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## Crockett Hall set to open next month after two week delay

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After several years of sitting empty, historic Crockett Hall is slated to open next month after passing inspection last Monday. The building now has a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Offices will start the move-in process in September and will be settled in by fall break, said Capital Project Manager Travis Perry. Departments to be housed in Crockett include admissions, financial aid, academic advising, the registrar's office and the cashier's office.

While the opening date is approximately two weeks later than the original estimate, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Government Relations Sim Ewing said missing a construction estimate by a few weeks is nothing to worry about.

"We could have been finished two weeks ago, but it would have been rushed and we would have neglected some of the detail work," Ewing said. "We decided to take another two weeks and get everything done well."

Associate Director of Admissions Becky Huffman said that she is looking forward to moving out of Bowers-Sturgill and into Crockett.

"It will be different at first but change is a good thing," she said in an e-mail. "The building will be great for students because so many student ser-

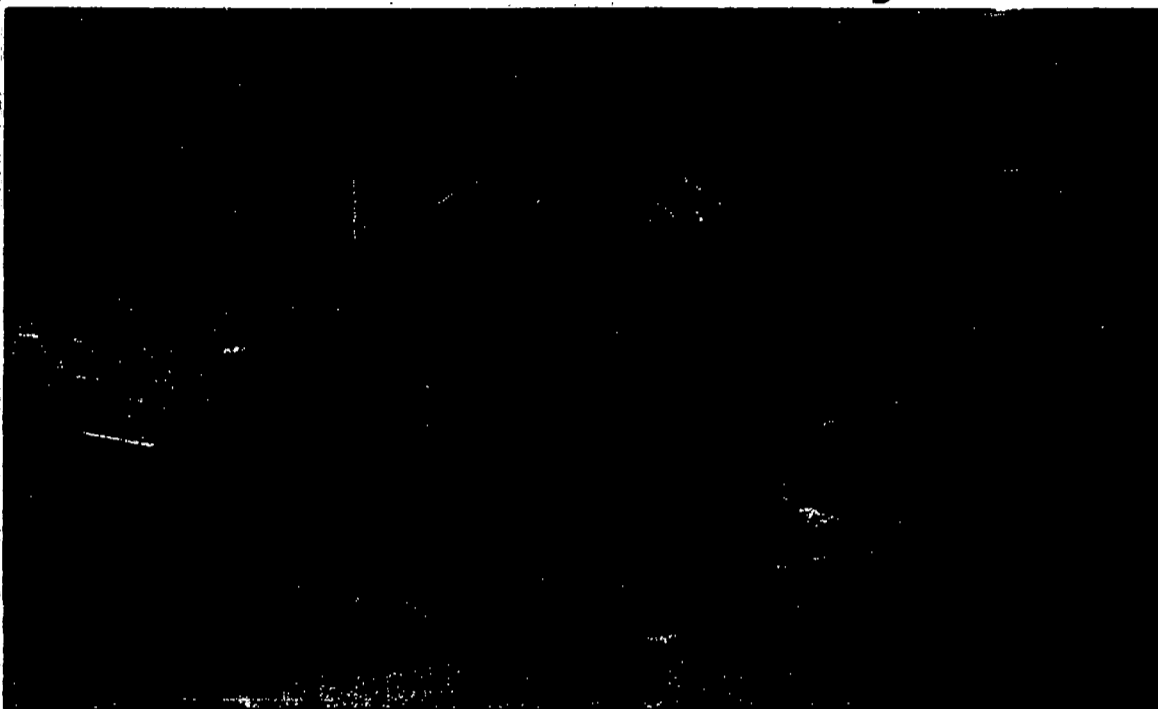


Photo by Jessica Price

Workers near completion of the renovations to Crockett Hall that began last year. Many offices in Smiddy Hall such as the Registrar's Office, the Cashier's Office and the Office of Advising & Retention will be moving there in the coming weeks.

vices will be under one roof. I think this will be great during registration and payment so that students don't have to run between buildings to get everything taken care of."

Lindsey Ashburn, a work-study student in the registrar's office, said that she is excited about the move.

"It's going to be a nice change and from what I hear about the new set-up it will benefit students...they will be able to get what they came to get [done quickly]," she said in an email.

Roger Hagy, director of College Relations, compared the facility to the University of Virginia's famous Rotun-

da building. "The building will serve as a visitor center and a focal point on the campus," he said. "People will be able to appreciate it as soon as they come in."

Ewing said he thinks that Crockett in reality looks better than he imagined from the artist's renderings.

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## Honor Court introduces new Honor Code plaques



Photo by Jessica Price

The new Honor Plaques, which display the Honor Pledge of UVa-Wise, are set to be placed in each room on campus. The Honor Court hopes the new design will re-emphasize the meaning of the pledge.

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The Honor Court will present the new Honor Code plaques in the first week of September. The plaques were unveiled at the faculty workshop in early fall.

