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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

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 organi-

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 underclassmen.

"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

By Mariah Redden Staff Writer msr4u@uvawise.edu

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 Jariel Walton, senior Senator Tiffany Rose, sophomore senators Leah Arthur, Helen Melshen, and Joseph Slaydon and junior senators Clay

"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-

y 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

By Julie Kaye Shortt Staff Writer iks5s@uvawise.edu

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

Junior Bakarr Massagoi, 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, Massaqoi said.

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

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

By Simon Henry Staff Writer sph7z@uvawise.edu

Willis Carto worked for George Wallace's 1968 presidential cam-

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

He may not hold popular beliefs, but Carto is the subject of a recentlyreleased 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

organizasite, "published detailed books and numerous probing essays that call into question aspects of the orthodox Holocaust



Michael

extermination story, and highlight specific Holocaust exaggerations and

Michael's book grew out of his dissertation research at George Mason 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 Carthis 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.



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Student reports to Honor Court increase

By Mariah Redden Staff Writer msr4u@uvawise.edu

Is it tattling or are students starting to take the honor system seriously?

The rumor on campus is that more students are turning in their peers for academic

Honor Court Chairperson Holly Weisiger said that the rumor was in fact true.

"There has been an increase of students turning in other students," she said.

Jennifer Wilson, an instructor of mathematics and faculty adviser for the Honor Court, said she has also seen an increase in students turning in their classmates this se-

Wilson and Weisiger both said that the student body participation shows that the sys-honesty is not acceptable. tem is actually working. It also shows that the Honor Court cannot function without the college community working together, they

"UVa-Wise adopted an honor system in 1956 under which all students pledge to co- if proven guilty, the student will face suspenoperate in acting honestly and honorably and they should respect the system that our college has established," said junior representative Lauren Carv.

And, the Honor Court's responsibility is Wilson said. to enforce the rules of this honor system.

knowledged that any form of academic dis- in their papers.

system is different from UVa's, is that UVa seeing more from other departments. is single sanction, meaning automatic expulsion. Here, first offense students are given community service. On the second offense, sion, or in more severe and extremely rare

"Students should be allowed to make mistakes, so that they can learn from them,"

Weisiger said most cases involve stu-

Weisiger said the rise in students turning dents who do not know what plagiarism is or in peers shows that the student body has ac-

'Most issues usually come from the Eng-Weisiger said the way the college's honor lish Department," she said. "However we're

Wilson said she makes sure that the honor pledge is used in her classes and recommends that other faculty and staff members incorporate the same strategy into their classes.

"Students are beginning to realize the meaning of plagiarism and its importance especially in college," Caru said. "It is something that should be taken seriously because it could affect your college career."

FINS offers students chance to do reseach abroad

By Allie Robinson Staff Writer agr2q@uvawise.edu

Summer checklist: frogs, computer programs and round-trip tickets to Panama.

For some students here at the college, this is not just a random collaboration of Mad Lib-like plural nouns.

Sciences (FINS) recipients, this summer's checklist includes all of the above and more.

"The FINS this year is going to be really cool because we have new projects that haven't really been attempted yet," said Kevin Jansen, assistant professor of biology. "The quality of projects seems to go up each

Students are working on a variety of projects this summer, ranging from pond life here

on campus to life in Panamanian forests.

Senior Anthony Kilgore is the first FINS. student to study out of the country. He will be studying how rodents affect seed dispersal in tropical forests. He is working with Thomas Lambert, a teaching fellow in biology and a team of scientists working in Panama.

"No one has really studied how the arboreal species affect the forest," Kilgore said. "My research will be preliminary data that will help them."

Kilgore will be in South America from mid-May to the end of July and said that there is almost no data on arboreal species in Panama. He said he will be hiking approximately nine miles a day to track tree seed dispersal.

Freshman Nathan Jones and junior Cristina Vanover will be working on projects a into but are excited nonetheless.

Jones is studying nickel toxicity on frogs, and said that his project will be year-long and

growth malfunctions and next summer I hope to study them at a molecular level," he said. Jansen, his mentor, said that the project

has regional impact. "The metals [Jones] is studying are also For the 2008 Fellowship in the Natural in this wetland," Jansen said. "That's the rea-

> Jones said he will present his project at the FINS seminar next fall and report on the entire project at the end of next school year.

