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Members of this secret society revealed themselves at the Student Leadership Awards Banquet last week. Find out who they are on page 2.



Check out the special advertising section on pages 3 and 4 this week. Local businesses and organizations say, "Congrats, grad!"



Lauren Snead and Brad Robbins both broke college records this year. See how on page 6.

Upcoming

Spring Formal

SGA Spring Formal, Studio 54, will be held tonight at 10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Norton. Shuttle service will be provided between campus and the hotel.

Prism 2010 Concert

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts will host Prism tomorrow night at 8 p.m. Money raised benefits the fine arts program.

Late-night Breakfast

The annual end-of-semester late-night breakfast will be held on Monday at 10 p.m. in the Smith Dining Commons. Faculty and staff will serve.

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 73°F / 69°F

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Wasem forced to leave

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Sterling said the staffing change was in the best interests of the program.



Wasem

but administrators did not feel that it was in the best interest of the institution to have me in this position," Wasem said.

stay for one more year.

"They had to offer me one more season, and because of my feelings for the young men coming back, my very positive feelings for the institution and Southwest Virginia and a few other more minor reasons, I chose to stay for the 2010 season," he said.

College officials have decided that longtime UVa-Wise head football coach Bruce Wasem will have just one more season at the helm. Associate head coach Dewey Lusk will take over the head coaching job at the end of the 2010 season.

Wasem, who came to the college in 1991 with his mentor Bill Ramseyer to start the Cavs football program, said the coaching change was not one he expected to make at this point in his career.

"I had hoped to coach a couple of more years and end my career here at UVa-Wise,

was given the option to extend his tenure with another season as head coach and he agreed to

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Students, faculty, staff and alumni ate together during the annual student-alumni picnic on Wednesday afternoon. Members of the Alumni Association cooked burgers, and SAB members were on hand with two do-it-yourself projects: planting a bamboo plant and making candy necklaces.

Spring Picnic

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ferred, along with a bar area located inside of the ballroom.



Brannon

President Travis Brannon. The dance's theme, "Studio 54," is based on the popular Los Angeles club that operated in the 1970s and 1980s as a hotspot for celebrities, said Josh Jordan, SGA's Spring Formal planner and promoter.

worked at Hot 99.5, a DC-area radio station.

"This will be the best spring formal we've had so far due to the amount of effort SGA has put into this happening," Jordan said.

The Student Government Association's year-end Spring Formal will be held tonight at the Holiday Inn at Norton beginning at 10 p.m.

The dance, held in the hotel's fifth floor ballroom, is scheduled to end at 1:30 a.m.

Finger foods will be of-

fered, along with a bar area located inside of the ballroom. "This year will be another great example of the SGA using our efforts and resources to give our student body the best time possible," said outgoing SGA

Providing entertainment will be disc jockey Jason Addison, known as "Jay Money," who has performed for clubs in the Washington D.C. area and

Jordan started looking for a DJ and designing fliers in March.

SGA also recently pur-

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Graduation moved to the Lawn by the Lake

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cause it has given us a great chance to be successful in the real world," he said.

After a three-year stint at Carl Smith Stadium, Commencement ceremonies will once again be held at the Lawn by the Lake.

The UVa-Wise Class of 2010 will officially graduate during the Commencement ceremony on May 15 at 11 a.m. on the Lawn by the Lake.

Travis Brannon, president of the Student Government Association, who spoke at last year's Commencement, will also speak this year, only this time as an outgoing senior.

"[Speaking at Commencement] is going to have a different significance for me," Brannon said. "Instead of just trying to say things to inspire or motivate the graduates, I guess I am also trying to motivate myself."

"I want everybody to remember the good times at UVa-Wise, be-

This year's Commencement address will be delivered by Clarence "Bud" Phillips, a 1974 graduate of the college. Phillips has represented the 2nd District as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates since 1990.

Brannon said that he was honored to have the opportunity to speak at Commencement with Phillips.

Darrell Holbrook, a 1973 graduate of the college and current president of the Alumni Association, will induct all graduates into the Alumni Association to finish the Commencement ceremony.

James Gott, a 1972 graduate of the college and current chair of the UVa-Wise Board, will also speak at Commencement.

