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Blood drive planned

Donate the gift of life in Cantrell Hall from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 25. Contact Josh Justice at jvj6e@uvawise.edu for more information.

Room swap

Residence hall room changes begin Jan. 24. Contact residence life staff for more information.

Student Leader Luncheon

The SGA Student Leader Appreciation Lunch will be held in Cantrell Hall at 12 p.m. on Jan. 26.

Weather

Friday
22°F / 17°F

Saturday
31°F / 22°F

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31°F / 25°F

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Fire alarms installed in halls

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Contractors installed new fire alarm systems in Asbury and Thompson halls over winter break after the college was told by the Virginia State Fire Marshal's Office in October that the systems at the time violated state standards.

The purchase and installation of the SimplexGrinnell alarm system came at a cost of just under $30,000, according to Steve McCoy, the college's chief of police and director of public safety.

Officials tested the system last week to make sure residents could hear the new alarms.

"I don't think they should have any problem hearing it now," said John McCormick, a state fire marshal.

McCormick was on campus Tuesday morning to spot check alarms, make sure they were loud enough and sign off that the system was working properly.

McCormick, McCoy, SimplexGrinnell employees and UVa-Wise maintenance staff tested the alarms with the power on, and also checked the batteries in the alarms. The alarms passed inspection, but the system was not fully certified as of Wednesday, when a final check was scheduled to be completed.

The new system is not only

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Snow day, snow play

Photos by Jordan Fifer

Top: Freshmen Isaac Minor (left) and Paul Meishen build an igloo Jan 12. on the Lawn by the Lake. Classes were canceled due to snow. Bottom: Students play football in the snow Jan. 12 on the Lawn by the Lake.

Annual march honors King

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Students, faculty and community members honored Martin Luther King Jr. Monday with a candlelight march and a program celebrating his life.

The UVa-Wise Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative March has been a tradition at UVa-Wise since 1996, when Clinch Valley College director of resi-

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Student charged in prank

Chancellor in canoe retrieves bear

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The polar bear in a chair appeared in the early morning hours of Jan. 13.

The stuffed animal, positioned in the middle of the frozen campus lake, sat in a camping chair and had a cigar in its mouth. A can of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer was in one of the chair's side pockets.

Many students woke up to the prank and found it amusing.

"I thought it was awesome," said Maegan Smith, a freshman psychology major. "I think it was very brave."

But Chancellor David Prior grew up ice fishing in the chilly tundra of northern Michigan When he saw the bear sitting idle in the middle of the frozen lake last week, his first thought was safety.

"I thought the bear looked very cute," he said. "But ... with the weather warming, I thought it was a safety risk."

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Classes shuffled due to illnesses

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Classes in political science and math have been shuffled around this semester due to faculty illnesses.

Eric Smith, assistant professor of political science, and Jennifer Wilson, assistant professor of mathematics, have both had to alter their course loads this semester after being diagnosed with illnesses.

Smith found out in late December that he has aplastic anemia, a condition in which the body doesn't pro-

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Residence life hire starts

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A pirate. Darth Tater. A cook. And, of course, the original.

Step into Chris Owens' office, and the first thing you might notice are the Mr. Potato Head toys. They line his desk and sit atop bookshelves like old friends.

The new assistant director of residence life, who started working at the college Jan. 3, said he has been collecting them for the past few years, beginning at Eastern Kentucky University, where he worked as a residence hall coordinator, a position he held until he moved to Wise in December.

"I like my office to be inviting so I just collect them," he said of the Mr. Potato Head figurines. "A lot of people seem to have their favorites ... my favorite is the original."

Owens' primary duties are to supervise the college's 32 resident advisers and serve as the faculty adviser for the National Residence Hall Honorary.

"I work with a great group of people," he said. "We have a good time and I think we're a great team."

Owens, who earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at EKU before working there three years, said he decided to make

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Photo by Jordan Fifer

Chris Owens, the new assistant director of residence life, started at the college earlier this month.

Students host Friday night radio show

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Two UVa-Wise students are Wise County's newest radio personalities.

Senior Nick DiDonato and junior Stas Jones can be heard Friday nights on WNVA-FM (106.3) from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"Dido and Stas' Friday Night Party Mix" is Wise County's first and only live radio show geared mainly toward the college crowd, according to the radio station.

The show is music-based, featuring the latest hip hop, remixes, mash-ups and dance hits by popular artists.

Along with the music, "DJ Dido the Guido" and "DJ Stas the Boss" provide commentary about the music and entertainment industries as well as what's going on around campus at UVa-Wise.

DiDonato and Jones are both communication majors and are using the opportunity as a stepping stone into the radio industry.

"This is a career that I want to pursue," Jones said. "I want to open up a bigger station back home up in D.C."

The show aired for the first time in early November.

The pair said they have received overwhelming support from their friends, fellow college students and professors.

Photo by Jordan Fifer

Nick DiDonato (left) and Stas Jones can be heard Friday nights on WNVA-FM (106.3) from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

"Finally there's a radio station that actually plays some good music that I can listen to," said junior Norris Gaskins.

"It's kind of cool hearing Dido and Stas live on the radio."

It's not often that college students receive this type of hands-on training in a major entertainment industry such as radio, said Rachel Tighe, associate professor of communication and the chair of the Department of Communication Studies.

"I'm really excited that students finally have an opportunity to get experience in something like this," Tighe said. "I'm glad the kids are getting a chance to learn these skills now."

"I look up and hear tires squealing"

Senior EMT hit by SUV, lives to tell tale

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By all accounts, Jamie Harris is lucky to be alive.

"I knew before she hit me that she'd already hit me," Harris said. "I can just remember closing my eyes."

