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A man mailed himself in a box from Richmond to Pennsylvania to escape from slavery. Find out how you can learn about him on page 3.



You can send your sweetheart a Valentine's message that's almost as cute as this puppy. Find out how on page 5.



Women's basketball upset a top-25 team. Check it out on page 8.

## Upcoming

### Concert planned

The Highland Singers will perform "Precious Lord" in honor of Black History Month on Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

### Civil War remembrance to be held

Speakers will present in the Slemp Student Center on Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

### Campus preview day scheduled

The Wise 360° campus preview day will be held Feb. 19. To reserve a table, contact Megan Fannon.

## Weather

Friday



40°F / 32°F

Saturday



36°F / 28°F

Sunday



43°F / 31°F

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# Signs to stop trespassing installed

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Campus police and maintenance officials installed "no trespassing" signs around the lake this week, following a mid-January prank that resulted in a student arrest.

The new signs, though temporary, provide a firm warning that trespassers will be prosecuted. More permanent

signs are set to be erected in the near future, officials said.

A sophomore education major was charged with misdemeanor trespassing after a campus police officer said he saw the student walk onto the frozen lake Jan. 13 and place a stuffed polar bear in a camping chair near the lake fountain.

Virginia Code allows the owner or custodian of property to ban a person from property.



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Campus police posted signs around the campus lake Thursday.



# Former NFL player to speak at party

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A former Green Bay Packers wide receiver who helped his team win the first two Super Bowls ever held is set to headline the college's game-watching party Sunday.

Former NFL player Carroll Dale, a native of Wise, will talk before the game about his eight seasons playing with the Packers, during which he won three consecutive championships and the first two Super Bowls in 1967 and 1968. He will also talk to students about setting priorities in their lives.

The Super Bowl party is scheduled for Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Slemp Student Center.

"I usually try to stress priorities and having balance in your life," Dale said about speaking at the college's Super Bowl parties, which he has done in the past, most recently in 2009. "It's so sad to see young people that have a lot of potential self-destruct."

"I'll talk a little football and maybe have a chance for some student questions," he said.

Dale said he plans to watch the actual game, which is only the 3rd Super Bowl Green Bay has played in since they won Super Bowls I and III, at home with his wife.

"I used to be involved in Super Bowl parties but I found if you're in a large crowd somebody's always talking," he said. "[At home,] you can make your observations or criticisms without being intrusive."

During Sunday's game, Dale said he will also root for Green Bay, but will keep

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Photo by Jordan Fifer

Former NFL wide receiver Carroll Dale, who led the Green Bay Packers to Super Bowl victories in 1965 and 1966, will speak at this year's on-campus Super Bowl party Sunday.

## Dale's Super Bowl Pick



# College set to change flier policy

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UVa-Wise plans to update parts of an advertising policy for student organizations after a civil rights advocacy group said the rules pose an undue restriction on student speech and may be unconstitutional, college administrators said.

The sections in question come from the 2009-2010 Student Organization Handbook, a publication of the Office of Student Life that is still in effect this year.

The policy says, in part, that advertisements and fliers posted on campus "must not mention alcohol and/or drugs or promote illegal alcohol or drug activity," and they "must not have any material which may be damaging to the college's credibility or reputation, must avoid the use of profanity and must not be demeaning to others (including women or any group of people)."

Fliers must be approved through the

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# Committee formed to plan for 2020

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College officials and faculty members are planning for the future with a newly-formed committee called "Envision 2020."

The committee was started late last semester to plan long-term goals for the college, said Provost Sandy Huguenin, the committee's chair.

"It's a strategic planning process," he said. "It's something universities do every few years."

Members on the committee include representatives from every office on campus, he said. The committee met for the first time on Jan. 14.

"We want to have very open discussions," he said. "We have a pretty

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# Musical to continue with new hired actor

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The Department of Visual and Performing Arts' spring musical is set to debut on schedule, despite the arrest of one of the show's male leads and his ban from campus.

Jay Poff, a professional actor from Huntsville, Ala., will fill the role of Archibald Craven in "The Secret Garden," according to Michael McNulty, an associate professor of theater and the musical's director.

The musical was disrupted when Rodger "Rocky" Cooper, a senior music major and the actor originally cast for the role of Craven, was arrested Jan. 25 following an apparent fight after that night's rehearsal.

Cooper was charged with a felony and two misdemeanors after the incident, and has since been banned from campus until his case can be reviewed by the college's dean of students, according to Steve McCoy, the college's police chief and director of public safety. Cooper is scheduled to appear in Wise

County District Court again on March 2.

Poff was hired after McNulty posted an ad on an online website for theater jobs, McNulty said. Poff was set to begin rehearsing with the cast this week.

The actor will be paid for the role and will have his lodging paid for while in town, McNulty said.

"We have more to do with a little less time," McNulty said. "But this does not need to hinder the quality of the final production."

McNulty said the cast and crew used the time spent in a brief limbo to work on the set so the production schedule would not fall behind.

"The Secret Garden" is set to open Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Gilliam Center for the Arts. Admission is free for students, faculty and staff.



Poff

# Officials say tobacco policy difficult to enforce, some call for change

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The use of tobacco products on campus is again flaring up as an issue.

The campus tobacco policy prohibits any tobacco products — including chewing tobacco — in all campus buildings.

