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Fall class registration to begin in February

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Students who usually wait until the last minute to register for classes will find that the "last minute" comes considerably earlier this semester.

Registration for the summer and fall classes will begin in the next two weeks, and will be closed after March 26 as the college switches to a new student information system.

Summer class registration begins on Wednesday and registration for the fall begins

on Feb. 23.

Courses have been posted for the summer classes, and listings for the fall semester will be online soon, said college registrar Shelia Cox-Combs.

Students have to register before the college changes from the COCO system to the new Jenzabar system because "we want our students to have as much normalcy as possible," she said.

"Register as early as you can and [make sure your registration is completed] as early as you can," she said. "We can't do anything in the system after March 26."

Once the system closes in March, everything will be temporarily shut down, including transcript requests and degree audit requests. These functions will not be available until mid-April, when the Jenzabar system is up and running.

Elizabeth Steele, Coordinator of Advising, Relations and Assessment, said that it's best for students to just go ahead and register, otherwise they'll have to wait to do so until it's nearly finals week.

She said she encourages students to work

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Important Dates:

Feb. 18: Summer 2009
Registration begins

Feb. 23: Fall 2009 Reg-
istration begins

Webb to visit campus Monday

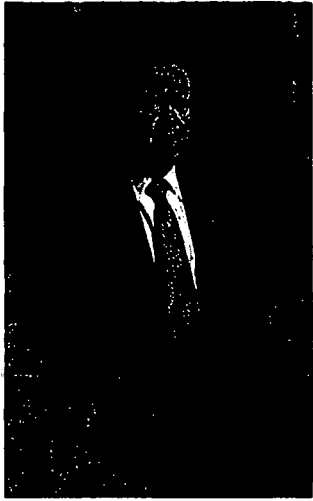


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From Staff Reports

U.S. Senator James "Jim" Webb will visit the campus on Feb. 16 for a lunch with senior staff, a tour of the college and a town hall meeting with students, faculty and staff.

The town hall meeting is scheduled to be held in the Chapel of All Faiths at 3:30 p.m.

The town hall meeting is expected to last one hour and all faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Provost Gil Blackburn said Webb was really interested in speak-

ing with students on campus.

He said he encouraged students who had previously served in the military to make a point to come out and ask questions of Webb's extensive military record.

According to his Web site, Webb graduated from the Naval Academy in 1969.

He was awarded the Navy Cross, the Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Star Medals and two Purple Hearts during time served in Vietnam with the Fifth Marine Regiment.

In 1984, Webb served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and then Secretary of the Navy in 1987 under President Ronald Reagan.

Blackburn said the visit was a chance for Webb to become better acquainted with Southwest Virginia and its residents—a place he represents in Washington.

Webb, a Democrat, beat out Republican incumbent George Allen in 2006 for the Senate seat. He was named one of the 75 most influential people of the 21st Century by Esquire Magazine in 2008.

He currently serves on the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs and the Joint Economic Committee.

Snow Bound

Excessive snowfall causes school delays and cancellations



Photo by Allie Robinson

For those of us who didn't get a white Christmas, mother nature caught up when snowfall blanketed the region much of last week, delaying and cancelling classes. Students got out of class early on Monday and Tuesday and classes were completely cancelled on Wednesday. Thursday saw a 90 minute delay. There were reports of over five inches falling throughout the week.

College plans events for Black History Month

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UVA-Wise will host musical performances, faculty lectures and a "soul food" meal as part of its month-long celebration of Black History Month.

All events are being held on campus and are free and open to the public.

"It's a learning experience for everyone," said De-

velopment. Administration Assistant Sandra Jones, the event's coordinator. "Young people might not be too interested but we need to be aware of all things."

The month's events began earlier this week with a "Soul Food Luncheon" on Wednesday.

Following the lunch Gretchen Martin, an assistant professor of English, presented a lecture, "Signifyin(g) Frankenstein: Fear and Mon-

strosity in Richard Wright's 'Native Son'."

Events continue on Monday when actor Mike Wiley will perform his one-person play "Tired Souls: The Rosa Parks Story" at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room at the Slemm Student Center. Wiley, who has worked for more than 10 years in theatre for young adults, will make his fourth

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Deadline approaches for Financial Aid consideration

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Financial aid priority dates for the 2009-2010 academic year have been set for April 1 for need and merit based aid.

The Office of Financial Aid is encouraging students to get their required information in as soon as early as Mar. 1, since the Department of Education only provides a limited number of paper applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

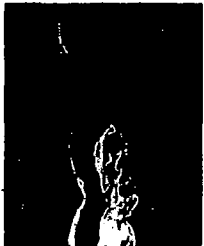
In an e-mail sent to students, Bill Wen-

dle, Director of Financial Aid adviser wrote that students would have to request a paper FAFSA directly from the Department of Education.

Wendle also said that students looking to apply for or renew a college academic scholarship need to submit a General Scholarship application form to the Office of Financial Aid by April 1. Applications can be downloaded from the college's Web site.

For additional information contact the Office of Financial Aid at (276)328-0139 or by e-mail at finaid@uvawise.edu.

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"Last Comic Standing" finalist performs on campus

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On Monday Feb. 9, Comedian Adam Hunter presented his stand-up show to students on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center. Hunter, a veteran of shows such as "Last Comic Standing" and Showtime's "White Boyz in Da Hood," put on a performance that was brash, deep and, most importantly, hilarious.

