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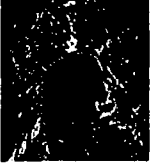
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## INSIDE



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-

see Budget, page 4

## 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.

# Students must now use college's e-mail system

By Chris MnUins  
Staff Writer.

UVk-Win kas begua to oDconnge students to use their college e-mail accounts for all official college communication.

"Now that we've got a very solid, very reliable system in Microsoft Exchange we wanted to make the policy that all students use internal e-mail," said Keith Fowlkes, vice chancellor of information technology.

The reason for this new policy is to provide reliability and security for the students and others using the college's e-mail.

With many students using private e-mail accounts such as Hotmail and Yahoo!, there is no security for messages that aren't received.

In an e-mail sent to the employees of the college about the new policy, Fowlkes said that GnaU, Yahoo!, HotmaU

and other free e-mail providers do not extend guarantees of service and have few services to track messages for delivery verification.

"You call up Hotmail and say, *look*. I need to find out if tUs student sent this" and they will laugh at you," Fowlkes said.

Using the internal e-mail system, the Information Technology staff can facilitate e-mail back and forth interactions between students and faculty. As far as the security of students' information our internal e-mail system is more secure Fowlkes said.

College faculty and staff of UVa-Wise have been using the internal e-mail system since it became active, he said.

By making students, faculty and staff all use the college e-mail system, professors can send an e-mail to a student, confident the student will receive the message and that the address is one the student still

uses. "When you look [students] up in the directory it will have the e-mail address I've sent messages to students who don't see that because they are using one of the other accounts," said Sandra Richardson professor of education.

How are the students responding to the move? Freshmen Martin Kilgore and Alex Hennicutt both said the move to internal e-mail is a good idea and is understandable because the security offered by the college e-mail system.

Senior Jason Ingles said that the college's e-mail is there for a reason.

The policy will help keep students from missing important messages not only from the professors but also from financial aid, the provost and dean's offices and the registrar, Fowlkes said.

The policy can be found in the college handbook.

# Cultural credit policy change

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Beginning this semester, seniors who put off completing cultural credit requirements until the final days of their final semester will not graduate on time.

A new policy now requires students to complete their cultural credits by Uie Friday before break—Fall Break or Spring Break—of Uie semester during which they plan to graduate. Transfer students need only complete four credits to fulfill Uieir cultural credit requirement.

"It's a major part of the liberal arts education we offer at U^ - Wise," she said. "We have plenty of events for students to fulfill the requirements and *that's* of time for students to do so."

In past years, Harris said she has had to e-mail

graduating seniors to alert them about Uie cultural credits they needed to complete in order to graduate.

"This takes significant time and energy to ensure students can graduate at the end of the year," she said.

Harris said she hopes the policy change will remind students about the cultural credit requirements.

"It seems that somehow many students are very surprised when they find out about this requirement," she said.

And, Harris said, the policy change might also reinforce the importance of cultural events.

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# Opinion To tweet or not to tweet?

Technology is slowly infiltrating every area of our lives, and U>fe-WisB is working hard to take part in this process.

Not only has Jenzabar forever changed our student portal experience, but now students and faculty have the ability to connect to the college through both Facebook and Twitter.

Want to get constant updates about U^b-Wise? Now you can.

Simply become a fan on Facebook to view all of the wall updates, or follow the college on Twitter to get all of the latest tweets.

When I heard about this technological development, I wasn't that surprised about Facebook. Several campus clubs and organizations already use Facebook to spread the word about everything from meetings to parties.

Twitter, however, is a different story.

First of all, Twitter amazes me. Within a year, the application has literally exploded onto the Internet. Once you create a Twitter account you can pick the networks most important to you. This includes news sources, various celebrities and now UVi-Wisa. You can also follow your friends to constantly know what is happening in their lives.

But, for me, Twitter could all too easily turn into an intense stalker situation or an obsessive-compulsive disorder.

I admit that I don't tweet, but I am not expecting to deal with new parking issues.

When I say new parking I really mean no parking—for commuter students, that is.

If you're a commuter student and drive around for 20 minutes looking for a spot just to attend one 30-minute class, then you know exactly where I'm coming from.

Who voted to slice the already crowded commuter lot in half?

If the podules that are deep enough to lead to China in the lot aren't bad enough, now commuters must battle with other cars in WbfU in over a parking spot.

I've done my research, and I know that we now share the lot with residential students due to the new construction of the upcoming Convocation Center.

