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Upcoming

"Secret Garden" opens

Catch "The Secret Garden" Feb. 17, 18, 19, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. in the Gilliam Center for the Arts.

Civil War remembrance to be held

Speakers will present in the Slomp Student Center 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



39°F / 24°F

Saturday



39°F / 29°F

Sunday



44°F / 38°F

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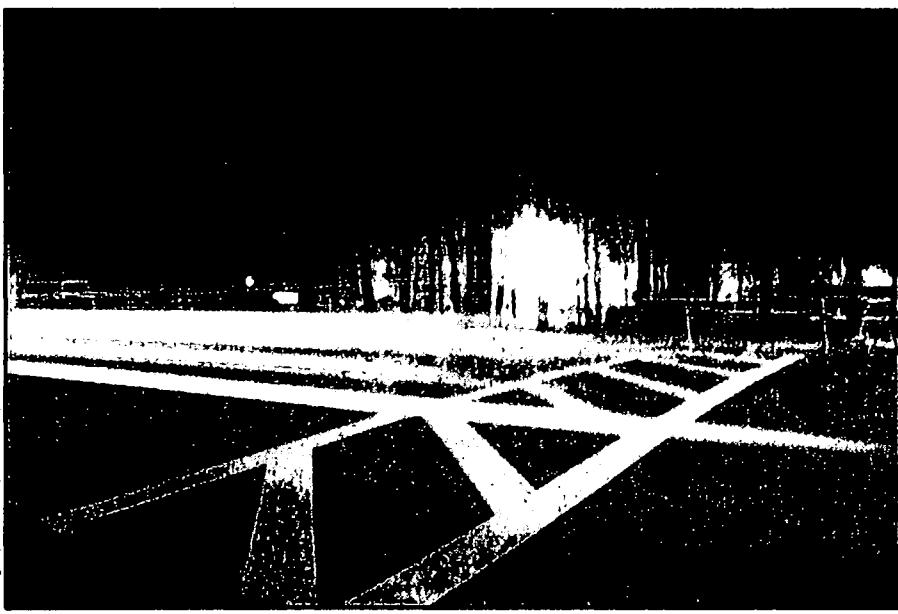


Photo by Jordan Fifer

Traffic flows past the Darden Drive crosswalk that leads from campus toward Alumni Hall Tuesday night, as seen in a 10 second exposure.

Crosswalk lights to be installed on Darden Drive

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College pedestrians should be able to breathe easier in the coming weeks after maintenance crews finish the installation of new warning lights at the Darden Drive crosswalk.

UVa-Wise maintenance officials are set to install two flashing light posts on either side of the crosswalk that leads from campus across to Alumni Hall, according to Joe Kiser, director of college services.

Crews are waiting for temperatures to warm so they can pour concrete for the posts' bases, Kiser said.

He said he hopes to complete the project in the near future.

The solar powered beacons were ordered in November, just a few months after the crosswalk was painted, he said. They were only delivered to the college recently.

The two fixtures cost \$3,200 together and will be installed by college crews. The lime-green pedestrian warning signs already in place were provided by the

Virginia Department of Transportation, Kiser said.

The lights will flash continuously, something Kiser said should remind drivers to slow down and stop when necessary.

Work is also underway to make the crosswalk accessible to the disabled, Kiser said. Crews have already begun work to slope the sidewalks toward the roadway.

"This has always been a dangerous spot," he said. "This will help the students tremendously, and hopefully it will make them feel better crossing."

Search ongoing to fill open faculty and staff positions

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The college's Department of Natural Sciences and Athletic Department are in the process of seeking applicants to fill vacant positions.

The science department had two professors announce their departure at the end of the fall semester. Van Daniel, a professor of chemistry, will retire in the

spring after 41 years of teaching at the school, while Mindy Kellogg, an assistant professor of physics, resigned before moving to California.

The college's search for replacements is ongoing, said Sandy Huguenin, the college's



Huguenin

provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Applications have already come in for the chemistry position, and Huguenin said the pool of applicants looks strong.

Both faculty positions are set to be filled by the summer, he said.

"We hope to get high-quality applicants who are willing to be great professors who connect with their students," Huguenin

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Freshmen arrested following reported assault

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Five current and former UVa-Wise freshmen football players were banned from campus and suspended from the football team after police said they beat a fellow student with a baseball bat at an off-campus house last week, officials said.

Four of the accused were arrested this week on multiple felony charges, while the fifth has made arrangements to turn himself in this weekend, said Wise County Sheriff's Office Lt. Ed Jessee.

Four of the five students — Paul Gene Kearney, 19; Robert Lewis Jones, 19; Byron Thaxter Lawrence, 19; and Victor Tariel Lawson, 20 — have been charged with felony conspiracy to commit burglary, according to warrants filed in Wise County District Court.

Jones, Kearney and Lawrence were also charged with misdemeanor assault and battery, and felony burglary. Lawrence was additionally charged with felony malicious wounding.

Investigators said they've also secured warrants for a fifth student, Brycelyn Miller, 19, who apparently fled Wise after the assault. It was not immediately clear what investigators planned to charge him with.

Miller has told officials he would turn himself in before Feb. 14, Jessee said.

The assault reportedly took place Feb. 3 around 11:30 p.m., according to court records. The five freshmen drove from campus to junior Christopher Riner's rental property just two blocks from the college with the

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"I actually design something I want to and see it come alive."

Senior makes costumes for play

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Tiffany Anderson had never sewn anything in her life until she made her pig a pirate costume for Halloween three years ago.

This spring, the senior theater major is responsible for making costumes for the 22 members of the cast of "The Secret Garden," the college's musical, slated to open Thursday.

