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Members of RHA and NRHH went to the SAACURH conference in Kentucky last weekend. Check it out on page 4.



The newest version of A Christmas Carol, starring Jim Carrey, hit theatres this month. Is there anything new in Hollywood? Read one editor's opinion on page 6.



Basketball season is well underway. Both the men's and women's teams play tomorrow evening.

UPCOMING



► **Lighting of Crockett**
Historic Crockett Hall will be lit Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

► **Residence Halls Close**
Residence Halls will close at 9 a.m. on Nov. 25, for Thanksgiving break. They will re-open on Nov. 29 at 9 a.m.

WEATHER

Friday



67°F / 37°F

Saturday



68°F / 32°F

Sunday



49°F / 41°F

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Fair starts international week



Photo by Allie Robinson

International Education Week kicked off with a study abroad fair and presentation by former Peace Corps volunteer and current assistant professor of English at ETSU Theresa McGarry on Monday. Above, junior Michael Amory speaks with Semester at Sea representative Brian Little.

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The Office of International Programs began International Education Week 2009 on Monday with a study abroad fair that provided information for students interested in an education abroad.

Some of the represented programs were Semester at Sea, the Institute for Study Abroad and Monterrey Tech-Salttillo, Mexico.

"We have several of our providers we have agreements with who offer programs from ivy league, which are a little more pricey, to programs like the Semester at Sea that takes trips studying for a semester," said Witold Wolny, field director for international programs and associate professor of comparative religion.

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Alum opens new Wise restaurant

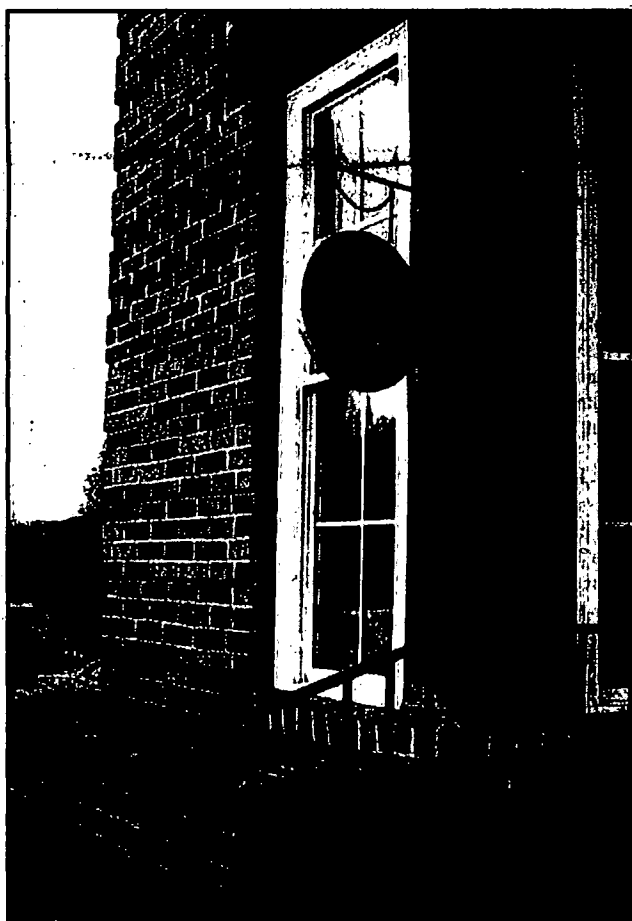


Photo by Mariah Redden

UVA-Wise alumus Jarred Addison opened Café 221b on Main Street in downtown Wise. Café 221b is an English pub-themed restaurant.

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Café 221b opened on Nov. 4 to fill the void of constantly closing coffee shops in downtown Wise, but with its own twist.

Café 221b is styled after a classic English pub and Sherlock Holmes memorabilia is proudly

displayed. In fact, there is a weekly quiz based on the popular fictional detective. The effect of all the different elements of the decorations is a very friendly and inviting environment.

In addition to the coffee, Café 221b serves frozen hot chocolate, hot chocolate, tea, smoothies,

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Students, staff make plans for Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving break begins next week and students are already making their holiday plans.

Many students are simply going home to enjoy their time off.

Trevor Thacker, a junior criminal justice major, is going home to Stafford over break.

"It is pretty much going to be [relaxing]," Thacker said. "I have a daughter whose mother and I are no longer together, so the beginning of the day she will spend with me and the latter half [with] her mother."

Bryan McDonnell, a senior business administration major, said he plans to go to his home in Fairfax to spend time with his parents.

"Thanksgiving day all the guys in my family have a tradition where we all go on a fishing trip," McDonnell said.

Junior art major Haanah Imburg said she is looking
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Residence halls will close Nov. 25 at 9 a.m. and reopen Nov. 29 at 9 a.m.

Smiddy wall explained

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The strange wall outside of Smiddy Hall is actually a sample of what finished Smiddy will look like, said college officials.

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Government Relations Sim Ewing said that the structure is actually a "mock-up wall for the materials to be used in the renovation of Smiddy."