Students entered a design for the plaques in a design contest sponsored by Provost Gil Blackburn. The winner received a \$100 grand prize.

Crutchfield Company, a local marketer of consumer electronics, also donated \$2,000 to the Honor Court to put together the final design.

With the new plaques, faculty members said they hope the visible Honor Code will better influence students' beliefs in the Honor system.

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## Lemke becomes new Director of Residence Life

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Angie Lemke has been appointed as the director of Residence Life after former director Jason Lawkowitz took a full-time coaching position in Missouri.

"I am looking forward to working with our staff that includes great student leaders," Lemke said.

Lemke initially became a residence adviser after she lost a bet with her roommate.

She applied to be a RA while working on her undergraduate degree at Eastern Kentucky University. She was hired and worked as an RA for two years.

She said that while at EKU she majored in everything at least once, and she advises students that there is nothing wrong with changing your mind.

While working on a second degree, her adviser influenced her to go to graduate school to get a master's degree in student personnel.

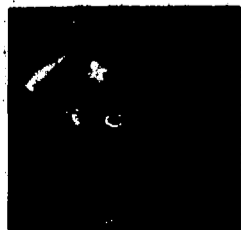
A co-worker, who was a UVa-Wise graduate, suggested she apply for the assistant director of Residence Life position

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## Magazine names UVa-Wise one of the "Great Colleges to Work For"

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UVa-Wise was named one of the "Great Colleges to Work For" in July by the Chronicle of Higher Education, a recognition that faculty and staff members said they hope will help them recruit and retain quality employees. They also hope this will help the college to reflect on its productivity and its shortcomings.

Among the 89 colleges and universities surveyed, UVa-Wise ranked in the top four of five different categories. The categories include: the ability for employees to retain health insurance, vacation and paid time off, disability insurance and life insurance. The results are based on a survey of over 15,000 administrators, faculty members and staff from

across the country.

Some college employees said they hope that the college's recognition will help bring in and retain faculty.

"I hope it will be a recruiting tool," said Faculty Senate Chair Rachel Tigue. "Because the college is remote, it can be difficult to hire new faculty, and our standards are just as rigorous as other institutions, but the remote area often pushes people away."

Glenda Hubbard, coordinator of Faculty Recruitment, said she was honored for the college to be named as one of the great schools.

"We'll be recognized now," she said. "We are more than a small college, and it's great to have this honor."

"The idea is that students or professors and administrators would like to know 'good places to work,'" said Provost Gill Blackburn. "Job hunting makes people want to know

how the institute treats people, and people are interested to know what benefits they will receive."

Blackburn said that the results of this survey can be used for other things and hopes it will attract quality people.

He said the results of surveys like this one can help you reflect on what you've accomplished and what you need to work on, and this survey was a chance to see how people feel about us.

"We want to be a place that is concerned for our employees and students," Blackburn said.

According to the Chronicle, each school submitted a list of employees randomly selected from support staff, faculty and administration. Participants were asked to respond to 70 statements rating their satisfaction of benefits.

## Returning students have mixed feelings for new year

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First year students may be excited about their new experiences and being away from home, but returning students have mixed emotions about being back on campus and in the middle of the continuing construction.

Senior Stephanie Ring, a double major from Pound said that she was excited to take on the new year.

"With this being my last year here, I'm a little nervous and uncertain because, since I'm a double major, I have a stressful and strenuous class load," she said. "But I really feel like this will be a good year!"

James Cooper, a junior history major from Winchester, was a little more

enthusiastic about returning to campus.

"I'm excited to be back," he said. "It's nice to see my friends and favorite teachers."

Senior Amanda Watson, a music education and history major from Virginia Beach said she isn't stressed about the current academic year because she knows the routine and knows what to expect.

"It's good to be back to see everybody again and to see how campus has changed," Watson said.

Another topic receiving mixed emotions from students was the campus construction. The theme houses have been demolished to make room for a new residence hall. Work on the front entrance wall has been completed. Renovations on Crockett Hall are nearing completion and the work on the new fine arts center

is well underway.

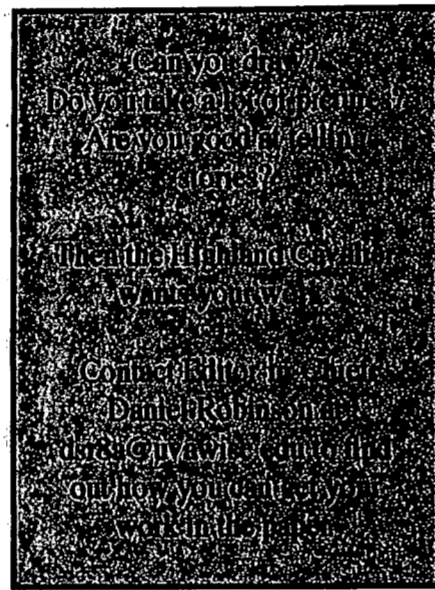
"It's nice to see the campus growing and expanding, even if construction is a little annoying at times," Ring said.