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College will host Fulbright scholar

From Staff Reports

The college will play host next year to a Mexican Fulbright scholar, here as part of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence program.

Academic Dean Amelia Harris said that hosting Raoul Godinez, who teaches at Tecnologico de Monterrey in Mexico, will make it possible for college administrators to provide more information about Latin American culture.

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Students arrested for shoplifting

From Staff Reports

Three UVa-Wise students were arrested Friday on charges of shoplifting at a Wal-Mart in Bristol, Tenn.

Jiho Park, 19, from Annandale, Va., Hamid Mansoor, 19, from Alexandria Va. and Jarrett Green, 19, from Fredericksburg, Va., were caught while apparently attempting to steal televisions from the store around 3 a.m., police said.

According to police reports, two of the students were in the store and had televisions in a cart when a Wal-Mart employee caught them. The students attempted to leave the televisions in a back room before police arrived.

The other student was waiting in a car parked outside the store, police said.



Photo by Cameron Parsons

Students rock out, raise money

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Patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. may have been fast asleep by 10 p.m. Sunday night, but a small group of the college's students were wide-awake raising more than \$300 for the hospital.

The UVA-Wise chapter of Up 'til Dawn and other students came together with five different bands to sponsor Jam 'til Dawn, a benefit concert.

Those who attended the event were asked to pay a \$3 admission fee and were put in a drawing for a variety of door prizes provided by the college bookstore.

"I believe that, due to the fact that it had rained all day and we were supposedly on tornado watch, we had a great turnout," said Kaitlyn Collins, Up 'til Dawn's mom chair.

The concert's opening act was led by Andrew Milgrim and his acoustic band, A Dublin Waltz.

"Our performance went really well, we were the opening act, which to me, is best," Milgrim said. "We played a seven song-set and I felt like the crowd really liked it."

"Jam 'til Dawn was fantastic, I had a blast," he said. "All of the bands were really good, it was a good mix of music and they didn't just stick with one genre."

UVA-Wise's Alpha Sigma Phi brothers Derek Greear, Lloyd Tomlinson and Aaron Helbert also performed at the event.

Other performers included heavy metal Christian band, The Wolf Who Cried Boy; an acoustic band, Eastern Experience; and, punk band Strangling Wilson.

All band members said that the organization did an excellent job of putting the event together and supporting St. Jude.



Photo by Allie Robinson
Lloyd Tomlinson, who is part of the Alpha Sigma Phi band The Cause is Hidden, rocks the bass guitar and vocals during a Led Zepplin song at Jam 'til Dawn.

SGA spends leftover money

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About \$10,000 left over in the Student Government Association's fund will be spent on four big-ticket purchases intended to benefit the student body, according to SGA officers. The money is left over because this year SGA did not host Jam4Man, the group's annual music festival.

SGA President Travis Brannon wrote in an e-mail to The Highland Cavalier that the money will be used in part to purchase a 60-inch television to be installed in the coffee shop in Smith Dining Commons. He said he expects the coffee shop to become an area "for students to gather and watch shows, sports and events."

Part of the money has also been used to purchase a laser lighting and fog system for dances. Brannon said the system will be used for SGA dances and can be borrowed by other campus groups for dances and events.

SGA officers also approved the purchase of a high-tech treadmill for the Slomp Student Center fitness center. Brannon said he worked with Julie Scott, the director of the Slomp Student Center, to find improvements for the fitness center. In addition to the treadmill—which will have a television screen and a port for mp3 players—money has been allocated to purchase a free-standing pull and dip station for the center.

"These two [items] will highly improve the quality of the fitness center...and improve the health [and] workout options for UVA-Wise students," he said.

The Residence Hall Association will also receive a portion of the money to purchase recycling containers to place in residence halls.

"[This will] help with waste management, while also allowing students to be responsible stewards of the environment," Brannon said.

Brannon said the idea of busing students to area concerts—a proposal made at the beginning of the year when SGA officers decided to cancel Jam4Man for this spring—was a good idea, but didn't work out.

"Concert schedules didn't seem to cooperate with us and...cost efficiency might not have been improved from the concert itself," he said.