Although the policy is clearly stated in the student handbook, officials say the use of tobacco, in many areas, is difficult to control.

Campus police Sgt. Ronnie Shortt said the rules in the student handbook are enforced to the best of the officers' abilities.

"We try to enforce the smoking rules as well as possible," Shortt said. "Faculty and students must be at least 25 feet away from campus buildings while smoking."

Shortt said smokeless tobacco is much more difficult to control. He said professors have the authority to stop students if they feel it's disrupting class.

Briana Lawson, a freshman nursing

major, said she's generally fine with people using chewing tobacco.

"The use of smokeless tobacco in buildings is fine with me as long as faculty and students are considerate," she said.

But Chris Davis, associate director of the Slemp Student Center, said he thinks tobacco use is a "big problem" on campus.

Davis said he'd like to see the college eventually become tobacco-free.

"I know becoming a tobacco-free campus is not something that can be accomplished in a month," he said. "I also understand that people enjoy tobacco products but I think this could really improve our campus."

Nate Large, a freshman political science major, agreed.

"I think it's disrespectful to use smokeless tobacco products in the classroom," he said. "It can have an effect on your relationship with your classmates as well as your professors."

Davis said faculty, staff and students



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Senior business major Stephen Domyan (left) and junior physical education major Brandon Gayheart smoke outside the Slemp Student Center Thursday afternoon. Both said they try to be considerate of others when they smoke.

should be held accountable for using tobacco products.

"If we are to ever become a tobacco-free campus we are going to have to get everybody to buy in,"

Davis said.

Students, faculty and staff should have the courage to stand up to their peers and colleagues to address the situation, he said.

# New residence life positions planned

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Applications for student residence life positions are due next week, but there won't be as many jobs available next semester as there have been in years past.

Under a plan proposed by the Office of Housing and Residence Life, the three resident director positions, currently filled by students, will be eliminated and instead replaced by one student head residence advisor and three full-time community directors, who will live in the residence halls with students.



Lemke

Angie Lemke, director of residence life, said the changes came about from a desire to decrease the workload that current resident directors have, which includes supervising their peer resident advisers, being on call with an emergency pager and mediating issues between students, in addition to maintaining a required 2.5 GPA.

"Current RDs work about 20 hours and [carry] the pager," Lemke said. "It is difficult to do that and be a student and do the job most schools have full-time people do."

She said she hopes to get approval to hire two full-time community directors. Recent hire Chris Owens, assistant director of residence life, will serve as a third and supervise the two community directors.

New CDs will live in the apartments in McCrayer and Martha Randolph halls, and will supervise the RAs within each of the college's three residential communities — Highland Hills, which includes most of the upperclassmen housing, Jefferson Trails, which includes Commonwealth and Culbertson, and Cavalier Farms, which includes McCrayer.

"Most colleges and universities have a full-time person for each big building to handle the day-to-day," she said. "It will be a lot easier for students to get ahead of someone from housing" under the proposed system.

The CDs will also be on hand during the day to help students who are locked out of their rooms and be "more eyes and ears to see what's going on" in the residence halls, Lemke said.

The head RA will help Owens with administrative tasks, Lemke said. They will not be responsible for keeping the emergency pager.

"I think it's hard on students," she said. "It's hard not knowing when the pager is going to go off. Students need to be students first and let the professionals handle emergencies."

She said she also plans to turn McCrayer Hall into a living-learning community, in which students could find academic as well

## RA applications due next week

Fall semester resident adviser applications are due next week.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life will hire 32 resident advisers, said Angie Lemke, director of housing and residence life.

Lemke said returning RAs need to reapply, "so everyone has a fair chance."

"Usually returners are rehired," she said.

Typically, 50 applications are submitted for the 32 slots, she said. About half are returning RAs and about half of the applicants will be sophomores next semester, she said.

In order to apply, students must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA and be a second-year student by August 2011.

"Students have to be students first," Lemke said. "It's important to have that 2.5 to prove you can do the work."

Students who don't make the first cut may be hired as alternates. This year, nine of the 10 alternates hired got RA positions by the beginning of the spring semester.

This turnover, a bit higher than last year's, is due to students transferring to other colleges and getting internships and other jobs.

In part it is also due to the fact that in years past, RAs without a 2.5 GPA were hired on a provisional basis and didn't raise their GPA last semester, she said.

This year no one will be hired on a provisional basis, she said.

"The RA position is one of the most important jobs students can have on campus," Lemke said. "It's hard. You have to understand that it's your job ... to be able to understand that you were hired to document peers, or your boyfriend."

For more information, or to pick up an application, visit the Office of Housing and Residence Life in Cantrell Hall.

-By Allie Robinson

as residential help. The CDs would help the RAs have more academic-based programming, and the current Residence Hall Association office will be turned into a tutoring center so students can "walk downstairs and get help with their homework."

If implemented, the changes will take place beginning in the fall semester.

"I'm hoping it will be positive," Lemke said.

## Lake

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son from any section of their land, even if they're allowed elsewhere on the property. Trespassing is defined as entering that land, building or other area "after having been forbidden to do so, either orally or in writing ... or after having been forbidden to do so by a sign or signs." A judge can also ban someone from certain properties.

