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Long time Athletic Director Ray Spennilla will be retiring at the end of this summer. Read his story and thoughts on Page 6.



Feature Editor Aaron Collier has been looking forward to the big screen adaptation of "Watchmen" for a long time. See if the movie met his expectations on Page 5.



Opinion Editor Marissa Jones is not happy with major insurance company AIG. Find out why on Page 3.

UPCOMING

▷ Class Drop?

Not doing so well in one of your classes? Today is the last day to drop a class for the Spring semester. It is also the last day to add a second 7-weeks course.

▷ March Madness

This weekend will be the first round of men's NCAA tournament games. Local colleges participating include VCU, Radford, and ETSU.

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Job Hunting

Students meet with company representatives at career fair

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They met to talk. They exchanged resumes. They talked about potential jobs and careers.

Many of the college's students turned out for the annual Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday in the Green Gym.

"I've come that time out for the job fair looking very interested and I've had them say we'll call you," said Kevin Jansen, a senior in the Department of Biology. "It was a great fair and I had a lot of good employers."

Employers in attendance included businesses such as Northern Virginia Community College, The UVA-Wise County Public School, Appalachian School of Law and Powell Valley National Bank.

Participants in attendance included students from the school's Undergraduate and Graduate Schools, including the School of Graduate Studies and the University of Appalachia's College of Pharmacy.



Junior Marshall Bradley speaks with a representative from Northern Virginia Community College during the UVA-Wise Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday. The event was held in the Green Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Biology professor to leave college this summer

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Natural Sciences Department Chair Kevin Jansen will leave UVA-Wise at the end of the semester to join the faculty in the Department of Biology at Drury University in Springfield, Mo.

He has been at the college since 2000.

Jansen said one reason he is making the move is to be

closer to his extended family, who live in Missouri. The trip westward currently takes him 13 hours.

"I am leaving UVA-Wise for several reasons," he said. "[But] none of them [are] related to [UVA-Wise]."

Jansen said that Drury's size and student population will enable him to produce and participate in more specialized programs.

"They have a number of sustainability initiatives and several field stations which allow their biology and environmental science students to be more directly involved with research

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Jansen

Stimulus package expected to offset some budget cuts

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Thanks to the new economic stimulus plan approved by Congress in February, the college will have a little extra spending money to offset cuts that had originally been planned.

Around \$950,000 was cut in the fall and additional cuts of more than \$2 million were planned for the college's next fiscal year beginning July 1. However, the federal government's stimulus package should provide the college with \$1.6 million, said Sim Ewing, vice chancellor for finance and government relations.

But, there is a catch: Ewing said the money is meant only as a short-term solution.

"The money will be available for fiscal year 2010... and fiscal year 2011," he said. "So it would be there for two years. The federal government's thought process is that this will stimulate the economy and things will turn around.

"If in 2011... the economy hasn't turned... then for fiscal year 2012 there's a big hole. I'm concerned about that longevity."

For this reason, Ewing said the college needs to plan ways to strategically invest the money. While the college is still planning ways to effectively do that, Ewing said the money was a welcome sight.

"While the stimulus isn't a long-term investment, it buys needed breathing room," he said.

Ewing said the other problem is in the actual wording of the stimulus. He said the purpose of the package is "to moderate increases in in-state tuition."

"We have a lot of uncertainty as to what it really takes to qualify for the stimulus money," he said. "What it probably means is that we need to keep tuition [increases] under 5 percent."

Ewing said the college was still waiting to hear from the Virginia General Assembly on what the state's legislators believe the exact wording of the package means. He said that if the originally planned cuts had taken place, a 12-15 percent increase in tuition would have been necessary.

"What we do know is that if there was no stimulus package... the cuts that we were preparing to take

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SENIOR SALUTE 2009

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The pressure of graduation can be more than an average senior can carry. Knowing whether or not you will have

all the credits necessary in order to earn your degree can bring the dark cloud of uncertainty floating above your head.

The college's administrative offices were on hand Wednesday to help seniors relieve some stress during the Senior Salute.

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Photo by Daniel Robinson

Rachel Burgess, director of financial operations for student affairs, hands out cap and gowns during the Senior Salute held on the 5th floor of the student center on Wednesday. Seniors were able to check graduation status and purchase class rings and graduations announcements at the event.

