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Signs posted to prevent trespassing on lake

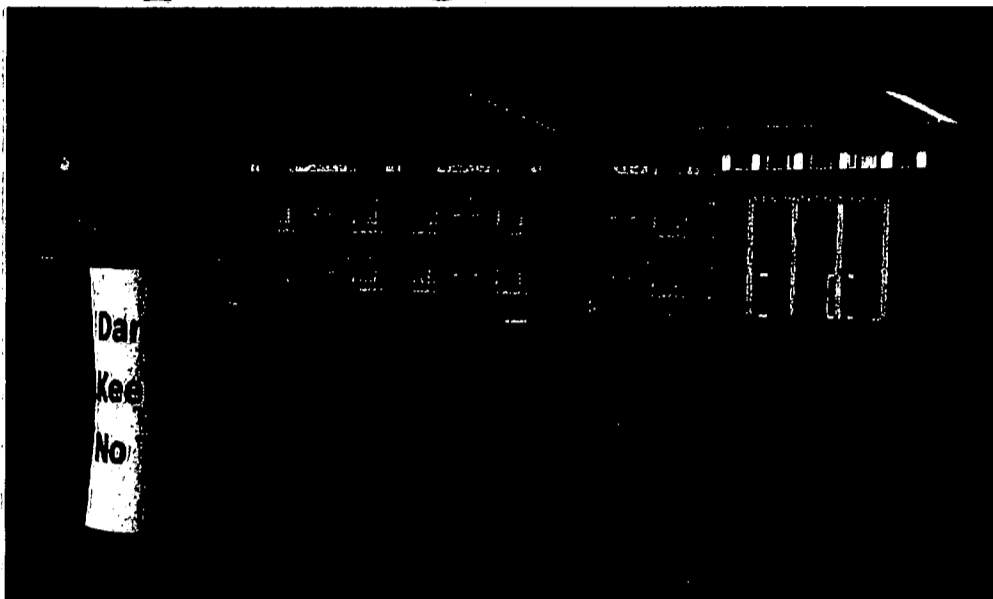


Photo by Jessica Price

Signs have been posted around the lake warning students and visitors of the dangers of walking on the ice. Anyone caught on the ice could be given either a citation or made to appear before the Judicial Board.

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Some students and college visitors went where few have likely gone before last week—walking across the ice-covered college lake.

Campus police have since posted signs around the lake forbidding people from walking across it once the water has frozen over. And, students caught doing so will face criminal charges.

"The officers have the option of issuing a citation for trespassing, which

is a Class 1 misdemeanor or they can choose to bring it before the judicial board," said Campus Police Chief Steve McCoy. "That will be [at the officer's discretion]."

McCoy said that once issued a ticket, students would be required to appear before the Wise County Municipal Court and could face a maximum punishment of one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

McCoy said the danger of walking on the ice was falling through and possibly suffering from hypothermia.

"If it's nighttime, the water is

murky, and [if you fell] through and couldn't find the opening, hypothermia would set in and...you [could] get disoriented."

He said the lake's temperatures might range from 28 to 37 degrees.

"I just don't think a lot of students realize the depth [of the lake] is more than just waist depth," McCoy said.

He said that in some areas the lake is as much as 10 to 12 feet deep.

McCoy, who also serves as the director of public safety, said it was his job to make sure students on campus

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Cutting Costs

College plans to handle state budget cuts with minimal impact to students

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Budget cuts passed down from the state since the fall have forced UVa-Wise officials to reduce expenses in ways that will have the least impact upon the student body.

According to Sim Ewing, vice chancellor for finance and government relations, the college has lost about \$1.7 million so far in budget cuts in the fiscal years of 2008 and 2009.

He said he expects an additional cut of 10 percent, and that by the end of the next fiscal year, nearly \$3.25 million will have been cut from the college's budget.

To put that in perspective, he said that \$3.25 million is roughly the amount necessary to pay 45 professors. UVa-Wise currently employs about 90. However, the college does not plan to lay anyone off.

"We are trying to not eliminate people that are currently employed," he said. "But any position that is vacant and frozen still counts as a layoff to the state. So far we have 10 or 11 such positions."

To cut costs, the college has instead implemented a hiring freeze and will employ people as needed.

Department budgets that pay for things like pencils and chalk have been reduced. Nonessential travel funding has been frozen, and Ewing said that UVa-Wise is watching its cash flow.

Also, the college is trying to prepay for some items next year in preparation for more budget cuts in the fiscal year of 2010.

"There is no way that we all won't be affected [by the state cuts]," Ewing said. "We're trying to pick things that will create the fewest waves."

He said students could help minimize the college's financial strain by working with their advisors to ensure that they are taking the classes they need. Students also should turn off lights and electronics and water when

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Departments on campus cut back

Across campus, departments are finding ways to scale back their expenditures.

The Department of Development and College Relations, which among other things generates support for the college's "Fulfilling the Dream" campaign, has three positions that will not be filled—one of which was a part-time job.

"The duties and responsibilities associated with these positions [are being covered] by other employees," Tami Ely, vice chancellor for development and college relations, wrote in an e-mail.

Director of Development Valerie Lawson wrote in an e-mail that work-study students will also help out with clerical tasks in the office.

The department has also taken other steps to cut costs, including reducing printing funds, eliminating funds for staff training and professional development and assessing employee responsibilities to make sure resources are effectively used.

"We are closely scrutinizing all of our donor cultivation," Ely said.

Lawson said the department is trying to determine which events they attend will provide the best outcome for the efforts and funds invested.

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Weather woes

Winter weather raises questions about campus day care facility

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It's just snowed. Or cold temperatures have left patches of ice dotting the county's roads.

Public school delays and closings flash across the bottom of television screens.

And, as a result, children, far shorter and smaller than your typical college student, appear in the college's hallways. In your classrooms.