Cooper said he also finds the construction obnoxious.

"It's annoying and it wakes me up in the morning," he said. "I know it's positive in the long run, but it's negative for me because I won't get to see any of it."

Grayson McClary, a psychology major from Popponson said that he is happy to be back on campus but is tired of all the construction.

"I'm tired of living in a construction zone," McClary said. "It's very annoying and makes it hard for me to focus on school work."



# OPINION

From the Editor's Desk

## Big Changes for The Highland Cavalier

After one of the most stressful, tiring, frustrating, work-filled and sleep-deprived school years of my life, I'm happy to be back at the reins of The Highland Cavalier.

Despite what I've written above, I had more fun working on this paper last year than any other time I can remember.

We had a great year. We increased our staff size, began printing every Friday, added new and interesting beats and even earned a well-deserved "Most Improved Student Organization" award from the college.

That being said, this isn't last year.

Last year's editors are gone (mostly).

Last year's staff writers are gone. This is a new year and the new staff of The Highland Cavalier is prepared to bring you a new experience.

Our new staff members begin with News Editor Julie Shortt. Julie served as a staff writer last year and some of her very well-written stories contributed to the success of this paper. Helping her will be Assistant News Editor Mariah Redden. Both editors have big plans for the front page and will be instrumental in whether or not you choose to read this paper.

The next new member is Opinion Editor Marissa Jones. This will be Marissa's first year with the paper. However, she already has plenty of ideas to get you—the student body—involved with the opinion page.

Don't like your RA?

Mad that there's not a Starbucks on campus? Think the SGA president should be impeached immediately with extreme prejudice?

Send your opinion to her and she'll make sure the rest of the campus community knows your thoughts on just about any issue.

Sports Editor Brittany Wichtendahl might have the hardest job of all of us. Not only is she following in the footsteps of Reid Salomonsky, and, most importantly, myself, she is attempting to complete the work that took two people to complete last year. Nonetheless, I think she is confident in her ability and I hope we get to see one heck of a sports page this year.

The newly created position for this year, managing editor, goes to Allie Robinson (no relation). To be perfectly honest, Allie just about puts all the rest of us to shame with her writing ability. She wrote some of the best and most-read stories from last year. Basically, if she writes half as well as she did last year...she'd still be better than me.

Throw in Layout Editor Chelsea Rose and Copy Editor Holly Kennedy and you've got a very capable, and heavily female, newspaper staff.

Now that I've introduced the new people, I suppose I can do the same for the only two returning members—or the only males—on the staff.

First is Feature Editor Aaron Collier. Last year, Aaron took a page that really hadn't existed before and created good, honest and reliable reviews for everything from books and movies to even video games and CD's. Aaron plans to do more of the same this year so be sure to check Page 5 weekly for his take on everything entertainment.

And the only other returning member would be yours truly. After somehow managing to survive last year, I hope I, with help from each of the members of this great staff, will be able to entertain you and bring you a consistent and reliable source of information every week.

Welcome, once again, to the new Highland Cavalier.



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## Parking Space, Where Art Thou?

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Upon returning to campus this semester, the first item on my list of things to do was to re-orient myself with parking.

Sure, I generally park at the commuter lot at the top of the hill along with every other student, but I wanted to be sure that I had all of the lots down.

As a commuter with a green parking decal, I'm only allowed to park in four lots (that I know of).

Residential freshmen and sophomores have brown decals and are only allowed to park in one lot, and it's in Timbuktu (also known as the football stadium through the woods).

Other upper-level residential students with blue decals have more freedom with parking on campus.

However, with construction closing down parking lots rapidly (like the one now roped off due to construction on the new dining hall) students are getting more and more frustrated with the parking maze.

As faculty members with red decals, professors are given their choice of the majority of the lots. Of course this is their right as the educators at the college.

Students are becoming more and more tempted to sneak into faculty lots due to the overflow they experience in other lots. As a result, more and more tickets are being written, enraging even more students.

As if restricted parking wasn't enough, students are also burdened with purchasing \$60 decals each and every year.

Personally, with the decline of parking and the cramped conditions in the available lots, I feel that this price is too steep.

While a different decal style is understandable, due to people trying to copy the decals, must students dish out cash every year to receive one?

With no compromise in sight for the price of decals, and parking lots continually being roped off or restrict-

## Do You Prefer Texting or Talking in Person?

Aaron Dorsey  
Senior  
English

"Phones are made for talking, not for texting. If I wanted to text, I'd use a typewriter and write them a letter."

Robert Middleton  
Sophomore  
History

"Texting because it's a lot easier than calling and talking to people."

Jade Bolling  
Junior  
English, Theatre,  
Education

"Talking in person because you can have a personal relationship and hear their voice."

ed, students will continue to navigate through the maze. What is my solution?

Perhaps with all of the new buildings going up, the college will consider paving or graveling a new area for parking so as to settle student's complaints.