Anderson spends 10-hour days working in her costume workshop, which is on the second floor of the Gilliam Center for the Arts, above part of the shop in which the sets are designed. She's designed costumes for

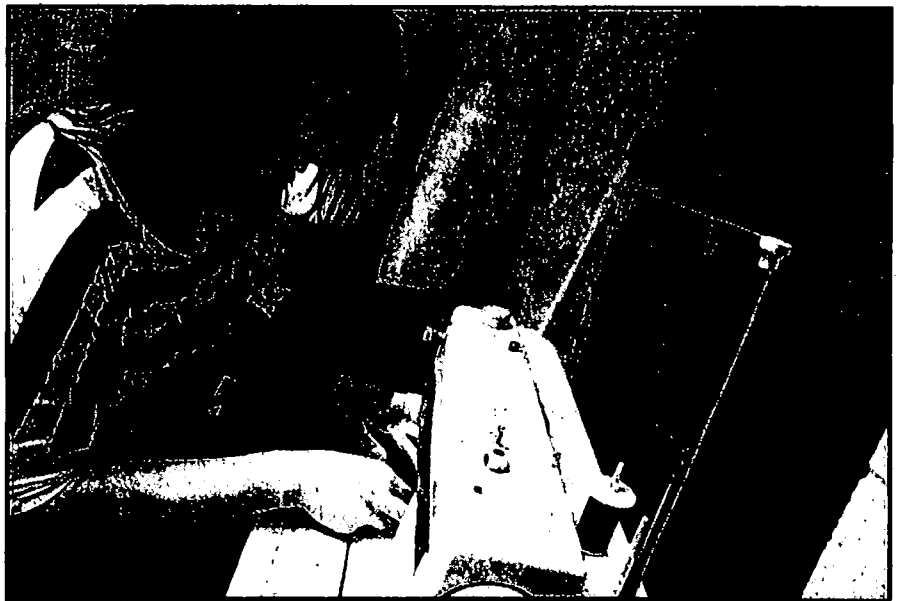


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Tiffany Anderson, a senior theater major, sews a dress Monday night for the college's spring production of "The Secret Garden," which opens Feb. 17.

Alpha gives \$100K for scholarship

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Recipients of the Miner's Family Scholarship might receive a little more money each semester, thanks in part to a \$100,000 donation to the scholarship fund by Alpha Natural Resources.

The donation, which will be made in two \$50,000 increments, was announced during halftime of the men's basketball game against Georgetown College on Feb. 5. The games were held in honor of Coal Miner's Appreciation Day.

"[Alpha is] so supportive of the community and the college — they're absolutely wonderful to the college," said Tami Ely, vice chancellor for development.

Kathy Still, the college's director of news and media relations at the college, said dozens of Alpha employees came to the game to cheer on the Cavs.

"[Coal Miner's Appreciation Day] was our way of honoring them for their support of us," she said. "Alpha has always been a staunch supporter of UVA-Wise."

She said the donation came as a result of a campaign by an Alumni Association committee that set a goal of raising \$250,000 for the Miner's Family Scholarship fund in just two years.

The committee formed over the summer and is only \$42,000 away from its goal, she said.

Under a proposed plan, scholarship amounts would increase from \$500 to \$1,000 per semester, Still said. The fund may be able to award scholarships to more students, as well.

The fund was established in 1987, when tuition



Photo courtesy of Kathy Still

Scholarship recipients (from left) Paige Tiller, Autumn Chisenhall and Kayla Masters pose with Alpha's Gary Duncan, UVA-Wise Alumni Association president Laura Faye Robinson and Chancellor David Prior at a Feb. 5 ceremony in the Greear Gymnasium.

each semester was just \$997, Still said. Today, tuition at the college is \$3,597 per semester.

That \$500 just doesn't go as far nowadays, Ely said.

Just four students were awarded scholarships this year out of an applicant pool of 30, Ely said. She said she hopes to award scholarships to eight students next year.

"The scholarship is for students who are coal

miners or coal miner dependents," she said. "It's a scholarship that a lot of people would qualify for."

Ely said priority is given to children of parents who are unemployed, disabled or retired.

"We do have a lot of scholarships [at UVA-Wise]," she said. "I think that's one of the reasons our students graduate with the lowest debt load of public liberal arts colleges. But we can never have too much."

Senior responds with warrant in musical fight

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The man accused of drunkenly assaulting a fellow student and a police officer following a musical rehearsal has filed a warrant alleging he was assaulted, too.

The newest charge, filed in Wise County District Court Jan. 28 by Roger Earl "Rocky" Cooper, 38, a senior music major, offers a completely different account of what happened following an apparent mid-January fight outside the school's theater.

In the warrant, Cooper alleges Kevin Patrick O'Brien, a sophomore music major, was the aggressor, not the other way around.

After seeing him with O'Brien's ex-girlfriend, Cooper said O'Brien walked toward him, looked at him and said, "You're f---ing kidding me."

More words were exchanged, Cooper said, and he eventually got up and suggested O'Brien leave.

"I said, 'Kevin, what are you doing?'" Cooper wrote. "He responded, 'Let me get that two-by-four and I'll show you what I'm doing.'"

The disagreement turned to talk of Cooper's kids and O'Brien's personality.

"He stepped toward me and said, 'You just need to get your a-- home and take care of your kids,'" Cooper wrote. "I pushed him backward and told him to never mention my kids."

Cooper said the two both grabbed each other and struggled through a door into the hallway. He said O'Brien

took him by the throat and began to squeeze.

"I managed to dislodge his hand from my throat," Cooper said. "[I] spun him around and pinned him against the wall, where I held him until campus police arrived."

Cooper's account bears little resemblance to the one alleged by O'Brien in the warrant he swore out, against Cooper.

O'Brien, who first filed an assault charge against Cooper, said in court documents that Cooper attacked him and made death threats.

Cooper was charged by campus police Officer Perry Ratliff, after Ratliff said Cooper assaulted him in the course of his arrest.