Although the crowd was small, many students began to filter into the room once the show started. Hunter's material was an attack on everything from relationships to Facebook and he often got the crowd involved in his material with insults and innuendos.

"It was a great show," Hunter said. "These are a great group of kids and are a lot of fun."

Hunter, who oftentimes does two to three shows a night and is in a constant state of touring, likes the small town venues.

"Small towns are the best because it's rare for them to find live comedy, so they really appreciate it," he said.

Many students took a verbal lashing from Hunter but took it in stride.

"I prefer comedians who really interact with the audience," said senior Shirley Olmedo. "I thought it was all in good fun. I didn't take it personally."

The insults were varied and hard-hitting—from the verbal slip of a sorority sister to the likenesses of Little Wayne and Harry Potter. Hunter left no audience member untouched.

"The audience was very open-minded and diverse which always leads to the best shows," Hunter said.

UVA-Wise was Hunter's last stop before taking his tour back to the West Coast where he resides.



Photo by Allie Robinson

Comedian Adam Hunter entertains students on the 5th floor of the Slemp Student Center on Feb. 9. Hunter has previously appeared on "Last Comic Standing."

SAB to attend NACA convention

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The stage is set.
The lights are up.
The performer steps on the stage to a welcoming applause.

It's the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), and for the student members of the college's Student Activities Board (SAB), it's their chance to book entertainment acts for the next year.

The five-day annual convention, held Feb. 13-17 in Nashville, Tenn., gives colleges and universities from across the country the chance to view and book entertainment acts for their home campuses.

And, it's being able to see live performances of potential acts that helps the college's SAB members to decide which acts would best fit the campus community. Josh Justice, the college's assistant director for student activities and Greek life, wrote in an e-mail.

"It's great to be able to see the performers before we commit to bringing their acts to campus," Justice said. "You get a good idea of the performer's abilities, audience reaction, etc."

Justice will be joined on the trip by Chris Davis, associate director of the C. Bascom Slemp Student Cen-

ter, and six SAB members.

Davis said that one of the main reasons they attend the event is to allow students to decide what entertainment is brought back to the campus community.

"One of the reasons that we go is so that we can take a diverse group of students," Davis said. "They'll spend four days listening to acts and will pick out the ones that they think our students will enjoy. It's important that students have input into what we bring to campus."

Davis said that SAB books 60-70 percent of campus entertainment for the next academic year based on what they see at the convention.

Rachel Imburg, one of the SAB members who will be in attendance, wrote in an e-mail that her goal for the convention is to have all of next year's events secured before they leave.

"While there we are hoping to have most of our events for [the] next school year planned and if not planned then to have ideas about

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CSD hosts "Name that Disease" program

By Lexie Ramage
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The Center for Student Development held their second annual "Name that Disease" program on Wednesday, Feb. 11. The program was set up as a game show where the participants competed for Valentine's Day candy.

Symptoms of a STD were read and two contestants had to guess which disease the facts represented. A Fact or Myth game was played next where the contestants were read a sentence and they had to decide if it was true or false.

"[The program] was really well executed and informative. I didn't know all the different places where you could get STDs besides the pelvic region," said sophomore Tamara Haack, a winner of the "Name that Disease"

game.

Photos of various STDs were shown along with the game.

"The pictures were very eye opening," said sophomore Libby Lane Wachter. "I didn't eat for a while after seeing that. Students need to know the risk and how to prevent it because they could end up dying," said sophomore Libby Lane Wachter.

According to Kathy Elkins, assistant director of career services, the Wise County Health Department has reported a rise in hepatitis C, Chlamydia, and gonorrhea in recent years. There were more reported cases of gonorrhea in 2007 than there were from 2001 to 2006.

"The most alarming thing to us is [that there are 6.2 million new cases of HPV] per year," Elkins said. "It doesn't have symptoms, which is scary and the rise of gonorrhea in Wise County is alarming."

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with their advisers to choose classes, but that the advising office is open for assistance.

