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The Cavs baseball team has been struggling with consistency this season. Read how they plan on changing that on Page 6.



The new movie "17 Again" starring Zac Efron and Matthew Perry was released in theaters last weekend. Read the review on Page 5.



The college has chosen "The Ghost Map" as next year's freshman read. Find out about the book on Page 4.

UPCOMING

Free Smoothies

SAB members will make free smoothies for the campus community on Monday, April 27 in the Jefferson Lounge of the Slemm Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Annual Picnic

The college will host its annual Student/Alumni Picnic in the Sculpture Garden on Wednesday, April 29 beginning at 11 a.m. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to enjoy free hamburgers and hot dogs.

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Elections spark confusion

Students say SGA election process is complicated

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Only 25 percent of the student body voted in this week's elections, according to SGA estimates.

Students could vote by absentee on paper, but the majority of students were expected to vote via the online portal, which was sent out as a link to students in an e-mail message.

Election results were not available at press time.

"I think voting in person next year might be better," junior Senator Alex Davis said. "Or we should make the Web site more user-friendly."

"Even being in SGA as a senator, I had a hard time voting and finding the Web site."

The confusion about the Web page may have been one reason people neglected to vote.

Seniors Ben Norton and Adam Jankowski both

said that they did not vote this year.

"It seemed complicated and I didn't know about most of the candidates," Norton said.

Jankowski said he lives off campus and didn't know elections were taking place.

Senior Senator Victoria Anacle said that she heard of one student who tried several times to vote and the portal wouldn't let her log in.

Another, freshman Ronald Dixon, said that he had to get someone to help him figure out how to vote. And, he wasn't familiar with many of the candidates.

"I knew who two of them were," he said. "Some of them made groups on Facebook or sent out e-mails."

Junior SGA President Travis Brannon said he felt the elections went smoothly, but that the overall turnout of candidates was low.

"I would account this to the end-of-semester academic stress on students," he said. "SGA candidacy

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R.O.T.C program approved

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The faculty senate has approved the creation of an Army Reserve Officer Training Corps program at UVA-Wise which will be offering courses as early as August, 2009. The senate voted to approve the program at their April 1 meeting.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Jeffress of ETSU's Army R.O.T.C. and UVA-Wise's military liaison Sergeant First Class William H. Willis, of the Army National Guard were present to answer questions about the program.

The Army R.O.T.C. is a college program designed to commission officers in the U.S. Army. This is done through military science courses, leadership workshops and physical training programs. Though R.O.T.C. is

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Freshmen participate in community walk



Photos by Brittany Wishtendahl

Above: Elizabeth Steele, the coordinator for advising, retention, and assessment, and head of the freshman seminar program, introduces speaker David Volk, assistant professor of music, before the walk.

Right: Students begin the walk up the hill towards the Betty J. Gilliam Sculpture Garden.

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Walking in the pouring rain isn't exactly the best way to spend an afternoon. Most would prefer to be inside relaxing with a good book or watching their favorite television show.

The college's Freshmen Seminar classes decided to put their wet, freezing feet in action to raise awareness about autism.

The walk, which started at the Slemm Student Center and proceeded around the Gilliam Sculpture Garden, raised \$1317.36 in donations for HEART of Wise County, an organization that provides education, encouragement and support to people dealing with autism.

Freshmen mentor Winter Harmon said she was proud of the freshmen who came out in bad weather to help with the cause.

"We're extremely proud of our freshmen for showing up and coming out and supporting something that they may not have been familiar with," she said.

Harmon said each year the freshmen mentors are required to do a project and she said the mentors wanted their project to be more than just a paper.

After learning about how many people on campus were affected by autism, a community walk benefiting the disease was decided upon. She said that it was a learning experience for both the mentors and students.

"It really was a learning experience for our classes, for us as mentors who have had no contact with any kind of Autism or Aspergers or any kind of those disabilities," Harmon said.

David Volk, associate professor of music, talked to the students before the walk about his own 7-year-old son Reese, who has been diagnosed with a form of high-functioning autism. He also spoke about the affects the disease has had on his family.