## China's Broken Promises

The 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing have officially come to a close. Anyone who saw the closing ceremonies knows that the games went out with a bang.

The U. S. Olympic team still managed to dominate the medal count, despite several setbacks, most notably those in track and field. The U. S. left the games with a total of 110 medals.

Ultimately, the Olympics were successful this year, despite U. S. setbacks, suspicions regarding the ages of the Chinese women's gymnastics team and unsportsmanlike behavior.

The games were also famous because of the threatened boycotts and protests by human rights groups. The controversy was generally related to Tibet and Darfur, because the Chinese government supposedly has ties to the Sudanese regime of Omar al-Bashir.

Any boycott would have been an exercise in futility and unfair. It is my opinion that sports and politics are two entities that should never come in contact with one another. With attention to these thoughts, addressing the problems related to the games may now begin in earnest.

After Beijing was granted hosting rights for the 2008 Summer Olympics, the Chinese government made promises to the International Olympic Committee to improve human rights, press freedom, and others.

In some regards, they kept their promises. The Chinese government lifted some restrictions on Internet and press access for the games, even going so far as to allow live broadcasts from Tiananmen Square.

These changes were unprecedented for a country famous for its repressive policies related to press freedom. In most regards, however, the Chinese government failed to hold to its promises.

The Chinese government apparently disrespects the true purpose of the Olympic Games. They used what sus-

piciously appeared to be girls younger than 16 years old on their gold-medal winning women's gymnastics team. International rules governing the sport state that no girl under 16 years of age is allowed to compete in the games.

The Chinese government also used digitally enhanced footage of the opening ceremony fireworks to make it appear more spectacular than it actually was. "They had a little girl lip sync 'Ode to the Motherland' while the true child singing the song was hidden backstage, because she wasn't deemed cute enough to be presented to the world."

Finally, suspicions of drug use among athletes—especially their gold medal-winning swimmer—were prominent.

In closing, China came up short on the promises it made upon receiving Olympic hosting rights. With the games now in the past, we can discuss the broken promises without running the risk of mixing sports with politics.

It's time to hold China responsible for its failures.



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# Campus & Lifestyle

## The Top Ten Things to do to Annoy Your Roommate

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Tensions in the dorms are high between new roommates and it's understandable.

We all know that the beginning of fall semester can be tough, especially when you move in with someone you've never met before.

In that spirit, whether you want to just mess with your new-found friend or truly get on her nerves, this list is for you.

- 1 Write funny comments on her food containers with a marker. Try things like "I wouldn't eat this if I were you" or "Are you really going to eat me?"
- 2 Replace photos in your roommate's picture frames with artwork of your own, such as smiley faces on printer paper drawn with crayons or markers.
- 3 Write events every day for the rest of the year on your roommate's calendar, like

"wash your cat," "fill up your trash can" or "paint your big toe hot pink."

- 4 Wait until your roommate will be gone, and then dress in as much of her clothing as possible. Be sitting on your roommate's bed or working on their computer when she returns. Insist that you only answer to her name when she asks you what's going on.
- 5 Remove the sheets from her bed and stash them somewhere, then make her bed back up using the shower curtain. Enjoy the look on her face when she climbs into bed that night.
- 6 When going to bed one night, scream frantically when your roommate turns off the light. When she asks what's wrong, tell her the voices only talk to you when it's dark. Continue to scream randomly throughout the night.
- 7 The next day, after she insisted on turning off the lights the night before, di-

vide the room completely with duct tape, including each desk, bed, closet, etc. When she asks why, tell her the voices told you to do it last night.

- 8 Put her mattress on top of yours one day while she's gone. When she comes back and demands that you put it back, insist that you have back problems and need double cushion.
- 9 Place black trash bags or dark towels over all of the windows. When she demands why, tell her the light makes you burn because you're a vampire/zombie/werewolf. When she pulls the object away from the windows, proceed to scream and thrash on the floor, then jump up and say "just kidding!"
- 10 One day when your roommate is in class for a long period of time, call some friends and with their help turn all of your roommate's furniture upside down. Then leave a note on her bed saying "Your friendship turns my world upside down."

## Campus Calendar

**Greek Recruitment Week**  
Saturday, Aug. 30  
Annual Skydiving Trip

**Volleyball at E&H Tournament**

**Monday, Sept. 1**  
Residence Hall Room Change Day  
SAB Open Mic Night, SSC-8 p.m.

**Labor Day (All classes will meet)**

**Tuesday, Sept. 2**  
INT Water Basketball Tourn, Pool-6 p.m.  
Wesley Fellowship Dinner-8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 3**  
BCM Super Supper, BSC-5p.m.  
SAB Film Series, "Iron Man," SSC-8 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 4**  
Up-Hill-Dawn Interest Meeting, SSC-7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 5**  
SAB Film Series, "Iron Man," SSC-8 p.m.