The senior administration of justice major and EMT was transporting a patient by ambulance to a routine medical visit Jan. 14, when he and his partner happened upon a pickup truck that had just wrecked on Rt. 460 near Shortt Gap just inside the Tazewell County line.

A woman was having trouble getting out of the wrecked truck, and Harris, driving the ambulance, knew they had to stop to help.

Police and fire officials had already been summoned, so after checking on his new patient, Harris started back to his ambulance. It was a 100-foot walk back to the rescue vehicle, which he had parked on the left side of the highway with its emergency lights flashing, he said.

"That's when I look up and hear tires squealing," Harris said.

A 2002 Ford Explorer was rounding a curve in the road, attempting to change lanes to avoid the ambulance and wreck, according to Virginia State Police Sgt. T.W. Carter.

Harris doesn't remember much about the impact.

"The next thing I remember, I can hear glass breaking," he said. "The next thing I know, I'm picking myself up off the ground."

From the rear of the ambulance, Harris' partner saw him turn and jump. The SUV had slammed into Harris, forcing him up and over the hood, over the side of the left guardrail and into opposing traffic.

"Thank God there wasn't nothing coming," Harris said.

Harris

As a Virginia State Police trooper arrived on scene, Harris stayed focused on his training: Secure the scene. Don't cause more harm.

"I go over to him, blood running down my face, and apparently I asked him for flares" to put out on the road, Harris said.

Harris said he refused transport via helicopter to a trauma center, and instead was taken by the Richlands Fire Department to Clinch Valley Medical Center.

Emergency room workers removed a piece of glass from Harris' left arm and sewed a one-inch gash back together. He was largely uninjured, though, suffering mostly bruises and cuts.

One week later, he's still in pain, he said.

The driver of the SUV, Amanda Kay Wright, 25, of Vansant, Va., was charged with misdemeanor reckless driving, according to Carter, the state police sergeant. She is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 2.

Harris said the outcome is remarkable.

"I'm lucky to be alive," he said. "I really am."

The most annoying part of the incident?

"Well, I gotta go to court on Feb. 2.," he said. "And that's my birthday."

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Photo by Allie Robinson

SimplexGrinnell employees demonstrate the new pull stations they installed in Asbury Hall over winter break. The stations buzz when the cover box is opened, which employees said may discourage people from pulling them unecessarily.

Alarm

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louder, but also more sophisticated in that every alarm in a building will not necessarily be set off if one is tripped, said Jason Kennedy, a UVa-Wise maintenance worker.

If someone burns popcorn in the kitchen/living area of the apartment-style rooms, only that alarm will sound. If, however, the smoke is sufficient to also set off one of the bedroom alarms, all alarms in the building will go off, he said.

The new system's panel box, the device that reports which alarm was set off, was installed in the resident advisor's room in both buildings. The RA will then know in which room the alarm was set off, and can help campus police when they arrive on the scene, Kennedy said.

"If it says 'Smoke 101' then the RA knows to go beat on [room] 101 and see," he said. "Before, all we had was a panel locked in the basement."

When campus police get to the building they can reset the system and "save a big chunk of time" by not having to go check every room, and every detector, Kennedy said.

"It's a real nice system," he said.

Kennedy said it was time for new alarms to be installed in the buildings. The old alarm was "just like a dull alarm," he said.

"If you had the TV or radio on you wouldn't have heard it," he said.

The new system has all new wiring, and UVa-Wise maintenance staff will be responsible for the upkeep.

Questions had also been raised about the system at the townhouses, Kennedy said. He said the system there is set up differently.

"There are battery devices inside the rooms like a home," he said.

In addition to the inside alarms, there is a waterflow bell outside of the townhouses, which Kennedy said students had asked about. That alarm is more for maintenance's use than students', he said.

"If something happens over break — if the bell went off, we would know somebody's apartment is getting flooded," said Chuck Miller, a UVa-Wise maintenance worker.

News Editor Jordan Fifer contributed to this report.

News Briefs

UVa-Wise alumnus and Folk Soul Revival member died in fire

Fire killed a UVa-Wise alumnus and member of a popular band over winter break, officials said.

Ricky Allun Cormier, 32, a 2006 graduate of the college, died in the Dec. 29 fire in Bristol, Va., according to media reports. Cormier was a member of Folk Soul Revival, a folk and rock group started in 2008 at UVa-Wise.

Cormier and girlfriend Lucy Brooke Walton Jennings, 21, died of smoke inhalation after clothing left too close to a space heater sparked a blaze in their Cumberland Street apartment, the Bristol Fire Department said in a Bristol Herald Courier report.

Cormier and the other members of Folk Soul Revival were featured in the cover story of the fall 2009 edition of The UVa-Wise Magazine. In it, he said music was his passion.

UVa-Wise alumnus and Folk Soul Revival band member Cormier died in a Dec. 29 fire.

"This is my priority," Cormier said. "Everything else I do, this comes first."

Faculty to participate in Robert Burns night tonight in Big Stone Gap

UVa-Wise faculty will participate in the annual celebration of Robert Burns tonight.

The celebration of Scotland's most well-known poet includes music, storytelling and traditional Scottish food like haggis, neeps, tatties and cranachan. The event will be held at Tale of Lonesome Pine Used Books in Big Stone Gap, and will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Wendy Welch, who runs the bookstore with her husband, Jack Beck, said she is looking forward to seeing Margie Tucker, professor of chemistry and chair of the Department of Natural Sciences, and Provost Sandy Huguenin face off in the toast to and response from the lasses, an annual tradition.

"Burns night is always a hoot, but these two are so naturally funny, this year I expect people to fall off their chairs laughing," she said.