The picture is probably quite familiar to anyone who has spent at least one winter on this campus. Many par-

ents—whether they be students, faculty or staff—have few options but to bring their kids with them to campus.

Many of the college's faculty say they understand.

Jessica Williams, an instructor of Spanish, said that seeing students, who are parents themselves, bring their children to her classes is a common occurrence.

"I always have somebody with kids," Williams said. "I've had a variety of parents have to bring their children in when there [are] snow days and that's fine... it doesn't distract me, but it might be distracting for the

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Student groups host Super Bowl Party

From Staff Reports

You might not be able to make it to Tampa, Fl. for this weekend's Super Bowl matchup between the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers, but fear not, football fans.

The college's Student Activities Board, Baptist Collegiate Ministries and Wesley Fellowship are joining together to bring the Super Bowl to you.

The three campus groups will sponsor a "Super Bowl Party" starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday in the Slomp Student Center atrium. The event will end at the conclusion of the game.

In addition to the game on a big screen, free food and door prizes during the game's famous commercial breaks. Former Green Bay Packers star Carroll Dale, the assistant vice chancellor for athletic development at the college, will be on hand to speak prior to the game. Dale was a member of the Packers' Super Bowl I and II winning teams.

"I'm excited about the game and the event and hope students will come out and enjoy the fun," said Josh Justice, the college's assistant director for student activities and Greek life.

Kickoff is set for 6:28 p.m.

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IN A NAIL-BITING GAME WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THE CAVS BASKETBALL TEAM TRIUMPHED OVER MILLIGAN COLLEGE IN OVERTIME. READ THE STORY ON PAGE 6.



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SPORTS

SAB to host ice-skating rink on campus Monday

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The Student Activities Board (SAB) will host an ice-skating rink on Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Betty J. Gilliam Sculpture Garden located between Zehmer Hall and the Science Center.

The event, presented by Spintacular Entertainment, is expected to draw a big crowd.

"We've had a lot of people asking about it," said Chris Davis, associate director of the Slomp Student Center. "When we booked it, it was the hottest thing going. Spintacular had it booked from early January to mid-February and even had some Saturdays booked."

Davis said the company will provide ice skates, a snow-making machine and the ice rink.

Those expecting a ice-skating rink with real ice may be disappointed.

"It's not true ice," Davis said. "They heat up silicon inside a base that makes it harden and feel just like ice."

Sophomore Joel Sprinkle said he is preparing just the same.

"This will be a great opportunity for me to continue my training for the next Winter Olympics figure-skating event," Sprinkle wrote in a Facebook message.

"I don't ice-skate," said senior Darrell-Dingus Ely. "But I hope the weather cooperates for those that do."

SAB hopes to attract student interest with the on campus event.

"One reason we put it in the sculpture garden is to be closer to commuter students," Davis said. "By having more events in the Jefferson Lounge and sculpture garden, we hit another population of students that might not get to the student center."

Just 12 skaters can be on the rink at one time.

The rink, 30 feet by 40 feet, is made of several pieces that workers assemble in about two hours.

The event will cost SAB around \$2,400.

"It's a great deal for as long as we get it," Davis said. "It's always nice to let students know how their money is being spent."

House of Wax



Photo by Jessica Price

A Spintacular staff member helps Amarle Kvammen dye her wax hand on Wednesday during the Wax Hands Hump Day event. SAB sponsored the event, in which students were able to make wax replicas of their hands.

Lake

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"I have to provide as safe of an environment as I can," he said. "Being young, sometimes you don't foresee a lot of danger."

Campus police said they first became aware of the trespassers after seeing footprints on the ice.

McCoy said he expected students to help in telling others that walking on the lake was dangerous.

"I can't stress enough what a danger it is," he said. "We need [students'] cooperation trying to get the word out that [the lake] is a hazard and [people] need to stay off of it."

"It's not that we're out to be harsh on [students], we're just trying to provide a safe environment."

Budget

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leaving their dorm or a classroom, because utilities are a "big chunk of [the college's] costs."

"If everyone maximizes personal efficiency, we can maximize institute efficiency," he said.

Ewing said he expects that this economic downturn will bring people together.

"We are all in the boat together," he said. "The number of layoffs [across the country] are staggering — everyone knows someone who has been laid off. There is financial uncertainty across many fronts, and there is great potential for us to work together."

Cuts

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"When we go to visit donors in a specific area, we will see as many as humanly possible so that we don't have to make multiple trips to the same area," she said. "In addition, we want to ensure our donors that we will steward their gifts appropriately and let them know that their support is even more critical during this downturn in the economy."

Ely said that their department will make every effort to avoid a reduction in services to students, alumni, and friends of the college.

Child

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parent who's sitting there trying to learn."

And, it's not an issue that's confined to just students and their children. Many of the college's faculty and staff have children as well.

David Volk, an assistant professor of music, said the question of who is going to care for your children while away at school or work has few answers in a small town setting.

"[The question is] What are you going to be able to do with your children and the reality is, a rural, isolated area there are fewer options here than there would be other places," Volk said.

Discussions of an on-campus child care facility have taken place in the past. But they've never really made it beyond the discussion stage.

Sim Ewing, the college's vice chancellor for finance and government relations, said the college has looked at the prospect of establishing a day care facility more than once

before. The hurdles the project creates, however, have made the reality of a campus day care center look rather bleak, he said.

"The issue that's there is for us to operate a day care it's a highly regulated issue," he said. "It requires specifically an outfitted and designed space with specific square foot pad, requirements which differ on the age of the child, staffing levels have to be with certified staff and the staffing numbers differ based on the age of the children involved."

Rachel Tighe, associate professor of communication and the chair of the Department of Communication Studies, said that since the college continues to attract non-traditional students with greater frequency, the institution needs to think more about how to help students with children reach their educational expectations.

"More and more we are going to start to draw older students... and we do have to consider what's going to help students best reach their goals," Tighe said. "And if having

a day care is one of those things it's definitely worth exploring."