The construction has led to the dosing of the stadium parking where die residents used to park.

I'm a huge advocate for die new construction on campus, and I'm thankful that my college is taking

# Starting out and starting over

Those words were bouncing around my head today. I thought Uiey were lyrics from The Pormaf's song "Time Bomb."

Alas, die actual lyrics are more like this: "Starting now I'm starting over/I'm gonna sle^ with die next person I meet"

And diaf's not really what I have in mind for this school year.

However, I am starting out, and die year (and The Highland Cavalier) is starting over.

There are more Uian S30 new freshmen and transfer students on campus. The new residence hall and die arts building are boUi (kind of) open. The newspaper is a little slimmer, more svelte if you will. Papa

home football game next month. I am excited to see students on campus join new clubs and organizations; pin • dieir Greek symbol on dieir jacket or launch a crusade to clean up the wetlands on campus.

So, welcome back to campus, everyone. I hope you had a great summer, but I know Uiat deep down in your heart—unless you wear your heart on your sleeve, that is—you are glad to be back here at U%>Wise. Olad to see die mountains, rid yourself of die humidity that plagues die rest of the state, and be back in die swing of dieings.

I am, too. Starting out and starting over

Joe's now has steak fries. The times, they are a-changin'.

And, it is pretty damn exciting. I am excited to see the first play staged in the new state-of-the-art theatre. I am excited to cheer on die Ckvs at die first

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# Commuter parking nonexistent on campus

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A new semester at UVa-Wise usually means new things like new books, classes and professors.

On my first day back, I was not expecting to deal with new parking issues.

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I'm a huge advocate for die new construction on campus, and I'm thankful that my college is taking

part in large amounts of growth and expansion. However, with more students, more cars and nowhere for those cars to go.

I understand that the upshot behind the gymnasium is reserved for commuters too, but it

crowding from the increasing student body.

The tried and true phrase I f you build it, Uiey will come" is very applicable to the current situation at UVii-Wise. In die midst of building new residence halls and academic buildings, why can't college officials build a few new parking lots along the way for those students who p^—yes, pay—to park on caapui?

I never thought Pd actually see die day in my life when parking wuldbecamoBliixHiy.

One letter published in The Highland GavaUer *wof* going to magically make new parking lots sprout up around jumps like daisies; however, my letter does bring up important parking issues from a commuter student's standpoint. And diese issues need to be addressed.

I understand that die entire campus is a work-in-progress at the moment. Pm hoping that die parking situation is temporary and die college officials will work to smoo die situation.

Until then, every commuter should bay a good pair of running *Aoc\** because you're going to become best friends with die steep hills and never-ending stairs.

*Rfoa Is a Junior English Ultra-tut major.*

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# Enrollment

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giaia homei Four percent come from the Shenandoah ^ley regic«i and 7 pa-cent of students come from out of state. Other states represented in tUs year's freshman class include Tennessee, Texas; South Carolina, Keatueclq^ Indiana, Illinois and Oco'gia.

This year's freshman class is mostly comprised of men, which Neecessaiy said is "ret-

ly unusual in the landscape of higher education."

The most effective tool for getting students to enroll, Neecessary said, remains the campns visit.

"We really do recruitment through relationship building," he said. "Invariably what sta-deiits lelt jio. lis.lh>t die inter-aolioa with people on campus [drew diem here]. That's die beauty of a small school, die individual attention each student receives."

Necessary said die recroitment process for next year has

already begun.

The first campus preview d^ wUI be held on Oct 24, and Neecessary said part of the advantage of UVi-Wise is die willingness of students on campus to attend 8 a.m. open bouses:

"Ileccuting students to campus is a larger job than just admissions," he said. "Our ret suits are die work of everyone pulling together to recruit students, it's very much a team effort."

# i o n s

From Staff Reports

Petitions for office in die Student Government Association (SOA) are due today. Positions available include Freshman Senator, Junior Senator, Senior Senator, and Senator-at-Large. Petitions can be returned to the SOA office in-lhei Slemp Student Cenfr or to Dean Worth's office in CentreU.

This year die SOA executive board is entirely made up of returnees. Senior Travvis Brannem is in

his second year as SOA Presidrat. senior Luke Pariu returns as Vice-President along with oior Clint Tipton in his second term as Treasurer and junior Stephanie Lawson returns with one semester's e^rience as Seaetaiy.

