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Cheerleading squad participates in national championship

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The UVA-Wise cheerleading team advanced to the semi-final round at the College Cheerleading and Dance National Championships in Orlando, Fla. The team finished 13th out of 17 squads competing in All-Girl Division II.

The three-day competition, which ran from Jan. 16-18, was sponsored by the Universal Cheerleaders Association and held at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla.

The squad is the first in the college's history to compete at the national level or otherwise.

Senior captain Julie Shortt said the team had too high expectations going in. But, she said the team had the talent to do big things this year.

"We probably didn't expect it [getting to the semi-finals] because it was our first time doing it," Shortt said. "No other squad in the college's history had ever attempted this, but we knew that [with] our talent we had this year and the group of girls that there was a very good possibility."

Head coach Chelsie Lawson wrote in an e-mail that she was very proud of her squad for both their performance and the maturity they showed over the course of the school year.

"The girls on the squad never cease to amaze me," Lawson said. "I am overwhelmed by the experience, how hard the girls worked over the past couple of months, how they have bonded and matured as both a squad and young adults and how they represented UVA-Wise and Virginia at [the] college nationals."

Shortt said it was a dream come true for both the team and her personally, to compete on the highest level.

"Words can't explain what we felt," she said. "I know that for me personally, as a senior, I never thought it would happen...I know that when we got off the plane in Orlando a lot of us were pinching ourselves."

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Students, faculty tune in for Obama's inauguration

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It may have been the most-watched event, in American history, as people across the nation showed up in person or glued themselves to their televisions and computer screens.

More than a million people gathered in D.C. Over 33.4 million tuned in from their home televisions, according to adage.com. CNN.com reported 21 million streams over a duration of nine hours, and it has been estimated that seven million people were streaming video simultaneously during the inauguration. Viewing parties were held in bars, libraries and schools nationwide.

The presidential inauguration of Barack Obama drew crowds from every state and many countries, and it drew a small crowd here on campus in the atrium of the Slemp Student Center.

A screen was set up with chairs and a speaker system, inviting students, faculty and staff to stop on their way through the building to watch the day-long proceedings.

"We had people watching the days events all day, even after the actual ceremony," wrote Josh Justice, assistant director for student activities, in an e-mail.

"The inauguration...represents how great our nation's democracy is," he said. "It's a tradition that brings all Americans together, and is truly a testament to our founder's work. I think the Presidential Inaugural Committee did a great job in planning and carrying out the day's festivities."

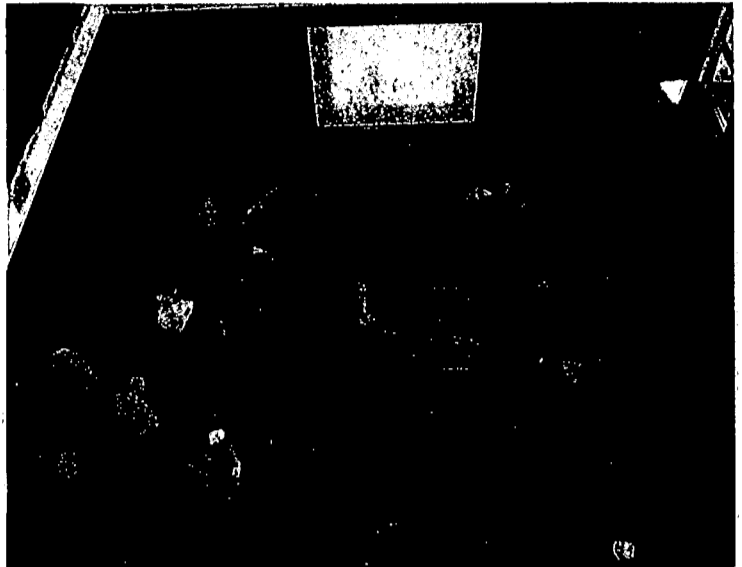


Photo by Josh Justice

Students, staff and faculty members gather to watch the presidential inauguration on Tuesday. The day's events were projected onto the big screen so even passers-by could catch a glimpse of the action. Here, Obama delivers his inaugural address.

Students who didn't watch the event on the big screen tuned into their own televisions or streamed footage online. Several expressed their support of Obama.

"I saw the inauguration as being historic," wrote senior Zantara Harrison in a Facebook message. "[It is] something to tell my children about when they are reading [about] it in the history books."

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College installs new security cameras in Zehmer and Darden hallways

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Campus police installed cameras in the hallways of Darden and Zehmer Halls over the winter break as a way to improve campus security.

"Cameras weren't just put up to monitor students," said Steve McCoy, campus police chief and director of public safety. "This past year we've had another instance where purses were stolen and the people were not apprehended."

The cameras are small but they are noticeable. Campus police can use them to see nearly everything in the halls of Darden and Zehmer from the basement to the main lobby. The cameras provide 24/7 surveillance and are constantly recording. McCoy said said campus police can see what is happening live in single, double or multiple frames.

"They're just in hallways," McCoy said. "It's a state building; it's a public building, so you still have



your freedom. It's not like we're trying to conceal them."

Those in favor of the cameras believe that this is a much-needed step in the right direction for campus security.

