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Chancellor Prior died on Feb. 2, but many have been permanently impacted by his presence. Check out some of the stories on page 4.



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Upcoming

► Build-A-Bear

Build-A-Bear will be in the SSC Dogwood Room on Feb. 13 starting at 9 a.m. Bears are \$10 each.

► Pro-Art Performance

Pro-Art will be presenting 'Tanya Mari' on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. The event is free to all.

► Ski Trip Registration

The OREC sponsored ski trip will be held on Feb. 25. All those interested must sign up by Feb. 17 in the SSC.

Weather

Friday



48°F / 31°F

Saturday



32°F / 17°F

Sunday



34°F / 22°F

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Memorial held for Chancellor Prior

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More than 600 people attended a memorial service for UVA-Wise Chancellor David Prior Monday, remembering a man hailed by UVA President Teresa Sullivan as "a scientist first, but ... a dreamer, too."

Prior, 68, died unexpectedly on Feb. 2 of an apparent heart attack, officials have said.

As the seventh chancellor of UVA-Wise, Prior oversaw more than \$110 million in construction and renovation on campus, facilitated a record intake of donations from alumni and continued increases in enrollment.

But most of the speakers at Monday's service noted Prior's intangible legacy — the people he touched and the lives he changed.

"He's accomplished a great deal, and some of his accomplishments we can measure in brick and mortar and endowment and enrollment and programs," said Ray Jones Jr., a friend of Prior's and pastor emeritus at Wise Baptist Church. "But some of his greatest contributions in the lives of people simply do not lend themselves to our ways of accounting. He was interested in people. He was interested in every one of us. He was particularly interested in students."

John Casteen, president

emeritus of UVA, recalled Prior as a "gentle man, one who found happiness in the life of the college, among people who shared and shaped his vast and ambitious vision for the college."

Casteen shared bits of email messages and letters he had received from Prior over the nearly seven years Prior served as chancellor. Most were short and witty, and all of them demystified Prior's unyielding passion for the students of UVA-Wise, Casteen said.



Sullivan

One note from last year alerted Casteen that the UVA-Wise football team had just won the Geico College Football Play of the Year. The short message ended with five exclamation points, Casteen said.

Sullivan spoke of Prior's many accomplishments at UVA-Wise, noting that he was particularly proud of the school's new \$30 million convocation center.

"David was a scientist first, but he was a dreamer, too," she said, adding that she endorsed recent faculty and student resolutions in support of naming the building for Prior.

Marcia Adams-Gilliam, a 1983 graduate of UVA-Wise
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Army band to perform on campus



Courtesy of the U.S. Army Field Band

A group of military musicians is set to perform a free concert in the convocation center near the end of February, college officials said this week. The United States Army Field Band and Chorus will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27, according to a college news release. "The United States Army Field Band is considered by music critics to be one of the most versatile and inspiring musical organizations in the world," the release says. "Its members, selected by highly competitive audition, represent some of the finest musical talent in America." The concert is free, but tickets are required. Those interested can pick up a maximum of four tickets at the convocation center box office, by calling 276-376-3431 or by emailing Christopher Davis at cdd3s@uvawise.edu.

'Bigfoot' team to premiere show on area

By Katie Dunn
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The Coalfield Progress

Megafauna including bears and deer regularly frequent High Knob's steep slopes, but could the ever-elusive Bigfoot also roam the mountainside?

A team from Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot" series thinks it's a strong possibility.

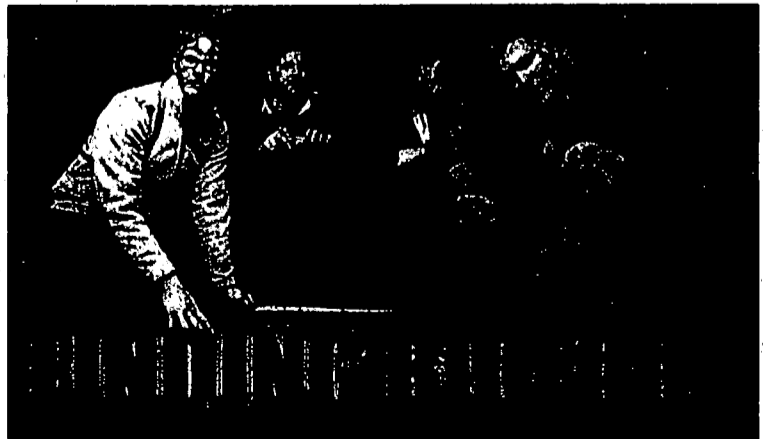
In late October, the crew spent a week in Southwest Virginia investigating a reported Bigfoot sighting for an upcoming episode in the series' second season.

