The Lady Care softball team will play in the Virginia Wesleyan Beach Blast tournament over spring break. Read the preview on Page 6.

**Tree planting event to take place later this month**

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"I speak for the trees."

Just like Dr. Seuss' environmentally friendly character, the Lorax, that's what the Coast River Reforestation Initiative (CROI) and the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) will be speaking about during their upcoming event.

The groups have organized a tree planting event to be held on March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Claxton Dooley, the Appalachian Coast Community Watershed Team (ACCWY) coordinator for the GERT, and said the goal of the project was to plant a total of 800 trees, all of which will be provided by DMME.

"The trees are to be planted on a secured area of land in the Craney's Nest Community, north of Craney Island."

Wetlands Coordinator Allyson Green is assisting Dooley with the programming and recruiting volunteers.

Green wrote in an e-mail that the ACCWY recently met up with the Appalachian Regional Reclamation Initiative (ARRI) to help plant trees on abandoned strip mines.

Dooley said throughout areas in the region, organizations are trying to get the public together at least one tree planting event in their area.

Green said this will "give community members a chance to reclaim mine lands so that they have not only beautiful forested areas in their communities, but they can watch things grow, birds have habitat for both plants and animals as well."

Dooley and Green both said they were encouraging others to help support the event.

"This is a great opportunity for school groups and sports teams to complete needed community service hours, or for environmental/conservation students to assist with reforestation efforts."

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**Senior Salute to be held in two weeks**

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With graduation only two months away, many seniors are already finding themselves asking family and friends, "When do I pick up my cap and gown?"

"Will my name be spelled right on my diploma?"

"Am I even eligible to graduate?"

For now, UVa-Wise has you covered.

The college will host Senior Salute 2009 on March 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the 5th Floor of the Stump Student Center. There will also be a Senior Salute for students of the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center on March 17 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will allow seniors to register with the Alumni Association, confirm eligibility for graduation, receive their cap and gown, participate in the senior class gift, conflict with other graduating students, request for a Commencement certificate, students, and verify spelling of your name for your diploma and gown. A steady stream of guests and Alumni Relations, said the event will go on until 6 p.m. on the 5th Floor of the Stump Student Center.

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**College to host Career and Internship Fair**

By Daniel Robinson
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More details and full schedule can be found at:

www.uvwise.edu/admissions/graduation
Construction Update

By Uve Ramage

Volunteer students prepare to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday at March 2 in the Greater Gymnasium. The 106th birthday of Dr. Seuss. Children ages 12 and under were invited to enjoy skits, readings and games celebrating the author's work.

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**Campus Life**

**UVa-Wise senior spends semester abroad at the University of Huelva**

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Imagine you wake up one morning for your 8 a.m. class. You walk outside, and instead of a snowy, cold UVa-Wise campus, you find yourself walking in the warm Spanish sun. This was a reality for senior Natasha Bamberger last semester. Bamberger participated in a four month study abroad program at the University of Huelva, Spain, and attended courses for the same credits as her UVa-Wise classes. A private fund available at UVa-Wise students interested in study abroad covered all her fees.

Bamberger lived an experience with other international students. The said living with other students as opposed to a host family gave her a deeper understanding of international perspectives. All of the classes were taught in Spanish and were relevant to her major of Psychology and minor of Sociology. She said her classes interested students interested in study abroad covered her air fare.

"We get along with everyone that we meet along the way that make it irreplaceable," she said. "I learned along the way that make it irreplaceable."

"It's really fun," she continued. "Along the way that make it irreplaceable."

Bamberger poses for a picture with friends on the campus.

Below: Natasha Bamberger

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By Matthew Vetter

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Lady Cavs head to the beach for "Beach Blast" tourney

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The Lady Cavs softball team will travel this weekend to be a part of the 12th Annual Virginia Wesleyan Beach Blast. It will be the first time the team has competed in the tournament. The team will be facing Virginia Wesleyan, Randolph-Macon College, Peace College and William University.

Head Coach Todd Raby-Gentry said the tournament and going up against new teams will be a good learning experience for the younger players.

"It's always interesting to play different teams because you don't know what to expect and it's kind of good because you have to work through some things and teams," she said.

"It's good for your players, especially your younger ones. Your more mature veterans have... been in the situation to go in and play some teams that they know nothing about. It makes you a little bit more focused."

The Lady Cavs have never played any of the four teams they will face this weekend and Raby-Gentry said the team will rely on defense and pitching.