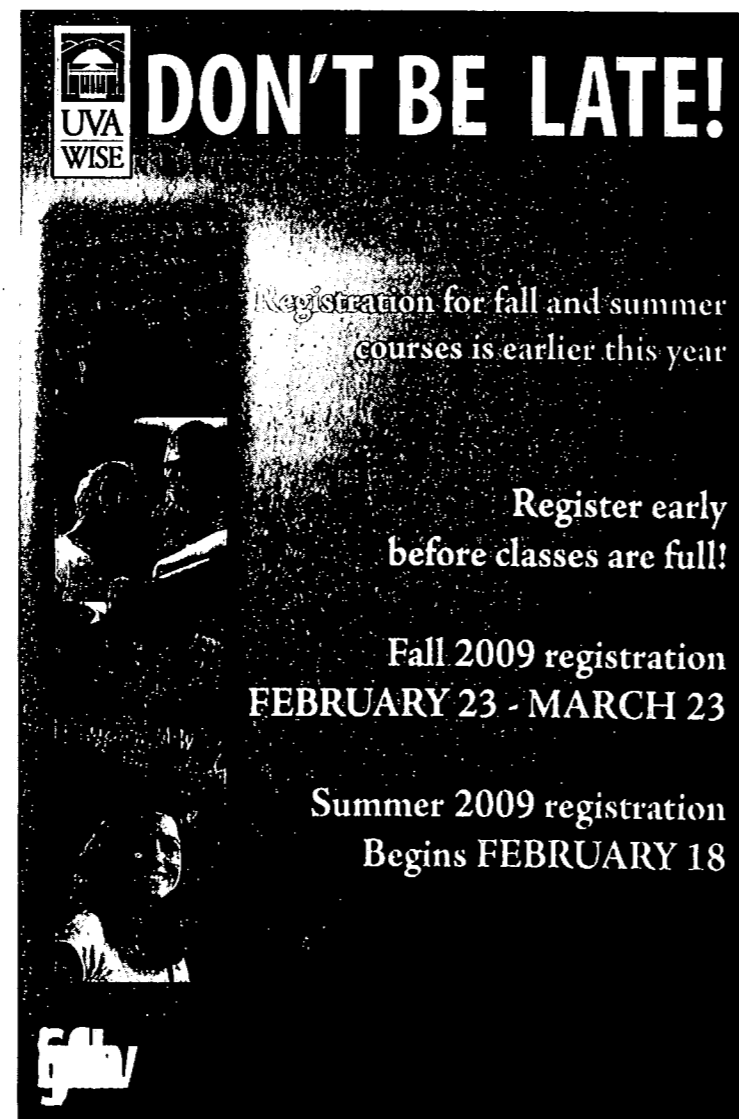
Steele said that students should be on the lookout for changes in the systems.

Something students should keep in mind when signing up for classes is the change in course number, she said. The current system uses four letters and three numbers, and the new system will use three letters and four numbers (i.e. ENGL 101 to ENG 1010).

The new Jenzabaster system will sync all

aspects of campus, from financial aid to registration and will help streamline interactions between offices on campus.

The new system will also eventually change student's identification numbers from their social security number to a computer-generated number, which will allow for greater student privacy, said Cox-Combs. It will also ensure accuracy between departments, as everyone who interacts with the college in any capacity—as a vendor, a student, or an instructor—will be assigned one permanent number.



UVA WISE DON'T BE LATE!

Registration for fall and summer courses is earlier this year

Register early before classes are full!

Fall 2009 registration FEBRUARY 23 - MARCH 23

Summer 2009 registration Begins FEBRUARY 18

Campus Bulletin

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

STAND

You can help prevent another Holocaust, another Rwanda, another Cambodia. STAND, a student anti-genocide coalition, will be having an interest meeting on 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.

Jimson Weed

The last day to submit work to the Jimson Weed is Feb. 23.

Anyone wishing to submit a poem, short story, photo, or art piece can drop them off outside the Jimson Weed office on the 3rd floor of the Slemp Student Center.

Submissions can also be e-mailed to Managing Editor Jade Bolling at jnb3c@uvawise.edu.

Artists may also pay a flat fee and enter three pieces for \$15 or five pieces for \$20.

MCA

The Multi-Cultural Alliance will host an Art Show and Sale at Steelwater Coffee Bar on Main Street in Wise on Feb. 28 from noon to 5 p.m.

Items on display include paintings, pottery, prints, jewelry and more.

Patrons can buy any piece they see and also enjoy some of Steelwater's great coffee.

Anyone wanting to enter a piece of art into the show should contact Scott Fitzsimmons at scf2j@uvawise.edu.

Artists can either donate art pieces or sell them with a 20 percent commission.

Artists may also pay a flat fee and enter three pieces for \$15 or five pieces for \$20.

OPINION

Payment for extra credit hours is ridiculous

Delegate David Albo, a Republican from Fairfax County, proposed a bill to the Virginia House of Delegates suggesting that students who require more than 120 hours for their undergraduate degrees would not be punished under this bill.

So, if your major requires you to go over the limit, you're fine. It's just those of us who take classes to broaden our horizons who are punished.

However, Albo said nothing about those of us in honors programs, or others who simply want to wet their feet in areas outside their majors.

This payment would be in the form of out-of-state tuition, even if the students are residents of Virginia.

Albo says Virginia colleges and universities are nursing too many fifth or sixth-year seniors who are "slowpokes."

The rationale behind his plan is that if students go over the required 120 hours, their payments switch from in-state tuition to out-of-state tuition, in the hopes that it will motivate them to speed up their education process.

Did you get that?

What about the fifth-year seniors who have to work their way through college because they didn't get scholarships, or they're a single parent?

What about the fifth-year senior who wasn't able to graduate because a particular class wasn't offered—something which is completely out of their control?

I personally don't think any of these individuals are "slowpokes."

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However, Albo said nothing about those of us in honors programs, or others who simply want to wet their feet in areas outside their majors.

When enrolled in an honors program, such as the Peake Honors Program here at UVA-Wise, students must take extra honors classes, and only one can be within your major. That leaves us with the risk of potentially going over the 120 hour limit, and ultimately, paying for those classes a second time.

So, if we take more than 120 hours to further our educational experience, we're now going to be punished?

An article on the Charlottesville Daily Progress Web site noted the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition prices, particularly those at the University of Virginia. The difference is staggering. In-state tuition at UVA is \$9,490. Out-of-state tuition is \$29,790.

What better way to commend those of us who want to potentially further our education beyond the required course limits than to charge us an extra \$20,000?

