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The Lawson twins are growing up. Read updates to other stories The Highland Cavalier covered throughout the year on page 3.



Tournament play for the baseball team is underway. Read about the Cavs' chances in the Mid-South on page 7.

Upcoming

► Spring Formal

Dance the night away at this year's SGA Spring Formal, to be held in Cantrell Hall April 30 beginning at 10 p.m.

► Prism

The college's annual spring celebration of the arts, Prism, will be held April 30, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$50, and money raised benefits the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

► Graduation rehearsal

Commencement rehearsal will be held May 12 at 11 a.m. on the Lawn by the Lake. Seniors should gather in Cantrell.

Weather

Friday



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Saturday



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Sunday



73°F / 55°F

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Storm prompts campus tornado siren

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A dangerous storm system that led to the death of nearly 300 people from Alabama to Southwest Virginia prompted college officials to sound emergency sirens on campus Wednesday night.

As the pulsating tones rang out shortly before 9 p.m., hundreds of students on campus sought shelter in laundry rooms, hallways and ground floors of buildings.

"After the first alarm, the wind really picked up and it got loud in Henson," said Harmony

Tripp, a junior resident adviser. "I ordered everyone to go to the first floor bathroom or the classroom and get under the tables."

The alarm activation came about 40 minutes after the National Weather Service issued its first tornado warning for Wise County. But many students said they couldn't hear the alarms, and, many of those who could still couldn't hear the audible announcements being made.

"I was in the aerobics room working out, and we could hear the siren barely," said Megan Musick, a junior business administration major. "The voice instructions were muffled really badly ... even when I walked



Still

they didn't even know the sirens had been activated.

"I don't even know what I have to do and where to go," said Caroline Hensler, a sophomore psychology major. "I just don't know what I am supposed to do."

Several students, too, said they didn't receive a text mes-

sage alert from the college's new text message system, which is supposed to alert students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency.

A text message did go out, but it was sent at 9:32 p.m., more than an hour after the first tornado warning. The alert mentioned only a tornado watch and told subscribers to "seek shelter indoors and stay away from windows."

Kathy Still, the college's director of news and media relations, said the college was pleased with how students responded to the situation. She

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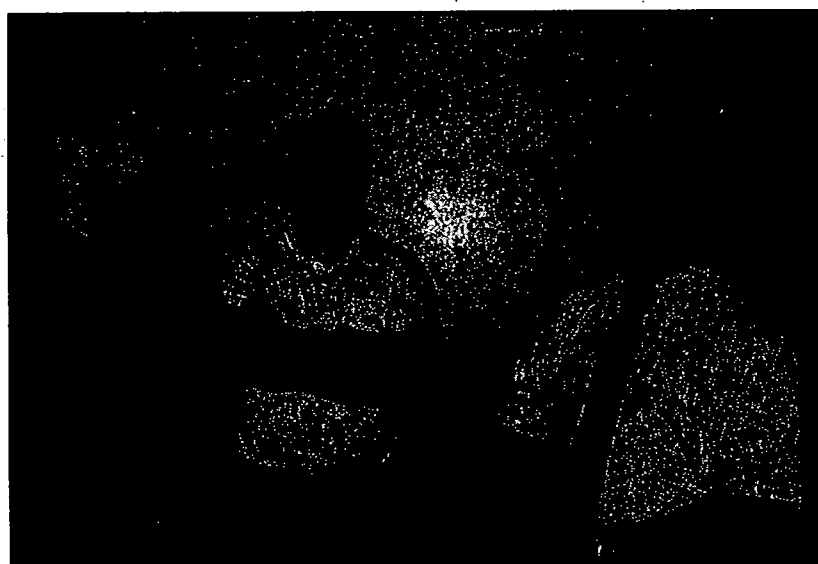


Photo by Allie Robinson

Retiring campus minister Jim Collie (right) chats with assistant professor of English John Adrian and David Amos, assistant manager of campus mail services during Collie's retirement celebration yesterday afternoon.

Collie to retire

"I've tried to be over the last decade one of the keepers of the tradition"

By Allie Robinson
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You might have seen him on campus. He has snow white hair, which he combs to the side of his head with his hand when thinking. His blue eyes twinkle when he sees someone he knows, which, on a Wednesday morning in the library, seems to be nearly every five minutes.