Volk emphasized the need for a community that understands autism and its effects. He said that as the diagnosis of the disease grows, people need to in-

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Leadership Banquet to be held tonight

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The college's annual Student Leadership Banquet will be held today at 5:30 p.m. in the Greear Gymnasium and awards will be presented to student leaders on campus. The event, held since 2004, is meant to recognize the leadership skills of students outside of the classroom. "This is really a collective meeting...to show everyone who the leaders were and to recognize them in front of their peers," said Julie Scott, director of the Slemp Student Center and a member of the Student Leadership Banquet committee. Dean of Students Jewel Worley said there

are 37 different categories of awards presented during the banquet—including SAB board member of the year, Greek chapter of the year, student organization of the year, most improved student organization, the unusual hero award and the Commitment to Diversity Award. Worley said the Student Leadership Banquet committee, made up of personnel involved in the Office of Student Affairs, reviews awards packets submitted by organizations and nomination forms from individual students. Worley said one of the most notable awards is given at the end of the banquet. "One of the biggest awards we give is the Outstanding Student Leader Award which is given to the student who actually exempli-

fies what a student leader is," Worley said. She said the award is given to the student who "has acclimated himself or herself to the campus community, has done well academically, has been a mentor to other students and has stepped up and really taken on the role as a student leader." Awards even recognize student excellence in intramurals. Chris Davis, associate director of the Slemp Student Center, said he gives awards for male and female intramural MVP inductees members of the campus community into the intramural hall of fame and presents one student with the Eric Bevin Memorial Award. "It probably means more to me than any of the rest of them," Davis said of the Bevin Award.

He said the award was presented in memory of former student Eric Bevin who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1997. Davis said, Bevin was a model student leader and "an advocate of [the] intramural program." "Eric was one of these kinds of guys that didn't care if he won or lost," Davis said. "He was just an all-around good guy. Where he was such a big part of the intramural program and just kind of one of those guys that always had a smile on his face [that] we thought it was only fitting to come up with the award." "This year, that award is actually going to two people. They're both going to be graduating and I couldn't pick between the two people."

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Alumni picnic slated for Wednesday

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The Office of Alumni Relations will host the 22nd annual Alumni Picnic on April 29 starting at 11 a.m. in the Gilliam Sculpture Garden. The picnic is a chance for the alumni relations staff and alumni board members to talk with students, said Pam Collier, director of the Office of Alumni Relations. Collier said board members will prepare food and serve students. "We are a part of the cooking and everything," she said. "So, it gives us some good interaction with the student."

Jo Stewart, an administrative assistant in the Office of Alumni Relations who is participating in her 10th picnic, said she hopes students will come to see the importance of the alumni office. "We hope that the students will recognize the alumni presence as part of the campus community," she said. Collier said the picnic also allows current students and alumni to discuss the past, present and future of the college. "It's nice to know that the student activities and things that are happening now are not so different from what was going on when we were in school," she said. "[It's] just great to hear the differences, but also the similarities. The fondness of seeing old professors and wanting to come back and talk about who your favorite professor or your class was." Collier said the event is a good way for her department to inform students—especially graduating seniors—the importance of being an alumni of the college. "It's just great to see the students and it's also good to talk with those who are going to become our future alumni in the next few weeks...to get to talk with them about what it means to become an alumni and how they can stay involved with the college," she said.

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crease their awareness. "I think it's going to take a community of people that understand and know something about Autism because the behavior, if you don't understand, is inappropriate for most social situations," he said. "For whatever reason the diagnosis is on the rise so I think we're all going to be confronting more and more...people like Reese who aren't able to interact or communicate socially along a normal sort of pattern and we just all need to be aware that because we're increasingly going to have to interact with people who were afflicted with Autism ourselves." Volk said he was excited that the college chose to concentrate on autism in seminar classes this year and to help raise awareness about the disease. He said he wanted to tell students that the disease is not a respecter of people and their lives could be affected by it in some way. "I think sincerely, the connection I wanted to make with the students was

this idea that, you know, when I was their age I just had no idea," he said. "My life was no different than theirs, you know, and...I had no thought that I would be raising a autistic kid and the reality is a certain number of them are going to." "It certainly comes with certain challenges, but there are rewards as well and, most importantly, I think there is a community of support that's really starting to develop and be ready to embrace that if it's something they got to deal with." Elizabeth Steele, coordinator for advising, retention and assessment, and head of the freshmen seminar program, said the concentration on autism began with the freshmen read, "Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime," by Mark Haddon, about a boy with autism growing up in England. She said that autism isn't talked about enough because of how many different forms of the disease exist. "It covers so broad a spectrum of

people," she said. "I have been surprised at how many students that I have talked to in my seminars, and elsewhere, know or are related to or otherwise connected with somebody who has some form of autism." Sophomore Kendra Hawkins, a freshmen mentor, said she was surprised at how many people on campus were affected by the disease. "I was very surprised to find out how many people are affected by Autism," she said. "When we were in training to be a mentor, Student Support Services [officials] told us about many of the families on campus that were affected." Steele said she was impressed by the willingness of the freshmen to give, not only with money, but with their hearts. "We often say today that people are cynical, that they don't really care and yet you watch how our students have responded to this and it's clear that they really do care," she said.