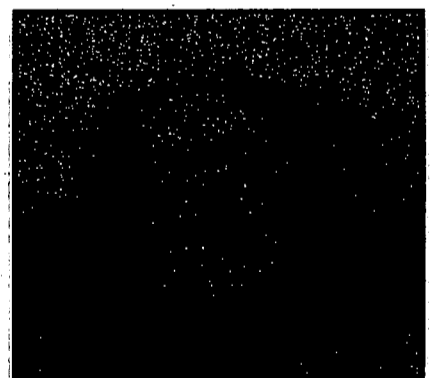
"I would say that that's the best thing they've done in a while," said junior Mary Chandler.

"Everyone should want to be just as safe as the next person," said senior Bethany Dye.

Instructor in English Sheila Rhea McNulty had about fifty dollars in cash stolen from her office. She had left it unlocked but closed and said she even saw the criminal coming out of her office, claim-

ing that they had the wrong office. However, she said she was not sure if the cameras would have helped her in her situation.

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Photos by Jessica Price

Multiple security cameras have been placed in Zehmer Hall including this one outside of the Writing Center. Campus police installed the cameras during winter break to enhance campus security.

INSIDE



WHILE MOST OF YOU WERE HOME OVER WINTER BREAK, THE CAVALIER BASKETBALL TEAMS WERE STILL PLAYING GAMES. CATCH UP WITH THE WINS AND LOSSES ON PAGE 6.



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Candlelight march marks King day

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Despite blustery winds and frigid temperatures, students, faculty and staff turned out Monday night for the 13th annual Martin Luther King March in Wise.

A meal at the First Church of God in Wise was followed by a candlelight march through downtown Wise to the Wise Baptist Church, where a program was held in remembrance of King and his legacy.

Vice Chancellor for Development Tami Ely said the event was a "living tribute to King's principles."

"Tonight's celebration is but one example of... folks... who are dedicated to equality."

Brian Wills, the Kenneth Asbury Professor of History and member of the Black History Month committee, emceed the event.

"It is always true that we have come so far and that we wouldn't be where we are without Martin Luther King, Jr.," he said in his opening remarks.

General Overseer Ronnie Collins of Kingsport, Tenn. was the featured speaker at this year's event.

"In order to understand where we are going, we've got to know where we've been," he said. "I could go through a big long list of all the people who came before us and worked to make things happen."

Collins said King's greatest message was one of love. He said that King wanted to be remembered, not for his awards and accomplishments, but for whether or not he helped someone.

"A question we need to ask ourselves is this, 'How can I love those folks that really shouldn't be loved by anybody?'" he said. "Hate can't see right."



Photo by Allie Robinson

Lisa Dunlap carries a candle during the commemorative march from the First Church of God to Wise Baptist Church. Several members of the college community participated in spite of the weather conditions.

Ely said it is our responsibility to integrate changes in our community.

"Individually and together, let's work towards a place... where kindness rules... and where injustice to others is an injustice to us individually," she said.

"Just think about the dream he had," Wills said. "It took an uncommon individual to have that dream and yet he was a common individual in everything else. At the end of the day, King was a man, a human. He had shortcomings and got depressed."

"It just makes what he was able to accomplish that much greater."

Kiwanis donate \$98,000 to college

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The Wise Kiwanis Club donated nearly \$100,000 to the college on Jan. 12 to be used to establish two new funds and contribute to an existing fund.

Eighty three thousand dollars went to the Wise Kiwanis Club Fund to be used at the discretion of Chancellor David Prior.

A gift of \$10,000 went to the Clinch Valley College History fund to assist the college's history faculty and administration in providing scholarships, travel and other experiences for students.

The remaining \$5,000 was given to the college's Circle K International fund to honor campus minister Jim Collie and the late Emmet Low, a former dean and professor.

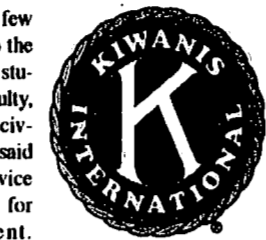
"College fundraising has increased in

the past few years due to the efforts of students, faculty, alumni, and civic groups," said Tami Ely, vice chancellor for development.

"The Kiwanis and other contributors have always been extraordinarily generous and I believe it means a lot for all parties to see the growth and difference it can make in the college community."

Collie said he was enthusiastic about the donation and the windows it could open for students.

"Circle K can help you learn leadership skills and raise overall community involvement for Wise and Wise County," Collie said.



In the early 1980s, Low and Collie led the Circle K International group when the school was formerly known as Clinch Valley College.

Collie, a 31-year member of the local Kiwanis chapter, said this was the fourth time the club has been on campus.

He said he hopes the new funds and efforts of local Kiwanis members, college faculty, staff and alumni, and student members will help Circle K International be a success on campus.

"Sufficient funds are often hard to come by so the donation will help with fees and provide the resources for growth of the program," Collie said.

The UVA-Wise Circle K chapter assists the Wise Kiwanis Club with concessions at college football games and other fundraising activities.



Photo provided by College Relations

Chancellor David Prior accepts a check from George Culbertson, president of the Wise Kiwanis Club on Jan. 12. Culbertson also served as Interim Chancellor of the college in 2001.

Cheer

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Shortt said her teammates' dedication showed in their willingness to prepare for the competition—which included staying in the area over winter break.