Students, faculty and staff alike stop by to shake his hand, give a hug or ask a question. He laughs easily at their jokes and smiles genuinely when he asks how they are.

Jim Collie, who has served as the minister for the college's Baptist Collegiate Ministries for the past 33 years, will officially retire

at the end of May.

He said he never expected to stay in Wise when he arrived from his previous appointment in Covington, Va., but when he got here he felt like "Br'er Rabbit [getting] to the briar patch."

"It was a great fit for me," he said. "I had no idea in '78 that I'd be on a journey here ... we've had the opportunity to go other places and do other things, but God always seemed to say, 'Stay.'"

He said he doesn't have plans to go anywhere else after his retirement and that he's been honored to serve here at the college.

"To see the college grow and develop, to be a part of the college's history and tradition ... I've tried to be over the last decade one of

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Seniors make post-grad plans

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As the semester wraps up and comes to a close, seniors are anxious about graduation and what their future holds.

"I'm hoping to get into law school this fall," said senior administration of justice major Megan McCoy.

McCoy got involved in a number of clubs and activities at the college during her time on campus. She played pitcher on the softball team for four years, is an active member of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority and she has enjoyed her time at UVa-Wise and values all the people she has met.

"My experience here has had its up and downs, but overall I love my professors, faculty, friends and sorority sisters so it was good," McCoy said.

One of McCoy's fellow sorority sisters, Achesia Wampler, is also graduating this semester. Wampler is a psychology major and a cheerleader at the college.

Wampler said she is planning to eventually attend graduate school at Lindsey Wilson School of Counseling. She hopes to work as a family and marriage counselor.

Wampler said she is going to miss the college — especially her friends and her sorority sisters.

"My experience at this college was overall really positive," said Wampler. "I feel like I've

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Lawson looks back on presidency

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Stephanie Lawson said she'll remember the people most. The students she advocated for, and the faculty and staff with whom she worked:

"I hope I was a good leader and a positive example," Lawson said this week. "I can be remembered for a lot of things, but I hope I was just that — honest and dependable."

The outgoing SGA president likely made the biggest impression on campus by starting the Red & Gray 5K, a homecoming charity run that Lawson hopes will become an

annual tradition.

"We tried to make homecoming more of an event for students as well as alumni," she said. "But it was important to me to use it as a charity project, to help Relay for Life."

Lawson served on various committees outside of her SGA duties, much as her predecessors did. She improved relationships with town leaders and cultivated new ones with local businesses.

"I'm from here," she said. "It was important to me to represent the needs of college students, but also people from Wise."

But her presidency saw its ups and downs, too.

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Outgoing SGA President Stephanie Lawson says she hopes she was a positive example.

News Briefs

Trial date set for football players

Three former freshmen indicted on multiple felonies stemming from a February burglary are set to have their day in court at the beginning of the fall semester.

Byron Thaxter Lawrence, Paul Gene Kearney and Brycelyn Corey Miller, all 19, are scheduled to stand trial in Wise County Circuit Court Aug. 19, according to online court records. The trio will be tried together.

Lawrence, Kearney and Miller are part of a group of five former UVa-Wise students arrested after the alleged off-campus attempted robbery of junior Christopher Riner.

Robert Lewis Jones, 19, and Victor Tariq Lawson, 21, are scheduled to have their charges heard by the May grand jury.

Volunteers needed for Late-Night Breakfast

Faculty and staff are needed to help serve at this semester's Late-Night Breakfast, scheduled for May 2 from 10 to 11 p.m.

The breakfast will be held in Smith Dining Commons. Brett Lawson, director of dining services, and Chartwells staff will prepare the meal, which typically consists of breakfast foods such as pancakes and biscuits and gravy.

Volunteers should arrive in the caf by 9:45 p.m. May 2.

Faculty and staff who want to volunteer should contact Josh Justice, assistant director of student activities and Greek life, at jjustice@uvawise.edu by April 30.

