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iPads are now available for checkout in the campus library. Find out how to get your hands on one on page 2.



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



64°F / 44°F

Saturday



73°F / 54°F

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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# 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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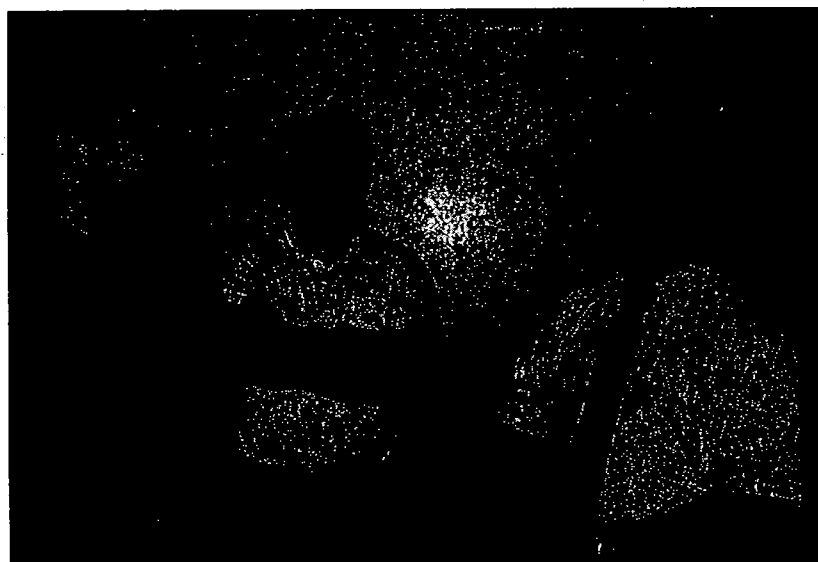


Photo by Allie Robinson

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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# 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](mailto: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 Stemp 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](mailto:dls3wb@uvawise.edu)).

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 em topics.

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 despaired 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.

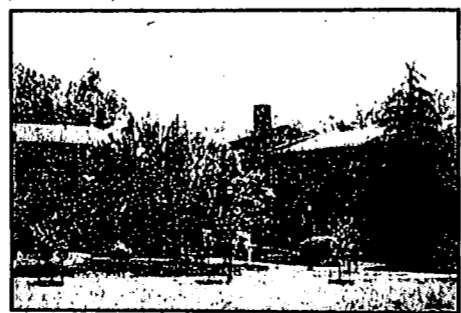


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and ideas outside the classroom," she said.

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

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.

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

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 Cavs 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.

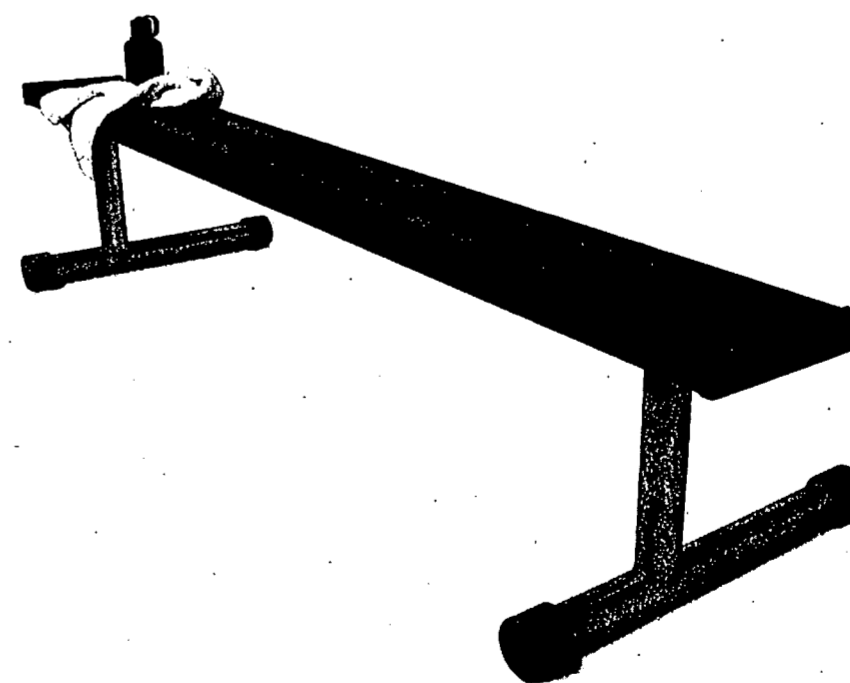
College 'hacking incident'

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

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

The classes he has lined up to teach over the summer are the last on Witold Wolny's plate for a few months, as he will take a sabbatical leave in the fall.