But there were no signs forbidding walking on the ice anywhere near the lake, and Steve McCoy, the college's chief of police and director of public safety, said last week he couldn't be sure students were told not to walk on the ice during orientation or any other official gathering.

It was not immediately clear if the student charged in the January prank had ever been personally informed about keeping off the campus lake.



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# Former curator to speak on Henry "Box" Brown

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Some took the Underground Railroad. Some led rebellions. At least one man mailed himself in a box.

In celebration of Black History Month, Pro-Art will host Jeffery Ruggles, the former curator of prints and photographs at the Virginia Historical Society, who will present "Henry Box Brown: Famous Fugitive, Trans-Atlantic Performer."

The lecture will be held in the Chapel of All Faiths on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. There is no charge to attend the event and it will count as cultural credit for students.

In 1849, Henry "Box" Brown mailed himself in a box from Richmond to Philadelphia to escape slavery; he then became a touring singer.

"We picked this [lecture] mainly because it's Black History Month, but this one looks especially interesting," said Pro-Art director Bonnie Elosser. "We're really happy that we were able to find something to celebrate Black History Month."

According to the event's promotional poster, Brown made a new name for himself after arriving in Philadelphia and began touring the country, speaking at anti-slavery events. Fearing capture later in life, he went to England and worked as a magician and performer for 25 years before returning to America, after the end of the Civil War.

"It's such a unique story," Elosser said. "You don't often hear of someone shipping themselves in a box."

# A helping hand



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Michael Stampler (left), a sophomore history major, has a wax mold of his hand made Wednesday in the Jefferson Lounge of the Slemp Student Center. The Wax Hands event was sponsored by Student Activities Board and drew a steady stream of students to the student center for much of the day.

SAB events for next week include Open Mic Night, which will be held Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. in Papa Joe's, and an event to make Valentine's Day cards for people in a nursing home, which will be held in the Jefferson Lounge of the Slemp Student Center on Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## News Briefs

Summer class registration set to be available online Feb. 21

Students can begin registering for summer courses in a little over two weeks, the registrar's office said.

Registration opens on the student portal Feb. 21. More than 100 summer courses will be offered.

Summer College gives students the opportunity to take a variety of courses offered by departments at the Wise campus, in Abingdon, or online, said Academic Dean Amelia Harris.

"We're happy to offer those classes to anybody who would like to take them," Harris said.

"There are no fees to take classes in the summer and it is far less expensive because we only charge tuition," Harris said.

She said online classes are flexible for motivated non-traditional students or for students who go back home for the summer to work.

"Maybe they live in Richmond or in Northern Virginia, and they don't want to come here to school in the summer," she said.

Students will need a computer and Internet connection to access the college's online programs, she said. There are many classes still offered in person, too, Harris said.

Students to participate in Office of Development fundraiser

Students and staff will ask alumni to donate to UVA-Wise during the college's annual telephone fundraising drive this month.

Sponsored by the Office of Development.

ment, the annual phonathon has student callers make appeals to alumni to help meet the college's fundraising goal of about \$25,000, said Valerie Lawson, the college's director of development.

The money raised goes toward the college's operating expenses, she said. Students, alumni and staff will call potential donors through March 3.

"Every year is different," she said. "This year, we are trying to collect information and ask for a gift of any amount."

While the construction of the new convocation center is funded by the state, but part of the phonathon's goal is to raise money for equipment, speciality items and special services that can benefit the facility, Lawson said.

"The convocation center is going to be the big buzz," she said.

Students who work the phonathon develop strong communication skills and build character, she said.

"We will attempt to call every alum," she said. "We'll talk to about 2,000 people."

Order of Omega nominations due

Nominations for the Order of Omega, a national honor society which recognizes the top 3 percent of Greek leaders on college campuses, are due Feb. 11.

Current on-campus members include Daniel Sanders, Whitney Thompson, Laura Baty, Barklie Estes, Chizomam Osanwu, Anna Adams, Kayla Rose, Sarah Smith, Jakob Adams, Christopher Davis, Joshua Justice and Julie Scott.

Forms are due to Chris Davis, in the Slemp Student Center.

## Dale

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an eye on Honaker native Heath Miller. Miller is a tight end for the Pittsburgh Steelers and is playing in his third Super Bowl.

Both times before, Miller has helped the Steelers win.

"Heath Miller is the second South-west Virginian who has played in the Super Bowl," he said. "I'm two wins and one loss [in Super Bowl games.] I wouldn't be too upset if he won, but I'd just as soon he tie me."

Dale said he expects the difference in score to be no more than seven

points.

"[Both teams in this Super Bowl] have good offensive and good defensive teams — it is going to come down to execution," he said. "It's the same gameplan for both teams, and the one that does the best is going to win."

Dale attended J.J. Kelly High School, in Wise, where he was a standout athlete in football.

He went on to play football at Virginia Tech before playing for the Los Angeles Rams, Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings.

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After his collegiate career and NFL retirement from football in 1974, Dale came back to his hometown.

He was part of the start of UVA-Wise's football program and became the college's first athletic director, helping to begin fundraising that today supports much of the college's athletic programs.

As the assistant vice chancellor for athletic development, Dale's current work at the college is now centered around fundraising for the athletic department.

He said he enjoys his job and would like to continue his fundraising responsibilities.