Cooper does not mention those allegations of fighting with Ratliff.

Cooper was charged with felony assault and battery of a law enforcement officer, misdemeanor assault and battery and appearing drunk in public — also a misdemeanor — following the incident.

In a e-mailed response to The Highland Cavalier that he also sent to several faculty, administrators and campus police officials, Cooper said the incident was "unfortunate."

"Honestly, all I can say is this is a very sad situation for everyone involved," Cooper wrote. "I am truly sorry to those who have been hurt by my actions, Kevin included."

O'Brien did not immediately respond to a request for comment. He is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 22. Cooper has court dates on Feb. 16 and March 2.



Photo courtesy of Simon Henry

A black Toyota Tundra slid into a ditch Thursday morning. The driver, sophomore biology major Bryan Keith, was not injured.

Student slides into ditch, not injured

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Icy road conditions Thursday morning caused sophomore biology major Bryan Keith's black Toyota Tundra to lose traction and slide off a campus road into a ditch by the tennis courts.

"I came around the turn and started sliding, and at that point there was nothing I could do," Keith said. "I'm just thankful I wasn't injured."

Campus police officer Beau Boggs said he responded to the incident after a passer-by called authorities around 9 a.m.

Although the truck is equipped with four-wheel drive, Keith couldn't back out of the ditch and a tow truck was called to get him out.

"There were some scratches on the bumper and I think one of the windshield wipers came off," Boggs said. "It wasn't even a reportable accident."

The four-wheel drive wasn't engaged when Keith was driving up the hill, but he said he's learned his lesson.

"No damage was done to my truck and [the] lesson learned was use four-wheel drive if you have it and be more cautious next time," he said.

Boggs said he suggests that students leave their homes a little earlier than usual during wintry weather and to drive carefully.

"Drive slowly with caution especially early in the morning when temperatures are below freezing," he said.

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News Briefs

Literary Journal seeking submissions

The college's semiannual literary journal is accepting submissions through Monday for the publication's spring edition.

The Jimson Weed is looking for original poetry, prose, artwork and photography, according to a UVA-Wise news release.

Submissions should be sent to managing editor Ashley Ryan at ar4a@uvawise.edu by Feb. 14.

Last games at Greear Gym to be held

Saturday's basketball match-ups against Campbellsville University will be the last held in Greear Gymnasium, as college officials hope to open the convocation center for games next season.

The women's game will begin at 2 p.m. and the men's game will begin at 4 p.m.

A "Salute to Greear" reception will be held at 6 p.m. in the atrium of the Slemp Student Center.

Senior resident adviser charged with DUI

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A resident adviser was charged with driving under the influence Sunday after being pulled over near campus.

Senior business administration major Jamie Marcial, 24, an RA in Culbertson Hall, had a blood alcohol content of .09 and was arrested for misdemeanor DUI, according to a criminal complaint filed in Wise County District Court.

According to the complaint, Town of Wise police Officer B. Mullins was on patrol on Darden Drive in Wise and saw Marcial's 1995 Honda Civic traveling faster than the posted speed limit of 25 mph.

Radar showed the car traveling at 47 mph.

When Mullins pulled Marcial over, the officer could "detect a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage," Mullins said.

"I noticed his eyes were bloodshot and glassy," Mullins wrote in the complaint. "Mr. Marcial admitted to drinking."

Marcial failed three of the five field sobriety tests Mullins administered, according to the complaint.

A preliminary breath test showed a blood alcohol content of .10, and a breath test taken after Marcial was arrested showed a BAC of .09, according to the complaint.

The legal limit for drivers in Virginia is .08.

Angela Lemke, director of housing and residence life and the supervisor to whom RAs report, said she could not comment on the arrest.

Marcial declined to comment.

Anderson

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Photo by Jordan Fifer

Tiffany Anderson pulls an article of clothing to work on from a rack of costumes for "The Secret Garden" Monday night. The senior theater major said she often spends 10 hours a day working on costumes.

several previous plays, including the fall production of "Dracula."

"I enjoy the freedom," she said, of designing costumes for college plays. "I actually design something I want to and see it come alive."

For "The Secret Garden," Anderson had to create a hump for one cast member who plays a hunchback, and create two identical dresses for the two people playing one character — something she said was a challenge since she doesn't use patterns. "They're way too time-consuming," she said. "I drape everything and make it out of my head."

As the musical's costume designer, Anderson was responsible for researching clothing and fabric relevant to the time period of the play — in the case of "The Secret Garden," the early 1900s.

She sketched concepts for each costume, and presented them, along with fabric swatches, to the play's director, Michael McNulty, associate professor of theater, for approval.

For the typical performance, Anderson will take stock of what clothing and accessories are already owned by the theater department.

She'll then prepare a budget based on the things that need to be purchased, and after receiving the director's approval, start making costumes.

Anderson said she budgeted \$730 for "The Secret Garden."

Anderson started working on the costume research for this semester's play back during the fall, and began piecing things together over winter break.

"I'm practically done right now," she said Tuesday. "I've been ahead of schedule the whole time, which is awesome."

Anderson said she can make several items in a few days and will often work about 10 hours a day preparing costumes. The work this semester will count as credit for her senior

seminar, she said.

McNulty said the costumes Anderson makes are well beyond what undergraduate students are expected to do, largely because she is self-taught.

"She's done what every teacher wants," he said. "She's gotten interested in it and taught herself. She's gone well beyond what any of the theater faculty could teach."

He said her designs not only look good but also are expressive on stage and accurately portray the characters.

"She's extraordinary," he said. "She's a nice mix of ordinary and creative — she's pretty impressive."

The costumes were due Feb. 7, Anderson said, and cast members tried them on for the first time during rehearsal that night.