He said other construction sites on campus have had mock-up walls like the one in front of Smiddy.

The structure is by the campus entrance, and shows both the brick and the stone walls that will be used.

Students stay up to watch meteors

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Despite the overcast skies and cool weather, students gathered on the intramural softball and soccer fields early Tuesday morning, hoping to catch a glimpse of a meteor.

The annual Leonid meteor shower was the result of the earth passing through debris

streams from the comet Tempel-Tuttle, according to a Los Angeles Times online article.

According to a NASA Web site, the meteors were predicted to peak Tuesday morning, up to 20 or 30 meteors per hour.

However, the overcast skies prevented many UVA-Wise students from seeing more than a few meteors.

Junior biology major Steven Allen said he was up at

the intramural field from about 12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. During that time, he said he saw two meteors.

"One was white, while the other was bright blue," he wrote in an e-mail to The Highland Cavalier. "It was pretty cool... it was also the first time I had seen a meteor shower."

Freshman Autumn Lyon, who is studying counseling and special education, said that she

saw just four meteors.

"I was really excited," she said. "It was my first time seeing shooting stars."

Her friend, freshman Meghan Osborne whose major is undecided, said she stayed out on the field until 4 a.m.

"I didn't see anything, but I was out there longer than any of us," she said. "I was mad. I had a wish ready and everything."

New band hits campus music scene

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The newest band to hit the campus scene does not need amplifiers or a sound and light guy. They just need themselves and their brass instruments of choice: a tuba, two trumpets, an euphonium and a French horn.

But not needing electricity to play a gig doesn't make Poor Farm V any less of a threat to other musical groups made up of five guys—they can play anything from weddings to parades to showtunes, band members said.

"We're like the Swiss Army knife of small performance ensembles," said the group's publicity guy, senior history major David Kleineick.

Kleineick, who doesn't play in the group because brass ensembles usually are made up of only the five instruments listed above—typically with a trombone instead of an euphonium—said the group was formed partly because the college's first brass ensemble, the Wise Guys, split into two groups, a high brass ensemble and a low brass ensemble.

creating a brass ensemble on campus again," he said.

Band members say the ensemble was really the brainchild of senior music education major Ben Harding, who plays the tuba.

"It was Ben's idea," said junior music education major and trumpet player Phillip Martin. "We really wanted to start an ensemble of our own, not only to make side money but also to expand our own creativity."

Harding said the group formed after seeing the brass ensemble Synergy on campus, and that within two weeks, the group held its first practice.

The group's name stems from the college's history, said junior music education major Brandon Alford, who plays the euphonium.

"Since it is going to be a student organization, and will continue after we leave, we wanted a name that would reflect the campus' history," he said.

Harding said the ensemble is a fulfillment of something he wanted to do since he got to Wise.

"I'm sad I won't be able to be a part of it for too long because I am graduating," he said.



Photo courtesy of Poor Farm V

Members of the Poor Farm V include freshman Curtis Gibson, French horn; junior Brandon Alford, euphonium; senior Ben Harding, tuba; junior Andy Mitchem, trumpet and junior Phillip Martin, trumpet. The brass ensemble plays everything from Dixieland to classical to showtunes, band members said.

The other two members of Poor Farm V are junior administration of justice major, Andy Mitchem, who plays the trumpet, and freshman music education major, Curtis Gibson, who plays the French horn. Poor Farm V are available for events and may be contacted through Facebook on the "Poor Farm V" page or by e-mail at jpm7g@uvawise.edu.

Arthur named "Outstanding Programmer of the Year"

From Staff Reports

Junior Leah Arthur was named the Outstanding Programmer of the Year at the annual Virginia Association of College and University Housing Officers' Resident Advisor Conference held Nov. 6-7 at Shenandoah University.

Two other UVA-Wise resident advisors—seniors Lauren Scott and Meagan Boyd—were nominated for

VACUHO awards. Scott was nominated for the Outstanding Job Performance award and Boyd was nominated for the Outstanding New RA award.

More than 300 RAs from 27 colleges and universities across the state attended the two-day conference, including eight members of the UVA-Wise Office of Housing and Residence Life staff.

SGA plans for the holidays

From Staff Reports

The Student Government Association (SGA) will sponsor three events during the week of Nov. 30.

The annual Holly Ball will be held at the Holiday Inn in Norton on Dec. 4 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

This year's theme is "Fire and Ice" and students are encouraged to wear seasonal attire.

UVA-Wise alumnae Henry Potter will serve as the event's DJ, said Clint Tipton, senior SGA treasurer.

The group will also hold the annual lighting of historic Crockett Hall on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

tee.

"This is an exciting event before everyone leaves for break and can help take your mind off of upcoming exams," said SGA Secretary Stephanie Lawson.

The committee has put in a lot of work to ensure it is a lot of fun, Lawson said.

SGA will also sponsor an ornament decorating contest on Dec. 1 in the Slomp Student Center.

The group will also hold the annual lighting of historic Crockett Hall on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

Cavs

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"We have a group that's still trying to come together. The chemistry isn't there yet, but we're getting there."