"We didn't get a Christmas break," Shortt said. "A lot of our girls are from Northern Virginia and [were] not able to go home. I'm really proud that they made that sacrifice for us."

Lawson credited the maturity and selflessness of the underclassman as a big reason for the squad's ability to compete at such a high level.

"Over half of the squad are true freshman," Lawson said. "The spirit and excitement these girls shared really helped motivate the others. Everyone on the squad has matured, regardless of classification. They have learned to be selfless, to go and do without in [order] to receive [a] greater payoff at the end."

Lawson pointed to her captains as the

reason for the maturity the team gained. She said the leadership and work ethic displayed by both Shortt and co-captain Alicia Richards was instrumental in getting the young team ready for the competition.

"The young girls see and appreciate how hard both of these two squad members work," Lawson said. "They are respected, definitely."

Shortt said that being a part of the team had been special and she hopes that it is the beginning of a longstanding tradition of cheerleading excellence at the college.

"I feel honored to be on the first competition squad here at the college. It feels great," Shortt said. "I know that for every girl on the squad, [cheerleading] is their life. We put so much into it in the past two or three months and it just feels great to know that we have started what I hope to be a long legacy at the college."



Photo by Miranda Bradley

The UVA-Wise cheerleaders pose for a group photo before the Cavs night game against West Virginia Tech on Sept. 20. The squad advanced to the semifinals of the College Cheerleading and Dance National Championship held in Orlando, Fla. last weekend.

Inauguration

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Sophomore Libby Wachter said in a Facebook message that America is currently going through a historic moment because its citizens elected an African-American president.

"It is great to know that we have grown as a nation where anyone can [be] president, and that nothing racial factors into the equation," she said.

Senior Victoria Aneale said in a Facebook message that it is a miracle "to see a man who is multi-racial, multi-cultural, [and who was] raised in [varying] types of socioeconomic status become a president of a historically segregated nation is a miracle."

Justice said he thinks students are particularly interested in this campaign and the new administration because "it really is a historic occasion in our nation's history."



Photo by Jessica Price

Students and faculty members stand and watch portions of Barack Obama's inauguration between classes on Jan. 20. The Office of Student Activities set up the screen and used a projector to show the event.

"I was able to watch Obama win the presidency and be sworn in and that is something that can never be taken away," said Harrison.

"Watching and feeling the pride of America was truly remarkable. I truly hope that America needs."

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.

OPINION

Disagreement with the ACLU

I ran into an article on Cybercast News Service (CNSNews.com) that piqued my interest and inspired me to pen this column.

According to the article titled "Catholic Bishops Sued for Not Using Federal Funds to Give Abortions to Human Trafficking Victims," the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is suing the United States



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Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) over its partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent human trafficking.

What is the issue, you ask? The USCCB wouldn't provide abortion services or emergency contraception to the victims they aided.

Ok, let's put this in a little perspective, shall we?

I will readily acknowledge that a large portion of victims of human trafficking, which is little more than modern day slavery, are used for sexual purposes that include, among other things, child pornography and forced prostitution.

But let's look at who we're dealing with here.

The USCCB is the governing body of the Catholic Church in the United States.

Anyone with any knowledge of the church will know that it's against the beliefs and teachings of the church to condone abortions or the use on any sort of contraceptives.

The church has even gone so far as to suggest that American Catholics who voted for Barack Obama in the presidential election should go to confession before Mass because of the senator's support for abortion rights. No, I'm not going to go there in this article.

But that apparently matters little to the ACLU.

In the ACLU's mind, anyone who refuses to provide such things should be working with a federal department.

It's all indicative of the elitism espoused by this liberal group. The 2,000 year old teachings of the Catholic Church mean nothing to them; it's all about being politically correct.

We shouldn't be surprised, though. The group has been pulling these kinds of stunts for years.

In 2000, the ACLU represented the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) when they were sued by the parents of Jeffrey Curley after he was stalked, raped and murdered by Charles Jaynes and Salvatore

Sicari, two pedophiles connected with NAMBLA. Attorneys had used information from NAMBLA publications as evidence at trial, and the ACLU argued that it violated NAMBLA's First Amendment rights.

The ACLU also at one time opposed Megan's Law, a law which requires law enforcement to identify convicted sex offenders to the public.

They also fought for the Westboro Baptist Church, a product of the Reverend Fred Phelps. The church was attended mostly by Reverend Phelps' family members. They are perhaps most well known for protesting the funeral of slain college student Matthew Shepherd, picketing the funerals of soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan and making signs bearing crudely obscene slogans.

The ACLU is famous for some other idiotic stunts, but these are probably the most famous (or infamous).

After all this, the case with the USCCB doesn't surprise me one bit.

Stuff like this makes me feel like they will never give up their archliberal stance.

For more of Jurek's opinions, visit his blog at <http://torch621.wordpress.com>, which is updated daily, excluding Wednesdays and Sundays.

If you could give President Obama one piece of advice, what would it be?



The Highland Cavalier Opinion Poll of the Week

Should the college implement delays for classes due to the extremely cold weather we are currently experiencing?