"Hopefully we'll be able to get it published in a scientific journal as well." he

gram to help teach physics. She said her mentor, Lucian Undreiu, an assistant professor of biology, worked with a student on the project last year and that it may take several years to finalize the program.

She said that the program will be mainly geared towards college students and will first be utilized on campus here.

"Physics is hard to learn out of a book," she said. "This program will walk students through with tutorials and practice prob-

FINS recipients receive a \$3000 stipend and money to pay for materials. The program is funded mostly by donations but also through the Financial Aid Office and the Of-

Jansen said he is gratified to see the stu-

'They have no idea what they are getting

Election: Brannon becomes

Josh Vaughn, who was re-elected as a heard my fellow students talk about." Senator-at-Large, said he plans to the best of his ability to represent the student body as a elections, only 256 students let their voices

as well," Vaughn said

"A 'college town' atmosphere is what I expect to create and it will be something that the 2008-2009 SGA can leave behind that

communication with local business and political leaders to ensure UVa-Wise is included deeds where ever they are needed. I'm trying in public conversations.... So far local lead- to build a loving friendly community where ers have been wonderful in their interest and people count on each other when they are in cooperation and this is [a] great sign for our a time of need."

the SGA closer to our students...and act on

possibly venture into next summer as well. "This year, I'm studying the frogs for

son we're pursuing this particular research,"

Vanover is working on a computer pro-

dents work hard on these projects.

new SGA president

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"I will take input from my peers into consideration so that I can make sure that my dement to see so many students not want to be cisions will be what the students would want involved," senior senator Tiffany Rose wrote

with local businesses on creating a student discount card.

will continue to enrich the lives of UVa-Wise and making sure they are met," he said students for years to come," he said. "The SGA will keep open all lines of community service, and not just picking up

future goals!" Brannon said.

Massaquoi said in an e-mail, "I want to bring man senator, and senators-at-large.

I was a first the second

Unfortunately, in this year's online SGA

"It feels exciting, but yet a disappointvia e-mail. "My main goal is to help get more Brannon said he is currently working people enthusiastic about participating within the activities our University has to offer."

Junior Senator Luke Parks said he plans to work with the needs of students in mind.

"I am focused on working side by side with the student body, listening to their needs "Also I hope to put more of an emphasis on

Additional positions will be elected in the Newly elected Vice President Abubakarr fall for junior senator, senior senator, fresh-



The Wise Pall Fling committee is adding for the help of The University of Virginia's College of Wise. The 30th Annial Wise County Fe

mone fail filing is now accepting sub-missions of talkin designs that follow the themse for this year, "When The Apple of

The event will be held in the town in When on Oct. 4 and 5, 2008 and there is \$100) prize for the winess. The sign will be testined on all t sidns for the event. This, is an excellent opportunity, for suppling artists and creative their passes for their phase be seen throughout the next. Submissions and questions should be directed to Travia Branson at (276) 274 6072 or till 9a@nvawistactu.

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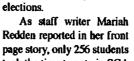
From the Editor's Desk

Participation Please...Anyone

It continues to amaze me how few people on this campus get involved in campus activities.

For example, I went to see comedian Jen Kober who was in the student center on April 22. She was excellent and I'm pretty sure I heard that SAB was thinking about inviting her back

However, only about 40 people made it out to the event. Only half the chairs on the 5th floor were filled up. And this is for a comic who has recently appeared on both Showtime and HBO. Another example-SGA



took the time to vote in SGA dsr8a@uvawise.edu elections. With nearly 2,000 students on campus, the per-

centage of students who actually participated is around 13 percent. Thirteen percent

Daniel Robinson

Editor-in-Chief

These aren't your fifth grade 4-H officers, folks. This is the student governing body and the people that represent your concerns and opinions on campus. Imagine if only 13 percent of the population voted in the presidential election in November. It wouldn't even be worth winning if so few people cared.

And why did almost the entire campus come out to the sculpture garden last Wednesday?

I can just about guarantee it was not to listen to musician Tad Dreis, who happened to be very good by the

Of course, we all went out to get free food during the Student-Alumni Picnic. It seems like the mentality for many students on this campus has become, "If they're not giving me free food or I can't get a free t-shirt, I'm not doing it."

I wonder how many people would have voted in SGA elections if they had offered a slice of pizza and t-shirt after you completed your ballot?

