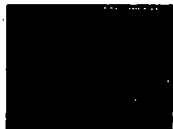


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Earth Hour

The World Wildlife Federation will sponsor "Earth Hour" on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. People across America are encouraged to turn off their lights for one hour. www.earthhour.com.

Open Mic Night

Show off your American Idol worthy skills Monday night in the Smith Dining Commons at 8 p.m.

Annual fishing day

OREC will sponsor the annual fishing day on April 3 in the campus lake.

Weather

Friday



47°F / 33°F

Saturday



69°F / 42°F

Sunday



63°F / 48°F

Weather courtesy of www.weather.com

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Students draw numbers Housing lottery held, sign-ups begin Sunday



Photo by Cameron Parsons

Students line up Wednesday in the Slemp Student Center to draw their housing lottery numbers. Sign-ups will begin Sunday afternoon.

From Staff Reports

A line snaked around the makeshift barrier of chairs on Wednesday as students queued up to draw their housing lottery numbers.

The drawings went smoothly this year, said Angie Lemke, director of residence life. She said there were 675 numbers to be drawn, based on the 675 people who currently live on campus.

"Everyone who wants campus housing next year should be able to get it," she said.

Lemke said that people who drew high numbers might be bumped up in the rankings by Sunday night when housing sign-ups take place, due to people deciding to live off-campus or leave the college.

"Some people [draw a number] as a safety net," said Brian Root, assistant director for residence life.

Students can check their number on a list posted outside of the Office of Student Affairs in Cantrell Hall.

This year will be the first year that Culbertson will be for upperclassmen only. Freshmen will live in the new residence hall and McCrary Hall.

"All upperclass students will have apartment or suite style housing," Lemke said.

Tuition rates to increase

By Allie Robinson
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Although students should prepare for an increase in tuition and fees next year, the exact cost has yet to be determined, college officials say.

In addition to a 10 percent increase in housing fees, a 4 percent increase in student fees and a 5 percent increase in residential meal plans, students should look for a 10 to 15 percent increase in tuition, said Sim Ewing, vice chancellor for finance and government relations. He said the technology fee will not increase.

Ewing said the figures aren't set in stone.

College officials must wait until April 21, when Gov. Bob McDonnell will have the chance to amend and veto legislation, including state budgets before the tuition level can be determined, he said. After that, the college's budget see Tuition, page 2

Crosswalks installed on campus



Photo by Cameron Parsons

A student crosses the road on the crosswalk in front of Crockett Hall.

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Students' cars have been traveling at a much slower pace, due to the new yield for pedestrians signs around campus.

The signs were put in place over Spring Break while the students were off campus.

"It took about three months to get the signs in, so we've been planning on this for about three months," Campus Officer

Ronnie Shortt said.

The signs were placed there for the safety of students and faculty.

"They make motor vehicles more cautious and aware," he said.

Two signs have been placed on campus—one is across from McCrary Hall and the other at the crosswalk to Greear Gymnasium.

If a vehicle violates one of the yield signs, they are violating a state law and can be issued a summons.

"[Campus police] have not yet issued any summons at this time," Shortt said.

He said the signs have been working well and he has noticed students slowing down and being more cautious in these areas.

Campus police want to establish designated crosswalks for pedestrians across campus and are continuing to evaluate other areas.

"If we feel additional signs are needed, we will continue to place them," he said.

Senate votes, condemns executive order

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The UVA-Wise Faculty Senate passed a resolution condemning Gov. Bob McDonnell's reversal of the Equal Opportunity Act during its Mar. 3 meeting. The governor's executive order, which was issued on Feb. 5, removed protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation for state workers.

The resolution passed unanimously with a 10-0 vote. Some senators abstained from the vote, said Senator Tom Goyens, assistant professor of history.

He proposed the resolution. "I thought this was turning the clock back," he said. "It is unethical. The implication [from the executive order] was that state employees could be fired based on their sexual orientation."

The resolution passed by the Faculty Senate states: "The Faculty Senate of the University of Virginia's College at Wise condemns Gov. McDonnell's reversal of equal opportunity policy for state employees as expressed in E.O. 6. Specifically, we oppose the removal of protections for state workers against discrimination based on sexual orientation. We hold that the new policy is discriminatory, outdated, and unethical."