Voting Results

Yes No



Feel free to participate in *The Highland Cavalier* opinion poll each week by joining the group "The Highland Cavalier" on Facebook. New polls will be posted on the group site weekly and are open to all students, faculty and staff. If you do not have a Facebook account, feel free to e-mail Opinion Editor Marissa Jones at mlj4z@uvawise.edu, and a link to the poll will be sent to you. Also, if there are questions you would like to see asked in *The Highland Cavalier* poll of the week, feel free to e-mail them to mlj4z@uvawise.edu. Thanks for your ongoing participation with *The Highland Cavalier*.

Can you draw?

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Contact Opinion Editor Marissa Jones at mlj4z@uvawise.edu to get your work in the paper

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I gave an audible gasp to the cashier when seeing the price of one of my recent textbook purchases at the UVA-Wise bookstore.

\$113!
For one book!
My friend made a surprising discovery. The textbook, according to its ISBN tag, was technically to be sold for \$100!

However, as certain signs posted in the bookstore inform, the prices listed on books are subject to change at the register, with the price at the register being the correct amount.

Why have price tags on books if it isn't the correct price in the first place?

I know that education is expensive, but I stood there astounded.

One hundred and thirteen dollars for a textbook?

Why such a price difference? Research into the price of my textbook revealed that I could purchase the book online—brand new—for half that price.

In addition, the books I purchased as "used," I could easily have purchased, brand new, for the exact same price!
Students can even purchase used books for less than a dollar online if they have the desire to do so.

Web sites such as www.amazon.com, www.abebooks.com and www.half.com have far better, more manageable, prices for students and their wallets.

Outrage in the bookstore

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Naturally, my outrage grew.

Why should students, in addition to tuition and other school fees, have to pay an arm, a leg and their future offspring for books?

With all of the fees we pay in tuition, shouldn't the bookstore be receiving enough money to survive without making students go broke in the process?

Doesn't the bookstore realize that if they reduce the prices of books, they will, in the long run, increase their profits because the large numbers of students who currently order books online will return to the bookstore for the better deal?

I know, students have asked these questions time and time again. And the bookstore even has a link on their Web page providing facts and reasons behind the adequate prices of the books being sold in the bookstore.

I'm not buying into these excuses. I know that book binding and other elements of the book, making process is expensive, but should the creation of textbooks be this expensive?

What I don't understand is that if I can buy the same books online new and for a reduced price, why can't they be sold for the same price on campus?

Plus, if all of the students refused to pay the outrageous prices listed in the bookstore, the bookstore would eventually lose so much profit that they would lower the price of books to an acceptable price.

Could we possibly lower the prices? I would prefer to keep my arm, leg and offspring, thank you.

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Campus Calendar

Saturday, Jan. 24
OREC Snow Tubing Trip

Sunday, Jan. 25
INT 9-Balls Billiards Tourn., SSC Game Room, 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 26
Faith Roundtable, Cantrell Pvt. Dining Room (208), 12 p.m.

Club & Org. Presidents & Advisors Mtg, SSC Dogwood Room, 1 p.m.

SAB Karaoke, SSC atrium, 8-10 p.m.

PO-PO Weather Safety Driving Tips, McCrary parking lot, 9 p.m.

BCM Prayer Meeting, Chapel, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27
Club & Org. Presidents & Advisors Mtg, SSC Dogwood Room, 1 p.m.

Freshman Jessica Campbell said she was happy to be back.

"I am very excited to be back because I get to see all of my friends," Campbell said.

Junior Sally Smith said she is excited to

Wednesday, Jan. 28
Last day to drop first 7-weeks course

SGA Spring Student Leader Luncheon, SSC Dogwood Room, 12 p.m.

BCM Weekly Supper, Baptist Student Center, 5 p.m.

INT 3x3 Wallyball Tourn., SSC Racquetball Courts, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 29
INT Xbox 360 Tourn. - Gears of War 2, SSC Jefferson Lounge, 1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 30
SGA Weekly Meeting, SSC Rhododendron Room, 1 p.m.

Some students glad to be back on campus

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Contrary to popular belief, most students on campus are happy to be back for the new semester.

Typically, one would think that coming back after a month-long break is something that most students dread, however, some students on the UVa-Wise campus seem to be looking forward to 2009.

Many students see the new semester as a chance to start over and get involved in new things. Others see it as a chance to socialize and meet up with their friends again.

Sophomore Max Thomas said that even though he didn't have to work during break, he still enjoys being back on campus more than he enjoyed staying home.

Freshman Jessica Campbell said she was happy to be back.

Junior Sally Smith said she is excited to

be back for a reason beyond academics and friends.

Smith recently accepted a promotion from resident advisor to the position of administrative resident director. She will help Director of Residence Life Angie Lemke in the absence of an assistant/director of residence life.

"I started [the] new job in Residence Life in January," Smith said. "And that is something that I am really looking forward to this semester."

The excitement of graduation is what has a number of upperclassmen motivated to come back for another semester.

Seniors Lauren Cary and Katie Hurst both said they are most looking forward to graduation.

And even though juniors will have to wait another year before they receive their diplomas, many are already looking forward to that moment.

"I'm excited to be back," said junior Bruce Blansett. "It means that I'm one step closer to graduation."

Cameras

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"I'm kind of torn," she said. "It came up and I thought that there would be an official word; that the community would decide together. Then when someone pointed them out to me, I was surprised that they had come in so fast, but I can see the benefit of it."

Others feel that the constant surveillance has more of a "Big Brother" vibe because of the lack of information about them, which is then interpreted badly.