JamFest to precede Jam4Man

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The Student Activity Board has a host of activities slated for next week—end-of-the-year events which allow students one last "hurrah" before the semester ends. The week of events—including free smoothies, a hypnotist and a dance—lead up to the May 1 kickoff of Jam4Man. The events allow students one last chance to connect and spend time with each other before the end of the school year," said Josh Justice, assistant director

of student activities and Greek life. Events begin on Monday with free smoothies in the Jefferson Lounge of the Slemp Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Tuesday, April 28, renowned hypnotist Gary Conrad will perform at 8 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room on the fifth floor of the student center. The JamFest dance will be held on Wednesday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Greear Gymnasium. "Paul Blatt: Mall Cop" will be shown on the big screen Thursday on the lawn by the lake. The film will begin at dusk. Free snow cones and popcorn will

be available for all audience members. The hypnotist's visit may be one of the bigger draws of the week. "Lots of students requested the hypnotist," Justice said. "It's fun to watch people be hypnotized." Justice said JamFest is one of the first events planned by SAB members. "We start talking about it when we go to the national conference early on in the year," Justice said. "We basically begin planning at the beginning for the end." "The students are great, they give up a lot of time to host these events," Justice said.

Steelwater Coffee Bar to host Arts Night

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The Steelwater Coffee Bar and local artists are gearing up for the first ever "Downtown Arts Night" to be held on Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at Steelwater in downtown Wise. "We have asked a number of students to present their poetry, fiction, music and art at the Arts Night," said senior Jade Bolling, managing editor of the Jimson Weed, the college's literary magazine. "Judging from the student talent presented at Coffee Night, I think we will have a great night of readings and music." While the Jimson Weed staff has hosted a biannual Coffee Night for years with great success, the "Arts Night" event will follow in its footsteps with a more laid

back environment. At least five Jimson Weed contributors—sophomores Ashley Ryan and Brittany Wichtendahl; and seniors Swadu Beckley, Brenda Bush and Craig Rice—will perform some of their own creative works. Christopher Scalia, an assistant professor of English literature, who first proposed the event, will serve as the master of ceremonies. "We have had Coffee Night biannually for many years but we decided to have another night where only students on campus could come and have a more laid-back reading," Bolling said. "It will be a good breather from long papers and getting ready for exams." If you are interested in performing one of your own works or showing off some of your art, contact Scalia at csc2@uvawise.edu or Bolling at jbl3ba@uvawise.edu.

OPINION

From the "Other" Editor's Desk

South Korea goes pink

American men often complain that women are bad drivers. And, as a young woman, I am offended by their assumptions that I cannot commandeer a car simply because I don't have a penis. Officials in South Korea, however, have taken this attitude a bit too far.



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The city of Iksan, South Korea, has determined that it is South Korea's "women-friendly" city. Why? Well, in part because city officials recently re-structured several public parking lots to include women-friendly spaces, according to the English-translated Korean blog site, Korea Beat. These spaces are outlined in pink and have a pink flower in the middle. As if that was not insulting enough, the spaces are more than 8 feet wide, instead of the traditional width, which is about 7 1/2 feet. Now, no one said the spaces have been widened because women are bad drivers. Perhaps it is to allow mothers with children greater room to exit the car, or the spaces are designed to allow women parking alone at night a greater feeling of safety. Yeah, right.

A radio station in the Roanoke area covered this story Friday afternoon as I was driving through, and listeners called in. Some were women who said, "Sure! I love pink, and I know I can't park! I'd love that space!" God bless those people. Many more were angered by the parking situation, which they considered to be sexist. I kept driving down 460, bemusedly listening to what people had to say. I came upon a military convoy and was curious to know if the military personnel driving thought women were good enough drivers to drive on behalf of the United States of America. Turns out, they are. Women were driving several of the trucks I passed, and I was glad to see that perhaps America isn't as sexist as we think. Except for one thing: Many of the women driving were listening to their iPods. With their headphones on both ears. Um, that is illegal in the state of Virginia. Thanks, military women. I appreciate your support of an age-old stereotype. I drove on, disgusted. Oh, and my driving?