"Our faculty senate is basically advisory,"

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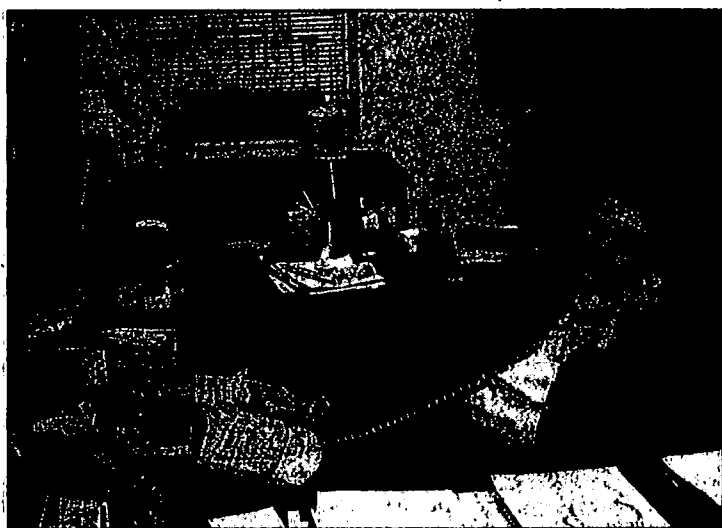


Photo by Cameron Parsons

Registrar Sheila Cox Combs plans to retire in June after working 36 years at the college. She has worked as the registrar since 1992.

Registrar and library accountant both to retire

By Cameron Parsons
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The college will have two more positions to fill after Sheila Cox Combs and Sue Mullins both announced their plans to retire at the end of this year.

Cox Combs, registrar and assistant dean for education services, announced in February that she will retire after 36 years of service at the college.

She graduated from Clinch Valley College in 1972 and began working here under chancellor "Papa Joe" Smiddy in 1975.

Cox Combs, a native of Pound, Va., said that if not for the college, she never would have had the opportunity to further her education.

"I wouldn't have stayed here 36 years if I didn't enjoy it," Cox Combs

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Faculty artwork shown on campus

By Mariah Sue Redden
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Ravens, memory and thought combine to inspire artwork for the on-campus gallery.

Ray Stratton, assistant professor of art, is hosting an exhibit, "Manipulating Thought and Memory" is now on display in the Gilliam Arts Center gallery until April 2.

Stratton said he had been working on the project for about two years.

The origins of the art works came from several places, he said.

"Somebody asked me if this is where I thought I'd be now and I realized that the question involved both

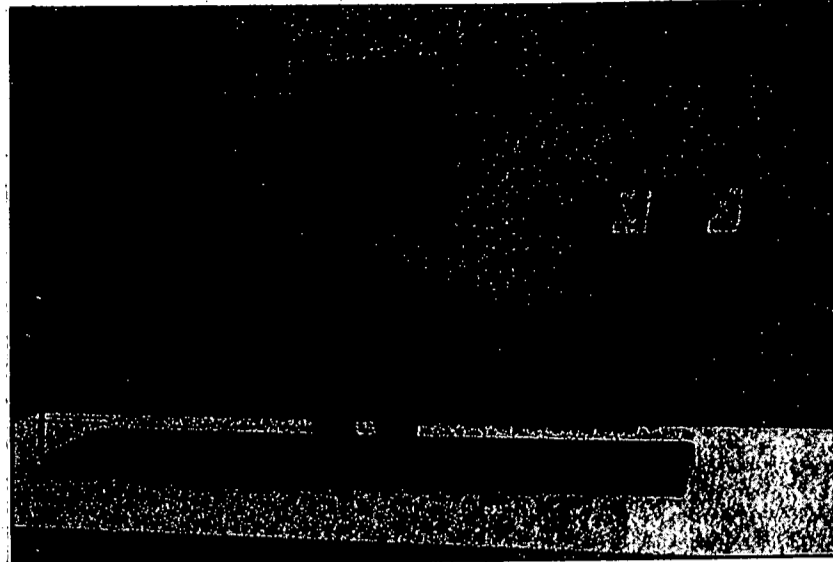


Photo by Cameron Parsons

Ray Stratton, assistant professor of art, is exhibiting "Manipulating Thought and Memory" in the gallery in the Gilliam Center for the Arts.

thought and memory, the memory of a thought," he said. "I started wondering about the difference between the two—between thoughts and memories—I also had some colleagues dealing with parents that have Alzheimer's and that was in the back of my thoughts."

Stratton said he was influenced by Norse mythology and the myth of Odin and his two ravens. He said that the ravens' names translate into "thought" and "memory."

He said the images of the ravens make good symbols for the interesting concept he is trying to convey.

He said that he hopes viewers do not just think in terms of the birds.

"I hope they think in terms of thought and memory and how I have the two birds tied together," he said.

Stratton said he's pleased with the location of the exhibit in the gallery.

He said the next exhibit going up is a second installation to "Manipulating Thought and Memory" which is called "Suspending Thought and Memory."

This work will be on exhibit the week after its first installation is taken down.

UVa-Wise named "School of the Year"

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UVa-Wise was named the "School of the Year" at the "No-Frills" conference of the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls last weekend at Mississippi State University.

