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Like video games. So does Feature Editor Aaron Collier. Read about his five favorite games on Page 5.

UPCOMING

► SAB Movie

SAB will be showing "Pall Blart: Mall Cop" on Thursday, April 30 on McCrary Lawn. The event will start at dusk and all students are welcome to attend.

► International Movie

This week's International movie will be "Secrets of the Heart" and will be shown April 21 in Smiddy 100. This Spanish movie will be presented by Prof. Clara Adame.

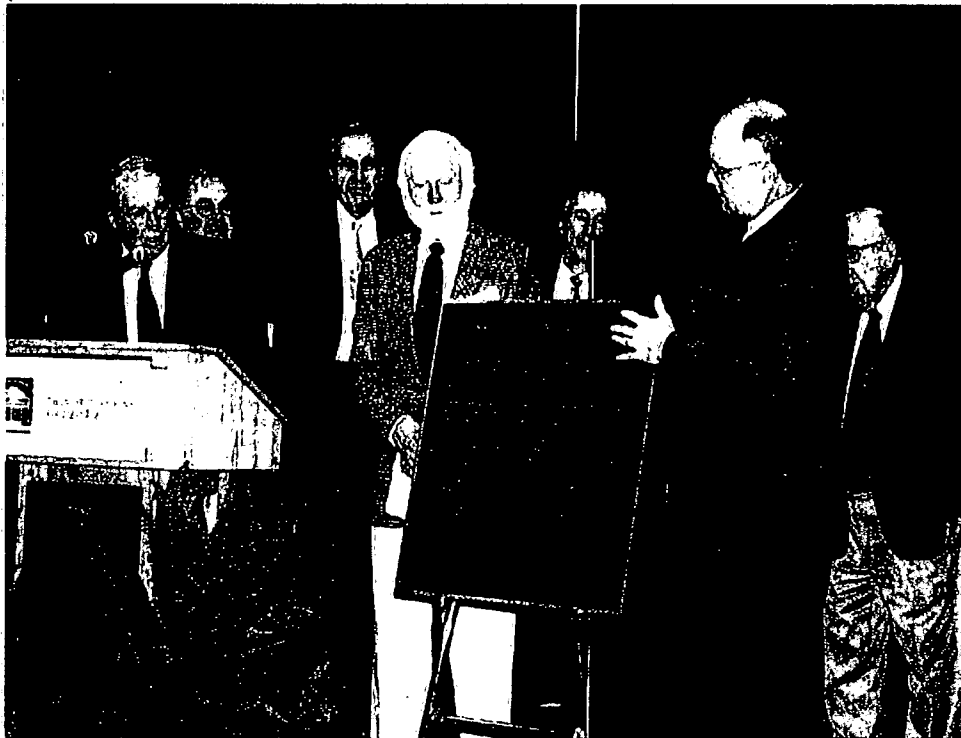
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College rededicates Crockett Hall

Warner, Crockett, Casteen among honored guests

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Some would say it has been a dream more than 200 years in the making.

Thomas Jefferson's first proposal to the General Assembly for a system of education was to place colleges all throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, said Chancellor David Prior at the college's celebration of Founder's Day and the rededication of Crockett Hall on Monday in the Greear Gymnasium.

"This [college] is a manifestation of Jefferson's dream," he said.

A part of that dream was Samuel R. Crockett, Jr., who was the college's first director and with whom the "three Wise men" approached University of Virginia President Colgate Darden in 1954 to discuss plans for a branch of UVa in Southwest Virginia.

The building that is named after Crockett is, of course, Crockett Hall, one of the original two stone buildings that were a part of the Wise County Poor Farm.

The building was refurbished and reopened this past year, and its rededication was marked by the presence of UVa President John T. Casteen III, U.S. Senator Mark Warner, members of the University of Virginia's Board of Directors including its Rector, W. Heywood Frelin and the Chair of the College at Wise's Committee Don Pippin, Chancellor Emeritus Joseph C. Smiddy, Chair of the UVa-Wise's Board, Jim Gott, and members of Crockett's family, including Samuel Robert Crockett III, who spoke on behalf of the family.

A new plaque for the building was unveiled, as well as a portrait of Crockett and a drawing of the building. All three will be placed inside Crockett Hall.