"I am offended by their assumptions that I cannot commandeer a car simply because I don't have a penis."

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Sure, sometimes I speed or miscalculate a turn. Who doesn't? But no man has ever offered to take my place in the driver's seat—maybe, because they can't drive my 5-speed.

Miss California penalized for having a voice?

Odds are you've heard about Miss California, who evidently "gave the worst answer in pageant history," according to judge Perez Hilton.



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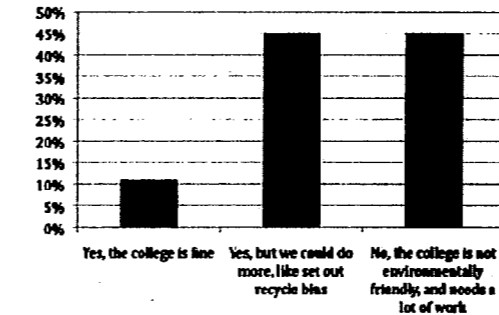
I'm truthfully not interested about what Miss California, Carrie Prejean, said. I am interested, however, in the reaction. Prejean is getting bashed from all sides for saying what she believed. She answered her question regarding same sex marriage: "I think it's great that American's have the right to choose...and I believe a marriage should be between a man and a woman, no offense to anyone out there."

Wow. Hilton says, "If I was Miss California with half a brain I would have said...that's a question each state should answer for themselves." So, because a contestant actually stood up for what they believed in, and didn't answer "world peace," she should be penalized? Beauty pageants have never been high in my book. I don't appreciate women flaunting their looks in evening gowns and bikinis just get a chance to win the prize of most beautiful. It may be a scholarship program, but I would rather fill out a form. However, I became very interested in the Miss USA pageant when I found out that Prejean was being berated over her answer. Simply because Prejean was not politically correct in her answer, her intelligence is being questioned by Hilton calling her a "half brain."

Furthermore, people are saying she's an idiot for answering in such a way. This bothers me, because it seems to me that she went against the grain. She stood up for herself. She stood up for her beliefs. She emitted intelligence by not submitting to social norms. Is this not what women fought for in the feminist movement? I was under the impression that we fought to be heard—to gain a voice in this country. Now, when a woman uses her voice to speak adamantly about her beliefs, she gets cut down? There's a nasty double standard in America that is becoming all the more evident. Hot button issues are now taboo, because more and more individuals are becoming closed-minded to the other side of the spectrum. The wonderful part about having a personal belief regarding something is recognizing that someone else has a completely different view. Hilton said that Prejean "doesn't inspire and she doesn't unite." I beg your pardon, Mr. Hilton. Prejean stood up for what she believed in, and she didn't give in to the political correctness expected of citizens. She has a brain, and she used that brain to stand up for not only what she believed in, but also the fact that everyone needs to be heard. It was an opinion, as is mine. If you don't agree with her, or with me, for that matter, you can't take it away. Just because it isn't your opinion doesn't make it any less valid or relevant. Welcome to the U.S., Mr. Hilton. We're all about freedom of speech here. Or, at least, we used to be.

Poll of the Week

Do you think UVA-Wise is environmentally friendly?



Percentages: Yes—11%
Yes, but we could do more—45%
No—45%

Student Comments:
Marcus Adkins, Senior, English Literature: The college has tried to "go green" or at least be more "green" over the past year, however, with increased construction these "green" attempts seem futile. The most damaging evidence towards the college's attempts is the amount of odorous gases that expel from the side of Zehner. These fumes pollute not only the outside but seep into the building and make it extremely uncomfortable for students in Room 137 who have to sit for hours while inhaling toxic fumes. Spending thousands of dollars on three trees does not make a campus environmentally friendly.

If you have questions about the poll, e-mail Opinion Editor Marissa Jones at mj14z@uvawise.edu.