The college's field director of international programs will still help on campus with the International Programs office, he said, but Wolny will spend much of his time studying and researching several subjects about which he is passionate: namely, the in-



Wolny

on Contemporary Religions Program, which is offered in conjunction with

several universities worldwide.

He said that taking time off to explore the relationship between science and religion will benefit the new religion minor that he plans to start in the next year.

He plans to teach a course in science and religion as part of the curriculum for that minor.

"For me the religion program should be something students are excited about," he said. "And you have to make it as humanistic as possible, which I think it is — religion must be a humanistic topic."

Dancing the night away



Photo by Jordan Fifer

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

Grads

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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.

Mark Phillips, a physical education major, has already been packing some of his belongings up and loading them in his vehicle.

"I've helped Mark carry stuff to his car," said junior Jermaine Wright. "I can't blame him because he's really ready to graduate and get out of here, and I would be too."

Phillips said he is seeking an internship after graduation with the Washington Wizards, the NBA team in Washington, D.C. He said he wants to work in the Wizards' Media and Game Operations Department so he can utilize his education and training in sports management to its maximum potential.

Sam Eligwe, a senior business administration major, is also graduating in May and already has major plans for his future. Eligwe was Phillips' teammate on the basketball team at UVA-Wise for the last two years.

"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."

Eligwe said he has been developing this business idea with his brother for the past three years. The stores will have a "fashion forward" concept and will feature unique clothing and shoes for men.

He said he will also be traveling to different parts of the world this summer, including Las Vegas, London, New York and Nigeria. He will be doing philanthropy work in Nigeria, helping and giving back to the communities.

Overall, Eligwe said his experience at UVA-Wise was "different" and is something he will never forget.

"Before living here, I honestly had no clue where Wise was, and being from a big city I just couldn't get used to it at first," said Eligwe. "But, over time, I saw the benefits of this little school and learned to appreciate all of them."

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. "But that is something we can look into."

Warning horns are located around campus. Still said, and officials will look into whether or not the sound can be increased and voice announcements can be clarified.

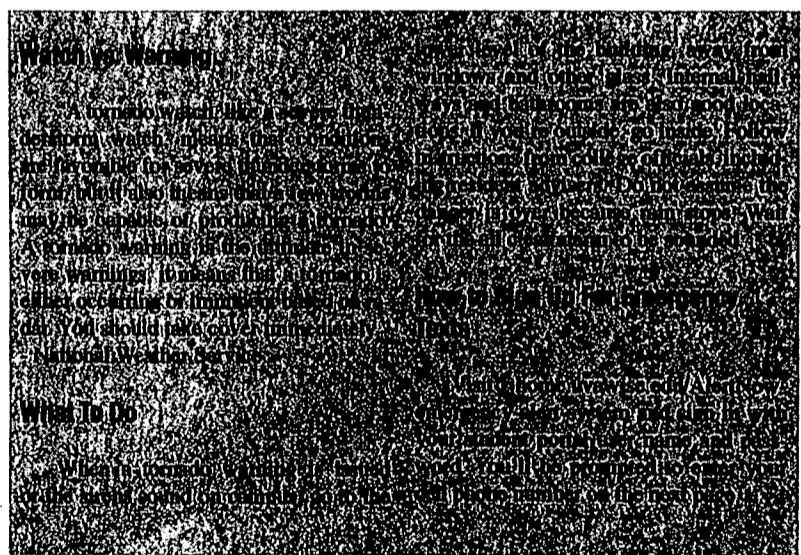
But Still said she wasn't sure why people wouldn't have received the text alert. By 9:37 p.m., she said, the 198 subscribers to the text message system had all received a notification. She encouraged students,

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. "This gives us a chance to work on things we can improve in the future."

The storm that prompted the Wise County tornado warning ravaged areas of Alabama, Mississippi and Southwest Virginia. More than 100 tornadoes were reported Tuesday and Wednesday across the South.