"I understand they want to protect us but we're not in high school anymore," said freshman Rachael Fulton. "We didn't come here to be [put under surveillance]. I would be more understanding if they told us why they were there."

McCoy said he stands by his decision to put the cameras up, though he knows some people might not be comfortable with the idea.

"Most people don't realize how valuable things like these are until they are affected by it," he said. "Say you were sitting on a sofa in Darden and you left your bag. You report it stolen and all I have to do is get an approximate time and description and you'll get your stuff back."

McCoy said the cameras are a huge benefit for the safety of the students, faculty and the rest of the school.

"It is an invasion of privacy when you walk into Wal-Mart," McCoy said. "[Cameras] enhance the security of the campus to provide a safe learning environment."

OREC to take inner tubing trip to Winterplace

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The college's Outdoor Recreation Club (OREC) will host an inner tubing trip to Winterplace Ski Resort in Beckley, West Virginia tomorrow. The trip costs \$10 for students plus the cost of meals for the day.

Trip organizers said student interest for the event is high.

"We currently have 31 students signed up to go," said Joel Williamson, coordinator of recreation and intramurals. "The money covers the cost of transportation and the cost of the students' lift ticket."

Lift tickets for the trip will last from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. that night so students can expect to return to campus late.

"It's a single day trip, but we have a lot of fun," Williamson said.

Winterplace is West Virginia's largest snow tubing park with two carpet lifts and more than 90 acres of skiable terrain.

Williamson said he hopes the inner tubing trip will increase interest for the skitrip that OREC has planned for February 7. The location of that trip is to be announced.

Students interested in either trip can contact Williamson on the 3rd floor of the Slomp Student Center for more information.

Degeneration

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Enter Leon who is still serving as a special government operative to the president. Leon arrives on the scene and commands two members of the local Special Response Team (SRT). The three go in and attempt to rescue any survivors.

Somewhat surprisingly, the movie does not stay in the airport terminal for long. Claire and Leon are quickly out of the terminal and off to figure out who caused the incident in the first place. However, the two get more than they bargained for when the G-Virus makes an appearance.

The movie's plot could be seen as either good or bad. If you take it for what it is and simply see "Degeneration" as a stand-alone movie, there really isn't much to appreciate. However, if you capture the references to previous games and the story points setting up "Resident Evil 5," there is more than enough to enjoy.

The actual CG modeling for the movie is beautiful. Most of the main characters, Claire especially, were made with amazing detail. It's nice to see my favorite 32-bit

characters come to life in full CG glory. But the CG isn't perfect.

While the voice actors are good, the lip movements of the characters are completely off. Most of the time, the mouths of the characters seem as if they're simply mumbling while the voices are speaking in a normal voice. At other times, the voice track doesn't match up with the lip movements. This can be extremely distracting and really prevents you from getting sucked into the movie.

Apart from the bad CG lip-syncing, the voice actors themselves are pretty good. Both Paul Mercier and Alyson Court reprise their roles as Leon and Claire, respectively. Mercier became famous for his voiceovers in "Resident Evil 4" while Court has been the voice of Claire in every "Resident Evil" game the character has appeared. Both voices fit the characters well and do a good job of displaying life-like emotions.

The main draws of the movie lie not in the film itself, however, but in the special features packaged with it.

The movie includes two separate trailers for "Resident Evil 5." One is a special theatrical trailer designed to make the game look like an upcoming movie. It's pretty cool and shows some new footage from the game.

The other is the trailer from the 2008 Tokyo Game Show. This is the one that really whets the appetite for "Resident Evil 5." It's just over three minutes long and shows some amazing clips. It's so detailed in fact that I think it might give away some major plot points in the game. But that doesn't mean it's not worth watching. My mouth was hanging open through most of it.

This movie is a must-have for hardcore fans of the series. If you've played the previous games and plan on playing "Resident Evil 5," you'll probably be a little let down without this movie's plot.

However, if you're not a big fan of the games, there's not a whole lot to appreciate and you may want to make this a weekend rental.

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

(All released on Jan. 23)

"Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"
(Screen Gems)

Cast: Rhona Mitra, Michael Sheen

Rating: R

Genre: Action/Fantasy

Plot: An origin story which reveals the cause of the centuries-old blood feud between the Death Dealers and the Lycans.

Lucian (Sheen), a powerful and influential Lycan, allies his race in an uprising against the vampire king Viktor (Nighy). Joining Lucian is his secret lover, Sooja (Mitra), a vampire who empathizes with the Lycans and looks to help free them from slavery. (IMDB.com)

"Inkheart"
(Warner Bros. Pictures)

Cast: Brendan Fraser, Eliza Bennett

Rating: PG

Genre: Adventure

Plot: A little girl (Bennett) rallies her friends—both real and imaginary—to rescue her father (Fraser), a bookbinder who can bring characters to life by reading aloud from the clutches of an evil-doer. (IMDB.com)

"Hoopstank"
(Inland)

Genre: Rock/Alternative

"Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band"
"Working on a Dream" (Columbia Records)

Genre: Rock/Folk

Video Games

MLB Front Office Manager (2K Sports)

(Jan. 26; Xbox 360, PS3, PC)

Rating: Everyone (E)

Synopsis: Want to run your own MLB team? Now you have your chance as 2K Sports puts you in the general manager's seat of your favorite MLB team.

