this season and with spectacular turnouts.

**3. Soles soars into the record books.** Senior Jarred Soles posted a sensational final season with the Cavs basketball team. But his most memorable moment this year, had to be against Bluefield on Feb. 16. Early in the first half Soles sunk a two-pointer to give him 1,587 points for his career and move him into fifth place on the team's all-time scoring list.

**2. The Lady Cavs take on the country.** Perhaps the most significant event in Lady Cavs' history happened back in November. The Lady Cavs volleyball team won the first NAIA Region XII tournament in school history, but that was not the big news. By winning the championship, the Lady Cavs qualified for their first national tournament appearance ever!

**1. The homecoming game.** The second the game ended on Sept. 22, we all knew that the historic event would simply be referred to as "the homecoming game". After losing every game against Georgetown over the past eight years, the Cavs football team was able to throw in some last second magic to win 63-56 and jump into the top ten in the nation. It was a game that most of us will remember for a long time.

Go Cavs!



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### Players of the Week

Had three singles and a solo homerun in the Cavs' 12-0 win over the Cumberlands on April 22.



Edwin Navaez  
Baseball - Junior



Christine Cantone  
Softball - Sophomore

Went five-for-five and had four RBIs in the Lady Cavs' doubleheader split against the University of the Cumberlands on April 22.

Cantone has 18 RBIs and one homerun this season.