## Campus Bulletin

There will be a Club & Organization President and Advisor's Meeting on Sept 2 and Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. on the 5th floor of the Stemp Student Center.

All presidents and advisors of clubs and organizations must attend at least one of these sessions to be eligible for SGA funding for the 2008-2009 school year.

At these sessions, presidents or advisors should bring an updated and current copy of their constitution and a student organization registration form (available in the Student Leadership Wing or online).

At this meeting, we will be discussing changes in club and organization fiscal policies and answer any questions that presidents and advisors may have.

The Office of Admissions is currently accepting applications for the Ambassador Program.

This is a volunteer position which requires students to work one hour each week and during UVA-Wise 360° and other campus events. Occasional weekend work may be required.

The Ambassador Program is an excellent opportunity for current students to share their excitement about UVA-Wise with prospective students and their families.

If you are interested please contact Nakeisha Talley at nmt5b@uvawise.edu or via phone 328-0114.

Applications are available in the admissions office and must be completed

For students needing additional services from the Office of Advising & Retention, Elizabeth Steele will be in her office until 6 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

Any student needing to drop classes, audit degrees or register for classes should see Steele in Smiddy 103 as soon as possible.

The Cavalier tennis team will be having open tryouts for the 2009 squad on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. at the UVA-Wise tennis courts.

The tryout will be for both the men's and women's team.

Those with questions or concerns can contact Asst. Coach Jon South in the Athletic Office at 328-0206.

## Crockett

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"I think Crockett is spectacular," he said. "You can see how pretty it originally was, and how it just got lost in the growth on campus."

"Architects who were in charge of the renovation took care to re-create the interior as historically as possible, Perry said.

"They worked with the historical architects at UVA in Charlottesville," he said. "They re-created the wainscoting, and tried to match paint colors."

Bwing said that he believes when the main entrance and Crockett are both finished, students and alumni will experience a "wow" moment.

"As the area matures, [people] are going to come in, turn around, and say, 'I'm really someplace,'" he said. "We are trying to provide the things that make a campus a campus."

Hagy said that every student will see new things happening during their time here at the college.

"In the long run, this is for growth and progress," he said. "As an alumnus who now works here, I am proud to have been a student and to watch the campus grow with so much energy."

Perry said that he sees a drastic difference between campus now and when he graduated in 1996.

"I know the dirt and mud and noise is a challenge," he said. "But I consider it progress and we are now becoming the new jewel of Southwest Virginia."

## Lemke

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at Wise. Lemke applied and got the job. She said she has many goals for this year and for the RA staff.

Some events the staff is looking forward to are the conferences held for the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA), which are the largest student run organizations in the world.

"All of the students in the organizations are returning students and will make UVA-Wise proud when they come back from conferences," Lemke said.

The RA staff also wants to create programs that students will attend on their floors.

"I would personally like to see more positive attitudes in the residence halls and better attendance at hall programs," said Residence Director Jekeyma Robinson.

Robinson said he wants students to feel that their hall is more of a community, or family, rather than somewhere they just live.

"Angie has a lot of experience and has brought a lot to the table, and I am excited about the changes she has made," Robinson said.

Lemke said one change that has been made is that the staff has begun using e-mail to save paper.

She said doing things electronically is a lot quicker and is a change for the better.

"Hopefully, soon we will have a new assistant director. However, we have not started the search yet," Lemke said.

## Honor

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"The new plaques will bring re-emphasis on the Honor Code and bring renewed attention," said Brian Wills, faculty adviser to the Honor Court.

Jennifer Wilson, also a faculty adviser to the Honor Court, said the plaques will help students to think of academic honor and what it entails.

The new plaques will feature a more eye-catching background than those seen in the past. The background is an image taken by the school's official photographer, Tim Cox. The photograph includes a sunset over the mountains with the Thomas Jefferson statue and the Honor pledge to

the right. Members of the Honor Court have marked about 80 classrooms for the proper positioning of the new plaques.

"Plaques will be prominently placed in the classrooms so they won't become a distraction," Wilson said.

Once all markings have been made, the plaques will be attached to the walls rather than hung, to prevent damage or theft, said Provost Gil Blackburn.

"The Honor Code is something you live with," Wills said. "If students come back in 10-15 years from now, they'd know what they did."

## Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



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

# Entertainment

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

## Editor's Choice:

## High Tension offers a new vision of the horror genre

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Over the last five to ten years, the American "slasher" film has been lackluster at best.

Other than the Rob Zombie remake of "Halloween", the slasher/horror genre in this country has died a gory, grisly death.

Fortunately, French director Alexandre Aja decided it was time to resurrect the genre with the perfect mixture of horror and suspense in the film "High Tension" or as it is known in America, "High Tension."

The film was released on DVD in 2005 by Lionsgate and was recommended to me. I decided to take the plunge and I'm glad I did.