"A lot depends on health," Dale said. "As long as I'm able to get the job done, I want to continue."

He said the athletic department has had "phenomenal success" in the past few years.

"It's a total team effort campus-wise," he said. "It's been a cooperation between the chancellor and the vice chancellors and coaches and just everybody that's connected."



Emily and Karrye — that's us at the top of the page — are here to answer your questions. Nothing is off limits. Send any question or problem, big or small, to the e-mail addresses below. If your question isn't answered the week you send it, we might be saving it for an upcoming week, so don't get discouraged. We'll be here for you no matter what! If you don't want your name printed in the newspaper, sign it with an anonymous name like the ones below. Good luck!

Love,  
Em & Kay

Dear Em & Kay,  
I'm afraid that I've fallen in love with my best friend. Nothing big has happened but I've found myself wanting to be closer to him and becoming more jealous when he talks to other girls. It's really hard because we tell each other everything. What should I do?

Lost in His Eyes,  
When you spend a lot of time with someone, you can sometimes end up with feelings for the other person. It's OK to feel that way. Our best advice (because we've sort of been there) is to talk with him about it. You don't have to blurt everything out, but honesty is always the best policy. Who knows, he could be lost in your eyes too! Good luck!

Love,  
Em & Kay

Dear Em & Kay,  
I am in need of advice about one of my friends. He is putting himself down the wrong way. Every time I try to talk to him about it he gets really offensive and upset. I have tried my best to get him to stop the habit, and I think other people may need to get involved. I'm scared he will find out and it will cost us our friendship. What should I do?

Cloudy Sunshine,  
We know that you are trying everything to help your friend get back on the right track, however, you need to let your friend learn from his mistakes and life experiences. You should always let him know you will be there for him every step of the way — even if you do not agree with what he is doing with his life. Things might be hard, but we believe in you! Good luck!

Love,  
Em & Kay

E-mail Emily Baxter or Karrye Ormner at enb5u@uvawise.edu or kso8@uvawise.edu.

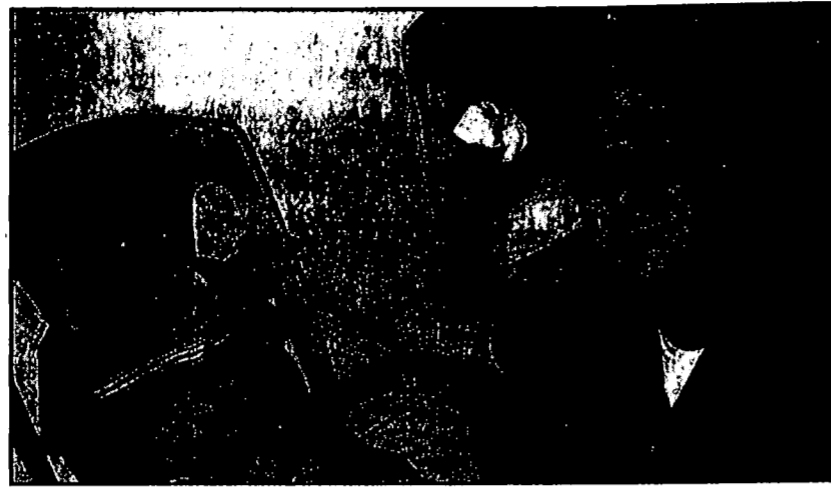


Photo courtesy of Caleb Vass

Junior biology major Caleb Vass, pictured during last year's medical trip, went on the last two trips to Belize, and said he plans to attend again this year.

## Third annual medical trip to Belize planned

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The Department of Natural Sciences will take a team of students on a medical trip to Belize over spring break for the third year.

The trip is set to include 28 UVa-Wise students, who will be accompanied by a doctor, two nurse practitioners, a nutritionist, radiologist and other members of the college and community.

While in Belize, the students will be meet and care for patients suffering from minor illnesses as a result of poor living conditions.

Last year, the team helped more than 500 patients who sought treatment for colds, coughs and parasites like ringworm, according to Dru Morgan, a junior biology major who went on the trip.

"This trip has become a tradition and continues to generate enthusiasm," said Joe Smiddy, the doctor in charge of the trip, and the son of Chancellor Emeritus Joe "Papa Joe" Smiddy.

Morgan said Southwest Virginia and Belize share some similar medical problems, like diabetes, a major problem in both regions. Traveling to South America will assist students with their eventual careers in the United States, he said.

Students said they hope the trip will help them practice and develop new skills.

"I'm not sure what I want to do after college, but I know I want to do something medical," said junior Kayley Phillips. "I am hoping this hands-on experience will help me make my decision."

Bryant Gray, a senior nursing and pre-med major, said he has gone on the trip every year that it's been offered.

"It's a great experience as a pre-professional to cherish the technological advances in the health care business that we have," he said.

Morgan said the trip is an experience that is unavailable in the classroom.

"You can make an impact and come home happy, because you know you made a difference," he said.

## Five things you didn't know: February

Compiled by Allie Robinson, Editor-in-Chief

1. February was named after the Latin term *Februarius*, which means purification. Several names for the month include *Februarius* (mid-month) and *Februa* (month) in Anglo-Saxon. Whether or not the Anglo-Saxons also had it in the mind is unclear.