Williams agreed that the lack of a day care program could deter future students from pursuing a college career.

"I think that actually it might keep students from coming here or from actually choosing [to attend college altogether], like single mothers or people who have families," she said. "Maybe someone had a child in the midst of their college career. Maybe they're not going to be as motivated to come back and finish if they don't have child care options."

Volk said that if anything, he is happy to see that the lines of communication on the subject have been opened.

"...It's the first time that I've really heard the conversation taken seriously in the four years that I've been here," he said. "I'm encouraged that at least we are having this conversation."

News Briefs

SGA increases funding for Jam4Man

The Student Government Association approved a \$3,000 funding increase for this semester's annual Jam4Man concert at the group's Jan. 16 meeting.

SGA will provide \$13,000 for the 2009 Jam4Man concert, president Travis Brannon wrote in an e-mail.

"We are hoping to raise between \$7,000 and \$10,000...through sponsorships and donations," he said.

This could bring the event's total budget to \$20,000.

Brannon also proposed that Jam4Man be changed into a one-day event, instead of the traditional two-day schedule.

Single-day intramural events provide venue for students not on intramural teams

The UVA-Wise student activities calendar is packed with events and activities for the Spring 2009 semester.

Among these are single day intramural tournaments that will last for a few hours around lunch time or for a short time in the evenings. These events range from billiards

and chess to racquetball and wallyball and even to video game and paper football tournaments.

Chris Davis, assistant director of the Slomp Student Center, said that all students have to do to participate in these tournaments is be there at the designated time.

There are no captain's meetings; students just show up ready to play.

Police share winter driving tips

The "What to Know from the PO-PO" series on winter driving tips couldn't have been held at a better time of the year due to the number of accidents on the UVA-Wise campus that have been caused by the recent inclement weather.

Officer Beau Boggs gave the talk Monday, Jan. 15 in the McCrary Parking Lot.

Boggs handed out fliers with driving tips. The fliers gave advice on starting up cars in cold weather and winter car maintenance, as well as information on dangerous road conditions and what to do if your car breaks down.

Boggs said that the event was something the police did to share safety suggestions and offer real-life experience dealing with weather-related situations.

Campus Bulletin

STAND

You can help prevent another Holocaust, another Rwanda, another Cambodia.

STAND, a student anti-genocide coalition, will be having an interest meeting Monday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. in the pool room in McCrary.

Come learn about how students can help make changes in Darfur and Congo today.

Contact Lauren Cary (lnc2e@uvawise.edu) for more information.

Join us and take a STAND against genocide

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club is beginning to plan events for Earth Day and Earth Week this April.

If you have any ideas and are interested in helping, contact club president Geneva Bailey at gmb9h@uvawise.edu

Get your green on.

OPINION

Letter to the Editor...

Response to "Outrage in the Bookstore"

By Chad Gentry

I read the article in the Highland Cavalier ("Outrage in the Bookstore" by Mariah Redden, Jan. 23 issue), and as the guy who runs the campus bookstore, I wanted to respond to a few of the points made.

First, I want to say that I completely understand the concern over textbook prices and I know that each and every student faces the same frustration when they see the prices of the textbooks. I felt the exact same way when I was a student and it wasn't until I started working on the other side of the register that I began to see some of the challenges faced by the bookstore.

I want everyone to know that we try to give you all the most accurate information possible when we put the textbooks on the shelf.

Textbooks are priced high enough as it is without giving students the perception that we are trying to charge them even more at the register. That is not an image we want.

I'm sorry that certain textbooks ring up higher at the register, but this does happen from time to time. When we initially order textbooks, we are quoted a price. We base our retail price on this quoted price and print the tags based on this price as well. Sometimes when we have to re-order the book, the price will be different (almost always higher) and the price is changed in the system.

However, in the madness of the first couple of weeks of classes it's difficult to change a tag every time a price increases. I'm sure you all have seen how crazy it can be in here at times. That's why we post the signs. It's not the ideal solution, but that's what happens.

As for the prices themselves, I can assure you that we are not making a killing on the textbooks. The textbooks are the lowest margin items in the store. I know that may be hard to believe, but it's true. It was mentioned that some of the information on the Web site was looked at and questioned, but the bookstore is not the one making all the money on textbooks. If someone paid \$113 for a book, you can trust me that most of that is going right back to the publisher.

Additionally, we do not pass the cost of shipping for the books on to the students. This comes out of the margin along with the staff's wages and all other operating expenses.

I also wanted to point out a few things about the Web sites mentioned. When you buy your books from a Web site like amazon.com or half.com, you can be buying from either a company or an individual. If you buy from a company, their buying power should be taken into account.

At our size we can't buy in large volume, so we don't get big discounts for buying in bulk. It's the same thing we face if we're trying to compete with someone like Wal-Mart. We may buy three cases of pens from Bic or Pentel, but Wal-Mart may buy 30,000 or more. They get a better price because of their selling power. Trust me, it's very frustrating to see a book selling on Amazon for a cheaper price than we pay can buy it directly from the publisher. But, it happens all the time.

As for the half.com-type sites where you often buy from an individual, we simply can't compete with that. It's often another student just trying to sell the book to recoup some of the money they originally spent on it. These

private sellers are not trying to make a profit or run a business. It's really no different than a student trying to sell a calculus book right outside of the class.

You know they paid more for the book than what they are asking, but they just want to get something for it.

I also wanted to make reference to something mentioned about "With all of the fees we pay in tuition shouldn't the bookstore be receiving enough money to survive?" The bookstore doesn't actually receive any funds from fees or tuition. The only funds we use are those generated from the items we sell in the store. That's it. So while I know tuition and fees continue to rise, the bookstore doesn't see a dime of it.

I know this probably doesn't make you all feel any better as students about the prices, but selling books at a cheaper price just isn't an option. I think if you all looked at other college bookstores you would see that we are very comparable. I can also tell you from talking with many bookstore operators that they face the same issues we do.