Aren't Facebook and MySpace enough to keep the world running snioolhly? Do we really need another program to constantly check and update during our hectic scheduled

The company's website says that it is not in fact, too much information, but that it is die perfect way to keep in contact with friends and fMily widout having die pressure of a response. This bottieR me; because it is promoting the continuation of a non-cofflunucative< society.

I wrote an article last semester in regards to texliag instead of having an actual conversation. Now we've moved to just reading your friend^ tweets instead of commenting on dieir Facebook status;

Don't get me wrong, if you enjoy making tweets through your phone, laptop or iPod, go for it. Just remember to open your nooUi and talk to a human being once in a while.

# From These Local Groups

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# AmeriCorps looking to hire UVA-Wise students

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The Mountain Empire Community College AmeriCorps Program is seeking five of the college's students to serve as literacy tutors in grades K-3 at Wise Primary School.

In exchange for 900 hours of service over the academic year—720 as literacy tutors and 180 hours in training and service projects—students will receive a \$5,550 living allowance, a \$250 scholarship for the fall and spring semesters and a \$2,362.50 educational award.

And, participating in the program does not impact your financial aid status.

The deadline for applications—which can be submitted in paper form or online—is August 31. Paper applications can be picked up in 110 Smiddy Hall at the office of Diane Cornett, academic affairs associate.

Applicants should be full-time students with a minimum 2.5 grade point average and like working with kids, said Sue Graham, the director of the AmeriCorps program at Mountain Empire. Students should also be

## Budget

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wide revenue shortfalls.

"Last week the governor announced that the Commonwealth ended fiscal year 2009 \$300 million short," Ewing said.

He said that with an additional accumulated shortfall of \$1.2 billion, Virginia's total shortfall is approximately \$1.5 billion.

The college does receive stimulus funds from the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which helps alleviate tuition hikes, Ewing said. These funds are only for this fiscal year and next fiscal year. However, after the stimulus money is used up it is unsure what will happen.

"Right now we are just waiting on the governor to give us what our percent shortfall will be," said Ewing. "The quicker we know the real number the better off we are."

The college is dealing with the budget crisis in several ways. Money that went toward Other Than Personal Services (OTPS) funds has been reduced or eliminated. Cuts have been redistributed to each of the vice chancellors' offices, and they can choose which programs could most easily do without funds or be cut.

College officials are also looking for ways to cut money from central funding, Ewing said, by delaying hir-

AmeriCorps members receive training in tutoring, leadership, active citizenship, career planning, teamwork, diversity, disaster services, First Aid and CPR/AED and environmental issues, according to the organization's Web site. And, the volunteers serve as role models for and promoters of volunteerism and community service.

The Mountain Empire program, which began in 1999, is part of the nationwide federally-funded AmeriCorps program. The program is also co-sponsored by the Virginia Office on Volunteerism and Community Service (VOVCS) and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

The local program now recruits 40 student volunteers each year, according to the organization's Web site. Thirty-five volunteers are selected from student applicants at Mountain Empire and five from UVA-Wise.

For more information, you can visit the AmeriCorps Web site (www.americorps.gov), contact Sue Graham at Mountain Empire (276-523-2400 ext. 365, sgraham@me.vcccs.edu) or Diane Cornett here at the college (276-328-0285, dec3g@uvawise.edu).

# Spain trip interest meeting held today

From Staff Reports

¿Jamás quiso viajar a España? That means, "Ever wanted to visit Spain?"

If so, then you should plan to attend an informational meeting today about the "Southern Spain Adventure," a tour of Spain offered by the college over Spring Break. The meeting will be held in Room 100A of Sniddy Hall.

The March 6-13 trip includes overnight stays in Seville and Granada and a sightseeing tour of Cordoba.

Amelia Harris, academic dean and associate professor of modern languages, designed the tour in conjunction with EF Customized Tours.

The trip's cost, which includes airfare, hotel accommodations and some meals, will vary depending on the number of people traveling.

The deadline for submitting an application for the tour is Sept. 21.

For additional information, contact Dean Harris at 276-376-4557 or ajh7a@uvawise.edu.

ing, eliminating reserve funds, perhaps not filling vacant positions, and back-filling with things that were purchased ahead with ARRA funds.

Ewing said the college will not issue a tuition surcharge in the middle of the year, as it did in the spring semester of 2001. Next year, he said, classes will potentially be larger and the frequency of offerings fewer.

Ewing said college administrators have not yet discussed the possibility of eliminating programs completely.