The college was competing against students from schools like The University of Kentucky and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, said Angie Lemke, director of residence life.

"We may be one of the first small schools to win the award," Lemke said.

Senior English major Danielle Woiteshek helped write the 30-page bid for UVa-Wise to be considered

for the award.

"It's the first time we've ever won on the regional level," she said. "We've won on the state level several times."

She said the award is a big deal because not only did UVa-Wise win for the first time, but also because small schools don't often win regional awards when pitted against bigger universities.

"We did a lot of first time things, both because we are a small school and because we are UVa-Wise," she said.

UVa-Wise also took home an award for submitting the most "Of the Month" awards in the region.

The group representatives will travel to San Diego in June to compete for the national "School of the Year" title.

"The Tempest" debuts

From Staff Reports

Last weekend marked the debut of the first UVa-Wise theater performance of the year, and the first in the new arts building.

Prospero, his daughter Miranda, Ariel and Caliban came to life on the stage of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest," which was held in the Gilliam Center for the Arts.

"I think everyone did great," said Michael McNulty, performance instructor in theater and the director

of the show. "We started back in September, and because we were moving it was especially difficult, but everyone rose to the occasion."

Sophomore Harmony Tripp, who played Caliban, said she thinks the performances went well.

"Everyone was really jittery, but it went really well," she said. "The audience reacted well to it."

The last two performances of "The Tempest" will be held tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Shows are free for students.

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will go to the Board of Visitors, the governing body which controls UVa, UVa-Wise and the University of Virginia's Health System. After their approval, tuition rates will be set.

If tuition is increased by 15 percent, the average residential student will have to pay about \$1,241 more than last year. If it is increased by 10 percent, that number drops to about \$1,016.

Ewing said college officials are trying to increase attendance rates a little this year to prepare for fiscal year 2012, which is when the federal government's stimulus funding ends. We are

currently in fiscal year 2010, which will end this June. "Everyone is going to be facing a serious shortfall in 2012," Ewing said. "It's just what it is. I don't think that it is anyone's fault—it's just a situation that's been dealt by the worldwide economy."

He said that even if costs don't increase from now until 2012 and the college increased its tuition by 15 percent each year, cuts will still have to be made in 2012.

The college receives less per student from the state than in fiscal year 2001, Ewing said. Accounting for inflation, that

Highland Winds and Wind Ensemble to perform Monday

From Staff Reports

The Highland Winds will perform selections by Alfred Reed, Claude T. Smith, Mark Camphouse and Gustav Holst. Five students will conduct for the group as part of course requirements.

The Wind Ensemble is scheduled to perform two pieces by Mozart and a piece by Frank Ticheli based on Shaker tunes.

Senate

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he said. "We don't make policy. But we have some clout because we represent the faculty, and I thought that it might be a way to let the administration—and maybe the governor—know that we condemned his action."

Senator David Rouse, professor of philosophy, said that by itself, the resolution doesn't carry much weight, but when joined by similar resolutions across the state it gains importance.

He said that he reminded senators at the meeting that UVa-Wise was the first public institution in Virginia to integrate, and said this new resolution reflects the college's same ideals.

"That's something to be proud of," he said. "This resolution is a continuation of defending equal rights for all."

Rouse said that some discussion at the meeting centered on whether or not the issue should be framed as a moral one.

"But that's our role," he said. "We lecture people on morality. We give [students] credit for a variety of ethics courses here. Why should we turn our back and ignore those lessons?"

Soon after the executive order was announced—and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli issued a statement to public colleges and universities telling them to retract their own equal opportunity statements—college officials and students statewide protested.

After that, Goyens said, McDonnell "caved."

"He sent out an executive directive, which is weaker than an executive order, because it is not enforced by law, which basically got things back to the way they were."

Goyens said he considers the directive a victory for students and state employees but considers it far from over.

"Students should be aware of this because we have several gay and lesbian people on campus," he said. "The moment Cuccinelli followed up on the order with his letter, it would have meant that gay and lesbian students could simply be dismissed."

"I would absolutely and unconditionally be against that and would encourage students to protest."

New and exciting television drama emerges "In Plain Sight"

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Only in its third season, "In Plain Sight" has already made an impact on audiences.

Mary Shannon (played by Mary McCormack) is a U.S. Marshal who relocates witnesses and helps them to start their new life.

In the season two finale had Mary tried to help a witness Francesca Garcia adjust to her new life.

Francesca decided to move out of the safe house that was set up for her and instead moved into a dangerous neighborhood with several gang members living next door to her.

In the shocker of the finale, Mary ended up in the hospital, fighting for her life after being shot by a gang member while she was trying to protect Francesca.

As Mary was rushed to the hospital she stopped breathing.