"Everyone freaks out [when they see their costume]," she said. "I really like when they get excited."

She watched rehearsal Tuesday night and said she will be on hand for every performance to help with hair and makeup, and in case a costume needs emergency work.

Anderson said she hopes to be able to watch the opening performance from the audience.

"I pretty much have to linger and help out," she said. "I wouldn't think twice about doing it though."

Anderson said that with the bulk of the costume work done, she'll next help paint the set.

"We're a little community," she said.

Though she will be certified to teach high school theater when she graduates in May, Anderson said she hopes to attend graduate school for costume design.

"I love clothes in general, and just the fact that I can bring something to life," she said. "With costume design I feel like I've found something I'm really comfortable doing and proud of."

College to sponsor video competition

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UVA-Wise plans to hold a competition in conjunction with the Virginia governor's office to encourage college students to create their own public service announcements.

Gov. Bob McDonnell's challenge to students is to produce a PSA which is 30 seconds or less and focuses on campus safety and violence prevention.

"We hope this contest will provide students the opportunity to weigh in on issues they are facing, leave a lasting impact on Virginia's college and university campuses, and truly institute real positive change within these campus communities," McDonnell said in a Jan. 31 news conference at Virginia Commonwealth University.

The statewide challenge prompted UVA-Wise officials to launch a

campus competition that will award three top prizes to the best submitted videos, said campus police Officer Nichole Davis, the organizer of the UVA-Wise competition.

"I would like to see students address issues they feel we have on campus," Davis said. "But they can address any issue they feel is valid on a college campus."

The top three submitted PSAs from UVA-Wise will be selected by a committee made up of faculty and staff members, Davis said.

The winners will receive prizes, but every submitted video will be sent on to the state competition.

The video advertisements can be made by individual students, or in groups of up to six people.

Davis will hold interest meetings Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Rhododendron Room on the fifth floor of the Slemp Student Center.

Interested students should contact Davis at nk2y@uvawise.edu.

Scholarship competition

SGA pageant to give away \$500 scholarship

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A dozen of the college's most talented women are set to compete in this year's Miss UVA-Wise pageant.

The scholarship pageant, sponsored by SGA, is set for Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Greear Gymnasium.

Contestants will be judged in various categories including introduction, casual wear, talent, formal wear and on-stage question-and-answer. The winner will get a crown, sash and a \$500 scholarship.

Trophies will be given to the first, second and third place contestants. Prizes will also be given for other categories like Miss Congeniality, voted on by the contestants, and People's Choice, voted on by the audience.

Sophomore Robyn Dougherty, who will participate in the pageant

said she enjoys pageants for several reasons.

"I have always been in beauty pageants since I was a little girl and especially in high school," Dougherty said. "I feel that participating in pageants is an enjoyable and memorable experience."

Dougherty said one of the reasons she decided to participate in the Miss UVA-Wise pageant is because it allows her to show people her personality and it gives her a chance to interact with others.

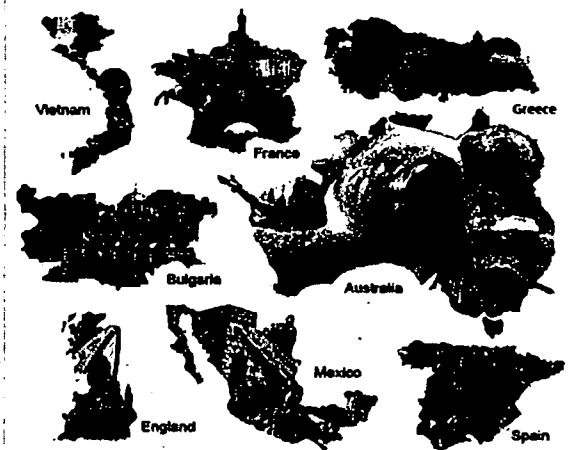
Sophomore Ally Streat said she enjoys participating in pageants, too.

"As for why I'm participating in one, I just thought 'Why not?'" Streat said. "It's going to be a good time."

Streat said she'll most likely get to meet some new and interesting people, spend time with others she already knows, and, of course, potentially come away with a \$500 scholarship.

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- Occasionally on Wednesdays we set up tables in the cafeteria or in the Slemp Student Center to provide students with information. Come join us!



Campus beautification focus of new faculty and staff initiative

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College officials hope to change the campus community's mindset about campus clean-up with a new initiative.

Josh Justice, assistant director of student activities and Greek life and chair of the college's staff council, is heading up a campus beautification campaign in which students, faculty and staff would take ownership of a building or area on campus. The idea is to foster the notion that the campus belongs to everyone and is everyone's responsibility to keep clean," Tucker said. "I did go out and pick up trash but decided there was no point until after

but for staff members, wanted another way to get involved on campus.

"Campus beautification is not just the job of facilities staff," he said. "It's everyone's job — our campus is a place to be proud of."

The idea for the project came to Justice following a conversation he had earlier in the semester with Chancellor David Prior. Prior spoke last year with Margie Tucker, associate professor of biology and chair of the Department of Natural Sciences, about the issue.

"At the time, we had construction going on and it was pretty well impossible to keep the area [around the Science Center] looking clean," Tucker said. "I did go out and pick up trash but decided there was no point until after

the renovation was done. I haven't noticed a problem in and around the science building since the contractors left, it's more an issue of picking up stray bits of trash that I notice on the way in and out of the building."

She said the department decided to take personal responsibility for a planting area in front of the building.

"So far we haven't had to do anything because of the season, but I expect that come spring we will be making decisions about weeding and upkeep," she said.

Justice said he will soon send out

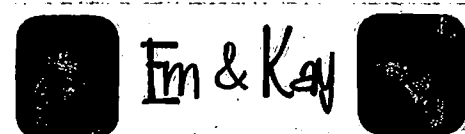


Justice

e-mails to faculty and staff to try to recruit people to be the coordinator for their building — that is, be in charge of making sure the area around their building is cared for and maintaining the supplies needed for routine pick-ups around their building.