Art show displays student work

Student art projects of all types are on display in Gallery 121 of the Gilliam Center for the Arts as part of the Spring Semester Art Extravaganza.

Projects include drawing, sculptures, ceramics, prints, black and white photography, book arts and pinhole photography, among others.

Holocaust Memorial Event planned

The college's Second Annual Holocaust Memorial Event, part of a nationwide commemoration of the Holocaust, will be held on May 2 at 9 a.m. in the atrium of the Slemp Student Center.

During the ceremony, student, faculty and staff volunteers will read aloud the names of 5,000 Jewish and non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

Images provided by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will also be projected on a screen.

The event is held during the Days of Remembrance, a week of Holocaust remembrance -- established by the U.S. Congress -- beginning on May 1.

If you are interested in participating in the event, please contact Diane Silver in the Office of Advising and Retention (376-4627, dls3wb@uvawise.edu).

Living learning community planned for McCraray next academic year

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As the school year comes to a close, officials in the Office of Housing and Residence Life are working to design new aspects of campus living for next year.

A living learning community, located in McCraray Hall, will help freshmen students transition into college life, said Angie Lemke, director of residence life.

She said the new program will be a good option for students.

"The McCraray Hall living learning community offers students new experiences, both socially and academically, through programs and activities designed to foster the continual exploration of thoughts

and ideas outside the classroom," she said.

More staffers will be added to McCraray Hall, and resident advisers in the building will be mostly upperclassmen, Lemke said.

The RAs will design programs to be more freshmen friendly, and tutoring will be offered to students in the basement of the building.

"We are tailoring all programs done in the building to fit the needs of first year students to help them be successful here at college," she said.

The benefits to McCraray residents include a strong support network, increased faculty interaction outside of the classroom and a positive impact on academics, Lemke said.

"First-year students living in McCraray Hall will live in a unique community where classroom learning is enhanced in their residence hall," she said.

Several larger colleges and universities across

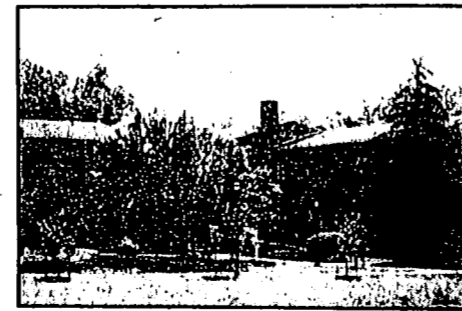


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the nation offer a similar program for students. McCraray Hall will be the first residence hall at UVa-Wise to offer a living learning community.

Clark named Asbury chair

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Professor of History Mark Clark will soon take on a new title around campus, after being named the Kenneth Asbury Chair of History in the Department of History and Philosophy last week.

He was nominated by faculty within the department after the former chair, Brian Wills, left last spring.

One of two chaired faculty positions on campus, the new appointment will allow Clark more time and a little bit of financial assistance for him to continue his research, which centers on post-World War II empires.

Clark is examining culture in Germany and Italy after the war, which will probably necessitate research both in the United States and abroad, he said, and he is also looking at the role of mixed marriages between Jews and Aryans during the

war.

"I'm looking at the Aryan partner and the reality of being married to a Jew," he said. "They were encouraged to divorce their spouses and had to protect their children ... I'll examine the hardships they experienced and how they had to manage that position."

As an endowed chair, Clark will have a reduced teaching load and some summer travel money, he said.

"This means I think I'll be able to complete some projects that I'd despised might never come to completion," he said. "You always have the teaching and over time the responsibilities [on campus] grow and research time is harder and harder to find. There comes a time when in the middle of a career that projects you'd envisioned may never come to fruition. And now I see that opportunity is there."

He said he is honored by being appointed to the chair.

"And, frankly it's a real honor



Clark

because what it means is that my colleagues think highly enough of me to have recommended me," he said. "I hope to do the position justice and I'm thankful for that."

He said his department is a strong one, and his colleagues have been supportive of him.

"I hope to be able to fulfill the position as well as my predecessor did," he said. "And I'd like to be able to honor the Asbury family with my work."