Chris Scalia, assistant professor of English, will talk about Burns' legacy.

"Burns Night is a great way to enjoy one of the world's great poets, to experience a bit of Scottish culture, and (best of all) to socialize with nice people," he said.

Welch said Scalia has discussed Burns at the event before, in the "Immortal Memory" portion of the evening.

"[I'm looking forward to] enjoying [his] extensive knowledge of Burns," she said. "Chris is thought provoking and uses dry wit in his comments."

Police caution students about parking

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Park in the proper space or risk getting towed.

That's once again the message from campus police this semester.

Faculty and students are expected to park in the proper areas in order to remain clear of parking tickets, boots or having vehicles towed.

Steve McCoy, the campus chief of police and director of public safety, said the fall semester went smoothly and he is looking forward to working with faculty and students this semester.

But with the construction ongoing for several years, parking has been an issue for faculty and students.

Residential freshmen and sophomores are now required to park above the science center.

"I understand that it is a long walk for freshmen and sophomores from their designated parking area to their dorm room," McCoy said. "If anyone, including all faculty and students, feel insecure at all about walking across campus please do not hesitate to call campus police."

McCoy said campus police would always give a ride to anyone who felt unsafe walking across campus.

Junior Travis Berry said it is important to be considerate.

"I think that eventually parking will not even be an issue," Berry said. "We need to remember that the college is improving and in order to do that we have to make sacrifices, and if that means having to walk a little farther to class then so be it."

McCoy said drivers should not fear parking citations if they are parked in the proper areas.

"As long as faculty and students park in their designated area, they will have no worry of a ticket," he said.

Campus police can be contacted at (276) 328-COPS or in the lower level of Cantrell Hall.

Highland Cavalier file photo

Campus police Sgt. Ronnie Shortt writes a parking ticket for a car parked in the wrong area in September. Campus police sent out an e-mail at the beginning of the spring semester reminding students to park properly.

Post office offers mail handling tips

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UVa-Wise employees are watching out for suspicious packages, after incidents with suspicious mail in Maryland and at Georgia Southern University.

Officials at Georgia Southern University received a suspicious package Jan. 5 that had indications of containing anthrax. The package was addressed to GSU's office of admissions and the college was shut down for a time as a precaution.

Tests from the Centers for Disease Control came back inconclusive for anthrax.

Jean Good, the UVa-Wise manager of mail services, said students and staff should be alert to similar situations but not panicked.

"It doesn't hurt to be cautious," she said. "We should just be aware of the possibility."

Good said there is no reason to suspect the college will receive any kind of threatening packages, but that it never hurts to be cautious.

Suspicious packages should be isolated and campus police should be notified immediately, she said.

"I have contacted campus police over a few [in my 23 years at the college] and it turned out to be nothing, thankfully," Good said.

Watch your mail for:

- Any white, powdery substance inside or around the package
- Excessive postage or packages with stamps
- Packages with a title only (like "Vice President"), misspelled addresses, or badly written or typed addresses
- Markings of "personal," "keep upright" or "do not bend"
- Packages with a spongy or bulky feel

Source: Jean Good

Classes

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duce enough new cells to replenish its stores, he said in a Facebook message to The Highland Cavalier.

Smith was slated to teach four politics courses this spring, but had to cancel because of frequent hospitalizations, said Bryan Hoyt, chair of the Department of Social Sciences.

Two of Smith's classes will be taught online — one picked up by adjunct professor Robert England and one created by Garrett Sheldon, John Morton Beaty Professor of Political Science. Smith's other two courses were canceled, but Hoyt and Sheldon worked with history faculty to make sure three other classes could be offered as substitutes for his political science courses. Elizabeth Steele, coordinator for advising and retention, is teaching American Foreign Politics, a course Hoyt said she has taught before.

"In short, we tried to one, take care of the student's needs, and two, give [Smith] the opportunity to rest and recover," Hoyt said. "Dr. Smith is very well liked and as an institution it is important we be supportive."

Wilson's illness, which has not been publicly shared, has prevented her from teaching a full course load, said Alex Edwards, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

She will be teaching three classes instead of the scheduled four, and will be on campus only on Tuesdays and Thursdays, he said.

"We just shuffled some classes," he said. "I think she's actually teaching only one that she was scheduled to teach."

Edwards said he hopes Wilson will be back full-time in the fall.

Smith

Smith said he hopes to stay in touch with his students.

"I am hoping to get two web courses up and running this spring," he said. "I miss Wise and I miss my students very, very much."

Smith didn't know about his condition until winter break.

"I found out about it after nearly a week of tests, including four bone marrow biopsies, after noticing that I had developed small purple spots on my legs and stomach over the course of a day," he said.

Smith said he is in isolation, and is only able to be visited by a limited number of people, who must wear masks and decontaminate themselves when they enter the room. He hopes to be able to begin therapy to recover.

"I'll either be receiving a bone marrow donation ... or immuse suppression therapy," he said Wednesday. "Hopefully by the time of my next appointment at [Vanderbilt University Medical Center] we'll have a plan worked out."

Smith said his next plan of action is treatment and "hopefully recovery."

"It will take several weeks to several months but I stand a good chance of getting back to my old self," he said.

Commonwealth resident arrested for drug possession

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A sophomore football player was arrested Monday after campus police said they found marijuana in his room.

Skylar Nathaniel DeJesus, 19, was charged with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Campus police Officer Perry Ratliff and Cpl. Steve Maggard were notified around 9:30 p.m. Monday that a student smelled marijuana coming from a second floor Commonwealth Hall room, according to a criminal complaint filed by Ratliff in Wise County District Court.

"We also noticed a strong odor believed to [be] marijuana," coming from DeJesus' room, Ratliff said in the complaint.