Seven people had died as a result of a possible tornado in Washington County, according to an update Thursday afternoon from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.



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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. Wear a white T-shirt. Contact a member of the Art Guild for more information. Cheerleading tryouts: Full-time students are invited to try out for the cheerleading squad April 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Chelsie Lawson at cheer@uvawise.edu. Late-night breakfast: Eat a free breakfast in the Smith Dining Commons, served by faculty and staff. This annual event kicks off exam week and begins at 10 p.m. on Monday. Fishing day: More than 300 pounds of rainbow trout were put into the campus lake Wednesday. Fish them out tomorrow starting at 10 a.m. Intramural golf: A two-person golf tournament will be held at Raven Rock Golf Course May 1 at 12 p.m. Sign up on the third floor of the Slomp Student Center. It will cost \$10 per person.

Five things you should do:

This Summer

Compiled by Cameron Parsons, sports editor

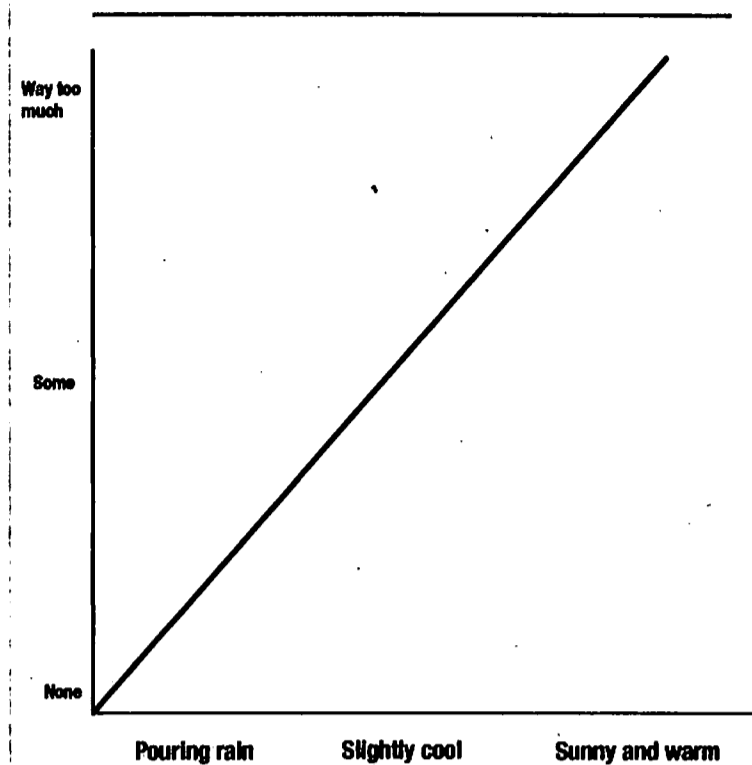
- 1. Hold a scavenger hunt. Be creative — road signs, your friend's clothes and your neighbor's pet are all fair game in this event. The only limit is to the fun you can have in your imagination and the police. 2. Skinny dipping. It's one of those great American traditions like peanut butter and bananas. Sure, it's frowned upon, like stealing candy from a baby. But be free, and enjoy yourself. 3. Go inner-tubing down a river. This takes almost no effort, and being out with friends on the water is about the most fun you can have when the weather is hot. Use caution. Bears and sharp rocks are unforgiving of wayward college students. 4. Go camping. Sleeping bags, friends and some beverages are about the only things you will need for this summer activity. The farther you are away from a nice, warm bed, the better the trip is. One more thing: Remember what I said earlier about those bears. Yikes. 5. Don't get arrested. Some of the things in this list may be illegal and you should always use sound judgment when undertaking any fun summer activity. Remember that DUIs and herpes both last a long time. Whether you are graduating or are coming back for your second year, have a good summer from The Highland Cavalier.

Source: Cameron Parsons

The Wise Graph

An occasional series charting life at UVA-Wise

Homework assigned by professors



Graph by Jordan Fifer, news editor

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.

"We didn't let it control us," she said. "We still had dances. We came back with a strong presence."

Lawson will graduate May 14 with a bachelor of science in mathematics, a minor in chemistry and a license to teach. She'll start at the University of North Carolina in the fall to study for a doctorate in physical therapy.