Despite the tough recent losses, hope is not nearly lost for the season. Jordan said the team is fortunate to have multiple players who are able to step up during different games. He said that there's not really an individual that the team has to go to every game.

More than half of the team is made up of freshmen and sophomore players, but youth hasn't been a problem for the Cavs like it has been with other sports teams this year.

Donnie Jordan said that sophomore Josh Jordan has really stepped

up this year and is playing well.

Josh Jordan is leading the team in field goal percentage with 69.2 percent. He is also leading the team in rebounds with 28 total, averaging seven per game.

Donnie Jordan said that the rest of the season will be crucial for the Cavs to make a run in the playoffs, and even though every game is important, the team will have to focus on the upcoming conference games.

The Cavs will be back at home tomorrow in Greer Gymnasium as they take on Milligan College in the second conference game of the season beginning at 4 p.m.



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Movie studio should rethink U.K. poster

About three or four issues ago I broadcasted on the entertainment page to the entire reading community just how much I disliked the movie "Couples Retreat."

My mind hasn't changed in the past few weeks, but I do find a recent development in the latest news coverage very interesting.

Apparently when reworking the movie poster for the release of the film in the United Kingdom, Universal Studios decided to cut out one of the four main couples in the movie's plot

line.

The couple they decided to cut was Faizon Love and Kali Hawk—the one and only black couple in the movie.

Universal executives argue that the original poster released in the U.S. was a bit crowded, and I would agree. However, when deciding to make the cut, I think they should have been a bit more thoughtful.

Vince Vaughn is still featured front and center, but for some reason of the other three less important couples featured in the film, the black couple got cut.

It doesn't stop here, though. The black actor's names are cut as well. If Universal executives wanted to make the movie poster less busy, I can see cutting one couple. After all, it could have been a random choice.

But cutting their names as well? The two black actors aren't miraculously cut from the storyline in the U.K. version of the film, so why would you cut their names from the poster?

A U.K. critic for London Mail said: "We don't cater much for the black cinema-going audience in this country, which is a great shame, so it seems strange that when there are black stars in a major feature film this fact isn't promoted. And, in terms of business decisions, this seems a pretty counter-productive one."

The Director of Media Watch U.K. told the London Mail: "I think this was an ill-conceived move. We celebrate diversity in Britain and we could have coped with seeing the same poster used in America."

Unfortunately, the cuts had already been made, and the damage had already been done.

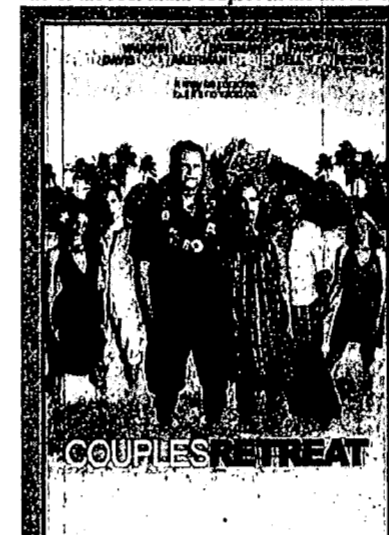
The plot thickens as some news sources now insinuate that the black couple was cut because only whites are employed at the executive level of Universal Studios.

Patrick Goldstein, a writer for the Los Angeles Times, said, "The decision-makers at studios are virtually all white, so they don't see potential racial slights in the same light as they would if they had someone—anyone!—of color in the executive suite."

Ouch. Deliberate or not, let's think about our decisions before we make them next time, guys. Color is not a determinant of talent.



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Mariah's Mutterings: Apathetic youth ruining future

Virginia Intermont College (VI) recently hosted CNN anchor and special correspondent Soledad O'Brien on campus. A few of us from the newspaper staff decided to go to the event and hear O'Brien speak about her experience as a CNN reporter.

Looking around the room, I, along with my friends realized that there were few individuals under the age of 40 in attendance.

Surprising, I know. Especially since the event was held on a college campus, free to students and open to the public.

Why weren't more people my own age in attendance? Why weren't more students from VI in attendance? I mean, it's not like students from the campus had to drive an hour to get there.

O'Brien spoke of how students in our country's educational system have a low graduation rate and a low interest rate. She mentioned that school systems across the country are experimenting with different ways to address these issues.

One scenario: paying students for earning good grades. A student would receive a specific amount of money on a debit card in exchange for a specific grade.

A different scenario: students are paid to read books.

O'Brien said the response to paying children to go to school under these terms had mixed reviews. How would students ever develop a sincere desire to learn and acquire knowledge for personal benefit if they had only ever been paid to do it previously?

Wouldn't this corrupt the ideas of our youth? Sitting there listening, I asked myself, what was the point?

The only youth in attendance were local high school students who were sitting in the front row to receive recognition for their academic achievements. In other words, the only reason they attended was because they had to in order to receive a scholarship.

My point: More youth of our region didn't have the gumption to come listen to O'Brien speak. So why should or would they care about the issues that will be in their hands to fix or improve?