Ratliff and Maggard knocked on the door and found DeJesus to be the only person there, Ratliff said.

When the officers asked him if he had marijuana, Ratliff said, DeJesus showed them a plastic vitamin powder jar and said, "That's all I got."

Ratliff opened the jar and found "a bag containing a leafy green-like substance believed to be marijuana," he said.

DeJesus, a defensive back on the college's football team, did not respond to a request for comment. He is scheduled to appear in court in early February.

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Photo courtesy of John Hawkins

Senior John Hawkins rides a camel during his winter break trip to Israel. The trip was a birthright trip, in which the Israeli government and American philanthropies help send American Jews to Israel.

Touring Israel

Senior takes winter break trip to Middle East

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Many students go home to their parents' house for winter break, but one student went home in a different sense.

John Hawkins, a senior government major, went on his birthright trip to Israel for two weeks in December. It is known as a birthright trip because any young American Jew is given the opportunity to travel to Israel.

About 20 people went on the trip with Hawkins, and the group saw sights ranging from the Western Wall in Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on Earth, known for its high salt content.

"Just being in Israel itself was the best experience," Hawkins said. "I visited all these places, [and just got] a total view of history. You feel you've just touched and been immersed in thousands of years of history in two to three weeks."

Hawkins said the best part of the trip was visiting the old city of Jerusalem. The Jewish Quarter was his favorite part, he said, because of his love for history and architecture. While there, he touched the Western Wall, which has been a site of Jewish pilgrimage for centuries.

"When I touched the Western Wall, I just thought, 'thousands of people have touched that wall, and thousands of years ago,' " he said.

Hawkins and others in the group also visited Masada, which was the last stronghold of the Jews against the Roman soldiers, and the location of King Herod's last palace.

He saw soldiers in the Israeli army, many of whom were his age or younger.

"I felt very excited and proud to see them," he said. "One of the things they really want you to know is that because you're Jewish, Israel is your state, too."

The birthright trip was run by a company called Taglit and paid for by American philanthropies and the Israeli government.

"Israelis donate tax dollars to bring American Jews to Israel so they can reconnect," Hawkins said. "I've never been really connected to my Jewishness but I came back connected.

"Taglit means 'gift,' " he said. "The whole trip is a gift. It's beautiful."

Physics professor leaves for California

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UVa-Wise is gearing up to find a replacement for a professor who left the science department last semester.

Mindy Kellogg resigned in December as assistant professor of physics to begin a new life in California as a newlywed.

Kellogg worked hard to connect with her students and demonstrated a positive attitude, coworkers said.

"She was an outstanding physics professor," said professor of chemistry Margie Tucker, chair of the Department of Natural Sciences.

"Kellogg was a very reserved person, [but] she was able to find channels of communication with her students," Tucker said.

Lucian Undreiu, an assistant professor of physics, said students gained interest in physics because of Kellogg's teaching.

"She also listened closely to her students," he said.

Kellogg

The process of filling Kellogg's position is in the planning stages, said Sanders Huguenin, the college's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Huguenin said the college is looking for someone with good credentials, who is current in their field and is willing to spend time with their students.

"We need someone with excellence in teaching that will be able to communicate the subject well," Tucker said.

A search committee is set to conduct face-to-face interviews as well as phone interviews with respective applicants, Huguenin said. He expects at least 50 applicants.

Adjunct instructor Bill Harris has taken over one physics class this semester to supplement the loss.

Tucker said she hopes a new professor will be hired before the semester begins in August.

Summer trip to Ecuador planned

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Scuba diving, hiking and other activities await students who choose to study abroad this summer in Ecuador.

The trip is scheduled for May 27 through June 10 and is open to 17 students. The cost, which includes airfare, lodging, travel insurance, ground transportation, some meals and the cost of three credit hours of study, is $3,381.

"I am very excited about going to Ecuador," said Rut Roman, an assistant professor of Spanish. "The most exciting part of the trip is to Galapagos."

Students will spend at least three days on the Galapagos Islands, Roman said. Other planned activities include snorkeling, scuba diving and hiking.

Some meals such as lunch and dinner, and extra costs are not included, she said.

"Students should make a budget for around five to seven dollars for meals," Roman said. "In smaller cities, it is cheaper."

Students who attend can choose between three credit hours of study from Spanish or biology, Roman said.

"Even if you don't choose Spanish, we will still offer you Spanish classes," she said.

Robin Cook-Hill, an assistant professor of biology, and co-sponsor of the trip, said she's excited to take students to study.

"I start bouncing every time I think about the trip," she said.

Junior Jose Ramos said Ecuador is a lot like Virginia in that students should pack for all sorts of weather and temperatures.

"If you are in the mountains, it's going to be cold," he said. "If you are on the beach, it's going to be warm."

Students should e-mail internationalprograms@uvawise.edu for an application form, Roman said. Applications are due by Jan. 28.

Bear

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There aren't many polar bears in Michigan, but it turns out that catching one on the ice is similar to catching a fish under it. Armed with warm clothing, a life vest and a single-person canoe tethered by rope to the shore, Prior went out Jan. 15 to fetch the bear.

"I was just worried that students unfamiliar with [frozen lakes] would try to rescue it," he said.

It took Prior less than 10 minutes to rescue the bear, he said. He retrieved the toy, but the chair was frozen to the surface. By Jan. 16, the chair had disappeared, too.

Campus police charged Richard Anthony Knizekewich, 21, a sophomore education major, with misdemeanor trespassing in the prank.

Shortly before 2 a.m. on Jan. 13, campus police Officer Mickel Mullins saw Knizekewich run onto the frozen lake and put the stuffed animal near the fountain, according to a criminal complaint filed by Mullins in Wise County District Court. Knizekewich was charged Jan. 14 after Mullins saw him driving on campus.