She offered a few parting words of advice to the incoming SGA president, junior Ashlee Washburn:

"Always listen to what others have to say. Don't be afraid of change. Don't be satisfied with what we've done. Always look to improve."

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 campus has really grown physically."

During his three-decade tenure here, Collie has helped coach the cross country team, taught freshman seminar and worked with the Darden Society and Omicron Delta Kappa, both honors societies on campus.

At age 60, Collie joined the brothers of Pi Kappa Phi and actively helps during his tenure at the college.

He's performed more than 30 weddings for current and former students and faculty, including the first wedding that was held in the Chapel of All Faiths.

"I'm going to miss the very close involvement with the college community and the students," he said. "I'll probably find something to do on a volunteer basis."

He said he's especially proud of the mission trips that BCM students have made in the past several years — both domestically and abroad.

"It's been phenomenal to see that happen," Collie said. "We have had students from our campus serve in about 20 different states and on four continents in the last thirty-some years."

Collie said he has attempted to be a good example of being a good minister during his tenure at the college.

"Finding joy and living with a positive outlook on life, that's where I've tried to be with God's help," he said. "The chorus that has been my theme song is 'This Little Light of Mine.' Everybody can make a difference."

Collie, who had retirement parties Wednesday at the last BCM meeting of

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.

Collie said he's not sure that it has sunk in yet with students that he is leaving.

"I'm really kind of hoping not to fade away but to fade into the background," he said. "I want to be here in the big picture, but I don't know what that will really mean yet."

Collie, who attended three colleges before graduating from the University of Richmond in 1968, said he has felt most at home at UVA-Wise.

"I don't have any plans to go — this is a great place to make great friends," he said. "I kind of feel that this is my alma mater."

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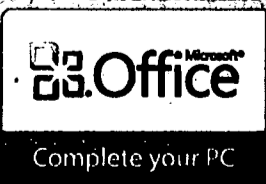
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## My car might have failed me, but some people never will

By Allie Robinson  
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This is my last column in this newspaper, as I am graduating in a little more than two weeks. I could take several tactics here.

First, I could wax nostalgic about my four years at UVA-Wise, and how much I appreciate everyone who has ever worked with me on staff.

Second, I could discuss the future: the future of The Highland Cavalier, my own future and the future of my generation.

But instead, I think I'll talk about my car. My car, a 2001 green Subaru Impreza with tags that read "LIZARD," and I have been through some trials and tribulations during my time in Wise.

Freshman year, a tire blew — literally exploded — on Interstate 81 while I was on my way back to Wise from winter break. I knew how to change a tire, but was still grateful when a nice couple pulled off the side of the road to help me out. I limped back to Wise from Wytheville on my spare and then got a new tire.

Sophomore year, I was in Wise during winter break to attend a meeting and another tire blew while I was driving through Coeburn on my way home. Consequently, I missed a family dinner that was planned at my house, and my friends who were invited went without me. I got home 11 hours after I started my journey and ate cold leftover shrimp scampi. But, once again, strangers helped me. At least three guys stopped to see what I needed and told me where in the area I could get my tire fixed.

In my junior year, I hit a deer while at home on fall break, damaging the hood and fender of my car enough to render it useless to drive back — so I got to drive our family's Escape until Thanksgiving, when I got my Subaru again.

Then, in the spring of that year, I used my Wolverine-strength force to manage to break my key in half — leaving half in the ignition. No one — not even the campus locksmith — could get the broken piece out of my ignition switch, so the car had to be taken to a dealership in Kingsport to get all of the locks replaced. Friends were ridiculously helpful during this time, driving with me to Kingsport to take my car and to get it back, and driving me around Wise for Walmart trips and runs to Huddle House.

This past year, my car suffered several ailments all at the same time: the clutch went out and the engine began to make a terrible roaring noise that I had let pass unnoticed.

My parents, who I think at this stage of my life (I have a job and an apartment lined up and so won't be going home at all for the summer) are feeling a little sad that their eldest is about to leave the nest, are fabulous and have lent me our family minivan while my car gets fixed by the mechanics we know at home. They even drove out to Abingdon to meet me to swap vehicles before I headed in to work one weekend, a gesture for which I will be eternally grateful.