Earth Week a time to reflect on human impact on planet

By Kemper Edwards

For many environmentalists, Earth Week serves a number of different purposes. Many celebrate and appreciate the natural aesthetics and the life that thrives on Earth. This week can also serve to celebrate our past successes. For others, this week is a chance to promote environmentalism, raise awareness of environmental issues, and to accelerate current movements. I would like to encourage everyone to participate in Earth Week and to learn more about environmental issues. Nature has many aesthetic values. Coral reefs flourish with vibrant colors and many different forms of wildlife. National parks are opened to highlight and preserve the natural beauty that the Earth has provided. Many people travel great lengths to watersheds for the observation of migratory birds. Each of these natural beauties and many more are at risk of disappearing. We extract coal, crude oil and natural gas for energy. We extract iron, copper, and other metals for building materials and many other uses. The extraction of these resources scars the surface of the Earth. Mountaintop removal is perhaps one of the more extreme examples. Mountains shrink as much as 200 feet to extract coal. The surface is left with an unnatural 200 foot high rock wall. Even

after reclamation, wildlife struggles to adapt to the land that once flourished. Southwest Virginia is one of the most bio-diverse places on the planet. It is no secret that it is also a large coal-producing region. Many coal operators choose to extract coal via mountaintop removal. This removes a significant portion of habitat for wildlife, as well as making the habitat less suitable, even after reclamation. Along with the loss of habitat, erosion also occurs. This erosion can cause a number of problems for sensitive organisms—including poor water quality. Humans are one of the sensitive organisms that will suffer from the poor water quality; limestone must be added to our water and filtered in a treatment plant before the water is suitable to drink. The new Old Dominion Power Plant is being constructed near the Clinch River, from which it will pump water to cool the plant. Since the power plant will need water, it must be located near a water source. The plant must also discard the fly-ash or waste that will be produced. One of the byproducts of burning coal is mercury, a known neurotoxin, which will, through precipitation, make its way into the Clinch River. This is problematic because the Clinch River is one of the most bio-diverse rivers in the world, containing species of mussels that are not found anywhere else on the planet.



Our presence on Earth has many different impacts: Global warming causes an increase in temperatures and more severe weather; mountaintop removal contributes to a loss of beauty and a threat to biodiversity. Humans are having a significant impact on the planet. I would like to encourage everyone to participate in the annual Earth Week. If you did not have the opportunity to do so this year, please do so next year. Go to the many events that the Environmental Club will be sponsoring. Go to learn more about your footprint and how you can have less of an impact. To anyone skeptical of our environmental impact, I would like to invite you to drink a glass of water directly from the Clinch River or from the wetlands behind Martha Randolph.

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Campus clean-up in honor of Earth Day

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In celebration of Earth Day on Wednesday, the Physical Plant sponsored its annual Spring Clean-Up where students, faculty and staff picked up trash on campus.

"We [normally] average around 100 to 120 bags of trash each year," John Reeves, the college's director of facilities, wrote in an e-mail. "This event [is great] because it gives faculty, staff and students the chance for fellowship as well as to work for a common goal."

Sign-ups were between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Betty J. Gilliam Sculpture Garden.

Participants were given latex gloves and trash bags when they signed up to clean one of the 12 areas around campus—from Culbertson to the Towhouses to the commuter parking lot.

"I always notice the commuter parking lot is always nasty so that's the first place I'm going to go clean," said freshman Patrick Fisher before heading out to pick up trash.

"I'm here to help out the community, you know, to give back and be a better person," said freshman David Simmons.

Event organizers said the number of participants this year appeared to be greater than past years—perhaps due to better advertisements and a more green-friendly attitude.

"All of my staff work this event because to them, it's one of the most important events," Reeves said.

Many participants came out to help despite the strong wind.

"I'm saying thank you to the community," said senior Yussif Thalla. "There are hardworking people cleaning everyday and I can spare one day to give them a break."

Even members of the college's athletic teams came out to help clean the campus.

"We do this every year for our community service projects," said football coach Shawn Austin. "Beautification is one of the things we have to strive for at Wise [because we're such a close-knit community]."

"The Ghost Map" chosen as freshmen read for next year

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Imagine yourself searching through the streets of London for a water pump infected with cholera, and you'll be making a journey with the upcoming freshmen in the fall as they read Steven Johnson's "The Ghost Map."

Diane Silver, an academic counselor in the college's Office of Advising and Retention and head of the committee that selected the freshmen read, said the book "already has a presence on campus," because some biology classes have used the book and student feedback has been positive.

"We wanted to challenge the students," Silver said. "It's not necessarily an easy read. It's a rewarding read."

The book walks through a process of scientific elimination day-by-day, through the minds of two men, Reverend Henry Whitehead and Dr. John Snow, who searched out for the source of the cholera epidemic that hit London in the summer of 1854.