Moss youngest in graduating class

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While most 18 year olds are just starting out as freshmen, senior Nicholas Moss will be attending Commencement ceremonies with the rest of the 2010 graduating class.

Moss said he has adjusted to college life well.

"People try to stereotype me... but I don't really care...I'm trying to get an education at a fast pace," he said. "I don't care what people think about my life or how I do things; if I did, I'd probably still be in high school."

Moss, a government major with a concentration in political science, will receive his degree after completing 12 credit hours over the summer.

And there's a story behind why he chose law as his desired profession.

"I always wanted to help people," he said. "I was going to be a firefighter and found out you don't get paid much and get burned to

death. I was going to be a cop and found out that you don't get paid much and you get shot...I thought I'd be a doctor and I decided I couldn't live with the fact of people dying and you can't help them."

"Law is very easy for me to understand. I'm great at arguing and love legal procedure. It just all makes sense to me. It's one of those things where they say if you have a job you absolutely love you never work a day in your life."

Moss, who is originally from Jacksonville, Fla., moved to the area when he was 8 years old. He was homeschooled through religious exemption.

He said his future plans are law school, possibly a judgeship and, hopefully, a position on the Supreme Court. He said it's something for him to strive for.

As for the next step in his education, he's already made the decision to go to Florida Coastal School of Law with a full scholarship.

Moss said graduating early has impacted him in many ways.

"If I set my mind to something I can achieve what I want and I don't have to settle for things."



Photo by Allie Robinson

The two graduating members of the 70s, the college's first secret society, revealed themselves on Friday during the Student Leadership Award Banquet. The members, Daniel Woloshak and Clint Tipton, presented the Department of Natural Sciences with a community service award for the "Be the Match" bone marrow registry drive the department hosted in the fall.

Wasem

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how the players truly feel about the decision, but he decided to tell the team about the change after the annual spring game.

"I wanted them to know early so that it couldn't come as a sudden announcement during the middle of the season," he said. "And so that it would be done and over and the season can be about the things they accomplish this year and the championship they win."

He said there had already been some changes made to the way the Cavs would be coached this season, but the changes weren't caused by his impending departure.

"I have moved back to defense to coordinate it and coach linebackers, but that decision was made before the other

news came down," he said. "It will be fun to be back on the side of the ball where I spent so many years."

He said he is proud of where the program has come from during his time at the college and that the people he has come into contact with over his years here have made his time at the college memorable.

"Seeing this program start from scratch and build to all that we have today was immense," he said. "But the immediate interest and support from people on campus and throughout Southwest Virginia was the greatest. All of the young men who have played Cavs football these past 20 years and the many, many people from our area whom I have

had the privilege of knowing, has made this the best of my 43 years of coaching."

The decision to pull Lusk up from his current role with the team was not one that Wasem was involved with, he said.

"When I asked if he would even be considered for the position, I was told that they knew he was a good offensive coordinator and a good recruiter, but didn't know about his administrative ability," Wasem said. "Apparently they quickly researched that, because the next day Coach Lusk was called in and told he would have the job whenever I decided to leave."

Although Wasem was not able to help select the coach to take his position, he said he is

certain Lusk will do an excellent job with the team.

"This is a great school and I'm sure Coach Lusk will have the Cavs reaching even greater levels of achievement," he said.

As Wasem enters his final season with the Cavs, he said he is thankful for the opportunity he has had at the college.

"I want to say thank you to everyone for their support, and friendship and for allowing me to be a part of Southwest Virginia," Wasem said.

"It has been an experience I would not trade, and will never forget."

Wasem will start his final season with a 42-44 record and the 2007 Mid-South East Championship under his belt.



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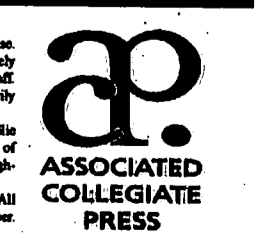
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Professor publishes his first book in Argentina

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Esteban Ponce-Ortiz can now add "book author" to his résumé. The assistant professor of Spanish has just published his first book, "The Idea of Evil on Nineteenth Century Latin American Literature," with Argentina-based publisher Ediciones Corregidor. Written completely in Spanish, the book traces the ways the concept of moral evil has been used and manipulated in 19th century poetry in Latin American countries.