It's the same way with us here at The Highland Cavalier. While the staff works hard to bring you a good newspaper, I am always surprised at how few students share their opinions with us over the course of the year. This is the student newspaper. We shouldn't have

to turn to student writers from other schools for opinion

Do you like reading the opinion of a student who attends USC? Even if you wholeheartedly agree with that opinion or think the writer completely nuts, you can't tell

them because they're a few thousand miles away. Sadly, this is exactly what the newspaper has been forced to do a few times throughout the semester. With so few students submitting work and a limited number of staff writers to write them, we have to rely on students from other schools to share opinions with us.

This should not be happening.

your opinion of cafe food.

This college is a full of people of different, ethnicities, backgrounds, religious beliefs and political views. Don't you want to share your ideas? It's not like your thoughts have to be groundbreaking. It could simply be

To be perfectly frank, Opinion Editor Eric Vanover and I get tired every once in a while. We like to be able to take it easy and read other people's opinions. So help us out.

Submit your opinion piece to The Highland Cava-

You won't get a free t-shirt, but, if nothing else, it's a great way to start getting involved on this campus.

the Honor Court room at 1 p.m. and are open to ANYONE who wants to be involved with the paper.

Staff meetings are held Fridays outside

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Celebrate Earth Week **All Year Round**

By Olga Hayes

The climate crisis facing the planet today has already caused irreversible damage to many ecosystems. These impacts will only become more severe-intensifying social and economic conflicts and affect everyone in the whole world.

It is urgent that consumption be educed. Despite the fact that this challenge is cynically neglected by most of us informed and knowledgeable members of society, we can start changing our habits right now. Here is a list of things we all can start doing that would make a substantial change in our environment and might help reduce global warming:

· Recycle, by sorting your packed goods, newspapers, card boxes, aluminum and plastic. By doing so, you will use less energy in the production of new ones manufactured from raw materials, which implies less greenhouse gas emissions. That also means less incinerator usage and less that end up in our nation's land-

Wash you're clothes in either cold water or warm. Avoid using hot water to economize and prevent the nnecessary use of electricity, especially in the hot months of the year.

Replace standard light bulbs with fluorescents. They last longer and use less electricity. You should also turn them off every time you leave the room.

· Take shorter and quicker showers. Think about people who are not as privileged as you-they don't have showers in their homes. Be generous with the next generation and leave some water for them.

· Adjust the thermostat higher in the summer and lower in the winter. Open the windows in the summer and fix the leaks in windows in the

· Leave your car parked, walk more and carpool whenever possible. Besides saving you money in gas, this will help build new relationships and you may even lose weight. · Say "no" to the plastic bag.

whenever possible, walk to the store

· Think about sharing these simple steps with friends and family members and increase awareness! Waste is an indication of our in

efficiency; the more efficient you are, the less waste you produce. It is time to change that wasteful frame of mind we have been growing up with.

Take charge and quit saying it is omebody else's problem. Face it pal, it is our problem. Recycling reduces energy consumption, decreases combustion and landfill emissions and decreases the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

When making wise use of paper, we are saving many thousands of trees that would otherwise be harvested, this way we are helping to have more clean oxygen in the atmosphere. If you did not know about these facts. you are now a little better informed. There is no excuse for you to neglect your participation in the reduction of global warming.

Start changing now. Make Earth week all year long. Use a reusable shopping bag and

Hayes is a senior Spanish major

Where Did the **Debate Go?**

The established law of discovering the truth is that the truth cannot be discovered without first engaging in vigorous discussion. This implies that using one's reasoning

skills-rather than one's emotions—and gathering info from both sides of the issue is necessary. Indeed, no fact has been uncovered and established without

such a debate. Sadly, these days this fact seems to have been lost on peo-

Proper, reasoned debate on ssues of the day is practically nonexistent in today's highly jtj8g@uvawise.edu charged world. Every time de-

bate does happen, charged language and name calling often ensue. This is true on both sides of the political spectrum—though the political left is more represented in this case. Charges of "fascist," "Nazi," "commie," etc., are hurled all over the place, whether or not such charges are true. Indeed, some groups have taken name calling and insults to an art form. I won't name any

Justin Jurek

Opinion Columnist

names in order to preserve the neutrality of this column. Another sad fact is that when it comes to issues, most people are sorely lacking reasoning skills when they form an opinion. Almost no one looks at both sides of an issue, whether they are on the left or the right. The result of this is that no one knows the other side of an issue and, therefore, cannot form effective counter-arguments. Also, when people don't look at both sides of an issue, the ability to think critically is not developed.