Sad, isn't it? That the youth of our nation is so uncaring toward such matters.




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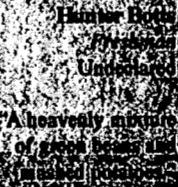


O'Brien


What is your favorite dish at Thanksgiving?



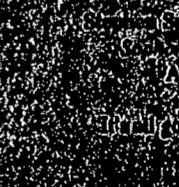
Herb Roast
Turkey
Unstuffed



A heavenly amount
of cranberry
sauce



Chestnuts
Roasted



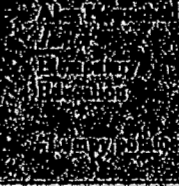
Pumpkin
Pie




Mashed Potatoes
Freshman
Nursing



Green Beans
classmate



Cranberry
Sauce



Pumpkin
Pie

PROPS

- THANKSGIVING BREAK NEXT WEEK
- "NEW MOON" FINALLY RELEASES IN THEATERS
- MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE
- JOHNNY DEPP IS DEEMED THE SEXIEST MAN ALIVE FOR THE SECOND TIME BY PEOPLE MAGAZINE.
- ONLY 3 MORE WEEKS OF CLASS LEFT UNTIL CHRISTMAS BREAK

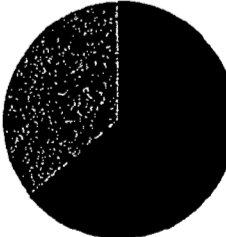
DROPS

- EXAMS AND FINAL PROJECTS DUE IN TWO WEEKS
- NEW MAMMOGRAM ADVICE RAISES WORRIES
- BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING CROWDS
- HORRIBLE DEATH OF SHANIYA DAVIS AND THE SICK MENTALITY OF THOSE INVOLVED IN HER MURDER AND KIDNAPPING
- ALL OF THE TURKEY YOU WILL CONSUME NEXT WEEK

If you have props and drops please e-mail them to mj4z@uvawise.edu.

Poll of the Week

Would you rather have a week long break at Thanksgiving and a shortened fall break, or a long fall break and only a three day break for Thanksgiving?



- Longer fall/shorter Thanksgiving
- Longer Thanksgiving/shorter fall


Percentages:
Longer Thanksgiving break and shorter fall break—36%
Longer fall break and shorter Thanksgiving break—64%

If you have questions about the poll, e-mail them to mj4z@uvawise.edu.

Have an opinion about something? Make it heard by e-mailing your articles or letters to Opinion Editor Marissa Jones at mj4z@uvawise.edu.

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UVa-Wise sends reps to SAACURH

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This past weekend marked the annual meeting of South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH) for the RHA and NRHH members. The University of Kentucky hosted this year's conference.

This conference was an opportunity for students to bring Residence Advisor (RA) programming ideas to UVa-Wise, present programs about what our school is doing for our current programs, network with other schools and develop leadership skills, said Angie Lemke, director of residence life and RHA adviser.

"Representatives from RHAs and NRHs in the nine-state south Atlantic region convene to learn from each other, share ideas and network," said Brian Root, assistant director of residence life and NRHH adviser. "There was a plethora of workshops available to the students who attended."

A big part of the SAACURH conference is school spirit. Participating schools are encouraged to show their school spirit in unique and different ways.

"They do everything from chanting and cheering to dancing and singing," Root said. "It's a pretty amazing sight to see. This was my first SAACURH conference ever, and I was so impressed with the enthusiasm of our students and the 600 plus students who were in attendance."

UVa-Wise took 12 students and two advisers.

A program presented by one of the college's students, Matt Donlevy, made it to the top 20 programs.

The RHA and NRHH competed in a case study competition and a program of the year competition. They came in second place for the program of the year.

"If other students at UVa-Wise could only see how well our RHA and NRHH leaders represent our school at these conferences, they would be very impressed," Root said.



Photo courtesy of Emily Baxter

RHA and NRHH members traveled to the University of Kentucky last weekend for SAACURH. At the conference, students attended sessions to learn new ideas for programming and develop leadership skills. UVa-Wise students were among participants from schools nationwide.

Pictured above are: (back, l-r) Ashley Minkin, Allen Lee, Tamzeed Islam, Tim Golden, Naana Denning, Matt Donlevy and Emily Baxter. (front, l-r) Shannon McClendon and Mary Katherine Phipps.

Club planning trip to anime convention

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Student members of the college's anime and comics club will attend a fan-convention in the spring.

Members of C.A.I.N.E. (Comics Animation Intellectual Exploration) are in the process of planning a trip to an East Coast convention in the spring to give students a taste of a variety of different media.

"We haven't decided which convention we plan to attend yet, but we are looking at four possible choices

that we are going to decide upon as a group," said junior vice president, India Hedegcock.

As of now, C.A.I.N.E. is looking to attend one of four possible conventions, these include: Animazement, an annual convention held in Raleigh, N.C.; Anime Mid-Atlantic, a Japanese animation and culture convention held in Virginia; Otakon, a convention based on East Asian popular culture; and Momocon one of the top five largest free fan conventions held in Atlanta.