In closing, I want you to know that I'm always available to answer any questions you all may have regarding anything here in the bookstore.

I'm constantly looking to find ways to bring down the cost of books and I can tell you all that when I arrived here three and a half years ago around 75 to 80 percent of the books we carried were new textbooks. This was the way the previous director chose to do business.

Since taking over the store, we have reduced that to about 50/50 in new vs. used. We actually saw a drop in sales and we were

very proud of that. Not too many businesses take pride in reducing its overall sales, but our main goal is to be here for the students and used books provide a better deal.

In fact, one area that we are looking into is the potential of a textbook rental program. I'm just now contacting other campus bookstores that use these types of programs to see if it is an option for us, but it would be another possible way to lower the cost for our students.

Additionally, we've worked to make the clothing section more appealing and carry a larger variety of products to make students' lives easier here on campus. We also try to make donations to various student organizations where we can show support for their causes.

If you get nothing else from this letter, I hope you know that we are not just sitting back counting money and laughing at the students. Each of the individuals who work in the bookstore are here because we want to make a difference in the student's lives.

I know the books are expensive and that can cause hard feelings and frustration, but I promise that at our core we are constantly working to make your experience here at UVA-Wise better. Now if we can just figure out how to get the buying power of Wal-Mart, I think we'll have it.

Sorry I went on for so long, but I take a lot of pride in what we do here in the store and I don't want any of our students to ever feel like they are being taken advantage of.

Again, I'm always available for questions.

Gentry is the Director of Bookstore Operations.

Why We Must Oppose FOCA

"The first thing I'd do as President is sign the Freedom of Choice Act. That's the first thing I'd do."

Those were the words of President Barack Obama, in a speech before the Planned Parenthood political action committee.

It's no secret that Obama is the most pro-abortion politician in the Democratic Party, and perhaps even in politics today.



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As a member of the Illinois Senate, Obama blocked laws that would have banned partial birth abortion, and voted not once, but four times (once in 2001, twice in 2002 and once in 2003) against a measure that would have protected infants that survived botched late-term abortions from being left to die.

As a U.S. Senator, he has consistently opposed the federal ban on partial birth abortion. This is despite the fact that Congress has consistently upheld the measure almost unanimously, and that it has been upheld by the Supreme Court (Gonzales v. Carhart).

And now, the president says he will sign the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) into law practically on his first day in office.

Let's take a look at what this bill would do should it ever come into law.

FOCA would do away with all bans on partial birth abortion nationwide, at both the state and the federal level. These bans have enjoyed wide support from the American public, with a 2003 Rasmussen Report poll suggesting that upwards of 70 percent of Americans supported a ban on the procedure.

FOCA will do away with every reasonable re-

striction on abortion at the state level, including parental notification and consent laws, informed consent laws (which demand that women be given information on the risks of having abortions), and laws requiring only licensed physicians to perform abortions.

FOCA will do away with all "conscience laws." These are laws put in place to protect doctors and other health practitioners who object and refuse to perform abortions from being sued. Such a suit can damage doctors' careers by driving up malpractice insurance costs and forcing them to pay massive legal fees and damages. Besides, these laws protect the right of doctors to act on their conscience and not be forced to act in ways that they morally reprobating.

Most grievously, FOCA will make the ability to get abortions a fundamental right. The damage this will do is immense. Not only will doctors and health practitioners who object to abortions be forced to perform them or face potential lawsuits, but religious hospitals and health clinics will also be forced to perform abortions.

Already, United States Catholic bishops have threatened to close all Catholic hospitals in the U.S. rather than have them be forced to perform abortions. These hospitals represent 30 percent of all hospitals in the country and offer some of the best care of hospitals. The loss of these hospitals would be an immense blow to those seeking quality health care. Additionally, taxpayers will be forced to foot the bill for something they may find morally objectionable.

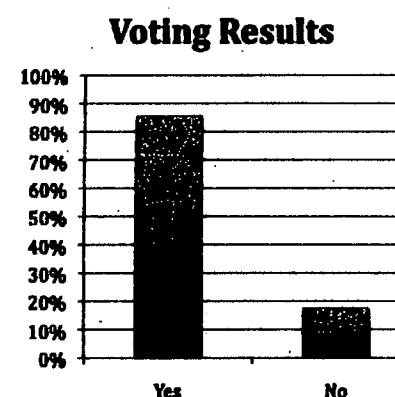
I'm sorry, but I think that creating a nonexistent "right" to kill an unborn child is not worth trampling on the rights of others.

We must oppose this law vigorously. We must write to our congressional representatives and urge them to vote against this abomination. We must write to President Obama and urge him to repudiate it.

It's time to stand up for life.

Poll of the Week

Do you think the college should put security cameras in ALL of the buildings on campus, including dorms?



Comments:

Brittany Collins: In this day and age, I think it's almost a necessity to have security cameras in all buildings. Personally, I would feel safer knowing that there would be a security camera in my dorm building if I lived on campus.

Eli Christman: I went to CVC/UVA-Wise before they even had card swipes on classroom doors. People had the run of the campus then, and still probably do now. The basement door of McCrary is always left open. I did not have anything to hide then and I still don't now... film away.

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 mjj4z@uvawise.edu, and a link to the poll will be sent to you. Also, if there are questions you would like to see posed, feel free to e-mail them to mjj4z@uvawise.edu.