Knizekewich is scheduled to appear in court in early February. He declined to comment.

Prior appreciated the humor in the prank but cautioned against potentially dangerous actions.

"A lot of [pranks] are fun," he said. "This one, I actually took a photograph of the bear. But around frozen lakes, it can get dangerous."

At least four inches of ice is needed to support the weight of a grown man, according to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

It was not immediately clear how thick the lake ice was Jan. 13, but the lake is at least nine feet deep in some parts.

Prior's thoughts were echoed by Steve McCoy, campus police chief and director of public safety.

"There's a difference in a prank and people jeopardizing their lives," McCoy said.

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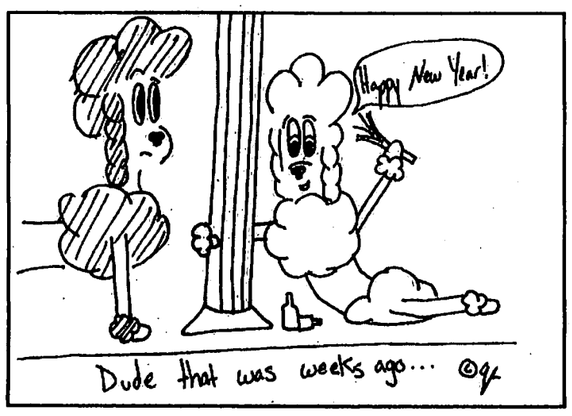

Cartoonist Joanna Lewis is a senior computer science major.

Students study abroad in India over break

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On her very first safari, Helen Melshen saw a tiger.

"I'm such in awe...there were people who had gone on like 10 safaris and they'd never seen a tiger," she said. "I think the whole day, everybody was like, 'We saw a tiger!' "

The senior health and physical education major spent part of winter break in India with three other UVa-Wise students, a student from Millsaps College, and UVa-Wise assistant professor of business and economics Zafar Khan.

The tiger sighting was just part of the trip, which also included excursions to historical, religious and national monuments.

"It was an adventure," Melshen said of the trip, which was her first study abroad trip with the college. "It was amazing."

She said her favorite part was visiting the Taj Mahal, "because it's one of the seven wonders of the world."

"I took so many pictures when we were there, trying to get that perfect shot," she said. "One thing my dad asked me when I got back and called him, was 'Did you get a picture of the Taj Mahal?'"

Junior foreign studies major Shannon McClendon, who went on the trip, said her favorite part was also visiting the Taj Mahal.

"I still can't believe I was able to see such [a] remarkable place," she said. "The Mughal emperor Shah Jahan built this structure in memory of his wife, I wish I knew someone who would do that for me!"

She said she was interested in going on the trip from the moment she heard about it.

Photo courtesy of Helen Melshen

Shannon McClendon, Wrijoya Roy, Helen Melshen, Paru Gopalan and Ariel Gomez traveled to India with professor Zafar Khan over winter break.

Photo courtesy of Shannon McClendon

Paru Gopalan, Ariel Gomez, Helen Melshen, Zafar Khan and Wrijoya Roy take photos while visiting India.

"I love to travel," she said. "I enjoy learning about different cultures and I love Indian food."

Khan said the trip was the first trip sponsored by UVa-Wise to Asia.

"It was a good opportunity for our students to learn about Asia, South Asia especially," he said. "Experiencing and being outside and being at places where they are learning...on the field learning just gives an experience of how you can learn faster and better sometimes."

He said the class would have discussions in the morning, and then go out on excursions during the day to places like Agra, New Delhi, Jaipur and Fatehpur.

"Of course during the excursions, there was discussion," he said. "[About] religion, economy, history, culture...we really covered a lot."

Students could sign up for credit in humanities, foreign studies or business for the trip, which lasted about two weeks. In addition to Melshen and McClendon, freshman Ariel Gomez and junior Paru Gopalan went on the trip, with Millsaps College student Wrijoya Roy.

McClendon said she learned a lot during the trip:

"Indian driving is crazy, public toilets are a rarity, about 46 rupees equal one dollar, I love paneer (a kind of cheese), India is very historically rich, it can get very dusty, there is a lot of fog in the winter, there are tons of people everywhere and much, much more," she said. "I saw and learned so much. It was really amazing how much we were able to see and do in just two weeks."

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dence life Mary Eubanks organized a small group of people to march on the sidewalk from Smiddy Hall to the Wise County Courthouse to honor King and his legacy.

At the end of the march, the group held a small service on the lawn of the courthouse. Now, 15 years later, the legacy lives on, but on a much larger scale.

Now, hundreds of faculty, students and members of the community march down Main Street holding candles and singing songs.

"Every year I go, I keep falling in love with it," said athletic department secretary Pat Bevins, who has helped to organize the event for the past four years.

"It is such a blessing for me," she said. "I really appreciate the chance to be able to take part in it."

While the hundreds of marchers and speakers were enjoying the evening's festivities, many didn't realize the work that local businesses and a small handful of volunteers accomplished.

"We couldn't do it without the community," said multicultural alliance advisor Sandra Jones, who works in the college development office. Jones has participated and helped to organize the event for the last 13 years.

The celebration began at 5:30 p.m. at the Church of God in Wise, where a free public dinner was held. At 6:30 p.m. the marchers gathered outside the church to light their candles and move on to the main program.

The candlelight march followed Main Street to the courthouse, where marchers proceeded to the Wise Baptist Church to listen to speakers, singers and praise of King's legacy.

This year, the program's motto was "Sustaining the legacy…We are…Better together."