Music
(All released on Jan. 27)

Hoopstank

"For(n)over" (Inland)

Genre: Rock/Alternative

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Duo of Foreman and Watkins better than fiction with debut collaboration

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Some things just belong together.

Peanut butter and jelly.

Batman and Robin.

Snoopy and Charlie Brown.

Amy Winehouse and alcohol.

You can add Switchfoot's Jon Foreman and Nickel Creek's Sean Watkins to that list.



The duo has dubbed themselves Fiction Family and on their self-titled debut, released by ATO Records, they show the world what happens when two musical forces combine: Brilliance.

This album is a masterful work that combines elements of folk, rock, alternative and country sounds with compelling storytelling to take the listener on a musical journey that they won't soon forget.

The record starts out with the first single titled "When She is Near." Foreman takes the lead vocals on the song and does a brilliant job as the song tells the story of a person who finds life in the one he loves. The sound of the track reminds me a bit of The Beatles with its up-tempo, acoustic sound accompanied by simple, but effective, lyrics.

"Betrayal" is one of the best examples of storytelling that I have ever heard. Foreman again takes the lead vocals and sings about a woman who leads him along, only to rob him and leave him at death's door. Lines such as "I don't remember much about that night/ But I'm pretty sure it rained the day I died" and "A gunshot was the only word you said" are two examples of just how brilliant these two men are when it comes to songwriting.

One of the most powerful songs on the album is titled "Mostly Prove Me Wrong." The song is about a

person who wishes for acceptance from the same society that has made him feel like an outcast. The song drips with emotion as Foreman sings "Come on, prove me wrong/ And tell me I'm no longer/ And tell me I'm not crazy."

Foreman sings of a person who is defeated by those around him and has given up on himself in the process. The song serves as a stark reminder that everyone needs to be accepted, no matter how different they look or act.

Watkins' vocals are a pleasant surprise on the record with the most impressive performance coming on the track titled "Not Sure." Watkins' smooth, southern voice serves as a good change-up from Foreman's unique, emotion-driven style.

Not being all too familiar with Nickel Creek, I was impressed with how much Watkins shined when he got his turn in the vocal spotlight.

The most impressive track on the album is the contrasting sound and meaning of "Throw It Away." The duo takes a very positive message and drapes it in a dark, brooding melody. The song is about being happy with what you have now instead of thinking about what you have lost. The atmosphere the track creates is yet another testament to Foreman's and Watkins' greatness.

Even though the album can get a bit corny with the album's love found/love lost theme it seems to follow, the creativity and storytelling more than makes up for it. The fact that no song on the album sounds the same is an accomplishment that not too many bands can lay claim too.

Fiction Family's 12-track debut (15 if you purchase it from iTunes) is an amazing effort by Foreman and Watkins that fans of both Switchfoot and Nickel Creek will appreciate along with hordes of new fans the duo is sure to attract.

Move over peanut butter and jelly. You've got company.



Rapid Reviews

Movies

"My Bloody Valentine 3-D"
(Lionsgate)

"A strange synergy of old and new, My Bloody Valentine 3-D blends cutting-edge technology and old-school prosthetics to produce something both familiar and alien: gore you can believe in."

Jeannette Catsouls/New York Times

"Notorious"
(Fox Searchlight Pictures)

"Notorious makes the death of Biggie Smalls look like a tragic mistake, instead of the outgrowth of a culture devoted to selling the fantasy of who's the biggest man."

Owen Gleiberman/Entertainment Weekly

"Paul Blart: Mall Cop"
(Columbia Pictures)

"Thanks to a tight script and brisk pacing from director Steve Carr ('Daddy Day Care,' 'Dr. Doolittle 2'), there's little fat in Mall Cop, save the yawn-inducing parade of fat-guy jokes."

Jeannette Punter/The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

Video Games

Skate 2
(PS3, Xbox 360)

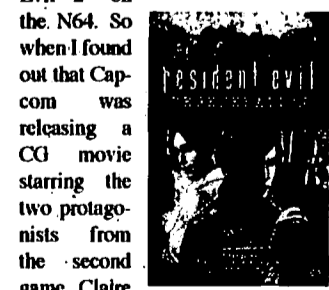
"Even with much of the gameplay remaining the same, Skate 2 is one of the most impressive sequels I've played in my tenure as a game critic. Most developers follow the line of thought of more equals better. In Skate 2 better is achieved by just making it better. It does the almost impossible task of making old gameplay feel new again."

Andrew Reiner/Game Informer.com

"Resident Evil: Degeneration" a movie made for fans, not newcomers

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I've been a fan of the "Resident Evil" games since I played "Resident Evil 2" on the N64. So when I found out that Capcom was releasing a CG movie starring the two protagonists from the second game, Claire Redfield and Leon S. Kennedy, I was more than a little excited.



"Resident Evil: Degeneration" was released straight to DVD in the U.S. on Dec. 27. The movie takes place in the game universe and has nothing whatsoever to do with the popular live-action "Resident Evil" movies starring Milla Jovovich.

The series itself involves the protagonists—often one male and one female character—attempting to combat legions of zombies. The movie stays true to this aspect of the games and does not disappoint.