Photo by Cameron Parsons

Senior business administration major Sammie Freels uses an iPad from the library. iPads were added to the library for check out just recently.

iPads now available for checkout in campus library

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The John Cook Wyllie Library has started offering iPads for students to rent, and officials say they're looking to increase the availability of the tablet for fall 2011.

The library currently has two iPads available for students to rent and use. Circulation Supervisor Bill Statzer said the library hopes to add an additional 10 to 20 more by next semester.

"Students are welcome to come in and give the iPads a

test drive," he said. "We would like for students to give us some feedback on their experience."

Not only is the tablet computer small, light and thin, it offers fast Internet browsing and a variety of ways to complete coursework. Angie Harvey, the library's assistant director of public services, said officials are still discussing possibilities for application to be installed on the devices.

Harvey said Ebsco, the research database, is one of the likely candidates.

Junior Seth Rhoton said he likes the new iPads being offered

in the library.

"Although I'm not used to the different software of the iPad, I really like the various things it offers," Rhoton said. "I'm looking forward to getting more use to the iPad and being able to use them in the fall."

The library will also be replacing old laptops with other new laptops as well, officials said. Library faculty said the ratio between iPads and other laptops should be about half and half.

The total cost for the new equipment has not yet been established.

Whatever happened to...?

A follow-up on some of the people and events covered in the paper earlier this year



Carter Lawson



Crosby Lawson

The Lawson twins

Oct. 7: "The director of dining services is now the director of diaper duty. Brett Lawson's wife, Sarah, gave birth on Sept. 29 to twin boys named Crosby and Carter."

Now: Carter, the first born, is "a people person," Lawson said recently. "He is vocal, funny, and makes people laugh." Crosby, a pound heavier than Carter, likes to sleep. "He is a sleeper," Lawson said jokingly. Carter uses a special bottle because of a birth defect, Lawson said. He's scheduled to have surgery to correct his cleft palate in July.

Student advertising policy

Feb. 4: "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."

Now: One section of the advertising policy was updated to address the ACLU's concerns that the policies prevented students from criticizing the college and commenting on other groups of students. The new section prohibits language that "reasonably could be interpreted to constitute a direct threat to an individual or individuals or to constitute fighting words."

Fall tuition prices

April 11: "Students should expect a single-digit tuition increase next year instead of the double-digit increase that was anticipated, college officials say."

Now: Tuition for in-state students next year will increase by 8.5 percent, and those Virginia residents who live on campus will see an overall cost increase of 6.9 percent. Full-time, in-state students will pay \$7,721 in tuition and fees next year, not including room and board.

Textbook rentals

Oct. 29: "Students will be able to rent books directly from the college's bookstore within the next year, if all goes according to plan with a prospective loan program."

Now: Textbook rentals will be available to students for fall 2011 classes, according to Scott Lawson, the college's bookstore manager. Students will be able to set up a charge on their Cava Card and will be required to sign a contract in order to rent a textbook. Renters will return their textbooks at the end of the semester. Books will be limited and will not be available for all courses.

Wireless in residence halls

Nov. 19: "Uva-Wise officials hope to add wireless Internet access in the public study areas of the college's residence halls within the next two years."

Now: Wireless Internet won't be coming to residence halls anytime soon, said Keith Fowlkes, vice chancellor for information technology. Because the project isn't a top priority for the school, auxiliary funds aren't readily available, Fowlkes said. He estimated it would cost at least \$160,000 to install wireless routers in each of the residence halls. Fowlkes' office has slowly been expanding wireless access in classrooms, lab space and some outdoor areas, though.