"The conceptualization of

moral evil was one of the axes of construction of the new nations in the 19th century and because the overwhelming influence and control that the Catholic Church had at the time across the continent, it was necessary to reformulate the understanding of good and evil," he said.

"Poetry was, during the whole century, one of the most important mechanisms of re-construction of that conceptualization, and my book follows the tracks of the changes in the moral thought at



Ponce

that period of time," he said.

The book started out as Ponce's doctoral dissertation, he said. He completed the manuscript in a way that would allow for a book to be "almost ready" to be published.

But, that process wasn't without obstacles.

While writing his dissertation, Ponce said that there was a time when he lost an entire chapter totaling 50 pages.

What had taken him two months to write was lost in a matter of seconds.

A copy of the book will soon be available for checkout in the John Cook Wyllie Library.

Scholar

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"We feel like [Godinez] coming here will give our students a window to another culture," Harris said.

Godinez will teach classes in political science. One of his classes will be about immigration and the relationship between Mexico and the United States and another will be about North American immigration, focusing on NAFTA, CAFTA and other trade organizations. He will also teach a class on US foreign policy in Latin America, and a language-across-curriculum course on current events in Mexico. This class will be taught in Spanish, Harris said, and will count as a credit or no credit course.

Harris said Godinez will also deliver guest lectures in other classes across the curriculum, such as interpersonal communication classes, cultural diversity classes, and perhaps even classes on American government.

She said he will also offer lectures at Emory & Henry College and community colleges in the area, as well as speak with local businesses.

"This will help the community in general gain an understanding of another culture," she said. "Especially another culture that is our neighbor."

Graduate

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This year's student speaker will be English literature major Bruce Blansett.

The college will have 3,500 seats set up on the lawn. However, students and their families are encouraged to come early to reserve their place, said Debra Wharton, director of special events and projects.

Shuttle buses will run constantly between the parking lots and the lawn.

"I would encourage students to arrive early and to generally avoid downtown [because of the traffic]," she said.

As of Thursday, according to the Registrar, Shelia Cox-Combs the official number of graduates for this year is 253, down from the 287 last year.

"We have been trying to determine why [the number of graduates] is lower than usual," she said. "One theory is that it is a result of the economic times. People cannot afford to be here full time."

Commencement activities will begin with a rehearsal on May 13 at 11 a.m. on the Lawn by the Lake. The senior tailgate party will begin immediately following Commencement rehearsal at noon.

Formal

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chased a new laser lighting system that will be used for the first time at the dance.

"I think that [laser lighting] will really add to the atmosphere of the dance by giving it a more high energy feel," said Luke Rasmick, chair of the Spring Formal Committee.

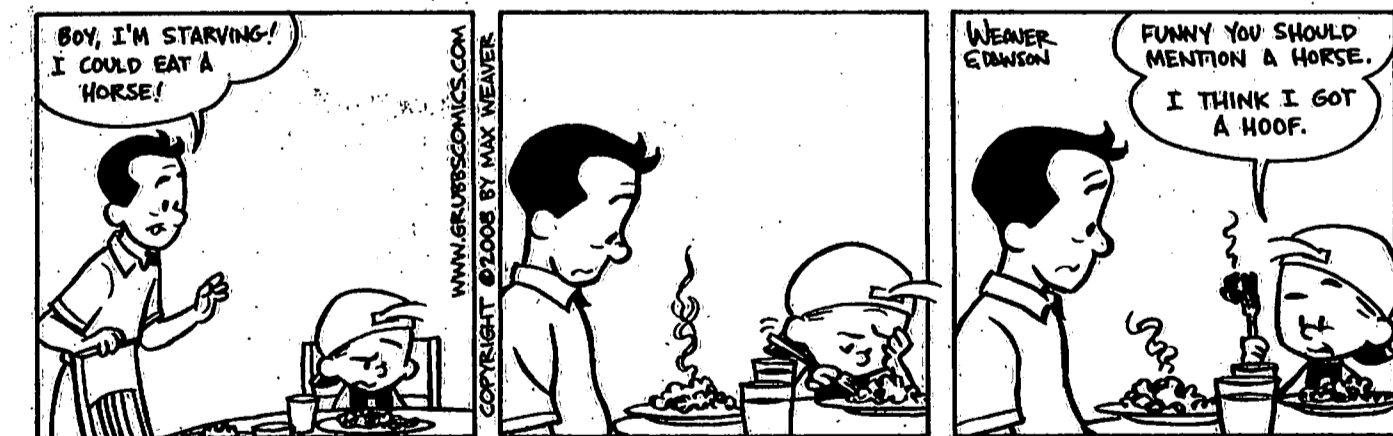
A shuttle bus will transport students to and from the dance. The first trip will leave the McCrany parking lot at 9:30 p.m. Students must present their student identification card to ride on the shuttle.