"Usually clubs can get a better rate price at conventions that allow them to interact and participate on a larger

scale," Hedegcock said.

Convention events can include art showcases, concerts, cosplaying, previews of new releases, panel discussions and meet and greets with artists and animators.

"We wanted to present a wide variety of media to our members, while also giving them an environment in which to discuss and talk about their interests," said president Alexander Sidle.

He said that the group's members have varied interests. Some like comics and anime, while others enjoy gaming-card games, video games or online

gaming.

The organization hopes to come to a decision within the next two weeks about which convention they plan to attend.

C.A.I.N.E. was originally started at UVa and branched to UVa-Wise when the current president and interested parties decided that the campus would benefit from the organization.

C.A.I.N.E. has already hosted an anime marathon which was held last week and it plans to host events showing different types of media to the campus community during exam week.

What to do during Thanksgiving break

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With Thanksgiving break only days away, it's important to begin planning for your holiday break. The list of things to do is virtually endless, but here are my top 10 suggestions:

10.) Watch TV: TV is a luxury that I and everyone else on campus will be enjoying all Thanksgiving break. Even when nothing good is on, you cannot manage to pull yourself away.

Go ahead and enjoy the Thanksgiving Day parade (or the post-parade dog show, just don't tell anyone).

Tell everyone that you enjoyed watching all the football games, like how the Giants defeated the Broncos on Thanksgiving night.

9.) Cryptophan: Tryptophan is the drug that makes you sleepy after you ingest all of that turkey you will be enjoying during break. This is a good thing. Without the post-meal nap, people would be miserable.

The nap saves you from having to be conscious while your body attempts to digest more food than some African countries see in a year.

8.) Football: Relive the glory days that you never had or imitate your favorite athlete by playing some backyard football during break.

Run over your 12 year old cousin and stiff-arm your 70 pound sister on the way to a

game-winning and shameful backyard football touchdown. In a game where the hero is also the biggest loser, enjoy your gridiron glory.

7.) Homework/Read: If you want to completely waste your break and therefore have no good stories to tell when you return, do homework.

If you are still enrolled in classes, you have homework due when you return on Monday.

But why worry about that during break? Enjoy yourself and do something worthwhile with your life.

6.) Movies: Need to plan a last minute date? "Fantastic Mr. Fox" is the obvious choice to impress that special lady. Or perhaps you need to take out a special boy; "Ninja Assassin" will thrill any male companion.

5.) Video games: Let's face the facts. You are not going to do any homework on Thanksgiving break.

This leaves a major gap in your day or your nights as well. What better way to enjoy Thanksgiving than spending several hours a day playing "Modern Warfare"?

Any game will do, the only requirement for the perfect Thanksgiving break video game is that you become totally encompassed in the playing of the game.

4.) Christmas preview: The main purpose of Thanksgiving is to kickoff Christmas celebrations.

Chances are that you will go

shopping for Christmas presents or put up decorations.

3.) Spend time with friends/family: Most families come together and share a meal on Thanksgiving. If your family does not come together, most likely your friends will be there. So enjoy the company of people you haven't seen in a while.

2.) Eat: Let's not beat around the bush on this one; you are going to eat a lot during Thanksgiving. Food is the basis of this holiday.

Thanksgiving is the one holiday where you can eat like a glutton and not be a sinner (hopefully). But don't get too accustomed to all of the great home cooked meals because there are still a few weeks left in the semester.

1.) Sleep: Just the nature of being a college student means that you have probably wasted all the precious night time hours at college and never actually getting a single good night's sleep. It is completely understandable.

In fact, this is probably the main reason that the college gives us a break.



"Last lecture" about identity

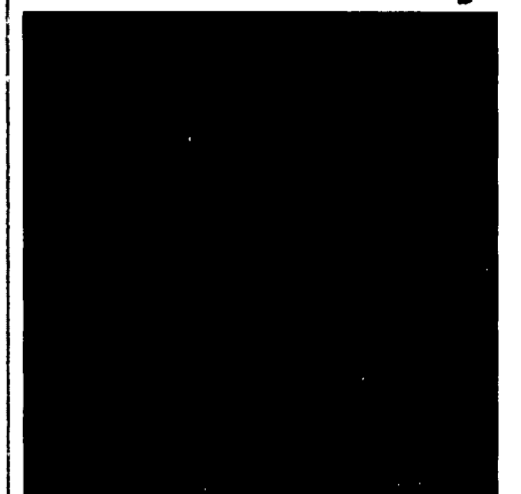


Photo by Mariah Redden

Margie Tucker spoke about identity and her life travelling with a military family during her last lecture held on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

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The Last Lecture Series continued with Margie Tucker, professor of chemistry at UVa-Wise, in the Chapel of All Faiths last Tuesday night.

Tucker talked about where a person is from is a construct of the person's mind and not an actual place.

She said we use geographical locations to identify culture and a strong piece of our identity. "You should stop and look at what you believe

in," she said. Tucker added that people should construct a version of where they are from and make sure it is "A place you can live with."