The point of this litany of car woes is not to make you all think I have a jalousie of a car — in general, the Lizard gets me where I need to go and I get good gas mileage. My car and I are typically friends.

But each time I had trouble with my car, other people were there to help me — strangers, family, friends. I could probably have gotten the tires changed each time they blew, but I couldn't have easily walked back to Wise from the dealership in Kingsport by myself. I couldn't have been stranded at home waiting for the deer dents to get buffed out of my fender and my headlights replaced. In each instance, I was touched by the generosity of others, and that is something about college which I will not soon forget.

For many, college is a time to venture out alone, to do things by yourself. And, for many, graduation represents the same thing — a chance to prove yourself in the world.

But college, and life, are not journeys meant to be taken alone. They are journeys best taken with others — with family, with friends, and with strangers who may soon become your friends.

So, maybe I am getting a little nostalgic after all. Thank you friends, for being there for me, and for being part of my collegiate journey.

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## Government should not make choices for people

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The Highland Cavalier ran "Taxing obesity a healthy option to cause change" in the Feb. 4 issue, which suggested the United States should issue a tax on high-fat food as an attempt to curb obesity.

This "tubby tax" calls for more government intervention in people's personal lives, and it is completely wrong and misguided.

One must remember what this country was founded on: "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The Founding Fathers did not include the article. "This government shall decide whether the citizens will be allowed to go to Burger King."

This is a growing trend that should horrify many.

For instance, the government

recently banned caffeinated alcoholic drinks and flavored cigarettes (with the exception of menthol).

It would be silly and wrong to argue that these products are good for people, but people should be allowed to choose what they put into their bodies.

It seems many have reached the conclusion that they are not smart enough to determine how they should live their lives; this is a scary thought.

The notion of increasing taxes on an undesirable behavior or object will dissuade some from participating in it, but it will also go on to hurt many.

Many families rely on fast food; it's quick, cheap and tastes good. Thus, some families will be pressed even harder and may not have the ability to afford to put food on the table if it were taxed additionally.

It would be wise to consider

the suffering that such campaigns can cause.

This brings up the question of whether the government has the competence to decide what is good and bad for the public?

Government officials are the same people who decided that gas-guzzling SUVs were good for the American public and offered incentives to purchase them, thus adding to the oil crisis a few years later.

And what about Prohibition? It resulted in the rise of organized crime, an evil worse than alcohol.

Whether someone chooses to live a healthy or unhealthy life is not the government's business or responsibility.

Further, this college memorializes Thomas Jefferson, the same man who argued for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Jefferson would be horrified to see the role that the federal government is threatening to take.

## We never get a break from life

By Matthew Barnette  
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Do we ever truly get a break from life's constant bombardment of tasks?

It doesn't seem like it to me. Once we graduate high school, it seems like we're working our fingers to the bone for the next 40 years or more.

We keep going from one task right onto another, over and over again, until we finally reach the golden age of retirement.

But it isn't as golden as it used to be.

Now even retirees have to take part-time jobs to supplement their income.

Even college students are affected. Many of us have part-time jobs which lower the amount of time we have to study complete homework.

Often this is because the extra

money pays for all of the day-to-day expenses we have that student loans do not cover.

The extra cash earned by odd jobs, however, has usually disappeared by the time bills arrive.

Unfortunately, by the time most students get into college they have no idea how to manage their money properly.

I never had a class about the basics of financial planning at my high school.

Most students, such as myself, arrive here and receive a crash course on finance, which they forget the lessons of after graduation.

That lack of financial knowledge hinders what an individual — college-educated or otherwise — can accomplish with the money they earn.

The majority make ends meet but only have a relaxing vacation a few times in life.

The minority has much more

to spend on vacations and often can afford to take longer vacations more often.

Sure, we still have vacations now and then, but after we graduate it isn't just a trip back home for a week or two and then back to the grind of academia, it's a year-long toil at your job.

Most people save the money they might spend on taking a trip to the beach or some other typical vacation spot to pay bills.

Most don't think they can afford the luxury of a few days off.

The saying "work smarter not harder" fits those statements.

Once you get your degree, you shouldn't have to work yourself to an early grave.

I thought that was part of the reason to get a college education, to learn enough that you make life easier for yourself.