2. February begins on the same day of the week as both March and November during normal years, and on the same day as August in leap years. People born on Feb. 28 have just one quarter of the birthdays as everyone else. Or something like that.

3. February is the only month of the year that can pass without a single all-night, bad news for werewolves, but good news for the rest of us.

4. In 1994, February was designated National Bird-Feeding Month, and each year the National Bird-Feeding Society promotes the occasion with a theme. This year's theme: "Most Wanted - America's Top Ten Backyard Birds."

5. Chinese New Year 2010, the Year of the Rabbit, was celebrated on Feb. 12. Legend has it that Buddha asked the animals to come greet him on Chinese New Year, and he rewarded each with a gift. Those that came in each year are said to have the name of that year's animal. Michael Jordan, Drew Barrymore and Prince Ford Coppola are all rabbits. You're the judge.

Sources: wikipedia.com, infoplease.com

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representative body."

He said the committee must not only think about what the college will look like for students and faculty in the next 10 years, but also how it will stand in the region and nation, as well as its

relationships with the Town of Wise and local schools.

"The real challenge is to put forward a vision that everyone can agree on," he said. "What's the school going to be like in 10 years?"

## College will test emergency systems

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UVa-Wise officials plan to test the college's emergency communications systems Wednesday.

The 9 a.m. test is scheduled to include activation of outdoor sirens, the public address system, the college's website and the AlertNow text messaging service.

The college normally does two tests per academic year, according to Kathy Still, the college's director of news and media relations.

Sirens would sound during a campus-wide emergency, signaling those outside to go inside the nearest building until an all-clear is given, Still said.

People already inside should stay put, she said.

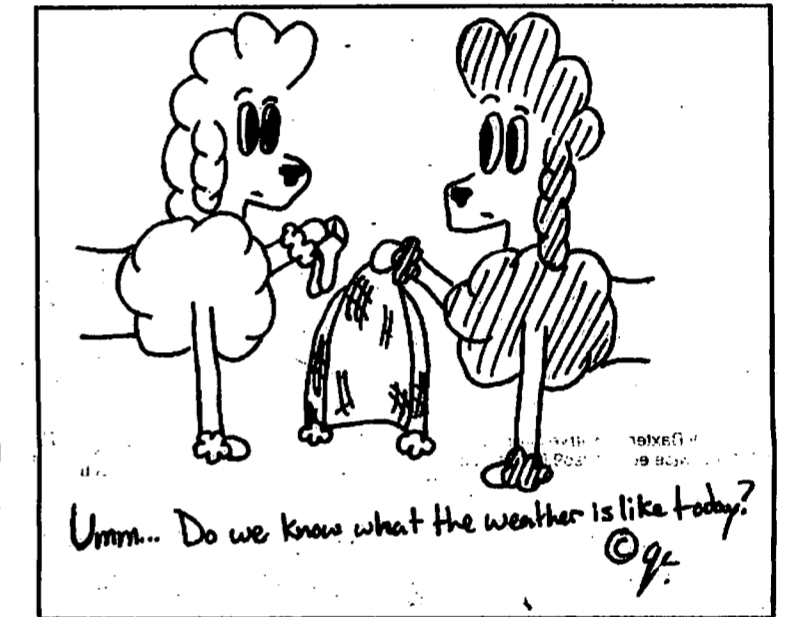
"Those who are inside or in class should talk with their instructors about what actions they should take during a real emergency," Still said. "The purpose behind the discussion is to get those on campus thinking about how they should react in case of an emergency situation."

In the event of an actual emergency, Still said, doors should be barricaded and students, faculty and staff should stay put and wait for more information to be released via e-mail, text message or the college website.

The Wednesday test is not expected to last long, Still said.

For more information, contact campus police at 276-328-0190.

## POODLZ IN COLLEGE



Cartoonist Joanna Lewis is a senior computer science major.

## Policy

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Slemp Student Center, the policy says.

Those restrictions are overly broad and potentially illegal, said Rebecca Glenberg, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia.

"In a number of respects, the policy is not consistent with the First Amendment," Glenberg said. "It's laudable for the college to try to create a welcome environment, but it can't do so at the expense of the First Amendment."

College officials this week said the handbook would be updated in light of the ACLU of Virginia's concerns.

"The student organization handbook is a document that is in a constant state of evolution as our student organizations increase in number and in size," said Rusty Necessary, the college's vice chancellor for enrollment management, in an e-mail to The Highland Cavalier. "We have determined that the language was too broad and vague and we will be updating this section accordingly."

It was not immediately clear when the new policies were set to be drafted. Necessary said he expected the updates to happen in the near future.

Chris Davis, associate director of the Slemp Student Center, said the current policies were originally created to protect students and the college.

"The real reason is to have some kind of check," Davis said. "We don't want people on campus to see profane fliers."

Davis said the rules were penned in 2007 in response to a series of incidents involving sexually oriented fliers that the college and community members viewed as inappropriate and harassing. The policies were enacted to prevent future problems, not stifle student speech, he said.

"My big thing is like what Thomas Jefferson said," Davis said. "Your rights end when you step over someone else's rights."

rude.

"They can prohibit sexual harassment in the sense of repeated unwelcome advances on a person, or repeated pervasive acts leading to a hostile environment," Glenberg said. "But to prohibit all language that is demeaning to 'any group of people' that is so extremely broad."