In short, thoughtful and reasoned debate in this country needs to return. Otherwise, the truth will never be known.

What musical act would you like to see on campus?



Special Education

Sarah Bowen

"Prince. I've been enjoying him since I was a young child. His music is wonderful and he is a one

Wesley Hearb Junior History

Weird Al Yankovich I love his music. He's





Maria Cobb

"Dave Matthews Band. They're from Charlottesville and I really like them and their music. I think they would be, great to have up here '

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Tammie Hale Secretary Office of Advising and Retention

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

Let me cheat by saying that I would write myself five different checks and distribute them in the following ways: 10 percent to my church, my children's education fund, buy my husband a sports car, build myself a new house, and then give to a local charity.

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

CEO of Walt Disney World and I would invite everybody that I know or have ever met to spend the day!

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

Hanging out in the library with my friends. Supposedly studying.

4. If you could add one building/ structure to the college what would it be? I would add gazebos all over campus.

5. What would be one piece of advice you would give graduating seniors? Stay true to yourself in all that you do and search for a career not a job!



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College discusses need of weapons policy for faculty

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Just weeks after one of the college's students was suspended for violating the student weapon policy, questions have been raised concerning a faculty weapon policy and the lack of an explicit policy in the faculty handbook. The confusion stemmed from the

fact that the college's Faculty Senate was asked to consider adopting restrictions on the possession of weapons on-campus among faculty, said Rachel Tighe, chair of the Faculty Senate. Tighe said she read the student policy from the handbook to the Senate and pointed out the lack of an official weapons policy in the faculty handbook. After discussion, the Senate decided that a policy statement in the handbook was not neces-

"All I was asked, or all I was perceived I was asked to do, is question whether or not an explicit policy needed to be put in the handbook and the faculty voted 'no,' "Tighe said.

Provost Gil Blackburn said that alpolicy in place that coincides with the college's student policy.

student policy] was the policy for the down in our other official documents."

Blackburn said that he previously believed that the state of Virginia had a law similar to the one in North Carolina which held that no weapons were permitted on educational premises. He said after the events at Virginia Tech last year, he discovered that Virginia didn't have a state law condemning weapons on educational campuses.

"Coming from North Carolina it wasn't necessary to have such a statement because it was uniform state law," Blackburn said. "So I supposed I as- staff that work here, the faculty as well sumed that that was the case here... I guess the experience at Virginia Tech form policy or not? I think that will be last year forced everybody to examine everything they were doing and that is when I became aware there wasn't a

Vice Chancellor of Administration Gary Juhan said that the college needs to have a stated policy and not rely on the assumption that there is one.

"Unfortunately, we live in a world an expectation of sometimes by some people 'well if it's not written down "There has been kind of an oral tra- somewhere then I must be able to do

that the senior administration and possiwhole institution, but it wasn't written bly the [college] board will want to look at so it would remove any confusion whatsoever as far as what is expected."

Tighe said that if a policy does exist then it should be written in the faculty

"If we have a policy it needs to be in the faculty handbook... if it's there, put it there," Tighe said.

Blackburn said he believes the confusion caused by the policy will be cleared up once it's brought to the College Board.

"We need a common statement in our official documents that apply to the as students," he said. "Is there one unimore clear after our board meets."

Juhan agreed that the board might look at implementing a campus-wide policy prohibiting weapons.

"One of the things I think the institution should look at, at some point in the future and maybe in the near future, and it may be an issue that our board looks at is do we adopt a campus-wide though there is no written weapons pol- where sometimes common sense goes no firearm policy," Juhan said. "It's icy governing faculty, there is an oral out the window," Juhan said. "There is something that I personally would be

Senior grads prepare for life after UVa-Wise

By Julie Kaye Shortt jks5s@uvawise.edu

Seniors are anxiously awaiting their graduation, especially with just one more week of school left.

Many students are busy finishing projects, writing final papers, and getting ready for final exams. Seniors have the added burden of trying to prepare for graduation and what follows after they leave the college.