Bishop James Swanson, presiding prelate of the United Methodist Holston Conference and keynote speaker for the event, Town of Wise mayor Erra Sutherland, and founder Mary Eubanks were among those in attendance.

Clinchco, Va. native Justin Preston gave an emotional rendition of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech, and UVa-Wise Dean of Students Jewell Worley, campus minister Beth Tipton and Wise Baptist Church pastor Dr. Ray Jones welcomed those who marched in King's honor.

"It helps us all if we can keep his memory in our hearts," Bevins said. "It keeps the legacy alive, and hopefully that will help us become better friends and neighbors."

Photo by Lauren Miller

Sophomore French and nursing major Rougul Toure heads out of the Church of God in Wise to participate in the 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr. March. Participants marched, candles in hand, to Wise Baptist Church for a program honoring King.

Campus Bulletin

Upcoming:

SAB Movie: Catch "The Social Network," the movie about the beginning of Facebook, on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center tonight at 8 p.m. Sponsored by SAB.

Karaoke: SAB will host live karaoke with Tri-Cities karaoke group Karaoke Klub on Jan. 24 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Papa Joe's.

Study Abroad: It's time to sign up for fall study abroad trips. Stop by the International Programs office in Darden 105 to find out how.

Wallyball Tournament: Dominate the racquetball courts on Jan. 25 during the intramural 3x3 wallyball tournament. Games start at 6 p.m. in the Slemp Student Center racquetball courts.

Weekly:

The Wise Environmental Club: The environmental club meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Henson classroom. Contact Jennifer Fulton at jnfa@uvawise.edu or Spencer Adams at sta9a@uvawise.edu for more information.

Wesley Fellowship: Wesley Fellowship serves free homestyle dinners on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation by Alumni Hall.

SAB: Student Activities Board meetings are held Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the Honor Court room on the third floor of the Slemp Student Center. Contact Josh Justice for more information.

BCM: Baptist Collegiate Ministries serves free meals on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at the BCM.

Tupos: Tupos services are held Wednesdays at 9 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The Highland Cavalier: The student newspaper holds weekly meetings on Fridays at 1 p.m. in the third floor Honor Court Room in the Slemp Student Center.

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Student activity fee not a waste if used

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Welcome to the year 2011, a time for new opportunities and new problems. But for now, let's hold off on the problems and instead focus on more of the positives.

Have you ever realized that, in addition to tuition fees, room charges, the meal plan, etc., you also contribute a hefty fee labeled "student activity fee."

For example, I paid $1,562 for the spring semester of 2011. A listing of what you paid for the last semester can be found when you log into your account.

You are probably taking a moment and saying to yourself, "What exactly is this student activity fee? And why is it so much?"

If not, then maybe you just don't care where your money goes.

You may have heard the phrase, "An investment is only as good as the return you receive."

Normally this is the point where many would expect me to whine and cry and bash the Student Activities Board and the intramural department; however, this is a new year and a chance for new opportunities and perspectives.

I can honestly say that I feel my investment is returned to me in a comparable, if not more substantial, manner than what I put in.

The intramural department is hosting nine programs in January, and this is only the start of the semester.

SAB is hosting comedian Adam Ace on Jan. 20, and my personal favorite, Karaoke, on Jan. 24.

That's a lot of events to ensure we are entertained, occupied and enjoying ourselves.

As much as I enjoy reading about linear regression, structuralism, contagion theory and diaspora, I do feel it is necessary to have some fun and socialize. Being an awkward shut-in with a superiority complex may work for some, but I do believe the rest of us need time to process what we have learned and explore other avenues of our humanity.

Not only does the intramural department and SAB offer us a legitimate excuse to relax, but I feel that they are essential aspects of our campus culture.

Intramurals have spawned now legendary rivalries such as "Staff Infection vs. FC McCraray" or "Staff Infection vs. Kappa Sigma Skulls."

SAB holds "Scary on McCraray," which is held every Halloween, the Super Bowl on the big screen, grocery bingo, which gives away more than $400 in prizes, and the anticipated Bucket List lecture series.

You know those movies we watch?

Just the rights alone to show one of those movies cost a substantial amount of money.

I recently looked up the cost to the rights of showing a low end documentary and they were more than $200.

Can you imagine what a hit movie like "The Social Network" costs to show?

These are the events that take place where students meet, mingle and form relationships which last for lifetimes.

You as a student invest a portion of that $1,500 per semester in SAB, and in exchange you have the opportunity to enjoy around $20,000 worth of entertainment from SAB and about another $20,000 in intramurals.

That includes trips to professional baseball games, NFL games, sky diving, hockey games, amusement parks and so much more.

I have heard that the department also shares its funding with the academic departments to aid and assist them financiallly, and they do this on their own accord, making the student activity fee even more valuable.

So it's easy to see that your investment is a golden return.

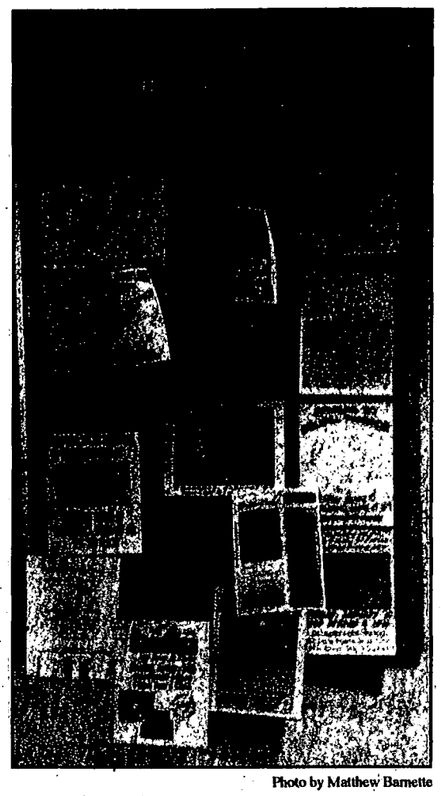

Photo by Matthew Barnette

Fliers always fight for your attention on the third floor intramurals board in the Student Leadership wing of the Slemp Student Center. Most can also be seen all over campus.