"With planning, everybody will be able to make it through on time," he said, even if upper-division classes are put onto a rotation schedule of offer-

ings instead of being offered annually.

"It is a pretty dramatic situation but we're not in this alone," he said. "It's grim but other folks' situations are a lot grimmer."

Ewing said that students and faculty can help save money by doing things like turning off lights and not running the heat or air conditioner unnecessarily—things, he said, that "we can control."

"Overall the entire community has been good stewards—this will just make us more conscious and do better."

## THIS WEEK IN ENTERTAINMENT

### Movies

(All released on August 28)

**"Halloween 2"** (Dimension Films)  
Cast: Soori Taylor, Compton, Tyler Mane, Malcolm McDowell  
Director: Rob Zombie  
Rating: R  
Genre: Horror/Thriller  
Plot: Laurie Strode (Taylor-Compton) struggles to come to terms with her brother Michael's deadly return to Haddonfield, Ill. meanwhile, Michael prepares for another reunion with his sister. (IMDB.com)

**"Taking Woodstock"** (Focus Features)  
Cast: Demetri Martin, Henry Goodman  
Rating: R  
Genre: Comedy/Music  
Plot: It's 1969, and Elliot Tiber, a down-on-his-luck interior designer in Greenwich Village, New York, has to move back upstate to help his parents run their dilapidated Catskills motel, The El Monaco. The bank's about to foreclose; his father wants to burn the place down, but hasn't paid the insurance; and Elliot is still figuring how to come out to his parents. (IMDB.com)

### Music

**Sugar Ray**  
"Music For Cougars"  
(Pulse)  
Release: July 21  
Genre: Pop/Rock

**Third Eye Blind**  
"Ursa Major"  
(Mega Collider)  
Release Date: Aug 18

### Books

**"Daniel X"**  
Author: James Patterson  
Release: Out

**"Drops Like Stars"**  
Author: Rob Bell  
Release: Out

**"The Lost Symbol"**  
Author: Dan Brown  
Release: September 2009

# Recap: Summer flicks

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The summer has officially come to an end.

It's time to get back into the swing of things here on campus and time to catch up on movies you may have missed over the summer. Here are a few titles you might want in your Netflix queue.

"Angels & Demons" came out about a week after exams. The movie is an adaptation of Dan Brown's book by the same name. The movie is not for those who get bored easily since the major action takes place during the climax of the movie.

The storyline focuses on the election of a new pope. The four hopefuls are chosen but suddenly go missing. Art history professor Robert Langdon, our hero, is called in and suspects an old organization known as the Illuminati are behind the kidnappings. If you like movies with religious content or if you just like Tom Hanks, you might like this movie.



Obtained from www.flickr.com

"Drag Me To Hell" was, by far, the most disturbing and most fun movie I saw this summer.

When Christine Brown (Allison Lohman) refuses to grant a gypsy woman's request for an extension on her home loan, the gypsy places a curse on Christine, and her life for the next three days is turned into a living hell.

I was on the edge of my seat through most of "Drag Me To Hell," and the conclusion caught me by surprise. The movie is filled with shocks, horrors, and gross scenes that will have you talking about this movie for days to come.

"Transformers 2" had a lot of people talking.

The story picks up where its predecessor left off. Sam Witwicky ( Shia LaBeouf) is leaving for college when he becomes the vessel for an ancient alien map, which in turn makes him a target for the newly resurrected Megatron and a new Decepticon called "The Fallen." With the help of his

new roommate, a group of new Autobots, the rogue Decepticon Jetfire and Sam's girlfriend (who, to the delight of male moviegoers everywhere, is still played by Megan Fox) Sam flees for his life, and a global manhunt ensues. The effects in "Transformers 2" are high budget and realistic.

The many scene changes keep the movie from being too dialogue heavy but the over two hours of running time are a big negative.

"Transformers 2" is geared toward an older teen audience and shows it in its crude language, college frat parties and sexual references, a far cry from the children's cartoon it was based on.

"Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince" was finally released this summer to a group of fans who were long awaiting its release. The movie follows the basic outline of the book by J.K. Rowling, with a few minor differences.

Harry is in his sixth year, and Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry has a new professor by the name of Horus Slughorn who will be teaching potions, while Severus Snape has finally attained the position of Defense Against the Dark Arts Professor. Fans of the book might find the movie a bit stale and lacking depth but overall I think the movie holds up on its own.

"Orphan" is a movie that speaks for itself. The movie gives you just enough clues to keep you guessing and doesn't pull out all of the stops till the very climax when you're kicking yourself for not seeing this conclusion coming.