"In the course of its lifetime, the building has supported education," Casteen said. "I can't think of a better symbol of what a college is than the record of what's taken place inside this building."

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Photos by Daniel Robinson

Top: Uva President John Casteen unveils the new plaque for Crockett Hall.

At left: Senator Mark Warner speaks during the ceremony.

Above: The Highland Singers perform "The Testament of Freedom," a piece written in honor of the 200th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth.

Coffee Night highlights Appalshop

From Staff Reports

When the eight earliest members of what would become Appalshop gathered in 1969 in the three-room storefront on Whitesburg, Kentucky's Main Street, they thought they were there to learn basic media production skills so they could get jobs.

But, even early on, the young filmmakers at Appalshop, a non-profit arts and education center which now produces original films, video, theater, music, radio broadcasts and books about Appalachia and the region's culture, did more than just learn basic skills.

Those filmmakers took as their task "documenting the place and telling stories about the Appalachian region," not job training, Elizabeth Barret, one of the early founders of the organization and the director of the Appalshop Archive, told those in attendance at Tuesday night's Coffee Night. Appalshop became "a real experiment in community expression that grew out of the War on Poverty," she said.

Barrett and Herb E. Smith, an Appalshop documentary filmmaker and a co-founder of the organization, headlined the campus's bi-annual poetry and prose reading event held in the Chapel of All Faiths,

Chancellor for a day: Prior and Lewis swap places

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Who knew all it took to become chancellor was donating a can of food?

For junior Joanna Lewis, an act of kindness and charity resulted in her being handed the keys to Chancellor David Prior's office for a day.

Lewis, winner of the third annual "Chancellor for a Day" food drive in which students receive one entry in the drawing to become chancellor for each non-perishable item donated, said she enjoyed every aspect of her packed day as the chancellor of the college. Lewis said she was grateful for all the work people at the college do and the respect shown to her throughout the day.

"It was really great," she said. "As busy as it was, it was very interesting... Everyone valued my opinions, which I appreciated very much and I appreciated all the hard work that everyone seems to be doing around this campus."

Lewis' day started early Wednesday morning and lasted until 3 p.m. when

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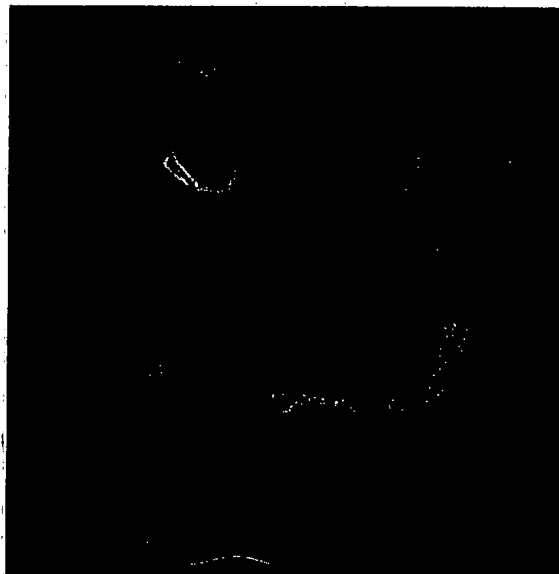


Photo by Aaron Collier

Chancellor Prior and sophomore Joanna Lewis swapped places Wednesday as part of the Chancellor for a Day program. Lewis's name was drawn for the title as part of the NRHH canned good drive.

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as part of Appalshop's 40th anniversary. Other participants included Neva Bryan, a native of nearby St. Paul, who read her own poetry as well as excerpts from her debut novel, "St. Peter's Monsters," and students, faculty and staff members.

The evening also served as the kickoff of the spring semester edition of the Jimson Weed, the college's literary journal.

"I thought it went well," said senior Jade Bolling, managing editor of the Jimson Weed. "There was a good turnout of community and students alike."

Appalshop's founding was sparked 40 years ago by an economic development program—part of the federal government's War on Poverty, Barret said. Local young people were provided with instruction in media production techniques so that they could move out of the region and find employment. Ap-

palsop's founding was meant to address the joblessness that plagued the region, she said.

"It was a very attractive place for people who wanted to do something different," Barret said.

Since the organization's Whitesburg headquarters were far away from Washington, D.C. and the federal government that initially funded it, "[it] was very open," Barret said. The young filmmakers didn't learn from a standard curriculum or textbook. Instead, they focused on hands-on training.