Elizabeth Steele, the coordinator of the Office of Advising and Retention, said she hopes the book will show freshmen that "prime think-

ers are really not experts. The work they did was new, ground breaking and initially rejected, but they persisted and they eventually made their point. Individuals can make a difference."

Although it's not a traditional selection for the freshmen read, both Steele and Silver said that it is an interesting read.

"There's plenty of fiction out there," Silver said. "This is a reality that I would like them to have the opportunity to read and see it for the compelling thing that it was."

Steele said that Johnson, a professor at New York University, has a unique ability to "take something that was scientific and important and relate it back" to readers today.

Silver said she hopes that the whole college, not only the freshmen, will become involved with the book. She said they "want to hold lectures and plan activities to go with the book" throughout the semester.

Silver said the Freshmen Seminar courses "will have the subtitle of 'Priming the Pump,' because they hope that this [book] will be something that will academically prime the pump."

Steele also compared the book's message to the current cholera epidemic in Zimbabwe, saying that we "can't have big cities" without this knowledge—it "enables [us] to have a cos-

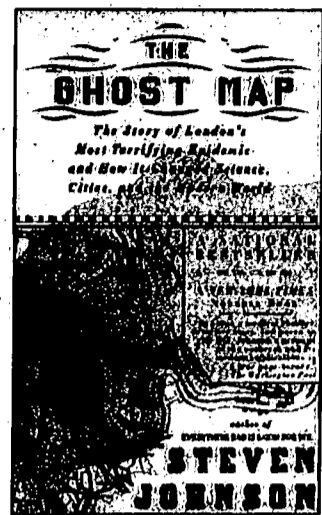


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mopolitan existence."

"Science is becoming a group effort," Steele said. "This is a testament to hanging in there and sticking to your guns to get something accomplished."

Jenzabar's new Leadership go-live date set for June

From Staff Reports

The Jenzabar student information system is now scheduled to "go live" on Friday, June 19, according to an e-mail sent to the campus community Monday by Keith Fowkes, the college's vice chancellor for information technology.

In order to provide time for information to move from one system to another, the old Regent CoCo system will shut down on Thursday, June 4. Students will not be able to access their student information during this time.

"We are very excited that Jenzabar has fixed the software issue and we are looking forward to getting the new system up and running on June 19," Fowkes said.

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Assistant Director for Student Development Lelia Bradshaw said she hopes students realize the magnitude of the event.

"It's a way of us being able to honor all the student leaders [and] organizations that make student life what it is," said Bradshaw, also a Student Leadership Banquet committee member.

Elections

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is something that many feel would take up more of the precious little time they have available."

Elections will be held again in the fall to fill freshmen senator positions and say positions remaining vacant after this election.

He said he feels confident in the return-

"I just hope students realize that we're doing this for them and that we take it very seriously. We hope they can attend... so that they get the recognition they deserve."

Attendance at the event is by invitation only and those attending are asked to wear business professional attire.

Shadows

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day L.A./ But I think I'll be gone today."

"Die Buying" is a biting track about the foothold commercialism has on the world. Our freedom of choice, according to the song, cannot be bought "With another slogan/With another lie."

The lone ballad on the album, titled "Roads," is the story of a person who doesn't want to live anymore and who is searching to

find that reason to stay around one more day. The song is an uplifting reminder that no matter how bad life gets, life is worth living.

"About a Burning First" touches on all subjects—from faith to loneliness to overcoming fear. It's an album that has the combination of solid hard rock musicianship and lyrical integrity which most bands today, especially the ones in the mainstream, can't seem to find.

ROTC

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designed for students who want to pursue a career in the military, Jeffress said that "a number of students who aren't interested in a career in the military can still take full advantage of the leadership and management offered by R.O.T.C. courses as free electives."

The initiative to create an Army R.O.T.C. at the college has been led by the college's provost Gil Blackburn and it is Willis' job to create and maintain the program.

The program will start by offering eight courses starting in August of this year. Freshmen who are interested in becoming officers in

the United States Army will be able to start the four year program in the fall, as well as sophomore students who have served in the military previously. No other students can enter the program formally. However, any student can take the R.O.T.C. courses as free electives.

It is unlikely that the military program will lead to the formation of a new major on campus, Jeffress said. It may lead to a minor, however.

Students interested in the program may contact Willis at 276-376-1094.

THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

(All released on April 24)

"Obsessed" (Screen Gems)
Christi Beyonce Knowles, Ali Larter
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama/Thriller
Plot: A successful asset manager, who has just received a huge promotion, is blissfully happy in his career and in his marriage. But a temp worker starts stalking him, all the things he's worked so hard for are placed in jeopardy. (IMDB.com)

"Fighting" (Rogue Pictures)
Cristi Channing Tatum, Jennifer Howard
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action/Drama
Plot: In New York City, a young counterfeiter (Tatum) is introduced to the world of underground street fighting by a seasoned scam artist (Howard), who becomes his manager on the backstreet brawling circuit. (IMDB.com)

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"17 Again" not great, but "a fun and entertaining" flick

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It's a script that has been used time and time again in Hollywood. A film's hero gets made either older or younger to learn a lesson about himself and what's truly important in life.

Movies like "Big," "13 Going on 30" and countless others all follow this basic mold.

While I knew the newly released "17 Again," starring Matthew Perry and Zac Efron, would not take the genre anywhere new, I was hopeful that it would at least be an entertaining movie.

And I have to say—it was.

The movie begins with the 17-year-old Mike O'Donnell (no, not that Mike O'Donnell) in his senior year of high school. Mike, the star basketball player, is about to play a game in front of a college scout. However, his life takes a drastic turn when his girlfriend, Scarlet (the older version of whom is played by Leslie Mann), informs him that she is pregnant.

Scarlet, on the verge of breakdown, leaves the gym. Mike attempts to play the game anyway, but decides to leave it behind along with his future to be with Scarlet and help her raise their child.



Photos obtained from IMDB.com

Flash forward 20 years later. Mike and Scarlet have two children, Maggie (Michelle Trachtenberg) and Alex (Sterling Knight), and are in the midst of a nasty divorce. Apparently, Mike has spent the majority of his life regretting his decision to marry Scarlet and giving up on his chance to go to college.

With both Maggie and Alex in high school and wanting nothing to do with their father, Mike moves in with his best friend, super nerd Ned Gold (played by Reno 911! star Thomas Lennon). After a run-in with his spirit guide, Mike is transformed back into his 17-year-old self. He decides to re-enroll in high school in an attempt to relive his glory years.

However, as is customary in these movies, Mike realizes his situation isn't all about him.

The film itself is pretty entertaining and most of the actors—with the exception of Trachtenberg—do a good

job. I was hoping to see Efron prove that he is destined for bigger things than "High School Musical 6." However, I was almost immediately disappointed when one of the opening scenes found him in a choreographed dance sequence to Young MC's "Bust a Move" while backed by dancing cheerleaders.

Minus this small flaw, Efron was actually quite good throughout the rest of the film. He was very believable as 37-year-old dad in a 17-year-old's body. It was fun to watch him befriend his son and be there for his daughter, even though he is physically their age.

I thought the scenes between Efron and Mann would be awkward due to their characters' romantic relationship, but I was pleasantly surprised. Efron was so believable

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Rapid Reviews

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Dan Jolin/ Empire

"Crank: High Voltage" (Lionsgate)

"If you have a propensity for motion sickness you would be best served staying away. This movie is Tarantino on speed, and without focus and style. It is in-your-face and proud of it with no apologies."

Rob Calver/ Premiere

Music

Depeche Mode "Sounds of the Universe" (Capitol)

"For their new album, Depeche Mode said they were using analog synthesizers and other vintage gear to conjure up images of the universe and space travel. But the result sounds like a time machine back to the Eighties... Depeche Mode should be poised for a comeback, but it's too soon to unpack those black turtlenecks."

Melissa Maerz/Rolling Stone

Rick Ross "Deeper Than Rap" (Def Jam)

"Even if this isn't much 'Deeper' than the average Three 6 Mafia album, the glitz and guts of 'Deeper' are a big step up, making Ross sound like a Miami-fied version of Young Jeezy."

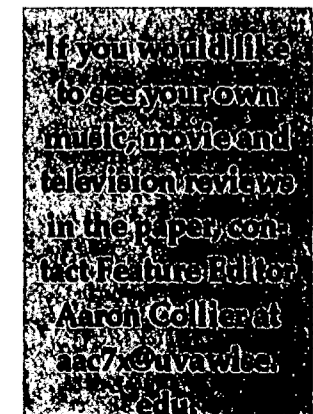
David Jeffries/All Music.com

Video Games

"Company of Heroes: Tales of Valor" (PC)

"Overall it's the game's \$30 price tag at the time of this writing that stops me from fully recommending Tales of Valor. For experienced players, though, Tales of Valor offers enough distractions to fill your need for something new."