The last shuttle will leave the Holiday Inn at 1:45 a.m.

"We hope everyone comes to enjoy food and music at the Student Government Association's Studio 54 Spring Formal, while also celebrating the end to another successful semester here at UVA-Wise," Brannon said.

A photographer will be on hand at the event.

Grubbs



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Congratulations to all!
Marianne Hedden





Quick Hits

Men's tennis falls in opening round of AAC Tournament

The men's tennis team fell 5-1 to Reinhardt College in the opening round of the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament Friday at the Champions Club in Chattanooga, Tenn. The 'Cavs' ended the season 4-12 overall and 1-6 in the conference.

The 'Cavs' lone point against Reinhardt came from freshman Nick Austin and sophomore Mark Collins' 8-6 doubles victory over freshman Bobby Bolender and sophomore Pierce Drake.

The 'Cavs' lost to Reinhardt at home earlier this month, 7-2.

Women split matches in AAC Tournament on Friday

The women's tennis team went 1-1 at the Appalachian Athletic Conference Tournament on Friday at the Champions Club in Chattanooga, Tenn., winning 5-1 over Bluefield College and falling to Tennessee Wesleyan, 5-3. The 'Cavs' ended the season 7-9 overall and 3-4 in the conference.

Against Bluefield, the team had singles wins from junior Kayli Bates and sophomore Kayla Kilgore. Doubles wins came from freshman Megan Buchanan and Bates, sophomore Whitney Bolling and freshman Rachel Juhan, and sophomores Annie Fritz and Kilgore.

In the loss to Tennessee Wesleyan, the team had singles wins from Juhan and Kilgore. The pairing of Fritz and Kilgore was the only doubles team to win.

Tennis players honored following AAC Tournament

Four of the college's tennis players were honored Monday with awards by the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

Senior Randall Maddie and freshman Mark Collins were both named to the Academic All-Conference team. Maddie was also named to the Champions of Character squad.

Freshman Megan Buchanan and junior Kayli Bates each earned two awards apiece. Buchanan was named to the Champions of Character squad and was an All-Conference Honorable Mention. Bates was named to the Academic All-Conference team and was an All-Conference Honorable Mention.

Robbins honored by AAC with player of the week selection

Senior pitcher Brad Robbins was selected as Appalachian Athletic Conference Player of the Week last week.

The senior had one of the best weeks of his career batting .455 and hitting three homers.

He also added 16 RBIs on his way to the honor.

The 'Cavs' are slated to face division rival Tennessee Wesleyan tomorrow beginning at 1 p.m.

Snead ends softball career with several college records



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Senior pitcher Lauren Snead's softball career at UVa-Wise is coming to an end, but her contributions to the athletic department will not soon be forgotten.

The Troutville, Va. native came to the college fresh from a national championship game appearance in high school, only to continue that trend of success during her collegiate career. Snead has helped the 'Cavs' reach the championship game in two different seasons.

In four seasons, Snead has practically re-written the school record books for softball.

Snead's impressive performance on the mound has earned her more than 700 strikeouts, making her the first pitcher in 'Cavs' history to do so, while holding opposing batters to a .191 batting average for the 20 season.

Snead has been a part of more than 90 'Cavs' victories during her four years at the college. She holds the career records for strikeouts, completed games, appearances on the mound and innings pitched.

Snead's contributions to the college are not limited to the diamond.

She's been nominated to the dean's list three times, is a member of the Alpha Sigma Theta sorority and was recently nominated to Gamma Sigma Alpha, a national academic/Greek honor society.

