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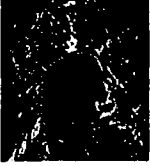
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INSIDE



The Lady Cavs basketball team welcomes new head coach Jason Montgomery to UVA-Wise this year. Read the story on Page 6.

MANGA MESSIAH



Manga has infiltrated nearly every aspect of our literary society, including, as it turns out, the Bible. Read about "Manga Messiah" on Page 5.



AmeriCorps is looking for UVA-Wise students to tutor students at Wise Primary School. Find out how on Page 4.

UPCOMING

Room Change Day

Are you thinking about swapping roommates? Tuesday, Sept. 1 is Residential Hall Room Change Day. See your RA for more information.

President and Advisor meeting

The presidents and advisors of campus clubs and organizations must attend one of two meetings, both to be held in the Rhododendron Room: Sept. 1 at 5 p.m. or Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.

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Commuters relocated as parking lots change



Photo by Whitney Bentley

The parking lot above the Science Center has been repainted this year. Parking spots for commuter students, freshmen and sophomores are designated by different colored lines. More spaces have been added in the gravel lot as well.

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Commuters returning this fall are sharing the parking lot above the Science Center with 180 residential freshman and sophomores due to the construction of the new Convocation Center.

Campus police are taking steps to improve this situation as much as possible. They have opened more parking for commuter students with the addition of 80 more spaces in the gravel area of the parking lot above the Science Center.

UVA-Wise Chief of Police Steve McCoy said commuters may park in the lots surrounding the swimming pool, tennis courts, softball

field or any space that is marked by green or white lines.

"Change is tough on everyone, but we need to look at it as a positive," he said.

Many commuter students say they're frustrated with these changes.

"If [the college] is going to make all of these renovations, then they should include the parking lot," said sophomore Asad Chowhan.

Senior Jarret Bolling had a similar reaction.

"I don't like it, there seem to be fewer spots for commuters," he said.

McCoy said a new sidewalk will be built in the coming weeks, stretching from the tennis court area to Darden Hall to accommodate those who park in the lots surrounding the gym.

Parking spaces will also be added near the intramural softball field in the parking lot above the Science Center.

"We try to be as student-oriented as possible, we are trying to accommodate as many as we can," McCoy said.

He said safety is paramount as the college continues to undergo construction changes.

"With increased traffic, be more conscious of pedestrian traffic, observe all speed limits and try to be conscious of all rules and regulations," he said. "In congested areas, be conscious of fellow students and faculty; please do not park in a manner that may block others in."

Enrollment continues to increase

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Despite budget cutbacks, enrollment at the college is up 9.3 percent from this time last year.

That increase includes 419 freshman and 130 transfer students, and may increase slightly due to the fact that both the Center for Teaching Excellence and The Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon, Va. are still enrolling students, said Rusty Necessary, vice chancellor for enrollment management.

The number of freshman on campus is slightly smaller than last year but there has been an increase in transfer students, and retention rates are up from last year.

"We're doing really well," he said. "Given the current state of the economy we should feel really good about where we are. None of us really knew how the economy would affect [enrollment this year]."

The transfer student population has increased in part due to the implementation of the Appalachian Inter-Mountain Scholars (AIMS) program.

AIMS is a joint program between UVA-Wise and Mountain Empire Community College (MECC) that allows qualified students from the region to complete an associate's degree at MECC and then transfer to UVA-Wise to complete their bachelor's degree, all tuition-free.

This is the first year students were eligible, Necessary said. And AIMS students account for the largest percent of the college population increase.

Necessary said that the admissions office is pleased about the geographic diversity of the incoming students.

Forty-seven percent come from Southwest Virginia, while 13 percent each call Tidewater and Northern Vir-

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UVA-Wise grads have lowest debt

From Staff Reports

For the sixth year in a row, the U.S. News and World Report's annual college guide has named UVA-Wise as the top public liberal arts college whose students graduate with the lowest debt load.

Members of the college's most recent graduating class completed their degrees with less debt—an average of \$10,252 for students who took out student loans—than students at any of the nation's other public liberal arts college. Fifty-nine percent of the Class of 2008 graduated with no debt.

"It is a point of pride for UVA-Wise that we are consistently ranked as the top public liberal arts college that graduates students with the lowest debt," Chancellor David Prior said in a press release. "Nearly 80 percent of our students demonstrate financial need, one of the highest percentages in Virginia. A tremendous benefit of a UVA-Wise education is that our graduates begin graduate school or careers with a low debt load."

Three private liberal arts colleges were ranked above UVA-Wise in the overall lowest debt list for liberal arts colleges.

Data for the U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2010" guide includes loans taken out by students from financial institutions, federal, state and local governments, and from colleges. Parents' loans are not included in the figures. The average amount of debt is the average cumulative amount borrowed by students who incurred debt, not the average for all students.



Budget cuts issued again, more to follow

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UVA-Wise officials are preparing for the next budget cut to be handed down from the state, the fourth in three fiscal years.

Sim Ewing, vice chancellor for finance and governmental relations, said that so far the college has lost approximately \$3.2 million.

Recently, Gov. Tim Kaine directed the college and other state agencies to submit a plan for additional budget reductions in increments of 5, 10 and 15 percent. He will announce in early September what percentage of cuts will be enforced. For UVA-Wise, a 5 percent cut in expenses will reduce more than \$600,000 from the college's budget. Cuts made will be considered permanent.

These cuts are the result of state-

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Back in Session



Photo by Whitney Bentley

Senior Brad Graboyes, Junior Aesha Wampler and sophomore Jessica Campbell head to class Wednesday, enjoying the sunny day and warm weather.