He said he hopes student organizations will get involved, too, by claiming an area of campus not near a building, like parking lots and by campus roads.

"[The main thing] is really kind of changing everybody's viewpoint that it really is everybody's responsibility," he said. "You're not going to throw trash down in your yard. For nine months out of the year for students and year-round for staff, this place is your home."



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 short on cash this year. What should I do for Valentine's Day?

Dear Empty Pockets,
It depends on who you're trying to do something for. If it's for a friend, make them a mix CD, have a movie night or just write them a cute note saying how much you appreciate them. For someone with whom you may be a little more serious, you could do anything suggested above and then something a little extra. Take that special someone out to watch the stars and have a picnic, or go out to a movie they want to see. If you're not aiming for a surprise, you can ask the person what they want to do and go with that. If you'd like to surprise them, go off of what they usually like or listen to hints (especially if you're trying to impress a girl — we drop hints all the time). You don't have to spend a ton of money to have a great Valentine's Day. Sometimes, spending time with the other person is enough. Good luck!

Love,
Em & Kay

Dear Em & Kay,
I have begun to think the people I am hanging out with are affecting my reputation on campus. One friend has a very promiscuous reputation. I believe people's perceptions of her are the same for me because I associate with her. How do I explain this to her without losing a friend?

Running with Scissors,
If we were in your situation, we would sit down and talk to her. It's important that you don't make your friend feel like she's being attacked. Talk to some of your mutual friends and see if they feel the same way as you do. If so, you should plan a time and a place to sit down and talk to her. However, places like the cafeteria and the library are not the best spots for this. We suggest a more private place, like your room. Who knows, maybe your friend doesn't know people are talking about her or perceiving her as a promiscuous person. Good Luck!

Love,
Em & Kay

"I'm just excited for everyone to love it." College's musical set to open next Thursday

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The opening night of "The Secret Garden," the college's spring musical, is just a few rehearsals away, and the 22-member cast is working hard to get ready.

"We have one more rehearsal that's just a rough run-through," said Michael McNulty, an associate professor of theater and the musical's director. "Then we start adding in lights and sounds, props and costumes, and the orchestra."

Students were cast last semester and started work on the set before classes began in January.

"We had a few people stay over most of winter break," said sophomore nursing major Rachel Endicott, who is helping with set construction. "I've got 75 hours so far."

Lexie Osborne, a freshman music education major, said she estimates she's put in about 30 hours a week working to get "The Secret Garden" ready for its Feb. 17 debut.

She said the cast works between four and five hours a day, and that's not including the eight hours on Saturdays to get ready.

"It's pretty intense," she said. "I can work a table saw now."

Actors in the play also help with the set, which McNulty said is rare among college theater programs. He said that having everyone help with the performance, design and tech-

nical aspects of the play helps students understand how all three parts come together as an artistic whole.

"They will have a holistic understanding of theater," he said. "It's representative of a liberal arts education."

McNulty said actors in the musical include both theater and music majors.

One of the main reasons a musical was chosen this semester was to facilitate collaboration between the theater and music programs, which are both housed in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

"We wanted to... produce something different but also so we gain the sort of respect for each other you gain when you have to work that closely with each other," he said. "It allows me to really see just how deeply and meaningfully the music faculty work with their students."

The orchestra is made up of 10 students, faculty and community members who will perform live during each performance under the direction of Donnie Sorah, teaching fellow of music.

Senior vocal major Stacey Collier said he was excited about the theater and music divisions joining forces.

"It's really cool," Collier said. "It's the first time in years that the theater and music pro-

grams get to work together. It's worked out famously."

Elizabeth Blankenship, a junior music major who plays Mary, the musical's main character, said preparations have been fun.

"I love musicals and this one is so beautiful," she said. "The music is gorgeous."

Blankenship said she had never acted before she came to UVa-Wise. She played Van Helsing in last semester's performance of "Dracula."

"This one is more work because you're singing and acting and it's a lot more sets changing," she said. "Garden walls are coming in and going off."

Collier said he's most excited about getting to work with a professional actor.

Actor Jay Poff was brought in to play Archibald Craven after the student set to play him, senior music major Rocky Cooper, was arrested on Jan. 25 following an apparent fight with another cast member.

McNulty said Poff has been gracious to work with and is a professional example for student actors.

"He sets a really good example for the students about the importance of the work at this point in the process," McNulty said. "The students can see that he's really focused."

Osborne said she's "just excited for everyone to love [the performance]."

"I know they will," she said. "Everyone is going to be so proud of it because we worked so hard on it."

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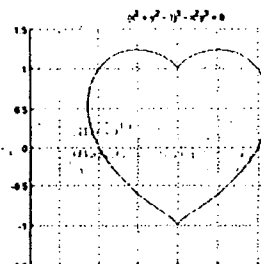
Five things you didn't know: Valentine's Day

Compiled by Jordan Fifer, News Editor

1. Many different theories exist about how and when Valentine's Day was established. It's possible it was just an evil play by Godiva.
2. There were several saints named Valentine in ancient history, and it's not clear for whom Valentine's Day is named. Feel free to take credit.
3. The modern depiction of a heart looks nothing like an actual human organ. It may have originated with the seed of the silphium plant, which was once used as an herbal contraceptive. That's the clean version, anyway.
4. Some historians suggest Valentine's Day emerged from the ancient festival of Lupercalia, where women would line up to receive ceremonial thrashings from bloody goat skins in the hopes that it would promote fertility. So there's that.
5. Approximately 190 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year in the United States, according to the U.S. Greeting Card Association. Let's hope less than 1 percent of those play music.