"It was really going out in the field and learning as you did," she said. That offered a feeling of ownership to the budding filmmakers, she added.

Once funds for the government's War on Poverty began to dry up, Appalshop's staff had to search both within the region and outside of it for potential funding and allies. Included among the

connections made were faculty and students here at the college.

"It is a surprise that it even still exists," Barret said. "I don't think we could have done it alone."

Most of the more than 100 films produced by Appalshop filmmakers over the years show local people speaking for themselves, without the use of narration. In the films, "We as mountain people began to see and understand ourselves," Smith said. "Over the years, that's what we've tried to deal with in a lot of these films."

And, reaction to the group's films has been positive.

Smith said that on a recent trip to India during which Appalshop films were screened, one audience member remarked, "For the first time, I feel a kinship with American people."

"It's been real gratifying," Smith said.



Photo by Daniel Robinson

Appalshop co-founder Herbie Smith speaks at Coffee Night Tuesday.

High summer class enrollment expected

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Summer enrollment at the college is expected to be higher this year than in years' past.

Academic Dean Amelia Harris said she is impressed with the number of students signed up so far.

"Enrollment has been quite good," Harris said. "All courses being offered have enrollment and turn-out seems to be better than in the past."

She said she hopes enrollment will be high and she is working on getting the word out via bookmarks, a Facebook page, YouTube promotions and possibly a T-shirt.

"It'd be nice to have good enrollment in a budget year," Harris said.

Summer college is open to all students currently enrolled at the college, but also to local high school junior and seniors and local students who return home for the summer from other colleges.

Harris said the school has sent out brochures about summer classes to 1,000 rising high school juniors and seniors.

Class sizes during the summer are typically small and the courses being taught were selected based on what people wanted to take. It is also a collaboration with professors on what they would like to teach.

"We are offering more general courses than ever before," Harris said. "These are courses you might not get to take otherwise."

Financial aid is available for summer classes, and students may live in the residence halls.

But, she said, the summer college is not all about business, it's also about people learning and experiencing new things.

"Try something you've never tried before," she said.

Students were able to sign up for summer classes beginning in mid-February. Because the CoCo system will remain through the end of the semester, registration is still open.

Founder's

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He said that people should follow Crockett's example.

"His work represents the refusal to fail and the drive to succeed," Casteen said.

Casteen said after the ceremony that while all colleges have a founder's day, the one at UVA-Wise is unique.

"Founder's Days here have always interested me because there is so much substance to the stories," he said. "There are years here when the people celebrated are the so-called three Wise men. Mr. Crockett is [sometimes] celebrated. There are years when Mr. Darden is the subject."

"I think one of the reasons it's so successful here is that the college's origins are very much the origins of the modern culture [and] economy in this region."

He said another reason Founder's Day was so successful was due to the continued presence of those who helped start the college.

"The people who were involved in the struggle to create the college in many instances are still here or...people who were there and saw it are still around."

Prior said he thought the event went well.

"Personally I [don't] consider that building to be simply a building but it's truly the cultural heart of the college," he said. "As one goes through the region we hear over and over and over 'Crockett's coming back to life.' Everyone has their own personal recollections and I



Photo by Daniel Robinson

Samuel R. Crockett III and Chancellor Emeritus "Papa" Joe Smiddy chat briefly after the Founder's Day ceremony, during which the college celebrated both Thomas Jefferson's birthday and the rededication of Crockett Hall.

think that's a very important part of our responsibility to the community."

Warner said it's great "to see how this university is constantly on the move."

He shared his favorite Jefferson quote, which was written near the end of Jefferson's life in a letter to his old friend John Adams.

"Jefferson said, 'I value the dreams of the future more than the history of the past,'" Warner said. "And this institution, this great university, this great region of our commonwealth, embody the spirit of Jefferson's words."

"We've had a great past, but what's really exciting is the dreams of our future."

Chancellor

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she and Prior returned to their usual roles. Lewis wasn't spared any of the Chancellor's responsibilities, as she attended seven meetings and also attended lunch with some of the college's board members.

She said the lunch served as an enjoyable history lesson about the college.

"I got to learn the history of this campus from people who were really here when it first sprang up out of the ground," she said. "It was so wonderful having lunch with so many influential men."