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Campus Calendar

- Saturday, Jan. 31**
DM 1st Annual UVA-Wise Clarinet Day, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 1**
BCM, SAB, Wesley Foundation Super Bowl Party, SSC atrium, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 2**
OREC & SAB Ice Skating Rink, Gilliam Sculpture Garden, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- BCM Prayer Meeting, Chapel, 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 3**
Bookstore Textbook Buybacks, SSC atrium
- SAB Weekly Meeting, Honor Court Room, 6 p.m.
- WF Weekly Dinner, Wesley, 6 p.m.
- INT Racquetball Singles Tour, SSC, 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 4**
Graduation Applications Due for next term
- Bookstore Textbook Buybacks, SSC atrium
- INT Paper Football tournament, SSC Game Room, 1 & 6 p.m.
- BCM Weekly Supper, Baptist Student Center, 5 p.m.
- SAB Film Series, "Quantum of Solace" SSC 5th floor, 8 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 6**
SGA Weekly Meeting, SSC Rhododendron Room, 1 p.m.
- SAB Film Series, "Quantum of Solace," SSC 5th floor, 9 p.m.

He Said, She Said

Should a guy be allowed to ignore his girlfriend during the Super Bowl?



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Absolutely. Wholeheartedly, yes. Unequivocally, yes.

As a matter of fact, I'll take it one step further—a man should be able to ignore his girlfriend during all of Super Bowl Sunday if he so chooses. (Though I would not necessarily recommend it.)

Let's look at the Super Bowl from a man's perspective, shall we?

The Super Bowl is the single biggest event of the year in America. The biggest game of the year in the most popular American sport.

Super Bowl Sunday is the one day of the year when every other television defers to the power of "The Bowl." Church services are cancelled. Businesses are shut down. Busy cities are turned into desolate ghost towns.

If a man watches games the entire season, this is the culmination of all his dedication and hard work. Most likely, he spent countless hours checking stats and injury reports for his fantasy team. He spent yet more hours checking kick-off times and local listings to make sure he saw all the games he wanted, nay, needed to see.

And what is his reward? The Super Bowl.

The game that has time and time again turned mere mortals into gods. It's created lasting memories that to this day make some men weep in despair and

others stand tall with pride. Nameth's guarantee. El-way's first down. Vinatieri's game winner and Tyree's catch are but a few.

We would be lesser men had we not witnessed or, at least heard of these courageous feats.

That's why we must ignore you.

All of our attention must be focused on these lords of the gridiron because our maturation as men depends on it.

When a man watches great moments and reflects on them later, he slowly becomes someone else. He is able to recall the astonishing acts of bravery he has witnessed and use them as teaching tools of how to be a real man in his day-to-day life.

Got a report due in three days?

Ask yourself what Broadway Joe would do.

"I guarantee I'll have it done in one and a half days, sir."

Feel too nervous to give that big presentation?

Think about how Automatic Adam would handle the dilemma.

Step up to the pedestal with every eye on you, and bring home the win.

If we somehow miss the greatest touchdown, defensive stance, interception or pass, in the history of the Super Bowl, our growth would be stunted. We would be but a mere shadow of the men we could be.

So, why must I ignore you, sweetheart?

For you. I do it all for you. If I am to be a good and model man, I have no choice but to ignore your every word, thought and care, for fear I might miss the one moment that would forever change my outlook on life and transform me into the man you truly deserve.



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She says that no, guys, you should not be allowed to zone out from your significant others during the Super Bowl.

Football.

The sport has broken many relationships in years past, and probably will break many more in the years to come. Whether it's college or professional, men are (generally) drawn to the game.

But, that doesn't give them a reason to zone out and potentially ignore their girlfriend/fiancee/wife/significant other during the game.

And that stands for the holy grail of football games, too: the Super Bowl.

Thanks to previous wins in championship games, the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers will be headed to Tampa to play in the 43rd Super Bowl.

Men everywhere (and women, too) are preparing themselves for this momentous night.

However, men have the tendency to focus with a one-track mind, and if football is on, their significant other doesn't matter.

This should never be the case.

Gentlemen, for your sake and for your relationship's sake, pay attention to your significant other, even if the Super Bowl is on.

Believe me, when it's over and you're left with her instead of being a part of the celebration

in Florida, you'll have wished you had paid attention to her if you didn't, and be thankful if you did.

Now, I love football just as much as the next person, but I never ignore my significant other, and he doesn't ignore me either.

One of the reasons I love football so much is because he took the time to explain the game to me when we first started dating.

If you're male and reading this with a skeptical opinion of my observations, look at it this way: Football can be something you can share with your significant other.

Even if she's not a sports fan, the fact that you paid enough attention to her during the biggest game of the NFL season to explain the ins and outs of football will make you a happier man in the long run. She will most likely be extremely appreciative, praising you for your thoughtfulness and patience. That's definitely a better alternative than being in the doghouse for a few weeks.

If you can't fathom the thought of explaining football, at least act like you're paying attention to her.

If she insists on having a conversation during the game, pay attention during commercials and non-key plays.

If it's fourth-and-1 and your team is going for it, try to manage a grunt so it will at least sound like you're paying attention, even if you're not.

In short, yes, it is the most important game of the season, but she could be the woman you (may) spend the rest of your life with. I think paying attention to her for a few hours during the Super Bowl shouldn't be that complicated.

Come on, guys.

Let's go for a touchdown in your relationships—not just a field goal.

The Highland Cavalier is bringing back "He Said, She Said." If you have an issue you think we should discuss, please e-mail us at highlandcavalier@uvawise.edu.

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Cavs

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ing as hard as it could have.

Hood said the Cavs didn't want to stress themselves over a non-conference game.

The next game for the Cavs is tomorrow on the road, against top-seed Bluefield College, and Hood, Sexton and Willis all said that the momentum of Wednesday's game needed to continue.

"The feeling needs to carry over to Bluefield," Sexton said.

"We'll take off tomorrow and rest," Willis said. "But we'll keep playing hard."

Coach Clark said that Bluefield will be a hard team to knock off of the top seed.

But, he said the team has been playing a lot better in the second semester, and should be able to contend with Bluefield.

"[There's] nothing to lose for our guys, and everything to gain," he said. "And I hope our guys go in with that mentality."

Overall, the Cavs have a positive outlook for the rest of the season.

"We've been playing better as a team," Sexton said. "The outlook is good."