Bonus thing you didn't know:

Plotting (x2+y2-1)3x2y3-0 on a graph makes something that looks like the image below.



Sources: wikipedia.com, history.com



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Dean of Students Jewell Worley presents her "Love and Lust" talk Tuesday night. The event was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

Love, lust and a dean

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She's been married for 36 years and she's a licensed marriage and relationship counselor.

Dean of Students Jewell Worley knows a thing or two about "love and lust," the topic she spoke about Tuesday night in the Culbertson Hall classroom.

The talk, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, focused on how relationships are built and how people can manage them more effectively.

Before beginning the discussion, Worley wrote on a chalkboard, "You cannot change the other person. However, you can change how you respond to him or her."

"If you don't take away anything from this presentation, I hope you take away that you can't change the other person," Worley said.

Fights between partners are like "doing a dance," she said. When couples argue, they repeat the same process. If they don't focus on problem-solving, she said, issues can't be resolved.

During the discussion, Worley asked

students to write their relationship questions on pieces of paper so she could answer them.

One student asked about the issue of jealousy in relationships, something Worley described as "a relationship killer."

Another student asked if honesty was important in a relationship.

"Trust is everything," Worley answered. "There is no such thing as a perfect marriage or relationship, just trust and compromise."

Worley urged partners who may get in arguments to count to 10 before saying anything they might regret. She said the adage "sticks and stones may hurt my bones, but words will never hurt me" is false.

The discussion drew about 20 students.

"Students expressed interest in having a program focusing on relationships when [we] sent out a survey," said Brittanie Jones, a junior communication studies major and RHA's secretary.

"I would like to do this every year around this time," Jones said. "It is near Valentine's Day and this is the time that people get together and breakup."

Jobs

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said.

The Athletic Department is also looking to fill two positions.

The promotion of Dewey Lusk to the role of head football coach, after the retirement of longtime head coach Bruce Wasem, left Lusk's old assistant head coach job open.

Athletic director Danny Sterling said the position has sparked interest from at least 50 applicants.

"So far the position has been posted, but we have yet to review the applications," Sterling said.

Sterling is also looking to finalize the women's basketball team's head coach position.

Doug Carter has been serving as interim head coach, but the position will be formalized after a national search.

"We are looking for good people who put the institution first, who emphasize the student athlete," Sterling said. "We are looking for someone that has a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of knowledge, new ideas and a shot of a new blood in the system."

FOODLZ IN COLLEGE



Cartoonist Joanna Lewis is a senior computer science major.

Campus Bulletin

Upcoming:

Concert: Chris Rose and Chris Woodward will perform Saturday as part of the Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion. The concert will be held in the Chapel of All Faiths at 8 p.m.

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.

Weekly:

The Wise Environmental Club: The environmental club meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. in the Henson classroom. Contact Jennifer Fulton at jnf7a@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.

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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Facebook isn't on résumés

By Matthew Barnette Opinion Editor mwb@uwise.edu

Social networking sites are a part of almost every single American's life. We use them to stay in touch with friends and family who might be hundreds of miles away or even in the same room.

Some even stay up-to-date with their colleagues via social networking. No matter who you talk to, chat with or what you post, you generally have the assumption that you're having some harmless fun.

But what if you're trying to get a job with a government agency or high-profile company? Then you are likely scrutinized for everything you put on your résumé and even things you didn't know they would check.

Employers nowadays look at not only the résumé, but also the social network accounts of possible employees to see if their online activities will affect their job performance or compromise a trade or government secret.

If you just got out of an interview and updated your Twitter with "I aced that interview," your prospective employer may see that as overconfidence when they interviewed you.

Employers could see that as not having enough confidence. Either way your chances to get the job just went down.

Students have a lot to print

By Robert Davis Guest Writer rmd5q@uwise.edu

It used to be that when students first arrived on campus they were given a \$30 printing allowance per semester. Many of you (or maybe not) may have accrued a very large amount of printing availability, as your balance would roll over from semester to semester.

Unfortunately, the college changed the system this semester. The system switch caused all accounts to drop down to the per student allowance.

So for all of you that may have had more than \$100 in your printing account, you are now only have \$30.

Also, with the system switch, the per student allotment was knocked down from \$30 to \$25. This is understandable given the budget hardships we face as a college.

Though couldn't the changes have been made to affect future semesters, rather than drain the accounts all at once? Now I do not know about you,

but many of us are facing our own personal financial difficulties. Therefore, we may not have the funds available to be printing everything we may need ourselves.

We have seminar papers, research papers, a varied number of class handouts, worksheets and an assortment of papers all of which take a lot of ink and paper to obtain.

I'm pretty sure most of us could have used that \$25, especially those of us in our senior year who have a lot to print.

I know budgets are tight, and we must tighten the belt, but I believe we are doing a disservice to many students, who lost their accumulated print jobs, because of the new system switch.

Maybe we could start a "printing allowance bailout" so we could have a few more dollars per semester to help out with our printing needs. (However, we are saving some trees; so maybe Captain Planet would be happy.)

How about a compromise: We could get a few dollars extra per year for printing per student if perhaps we make a concession elsewhere?

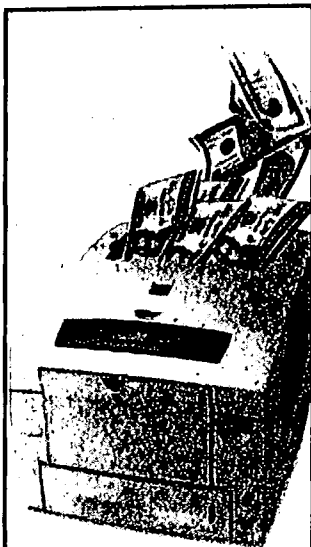


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I believe we are open to suggestions.

In the meantime, if I get a package from the post office, they are going have to hold on to my mail.