Glenberg questioned what would happen if a group of students held a political debate and criticized each other in the fliers advertising the event.

"It seems to prohibit expression about anyone," she said.

Davis said his office would likely not prohibit such fliers, despite the policy.

"I don't think we'd have a problem with that," Davis said.

Glenberg also questioned the section of the policy that prohibits the "mention [of] alcohol and/or drugs or [promotion of] illegal alcohol or drug activity."

"Certainly the university can prohibit student groups from promoting illegal drugs," Glenberg said. "But to prohibit [students] from even mentioning them is extremely broad."

What if students wanted to campaign to legalize marijuana, Glenberg asked. What if someone wanted to tout the dangers of alcohol poisoning?

Davis said that portion of the policy, too, was not likely to be strictly enforced by himself and his colleagues, including Julie Scott, director of the student center; Josh Justice, assistant director of student activities and Greek life; and Nick Marshall, assistant director of intramurals and recreation.

"You take it on a case-by-case basis," he said. "You know it when you see it."

Glenberg, too, took issue with another section of the policy, describing the clause prohibiting "material which may be damaging to the college's credibility or reputation" as "very troubling."

"The core purpose of the First Amendment is to allow citizens the

freedom to criticize the government, and through that criticism make the government better," she said. "It's prohibiting a particular viewpoint."

UVa-Wise's current policies regarding student advertisements, as interpreted by Glenberg, are not unique, according to a December report by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a nonprofit organization that advocates for civil rights in the academic community.

In 2010, 67 percent of public college or universities surveyed "clearly and substantially restrict[ed] student speech." That figure was down from 71 percent in 2009.

The report looked at 390 colleges and universities across the nation. UVa-Wise was not included in the study.

The University of Florida, for example, prohibits "[h]umor and jokes about sex that denigrate a gender," according to the report. And like UVa-Wise, James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, Va., prohibits posters and fliers that mention or depict drugs or alcoholic beverages, the report said.

Davis said UVa-Wise's policies have not been problematic, and he wasn't aware of any student or group having lodged a complaint.

He pointed out that several student organizations, like the Intrafraternity Council, have themselves banned mention of alcohol or drugs in advertisements.

Officials in the student center do not see many fliers that violate the handbook's policies, Davis said. He said he treats the few inappropriate fliers that do cross his desk as learning opportunities.

"I'd suggest new alternatives for the flier, or a way they could change it

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## Weekly:

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**Wesley Fellowship:** Wesley Fellowship serves free homemade 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.

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**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.

**SGA:** The Student Government Association meets weekly on Fridays at 1 p.m. in the fifth floor Rhododendron Room in the Slemp Student Center.





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## Taxing obesity a healthy option to cause change

By Cameron Parsons  
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Obesity in the United States is a terrible epidemic.

Obese children and adults alike are more at risk for health problems, including cardiovascular complications and countless other problems.

Even the Centers for Disease Control is attempting to slow down the rising trend of obesity in America. This is the same organization that deals with influenza, Ebola and AIDS pandemics.

Paying into a national health care system that works to fix obesity and its associated problems would bankrupt this country, if we don't take action now.

High sugar content drinks like soda and Kool-Aid offer no nutritional benefit. In fact, the sugar and caffeine these drinks possess are making individuals who drink them more at risk for obesity.

It is the same story with fast food restaurants. McDonald's, Burger King and others are earning millions of dollars by making Americans fat.

It is time we help solve this problem.

I would encourage a national "tubby tax" on all fatty foods, fast

foods, extra-sugary foods and generally unhealthy snack foods which are destroying this nation's health.

The "tubby tax" would add an extra levy to foods that, once consumed, put an individual more at risk for obesity.

Additionally, taxes on healthy foods would be removed or substantially reduced to help push the population back to a better quality food source.

If the "tubby tax" was enacted, people would no longer be willing to grab unhealthy snacks or meals.

Hopefully, a more balanced diet would begin to appear in American homes.

The success of such a program might also persuade other countries to adopt similar measures, increasing good health globally.

While you may not support a "tubby tax" for selfish reasons, just know that the quality of life of millions of obese Americans might depend on this program.

The inconvenience of not being able to get a cheap and quick food fix is not enough to outweigh the need for this tax.

The healthy generations of children to come will thank you for your help in ridding the world of the major perpetrators of obesity, one "Happy Meal" at a time.

## Internet kill switch violates freedom of speech rights

By Robert Hatch  
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This past Tuesday, it seemed like most Egyptians were out in protest against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

In an attempt to quiet down the protesters, Mubarak shut down the Internet and cyber-networks for the entire country.

Al Jazeera has reported that as of Feb. 1, the last Egyptian Internet provider, the Noor Group, had been officially disconnected. CNN reports that the loss of the Internet brought an international reaction.

Google is now allowing Egyptians to call a voicemail service via a landline phone and will convert the voicemails into "tweets" on Twitter. (An ironic twist that merges high tech and low tech communications.)

The silencing of the Internet in Egypt has made the situation worse.

When events like these occur, the natural tendency is to look at our country and thank goodness that nothing like that can ever happen here.

The problem is that, according to CNET, there is legislation in Congress that would allow the president of the United States to shut down the country's Internet.