Tucker was raised in a military family and said she moved around quite a bit. She had moved from Baghdad to Maryland to Beirut to Greece and many other places around the world.

"I would tell people I was from everywhere and nowhere," Tucker said. She also described

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Campus Bulletin

La Mesa Hispana

Every Thursday at 1 p.m. come practice your Spanish-speaking skills in the Jefferson Lounge. This event is open to the entire campus community.

Stress Busters

The Center for Student Development and the Student Activities Board will sponsor Stress Busters, a program to ease the tension of exam week.

Stress Busters will be held in the Jefferson Lounge on Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Environmental Club

The Environmental Club will meet today at 1 p.m. in Zehmer 137. The event is open to all students.

International Film

The next international movie will be the Spanish film "El Abuelo (The Grandfather)." The film will be presented by Anne Giffoll, associate professor of Spanish, and will play in Smiddy Hall 100A on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m.

Contacting the 7Cs

Students who wish to contact the 7Cs society with requests for projects on campus may do so at uvawise7cs@uvawise.com.

SAB Film Series

The Student Activities Board (SAB) will sponsor a showing of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" tonight at 8 p.m.

The event will be held on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center.

Last Lecture Series

The UVa-Wise Student Activities Board will sponsor Marola Mitchell's presentation in the Last Lecture Series.

The event will be held on Dec. 3 in the Chapel of All Faiths at 7 p.m. The lecture is a cultural credit event.

PCMA Weekly Supper

Every Wednesday at 5 p.m. the Baptist Collegiate Ministries hosts a weekly supper at the Baptist Student Center.

This event is opened to all students.

Toy Drive

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For more information contact club member Blake Minter at btm4j@uvawise.edu.

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"Love, Rosie": A lesson learned through instant messaging and e-mails

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"Love, Rosie" by Cecelia Ahern begins when Rosie and Alex are five years old.

The novel follows their lives for nearly 30 years. Best friends from age five, they do everything together and tell each other all of their secrets. They know everything to know about each other except the most important thing.

Neither realize that they are in love with the other.

Even while reading about their lives in high school, I could tell that they were meant for each other. Rosie always hated Alex's girlfriends and Alex couldn't stand the guys Rosie dated. Even though Rosie and Alex would never admit it—even to themselves—they wanted to be with each other.

Sadly, Alex has to move to America with his parents, but thankfully even though they are in separate countries, Rosie and Alex stay friends.

They both realize that they really do love each other and want to be with each

other, but they are both scared that their love will be unrequited.

So, they keep their love a secret from each other through half of their lives for fear of losing that great friendship.

However, Alex finally gets the nerve to tell Rosie how he truly feels but numerous obstacles get in his way, such as marriages, children and being in separate countries.

In the novel, life flew by for Alex and Rosie and neither one was truly happy until they were each about 30 years old and finally confessed to each other their feelings.

"Love, Rosie" is unique in comparison to most other novels because the story is told through the characters' e-mails, letters and instant messages. This new way of writing did not take away from the plot but instead gave more insight to the feelings of all the characters.

"Love, Rosie" was a great book that really made me start thinking about how life is flying by. The novel made me realize that no one should just sit back and let life pass by.

"Love, Rosie" made me look at life

a little differently and maybe it could teach you the same lesson.



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Pearl Jam's latest album offers fans more than a traditional comeback

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When I was 22 years old, I did what thousands of young adults my age did. I went to a Pearl Jam concert.

At the concert, I stormed the stage as many overzealous young adults had done before and since. I ran back to the drum section—before security could escort me off the stage—and sprinted full speed, smiling at lead singer Eddie Vedder as I flew by and dove into a flip off the stage. Luckily, I was caught by the waiting crowd. From there I body surfed around the crowd.

Eddie Vedder said, "Wow man, that was some good air on that stage dive."

I felt it was important to mention my history with Pearl Jam before beginning my review of their latest album, "Backspacer."

Pearl Jam's "Backspacer" is a step forward.



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While many are calling this a comeback album, Vedder and company have not been gone.

The band has released 10 full-length albums since the grunge explosion of the early 1990s including, "Yield" (1998), "Binaural" (2000)

and "Riot Act" (2002).

What is different about this album as opposed to the others is a back-to-basics approach to the music that made Pearl Jam a household name.

The album is a progression despite being named "Backspacer." What is differ-

ent here is the music itself is a step forward while seeming familiar. Mike McRae's guitar enhances Vedder's lyrics to the point that they enhance each other like never before.

The album is a complete turnaround from their earlier works like "Ten and Vs." The downtrodden lyrics have been replaced with hope.

However, unlike most bands who turn to a brighter path, Pearl Jam manages to retain its integrity. While Vedder and company acknowledge the angst that made them famous, they realize that at the end of the day it's not what gets you through.

A hopeful Pearl Jam singing about dreams and sky lofty goals, as in the single "Unthought Known," might be a bit surprising at first. But it becomes something familiar and still fresh, something that is very lacking in most of the modern radio airplay of late.