I refuse to waste a full sheet of paper and 10 cents on a bar code. Times are hard and sacrifices must be made.

New study suggests undergraduates do not learn

By The Paratheon Editorial Board The Paratheon Marshall University www.uwire.com

According to a new study, nearly half of the nation's undergraduates show almost no increase in learning in their first two years of college.

The study shows that two years in college, 45 percent of students showed no significant gains in learning and after four years, while 36 percent showed little change. The study found that students also spend 50 percent less time studying compared with students a few decades ago.

The book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses" by Richard Arum and Josipa Roska, released these findings based off of transcripts and surveys of more than 3,000 full-time traditional-age students on 29 campuses nationwide, along with their results on the Collegiate Learning Assessment, a standardized test that gauges students' critical thinking, analytic reasoning and writing skills.

These studies are an insult to every university in the United States.

Is the book trying to infer our parents are wasting their money on our education?

What about Ivy League colleges? Are those students wasting their time too, just going to the university merely for its name?

With the economy being the way it is, students have to work especially hard to compete in today's workforce.

So many people are being laid off and looking for jobs, making it even more difficult for us to compete with those who have more work experience.

Graduate colleges are becoming more difficult to enroll in by increasing their admission criteria and this study's results makes it seem as though college is a waste of time and that we are not learning anything useful. But we beg to differ.

College teaches us how to develop our time-management skills, enhance our ability to interact with different types of individuals, facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and perhaps most importantly, discover who we are. Earning a college diploma may not seem like much of an achievement to some individuals, but it's a feat many individuals are proud to say they've accomplished.

Keeping our campus beautiful is simple and inexpensive

By Robert Davis Guest Writer rmd5q@uwise.edu

Have you ever noticed the barren stretch of land between Henson Hall and the new caf?

Not only is there a lack of greenery, but the volleyball court has not been maintained whatsoever.

The net is tattered and the supports are rusted and sagging into the sand. It seems like they could give the court a face-lift.

They could tear out the crabgrass, lay some new powdery sand and get a new net. The empty area near it could be made into a small grill pit like many of the ones you see in local parks.

If these changes were implemented, I could see this becoming a regularly-populated area and an ideal spot for the campus to host plenty of events and intramurals.

Another spot that needs atten-

tion is the horseshoe pit. The horseshoe pit could use some landscaping, which would make it a good spot for students to congregate and have a good time.

You may have noticed near Asbury Hall that there are several poles sticking up from the ground, with caution tape laced between them. They are there because of students parking in this grassy area.

Why not put some picnic tables or something else that's more student-friendly in that area?

The back side of Asbury is a great place to read and relax on a warm and sunny day, but if students wish to continue being ignorant and park where they should not park, their vehicles should be towed.

We are adults and should be able to follow the simplest of rules, so if you want to be childish and try to ignore them, then you should be treated as such.

Remember being punished for

doing something wrong when you were in elementary school?

Since you have the audacity to act like you're still that young, you should accept the punishment associated with the behavior.

The money from the fines could be used to beautify our campus or to do a myriad of other improvements that always seem to be necessary around campus.

I think there are some great opportunities to enhance the visual appeal of our campus, as well as improve student interaction that takes place on campus.

If we invest a little work and money into these areas, they could be vastly improved in a short amount of time.

We spend a lot of money as students to come here; we might as well use it to not only better our own education but also better our campus for the many students who will follow us.

Baseball season underway

By Cameron Parsons Sports Editor clp7m@uwise.edu

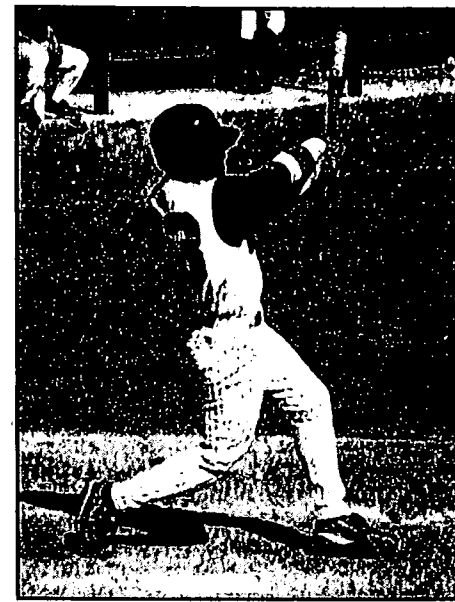


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Senior shortstop Luis Roa (23) bats during the Cavs double-header against Shorter University on Feb. 9. The Cavs split the series, falling 11-5 in the first and winning 7-2 in the second game.

In the baseball team's first action of the season on Feb. 9, the Cavs split a two-game road series with Shorter College of Rome, Ga., falling 11-5 in the first game, and winning 7-2 in the second game.

Errors were critical in both games, as the Cavs committed four in their loss, and the Hawks two in their loss.

In the first game, the Cavs jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, but one inning, four Shorter hits and two Cavs' errors later, the Hawks held a 3-2 edge.

Shorter added four runs in the third inning and another in the fifth before the Cavs could answer back with a score of their

own. Senior catcher Tommy Meir, who scored in the first inning, got on base after being hit by a pitch and scored on a Shorter error. Sophomore first baseman Kirk Jennings and sophomore first baseman Brian King both added RBIs to cut the lead to 8-5 in the fifth inning.

However, the Hawks responded with another run in the fifth and two more runs in the sixth to give the game its final score of 11-5.

Hawks senior pitcher Mark Chapman was credited with the win, while Cavs pitcher Scott Cole took the loss.

Hawks senior pitcher Eric Doty got the save after holding the Cavs scoreless during the game's final two innings.