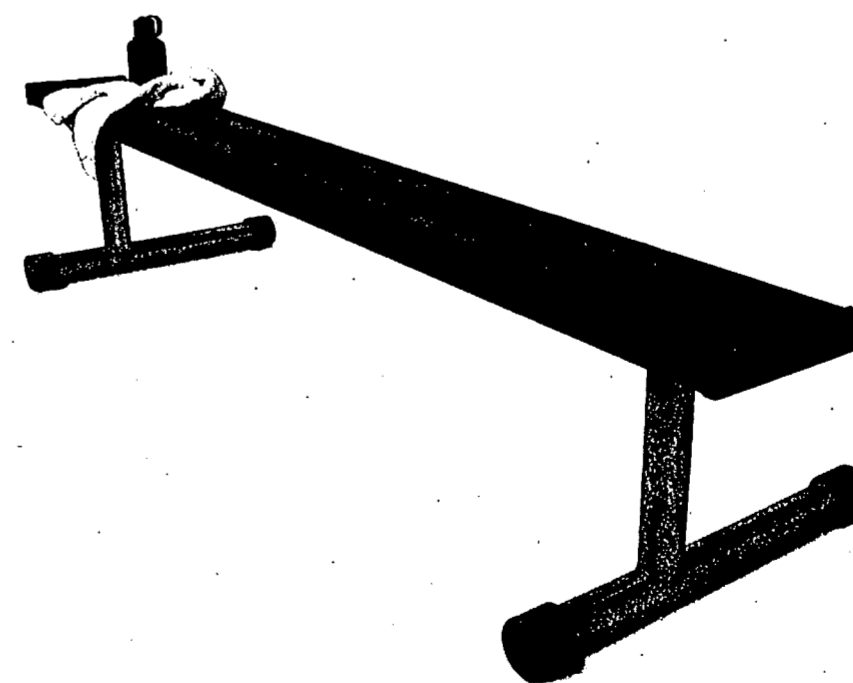
College 'hacking incident'

Sept. 3: "Computer hackers apparently stole close to \$1 million from Uva-Wise last week and the money has been recovered, according to officials ... College administrators would not comment on specific details of the incident. Kathy Still, the college's director of news and media relations, said the money stolen on Aug. 25 has since been recovered."

Now: College and law enforcement officials have declined to offer further details, citing the integrity of the ongoing investigation. Unanswered questions — at least publicly — include: Exactly how much money was stolen? How was it recovered? Was anyone arrested? What's being done, if anything, to prevent further hacks?

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Wolny to study science, religion on sabbatical

By Allie Robinson Editor-in-Chief agr2q@uvawise.edu

The classes he has lined up to teach over the summer are the last on Witold Wolny's plate for a few months...

tersection of science and religion. "My fascination was always to study the frontier between religion and culture," he said...



Wolny

Wolny said he plans to spend his time reading and researching on a number of topics, including quantum mechanics and the idea of parallel universes.

Dancing the night away



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Members of the dance ensemble perform Wednesday night at Potpourri: An Evening of Dance.

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grown a lot over the past years and made many lasting bonds with a lot of different people. Some seniors are already packing up their rooms, even though graduation isn't until May 14.

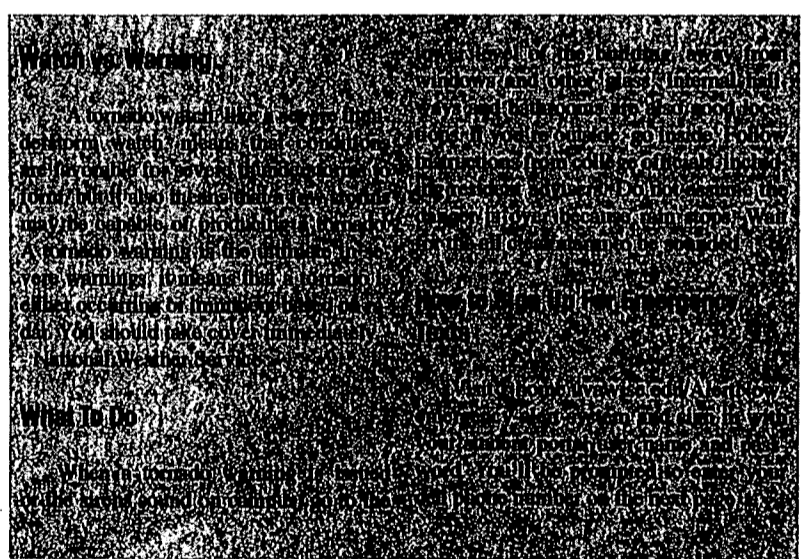
"I want to fit in to every aspect of being an entrepreneur," said Eligwe. "I want to open my own chain of men's boutiques and after I graduate I plan on working hard to get my business up and running."