Lewis also took her one day opportunity to bring concerns from both friends and fellow classmates to the table for discussion.

"I did throw out some problems I knew some friends and fellow classmates had," she said. "I hope I was able to accurately represent the student body in [the] many suggestions I gave. I tried to give logical and reasonable suggestions for what resources are available and I hoped that my opinions will do some good around the campus."

Prior said he too enjoyed his day of classes and the interaction he was able to have with the student body.

"It was great," he said. "I really enjoyed getting to chat with a bunch of students today. It's very seldom that I get to spend a whole day chatting with students. Sometimes I have lunch in the cafeteria and meet a few, but this gave me chance to really talk to students."

Prior's time as a student included a reprimand for being too loud during his time in the dorm. He said he was playing video games when the resident assistant informed the chancellor that they were making too much noise.

"It was good fun. People were enjoying themselves," he said. "Actually, this one student was working on her computer and I was afraid we were really disrupting her in the room and I kind of ask[ed] her 'Gee, do you get enough time where you really can study?' she said 'Oh yeah, yeah."

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Construction dangers Founder's Day Idiots

Where can I apply for my hard hat? Many would assume that I'm switching from a career in English Literature to a career as a construction worker, but I'm voicing a question that most commuters have asked themselves at least once this week.

For those commuters parking at the lot on the top of the hill, construction has become an all-too-evident reality.

For the past year we've endured pathway changes on our stroll past the renovated Science Center, but the new pathway unveiled this week is a little too dangerous for my taste.

Gates block off the sidewalk, and a yellow arrow points toward a gravel path that may be 3 1/2 feet wide. The small width only allows for one person to walk through at a time. If another person enters, you find yourself squeezing against a stranger in a very close, uncomfortable way.

And while I don't normally wear shoes

with high heels, this path has caused me to stumble in my everyday flats and tennis shoes.

Two large manholes jut up from the middle of the gravel path. The round end of a pipe also sprouts out of the gravel, perfect for tripping, klutzy feet like mine. As if that's not enough, both the manhole and the pipe are the exact shade of gray as the gravel.

There are also large bulldozers setting outside of the gates. Men are usually working on the sidewalk, and must stop and wait while you walk by. Thus, fumes and smoke from the bulldozer parked nearby and the breaking up of the sidewalk are being healthily filtered through our lungs.

It's a lawsuit waiting to happen. However, as much as I can live with that, what I cannot live with is almost being knocked down by a door.

While walking to my car yesterday, one of the construction workers quickly opened the large wooden doors that allow entrance into the Science Center. The door swung out into the small pathway, and if I had not put out my hand, it would have swung right into my face.

The worker apologized. Technically it

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Last Wednesday was the dedication of Crockett Hall.

Leaders from across the commonwealth including U.S. Senator Mark Warner, "Papa Joe" Smiddy and John Casteen, the president of UVA, were among those who came to speak in honor of the college's Founder's Day festivities.

They spoke of education, of honor and of elevating yourself through knowledge. They spoke about the sacrifices that our college's founders made in order to provide a better

life for all of the students who walk through the institution's doors.

And walk through our doors they did. Of all races and creeds, and all genders, they rose randomly during the speeches and clambered down the bleachers with no attempt at discretion. They were freshmen, seniors, athletes, students.

They were all idiots. With their iPods blaring and making slurping sounds with their sodas, they might as well have flipped Mr. Casteen the bird as they exited for whatever suddenly precious class they had to attend.

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Elmo goes green?

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Apparently, Sesame Street's Elmo has gone "green."

Literally. Last week, Elmo appeared on the "Today Show" with a new look: the environment friendly color of green.

At first, I was going to write about how

this change of a classic character was unnecessary and ridiculous. That changing Elmo's fur color is an attack on numerous childhoods everywhere, including my own.

But, after much thought, I decided that I was just being silly. That me being angry about the color of a puppet is a waste of time and portrays me as the stereotypical "geek" who can't stand even the slightest change to

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SGA & Honor Court candidates present their platforms

Grid of candidate photos and platform statements for SGA and Honor Court. Includes names like Megan Boyd, James Warner, and Daniel Walton with their respective positions and campaign promises.

Additional candidate information and platform statements, including a section for National Honor Society representatives.