If that isn't the case, why do so many of us get college degrees? We never do catch a break.

## What do you plan to do over summer break?



Justin Bongard  
Senior  
Computer Science

"I have a summer internship."

Matthew Resniko  
Junior  
Physical Education

"Just gonna' wing it this summer."



Nick Kaiser  
Sophomore  
Biology

"Work and taking summer classes."

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### Quick Hits

#### ► Football seniors honored

Senior defensive end Joshua Weaver and senior defensive tackle Danny Hinkle have been selected to participate in the fifth Annual Victory Sports Network Senior Classic football game this year.

The two former Cavs will play on the Nationals team with other football stars from around the country.

The game honors the top players in the country with the chance to play one final game or possibly showcase their potential for professional teams.

The game will be played tomorrow in Salina, Kan. and will air live on victorysportsnetwork.com at noon.

#### ► Golf season comes to an end

The Cavs golf team wrapped up its season with an eighth place finish in the Mid-South Conference Championship Tournament after scoring 1,034 through three rounds.

Cumberlands University took the championship with a 901.

The Cavs were led by freshman Chris Scott, who shot a 263, over three rounds to finish tied for 29th.

### Upcoming Games

#### ► Softball

The Cavs will face Georgetown College today at 11:30 a.m. in Danville, Ky. The tournament is a double round robin. If the Cavs win, they will face the winner of Rio Grande and St. Catherine at 5 p.m. today, and if they lose, they will face the loser of that game.

#### ► Baseball

The Cavs will face No. 5 Georgetown College in the opening round of the Mid-South Conference Championship Tournament today at 4 p.m., after heavy rains forced the game to be delayed from yesterday.

The game will be streamed live at [IHIGH.com/Mid-SouthConference](http://IHIGH.com/Mid-SouthConference). The game will also be broadcast on WLCU 88.7 FM.

#### ► Tennis

The men's tennis teams will play its final matches of the season in the Mid-South Conference Championship today and tomorrow in Chattanooga, Tenn.

## Softball tournament begins

By Cameron Parsons  
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The softball team is set to play in the Mid-South Conference Championships today, tomorrow and Sunday.

The Cavs will face Georgetown College today at 11:30 a.m. in Danville, Ky.

If they win, they will face the winner of Rio-Grande and St. Catherine at 5 p.m. If they lose, they will face the loser of that game.

And it has impacted the team. "It was frustrating not being able to play," said junior utility player Kesha Perrigan.

Despite the rough schedule, the Cavs have been able to play very in their new conference this season.

The team finished the regular season with a 21-24 overall record, and an 11-11 record in the conference, making the Cavs the No. 3 seed going into the tournament.

The Cavs' baseball team may have lost two consecutive games last weekend to Campbellsville University in the Mid-South Conference regular season championship finale, but the team's coaches say they're still excited to play in this weekend's conference tournament.

The Cavs dropped the first game 7-4 against Campbellsville on April 22, and fell 5-3 in the second game a day later, giving the Tigers their third consecutive Mid-South Championship.

Cavs assistant coach Matt Duffy said that despite the losses, the team is ready to start the conference tournament.

"We are looking forward to this weekend," he said. "With our pitching staff, we really feel that we can do some special things in this year's conference."

The first test will come today when the Cavs face Georgetown College in the opening round of the Mid-South Conference Championship Tournament.

During the regular season, the Cavs played Georgetown four times, winning the first game 1-0, but losing the second 2-1 in 10 innings. The Cavs lost the next two games by a combined 8-0 margin.

Against Campbellsville last weekend, the Cavs got off to a slow start, as the Tigers jumped on top early in the first game by scoring two runs.

The Cavs started their comeback attempt in the fifth inning when senior shortstop Luis Roa and junior third baseman Tommy Meier both managed to score on a single by freshman designated hitter Mason Mays.

By Sydney Gilbert  
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The women's tennis season came to a close after the team dropped its final match to No. 3 seed Cumberlands University 9-0 in the first round of the Mid-South Conference Tournament on April 22.

Weather once again had an effect on the match and the first round game moved inside at the University of Louisville.

Head coach Danny Rowland said although the team had no experience playing indoors, they did in fact play well.

In fact, Rowland said the team played Cumberlands tougher than the last match against the Tigers on March 26, and he was proud of their effort.