This is especially troubling at our own institution. UVA-Wise is a liberal arts college, so we as students are encouraged to get the experience of all the fields offered. It's promoted through the general education requirements.

However, what if someone liked their psychology class, and decided that they'd like to take another?

What if someone wanted to graduate with 123 hours?

According to Albo, the most natural solution is to give students even more loans and debts than they already have.

Truthfully, this is about so much more than fifth-year seniors, honors programs or taking random classes.

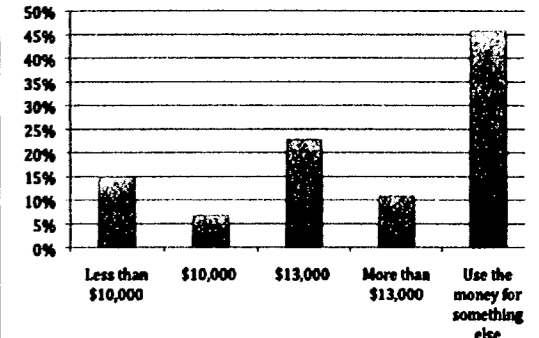
This is about punishing students who are making an effort to better themselves, and it's ridiculous.

Since we were children, we've been fed information that told us to go to college and further our education or we'll never survive in this country's dog-eat-dog job market. We've enrolled in college and made the decision to get higher degrees to better ourselves in the hopes of bettering our world, and now we're going to be punished for this?

Delegate Albo, this bill is the outrageous. Albo, you need to receive the memo that says you need to pat us on our backs and reward us for our hard work and success, not punish us.

Poll of the Week

Jam4Man is a one day event this year, and SGA uses student fees to pay for Jam4Man. How much money do you think SGA should spend on this one day event?



Student Comments:
Jenna Johnson, Senior: This Jam4Man is only a one day party where it's just one massive alcohol fest-urned-orgy for most people. Is it a good idea for the college to associate itself with such an event?

Failla Prunty, Sophomore: I believe before anything negative is said about this year's Jam4Man proper information about the event should be given. This event has nothing to do with alcohol thus there is nothing wrong with having it. Also the event is used to raise canned foods among other things for charity. To be able to have entertainment for an event is just an added bonus. Also the SGA meetings are open to the student body and always have been. If no one wanted to have a Jam4Man, then they should attend the [SGA] meetings.

If you have question about the poll, e-mail Opinion Editor Marissa Jones at mjj4z@uvawise.edu.

Garbage a major problem on campus

By Robert M. Davis

You have to love this sudden wave of gorgeous weather we are having lately.

Just a week ago we were barricaded indoors due to freezing temperatures and snow-covered walkways. I have to admit something: Despite the fantastic weather, I almost rather prefer the snow-blanketed campus.

Why, you ask?

Garbage. Or, more specifically cigarette butts. I noticed while walking around the past few days that garbage upon garbage is littered throughout this pristine campus in every nook and cranny of available green space.

Have you been by the walkway bridge down by the gravel lot lately? The entire creek area is littered with empty bags of potato chips, Dixie cups, fast food bags, and other garbage.

One of my personal favorite spots is the green patch that rests in front of the dining hall, where just last week I saw birds hoping about the snow-covered ground in an almost "Kodak" moment.

Now all I see is an overabundance of America's favorite brands: Kool, Marlboro, Camel, Salem and Jacks. Even at locations where a trash receptacle is available and designated for the disposal of butts, I still find the surrounding area littered with discarded cancer sticks.

Today, we are the green generation, or we like to label ourselves as such anyway. We buy environmentally-friendly cleansers and recycled paper products and rock out in T-shirts made from recycled plastic bottles to show just how green we are.

However, among all the hype and jargon of being green, we cannot even complete the easiest and simplest of tasks: throwing away trash where it belongs—in the trash can.

So do something with your own two arms—throw away your trash where it belongs, not on the ground of our beloved campus—the place we call home eight months out of the year.

Davis is a Sophomore majoring in Public Administration.

Judd's protests against predator control program inappropriate

By Justin Jurek

Hollywood is providing us with some entertainment to take our minds off of the trillion dollar budget, but not in the way you think.

Actress Ashley Judd, a limousine liberal of Hollywood, recently starred in an ad for Defense of Wildlife, an animal rights group, attacking former Republican vice presidential nominee Gov. Sarah Palin and Alaska's predator control program.

The ad, part of a campaign titled, "Eye on Palin," shows a wolf being shot from the air while menacing pictures of Palin are displayed. All the while, Judd intones the horrors of aerial hunting. "Riddled with gunshots, biting at their backs in agony, they die (pause for quiver) a brutal death," Judd says. The ad further attacks Palin for offering a \$150 bounty on every wolf killed from the air.

It's a compelling piece of animal rights melodrama, but it's just as make believe as the plots of the movies that Judd stars in.

For someone who accuses Gov. Palin of "casting aside science and championing the slaughter of wildlife," Judd seems to have forgotten the important scientific truths of wildlife management.