Her partner Marshall Mann (Frederick Weller) bursts into tears, which makes for an emotional ending.

The finale ended with Mary's family and business partners awaiting news from the doctors who cannot



Photo obtained from usanetwork.com

operate on her until she is stable.

Not knowing what was going to happen to Mary has me anxiously anticipating the new season's premiere.

And the time has finally come.

Mar. 31 at 10 p.m. the season premiere of "In Plain Sight" will air on USA.

After being in a coma for six weeks, Mary is finally released from the hospital.

To the dismay of her family, Mary goes right back to work.

While Mary goes back to working with her witnesses, Marshall is determined to find out the identity of Mary's shooter.

So pull up a seat, grab some popcorn and enjoy the season three premiere of "In Plain Sight."

The college's first performance in the new theater doesn't disappoint



Photo courtesy of Harmony Tripp
Harmony Tripp as Caliban and Joel Sprinkle as the butler debate the virtues of alcohol in "The Tempest."

By Elizabeth Wachter
Guest Writer

"The Tempest" is the last play written by William Shakespeare.

In the play, Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan and his daughter Miranda are sent away from Milan for 12 years. He is betrayed by his brothers Antonio and Alonso, the King of Naples. Prospero conspires to seek revenge. He is able to achieve his revenge with the help of his servant Ariel.

The UVa-Wise theater department did an excellent interpretation of "The Tempest." Each character was brought out in accordance with the play, but there were also many elements added by the phenomenal actors.

Prospero was played by Michael Hunt, who took my breath away by delivering such an amazing performance. Hunt was the highlight of the show for me because of his powerful

acting abilities.

Another amazing performance was Harmony Tripp, who played Caliban. Caliban is a servant enslaved by Prospero. Tripp did such an amazing job incorporating such emotion and comic relief into her character.

Ariel, played by Laura Baty, also did a fantastic job.

Especially since through most of the performance Laura isn't on the ground, she is being supported by a jumper cable.

The rest of the cast were great and everyone offered something unique and inspiring to their characters.

I recommend that everyone go and see the performance.

The play will be performed until March 27, at 8 p.m. The play is free for all UVa-Wise students and faculty, so come out and enjoy a spectacular evening.

Wachter is a junior administration of justice major.



Photo obtained from fullhalloween.com

"Alice's" imaginary world gives viewers a lesson in reality

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"Alice in Wonderland" takes different twists than most would expect but it wasn't the typical "dark" Burton as I was led to believe.

The wise, hookah-smoking caterpillar named Absolem (voiced by Alan Rickman), the gruff but softhearted Bandersnatch and a not-so-mad, Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp) were all part of the world Tim Burton created where

my imagination was quite pleased to live for awhile.

Burton's film is an extension of Lewis Carroll's two novels, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking-Glass."

Alice Kingsley (Mia Wasikowska) is now 19 years old. Hamish Ascot (Leo Bill) presents her with a marriage proposal. Unable to answer his question, Alice finds herself once again in Wonderland; a place she believes is known as Wonderland.

Thirteen years have passed

since Alice's first visit and much has changed. A conflict between the White Queen (Anne Hathaway) and her sister, the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter) is at a head; and Alice is told she is the only one who can slay the mystical creature, the Jabberwocky (voiced by Christopher Lee).

As the movie unfolds, the viewer soon learns the film is about the ability to make one's own choices. If you haven't I recommend you go see it; for sometimes reality is best understood when your imagination is at work.

Sneak Peek

Movies

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"Hot Tub Time Machine"

MGM

Release Date: March 26

"Hot Tub Time Machine" follows a group of best friends who've become bored with their adult lives. After a crazy night of drinking in a ski resort hot tub, the men wake up, heads pounding, in the year 1986. This is their chance to kick some past and change their futures—one will find a new love life, one will learn to stand up for himself with the ladies, one will find his mojo, and one will make sure he still exists.

"Chloe"

Sony Pictures Classics

Release Date: March 26

"Chloe" is a remake of Atom Egoyan's French thriller "Natalie." The plot centers on a married woman (Julianne Moore) who hires a prostitute (Amanda Seyfried) to find out whether her husband (Liam Neeson) is cheating on her. The prostitute, however, sees her about the nature of her husband's fidelity, a move that puts the family in jeopardy.

Your Dragon

Dreamworks Animation

Release Date: March 26

Set in the mythical world of Berk, the film tells the story of a young boy who saves a dragon who can fly with his fire-breathing abilities. The boy, Hiccup, is the only one who can fly, and he is the only one who can fly. The film is a great example of how a young boy can make a difference in the world.

Bakugan: Battle Trainers

Release Date: March 23

Enter the world of Bakugan, take control of your battle-hardened monsters, nurture them back to full health and improve their battle skills with a combination of strategy and teamwork.

