SGA hosts Spring Formal at Norton Holiday Inn

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It was wall-to-wall people at this year’s Spring Formal at the Norton Holiday Inn.

The theme of the event was “A Night on Bourbon Street” and people were invited to don glitter and feather masks. People came dressed in everything from formal attire to jeans and t-shirts.

“Initially not a good example,” said-level Wesley, dean of students, who was in a full-length evening gown.

This year’s king and queen were announced at the dance.

“I didn’t even know that I won,” said Rebecca Ford, who was crowned this year’s Queen into a laser communication major. “Last year they [SGA] had a list of who had been nominated so that people could show up at the dance.”

“I really had no idea at all that I would be voted as Spring Formal king,” said senior Mark Moss. “I was certainly surprised when my name was called.”

As in past years, there was a shuttle service from the campus to the dance location that ran every 30 minutes.

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Above: Senior Coby Bergum embraces the theme of “A Night on Bourbon Street” at the Spring Formal on April 26.

Below: Students dance on the 5th floor of the Holiday Inn in Norton during SGA’s Spring Formal.

Spring art exhibit on display in student center

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Starting on Friday, May 2, the Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present their Spring Exhibit on the fifth floor of the C. Bascom Slemp Student Center. The exhibit will continue through May 9.

The exhibit will include work from graduating seniors Cathleen Pass and Tuyen Williams and juniors April Ashby, Joe Blessing, Daniel Burke and Caroline Mastbrook. Students enrolled in other art departments will also have their work displayed in the exhibit.

David Constable, an instructor who serves in an auxiliary capacity in the art department and the curator of the exhibit, said that unlike other subjects, art allows students to visibly show their work to the public.

“It’s [the exhibit] really showcasing vision...each individual student can basically share with the campus their vision and that’s what the purpose of this is,” he said.

Constable said that the exhibit will help students on campus see what their fellow art majors have accomplished. Constable said that the students being able to show their work makes it easier for people to understand the art rather than a written presentation.

“Arguably it’s easier for the art department to let you know what they’re doing because we can just reveal,” Constable said.

He said that a lot of hard work has been put into the spring edition of the exhibit. Students have not only completed their work for seminar, but set up for the event as well.

Student art is displayed on the 5th floor of the Slemp Student Center. The art will continue to be until May 9.

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Soldiers reply to care packages sent by freshmen

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A letter made its way across the ocean last month, destined for the class of freshmen in Southwest Virginia who had not long before sent a large care package to the opposite direction.

Dane Silver’s Freshman Seminar class received a thank you letter and Certificate of Appreciation from the 237th Engineer Company, located in Camp Taji, Iraq. Earlier in the year, the class sent care packages of food, music and letters to some of the 115 soldiers in the company.

“The care packages were an outstanding contribution...and a welcome boost to morale during the Christian season,” reads the letter, written by Commanding Captain Robert B. Mason.

The letter concludes, “Again, thank you for your outstanding support and please keep the men of the 237th Engineer Company in your prayers as they continue to serve the greatest nation in the world.”

Silver said that the class was dry-eyed throughout most of the reading of the letter.

“When I read the end, though, it got them,” she said. “It touched them.”

Freshman Felicity Prunty said that her class was excited when they got the letter.

“It touched our hearts that our class made a difference,” she said. “The fact that the soldiers appreciated what we did for them is such a blessing.”

Silver, an academic counselor in the Office of Advising and Retention said the class is responding to the letter by sending another package, which will be shipped during exam week. The package will contain music and cards, some of which will be birthday cards.

The birthday cards were Prunty’s idea.

“Our birthdays might not be this month, but they will all have one,” she said. “People wrote quotes in them.”

Jam4Man to be held this weekend

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The college kicks off its annual Jam4Man concert tonight at the intramural field behind Carl Smith Stadium at 6 p.m. and will also start again tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Admission to the event is $5 or five cans of non-perishable food items. Money and food will go to benefit the local Hope House.

This year’s events include a slip n’ slide, a rock climbing wall and a Guitar Hero tournament with hopes to bring out students to support both a good local charity and a great night of music.

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College welcomes “Voices from Darfur” speakers

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The presentation “Voices from Darfur” was held at UU-Wise on April 30. The event was sponsored by the Student Government and the Peace and Justice Alliance. The event was attended by faculty, students, and members of the community.

“Voices from Darfur” is a national speaking tour and interactive website sponsored by the Sojourner Truth Foundation, featuring personal accounts from Darfur refugees. Lavinia Cary said, “Launched in the summer of 2007, ‘Voices from Darfur’ brings the genocide to America’s doors in an effort to ensure that peace and justice advocacy make a difference for the people of Darfur. The event was sponsored by a grant from the U.S. Student Anti Genocide Coalition.”