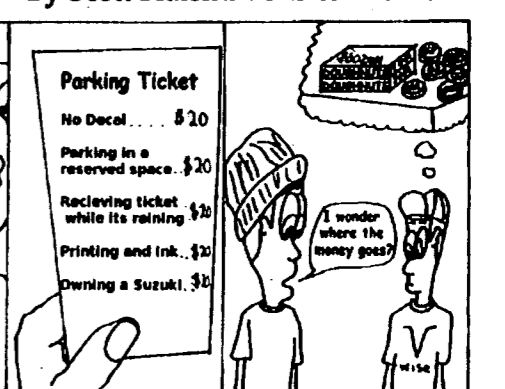
The fact is, wolves are overpopulated in Alaska, and threaten to severely harm the moose and caribou populations. Many Alaskans, especially Alaskan Natives such as the Yupik, rely on these animals for food and benefit from the predator control program that keeps wolf populations in check and their food source safe. The program is tightly controlled, by both state and federal protocols, to ensure that the wolf population remains sustainable and viable.

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By Scott Fitzsimmons & Mr. Blank



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Campus Calendar

- Sunday, Feb. 15**
INT Xbox 360 Tour - Call of the Wild@
Wer, Jefferson Lounge, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 16**
PO-PO Alcohol Awareness, Culbertson
Classroom, 9 p.m.
- BCM Prayer Meeting, Chapel, 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 17**
INT Singles 8-Ball Billiards Tour, SSC
Game Room 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- SAB Weekly Meeting,
Honor Court Room, 6 p.m.
- WF Weekly Dinner, Wesley, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 18**
BCM Weekly Supper, Baptist Student
Center, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 19**
INT Doubles Badminton Tour, SSC
Raquetball Courts, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 20**
LAST DAY TO RECEIVE A REFUND
- SGA Weekly Meeting, SSC
Rhododendron Room, 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 21**
Wise 360 - Campus Preview Day

Valentine's Day... by the numbers

• The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415.

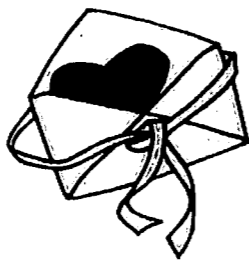
• The first mass-produced valentines in America were introduced in the 1840s.

• Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women.

• Valentine's Day is the second biggest card-giving holiday, after Christmas. An estimated one billion valentine cards are given annually.

• Over 50 percent of valentine cards given are purchased within 6 days of Feb. 14.

• There are 2 places in the United States called "Valentine" - in Texas and Nebraska.



This information was obtained from www.history.com

History

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appearance at the college with his presentation of the days following Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat in Montgomery, Ala. According to his Web site, the goal of Wiley's performances is to expand "cultural awareness for all audiences—through dynamic portrayal of pivotal events to unveil a richer picture of the American experience."

On Feb. 24 The Pro-Art Association will sponsor a musical performance by Plunky & One-ness, an Afro-funk jazz group that has previously opened for Patti LaBelle, Ray Charles, Earth, Wind, and Fire, Yellow Jackets and Frank Beverly and Maze. The show will be held in Cantrell Hall at 8 p.m.

Black History Month celebrations end on Feb. 27 with "Another Reason Why We Sing," a performance by Lynch, Ky.-based evangelist Jake Ravizee. He will perform spirituals and share the meaning behind each song. The event will be held in the Semp Center at 1 p.m.

"Black History Month is a time to reflect [on] all the history which has been done by African Americans," said senior Michael Mebratu, a former president of the college's Multicultural Alliance Student Group. "A time to go out and learn everything I can about African American history."

Black History Month is celebrated in the United States during the month of February because the month marks the birthdays of two significant figures in African American history, the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas. It was formally known as Negro History Week, first observed in 1926.

Cavs

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young, we've got some quality arms there." Of the 14 pitchers currently listed on the roster, seven are freshmen and three are sophomores. Narvaez also said the pitching staff was a strength of the team.

"With the pitching staff that we have I'm 100 percent sure that we will be in the top of this conference," he said.

Junior pitcher and designated hitter Brad Robbins said he felt the team's greatest strength was its work ethic.

"The thing that I probably like the most about this team is everybody's got a really good work ethic," he said. "Everybody kind of knows their role and knows what they need to do."

Despite their youth, the Cavs were picked to finish fifth in the AAC, behind Union, Tennessee Wesleyan, Montreat and King. Union is currently ranked seventh in the NAIA while Tennessee Wesleyan is ranked 14th. Montreat was also only a few votes shy of being ranked in the top 25.

Banner said that with such a strong conference, the team needed to be able to manufacture runs to win ballgames.

"I think [we're] going to be an offensive club that can steal some bases," he said. "We're going to have to be a team that's scrappy and goes out there and competes every day. If we do that, we're going to be in ballgames and give ourselves a chance to win."

The team will travel to play Berry College today and tomorrow. Robbins said the team was looking forward to the challenge.

"We've got three of our toughest opponents coming up," he said. "It's exciting, but at the same time we've got a lot of work to do."

Today's game will start at 3 p.m. and tomorrow's double-header will begin at noon.

Protest

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Additionally, any junior high school student knows that as an animal population grows in size, it needs more food to sustain itself. When overpopulation occurs, food sources are depleted and animals begin to starve to death—a much more painful death than by gunshot.

Do I even need to put this bit of information in my column?

Apparently, for our friends at Defense of Wildlife and Ashley Judd, I do. To most people, much less to the Alaskans, this program is a sensible solution to wolf-overpopulation, but to elitist, liberal, gun-control zealots thousands of miles away, it's heartless murder perpetrated by bloodthirsty hicks.