"I am anxious and nervous because I am scared to leave and go out into the real world "said senior losh Evans who will be graduating with a degree in government and public administration. "I

do not really want to leave LIVa-Wise." Evans said he has enjoyed his time

at the college. "I thought it was great going to school at UVa-Wise, especially because of the small class size and the advantage not change my college experience at at Carl Smith Stadium.

able to establish a relationship with their to live and look for jobs in the accountprofessors, then he thought they would ing and business areas. Eventually, she have a better chance of succeeding in

college provides for all the students.

After graduating from Wise, Ev-ness administration. ans will be attending law school at the Appalachian School of Law located in time at Wise. Grundy, Va.

Some seniors have mixed feelings

"I am sad but excited about gradualing, I guess it is a bittersweet feeling," said senior Accounting major Ashley

Davennort said it is still difficult thinking of her graduation in just a few . ner

She said that after graduation she Evans said that if an individual is will go back home to Fredericksburg wants to move to the beach.

"I am really relieved about gradu-He also said he enjoyed the envi- ating because it is almost over, and I ronment of the small campus that the am very excited to move on," said Sgt. Jason Sturgill, who is majoring in busi-

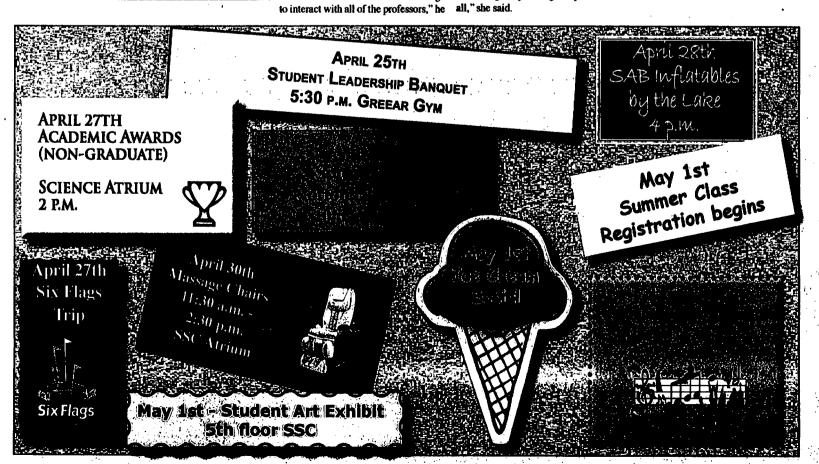
Sturgill said he has also enjoyed his

"UVa-Wise has been a great place, and the community at Wise really fobout graduation quickly approaching. cuses on the success of their students no matter what, and I am really glad I could be a part of it," he said.

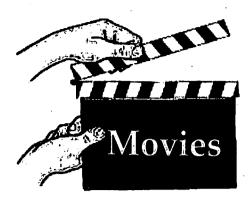
After graduating, Sturgill plans to continue his education and get his MBA and start his career as a financial plan-

Commencement ceremonies are "I love it here at Wise and I would scheduled to begin on May 17 at 11 a.m

or and a projection to other and a state of the extension of the







"Alien vs. Predator Requiem" short on plot, big on action

By Cody S. Dalton Asst. Sports Editor csd5j@uvawise.edu

The Alien vs. Predator franchise continues with the release of the latest installment on DVD, "Alien vs. Predator. Requiem"

"AVPR" is a sequel to "Alien vs. Predator" and picks up after the Predator attempts to return to his home planet following a victorious, yet costly win, against the Alien. While on Earth the slain Predator gives birth to the newest sci-fi creature, the Pre-

The movie follows multiple storylines, as you see the development of a new Alien army and a new Predator trying to hunt them down. The movie follows the people of Gunnison, Colo. from former criminal Dallas Howard and his brother, Ricky, to

tor encounter the townspeople of Gunnison. The rest of the movie sees the Howards, O'Briens, and sheriff Morales trying to escape from the town and the gruesome deaths that

sheriff Eddie Morales and returning soldier Kelly Throughout the movie, you see constant flashbacks to the developing storyline until the Aliens and Preda-

> history. Even with the poor enough for anyone to give

Cody's Rating: 4 "Predaliens" out of 5





both the Alien and Predator are handing out.

The "AVPR" DVD includes commentary from directors Colin and Greg Strause, producer John Davis, and Tom Woodruff Jr. and Alec Gillis. There are also two trailers in the special features section.