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Over his 11 years as head coachi he'Was named.MAIA Coach of the Year and Area Small CoUege Coach of the Year.

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After more than a decade of involvement with the Lady Oavs basketball team, head<coach RachelOay-Kecdiaoe-has decided to step down from her podtioa She anuoinced ber declalon on Matchll

day-Kediane was a student athlete during her time at the cdlege and later returned to lead the Wfimen's basketball teamfor 10 years.

"UVa-Wise basketball means more to me tbu simply advancing my career," Clay-Ke(jiane said in an e-mail. "I was able to come and stay and wwk to bring the program some much neededsUiWlity"

She said her decision to leave has not been an easy one, but she realized that peisraialresponsibilitiesat home made it impossiUe to give the team and her players the dedication they deserved.

Clay-Keohane's announcement did not come as a complete shock to other members (tf the athletic depaitmeoL

"We felt llwt'[Glay-KeohaoBleaving].would bean hnvitabU-ity," athletic director Ray Spenilla said: "But whendl does come, it'sstilMough.*"

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Lady Cavs to their first NAIA ntiional tournament b.the 2005-2006 season. The dedsion to leave the bead coaching posiliba does not mean that caayKeobane will ctmipttidy cut her ties with the college:

"I will always have strong des to this basketball program," she said. "Counting my time playing and coaching,, about ooe thldr **o**(my life has hem spent woridng on this ptpgnuniand L haveibeen very blessed to be a part (rf^it"

Coaching has been a huge part <rf her life and she said she will miss every aspect itfthejoh.

"I will miss it ali;"shesaid. "I wiU mlss the long road trips anditough losses eveiy Ut as much as I will miss the championship days. The Journey tptbeome gnat., whil6v long and arduous, makes the aidresultdiat; much sweeter."

Gby-Keohane said she lemiins coofl-dentabout'the future (tf^the program.

"My decision had notUng to do wiifa record or successes," she said "I believe hi tUs schood. I believe in the program. And, I believe in the atldetes kvcdved. There is a bright fkmne ahead for UVa-Wise bask^ball"

Seniw Alexa Oir said that wfaile she is sad to see Clay-Keohane leaving, she b excited about what lies ahead for the Lady

Cavs!

"I was really sad to hear that she was leaWng because she...truly cares about others and especially us as her |dayere...to have someone Uke that hmdved b your sports career is hard to come.by," she said.

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While the tournament may not be importam to everyone, it is a huge deal in the eyes of many.

Duke Univer- sity fans rejtriced afr ter winning the AOC Chanqilmiship game agahist Florida Slate, robbIngit intiie faces of UhfCfans;and adding fbeli to the Duke-UNC rivalry.

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On March 16i Jim- my Fallal announced on Xate'Night'With Jimmy Fallon" that'he.woidd be supporting Chattanooga College in the tournament iPresident Obama has filled out a bracket, placing LotiisvilleBgalnstUNC in the naticmal chami^onship game, withUNC coming out on top: However, a podl on MSNBCSpoitsishows Louisville ahead of UNC, with 16percent<^voten tUnUngtheCanUnals will take tlw^champiMiship;

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OnWednesday, March 25,,the Sweet 16 Bracket Gllallenge; ofTered by the Office <rf Intmunurals and Recreatimii Is dueiat 5 p.m; **m** the 3rd floor of the 'Studeiit CentK

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And the touffHuent is all over the Internet Surf around in your free time and take the time to read schue the articles about each of the teams.

If you don't feel Uke doing any research, fill out a brackBt anyway. CBS makes it easyto>|rickbetween subhCoUeges Uke Xavier, seeded fourth, and Portland State, whichiisseeded 13tk Generally when a tow-raokedicdlege.isigoiig up against aitq>-ranlKd coUege, it'snot that haidtoipick the whmer.

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>, Ifi you'ie a lfettKssee fan, then you're in hick, Tuidegsee is the nfaatii seed'in the East division.

It doesn'tmatter which team you choose to win the championship,just l ^ a team and stick with it Join the fki, I have no doubt that you'U enjoy keeping up with it

Who knows, you might get beUnd a team and at the mdictf its tournament run (championc or not), become a diehard faa