I think it's quite clear that neither Gov. Palin nor the hunters are promoting the program out of malice or a love of killing, as the animal rights crowd assumes. Rather, it's for the protection of both Alaskans and Alaskan wildlife, and quite frankly, I think they're doing a better job of it than Defense of Wildlife, PETA or any other similar groups.

NACA

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who we are bringing," she said.

Along with attending the performances, the group will also be attending educational seminars throughout the convention. Justice said the seminars will provide the group with potential activities to bring back to campus.

"The educational sessions are a great way to learn new things that [is] relevant in the realm of student activities," Justice said. "This is an opportunity to learn what other campuses are doing, how successful they are and come away with great new ideas."

Davis said the ultimate goal is to find excellent acts while

That being said, what is really motivating Judd to get involved with this? A love of animals? Yes, I'm sure that's part of it, but it goes much deeper than that.

Judd proclaims in the ad, "It's time to stop Sarah Palin." And she helped do just that in the election by campaigning for President Barack Obama. But apparently, it's not enough to "stop" her in 2008.

Judd's involvement has nothing to do with protecting wildlife and everything to do with electoral interests. Her coo-kabuki theater would be pathetic if it wasn't so funny.

On a darker note, it appears that Judd's concern for savagery is selectively applied. Despite her concern for ending savagery, not a peep has been heard from her regarding the serial predators of Planned Parenthood who have been caught on tape urging young girls to lie and cover up statutory rape in order to facilitate abortion procedures.

In a starlet's world, "senseless savagery" only applies to the poster pet of the week.

staying within the budget. He said the college has had a history of booking acts before they hit the big time, such as Howie Day and Limp Bizkit.

"We're not going to have Lil' Wayne or Beyonce here on campus," he said. "We're not going to have comedians like John Reap that won 'Last Comic Standing' two years ago. Their prices are just too far outside of what we can, you know, handle."

"What we try to do is find that entertainment, those acts, that are up and coming."

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

(All released on Feb. 13)

"Friday the 13th"

(Warner Brothers)
Cast: Jared Padalecki, Amanda Righetti
Rating: R
Genre: Horror
Plot: In this 1980s remake, a group of young adults discover a boarded up Camp Crystal Lake, where they soon encounter Jason Voorhees (Mears) and his deadly intentions. (IMDB.com)

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Tim Burton and Henry Selick should probably lock themselves in a studio somewhere and not emerge until they have created an arsenal of stop-motion animation films.

The success of "Coraline," which opened to a resounding \$16.8 million dollar weekend, clearly supports this idea. The director and producer, who astounded America in 1993 with the now-classic "Nightmare Before Christmas," have truly produced a gem.

A creepy, colorful, captivating gem.

"Coraline" is the tale of an unhappy girl who finds an alternate world that is infinitely better than hers in every way, except for one small detail: its inhabitants have buttons for eyes and lack souls. Oh, also, it is controlled by the Other Mother, the sinister "bedlam" voiced by Teri Hatcher.

Coraline (Dakota Fanning) must, of course, save herself and her parents from this Other Mother. But the thing about Tim Burton films is, no matter how bad things get, there is no guarantee they will get better.

If I saw this movie as a child (and I was one of only two people in the theatre over the age of 14) I probably would lock myself up, away from parents, small crawlspaces and Scottish terriers.

This movie makes "Nightmare" look normal. And that is, in fact, its charm.

I was blown away by the textures and colors employed in the film. The artists' hands made every set, from

"Inkheart" a good movie, but bad adaptation

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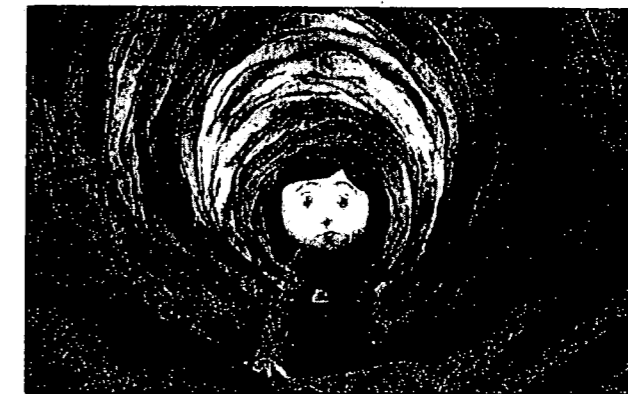
A ritualistic movie outing has resulted in my own utter confusion. I was excited and insistent that my friends and I see "Inkheart."

The movie, which is based upon German author Cornelia Funke's novel of the same name, follows Meggie (Eliza Hope Bennett) and her father Mo "Silver tongue" Folchart (Brendan Fraser), who has an unusual gift—he can read characters out of books.

The graphics and characters were fascinating and creative; however, as a literature major and a fan of the novel, I was thoroughly disappointed.

The plot details of the movie were horrid and elements presented in the movie never occurred in the book's plot.

The biggest issue—the movie starts with Mo hunting for a copy of a book, "Inkheart," while in the novel, he has the book in his possession and is attempting to keep the book hidden from the hands of the dark Capricorn (Jamie Foreman).



Photos obtained from IGN.com

was filmed over the course of four years. It is the first stop-motion movie filmed originally in 3D (and you should definitely see it this way) and it is the longest stop-motion picture yet made, weighing in at an hour and 40 minutes.