"We're at an all time high," Willis said. "Luck is coming on our side."

The Cavs' next game will be on the road tomorrow against Bluefield College at 4 p.m.

Eastwood's acting legacy bruised with "Gran Torino"

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THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

(All released on Jan. 30)

"The Uninvited"
(Dreamworks/SKG)
Cast: Emily Browning, Elizabeth Banks
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Horror/Thriller
Plot: After her mother's death and her subsequent hospital stay, Anna Rydell (Browning) returns home to be with her sister (Krebbel) and her father (Strathairn), who has become engaged to Rachel (Banks), her mother's former nurse. Anna is visited by her mother's ghost, who reveals that the new woman in her father's life is not who she pretends to be, leading to a fateful confrontation between the women of the house. (IMDB.com)

"Taken"
(20th Century Fox)
Cast: Liam Neeson, Famke Janssen
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action/Thriller
Plot: A former spy (Neeson) relies on his old skills to save his daughter, who was kidnapped by slave traders during her vacation in Paris. (IMDB.com)

"New in Town"
(Gold Circle Films)
Cast: Renee Zellweger, Harry Connick Jr.
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Romance/Comedy
Plot: A Miami-based consultant (Zellweger) is shipped out to small-town Minnesota for her newest project: supervising the restructuring of a local manufacturing plant.

Music

(All released on Feb. 3)

The Fray
"Self-Titled"
(Epic)
Genre: Alternative

Von Bondles
"Love, Hate and Then There's You"
(Major Domo)
Genre: Indie/Rock

wood has lost his luster and, apparently, his mind.

Then there is Bee Vang, the young Asian actor who plays Kowalski's reclamation project Thao. This was the first movie he starred in. And, I guess I should give him a break. But I won't.

Vang's inexperience is nothing short of painful to watch. Everything he does comes off as awkward and robotic. Everything comes off as broken, from his delivery to his facial expressions.

There are a couple of bright spots, though, if you take the time to look underneath the blanket of bad performances.

Ahney Her, who plays Thao's older sister Sue, shines on the screen. For all the growing pains Vang showed with his rookie performance, Her came off like a veteran in her silver-screen debut. She came off as smooth and confident and cemented herself a future in Hollywood.

Christopher Carley's portrayal of Father Janovich, the young priest who attempts to be Kowalski's conscience, is nothing short of great. His performance as a young, but determined, priest is something Hollywood should take notice of. He should be considered for more prominent roles in the future.

If the acting put the film on life support, the dialogue pulled the plug.



peacefully.

Someone needs to pat Clint Eastwood on the back, give him his next directing gig and then quietly put his acting career in the grave.

"Gran Torino" should be the last nail in the coffin of an iconic acting career that Clint Eastwood has built.

The story revolves around Walt Kowalski, a bitter Korean War veteran who takes a young Hmong teenager under his tutelage after the young man attempts to steal Kowalski's 1972 Gran Torino as part of a gang initiation.

"This movie should have been great. The story was a comedy or a serious social drama: Kowalski's racially insensitive one-liners, though they fit the character and the lesson of the story, served as a good laugh that soon subsided to a groan and an eye-roll. The fact that Eastwood delivers them in his tough-man growl makes it even more ridiculous to the ears.

With all that is wrong with this movie, you have to appreciate the anti-violence and the racially tolerant message the film promotes. I applaud both Eastwood and the writers of the film, Nick Schenk and Dave Johansson, for creating a film that has a noble message attached without being too preachy or sugarcoating the problem.

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Rapid Reviews

Movies

"Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"

(Screen Gems)

"The first film was significantly better and, therefore, is the place to start for anyone with a modicum of interest. 'Underworld: Rise of the Lycans' is an also-ran that is likely to be appreciated only by completists."

James Berardinelli/ReelViews

"Hotel for Dogs"

(Fox Searchlight Pictures)

"On the upside, the movie could do something really positive for the cause of homeless pets: If audiences respond the way they should, dog shelters could be emptied in a week."

John Anderson/Washington Post

Video Games

"Afro Samurai"

(XBox 360, PS3)

"It isn't the next action classic, but it embraces its subject matter with vigor and delivers equally dynamic combat in spades. You can squeeze a good seven hours of enjoyment out of the experience the first time around, and hidden items and ensuing unlockables may drive you to return."

Kevin VanOrd/GameSpot.com

"Star Ocean: Second Evolution"

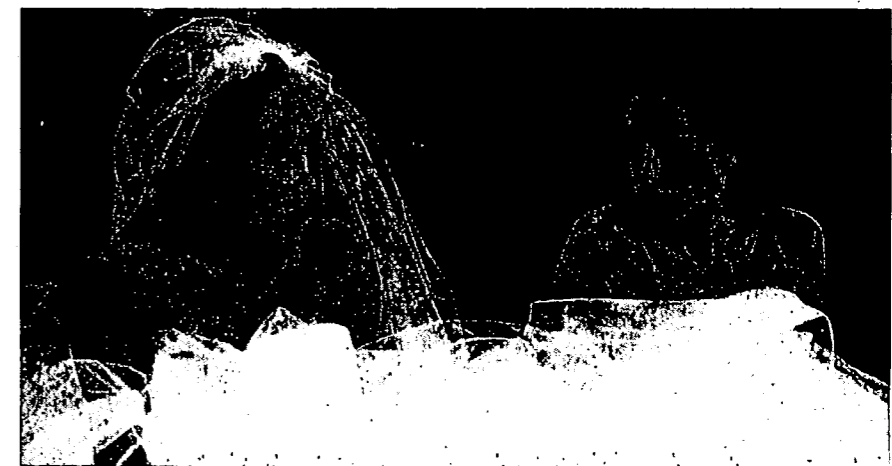
(PSP)

"With strong replayability and a stunning presentation, 'Star Ocean: Second Evolution' is a competent remake that offers a great opportunity for experiencing this PlayStation classic."