Esther is an orphan who is adopted by a married couple John and Kate who have recently lost their unborn daughter. As the movie's tagline reads, "there is something about Esther." She is different from other children her age. She proves herself more intelligent as well and has a cold calculating air about her. You really just have to see this one for yourself.

"Orphan" is still playing and I recommend it to anyone who loves a good suspense and horror movie.

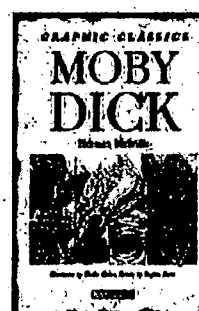


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# Manga literature is no substitute for the real thing

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From American comics and graphic novels to Japanese manga and anime, the style of telling a story through art is thriving.



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The graphic novel is becoming more popular among adolescent and teen boys as a way to encourage reading and develop literacy skills. I agree that graphic novels are good for literacy skills, but I think it's absurd to try to fit major works into the graphic novel format.

It wasn't until I saw a manga version of the Bible at Walmart, though, that I knew the movement had gotten a little out of hand.

After all, there is only so much dialogue an animator can fit into a speech bubble, and the rest has to be taken from contextual clues that any good comic book reader would know.

This format increases the chance that the overall meaning of the work will be lost. Certain works aren't called classics for nothing.

The message the author had in mind

cannot be conveyed correctly in a comic version.

Many people overlook it, but graphic novels and novels themselves are totally different types of literature, meaning they should be kept separate from the manga or graphic novel genre.

Graphic novels are meant for pleasure and entertainment, while novels and books—also read for entertainment—are meant to be more scholarly.

I bought a copy of "Manga Messiah," a manga version of the Bible, and I found I couldn't take it seriously.

The images were far too static and unappealing while the coloring was exaggerated. The dialogue was far too lengthy and I felt that the overall meaning was lost.

Graphic novels based on classic works are a new trend, but they shouldn't substitute for the real thing.



Obtained from www.gamapoint.com

# Rapid Reviews

**"Inglourious Basterds"**  
(The Weinstein Company)  
"Inglourious Basterds" isn't Tarantino's best, but it is worthwhile pulp fiction."  
Nick Chordas/The Columbus Dispatch

**"District Nine"**  
(Warner Bros. Pictures)  
"A memorable work that's likely to stand alongside the sci-fi classics."  
Claudia Puig/USA Today

## Music

**Jordin Sparks**  
"BattleField"  
(Jive)

"Something's got this American Idol down on her second album, and it's not the recession. Sparks emotes about bad love amid beats that mix snazzy electro with stadium-rock bigness."  
Rolling Stone.com

**Rob Thomas**  
"Cradlesong"  
(Emblem/Atlantic)

"With 'Cradlesong', Thomas reaffirms his station as the prince of likeable pop rock that everyone happily sings along to in the car when it comes on the radio, but wouldn't dare admit to it in public."  
www.music.ign.com

**Daughtry**  
"Leave This Town"  
(RCA)

"In the end, 'Leave This Town' perfectly encapsulates what Daughtry does best. They make radio-ready rock delivered with equal parts angry edge and sincerity."  
www.music.ign.com

## Video Games

**"Dissidia: Final Fantasy"**  
(PSP)  
(Square Enix)

"This is one of the most robust, well-thought-out games on the PSP to date and my favorite game on the platform overall."  
www.ign.com

**"Harvest Moon: Magical Melody"**  
(GameCube, Wii)  
(Marvelous Interactive)

"The sheer depth of gameplay will impress even the most seasoned veterans, and the difficulty is there as well."  
www.ign.com

Have an opinion on a new album, game, movie or book? Let us hear about it!

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## 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 Coast'Tsoh 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 l0 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

The LMt/ Cavs' ofRnsetocuses on hNUiHi eMlls durtng a prweasonpraclics.

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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, soiiit 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 seMisiso to be a problem for the Lady Cavs.

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

"I ouoldnU ask for better seniors," Rainey said IPhrougjiotv 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 [preparedlbutweril still be learning throughout the beginning."

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

## Cross country 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 Killoughiuid'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.

Despite the losses; then is a strong additiott to the me's.team^wlth<trellm8n Alex Onggjofnlng, Cartecsaldi

This seaaou'die men's t<ua will have three bofflpetting^ninbeiii, whno'thji <om' en'steam will have six.

•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.