If it is possible to bridge the gap between horror, Disney and the Cirque du Soleil, "Coraline" has achieved the feat.

This film has broken the mold in more ways than one, practically guaranteeing it an instant-classic status. In the stop-motion tradition of "Nightmare" and "James and the Giant Peach," "Coraline"

Rapid Reviews Movies

"He's Just Not That Into You"
(New Line Cinema)

"The result is a bit like a weightless swirl of cotton candy with a mere second of sweetness before it dissolves on your tongue. But then there's nothing wrong with cotton candy, and besides, the filmmakers never promised more. I guess they're just not into that."

Betsy Sharkey/Los Angeles Times

"Push"
(Summit Entertainment)

"Two awful things about 'Push' are at least interesting: The first is the way in which the story is confused. The second is that the story makes no sense."

Mick LaSalle/San Francisco Chronicle

Music

Red Jumpsuit Apparatus
"Lonely Road"
(EMI)

"Much of the time the Jumpsuits end up sounding like a lesser version of Hawthorne Heights."

Christian Hoard/Rolling Stone

Ben Kweller
"Changing Horses"

"Changing Horses marks a defining moment in the songwriter's career, offering up a batch of pastiche-free country music that, like Ryan Adams' 'Jacksonville City Nights,' may be a promising sign of what's to come."

Andrew Leahey/All Music Guide

Video Games

"Tenchu: Shadow Assassins"
(Wii)

"Once you grow accustomed to the game's quirks, you soon find yourself in a rhythm where gamer instincts overcome sloppy game mechanics. Eventually, the thrill of starting a level—unarmed—and slowly but surely making your way over rooftops and underwater and over rafters becomes a guilty thrill."

James Mielke/IUP.com

"Fear 2: Project Origin"
(PS3, Xbox 360, PC)

"I can't recommend Monolith's sequel highly enough. It might not have the jaw-dropping visuals to rival Killzone 2, but it's a hugely satisfying shooter that'll have you clinging onto that controller or mouse throughout its tension-filled campaign."

Tom Orry/VideoGamer.com

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



Cavs baseball looking for good season despite youth

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The biggest challenge facing the Cavalier baseball team this season is its youthfulness.

The team currently has 12 freshmen and only three seniors.

"Our youth is definitely the weakness and we've got some at key spots," said head coach Hank Banner. "[But] a month from now, nobody's young. They've got enough reps that [they should be] ready to go."

The team graduated six seniors last season, including standout shortstop Jorge Laboy.

Banner said it is this year's seniors—shortstop Edwin Narvaez, third baseman Matt Duffy and center fielder Mike Lang—who will have to guide the young team.

Banner said Narvaez, Duffy, Lang and junior pitcher and designated hitter Brad Robbins are an integral part of the team this season.

"Those four guys pretty much have to be there every day," he said.

Banner said Narvaez was making the move from second base to shortstop, filling the void left by Laboy. However, Narvaez said he wasn't having trouble making the move.

"I had played short in high school and I knew when Jorge left last season that there was a possibility that I would have to step in and play this position this season," Narvaez said in an e-mail.

Narvaez said he was hoping to help the younger players get used to the college game.

"College baseball is different than high school as far as competition goes," he said. "I want them to work harder than me so they get ready and show everybody that no matter how young they are we can achieve the goal that every single player [on] this team wants—[a conference championship]."

Banner said Duffy had been a solid player for the Cavs last year when he hit .396 and led the team in triples (3) and RBI (58).

Banner said Lang was coming off of a "sub-par season last year and we're hoping he gets off to a better start."

Lang hit only .289 in 152 at bats and

led the team in strikeouts (42) last season compared to a .300 average and only 14 strikeouts in 80 at bats in 2006. However, he had one of the highest fielding percentages of anyone who played more than 40 games (.979), committing only two errors last season.

Banner said he was also relying heavily on Robbins.

"Robbins is pretty much a fixture in the middle of the order," Banner said.

Robbins was an offensive force last year, leading the team in batting average (.413), hits (78), homeruns (13), doubles (18), total bases (137) and slugging percentage (.725). He even tied Laboy for the most bases on balls (23).

However, Banner said he would like to see Robbins "throw the ball a little better this year."

Robbins was 3-3 last season in 11 starts with a 6.40 ERA.

Banner said that despite their youth, the pitching staff is one of the team's greatest strengths.

"Even [though] our pitching staff is

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Not Just a Man's World Convocation Center

With all the construction going on around campus, one question keeps coming to mind. Is the athletic department going to benefit from any of it?

Sure, the Convocation Center will be used for some sporting events, but what about sports that can't be held indoors?

What about outdoor sports like baseball and football?

I'm not talking about just the teams getting money to do with it what they will. I'm talking about the stadium, the baseball field and those things.

The football stadium is nice; I'll admit that, but what about the stairs that students take to get down to the field?

Those rickety, old, wooden, steep steps.

One of these days, someone is going to step in the wrong spot and fall right through.

The next thing on my list is the tennis courts.

Sure, the courts are in fine condition.

But there's almost no room for spectators or other teams.

If the college expanded the seating capacity of the courts, we could host bigger tournaments.

And the golf team doesn't even have a place here on campus to practice.

I didn't even know we had a golf team until halfway through my freshman year.