Schedule changes create problems for everyone

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The start of a new semester always seems to be a hectic span of time.

Students are rushing to get to classes they aren't quite used to attending, and visiting various offices to check the balance of accounts and to add or drop classes.

Professors try to avoid overloading students with information in the first few classes since they themselves are trying to get used to their schedules and keep students from feeling overwhelmed.

No matter what people try to do, no one ends up liking the process of getting used to a new schedule.

This semester I have a lot less time to get things done during the week and can't quite grasp the change in my schedule.

Though I don't have any classes that start before 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, I still have less time to work on the College paper because I have more homework. Now I have to try and do my work at various times throughout the week.

However, the semester is only about a week in, so I just need to organize and prioritize everything into a schedule.

The problem most people have with a change in their schedule is the stress it can cause. Lost are the times when you didn't have anything to do.

Now, periods of free time are being sifted through and they don't know when they can just sit down and take a break or talk with a friend for a few minutes.

Everything changes now and then and people get stressed out over every little detail for a while. People cause themselves even more stress doing this because they aren't sure they should be taking one class over another and then switch their schedule around at the last minute and further confuse themselves. They add a class at a time when they used to have free time and then complain they don't have time to rest.

Other times, students take certain classes be cause they were easy for friends only to find out it isn't as easy for them. These students should take advantage of all the resources that are offered for anyone that needs extra help.

The problem isn't the professors, it's the students who don't talk with professors about what might be required of them throughout the semester and what they can do to receive help if they need it.

Professors always make it clear from the first day that if you ask them questions they will tell you everything they can to help you understand what you currently don't.

Students who make the mistake of taking a class they can't handle are the ones who don't ask questions and talk to their professors.

Another major problem some students have with scheduling is trying to sign up for classes in the first place.

Everything these days is done online, and if you have a problem registering you aren't always able to get help fixing the problem.

I think this is not due to a lack of employees in the correct departments, but because the system is still fairly new it prevents a student, who meets all the requirements, from registering for classes on random occasions.

Schedules will always eventually change, computers will have bugs and glitches that make things difficult and people will always get stressed over the smallest things,. It's just how you handle it all that makes it easier, so use every advantage you can.

Letter to the Editor

Paper mistaken about "first musical"

I am writing this letter in response to the article, "College's first musical in the works," which appeared in the Dec. 3, 2010 edition of The Highland Cavalier.

With all due respect to the student writers and editors of The Highland Cavalier, the musical "The Secret Garden: The Musical," to be presented in February, is not the first musical presented at the College by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

In fact, some 12 full-length Broadway musicals have been produced and performed at the College since 1978.

All of these musicals were collaborative productions involving students in theater, music, the visual arts, as well as those from other academic disciplines. These musicals were co-directed by faculty in music and theater and other academic disciplines. Members of the college staff were involved as well.

Among the musicals presented were: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" (1978 and 1991), "The Fantasticks" (1986 and 2002), "Godspell" (1992 and 2003), "Pippin" (1995), "Chicago" (1997), and "Into the Woods" (2000).

I write this letter because I want students and others who read The Highland Cavalier not to be misinformed about Broadway musicals at the college.

— D. Michael Donathan, professor emritus of Music.

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Two players enter 1,000 point club

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The Cavs fell short against Rio Grande Saturday, but it was a special night for two players who earned their 1,000th career points in the game.

Junior guard Kristin Mullins and senior post Meghan Rutherford achieved the prestigious collegiate goal and were honored for their hard work on the court.

Mullins scored her 1,000th point early in the second half. For the game, she scored 14 points and had 12 rebounds.

Mullins said she knew she was close to getting her 1,000th point, but it did not change the way she played the game.

"It took some pressure off of me," she said. "But, it's always been one of my goals.

Mullins said scoring her 1,000th point in high school and then scoring it in college, felt different.

"It means more, because in college it's a higher level of competition and you have to work harder to achieve it," Mullins said.

Rutherford earned her 1,000th point late in the second half and finished the game with seven points and seven rebounds. She said she was not worried about the milestone, but believes that it is a big accomplishment.

"As a post player you don't get to shoot outside a lot, so I really just try to rebound and get my points there," she said.

Head coach Doug Carter said he was proud of both players for their accomplishments and was grateful for the assets they bring to the team. He said the team had helped the individual players accomplish their goal.

"The person that scores has 24 hands ... every single lady that practices against them and plays with them helped them earn that, and they're a part of it too," he said.

UVa-Wise, Emory & Henry rivalry will end again

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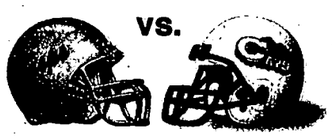

The college's 20-year-old football program has played its closest rival a total of three times, and after next year, might never play them again.

Emory & Henry College is a mere 44 miles from Wise, but the schools have yet to establish a long-term athletic rivalry.

The Cavs and the Wasps played two games during the 1994-1995 seasons, in which the Cavs fell 35-31 and 29-20 respectively.

Last season, after a 15-year break, the schools again decided to sign another home-and-home deal, agreeing to play a game in Emory and a game in Wise, just as in 1994-1995.

The series resumed last season in Emory, as the Cavs fell 20-17 against the Wasps.