The film has great special effects and action scenes. One weakness in the movie is the underdeveloped plot. Another is the characters. However, this is not a

movie where you would expect a strong plot because the movie is essentially about two monsters battling on Earth for su premacy. Many of the characters are described briefly, with no in-depth character

plot, seeing the two iconic characters clash again is



Thrice gives the perfect album with "Alchemy Index Vol 3 & 4"

Feature Editor aac7x@uvawise.edu

Sometimes a band feels that it's time to try something different. Some base the decision to change on their wish to stay relevant in the mainstream music scene (I'm looking at you, Linkin Park), while experiment with the blessed medium of

Then there are bands that want to take that next step and embark on a glimpse of the band's rock/post-hardcore project that could make or break their career. One that could alienate long time fans and make them inaccessible to new fans. One that sends the band from a major label to an independent one and could do one of two things; extend their musical life or send it to an early grave.

and well. Since their major label debut "The artist in the Ambulance,"Thrice has been

defined by their post-hardcore/alternative ound, but with their album "Vhiessu" the band started experimenting with different types of musical sounds and put out, arguably, their best album to date.

the natural elements "fire" and "water' Index" and I must confess I was worried.

the pages of this very paper. The album was impressive and Thrice dedicated carried more of an ambient sound. The album was impressive, but there was the album was so dramatic that it was a did what they set out to do- make two different sounds that defined each of the which Thrice they wanted to listen to: that accompanies it. It's a great piece of

earlier this month I was expecting that album may be the tracks "Moving disappointment in my eyes. Boy, do I love when I am wrong

tracks I have ever heard on an album.

Thrice is that band and they are alive

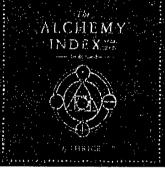
Then came the announcement that they were going to do a concept album --two albums that would be inspired by being "Vol. 1 and 2" with "air" and "earth" making up "Vol. 3 and 4." The bold project was entitled the "Alchemy I wanted Thrice to continue to make good hardcore/alternative music. I understood their progression as a band, but a part of me was in fear that the band I have known and enjoyed would become

"The Alchemy Index Vol. 1 and was released in late 2007 and my review of the album came soon after in the "fire" half of the album to their hardcore roots and the "water" section something wrong. The separation of hindrance to me, the listener. The band elements— but they did it so well that they made the listener essentially choose his death and the descending guitar riff screaming, distorted Thrice or mellow, writing and draws you in to the story the softer Thrice.

the problems of the first album had to Mountains" and "Digging My Own continue, thus making this venture a huge

From the opening track, "Broken Lungs," Thrice establishes themselves as a hand that refuses to be confined or tied to any genre. The track sets you up others want to expand their sound and for what might be the best Thrice album to date. Kensrue's masterful lyrics and

voice blends with the smooth, dreamy sound of the band and then gives the only roots at the end of one of the best opening



"The Sky is Falling" gives a sharp commentary on not letting the fear tactics that both the government and media effect how you live your life. Lyrics like "My fear fuels the hate machine" and "I want to be strong enough to not acoustic approach makes for an album let fear decide my fate" serve as rallying cries and shows Kensrue's unbelievable writing ability. The track sports a great drumbeat and segments of rhythmic hardcore beginnings, it still sounds like hand clapping that makes the track truly Thrice-which should keep longtime

Thrice shows it is knack for being brilliant storytellers with the tracks "A Song for Milly Michaels" and "Daedalus."

"A Song for Milly Michaels" has a great haunting vibe and tells the story of a young girl that was saved by the character Kensrue's lyrics portray. The one so you can listen and enjoy all the character tells Milly how he gave up way through everything to be there for her.

"Daedalus" is the retelling of Icarus and his tale of flying to close too the sun. The track is one of my favorites on the album mainly because of the epic chorus it has that fits the tale of Icarus. One of the best parts of the song Aaron's Rating: 5 is when the lyrics tell of him falling to song is telling.

Grave." The two tracks are back-to-back and show how two people who seem totally different are more alike than one might think. "Moving Mountains" is the story of a

man who can do all these great things to help people, but still does not process that without love all his works are shallow While "Digging My Own Grave" tells of a man who is looking in all the wrong places for love when in reality he doesn't know what love is.

The placement of the songs creates an interesting dichotomy and is the most powerful statement on the album. Kensrue's lyrics provide a commentary on how selfish the world around us has become. The tracks serve as a reminder that it's not always about us.