Dave Snider/GiantBomb.com



College hosts Third Annual Student Research Symposium

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Thirteen of the college's students made presentations on April 17 at the third annual Student Research Symposium, co-sponsored by UVa-Wise and Emory and Henry College.

There were 29 total presentations at this year's symposium on topics ranging from humanities to social sciences, mathematics, science. Some students also made poster presentations.

Academic Dean Amelia Harris said the number of submissions have become evenly balanced between the two colleges since the first year the symposium was held.

Senior Jade Bolling presented a smaller version of her Senior Seminar presentation, "Feminist Mysticism: Fourteenth Century Feminism in Julian of Norwich's Revelations."

"I decided to do the event so that I could practice

presenting my Senior Seminar presentation," Bolling wrote in an e-mail. "I thought it would give me a good practice of reading it and answering questions."

She said that the symposium was also a way for students to reveal their research to professors and peers outside of their college.

"I think that this sort of undergraduate research symposium is very beneficial because it allows students an outlet to present their academic research and study," Bolling said.

Harris said plans for a similar symposium in the works for the upcoming fall semester. She said UVa-Wise is working with Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) members including the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the University of Montevallo and Georgia College to plan this future symposium.

"The event broadens students' engagement in their given field of study and connects the students with faculty," Harris said.

Girls & Sports

By Justin Borus & Andrew Feinstein



Intramural Softball team travels to Wake Forest

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consistency in games

By Kacie Jessee
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The Hlglklud Cavalier basebaU team is winding dowiithe season with Ughihopes for the npcoming' AACloinancnt

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Bnt even the leanrs 12 fmhmea pli- ers aren't really freahmen any longer, Banner said. They've had enough time to adjust lo college Competili on.

They're not freshmen, they're sopho- ODoea now and you oaa't always blame yonlh," Baaner said. "We've just got lo get oat there aml'perfoim."

The Cava willfaoe the BnUdogs of Union College at 4 p.m. today and l p.nL tomorrow atihome.

A Madden Farewell

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On April 16, **Brittany WkMtadalil S^pwtsEditor iMw8B@imiwlscda** Madden unounced his retirement from the broadcasting booth.

For more lhan 30 year^ he has been.lbe voice of profnsioBai football He has travelled with the NFLfrom televlaioaistatioa.to television station^

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ABC finally got a taste of Madden when he Joined their ^Monday Night Football" panel of ualyals.

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When they arrived there, it was obvious that Maddentwas aotibadging oni his decision:

In fact^ one of the execadvcs said there was something in his voice that made everyone in the room believe be was serioas.

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For people lke our parents.and our grandpar- ents, this is a bigger shock to diem than to us, but still I take it u a great loss in the broadcasting world.

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Several odier columnists from Web sites like CBS Sports or MSNBC Sports have compared Maddea's departure to Johnny Canon leaving comedy, aad I agree fally widnthat comparisoa.

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Red vs. G^ay game reveah stnngflu af Cava' team

The Highland Cavalier, football team hosted its aaoaal Red vs. Ony game on April 18 at the Cart Smith St#dinm.

The Red team (dkfense) beat die Gray team (ofTense) 72- 6L

Unlike laregnladongameii the teams earned points for

successful p l ^ not'toochdowns.

Jnnior Matt Oalar acoied the onetouchdownfor die de- fense by recovering a famble.

Sophomore Loke Spariock, frertmaa Amondre Johnson and junior Keitt MoBride all picked off passes during the game.

OfTeasively, juniors Brad Robbias and Ario Evans were bodi absent from ike game. Robbias was playing for the Cava baseball team while Evans missed the scrimmage due to and off-season ankle sargeiy.

The Cava' first game ia lbe faU is scheduled for Aug. 29 on>lbe road against Setoa Hill

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The men's and women's Cava" tennis teams woa matches

against Berea College OB April 18.

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Senior Daaiel Robiason, janipr Randall Maddle and freshman Maric'.Collns(each woniln>8iaglea play with Baaad jnnior Caleb Crowder won in donblea.

For die Lady Cavai Senior Kdsey AdUaa woa her third conseontive singles by beating her opponent, Oagaletba Hogwane, 6-3; 6^.

Adklns also won in dooblea with her partner, freahmu Whilaey BoDing, 8-6. It was the fonrth coasecutive doobles vlotoiy for lbe pail

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