Sneak Peek

Movies

"The Blind Side"
Warner Bros. Pictures
Release Date: Nov. 20

"A homeless African-American youngster, Oher (Quinton Aaron) is taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential on and off the football field. At the same time, Oher's presence in the Touhys' lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own."

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"Twilight Saga: New Moon"
Summit Entertainment
Release Date: Nov. 20

"Following Bella's ill-fated 18th birthday party, Edward Cullen and his family abandon the town of Forks, Wash., in an effort to protect her from the dangers of their world. Her desire to be with him at any cost leads her to take greater and greater risks."

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"Planet 51"
TriStar Pictures (Sony)
Release Date: Nov. 20

"American astronaut Captain Charles 'Chuck' Baker lands on Planet 51 (thinking he's the first person to do so) and finds this planet is inhabited by little green people who are happily living in a white picket fence world reminiscent of a cheerfully innocent 1950s America."

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"Old Dogs"
Walt Disney Pictures
Release Date: Nov. 25

"Two best friends—one unlucky-in-love divorcee (Robin Williams) and the other a fun-loving bachelor (John Travolta)—have their lives turned upside down when they're unexpectedly charged with the care of six-year-old twins while on the verge of the biggest business deal of their lives."

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Top Ten Must-See TV Shows

1. House
2. Dexter
3. Heroes
4. Desperate Housewives
5. Family Guy
6. Smallville
7. Grey's Anatomy
8. NCIS
9. Gossip Girl
10. How I Met Your Mother

Students address letters for St. Jude

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The Up 'Til Dawn organization prepared more than 700 letters for the "Letters For Life" event Tuesday night, said senior English major Pam Roscoe, the group's executive director.

Members of the organization, along with students and members of Phi Sigma Sigma, addressed letters to friends and family inviting them to donate to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Roscoe said.

The hospital spends near \$1.4 mil-

lion each day to support ill children and their families by helping pay for hospital bills.

The Up 'Til Dawn organization works closely with the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities to host fundraisers throughout the year to help pay for the cost.

"We work closely with our representative from ALSAC to reach out to the student body, giving them an opportunity to help fill this need," she

said.

About 25 confirmed guests turned out, but a total of around 40 guests were at the event. Students who addressed 35 letters or more were entered to win a Nintendo Wii system.

"Some students filled out enough letters to be entered multiple times," Roscoe said.

The mother of a St. Jude patient was a guest speaker and started off the event by sharing her experience Roscoe. Julie Scott, an advisor of Up 'Til Dawn, acted as mistress of ceremonies and shared her experiences as well.

After addressing the letters, stu-

dents were invited to socialize with the current members of the organization. The Student Government Association provided food for the event.

Roscoe said she hopes the event helped inform students about the organization and how students can get involved in helping ill children and their families.

"Over the past couple of years Up 'Til Dawn has not hosted many events, but my hope is that as more people learn about Up 'Til Dawn that will change," Roscoe said. "I would like this year to be a springboard for future successful years."

Study abroad

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Semester at Sea allows students to circumnavigate the globe with 750 other college students, visiting 8 to 9 different countries and learning about their culture, said Brian Little, admissions counselor for Semester at Sea.

In the past year, Semester at Sea has really tried to branch out, he said, and two or three UVa-Wise students attended last year.

Opal Leeman Bartzis, field director of the institute for study abroad, said the program is a way for students to get fully immersed into another culture.

It is more than just visiting and learning, but living and becoming accustomed to the way of life in another culture by living and studying in it, she said.

Students can take part in any of 54 semester long programs in the 33

campuses in Mexico, said Lety Gonzalez, international program coordinator for Monterrey Tech-Saltillo, Mexico.

Programs include, business administration, marketing, information technologies and communication and many more with 10 international offices that can coordinate classes in other countries as well, she said.

There are also several trips available during college breaks.

The Spain trip in May is the best for first-time travellers, Wolny said.

Many students come back with such enthusiasm they can't wait to go on another study abroad trip, he said.

This will be held from May 31 to June 28, he said.

"Just go, just pack and go," Wolny said.

Thanksgiving

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forward to home-cooked food and seeing her family.

"I'm going to enjoy all the company at the Imburg residence," she said.

Sophomore history major Kasha Perrigan said she is going to eat and enjoy the outdoors over break.

"For Thanksgiving I'm going to eat a ton of food," she said. "I'm also going hardcore mountain climbing in the beautiful mountains of Daate."

Some students and faculty members plan to travel for Thanksgiving. Anna Green, a barista in Books and Brew, the coffee bar in the college library, said she will be cooking at her sister's house.

"We give thanks to the good Lord for letting us live another year and for letting us all be here," Green said. "Especially since my baby brother has battled cancer."

Chrystal Collins, who is also a barista at the Books and Brew, said she will be going to her grandmother's house.

Sophomore sports management major Ronald Dixon said he will be with his family for the most part.

"Both sides of my family, some

of whom I haven't seen in a while, will be in North Carolina," he said. "So, that's where I'll spend my holiday."

Some students and faculty say they are just looking forward to getting away.