Motocross 10FPS

Release Date: March 23

It's the ultimate in off-road racing. In an exciting new dimension, you'll be riding a motorcycle on a winding, twisting track. The game is a great example of how a young boy can make a difference in the world.

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Photo by Cameron Parsons

Junior nursing major Lindsay Miller won the Miss UVA-Wise pageant last weekend. She took home a \$800 scholarship.

Miss UVA-Wise 2010 crowned last week

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About 150 people showed up in the Greer Gymnasium on March 20 to watch junior nursing major Lindsay Miller be crowned Miss UVA-Wise 2010.

Eleven contestants demonstrated their dancing and musical talents, showed off evening gowns and answered questions during the event.

"People don't realize the amount of work, practice and time that these girls put into being in this pageant," said senior SGA

senator Meagan Boyd, winner of Miss UVA-Wise 2008 and director of the pageant.

Spectators were entered for door prize drawings for T-shirts and gift cards from the college bookstore. Those in attendance also voted for their favorite contestant, the People's Choice Award-winner.

Local businesses donated flowers and tuxedos for escorts to wear.

Senior Nancy Kamal was first runner-up; freshman Stephanie Cornett was voted Miss Congeniality and second runner-up; sophomore Rachel Jonas was third runner-up and Maria Henry was voted the People's Choice Award winner.

Community leaders speak on importance of liberal arts

By Allie Robinson
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Community leaders gathered Monday for a panel discussion on the value of a liberal arts education in "The Liberal Arts in the Real World: Why the General Education Core Matters."

All spoke on their experiences at the college, and how taking some classes they didn't want to helped them in their lives after college.

The UVA-Wise Lecture Committee, which includes Chris Scalia, associate professor of English, hosted the talk, which was held at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Speakers included Rick Mullins, who graduated from UVA-Wise, then Clinch Valley College, in 1991 and now owns Cavalier Pharmacy in Wise; the Hon. Elizabeth Wills, who graduated in 1974 and currently serves as a judge for Wise County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court; and Christopher Starnes, who graduated in 1998 and served for a while as a medical examiner in Virginia.

Wills said taking a poetry class at the col-

lege helps her relate to people she sees in court.

"It's the thought process," she said. "To see where the author of the poem or the person is coming from, you can relate to them even in unfamiliar territory."

Starnes said taking English classes can help prepare everyone for nearly any career, as most companies are looking for well-rounded people. He said it is important for people to have a variety of interests.

"Medicine gets old," he said. "You have to have something else. Stay well-rounded forever and your job will be just that—a part of your life."

Mullins said that UVA-Wise is the "fulcrum" between left-brain and right-brain thinking, that the college has both the reading, writing and rational aspects of left-brain thinking and the creative, intuitive aspects of right-brain thinking.

"You've got to have both in the real world," he said. "Figure out what you want to do and take that class, but take other classes just for fun, too."

"Try to get outside of your genre, try to broaden yourself."

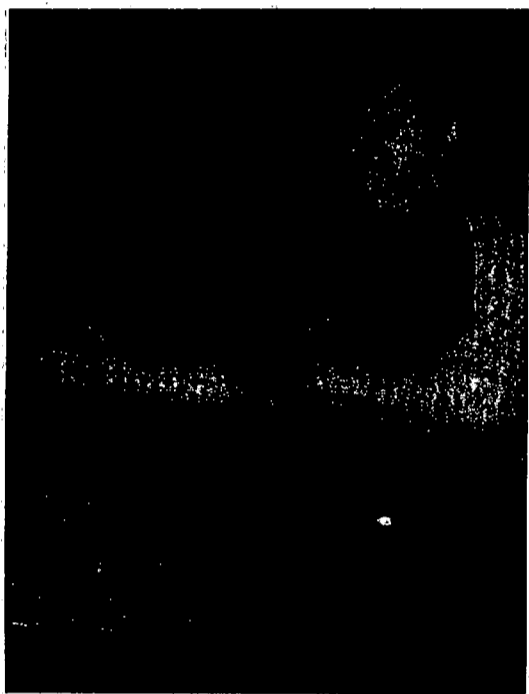


Photo by Allie Robinson
Cavalier Pharmacy owner Rick Mullins speaks on the importance of a liberal arts education during a panel discussion held on Monday in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Overcoming obstacles: We're rolling with the punches

By Allie Robinson
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I realize that by the time you got to this article, you've probably noticed some **EDITORIAL** changes in this issue of the newspaper.

Most glaringly obvious for me is the lack of color on the front and back pages. We've had to cut two pages out of the middle section, and have made some other administrative changes since Spring Break as well.