Advertisement for University Square Apartments, featuring the headline 'Where Will You Live Next Year?' and details about three-bedroom units, location, and contact information.

Editorial Board and Staff Writers list, including names like Daniel Robinson, Cortni Bailey, and Justin Jurek, along with contact information for the Associated Collegiate Press.

Marching band seeks new members for fall semester

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The UVa-Wise marching band is seeking new members for next fall and encouraging students and even former members to join. "[The marching band] is really exciting here because we started it from the ground floor, it's been a thrill," said Rick Galyean, director of bands. "The students are so diverse, they are [majoring in] anything from music to chemistry...and we just make sure to have a good time."

The marching band at UVa-Wise started with 30 members, but Galyean wants to add up to 75 members for next year's band. Galyean had previously put up posters

around the school to generate interest but was disappointed with how many people actually contacted him.

"I want to encourage anyone to come out," he said. "Only color guard and percussion require auditions. It's not too late."

Galyean said the band program will work around people's schedules.

"I want to dispel myths that were going around, like [band takes] too much time—it doesn't," Galyean said.

Members will be given music so they can practice during the summer. Band camp for percussion and color guard starts on Aug. 7. All other members will start on Aug. 9. Students will move onto campus and are provided meals for that week.

Galyean said he wants those interested to know his three goals for marching band. "Marching band is about three things: supporting football is the No. 1 goal, number two is entertaining fans, and number three is having fun," he said. "College band isn't competitive."

Galyean said he does not have an ideal band candidate in mind. He wants anyone and everyone interested to come and talk to him before the semester is over.

"We encourage anyone that has interest to come out and talk to us, our doors are always open," he said.

Students interested in joining the band can contact Galyean at rdg3y@uvawise.edu.

UVa-Wise student to teach in Shanghai

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Some students have no idea what they are going to do after they graduate from UVa-Wise. This is not the case for senior Simonetta Simmons. She will be making full use of the College's international programs office, and previous travel experiences, as she heads to China in August.

Simmons will be spending a year in China, teaching English at a private Shanghai school. She will be using the opportunity to "completely immerse herself in the Chinese culture, and broaden her world view," she said that she first heard of the program through a friend who works at the international programs office, which is directed by Witold Wolny.

"Professor Wolny was very helpful and was always available to provide useful feedback," Simmons said. "Although the international programs office is not directly associated with my program (it is sponsored by Marshall University in West Virginia) it was still impressive to note the array of opportunities to study, live and work abroad that the office provides," she said.

A native of Fairfax, Va., Simmons expects to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Economics and a minor in Spanish in May of this year. "From an economic perspective, I am aware that China has become a global competitor; therefore any knowledge of oriental culture will be beneficial," she said.

Simmons said she tries not to have expectations or preconceptions about her experience. "I am throwing myself to the wind and hoping for the best," she said. She does, however, have plans to travel around the region. She said that she intends to visit the Taj Mahal in India, Buddhist temples in Nepal, and other sites in the region.

For the future, Simmons said she aspires to work for the United Nations and help organize programs that will aid in the advancement of developing countries. She feels that her future can only benefit from her experience in China.

The college has many study abroad opportunities throughout the year, including a trip to China this summer. For information about this and other study abroad programs, students can visit the international programs site found under the "About UVa-Wise" menu on the college's website.

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Those of us who have some sense of manners and respect were sickened by every embarrassing act of insolence exhibited in our gymnasium that day.

But don't blame the students of this generation. It wasn't their fault.

I am sure that a parent is to blame. Or, maybe the second grade teacher who failed to teach them simple manners. Maybe if then-Governor Warner had allocated more money toward education, these mindless degenerates may have been taught some degree of politeness before graduating from grade school.

Maybe it is the college's fault for scheduling events which may run into class time. But if you lack the common sense that says "Only attend events that you can be at in their entirety or, if you have to leave early, do so at an appropriate time (i.e. between speeches)," you need not attend college at all.

I have seen this happen over and over again throughout my time here. The college has failed to do anything to prevent it or even address it.

At Wednesday's event, I felt no sense of pride to be a part of this college's student body. In fact I felt quite the opposite.

I can only imagine the bad taste left in President Casteen's mouth after he seemingly cut his speech short in the face of our total lack of respect.

Games

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ment System) My undisputed number No. 1 should be put in a class all of its. The greatness that is "Super Mario Brothers 3" will never be repeated.