Shiva Stella/GameSpot.com

"Bride Wars" good for an afternoon rental

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Chick flicks and I go together like oil and water.

I'm the type of movie-goer who prefers gore to romance and thought provoking plot features to ditzy unappealing ones.

I must have been insane when I recently chose to see a movie that goes against all these elements—"Bride Wars."

Like every other woman, I have my moments and occasionally succumb to the stereotypical chick flick entertainment.

Emma (Anne Hathaway) and Liv (Kate Hudson) have been friends since their youth. And, since that time they have dreamed of having June weddings in the Plaza Hotel.

Seemingly, nothing can tear their friendship apart, that is, until the two friends have an unexpected twist of fate—their dream weddings are mistakenly set on the same date by their wedding planner.

As the movie's plot unfolds, the women's friendship is tested.

The aspect of having their weddings in the Plaza on the exact same day as each other is a definite souring point in the women's friendship, making the two women turn into vicious enemies.

I'm a fan of Hathaway and like her past acting roles. The fact that she can play such diverse roles is what makes her an excellent actress.

The concept behind "Bride Wars"—that true friends stay friends no matter what challenges life creates—is an aspect of the movie that I actually liked.

However, I was disappointed that there wasn't more of a "war" between the two women. Emma dying Liv's hair blue and Liv sabotaging Emma's tanning session resulting in an outrageously orange tan are just a few of the things considered to be "warlike."

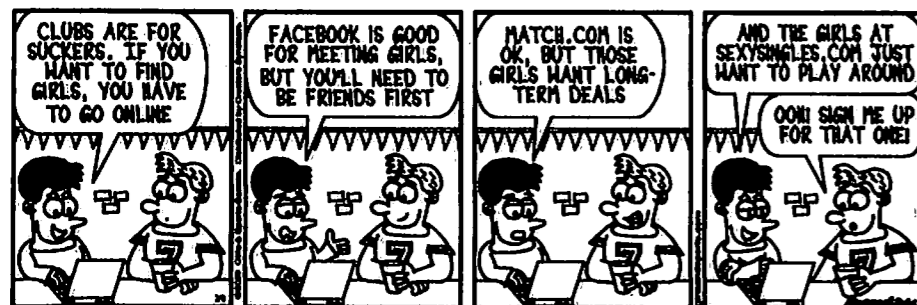
While the first half of the movie is full of humor, the latter half is the complete opposite.

It focuses more seriously on the actions of the two women. Gone is the humor. It's replaced by the dire reality of what the two women have done to one another and the relationships that have with each other and their significant others.

Sadly, I'd have to say that I'd have to rate "Bride Wars" as a lazy Saturday, I-don't-want-to-get-up-and-change-the-channel type movie.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



Cavs men's basketball team gets conference win over Milligan College

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In what was undoubtedly the most intense game of the season, the Cavalier men's basketball team pulled off an 85-81 overtime win over Milligan College.

Milligan gained an early lead with a quick basket only seconds into the game, but the Cavs came back strong in the second half.

Sophomores Adam Hood and Travis Willis were both driving forces in the second half. Hood scored 14 points, while Willis added 12.

When the game was forced into overtime after a Milligan three-pointer, senior Bryan Sexton gave the Cavs the lead, making two free throws.

Junior Pance Kecev gave the Cavs an 84-81 lead with two free throws.

Junior Aaron Meacham also added a free throw, to end the game.

The Cavs were excited about the conference win over Milligan, and are confident that their success will continue for the rest of the season.

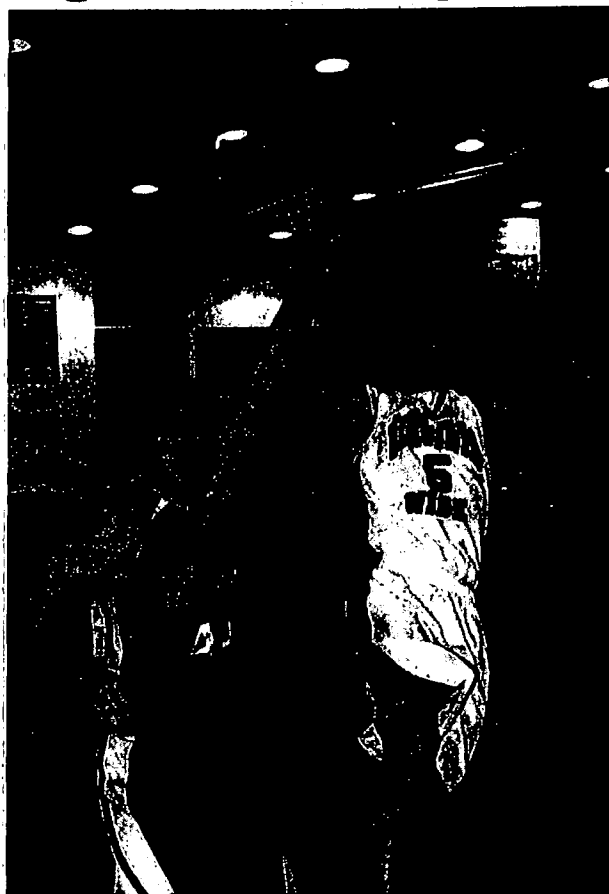
The team is preparing for the tournament, which the players all said is the most important thing.

"The tournament is key," Sexton said.

Hood, who said he was fueled by head coach Lee Clark's halftime chewing-out that got "under his skin," said the team is focused on winning conference games.

He also said that the 73-46 loss to Lincoln Memorial on Jan. 26, was a result of the team not play-

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Photos by Whitney Bentley

Top: Freshman Patrick Fisher goes up for a layup over Milligan center Marshall Hardy during the Cavs' 85-81 win on Jan. 28. It was the Cavs' fifth win of the season.

Left: Junior Travis Brannon gets fouled under the basket during the team's win over Milligan.