Next season, the Wasps will travel to Carl Smith Stadium to play the Cavs. After that game, the series will come to another abrupt halt.

According to members of the Emory & Henry athletic department, the Cavs will not be on the Wasps' schedule anytime soon.

Because the Wasps play at the NCAA Division III level, and the Cavs play at the NAIA Division I level, the series doesn't reward Emory & Henry with any points towards a possible playoff berth.

In place of Wise, Emory & Henry will add fellow NCAA Division III Maryville College.

The Cavs have also moved on, replacing Emory & Henry with Campbell University after next season.

Earlier in the season the Cavs narrowly lost 20-16 to Campbell in the final seconds of the Sept. 24 game.

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"It's good to get it out of the way. And, hopefully, it won't be the last of the season."

Head coach Doug Carter said the win against West Virginia Tech felt good, but winning just one game was not a team goal.

"It was a battle of teams who hadn't won in the Mid-South," he said.

"But our goal isn't beating teams in that position, our goal is to beat teams that are the best."

Carter said the conference record will not weigh psychologically on the team before entering playoffs.

He said he knows the team can compete on a higher level and is confident they can turn the season around.

"The answer is in our locker room," Carter said. "They need to play better and I need to coach better ... that's just the transition to a bigger conference."

The Cavs will play a key conference match-up against the Pikeville Bears tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the Greear Gymanisum.

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Games of the Week

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Green Bay Packers @ Chicago Bears

The 182nd meeting between the Bears and the Packers will determine who will play in Super Bowl XLV on Feb. 6.

Last week in Atlanta, the Packers dominated the Falcons in a 48-21 win.

In the game, quarterback Aaron Rodgers was nearly perfect, going 31-of-36 for 366 yards and three touchdowns.

The Packers' Pro Bowlers and players to watch include wide receiver Greg Jennings, offensive tackle Chad Clifton, linebacker Clay Matthews, cornerback Charles Woodson and safety Nick Collins

Quarterback Jay Cutler and offensive coordinator Mike Martz have both resurrected their careers in Chicago.

Cutler has had his most successful season in his five-year professional career, guiding the Bears to an 11-5 record.

Cutler's performance will be critical to his team's success against the Packers.

The Packers defeated the Bears 10-3 on Jan. 2, in a game irrelevant for the Bears, but the win put the Green Bay into the playoffs.

Earlier in the season — on Monday Night Football on Sept. 27 — the Bears defeated the Packers 20-17.

The game will come down to the battle between the two quarterbacks, Rodgers-verses-Cutler.

Rogers has had more success in his career, but don't be surprised to see Cutler get the win.

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

New York Jets @ Pittsburgh Steelers

Hubris is usually a trait that would lead a team to failure. However, the Jets have thrived on the arrogance of its players and coaches.

Head coach Rex Ryan is the son of legendary coach Buddy Ryan and is carrying on his fathers winning tradition. Ryan has led his team to a 24-13 regular season record in his first two years, including his excellent 4-1 postseason mark.

And, he has become more famous for his off-the-field antics, including mocking other NFL teams, declaring the Jets the best team in the NFL and insulting other coaches.

The Jets' Pro Bowlers, offensive tackle D'Brickashaw Ferguson, center Nick Mangold and cornerback Darrelle Revis, will be key to the Jets' chance of winning the game.

After a sub par 9-7 finish in the 2009 season, the Steelers bounced back with a strong 12-4 finish this season, thanks, at least in part to another rising coaching star.

Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin has found his success without making much of a distraction for his team. In four seasons, Tomlin has one Super Bowl win and a 47-22 overall record.

The Steelers Pro Bowlers for this season include center Maurkice Pouncey, defensive end Brett Keisel, linebacker James Harrison and safety Troy Polamalu.

The game will air Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on FOX.

Provost reflects on his first six months on campus

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For Sanders Huguenin, every day is a busy day.

With six months on the job, Huguenin said he is happy in his role as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. He's enjoying the work, he said, working on strategic planning for budgeting, tenure promotions, summer college — and even teaching a history course.

"I really appreciate the faculty," he said. "They are a great group to work with."

Huguenin is currently working with department chairs to prioritize and plan the budget — acknowledging that the the money UVa-Wise has to spend is decreasing, not increasing.

Huguenin

"My sense very strongly is that we have weathered the budget situation much better than many public institutions in other parts of the nation," he said.

"The college hasn't furloughed anybody or let anybody go," because of the tough economic climate, Huguenin said. He credits financial aid and Virginia's commitment to higher education.

UVa-Wise faculty and students take the academic programs "very seriously," he said.

"It is good to have an open process of making sure that what is enunciated is something that the community believes in and that people have their say," he said.

Huguenin is working to fill several vacant positions through national job advertisements. He's a strong defender of the tenure process, too.

"What tenure really means is that there is a longer commitment to the institution," he said.

In the next month, Huguenin plans to review applications for tenure and promotion.

Huguenin has also finalized a schedule of courses for this year's summer college, what he calls "a win-win-win situation."

The summer session and online program "allow students to progress in a more timely manner toward their graduation and it helps graduation rates," he said. "It also allows our faculty members to remain employed."

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the move to Wise to further his professional growth.

"Wise is like coming home to me," the Harlan, Ky. native said. "I'm excited about learning about a new campus and a new environment.

"It's such a beautiful place. You can feel the growth and energy around."

Owens said he has been getting acquainted with campus.

"I've been to the student center, where I check my mail like the students," he said. "I've been to Papa Joe's and I eat in the Caf."

Owens said his door is open, and he is here to help students as much as he can.

"If you're positive and you're happy about what you do, you'll succeed," he said. "I like to see people succeed."