If the college would invest some money in the team, it might pay off. More golf players might look at UVa-Wise as a potential college.

I also think that some of the \$30 million that the college is using for the Convocation Center could be put towards adding new bleachers around the baseball field.

Overall, every team on campus should be able to benefit from the "growing" that we are trying to do.

This Convocation Center will benefit the college and, as the website says, "It will give Southwest Virginia a large venue for a variety of events and will boost the region's economy."

What about our athletic teams that could use the money to fix up their respective fields?

As the actual players on these fields, shouldn't our athletes get to benefit?



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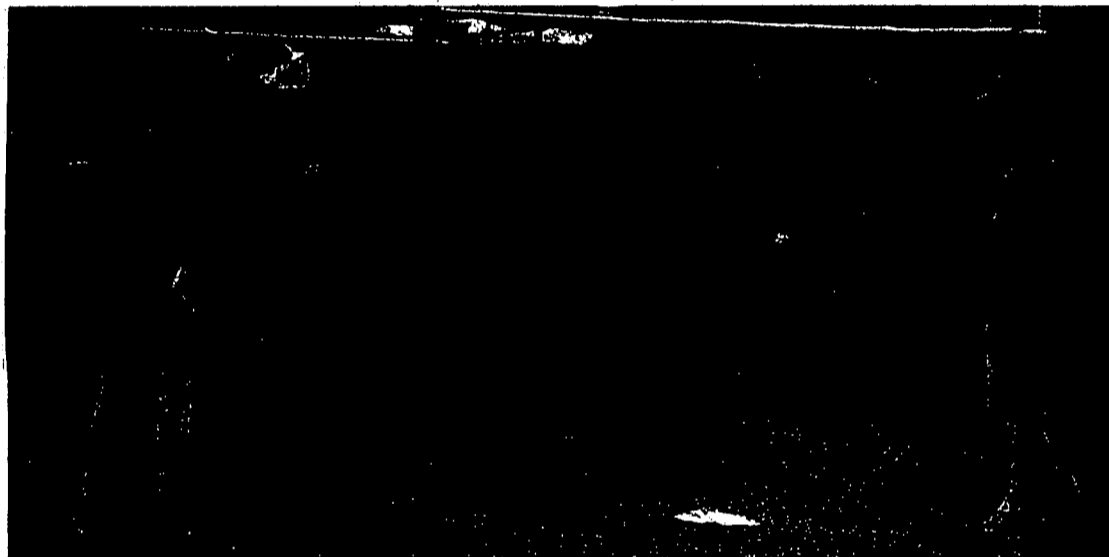


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Junior catcher Alan Stoupa (right) tosses a ball to head coach Hank Banner during a Feb. 11 practice. The team plays on the road today against Berry College at 3 pm.

Lady Cavs look towards an evenly matched tournament despite record

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Although the Lady Cavs basketball team has had a rough season, the team has not given up hope for the upcoming AAC tournament.

After a win against Bluefield College on Jan. 31, the team seemed to lose momentum with four straight losses, including Wednesday night's 88-66 loss to King College.

Coach Rachel Clay-Keohane said that the last three teams that the Lady Cavs will face before the tournament will be a good test.

They will have to play Virginia Intermont, Covenant College, and Bryan College before they find out where they stand in tournament play.

The Lady Cavs fell to all three teams during their first match ups.

Going into the tournament the team will still be plagued with a few injured players including freshman Kristin Mullins.

Mullins has been injured for over a week.

"There are still some injuries," said

Clay-Keohane. "And there probably not going to get much better [before the tournament]."

Freshman Amber Carter is also one of the injured.

Carter has been a constant force for the Lady Cavs throughout the season, averaging 10 points per game.

She said that the ones who are injured are just going to play through the tournament and then work on healing.

The injuries can still put some players out of their regular position, so working on keeping everyone comfortable and confident is something that they are going to be focusing on prior to the tournament.

Clay-Keohane said that if they have a positive momentum going into the tournament and play hard without giving up, they have a good chance of success.

"The tournament is wide open," she said. "Most of the teams are pretty evenly matched; it just depends on who comes out to play that day."

The Lady Cavs will face Virginia Intermont at home tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the first of their final three games of the regular season.



Photo by Whitney Bentley

Freshman Amber Carter shoots during the Feb. 11 game against King College. The Lady Cavs lost 88-66.

Hall of Fame

From Staff Reports

Three past Highland Cavalier athletes will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame tomorrow at a noon luncheon.

Anthony Richards, a former Highland Cavalier football player, Nelson Metheny, a previous Cavs baseball pitcher, and Kim Mathes-Moore, a prior Lady Cavs volleyball player and head coach, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during a private meeting.

Richards played as a running back for the Cavs from 1993 to 1996.

While at Wise, he reached a 2,000-yard receiving mark and in 1994 he gained 239 yards in a single game, a record that few have been able to match.

Metheny, who pitched between 1991 and 1993, was recruited by the Philadelphia Phillies after graduating.

He ended his career at Wise with a 17-9 record and 180 innings pitched.

Mathes-Moore, who played for the Lady Cavs volleyball team from 1998 to 2002 and coached the team from 2003 to 2006, led the team to a 17-9 record in her last season as head coach.

The induction will be followed by a pre-game recognition at 4 p.m. at the Cavs basketball team's home game against Virginia Intermont College.