The movie begins innocently enough with Maria and Alexia, two college co-eds, who decide to prepare for their exams in the quiet, out-of-the-way country house of Alexia's parents. A mysterious gas truck arrives with a violent sociopath at the wheel. Blood soaked chaos ensues as the maniac kills Alexia's entire family and kidnaps her, Maria, meanwhile, desperately tries to save her best friend from whatever sadistic conspiracy the killer has in

store for her.

I know what you're thinking: "Isn't this like all the other horror movies ever made?" It may seem like it after the first scenes (which is one of the most violent scenes I have ever seen in a movie), but I promise you it's not your typical horror movie. In fact, it's one of the most original horror movies to come out in a very long time.

So, what makes it so different than the average horror film? Answer: It delivers one of the most original plot twists I have ever seen. Just as you think you have figured everything out, Aja throws a wrench in the plot that will have you pondering the film long after it is over. After watching the film you will find yourself trying to piece together a timeline of the killings, which serves as a departure from the senseless killings found in American horror films. Aja bends the genre to its breaking point as he brings in elements of both crime and mystery movies and combines them effectively with horror and suspense to create a truly cinematic experience.

This movie is both brilliantly written and beautifully filmed and will make fans stand up and demand more of this type of intelligent interpretation of horror genre that Aja gives us with "High Tension."



Photo obtained from Lionsgate Film



## Norma Jean delivers a must-have for metal fans with "Vs. The Anti Mother"

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Norma Jean's latest release on Solid State Records titled "Vs. The Anti Mother" is based on a character of the same name that was created by the band.

"The Anti-Mother is a character we created which represents anything that is deceptive, and yet possesses an outwardly beautiful nature," lead vocalist Corey Brandon told HM Magazine.

Brandon told Tim Grierson of Revolvermag.com that the character comes from a lot of his own personal trials that he had to endure.

"It's a character that's a sub-personality that everybody has," Brandon said. "It's kind of developed into a lot of things, and the record is themed around it. It comes from personal issues, things I've been through."

The album opens with the track "Vipers, Snakes, and Actors" which continues the hard, fast paced sound from their last album, "Redeemer." The song is one of the best on the album and will give fans the brutality they expect from the band. The track serves as commentary on the band's Christian faith and the negative stereotype that follows.

"We're Christians, so we're kind of tied to every Christian. And I don't like most Christians," Brandon said.

"Everybody's going through something different—religion aside, as humans we should know that about each other. I believe in Jesus, and Jesus didn't slay anybody. He went to bars and hung out with the most hated people. And people would ask him, 'Why are you even hanging out with these people?' And he had one of the most awesome answers ever, which was 'A healed person doesn't need a doctor.' That's so cool."

"Self Employed Chemist" might be my favorite song on the entire album. The song is about Brandon's ex-girlfriend who suffered from a drug addiction which was a burden on their relationship.

"It just basically deals with a person that I was with for a long time...one of the mothers of my kids," Brandon said. "She struggled with addiction for eight years. And I saw her go through that."

The emotion is what makes both the band and the album stand out in a



Photo obtained from Solid State Records

genre that tends to produce copycat bands left and right. The band seems to have left a little piece of themselves in every track. Whether it's Brandon's gruff, screaming voice or the driving drum beats and chaotic guitars, the band seems to have thrown everything they had into this album.

"On this record, we took it a little bit more seriously," Brandon said. "We just wanted this record to be sonically more powerful than anything we've ever done."

For Brandon, who replaced founding vocalist and current Chariot lead vocalist Josh Scogin, this album demonstrates that he's found his voice in the band.

On the track "Robots 3 Humans 0", Brandon moves away from the metal sound toward a more alternative style and lays down some beautifully rough vocals that boast energy and emotion. The same can be said for "Discipline Your Daughters" as Brandon again impresses with gruff vocals that accompany a powerful, catchy chorus.

One of the most impressive tracks on the album is "Surrender Your Sons" and features guest vocalist Chino Moreno from the Deftones, who also produced two tracks on the album. The collaboration is perfect as Brandon and Moreno's vocals lay perfectly over a haunting melody and a big, epic chorus. The song chronicles the journey of losing your way and struggling to find what you've lost.

But that doesn't mean that Brandon lacks the metal chops needed to satisfy both old school fans and new converts. Tracks such as "The Birth of the Anti Mother," "And There Will Be a Swarm of Hornets" and "Opposite of Left and Wrong" (featuring Page Hamilton of Helmet) shows that Brandon is more than qualified to carry the metal side of Norma Jean.

"Vs. The Anti Mother" is a masterpiece that every fan of hard music should pick up. The only flaw is that it's only 10 tracks and leaves you wishing for more.

If you're a fan of bands like Underoath or Killswitch Engage that blend metal with the melodic alternative, then you should enjoy this album.

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## Lady Cavs prepare for new season with team scrimmage

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Last week's Lady Cavs volleyball scrimmage may have looked like a great match to an outside observer, but Coach Steve Dallman said that after watching the game, he doesn't believe the team is ready for this weekend's Emory and Henry tournament.