"We've played consistent," she commented. "The one game we lost we lost by one run. We're playing consistent. Our defense has been solid enough, consistent enough.

"If we get that one run, we have a chance."

Pitching, which has been a strong point for the Lady Cavs this season, has struggled through the early part of the season. But Raby-Gentry said the pitchers have gotten back on track and are looking strong for the upcoming tournament.

Cavs baseball team faces a rough start to 2009 season

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The Cavs baseball team has not gotten off to the best of starts this season with a 2-8 overall record. The two wins for the Cavs came on the road against Tusculum Falls College. The Cavs defeated the Eagles 14-0 and 5-4 on Feb. 6 and 7, respectively.

Head Coach Hank Banner said in an interview with the Lady Cavs that inconsistency was a major factor in the Cavs' season.

"Youth can make you inconsistent at times. Banner said, "but there are issues along the field as well.

He said the team can't continue to blame their messed on the young players, because it's a team effort.

"Pitching has been a bit of a disappointment," Banner said. "But there's a lot of room for improvement in all areas."

He said that the success that they've had over the years is because they've worked as a team and they're just working to get that point again this season.

"The effort's been good, but the results haven't had the outcome that we want," he said.

Lack of practice outside has put the Cavs at a disadvantage. Poor weather forced them to practice with it inside and Banner said that many times in the past few two-a-day practices in.

Banner also said that with warmer weather in the forecast they are hoping to get out on the field more and end up even having a few two-a-day practices.

Being on the field longer will give the Cavs time to focus on areas, such as hitting, that are difficult to perfect in season.

"Nobody's going to feel sorry for us. We have to find ways to win," Banner said.

Hank Banner

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Not Just a Man's World

Midterm break for athletes

With spring break officially starting tomorrow, I've noticed something about the way professors deal with students and athletes.

I have classes with a few athletes, and in the past few weeks, I've overheard conversations about midterms.

I have to say, I'm not sure why professors would hear that most professors are more than willing to work with athletes that can't be in class the day of their test.

Most of the professors I talked to take the midterms early or postpone them until the end of spring break.

It's something to see.

After all, spring athletes don't really get a break like the rest of the campus. Why punish them and hurt their grade for having to play in a game?

Softball head coach Todd Raby-Gentry told me that he is aware that a few of the softball players had to talk with their professors about midterms.

The Lady Cavs left yesterday for the Virginia Wesleyan Beach Blast.

She also mentioned that the players usually never have any issues with professors when it comes to missing classes or important tests like midterms.

Even though now is the time for midterms, I've known professors to be flexible about missed classes before now.

Earlier this semester, I had to go on a trip to Daytona, Fl, to interview some softball players. I pressed that we would not be able to attend the field trip. It counted as part of our grade in the class.

On the day of the trip, there was a baseball game, and one of my fellow classmates in a baseball class.

He told me about the situation, and our professor was more than willing to work something out with us.

Now, usually on the first day of classes, professors come marching into the classroom talking about how attendance counts towards your overall grade.

They also talk about how the midterm and final exam are huge chunks of your grade and that if you miss either one of those, you will more than likely fail the course.

However, when an athlete needs to be excused because of a game, professors drop the tough act and work something out with the student.

In bigger schools, professors begrudgingly allow the athletes to miss out on their exams.

During our interview that all of the softball players had to talk with their professors about midterms.

"We don't want to be the athletes that can't be the ones who have to talk with their professors again, but unlike regular students, they do not get a full break.

"Conference tournament comes about the same time finals do and not getting a break kind of prevents you from geared to get that stress," she said.

"It's a kind of a good preparation for the end of the season to be honest with you. It's the same thing. It's kind of that same mentality so... it's never really affected us."

If the Lady Cavs do fall behind in any of the upcoming games, Raby-Gentry said she is confident that the team will be able to turn it around.

"The one thing I will say—and which is something that I'm proud of the team for—when we have gotten behind... we haven't stranded," she added.

"We've stayed house, we've stayed focused, and we got right back in the game. In the past, we've choked. We've done a good job (this year)."

The Lady Cavs play Randolph-Macon at noon tomorrow and then Wilkes University at 4 p.m.

Sunday, the team plays Peace College at 10 a.m. and Wilkes University at 2 p.m.

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Upcoming Games

March 8
milligam College - 1 p.m.
(two games)

March 10
at Tennessee Wesleyan - 2 p.m.

March 14
at Montclair College - 1 p.m.

March 15
at Montclair College - 1 p.m.