This game is perfect in every way. After a weird, but good, "Super Mario Brothers 2," the third installment broke the mold and had kids everywhere planned to the television for hours.

From the new power-ups Mario could obtain, to the excitement of find-

ing all three "warp whistles," this game helped Nintendo maintain a grip on the video game industry until the late nineties.

"Super Mario Brothers 3" is, dare I say, the greatest video game ever made. Period.

My list is now complete. Now I'm off to find the last "warp whistle" and save Peach from the evil Bowser. Let's hope she is not in another castle this time.

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That's fine. That's fine. That's fine, and as soon as said it two RAs showed up and busted us."

Lauren Cary, National Residence Hall Honorary president, said the event collected 355 items to be donated to the Pound Food Bank. She said she was pleased with the outcome of the event.

"The event went pretty well," she said. "It's a great and rewarding way to give back to the community...I think it's a great cause."

Both Lewis and Prior said they were happy to help collect canned food to give

to the least fortunate in the community.

"It's splendid," Prior said. "I think none of us fully understands the need out there. So, anything we can do I think is really very important...my giving some time to help in that regard is a joy."

Lewis said donating food is one of the best ways to be charitable.

"Canned food drives are one of the best charities I think anyone can give...everyone has felt hunger," she said. "I can't think of many other better ways to give back to the community."

Elmo

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my perfect sphere of pop culture.

Even though Elmo's color change does bother me a bit, it's what I think to be the possible reasoning behind the move that annoys me even more.

As the newspaper staff and I discussed our opinions on Elmo's modification, something came up that made me think twice about why the change was made.

Merchandising. Obviously, merchandising purposes isn't the first reason that come to mind when people see a green Elmo. Most people may say the change will take a character many children adore and teach them how to protect the environment, and save the planet.

Even though I don't consider myself an

environmentalist, supplying information on how to protect our planet for the next generation of leaders is a great idea.

Unfortunately, I doubt that teaching children is the only motivation behind Elmo's new stylized fur job.

The merchandising revenue that will come from this change could be staggering. A ticklish Elmo causes riots at every Toys R Us from coast to coast, think about the violent possibility of two mothers fighting over a green Elmo.

And God help us all if the green Elmo can also dance, sing or both.

Can everyone say "World War III?" What bothers me the most about this green Elmo merchandising barrage that will

be unleashed is that it's using an idea that, when not raised to a psychotic level, is supposed to be moving mankind away from selfish ambition. Instead, the idea is moving everyone toward a common goal to help make the planet a better place to live. This change may have some positive impacts on the environment, but the corporate motivation of creating a pasture of cash cows is an overwhelming factor which may cast a dark cloud over any green light of positivity that may shine from the change.

Of course, this isn't the first time—nor the last time—greed will hide behind a popular idea or belief to gain a few more million dollars.

And I'm sure some will view this as me

on either end of the path with construction hats. At least then, when we walked through the debris and work zone, we'd be safely and properly dressed.

After all, if they're going to make us walk through the construction, shouldn't we have protective gear just like the people who work in it?

Staff meetings are held Fridays outside the Honor Court room at 1 p.m. and are open to ANYONE who wants to be involved with the paper.

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wasn't his fault. Construction is inevitable on college campuses during this day and age.

More people are going to college, and expansion is needed. However, the construction site should be, first and foremost, safe.

Students are tripping over pipes, skirting around bulldozers and almost getting

face-planted with doors.

We can do better than this. Construction projects should never put students in danger, and I feel that at the moment about 300 commuters or more are in such danger.

If we can't build a path that is safe through the construction site, perhaps the college should consider having tables set up

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

(All released on April 17)

"Crank: High Voltage"

(Lionsgate)
Cast: Jason Statham, Amy Smart
Rating: R
Genre: Action

Plot: When we last saw Chev Chelios (Statham), it appeared as though the assassin had met his maker. Wrong. As his story continues, Chelios hunts down the mobster who stole his nearly indestructible heart and replaced it with a battery-powered ticker that requires regular jolts of electricity to keep working. (IMDB.com)

"17 Again"

(New Line Cinema)
Cast: Zac Efron, Matthew Perry
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy

Plot: Mike O'Donnell (Perry) has lived a life full of regrets. Suddenly, he reverts back to his 17-year-old self (Efron), who looks to navigate high school and create a path that leads to a better adult existence. (IMDB.com)