"Come All You Weary" is a testament to the hands Christian faith and it touches on Christ's loving and caring nature for all who carry burdens and how we should mimic this in our lives. The band's approach to this song is that of a jam session, as the track gives you a picture of the band on a porch just enjoying an afternoon of music. The chorus is big and sweeping and puts an emotional charge into an already great track.

The 12-track album is an amazing success for Thrice and shows how wide their musical abilities stretch. The band's that has both artistic merit and lyrical substance. Even though the album just has one instance of the band's rock/nost-

Unlike the first half of the project you can't really tell where the album splits into "air" and "earth" (the first six tracks are "air", the last six are "earth") which made me extremely happy after the aforementioned problems I had with the first album. The album blends into

Is there a such thing as "The Perfect

Yes and its name is "The Alchemy Index Vol. 3 and 4."

"Kensrues" out of 5



Awards: College to honor grads in separate departmental ceremonies

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On May 16, the day before graduation, seniors will be honored and receive departmental awards. The day before graduation has traditionally been the time when graduates received their awards. However, as the size of the graduating class has grown, complaints about the way the banquet has been handled in the past has caused changes in this year's format.

"This year's graduating class is our largest ever with 324 graduates," Harris said. "Since our gym only holds 800 people there just wasn't room to have one big event where people were inviting up to five

Pam Collie, the director of Alumni Re-

lations, said that part of the reason for the changes was the low turnout from students and faculty.

"We had students last year only staying to pick up their award and leave in the middle of the ceremony," she said. "It was a constant stream of people leaving."

Before deciding on this year's format, four or five alternatives were put before the

"One of the things we wanted to keep was the dinner and we wanted to keep the event manageable from a time standpoint." Harris said. "That was one of the biggest complaints we had - before there was a lag between the dinner portion and the awards

portion. This made the whole event last too

And so this year awards will be given out by each department in separate ceremoines, Harris said.

There will still be a dinner and reception, but each department will be hosting their event in separate locations. Additionally, the receptions will be staggered

throughout the afternoon, starting at 3 p.m. "The receptions are by invitation, so seniors need to check their mailboxes and permanent addresses because invitations went out last week." Harris said.

If this year's format is not seen as successful, the committee will try something else for next year

"We are trying to figure out what works best," Harris said.

Another reason for the change is to give families a chance to meet with departmental faculty.

"Usually students try to introduce their professors after graduation, but usually they only get to meet a handfull of people," Harris said. "Hopefully, more faculty [members] will show up to these smaller receptions and students can acquaint their families with the professors who have had such an important role in their time here."

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 tremenous pitcher's duel as the Lady Cays 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

Christine Sophomore 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 tourna-

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.

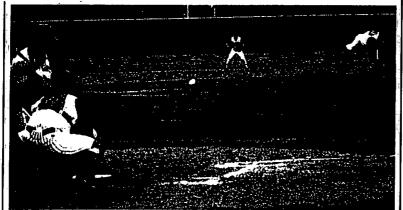
Their win was short lived however, as the Lady Cavs then took on Milligan.

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.





Senior Brock Funk delivers a pitch during the first inning of the Cays' 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

By Shannon Chapell Staff Writer smc4k@uvawise.edu

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 in-

nings, 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.

Austin

"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

"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 im-

"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.

Cavs golf team impresses at **AAC** Championship

By Craig Rice Staff Writer car5n@uvawise.edu

The Cavs golf team finished its season last week in London, Ky. by posting the best team total in the final d 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.

downs over the season and hopes to add depth for next

man Evan Sturgill who finin 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 inand should make a major impact next year for the Cavs.

Allen, the two time Cum-Returning will be fresh- berland district champion hopes to bolster a line-up that ished the AAC championship returns all but senior captain Graham.

View From the Cheap Seat

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 week-

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 Aside from a few sidetracks

Sports Editor ras7q@uvawise.edu and slumps, the entire athletic department of UVa-Wise will re-

Reid Salomonsky

member 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 countdown 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 Mor-

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

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 senstional 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 twopointer 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 Cave take on the country. Perhaps the most ificant event in Lady Cavs' history happ vember. 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 qualifed for their first national tournament appearence ever!

1. The homecoming game. The second the game ended on Sept. 22, we all knew that the historic event would simply be refered 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.







Softball - Sophomore



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