The Highland Cavalier is, it turns out, not exempt from the disease that is plaguing virtually every newspaper across the country—financial obstacles.

You see, the thing about obstacles is this: They can be overcome. We do what we must to press on.

And so we are doing what we have to in order to cut costs. It breaks my heart to have a black and white front page, but I'd rather print in old-school monochrome than stop printing altogether.

I will not, however, apologize for the product you are holding in your hands right now. The content is as good as ever. The pictures are just as clear. Color pictures and content can still be found on our Web site: www.uvawise.edu/highland-cavalier.

I am extraordinarily grateful to the other members of my

staff, as they have accepted our new style and space limitations with grace. I am thankful for our advertisers and also for you, the reader, for supporting this newspaper each week. (As an aside, I would like to thank Clark Kent and Peter Parker, for showing America that even superheroes are interested in the newspaper business. Thank you, Superman and Spiderman.)

Some say journalism is a dying institution. That's ridiculous.

There will always be news, and there will always be people out there, gathering it and reporting it. People will always want to hear news, read news and experience news.

And that's why we're here.

Search for provost continues

From Staff Reports

The search for Provost Gil Blackmon's placement is now in the process of extending invitations to three potential candidates from the original pool of 65 applicants.

Once the invitations are extended, the search committee will begin the interview process.

of the candidates will be released, said Rusty Necessary, vice chancellor for enrollment management.

Faculty and students are encouraged to give feedback to the search committee about potential candidates.

"Everyone will have multiple opportunities to interact with each candidate," he said.

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said.

Cox Combs has served various roles with the college including lecturer, financial aid director, assistant dean and guidance counselor. She has served as the registrar for the college since 1992.

She said that during her tenure here, she has "done everything except mow the grass."

Rusty Necessary, vice chancellor for enrollment management, said he has known Cox Combs both as a student and as a colleague since 1984.

"I think her legacy will be one of service to the institution and service to the students," he said.

Cox Combs said she and her husband plan to ride the Blue Ridge Parkway from end to end in September.

"Truly, I just want the freedom of not having a schedule," she said.

She Mullins' 31-year employee in the John Cook Wylie

Library, is also retiring at the end of the school year.

As the library fiscal assistant, Mullins is in charge of the library budget and purchasing books for the library.

"I have really enjoyed this place so much," Mullins said.

Robin Benke, director of library services, said Mullins does so many little things for everyone and that everyone familiar with the library has fond

memories of her.

"Sue has been a dedicated and faithful employee of the college," he said. "She will be missed."

Amelia VanGundy, catalog librarian, said that she has worked with Mullins for a number of years.

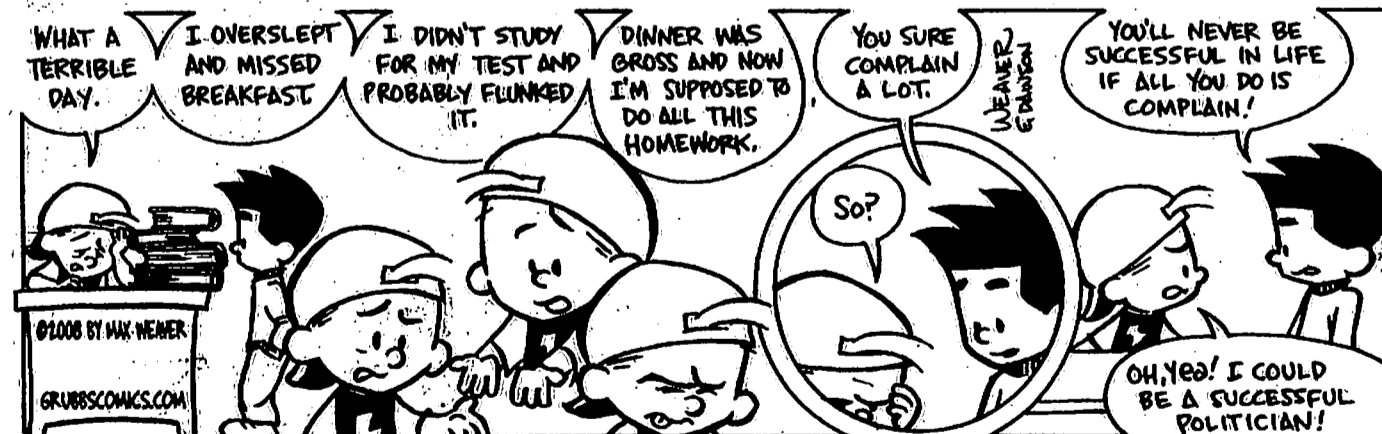
"You couldn't ask for a better person to work with," she said.

"I am so sorry to see her go," said Carolea Newsome, acquisitions assistant. "I will miss her tremendously."