That being said, if you like zombie movies, that doesn't necessarily mean this is the movie for you. In my opinion, this one was made almost exclusively for the fans of the series. Many have gone so far as to dub it "Resident Evil 4.5." Its main purpose is to bridge the gap between "Resident Evil 4" and the soon to be released "Resident Evil 5."

The movie takes place one year after the events of "Resident Evil 4" and seven years after the original destruction of Raccoon City. Claire, last seen in "Resident Evil: Code Veronica," is now a member of Terra-Save—an organization whose sole purpose is to help those affected by biohazard outbreaks all over the world. Claire arrives at an airport to meet a friend, but finds herself in the middle of a massive demonstration against WillPharma—a drug organization who some, including Claire, believe is testing viruses like the T-Virus on human subjects.

A zombie seemingly appears out of nowhere. While some think it is just a demonstrator playing a joke, Claire knows better and tries to warn others. By then, it's too late and the virus starts spreading throughout the airport terminal.

As if that wasn't enough a plane

crashes into the terminal. The door to the plane opens and what pops out?

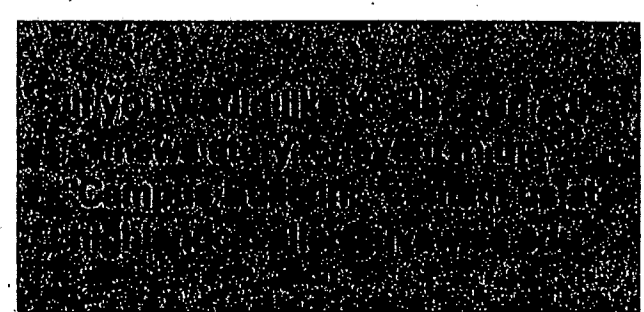
Yep, you guessed it. More zombies. Zombies pour out of the plane. Claire and a few others run from the scene and hide in the terminal's VIP lounge.

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Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



Cavs remain confident in spite of tough losses

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Despite winning the first home game of the new semester, the Highland Cavalier men's basketball team continued with its troubles Jan. 21 with a 67-64 loss against Bryan College.

Sophomore Adam Hood was the driving force behind the Cavs, scoring 25 points and making three assists.

Sophomore Kevin Perry was the second highest scorer of the game with 11 points and eight rebounds.

The Cavs record now stands at 3-15.

Junior Travis Brannon said the game was consistently close, with the team down by only a small margin.

"It was an evenly matched game," he said.

"Which we were happy about because [Bryan College was] the third seed."

Jan. 17, the Cavs defeated Covenant College 98-73.

During the Covenant game, the Cavs excelled in free throws making 25 of 32 attempts.

Sophomore Travis Willis, who re-joined the Cavs over break, made seven

of his nine from the charity stripe while fellow sophomore Kevin Perry went five for five.

Willis also led the Cavs in points scored, with 22.

Brannon said that the team was glad to have Willis back, who is one of the main driving forces.

Over winter break, the Cavs won two games, one over Lincoln Memorial University (80-63) and Alice Lloyd College (86-74).

The Dec. 13 win over Lincoln Memorial University was the first of the season for the Cavs.

Senior Bryan Sexton led the Cavs to victory with the best game of his career at Wise, scoring 20 points, making 10 rebounds and blocking two shots.

The win over Alice Lloyd on Jan. 12 was the second match-up for the two teams this season.

Going into the second half, the Cavs were trailing 36-34, but the team rallied behind Hood, who had 17 points and three assists.

The Cavs' losses were to Coastal Carolina University (90-51), Georgetown University (100-66), Shawnee State University (77-73), Tennessee Wesleyan (89-

86), King College (104-79) and Virginia Intermont College (80-77).

Many of the losses were attributed to missed free throws, an excessive number of turnovers and missed three-pointers.

Tomorrow, Jan. 24, the Cavs travel to Union College for the second game of the season against the Bulldogs.

Brannon said the team remains optimistic.

"Everyone's still confident, which may seem odd with all the losses we've had," he said.

"We've got really good chemistry."

He also said that the Cavs have grown enough from the beginning of the semester that at this point, the team should be able to beat anyone it goes up against.

"As long as we keep the competitiveness up, we'll win," Brannon said.

Brannon also said that the team is excited about the five conference games that are to be held at home.

Those games are against Milligan College, Montreat College, King College, Virginia Intermont and Bryan College.

The Cavs have lost to all five teams in previous games.

Tomorrow's game is on the road against Union at 6 p.m.

Not Just a Man's World No games for non-athletes

Classes have started up again. Clubs are getting back into the swing of things, and my Wednesday nights are filled with the newspaper once again.

The spring semester has officially begun. That also means that break is over.

Go ahead, take a minute to cry, I won't judge you.

Ok, done?

Good.

Anyway, what happened over break besides sleeping in and relishing in the fact that we didn't have to worry about papers and exams?

Basketball games.

Thirteen to be exact. Five women's games and eight men's.

Now, I'll be the first to admit that I'd go to a football game over a basketball game any day, but I do like going to games here at Wise.

I like the general atmosphere. I like the atmosphere of any sporting event.

The bad news for me though, is that I live in eight hours away. In Virginia Beach.