In the second game, the Cavs took another early lead and kept it

the entire game. The four-run first inning was more than enough, as junior pitchers Ryan Crosby, Chris Smith and Cody Bentley held the Hawks to only five hits and two runs in the game.

Hawks junior pitcher Chad Hodges took the loss, while Crosby got the win for the Cavs.

After the series, the Cavs are 1-1 on the season.

For the Hawks, the loss to the Cavs was their first of the season, dropping their record to 5-1 overall.

The Cavs will play Patrick Henry Community College tomorrow at 1 p.m. in Martinsville, before starting a three-game series with Berry College back in Rome, Ga. on Feb. 18.

The Cavs will play their first home game on March 1 in a doubleheader at 1 p.m.

Softball team looks forward to new season

By Cameron Parsons Sports Editor clp7m@uwise.edu

This season, the women's softball team is looking to improve on last year's young team during the Cavs' first season in the Mid-South Conference.

The Cavs went 14-24 in the regular season last year, including 8-5 at home, and 1-2 in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament.

Last season, senior outfielder Maddi Ridenour was named first team all-conference, while sophomore des-

ignated player Ashleigh Roenker was honorable mention all-conference.

Ridenour led the team at the plate with a .349 batting average, and scored 25 runs. She also had a .984 fielding percentage on the season. Roenker led the Cavs in with 19 RBIs and 10 doubles, and was the only Cavs pitcher to not allow a homern.

Ridenour and senior pitcher Megan McCoy are the only senior players this season on a very young team. The team currently has nine freshmen, four sophomores and two juniors.

McCoy is the Cavs' leading returning pitcher. Last season, she went 4-11

with a 3.46 ERA and two saves, while holding opposing batters to a .246 batting average.

Head coach Tori Raby-Gentry has guided the Cavs to a 180-28 record during her seven-year tenure. Raby-Gentry has also helped the Cavs capture four conference championships, two regional championships and three national championship tournament appearances.

Last season, the Cavs struggled on the road and mental errors. When committing more than two errors, the team was 3-15. The Cavs were also unable to come from behind, going 0-9 when

trailing after the first inning. The Cavs also played 22 games on the road, going 3-19 in those games.

This season the Cavs are determined to play hard during every game.

"We work well together and get along great," said junior infielder Kesha Perrigan. "We are a young team, but we are working hard and growing stronger."

The Cavs' first game will be Feb. 15 at Milligan College at 2 p.m.

Their first home game will be on Feb. 23 against Milligan College at 2 p.m.

Games of the Week

By Cameron Parsons Sports Editor clp7m@uwise.edu

#1 Ohio State @ #17 Wisconsin Tennessee @ #24 Florida

Boxed section containing 'Games of the Week' information for Ohio State vs Wisconsin and Tennessee vs Florida. Includes team logos and brief game previews.

Assault

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express purpose of robbing Riner, the warrants say.

Miller knocked on the house door, the warrants allege, and when Riner opened it, Lawrence struck him with a baseball bat. Kearney, Jones, Lawrence and Miller then continued hitting Riner, while Lawson, the group's driver, stayed in the vehicle.

The group fled only when Riner yelled to his girlfriend to call police, the warrants say. Riner was taken to Norton Community Hospital with what police described as a gaping head wound, among other injuries. He was treated and released that night.

Riner was not immediately available for comment, but he described the apparent assault in an interview on WCYB (Channel 5).

He said he had already fallen asleep when he was awoken by a knock at the door. His living room and porch lights were burnt out, he said, so the porch area was completely dark.

"As soon as I peeked my head out, the bat swung and hit me right across the head and knocked me backwards," Riner said. "They all forced their way in."

Riner said the assault lasted not much more than a minute, a lot of which "is a blur."

Riner said he was able to fight off his alleged attackers, using only his hands as a weapon.

"I grabbed a hold of one of them and pulled him in close to try and use him as a human shield," he said. "When I look back at it, the thing I was most afraid of was that they were going to go for [my girlfriend]."

Jessie said the five freshmen and Riner did not know each other, but that Riner was targeted for his money. He declined to say if or why the men thought to stop at Riner's house.

"We cannot confirm that they even knew him," Jessie said.

Investigators recovered evidence linking the freshmen to the assault, Jessie said. He declined to elaborate, citing the integrity of the case as it heads to trial.

Pictures posted on TrICities.com, the website of The Bristol Herald-Courier and WHH (Channel 11), apparently show Riner sitting on a hospital bed with several large welts across his back and chest. His UVA-Wise shorts

have obvious blood stains across the front.

With the help of the UVA-Wise Campus Police and the Town of Wise Police Department, the freshmen involved were detained and interviewed on campus shortly after the reported assault, Jessie said. Four of the five were arrested early this week, and Miller is scheduled to turn himself in this weekend.

Jones, Kearney and Lawson posted bail and were released after being arraigned early this week. Lawrence remained in jail Thursday afternoon, which Jessie said was largely because he lives out of state. All five are due back in court in early March.

None of the five students accused immediately responded to requests for comment.

College administrators were quick to condemn the reported assault.

Chancellor David Prior said he took "swift action" to ban the accused from campus, pending the ongoing investigation.

"Student safety is of the utmost important at UVA-Wise," Prior said in a news release.

One of the five had been kicked off the UVA-Wise football team in the fall, according to Danny Sterling, the college's athletic director. Two had joined the team this spring, and the other two were returning members.

"The five individuals are or were football players, but I want to stress that their alleged conduct is in no way a reflection of the entire team," Prior said.

The four current players have been suspended from the team pending completion of the investigation by police and the college, Sterling said.

Riner was back in class Monday, he said.

"I'm not afraid at all to continue staying here," he told WCYB. "My biggest thing is just to continue moving forward."

Prior said the incident should not reflect poorly on the UVA-Wise student body.

"Those who engage in criminal activity in our community will find no haven at UVA-Wise," he said.



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