Snead said her achievements are due largely to the fact that she had support and encouragement from her family, the coaches and the staff at the college.

Photo by Jessica Price
Senior pitcher Lauren Snead releases a pitch during one of the 'Cavs' games with Georgetown on March 31. The 'Cavs' split the doubleheader.

Two-sport athlete finishes college career on diamond

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Most collegiate athletes strive to excel in their sport of choice, but for senior Brad Robbins, picking one sport wasn't an option.

Robbins answers to multiple names for the 'Cavs' athletic department—starting quarterback, cleanup hitter and relief pitcher.

"At times it's been pretty stressful with a lot of pressure, but looking back I am really glad I chose UVa-Wise and competed in two sports," Robbins said. "It has been a really good fit from an athletic and academic standpoint."

The first team Mid-South Eastern Division All-Conference team quarterback, two-time All-Appalachian Athletic Conference baseball selection and last week's AAC Player of the Week will graduate at the end of the semester.

Robbins was given the starting quarterback position in the 2009 season and made the most of his opportunity.

The first-year starter connected on 206 of his 368 passes, with 22 touchdowns and more than 3,000 yards while leading the team to a 5-6 record. Robbins finished his football career with 26 touchdowns and nearly 3,500 yards passing.

Robbins may be most known, though, for his impact on the 'Cavs' baseball team—as the holder of a number of career baseball records.

Prior to the beginning of the season, Robbins held the career records for home runs, RBIs and extra base hits.

He also has the team's single season records for batting average, slugging percentage, RBIs and on-base percentage.

If the season were to end today, Robbins would be the team's leader in home runs, batting average, RBIs, hits, doubles and is the only undefeated pitcher on the roster.



Photo obtained from www.wisecava.com

Senior pitcher Brad Robbins follows through on a swing during the 'Cavs' win over Southern Virginia University earlier this season.

GAMES OF THE WEEKEND

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New York Mets @ Philadelphia Phillies



The resurgent Mets have pushed past Philadelphia in the standings for first place in the National League East, due in large part to their amazing 11-5 home record. However, this series will be held in Philadelphia.

Mets pitcher Mike Pelfrey is currently undefeated with a 4-0 record and a 0.69 ERA. Pelfrey brings a 24 scoreless inning streak into this game.

The Mets have come back into contention with a series of home wins and consistent play, especially by first baseman David Wright, who leads the Mets in both RBIs and on base percentage.

With the Mets attempting to hold on to first place in the division, the

Phillies will be looking to return to the top spot.

The key to the past Phillies success has been good offense and consistent pitching.

Roy Halladay has already pitched two complete games for the Phillies and currently holds a 4-1 record with a 1.80 ERA to lead the bullpen.

The triple threat of right fielder Jayson Werth, second baseman Chase Utley, and first baseman Ryan Howard has proved lethal to many of the Phillies' opponents this season.

The key to this game is the pitching duel between the young Mike Pelfrey and the veteran Roy Halladay.

The game is set to air tomorrow at 3:10 p.m. on Fox.

Chicago White Sox @ New York Yankees



Yankees Catcher Jorge Posada's excellent start to the season has slowed down. Posada is batting .316, up from his career average of .278. However, Posada left the game Wednesday with a leg injury. It is not clear whether he will play tonight.

Second baseman Robinson Cano is truly the leader of the Yankees' offense. Cano leads the team in batting average, home runs and RBIs.

Pitcher Andy Pettitte is not really the ace of the Yankee bullpen, but Pettitte has been just as effective as C.C. Sabathia.

Pettitte's opposing pitcher for this game will be John Danks, who has had a remarkable start to the season and has proven himself to be a

valuable asset. He is 3-0 with a 1.55 ERA.

The White Sox's offensive leader is veteran first baseman Paul Konerko, who currently leads the MLB in home runs.

Former Atlanta Braves and current White Sox right fielder Andrew Jones was benched earlier in the week. However, Jones has one of the highest batting averages on the team. Jones will have to show some of the highlight plays he made in Atlanta to keep his job in Chicago.

Since this game is at Yankee Stadium, the edge goes to the Yankees.

The game is set to air tonight at 7:05 p.m. Fans can keep up with the action on MLB TV.