Music

(All released on April 21)

Depeche Mode

"Sounds of the Universe"
(Capitol)
Genre: Pop/Alternative

Lucy Coll

"Shallow Life"
(Century Media)
Genre: Metal/Alternative

Rick Ross

"Deeper Than Rap"
(Def Jam)
Genre: Hip-Hop

Video Games

"Exitebots: Trick Racing"

(Nintendo)
(April 20, Wii)
Rating: Everyone (E)
Synopsis: The newest addition to the "Exitebots" franchise, "Exitebots" lets you perform crazy tricks by using the Wii Wheel.

A Skylit Drive just dodges mediocrity with sophomore effort

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Sometimes a genre just hits a wall. It just can't add anymore originality to the box the style operates in.

So, when listening to A Skylit Drive's most recent addition into the screamo genre, "Wires...and the Concept of Breathing," I decided that the album didn't bring much uniqueness after only the first few songs and decided the only fair way to assess this album was to stack it up against screamo heavyweights Underoath and Emery. Bands that took the genre to its highest point.

In a genre that has produced little originality over the past couple of years, did A Skylit Drive produce an album that exemplified the best qualities of screamo?

I would have to say yes. All of the tracks bring the energy that has defined the genre since its inception. And the trademark mixture of smooth vocals and aggressive screaming is done perfectly, and, may be some of the best I've heard on an album.

Tracks such as the title track "Wires...and the Concept of Breathing," "Sitting on the Edge of Forever," and "I'm Not a Thief, I'm a Treasure Hunter" are all stand out tracks that puts the band at the top genre.

The choruses are all impressively catchy and show the



band has a knack for a good hook. This aspect of the album does make it an enjoyable listen.

The lyrics are standard fare for the genre: Broken relationships, the pain caused by said broken relationships and the recovery from those relationships. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, but don't expect to find a profound, mind-blowing lyric that will have you pondering the world around you. The song "My Disease" does attempt to show some deviation from the standard formula with its self-examining lyrics of how we bring problems upon ourselves, but it comes across as bit forced and loses some meaning because of that.

The biggest problem I have with this album is the length, as it comes in at a paltry 34 minutes. On an album that has 13 tracks, it should have a longer running time than it does. The fact that it has two instrumentals—with one of these opening the record (something that drives me up the wall of insanity)—that combined clock in at 2 1/2 minutes just maximizes the problem.

If you like good screamo you will enjoy the album. The energy and the catchy choruses of the record do just enough to keep this album from sinking into mediocrity.

Now, let's see what we can do about knocking down that pesky wall.

Editor's Choice: My 5 Favorite Video Games

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Over the last decade or so, video games have become the preferred form of entertainment to many around world.

And why shouldn't it be. Name any other form of entertainment that allows someone to become a courageous super hero or even a hardened mobster. Video games seamlessly blend film, music, storytelling and participation so well they leave you breathless.

Those are the games that you remember. Those are the games you gush over. Those are the games that make you proud to be called a "gamer."

Here are my top five games that reside in my personal gaming Valhalla. These are games that supplied me with endless memories and a pale skin tone.

5) "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles IV: Turtles in Time" (Super Nintendo)

One of the best "beat 'em up" ever made sits at No. five on my list. Whether it was teaming up with a friend or going it solo, this game provided hours of simple, but fun, gameplay that still holds up today. The graphics, even compared to today's, are beautiful and took advantage of the Super Nintendo's graphical ability to provide a visually stunning game.

The addition of levels that had you surfing through the sewers or speeding down futuristic highways all while fighting foot soldiers gave the game, and the genre, a much needed gameplay improvement.

4) "Far Cry" (Xbox)

One of the most intense first person shooters I've ever played, "Far Cry" puts you on an island full of mercenaries who want to kill you. Nothing too original, but throw in the fact that you possess super human powers, and it livens things up a bit.

A PC port of the original, "Far Cry" is a fun, fast and innovative shooter that imitates the fight for survival as close as any game has to date. Shooting somebody isn't

the funniest, or safest, way to take out your enemies. You have to use stealth and strategy in order to survive. Whether it's sneaking up to kill a guard or setting a trap for an unsuspecting enemy, "Far Cry" gives players something more than the run-of-the-mill shooter.