After she retires, Mullins said she wants to travel.

"We are hoping to travel quite a bit," she said. Mullins is originally from Detroit, Michigan, but has lived in Pound with her husband, Roger, since 1975.

Grubbs



Campus Bulletin

La Mesa, Wisconsin

Every Friday at 1 p.m. come practice your Spanish-speaking skills in the private dining area of the Smith Dining Commons, except for the second week of each month, when it will be held on Thursday.

Contacting the 7Cs

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

Environmental Club

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

Academic Deadline

The Academic Programs International deadline for applying to study abroad has been extended to April 1. If interested, stop by Darden 105 or email internationalprograms@uvawise.edu.

Circle K

Circle K invites students and faculty to make a card for a child at St. Jude Children's hospital or for the troops on March 29 at 1 p.m. in the Jefferson Lounge.

Spring Band Concert

The spring band concert will be held March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gilliam Center for the Arts. For more information, contact Richard Galyean at rdg3y@uvawise.edu.

SAB Film Series

The Student Activities Board sponsored film series will present the movie "Sherlock Holmes" tonight at 8 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Slomp Student Center. There will be free popcorn and attendees will be entered in drawings for door prizes.

Student Show Choir

The Student Ensemble Show Choir will meet April 1 in the Gilliam Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. The event is open to all students and no previous musical training is required.

The Highland Cavalier asked: How do you feel about the new health care bill?

Andrea Rose
sophomore, chemistry
"I just hope that it is for the greater good."

Meagan Boyd
senior, biology
"I don't like how people are jumping to conclusions about it."

Matthew Sisk
freshman, history
"I like that I will have insurance coverage until I am 27."

Tiffany Lindsey
junior, sociology
"I am glad that I will be guaranteed insurance coverage."

Brittany Rife
freshman, education
"I like it because it is supposed to be affordable for everyone."

Jenna Brown
freshman, nursing
"I like that everyone will be covered; I don't like [raising taxes]."

Shaneice Austin
freshman, communication
"We were promised change...this is a step in the right direction."

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Cavs slated to play first game at Stallard field tonight

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The Cavs baseball team will host its opening home game against rival Reinhardt College tonight, after the opener's first five attempts were cancelled due to rain.

The game will be a true test for the team as they wrap up a lough first half of the season.

Throughout March the Cavs have had to fight inclement weather with seven rainouts and a grueling schedule that included 14 consecutive road games.

The Cavs (6-11, 1-7) had an outstanding performance over Spring Break as they went undefeated at the Cocoa Beach Expo in Cocoa Beach, Fla., going 4-0 and scoring 47 runs during that streak.

Senior first baseman and pitcher Brad Robbins has been a catalyst to the team's impressive offensive performances, and leads the team in nearly every batting and scoring category.

Robbins has not only dominated at the plate, but on the mound as well—leading the team with a 1.59 ERA.

Despite being 6.5 games out of first place in the Appalachian Athletic Conference the team is still in the race, since 18 of the team's final 26 games come against conference teams.

Tonight's game against the Eagles of Reinhardt College (12-11) is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Stallard Field.

Settler Brad Robbins prepares to take a pitch during one of the games in the Cavs double header loss (10-6 and 6-1) to Union College on Mar. 19.

Cavalier softball to take diaiHond at home after multiple rain delays

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The Cavalier softball team (4-14, 0-4) is slated to play its first home game of the season on Sunday after the first three scheduled games at Lady Cavs Field were cancelled due to rain.

Head coach Tori Raby-Gentry said that the weather has not helped the team's record, but the biggest problem is age.

More than half of the Cavs' young team is made up of freshmen and sophomores, but Raby-Gentry said that sophomore outfielder Kaitlin Bennett is showing a lot of potential as a leader on the field.

Bennett is currently batting .256 for the Cavs and has posted one homerun and three RBIs.

Raby-Gentry said junior outfielder Maddie Ridenour has stepped up as a leader. She said she knows that no matter what the situation is, Ridenour will get the job done.

Although there is the potential for a comeback with the second half of the season—since more than half of the remaining games are scheduled to take place at Lady Cavs Field—Raby-Gentry said the season has been frustrating to date.

"As a coach, this is a frustrating position to be in, because all we can do is prepare them and hope that it clicks in the game," she said.

Raby-Gentry said she is hopeful that playing at home and having better weather will help the Cavs get a few more wins.

"We're down, but we're better than our records reflect," she said.

The Cavs look to make a comeback as they take on Reinhardt College tomorrow on the road and again on Sunday when they make their first appearance at Lady Cavs Field at 3 p.m. against the Lady Cobras of Virginia Intermont (10-13, 3-1).