Presented in the event was a documentary which featured survivor stories from Darfur. Darfur is a region in western Sudan where mass killings and displacement of civilians and refugees by and the Sudanese African. The genocide started in 2003 when two groups rebelled against the government, one of which was the Sudanese Liberation Army led by Jubaactus. An attempt to stop the conflict was made through peace talks in 2004, but the peace process was interrupted by war between the Sudanese government and the Jubaactus in 2005.

A question was asked to the student organization, STAND A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition about the event. The facilities and staff at Holiday Inn were appreciated by the guests.

The bird will be placed near the area of the Jefferson statue at the top of the hill overlooking the lower part of campus. It should be fully inflated by around 12:00 p.m. Steinkol and the inflatable will probably only inflate from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Steinkol said he teaches a somewhat artistically inclined senior class and that it usually involves a group project. “This is the most engaged they’ve been all year,” he said.

Steinkol said that at 2:30, a design class makes inflatable structures, which usually draw a lot of crowds, but this is the first time they have announced the event beforehand and will have a group project.

“We’re getting to try to get people to see it,” he said.

Students: Class receives letter from grateful soldiers

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Some students were excited about the change in venue to the recreational field along with a few of the bands scheduled to perform.

“I’m looking forward to it being at the stadium field this year, and I’m excited about the Dave Matthews concert,” said junior Tiny Benting. Students also get the chance to put out some aggression on their peers.

“Like watching one of the ladies’ parties in the face,” said freshman Monica Tunney.

Jam4Man: Line-up set for college’s annual Jam4Man concert

“Jam4Man is an alcohol-free event and we are not going to have alcohol or refreshments,” said Steinkol.

Some students enjoy the time that it is left to the set with friends before heading home to their dorms. “It’s a lot of exciting activities planned for this year and we will wrap this up in the last part of the year,” he said.

“I hate that it will be last year that the students will be much happier,” Steinkol said. “We have a lot of exciting activities planned for this year and we will wrap this up in the last part of the year.”

The SOA has a great turn out for the Spring Formal that they will be holding next year. The facilities and staff at Holiday Inn were appreciated by the guests.

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Gang Crum, the executive director of Graduate Medical Education Consortium, entertains the audience with his own brand of music in the Chapel of All Faiths during Coffee Night on April 15.

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As I sat in my usual throne in the Highland Center office, I was wondering why the knowledge I would be sharing on my adoring fans at the school year began.

After finishing work with my usual subjects, I decided I wanted to give the students something they could use for the summer season, something that they could take and store in their boxes for later use.

I decided on a list of the movies that I most enjoyed to date. For this list I am biased. I am biased. I am a huge "Fantasy" type of person. Give me a break.

So there it is. I present to you my list of my favorite movies of the Summer season. Students, ask your classmates about the movies.

1. The Incredible Hulk (PG-13, Release Date: June 13)

2. Iron Man (PG-13, Release Date: May 2)

3. Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of Crystal Skull (PG-13, Release Date: July 18)

4. Pineapple Express (R, Release Date: August 6)

5. Star Trek: The Motion Picture (PG-13, Release Date: July 10)

6. Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13, Release Date: July 11)

7. King Kong (PG-13, Release Date: June 12)

8. Marley & Me (PG-13, Release Date: June 27)

9. Tropic Thunder (R, Release Date: October 3)

10. Speed Racer (PG-13, Release Date: March 13)

The list is in no particular order. This is my list. This is what I want. This is what I have chosen to share with the world.

The movie stars Sean Astin C’Rudy," and is a heartfelt preview of the movie online. I knew I wanted to see the movie, but I was hoping that I could see it without having to wait for the DVD release.

After seeing the movie, I was amazed. I was surprised. I was moved.

The movie is about a simple man who lives out a dream of a championship season. Something that they could use for the summer season. Students, ask your classmates about the movie.

By Michael Jackson's "Thriller" provides blueprint for pop music success

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Before the Bizare lifestyle and controversial drugs, Michael Jackson was known for only one song, "Thriller." The album, which quickly topped the charts, had a catchy beat and dance moves that were imitated by millions.

Michael Jackson's "Thriller" provides blueprint for pop music success.

By Brian Marcus

Editor's Choice:
Top 10 Most Anticipated Movies of the Summer

Movies

The Final Season" treats audiences to a feel good sports movie

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"The Final Season," which was recently released on DVD, is a heartwarming story about the coach of a small school who brings his team to the state finals before stepping down to coach another school.

A student drives a golf cart while wearing "beer goggles" on McCravy Lawn during Study Development's Drink, and Dance on April 30.

The movie stars Sam Neill ("Whitney") as the Coach of the Tiens ("Tigers") basketball team.

The beginning of the movie is set in the state of New York.

Unlike many sports movies this movie ends with the "feel good" moment as the movie ends.

The story follows the Tiens basketball team as they compete for state championships. The team wins the state championship. The team celebrates their victory.