He said the team needs more work and that they "definitely have some weaknesses," which include the freshman players' inexperience.

Dallman said that some still played like they were in high school and that the "freshmen play like freshmen."

On a brighter side, the dominant player throughout the match turned out to be senior Kristen Salyer from Gate City. Salyer, in Dallman's opinion, will become this season's Natasha Viers, last year's "go-to-girl" for points.

Freshman Mikaela Anders from Galax also showed potential to follow in Viers' footsteps, with two aces in the game.

Kelly Bumgarner, also a freshman from Johnson City, Tenn. looks like a key player when it comes to assists.

Dallman said she "did a real good job setting" for the rest of the team.

A key defensive player this year and in years to come will, without a doubt, be freshman Eleanor Lafoon, from Richmond. Lafoon was a force to be reckoned with at the net, mainly due to her towering 6'1" frame.

The team's average performance on Friday night was not due to a lack of teamwork or feeling disconnected from one another. In fact, many players on the team said the exact opposite.

Sophomore Kaitlyn Collins from Lebanon said that the team is "more like a family" this year and they are all "like sisters."

Lafoon, one of the incoming freshmen, agreed with her and said that the returning players are "really helpful" and that there is "no stardom."

This should lead to good teamwork between the players for this season.

The next game for the Lady Cavs is the Emory and Henry tournament this upcoming weekend.

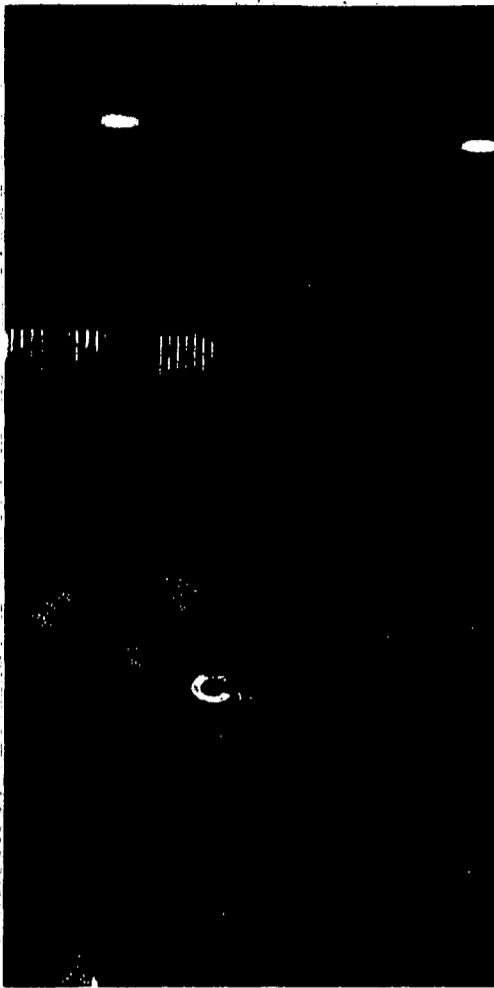


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Freshman middle hitter Eleanor Lafoon prepares to spike a ball during the Lady Cavs' practice on August 27. Lafoon should be a primary figure on this year's team.

## Not Just A Man's World A New Age

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Another school year, another sports editor.

Let me start off by introducing myself. My name is Brittany Wichtendahl.

Yeah, I know, the last name is pretty hard, but hey, so was the name of last year's sports editor. I mean, come on, Salomonky?

Anyway, I'm a sophomore here at UVA-Wise. I'm from Virginia Beach. Well, I was born and raised in Baltimore, Md. until I was 12, but since the age of 12, I've been living in Virginia Beach.

I'm proud to take over the sports page from Reid. I can honestly say that I'll live up to any expectations you have.

Yes, I'm a woman, but that doesn't mean I can't bring you the news as well as, if not better than, Salomonky did.

I've been around sports all my life. I've lived in the shadow of Camden Yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles. In 2001, when Baltimore finally got its own football team, the Ravens, I was there.

I've also played sports pretty much my entire life. Whether it was softball, soccer, flag football or Wii sports, the level of dedication I have to my sports teams is the same level of dedication that I have to UVA-Wise sports. Sure, I'm only a sophomore, but I've already seen the love and pride that we have for our Cavs.

Being at a football game here in Wise is one of the best experiences of my life.

Last year, when I went to the first football game of the season, I felt like I was being initiated into some kind of club. For the first time at that game, I felt like a part of our school.

Every time I go to a home game, whether it's volleyball, football, basketball, baseball or any other sport, I feel pride. Pride in my school and pride in my fellow classmates who are out there representing our school. And win or lose, I love being a Highland Cavalier.

The year ahead of us looks like a bright one. The volleyball team is starting off strong, the football team is as good as last year and our cross-country team is looking good under a new head coach.

I'm excited to be The Highland Cavalier's new sports editor and I look forward to being there each time our Cavs bring home a victory.