"I'm going to Myrtle Beach with my husband," said admissions counselor Kristi Longworth. "We go every year with his family to visit his grandmother."

Some students say they will have to spend their time off from school studying.

"I will be studying for my Thanksgiving," said business administration major Sarah Smith. "I'll eat with my family, but I have math exams the next week so I have to study."

And, after exams, students, faculty and staff will head out for winter break. For some, Thanksgiving is still a favorite holiday.

"I like Christmas, but I get more done and see more people during Thanksgiving," said Josh Justice, assistant director for student activities and Greek life. "Plus, I got to eat turkey."

Restaurant

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soup, salads, wraps, sandwiches and desserts.

2002 UVa-Wise alumnus Jarrad Addison is the owner and said business has been steady and more college students have been showing up every day.

Addison said he expected business to be slow until the restaurant receives more exposure in the local and college community.

"I have been in the business for several years and just stumbled upon this place," Addison said.

As for the English pub theme, Addison said he was inspired by his mother, who enjoys British literature.

He said that it took almost three weeks to remodel the building to suit his theme.

The main reason the remodel

time was so short is because the previous business, Harvest Time Coffee Shop, already had much of the same equipment that Café 221b needed to operate, he said.

The restaurant is mainly aimed at college students and has free Wi-Fi and television available. The layout is organized so that students can come to enjoy the food and coffee, while being able to work on homework.

Addison said soon the café will begin sponsoring a college night, where students and faculty would receive discounts on food and drinks.

Café 221b is located on Main Street in downtown Wise and is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The restaurant is closed on Sundays.

Tucker

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how her father was born in Louisiana and his family was Cajun. Each of her families generations from her grandmother to her children would lose their French accents and culture.

"In two generations the culture he [her father] was raised in was gone. Where he was from was a construct not a place," she said.

She said in other cultures what we consider good manners can be considered offensive. Because parents teach a child certain manners, it does not mean there are no other options, Tucker said.

Tucker also mentioned her family's role in the military. She said that her family was once shot at for being American.

"I felt sympathy for the young man who shot at us cause he didn't hit

us," Tucker said after the lecture. Tucker spoke about the sacrifice not only of those in the military but also of the families in the military. "My father deeply believed that what he was doing was the right thing," she said.

Tucker went on to describe her beliefs in the Constitution of the United States, especially the Bill of Rights. She said that he felt especially strong about freedom of religion, freedom of speech and that it was the duty of all citizens to criticize the government.

After the lecture Tucker took questions from the audience in which she described in more detail her experience being nearly shot in another country, about how her father was a major influence on her learning chemistry and difficulties in raising her children.

SVEA to sponsor Christmas drive for local children

From Staff Reports

The college's chapter of the Student Virginia Education Association (SVEA) is sponsoring a Christmas drive for local underprivileged children.

To "adopt" a child, you can contact Linda Davidson, Darden Hall Secretary, in 138 Darden Hall at 328-0184 or e-mail her at ldb7q@uvawise.edu.

In addition, donations of slightly used toys, books and other items that might be suitable as gifts for children or as stocking stuffers will be collected.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Checks should be made out to "SVEA" and sent to Davidson.

Gifts should be turned in to Davidson by Nov. 30. SVEA members will hold a wrapping party on Dec. 1.

"A Christmas Carol" - 1843



Photo obtained from blipress.com

"A Christmas Carol" - 1951



Photo from tvonkwatching.com

"A Christmas Carol" - 2009



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"A Christmas Carol" the same old story, no creativity

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I guess I was more annoyed than surprised that the movie "A Christmas Carol" was No. 1 at the box office its opening weekend.

My first response: Why?

My second response: Seriously?

The only thing about the new release that I found slightly interesting was the fact that actor Jim Carrey voices Ebenezer Scrooge, the movie's grumpy main character.

The reason I was so annoyed is because the characters, environments and overall presentation of the film can be retold in a newer version of the old.

That being said, it doesn't change my confusion about why there's a desire to make and reproduce the same storyline over and over and over.

But, really, what's the point?

The moral stays the same—the presentation of the moral and how it reaches the audience changes.

Charles Dickens' novel "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843, is just one example of an author's work being drained of its authenticity.

It was published more than 150 years

ago and the entertainment industry is still producing the same story only in different formats and for different viewing audiences.

Don't get me wrong, generations of viewers and readers should experience the joy of the past films and written works.

But what about the other side of the argument? What does this say about originality and creativity in regards to producing new material?

I'm not ridiculing Dickens' writing; I enjoy the majority of his works, "A Christmas Carol" being one that I can at least tolerate.

Why can't screenwriters, however, create movies that are not the distant relatives of plots that have been gatted and reguttet too many times to count over the past 150 years?

I'd like to go to the theater or see a preview that displays a new and innovative plot.

By a new plot, I don't mean a remake of a remake; I mean an interesting story, something that is not the product of a classic and adapted to fit the current era.

Isn't this a form of creative deadness? Are we as humans so dead to creativity that there is no chance to create a story that hasn't already been told?

It's not out in the open, but
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