But the powers make the game truly unique. You can run fast, kill enemies more quickly and jump far distances with the touch of a button. Every power feels like, well, a power. When you run fast, everything blurs by. When you jump a really far distance, your stomach drops to your feet.

You throw in some "ragdoll" physics, and you've got the most unique shooter to come down the pike in years.

3) "Final Fantasy VII" (Playstation)

The most epic, gripping game I have ever played. "Final Fantasy VII" combined, what may be, the greatest story ever told in a video game with a cast of unique characters that you couldn't help but get emotionally attached to.

Everything about this game was near perfect. From the graphics to gameplay mechanics, developer Square-soft (now Square Enix) crafted a game that gave gamers nothing to complain about.

The game single handedly made the Playstation the most dominant gaming system of its time.

2) "Mega Man Legends" (Playstation)

Some would consider transforming Mega Man from its original 2D glory to a 3D action role-playing game as sacrilegious. But when Capcom decided to update the "Blue Bomber" for the Playstation, this is exactly what they did.

And it was glorious. The graphics are stunning, the story is solid and the boss battles are some of the most impressive I've ever played.

Some may have not like the new revamped Mega Man, but Capcom didn't listen and gave us one of the best games to ever grace the Playstation.

1) "Super Mario Brothers 3" (Nintendo Entertainment)

Rapid Reviews/ Movies

"Dragonball Evolution"

(20th Century Fox)

"Far more entertaining than it deserves to be, unless you're a 10-year-old boy, in which case it's only the greatest movie ever made."

Aaron Hill/The Village Voice

"Observe and Report"

(Warner Bros. Pictures)

"Just know this: Rogen is nutso hilarious, nailing every note of mirth and malice. Even when Hill goes way too far, and he does, 'Observe and Report' revels in creeping you out and making you laugh—hard."

Peter Travers/Rolling Stone

Music

Rascal Flatts

"Unstoppable"

(Lyric Street)

"Crisply produced, the album's biggest problem is the one that has always dogged Rascal Flatts: All the songs bleed into one another with rarely a shift in structure or mood."

James Reed/Boston Globe

Silversun Pickups

"Swoon"

(Dangerbird)

"[Lead singer, Brian] Aubert's dude-sings-like-a-lady tenor conjures false hope for a relationship he knows is doomed. SSPU salute misery as a kind of ideal, the opposite of love but just as beautiful."

Tony Power/Blender

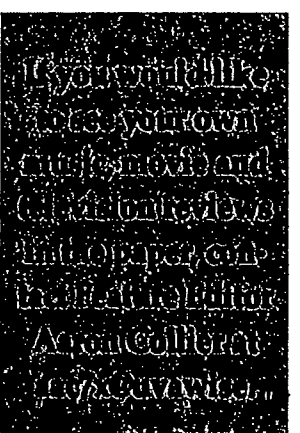
Video Games

"The Godfather II"

(Xbox 360, PS3, PC)

"It took me about 12 hours to finish 'The Godfather II,' but I felt like it just ran out of steam about two-thirds of the way through. There are definitely a lot of interesting ideas at work here, but the game was never challenging enough to make any of the decisions I had to make feel very weighty."

Ryan Davis/GiantBomb.com



Sterling returns to UVia-Wise as new Athletic Director

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Photo obtained from Longwood Athletic website

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Not Just a Mm's World

Harvin's career up in smoke?

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Yes, in case you didnt know, Harvta dedded Id delp'out on his senior year of college and piit Um-adf iq> for die 2009 NFLDraft.

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Lady Cavs' win two straight, then fall to E & H

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The womenii tends team earned back-to-back wfais agahist Soodieni Viigiijiaa Udverdly and Berea College last wade but fd1 to Emoiy & Heniy College Wednesday, S^.

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As die La(ly.CBVs prqiare for the HponndngAAC tooraam-ent, aenior Kdsey AdUns is confident dial die team has a dunce for a win.

"When it comes to die toumsment, you really never know whatV gdng lo happen." she said. IVople wta and lose dial you never expect to."

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"The outcome (of dw tournament] is up ta lke sir," CampbeU said. "Vlfe have a strong team and hopefilly w e l pun off a win."

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The Lady Cats will face Berea College ooce again to-momw at home stsing at !! am.