Tornado

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said she wasn't aware of officials receiving any complaints about the sirens or about not receiving text messages. "People have said they heard [the siren] over in Tacoma, and over in the Town of Wise," Still said.

faculty and staff to double check that they've signed up for the alerts. "We did a lot of things well, and of course there are always things we can improve on," she said.



Washington County, Va., was hit by a major tornado Tuesday night, causing significant damage to homes and businesses.

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Cartoonist Joanna Lewis is a senior computer science major.

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Campus Bulletin

- Upcoming: Paint wars: Red or blue? Find out today at 4 p.m. at the intramural flag football field. Cheerleading tryouts: Full-time students are invited to try out for the cheerleading squad April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

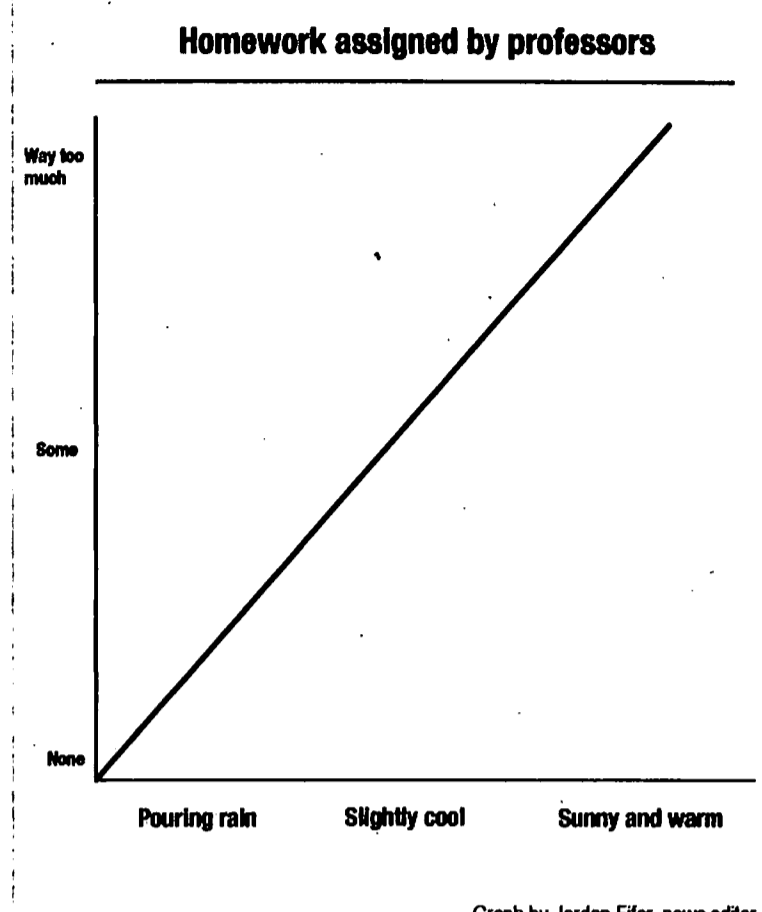
Five things you should do: This Summer

Compiled by Cameron Parsons, sports editor

- 1. Hold a scavenger hunt. Be creative — road signs, your friend's clothes and your neighbor's pet are all fair game in this event. The only limit is to the fun you can have in your imagination and the police. 2. Skinny dipping. It's one of those great American traditions like peanut butter and bananas. Sure, it's frowned upon, like stealing candy from a baby. But be free, and enjoy yourself.

The Wise Graph

An occasional series charting life at UVA-Wise



Graph by Jordan Fifer, news editor

Source: Cameron Parsons

Lawson

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The October homecoming dance was marred by fighting, the deployment of a pepper spray-like substance and the arrests of several students. Lawson said she doesn't think the actions of a few will reflect poorly on her time in office.

Collie

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the keepers of the tradition," he said. He said when he first came, there were about 600 students at the college. "And now we're knocking at the door of 2,000," Collie said.

the semester and with faculty and staff on campus Thursday, said he actually retired at the end of last semester, and has been working part-time during the spring semester. He said he will be replaced, although he has not yet met the new campus minister.

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