Photo by Jessica Price

Junior Maddie Ridenour takes a swing during the Cavs double-header loss (2-1, 2-3) on the road to Union College on Wednesday.

Too soon for major league?

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As many baseball fans know by now, the biggest coup in MLB history for a catcher was signed by Joe Mauer of the Minnesota Twins earlier this week.

By no means am I a Twins fan, but I am, however, a Mauer fan. And, a recent article from FoxNews.com caught my eye.

The article praised Mauer for being a good role model, but that wasn't the part that piqued my interest—it was the contrast between Mauer and an MLB hopeful named Bryce Harper.

Harper is currently playing for the College of Southern Nevada, where he is surpassing any and all expectations. There's a real possibility that he may be the No. 1 pick in the amateur draft and is being called the "LeBron James of baseball." MLB scouts are already lining up to get a shot at Harper and his .420 batting average.

That being said, you might find it surprising to know that Mauer of that was actually what caught my eye. Rather it is the fact that Harper is supposed to be a junior in high school at this very moment.

With the help of his parents, Harper obtained his QED so he could start playing baseball at the junior college he attends in Nevada.

Harper thought his talents would be better tested against older, more mature players. But at only 17 years old and with technically only three seasons beyond Little League under his belt, is he truly ready for a major league contract?

What makes the whole situation worse is that Harper has convinced himself that he just might be the best thing that will ever happen to the MLB. When he was interviewed by "Sports Illustrated" and asked about it, Harper said he wanted to "be in the Hall of Fame, definitely. Play in Yankee Stadium. Play in the pinstripes. Be considered the greatest baseball player who ever lived. I can't wait."

People should reach for the stars and follow their dreams, but I won't wish Harper's jump from being a 16-year old sophomore to entering the amateur draft after only one season of post-high school baseball may cause others to try and follow in his tracks.

Granted, there may not be many other kids in high school who have the same amount of talent as Harper, but it won't stop many from trying to follow the path from GED to college to MLB.

Considering that Harper has already been ejected from one game for taunting, I wonder how well he will handle the pressure of an MLB game. Between that and his already present arrogance, he may not make many friends once he enters the world beyond the junior college diamond.

It's not my hope that Harper fails miserably, but I do hope his ego takes a few hits once he's playing with men who are twice his age and who have triple the experience.

Maybe seeing him knocked down a few rungs on the ladder will deter others from trying to follow him.

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CAMES OF THE WEEK

#4 Purdue vs. #1 Duke

#10 Saint Mary's vs. #3 Baylor

Earlier in the year, Purdue appeared to be a lock for a top-seed in the NCAA tournament, but after the loss of junior Robby Hummel that fate seemed unlikely.

While Purdue's run in to the Sweet Sixteen was not impossible, it was not predicted.

The Boilermakers have shown grit and determination to keep winning games without Hummel. Now, the rise of juniors Evan Moore and JaJuan Johnson have helped bring back in the hunt for a national title. Moore's 16.4 points and Johnson's 15.3 points and 7.2 rebounds per game have picked up some of the slack.

Tonight, Purdue faces one of the

most hated basketball teams in the country, the Duke Blue Devils.

Duke's big three combination—senior Jon Scheyer and juniors Kyle Singler and Nolan Smith—is averaging 53 points per game.

Last week against Cal, senior center Brian Zoubek played his best game of the season, scoring 14 points and bringing down 13 rebounds.

Duke is playing this game in Houston, Texas, far from the safety of Cameron Indoor Stadium and the loyal Cameron Craziest. While definitely not the powerhouse it once was, head coach Mike Krzyzewski has his team playing solid basketball.

The game will air tonight at 10 p.m. on CBS.

Usually, schools with 3,500 students do not do so well in major league athletics. Saint Mary's is dispelling that myth.

Led by senior center Omar Samhan's 21.5 points, 10.9 rebounds, and nearly three blocks per game, the Oaels are making a Cinderella run through the tournament.

Samhan's power inside and the lights-out shooting of junior Mickey McInnell have helped take down second-seed Villanova last week and Richmond in the first round.

McInnell is shooting 52 percent from three-point range and averages 14 points and 5.2 assists per game.

Baylor has a certain Cinderella appeal as well.

After one player was murdered by another in 2003 and then head coach Dave Bliss was forced to resign from the ensuing scandal, Baylor has once again returned to the headlines, only this time for the right reasons.

The Bear earned a three-seed in this year's tournament and have not disappointed.

They defeated first round opponent Sam Houston State and second round foe Oregon last week. Now they will face the Oaels tonight.

The top three Bear players—senior Twenty Carter and juniors Lace Darius Dunn and Ekpe Udofa—average almost 50 points per game.

The game will air tonight at 7:30 p.m. on CBS.