## Football team looks toward new season

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The Highland Cavalier football team is looking to improve on last year's 9-2 record, not only with returning players, but with a few new ones as well.

"We feel pretty positive about the upcoming season," said head coach Bruce Wasson. "We're up against a lot of tough teams and we play most of them on the road."

The Cavs will have to face those tough teams this season without star running back Ra'ashad Morgan, who graduated in the spring. Morgan broke the school record for the number of rushing attempts last year with 744.

Despite the loss, the offensive line will

return senior quarterback Randy Hippeard and two wide receivers—juniors Jason Lovett and Ario Evans.

Hippeard threw a total of 37 touchdowns last season and set three records—the most passing completions (468), the most passing yards (6,955) and the most passing touchdowns (63).

Last year Lovett scored 17 touchdowns, the second most on the team while Evans had 11.

The defensive side of this year's team will have to learn to function without linemen Ben Robertson and Reggie Dorsanvil.

Robertson was a huge asset last season with a total of 124 tackles, 32 of which were solo.

Dorsanvil had the second-highest number

of tackles last season with 79, 26 of which were solo.

To help fill that void, returning players like juniors James Haley and Marvin White, will have to step up and play hard.

Last season Haley helped the Cavs with 74 overall tackles (45 solo) and White had 24 (11 solo).

Along with returning team members, the Cavs are welcoming many new players including Dominique Simmons from Newport News and junior Robert Barcliff, a transfer student from Indiana State University.

Simmons said he has high hopes for this season. He said he's all about "teamwork, commitment and dedication."

Barcliff said he brings "power and experience" to the Cavs.

"It feels good to be here and be a key player, but I'm more focused on contributing to the team," he said.

In order to prepare for the competition this year, most of the Cavs captains stayed on campus over the summer.

Football captain James Haley said he "lifted more intensely, conditioned more and enhanced football skills all around" to prepare for the season.

The Cavaliers will start their season off with two games on the road. The first is on Aug. 28 against Kentucky Christian at Morehead State Univ. The second is Sept. 13 at Newport News Apprentice.

The Cavs' first home game will be on Sept. 20 against West Virginia Tech.

## Lady Cavs to compete in E & H tourney this weekend

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The Lady Cavs volleyball team will kick off its season by playing in the Emory and Henry Tournament Aug. 29-30, where they will face NCAA Division III schools like Bridgewater College, Meredith College, Southern Virginia University and Emory and Henry College.

While the Lady Cavs finished second at last year's tournament, coach Steve Dallman said he hopes the team's performance this season will be just as successful, if not more so.

"I can see a lot of confidence carrying over from last year that I think we will take into the tournament with us," he said.

The Lady Cavs will face

schools that they don't meet during the regular season and Dallman said these teams will be a real test.

He said the competition is much tougher than it was last year, but that the team will be able to step up to the challenge.

"I'm excited," said returning sophomore Kaitlyn Collins. "We are going up against more difficult teams this year, so it will be interesting to see how we do."

The team will take six freshmen; Eleanor Anne Lafoon, Kelly Bumgarner, Mikaela Anders, Samantha Brummette, Megan Funk and Amy Collier, to the tournament for their first real taste of college athletics.

"With such a young team, seniors Kristen Salyer, Britney

Lawson and Ruth Hoover will play an important role," Dallman said.

And, although the returning players will be key components, he said he expects the freshmen to contribute as well.

"I'm a little nervous, but excited, because it is my first college tournament," said freshman middle blocker Eleanor Lafoon.

A key difference between last year's team and this year's is height.

Dallman said he believes the extra height that the team has gained will give them an advantage that they did not have last year.

The Lady Cavs first game is scheduled against the Lady Eagles of Bridgewater College.

## Cheerleading squad to participate in competition

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This year's cheerleading squad is working to make it the biggest and best squad yet.

The 17 members make it the largest group of cheerleaders so far and with a new coach and team captain, they are working toward getting ready for spring competitions.

"All the girls this year are really willing to work hard and put in the practice hours we need to in order to improve our squad even more," said senior captain Julie Shortt in an email.

She said she and new head coach Chelsie Lawson are expecting bigger and better things from the squad this season.

Lawson said that she thinks she can bring innovative stunt ideas to competition cheering practices.

"I feel I can be an asset [to the program] as well as a friend to these girls,"

Lawson said.

Along with juggling practices for the regular cheering season and preparing for more cheer competitions, this season cheerleaders have to deal with the pressures of classes and other extracurricular activities.

Shortt, who is also the news editor for The Highland Cavalier said, "Cheerleading is not just a sport that lasts for a few months and then is over. It's a year-round sport, [and cheerleaders] have to practice and also be involved in other activities as well."

Freshmen like Kristina Bolling are dealing with the new pressure of demanding college classes and practices that are unlike the high school ones they were used to.

Bolling said she has never competed in a cheer competition before but that she is looking forward to getting the chance.

If Lawson and the team do decide to compete, they won't participate in a competition until around Spring Break.