The proposed bill almost gives the president a no-cause ability to shut down the Internet. The bill is sponsored by Sen. Joe Lieberman.

Supporters argue that the president already has such powers thanks to the 1934 and 1996 amendments to the telecommunications acts that included Internet control.

However, if the president already has this power, why propose a bill to give him that exact same power?

In fact, both telecommunications acts grant the president control over telecommunication outlets in times of war, disaster, state of public peril or other national emergencies.

he acts also expressly state that the president use such telecommunication outlets to help coordinate efforts and relay information.

Nowhere in the telecommunication acts does it say that the president has the ability to shut down any telecommunication outlets.

Some argue that this bill would safeguard national security, and yet no one has even attempted to provide an example of how shutting down the Internet might remotely protect the country from a foreign power.

What is amazing about this proposed bill is the fact that our elected officials are openly discussing legislation that, on its surface, would suppress citizen's freedom of expression.

The old maxim "absolute power corrupts absolutely" comes to mind.

Perhaps the lesson we should take from Egypt is that the world is ready to get rid of absolute power.

I am not sure our Congress, however, has figured this out yet.

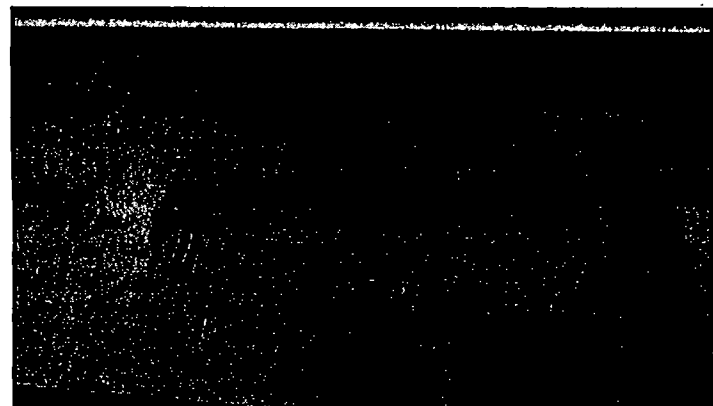


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## No service with customer service

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Companies don't appreciate their customers as much as they used to.

Years ago, a customer could call a number and almost immediately speak with an employee of that company. Nowadays, companies would rather have you send an e-mail that may not be answered for more than a week.

If you try to call the customer service number, you normally end up speaking to someone in another country, like India, or you have to listen to phone prompts read by a pre-recorded voice.

It isn't just the big companies without storefronts that are doing this; supercenters have done comparable customer service shirking.

Maybe you bought a microwave from one of their supercenters a few weeks ago, and now it has stopped working. You kept the receipt and go to the store to return it to the customer service area. Setting the now re-boxed microwave on the counter, you show the employee your receipt and tell them it stopped working, and that you simply want a replacement.

You'd think there wouldn't be a problem with that, but there is.

You opened the packaging and used the microwave, so they're no longer responsible in any way for damages. Even if you did get a warranty, it varies from product to product, so maybe the model you got



Photo obtained from momlogic.com only had month-long plans, and if the problem lasts just a few seconds past the warranty time it is void and you can't get a new replacement.

What happened to "the customer is always right"?

That idea was steamrolled over by the hundreds of guidelines customer service representatives have to follow.

Any complaint or problem you have is supposed to be given to someone else who is never there. They

then have you go to every other department or play "phone tag" for an hour and you eventually circle back to the first person you talked to, who still can't help you because you've not gotten a signed form from all of the other departments to show it is actually their responsibility to help you.

It seems that in this new era of super convenience customer service would be simplified down to a few mouse clicks or keystrokes before you are talking to someone who could answer all of your questions in less than an hour and solve your problem.

Call almost any cable company and you will likely be told an employee will arrive at your house on a certain day between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call a telephone company and, after they have you on hold for an hour, you'll likely get told the same thing.

Why can't they be more specific?

Most companies I know of that have employees traveling around fixing items have a system that tells them where employees are and updates them when they finish a job. Seems like that would make it easier for them to tell me when I need to be home to let the cable or telephone guy in to do his job.

One day is the days when you could ask any employee a question and they could answer you or even go talk to the employee that would know how to answer your question the best.

I don't want drastic changes. I just want to be able to get a question answered or something fixed in a reasonable amount of time. It shouldn't require my being told by several different people that I should be talking to someone else.

## Men's basketball drops two conference games



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Sophomore guard Sam Eligwe goes up for a shot against the University of Rio Grande on Jan. 16. The Cavs won the game 97-81.

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The Cavs dropped two consecutive games on Jan. 27 and 29, to fall to 3-8 in the conference and 9-11 overall.

In both games the Cavs failed to score more than 62 points, well short of their 82 points per game average.

The team's 17 turnovers didn't help much, either, as the Cavs fell 78-62 to Lindsey Wilson College on Jan. 27.

Although no Lindsey Wilson player put up more than 13 points, the Blue Raiders were able to go on a 35-4 run to end the first half, effectively putting the game away at halftime.

The Cavs did score 48 points in the second half, but that was not enough to recover from the 43-14 halftime deficit.

Senior guard Travis Berry led the Cavs with 18 points, while junior forward Norris Gaskins and se-

nior forward Sam Eligwe added 11 points each. The Cavs were only able to score 24 points in the first half of the second game, falling 71-56 to the University of the Cumberlands on Jan. 29.