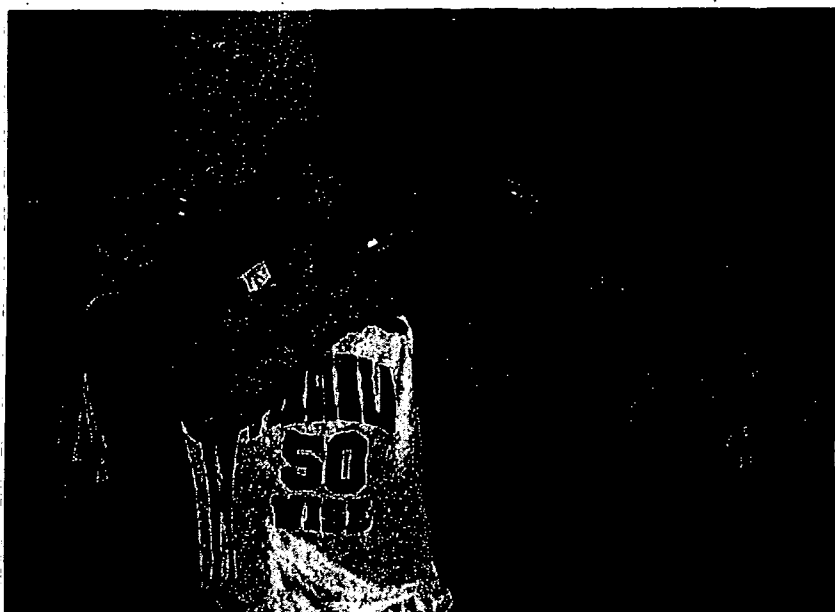


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Freshman MaShonna Hughes shoots during the Jan. 28 game against Milligan College. The Lady Cavs lost the game 77-81.

Winter break woes continue for women's basketball

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Despite a win over Montreat on Dec. 6, the Lady Cavs basketball team seems to have fallen into a slump over winter break.

The team has lost nine straight games since break began in December, including Wednesday night in a 77-61 home loss against second ranked Milligan College.

In the game against Milligan, freshman Kristin Mullins led the Lady Cavs with 18 points, three assists and four rebounds.

Free throws were a problem during the game, with the Lady Cavs making only nine out of the 16.

The team only had 13 turnovers, compared to Milligan's 21.

Going into the second half, Milligan led with a 21 point advantage, and never gave the lead up.

Basketball fans may wonder what could possibly be plaguing the team

with such bad luck.

Head coach Rachel Clay-Keohane said that though she doesn't want to use it as a "crutch," she can't help but blame injuries for a lot of the team's problems.

Three players were injured over break and it is unknown when they will return to play full-time.

"We've had a rough go," Clay-Keohane said. "With a lot of injuries we have to get used to a different group each time."

Another problem facing the Lady Cavs is a lack of consistency. The team is not playing well on a regular basis, but this is in part because of injuries displacing certain players.

The problem does not seem to be affecting the whole team though.

Clay-Keohane said that one player who has continued to become more and more consistent is Mullins.

Although the Lady Cavs have hit a losing streak, Clay-Keohane said she can see some improvements.

"Alexa [Orr] has been playing bet-

ter," Clay-Keohane said. "And could grow into a role to make us stronger."

Beyond injuries and consistency, the young team is still getting used to each other.

While the players are very athletic, they still have to learn to play together as a team, Clay-Keohane said.

The Lady Cavs plan for the future includes weight training to improve players' physical strength. This may not remedy the current situation, but it will be more effective later on.

A more immediate solution is getting the team healthy and back in the game to help with the lack of consistency.

"The future is bright, but it's anybody's guess when it will arrive," Clay-Keohane said.

The next game for the Lady Cavs is on the road tonight at 6 p.m. against Kentucky Christian University.

The Lady Cavs have yet to play against Kentucky Christian this season.

Quick Hits



Hood earns AAC Player of the Week honors

Sophomore Adam Hood was awarded the Appalachian Athletic Conference men's basketball Player of the Week award on Jan. 26.

Hood has averaged 28.5 points, with a career-high of 32 points last Saturday, Jan. 24 against Union College. He made nine of

18 attempts, five of eight triples, and nine of 13 free throws. Hood also added nine rebounds and four assists.

In the Jan. 21 game against Bryan College, Hood made seven of his 16 attempts, two three-pointers and had three assists.

He is also leading the Cavs in point average (15.4-point average) and assists (72).

Lovett & Hippeard Picked for NAIA Football All-American

Junior Jason Lovett and senior Randy Hippeard have been selected to be apart of the 2008 Victory Sports Network/College Fanz NAIA Football All-American teams.

Lovett, a wide receiver, made the second team and Hippeard, the Cavs' starting quarterback for the 2008 season, was an honorable mention selection.

This season, Lovett caught 42 passes for 799 yards and scored a school record of 17 touchdowns over eight games. He averaged 99.9 yards per game and 19.0 yards per reception.

Hippeard finished the season holding every passing record. Overall, he passed for 3,637 yards, successfully completed 217 of 354 attempts, and threw 38 touchdowns. He was intercepted just nine times. He averaged 330.6 passing yards and 339.9 yards of total offense per game.

Lady Cavs Softball team picked second in preseason coaches poll

Appalachian Athletic Conference coaches have picked the Lady Cavs softball team to finish second in the annual preseason coaches poll.

The Cavs were only behind Milligan College, which received four first place votes and 66 overall points.

UVA-Wise was given three first place votes and 65 overall points.

Union College, Tennessee Wesleyan, King College, Covenant College, Virginia Intermont, Montreat and Bluefield College finish out the poll.

Last season, the Lady Cavs finished 29-19.

The team failed to finish first in the AAC last season for the first time in five years.

The team claimed four straight AAC regular season titles from 2004-07 and five of the last seven championships.

The Lady Cavs start their season at home on Feb. 13 against Lees McRae College starting at 5 p.m.