The movie is a feel good sports movie. It is a heartwarming story about the coach of a small school who brings his team to the state finals before stepping down to coach another school.
Cavs Picture of the Year

Junior Bryan Tolbert pumps up the crowd during the Cavs game on Nov. 3 against the University of the Cumberlands. The Cavs lost in overtime 41-38.

Cavs Sports Year in Review

To recap the 2007-2008 year for the Cavs, the following are the final records and significant statistics for each sport.

Football
10-2 overall, 5-1 against the Mid-South Conference. Sophomore Jason Lovett became the first Cav to have 1,000 yards receiving.

Volleyball
25-13 overall, 11-5 against AAC opponents. Won the AAC Tournament and was limited to national championship tournament.

Cross Country
Men finished sixth in the region, women finished eighth in the region. Freshman Brittany Kiligh was selected to the NCAA National Championship Race.

Men's Basketball
16-7 overall, 8-10 against AAC opponents. Senior Jared Sikes and freshman Adam Head were selected to the All-AAC team.

Women's Basketball
26-9 overall, 13-5 against AAC opponents. Adrianne Waack was selected to the AAC All-Freshman team.

Men's Tennis
5-7 overall, 1-3 against AAC opponents. Senior Hearing Koch finished 9-0 in singles competition.

Women's Tennis
4-6 overall, 1-3 against AAC opponents. Senior Autumn Lawson finished 8-4 in singles competition.

Softball
25-15 overall, 13-3 against AAC opponents. Freshman Sidney Roberts and senior Shelley Newton finished first and second respectively in the AAC batting average.

Baseball
26-19 overall, 10-8 against AAC opponents. Junior Brad Robbins' .303 batting average.

A Sportswriter's Farewell

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To quote the great sports figure, Lee Corso, "Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth." These words truly express how I feel as I write in The Highland Cavalier for the final time.

This has been an interesting ride for sure. Sports really are a passion of mine and I've combined that with writing for four years to make myself a career in the process.

I would like to express my appreciation to many people.

First, I'd like to thank the coaches. From Todd Edihart to Lee Clark to Clark Danielson to Vince Wiseman, every one of you has helped me create my work into what it is today. Without your quotes, thoughts and ideas, none of my articles could have been possible.

Second, I'd like to thank the student-athletes who took time away from their busy schedules to send me an instant message or an e-mail or sit down for an interview. Just for the coaches, your words helped to shape my articles.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone on the staff of The Highland Cavalier, who worked with me and my busy schedule. Times, I'm sure it has been frustrating, but I respect each one of you for helping me not only be a better writer, but also a better person in the process.

I'm proud to have been a part of this paper for four years and see it grow, see it flourish, from a short six-week, six-page weekly paper with advertisements. Just recently, we were named "Most Improved Student Organization." That really is an honor.

This is in part due to our current adviser and "Advisor of the Year," Michael McGrath, and our Editors in Chief, Daniel Danielson and Jeffery Danielson. These two individuals have helped to lend sponsorship and community support for this paper to stay alive and grow.

Most importantly, I can't forget the paper's writers because the paper wouldn't have material if not for them.

So I sign off for the final time, I'd just like to say a couple of words to those who go here. Find something you love and chase it down. Don't ever give up. Go out and make that dream a reality. This is your future and you make every minute of it.

Finally, I'm closing, I would just like to send a "thank you" out to everyone. You have all left me with many memories that I will always cherish for many years to come. For this, I see it as the end of one road and the beginning of another successful one. Thank you all and God Bless

A Sportswriter's Farewell

Dare to Dream

About eight months ago, I wrote my first editorial emphasizing the importance and inevitability of change.

It seems as if that was the theme for the entire year in Cavs athletics.

We saw a football team that had never had national exposure, much as high as seventh place rank in the country.

The Lady Cavs volleyball team, which everyone had all but written off in the Region XII tournament (a tournament they had qualified for in three seasons), defeated Bryan College to advance to the national tournament for the first time in school history.

The record books changed with dozens of records shattered to achieve those huge accomplishments.

I have seen change in philosophy on the softball field as the Lady Cavaliers went from being the underdog for the entire season, making fans even more excited for the upcoming games.

Writing Craig Rice kept a close eye on the Cavs' cross country team and their outstanding season.

Baseball fans can thank staff writer Shannon Chapel for keeping you up to date with her weekly articles this semester, highlighting what's happening on leaving field.

But no matter how many people were dedicated enough to report the action, it all comes back to those on the field, who gave us something to report.

This has been one of the biggest years in Cavs sports history, and I feel honored to have been an integral part of that.

I look forward to reading next year's sports page, and I hope that you enjoy the ride, as well, as there should be even more exciting news to report then.

Ideally, I would end this, my final editorial with some sort of witty axiom, or possibly even some words of inspiration.

However, aside from the fact that I'm just your run of the mill sportswriter, I have no opinions on life, nothing, it's just not my style.

Instead, I will simply end with the same signature close that I have used from day one, because you see the only words that I can use to express my true love for this school.

"God Bless and thanks for reading..."