When break rolls around, I head back to the 757. And, the only way I can keep up with games and scores is to wait for Chris Myers, the college's sports information director, to put the press releases about the games up on the athletic department's Web site.

So, because of the thirteen games I missed, I got to thinking.

What's an easier way to connect students to games over breaks?

Then it came to me: the Internet. It's the one way a vast majority of college students stay connected nowadays.

I then checked the home site for the college, and found out that there are plenty of video clips on the site.

If those random video clips can be added onto our home page, then why can't the games be put onto the home page or even on the athletic Web site?

Or why not even little clips of the game along with Myer's press releases about them?

The college sends people with the basketball teams to games, why can't we send a video camera along with them?

I know that for a short period of time, we tried to stream the football games, but we had technical problems.

Why give up so easily?

There are plenty of supportive students at the home games, and I believe that they would jump at the chance to be able to watch the games from their homes.

Streaming videos onto the home page, or even the athletic page could be valuable to non-students as well.

What about those alumni who now live in NoVa, the Hampton Roads area or even out of state?

There's no doubt in my mind that most of them would tune into our Web site to watch their alma mater play in a football, basketball or baseball game.

And even prospective students would benefit from being able to see games live, especially prospective athletes.

It could be a big recruiting tool for the college.

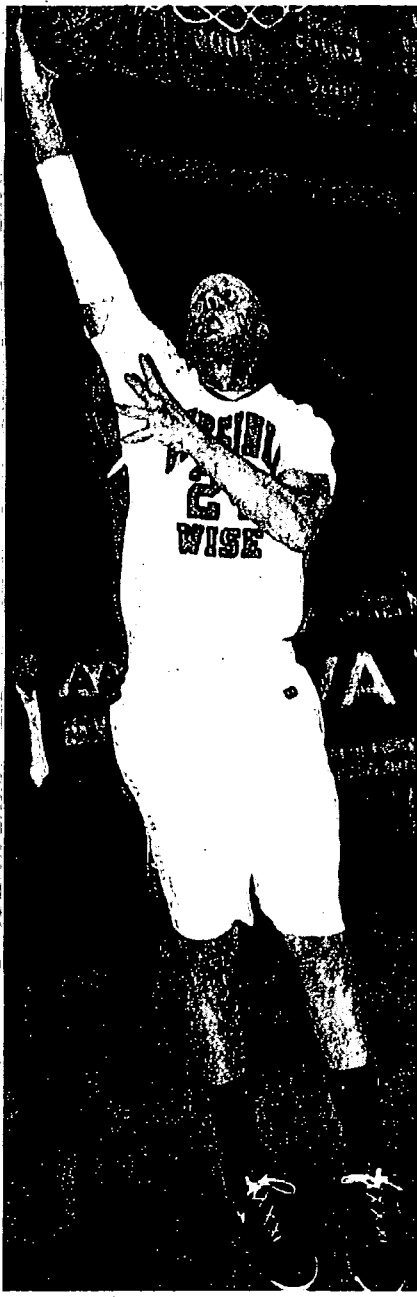
Videos on the Internet aren't a thing of the past. YouTube is built on them, MySpace and Facebook both have applications to add them and it's time UVA-Wise fully joined the cyber community.



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Above: Sophomore Travis Willis attempts a basket during the Jan. 17 home game against Covenant College. The Cavs won the game 98-73. The win was the third of the season for the Cavs.

Right: Senior Bryan Sexton attempts to dunk a basket during the Cavs win over Covenant College.

Quick Hits



Three year assistant football coach takes job at Delta State University

A UVA-Wise assistant football coach has accepted a two-year graduate assistantship with Delta State University's football team in Cleveland, Miss.

Brandon Qualls has worked for the Highland Cavalier football team for three seasons.

Delta State has compiled a 33-7 record

over the past three seasons, the team has made all national playoff qualifying teams for the past three seasons, and have won the past two Gulf South Conference titles.

The team was 12-3 in 2006 when they fell to Grand Valley State in the national title game.

Lady Cavs softball team adds third player from Princess Anne High School

The Lady Cavs have signed another player to the fall 2009 roster.

Kristen Velazquez is the third player to be recruited from Virginia Beach's Princess Anne High School since the beginning of the school year.

Last fall, Velazquez hit .407 with a .510 slugging percentage and reached base at a

.621 clip for Princess Anne.

Lady Cavs volleyball team awards night ends with two Most Valuable Players

The Lady Cavs volleyball team has two most valuable players this season—senior Kristen Salyer and freshman Megan Anders.

Both players earned All-Appalachian Athletic Conference honors for the Lady Cavs.

Anders earned a spot on the All-AAC first team and also AAC All-Freshmen Team status.

Salyer earned All-AAC second team acclaim.

Senior Britney Lawson, the team's libero, took the award for best defensive player

for the second year in a row.

Junior Kayla Dougherty was presented with the most improved player award, freshman Sam Brummette earned the best team player award and Leeza Dos Santos was named "Best Hustler."

Softball team adds another Beach player to Fall 2009 roster

The Lady Cavs signed a catcher and first baseman from Virginia Beach's Tallwood High for next fall.

Kayla Cash hit .315 with 17 RBIs for the Virginia Lady Eagles travel team.

She also hit .282 for Tallwood with 10 runs, five doubles, a triple and two homers while leading the team with six walks and the fewest strikes outs of five.