Montgomery to lead Lady Cavs

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Tlio Marok for a tow head ooaoh for lbe woman's basketball team h over.

Former Volunteer State Community College head'ooaob Jason Montgomery was hired in Jnly to replace Rodiel Gay-Keohane, who itepped downla the s)riRg.

Montgomery Joins the team withisome impressive stats.

His .656 career head coaching winning percentage and 2008-2009 National Junior Athletic Association championship season ht VolUnte^ State n^y provide the team with the experience they need to Itounce back from the disappointing 6-24 record, they posted'ttet season.

Montgomery said his decision to accept the position was based, in part, on his desire to build a successful team.

"FTakiig the job] was an opportunity to build a successful NAIA program," he said. "This is a hugely eoutiQg time here with the new arena aadithe move to the Mid-Sodtb Conference andil truly feel^lhis is a gem in the rough of a job,"

Before coaching at Volunteer State, Milontgometry was the head coaohathhture CoastTsoh High Sobool wherehe guldedlthe team to an 8Sf31 record, two district titles and' three cohference titles

in four seasons.

Prior to that, he helped direct a turnaround at St. Catherine (Ky.) College, where he seived as head coach for three years. After adisappointing 11-20firstseason, bis second squad improved by 12 wins lo 8'23-8 lecord and aTJC-CAA West runner-up finish. '

"There aren't many coaches who could have completely turned around a team the way he did at that school in Keotncl^," said sophomore guard. **Tieiba** Harrison.

Much of Montgomery's success can be credited to Us unique coaching philosophy and Us aggressive style of play. His teams are known for being defense-minded and aggressive.

t^oaoh Montgomery's winning experience, coachingiphlosophy and enthusiasm will really help us become a belter team this season." said sophomore guard ChanoaBleidsoc.

Lady Cavs volleyball begins season with new

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"The LadyCavs volleyball team is set to bounce back from' adisappointing 2008 seasonj with a new outlook and a brand new coaching staff;

Last year's Lady Cbvs^were plagued with injuries.throughout the season.

First year head coach Kendall Rainey said the team has worked hard over the summer and she's seen improvement overall.

"We've worked' a lot on confidence building and focusing on the prooest^'" Raia^ said. "And they've made great strides, bat we still have a long way to go."

The Lady Cavs^ preseason was a bit rushed and extra pressure was put on the pl^ets to prepare independently throughout thesummer.

After Rainey arrived, the team was able to have intense practices for two week&

Rainey said the thtee-a-d^ practices really helped wilhibonding.

Despite fewer injuries the LadyCavs are not problem-free.

The team is very young once again.

This year's squad has sevenifreshmen and one first-year sophomore^ providing an obstacle similar to'ttot year's six fresh^ menpl^ers.

Rainey said she's certain that all the fredimen will be impact players at some point or another throughout the season.

It will also be tough for ,the Lady CavsT young team to become famlli^ with a new coach; However, the influx Of young payers aadnew-coaohes mey just provide the groundwork for an cKcellent leama-few years.dbwmthe rbadl

Y>vetaU ifs a good thing," Rainey said. They're only getting acclimated to me, soiit gives us a good'base to grow on.

An excdieat source for the young

team will be the fact that Rainey and assistant coach Jessica Cajn>plagredial UVi-Wise only four years ago.

"I think we will experience some bumps in the road as new coaches, but we are looking forward to growing with this group," Rainey said.

The lack of confidence and leadership'from last-year, noilonger seMisiko be a problem for the Lady Cavs.

Seniors Kayla t>ougher^ end Rutti Anne Hoover have stepped into leadership'roles.

"I couldnU ask for better seniors," Rainey said IPhrougjiovt the summer until now they have hem more than wlllllhg to help the freshmen. Thqr are great leadershipy example on andioff the court"

"The seniors aren't the only plagers who are expected to make contribntion&

Sophomore Mikaela Anders—who was an incredible powerhouse for the Lady Cavs last year, finishing second in the nationin.hittingpercenlageiandifouith in kills per game—could dominate the ooaferoee. Rainey said. •

Kelley Bumgarner and Samaniha BrummettCi theteam's sophomore setters have shown great work ethic and are expected to be leaders on the floor; Rainey said. .

Junior Kaidyn Collins williplay opposite Anders as the team's second'middle. Rainey said she's seeni high mergy from Collins and expects that willHasL

With the start of the season j u t around the comer, Rainey said'sheMsiop' timislic that the team could make Itto the top'three in theconfetenoeT f

"I think we may, suiprise some people because we nay win some'games we aren't supposedito^" sheisaldi "^\ul we are still young and'have more work ahead qf us. Iithinkweare [preparedlibutweril still be learning throughout the beginning."

The Lady Cavs willikldr off-ttieir season.bn Sept 2'al 6:30;p:m. whenitheyraoe Montreal College ln Oreear Gymiiasium.

Cross cuntry teamsi still jio>estil despite losses

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After the men's team took sixth place and women's sophomore runner Brittany Killough took third at the AAC Championshipsfalp' last year, the UVa-Wise onus country team ,prepares for a new season.

One of the biggest ohallengN is replacing key runners.

The team will parddpte without two prominent runners from last seuo—Brittany Kllloughiuid'Colln Skeen;

Another ohBlleige Is that the men's team lacks a full roset> Since the (eam has only three competing runners, they oaiit

store atmeels.

Sophomore Kayla. Bdthls, juhl<K "Tuiara Haack and senior Maureen Seibold will be key runners for the wornea's team.

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•Carter said dwteainisisdU confident diey will have • great season.

"The team i i i <ora laotivated then I've ever seeii In my yeant>of teaohlog;" heiald.