The Cavs' losses in three

close doubles matches The Cavs actually led in the match totals, but could not hold on, losing 8-4, 8-5 and 9-7.

The team ended the season with a 4-8 record in the new and more competitive Mid-South Conference.

Rowland said that over the past season, the team had grown and shown greater levels of maturity.

"It was a learning experience for our young team," he said. "Hopefully we can build on this year and be ready for next year."

Brianna Stallard, the freshman No. 3 seed, had a major impact on the team this season, according to Rowland.

Rowland said he hoped that the players continued to work hard over the off-season and could learn from their experiences over the past year.



Photo by Jordan Fifer

Junior pitcher Scott Cole delivers a pitch during the Cavs' 1-0 win over West Virginia Tech on March 12. The Cavs claimed the Mid-South Eastern Division Championship this season and have a chance to win the tournament title.

But, the Tigers added another four runs over the next four innings to put the final at 7-4.

Junior pitcher Chris Smith said the team played with a lot of effort on Friday.

"We battled the entire game and we felt like we had a good chance," Smith said. "You have to give those guys [the Tigers] a lot of credit, they threw the ball well and hit the ball well also."

In the second game, Campbellsville took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, and the Cavs couldn't find a way to overcome.

"We actually played two good games," Duffy said. "It's just they were able to put a couple more runs across than we did."

The Cavs will face Georgetown College today at 4 p.m. in the first round of the Mid-South tournament.

With no seniors graduating from the team, the Cavs should be able to overcome their youth next year.

He said he hoped the team worked on "play[ing] at a higher level to prepare for the competition."

Rowland said the program is looking for a few more players to add to the roster, and the team has already signed some new talent to bring to the court next year.

Melisa Blackburn, a J. I. Burton senior, recently signed with the Cavs.

Rowland said he was proud of the team's effort over the season and is excited for next season.

"It was very proud [of the team]," he said. "They did everything I asked of them and I think they improved a lot over the year."

### Sports Scoreboard

#### SOFTBALL

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W — Kayla Holdway (5-9).  
L — Whitney Compton (2-9).

#### April 20

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W — Chesley Booth (9-4).  
L — Kayla Morgan (1-5).

#### April 15

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W — Kayla Holdway (4-9).  
L — Mackay (2-9).

#### April 15

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W — Chesley Booth (8-4).  
L — Mackay (1-5).

#### April 10

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W — Kristen Dyer (8-4).  
L — Kayla Holdway (2-9).

#### Mid-South Conference Standings (Final)

- 1) Lindsey Wilson (37-6, 18-2)
- 2) Georgetown (27-12, 18-2)
- 3) Campbell (29-22, 18-7)
- 4) Rio Grande (19-19, 12-9)
- 5) Shawnee State (19-17, 12-10)
- 6) UVA-Wise (19-24, 9-11)
- 7) Pikeville (19-18, 10-14)
- 8) St. Catherine (14-23, 6-16)
- 9) Cumberlands (14-27, 6-16)
- 10) WVa. Tech (10-27, 3-20)

#### BASEBALL

#### April 23

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W — Andrew Shoemaker (1-1).  
L — Cody Beasley (2-3).

#### April 22

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W — Remy Davis (3-2).  
L — Ryan Crosby (2-3).

#### April 20

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W — Josh Oelzer (3-1).  
L — John Howell (4-1).

#### April 20

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W — Ethan Flemer (1-2).  
L — Jonathan Cox (0-1).

#### April 15

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W — Josh Joseph (4-1).  
L — Ryan Chapman (0-1).

#### April 15

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W — Josh Oelzer (2-1).  
L — Ryan Chapman (0-7).

#### Mid-South Conference Standings (Final)

- 1) Campbell (26-7, 18-6)
- 2) Cumberlands (32-18, 15-11)
- 3) Georgetown (29-22, 16-12)
- 4) Lindsey Wilson (28-18, 13-10)
- 5) Shawnee State (20-33, 15-15)
- 6) Rio Grande (28-21, 13-12)
- 7) St. Catherine (28-24, 12-14)
- 8) Lindsey Wilson (19-23, 10-14)
- 9) WVa. Tech (16-29, 9-18)
- 10) Pikeville (9-25-2, 7-17)

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