Cumberlands guard Jared Cunningham had a double-double coming off the bench, scoring 21 points with 10 rebounds.

As a team, the Patriots made 56.4 percent of their field goals compared to the Cavs' 31.3 percent.

Gaskins had his second double-double of the season, scoring 11 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Berry scored 14 points, while Eligwe and senior forward Josh Jordan added 16 points.

The Cavs defense is currently allowing 83.6 points per game, the most points allowed in school history.

The Cavs have 10 more games to improve until the conference tournament begins.

The Cavs will play Georgetown College tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Greear Gymnasium.

A win would guarantee the Cavs a spot in the postseason conference tournament.

## Carter enters college's 1,000 point club

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Junior point guard Amber Carter joined the college's 1,000 point club during the team's 98-62 loss against Lindsey Wilson College on Jan. 31.

Carter, a Stonevall Jackson High School graduate, became the third women's basketball player to join the reach the milestone this season.

Her 1,000th point came on a layup early in the first half.

She said it was an honor to achieve such a goal.

"I think it's a major accomplishment," she said. "It's easier to do in high school than in college, so it's just a showcase of the hard work a player has to put into the game."

Carter said she couldn't have done it alone. "My coach is important, he is the one letting me play how I want to play out there," Carter said. "And, my teammates help me score; they deserve just as much credit as me."

Carter finished the game with eight points and six assists. She leads the team with 15.8 points, 6.7 assists and 4.1 steals per game.

Carter currently is ranked first in Division I in assists per game and second in steals per game.

## Smith

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"[In college] everybody is bigger and stronger," he said. "The game speed is so much faster."

Although he didn't come in expecting to play much his freshman year, he has taken every step he could to make the move.

"Coming into the season I just wanted to work as hard as I could," he said. "Thankfully, I got the chance to show what I could do night in and night out."

Despite Smith and the rest of the team's best efforts, the Cavs have fallen to a lowly 9-11 record.

But, if the Cavs can win another game, they will qualify for the postseason conference tournament.

That is a situation that Smith said he and the entire team are looking forward to.

"To me, this season is all about going into the conference tournament," he said. "We can beat anybody in one game; we just need to finish out the season strong."

"I just want to be a winner."



Smith

## Smith's Stats

Field Goal percentage:	40.7
Three-Point percentage:	37.1
Free Throw percentage:	68.2
Points per Game:	10.63
Assists per Game:	5.9
Steals per Game:	1.47

## Season Highs

Points:	22	(Nov. 25, 2010)
Assists:	11	(Nov. 2, 2010)
Steals:	5	(Nov. 2, 2010)

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## Who is going to win the Super Bowl?

**Rachel Person**  
Freshman  
Communication Studies & Theater

"I am going to go with the Steelers."

**Kayla Marita**  
Sophomore  
Special Education

"I'm thinking Green Bay."

**Christian Dimick**  
Freshman  
Music

"I think I'll go with the Packers. They are due a Super Bowl win."

**Ashlee Washburn**  
Junior  
Biology

"I'm a big Steelers fan... Steelers of course."

**Derek Kiser**  
Junior  
Mathematics

"I'm going to go with the Packers."

## Super Bowl Preview

### Green Bay Packers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

By Cameron Parsons, Sports Editor

The Packers and Steelers both want to take home the Vince Lombardi Trophy, but only one team will walk away from this game a champion.

The Super Bowl is the biggest annual sporting event in the United States, and every player on both teams has prepared their entire lives for a chance to play this game.

During his short time in Pittsburgh, head coach Mike Tomlin has become a nightmare for other coaches. He was able to capture a Super Bowl victory in his first season as head coach and owners everywhere are looking for their own version of him.

However, no one has quite found his level of success and that has driven the league insane.

One cannot look at the Steelers success in earnest without finding a team that was as talented as any in NFL history.

Safety Troy Polamalu, wide receiver Hines

Ward, and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger have showed they are among the best in the league after their past Super Bowl performances.

But the Steelers clearly set themselves apart running the ball and stopping their opponents from running the ball.

Running back Rashard Mendenhall has rushed 324 times for 1,273 yards and 13 touchdowns this season. Mendenhall has played a huge role in the Steelers' 12-4 record, often times running over opponents to put the game away.

As a defense, the Steelers allow a mere 62.8 yards per game rushing the ball.

While the Steelers have the experience of three Super Bowls in less than a decade, the Packers are relatively inexperienced on the big stage.

Earlier this week a lot of people learned exactly what the "G" on the Packers helmets means,

"Greatness."

This year the Packers haven't always been that "great," but they have made their way to the Super Bowl.

Although he hasn't been able to make anyone forget Brett Favre's name, quarterback Aaron Rodgers has been able to start talk about his own legacy with brilliant performances over the last several seasons.

Rodgers has proved this post-season that he is able to lead his team to great victories.

This season, Rodgers has completed 475 passes for 3,922 yards and 28 touchdowns.

As far as pure talent goes, Pittsburgh has the lion's share in this game.

However, it will be Rodgers who will be the key to the game. If he stays healthy and has time to read the Pittsburgh secondary, the Packers have a great chance to win the game.

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