"We were brought to Virginia by an intriguing piece of video evidence that many people in the area have dubbed 'The Beast of Gum Hill,'" said Chad Hammel, the series' supervising producer, via e-mail.

"While there isn't an abundance of reports coming from this area, we felt that there were probably more encounters with Bigfoots than have been reported and wanted to investigate," he said.

The evidence in question is an amateur video shot in 2009.

The film, which can be found on You-



Courtesy of Animal Planet

The crew of Animal Planet's "Finding Bigfoot" television show will be investigating claims of an unidentified creature in the area.

Tube, opens with a man riding his all-terrain vehicle in a creek, presumably in the Gum Hill area of western Washington County, south of Mendota.

The camera follows the man as he

rides farther upstream when suddenly a bulky, brown bipedal creature calmly walks across the creek in front of the ve-

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News Briefs

New minors, courses approved

The Faculty Senate approved two new majors and several new courses at their February meeting.

After some discussion, the senate approved a new minor in religious studies and three related courses under one vote.

Some senators wondered if the minor and related courses were too focused on Christianity. Others voiced concern that the minor would be taught by just one professor — Witold Wolny — thereby limiting diversity in teaching.

"It was pointed out that there are some philosophical and practical risks in a minor maintained by essentially one person," meeting minutes note. "On the other side, it was argued that this is unavoidable in small colleges, and that it is important that faculty be able to build their programs."

The religious studies minor and related new courses were eventually approved by a 12-3 vote.

The senate also approved a new military science minor using existing courses by a 17-1 vote.

- Jordan Fifer

RA applications due Feb. 17

Applications to be a resident adviser for the 2012-2013 school year are due next Friday, Feb. 17 to the Office of Student Life by 5 p.m.

Applications must include a cover letter and resume, a personal information sheet and three references, including one from a UVa-Wise staff member and a current RA.

Students wishing to apply must be a second-year student and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Interviews will be set up for applicants when they drop off applications and will begin Feb. 22, said Angie Lemke, director of residence life.

Students can email Lemke at angela.lemke@uvawise.edu or see their current RA with any questions.

Applications can be picked up in the Office of Student Life or found online at uvawise.edu/reslife/ra.

- Emily Baxter

Jimson Weed accepting submissions

The Jimson Weed literary magazine is accepting poetry, art, short stories and photos through Feb. 17 to be evaluated for the spring edition.

Students and staff can email submissions to Collin Skeen at cas9hx@uvawise.edu or place printed submissions in the folder outside the Jimson Weed office on the third floor of the Stemp Student Center.

-Jessica Shartouny

Junior's bike trip to help charity

By Hayley Galloway Online Editor hmg4v@uvawise.edu

While most students will be rejoicing in the streets at the start of summer, one UVa-Wise student will be traveling across them on an 800-mile bicycle ride to support awareness for individuals with disabilities.

For 17 days in May, junior administration of justice major Donald Williams will be cycling from Miami to Tallahassee, Fla. with the Gear Up Florida team under the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity's national philanthropy, Push America.

"The Gear Up Florida team will be cycling from city to city... helping others to understand the issues facing those with disabilities," according to a team news release. Williams will be participating as one of the 32 cyclists on the team.

"We [will] cycle an average 85 miles a day from 7-12:30, and then spend the afternoons doing 'friend-

ship' visits...having lunch or dinner, going to baseball games, and playing with people with disabilities," Williams said.

Williams said he learned about the opportunity through the new member process of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity on campus.



Williams

"I went to a leadership conference in Baltimore and there were a lot of people who had done the ride," he said. "The more I heard about it, the more it seemed plausible that I could do it."

In preparation for the ride, Williams has been training on stationary bicycles in the gym in the Stemp Student Center, as well as adding in weights and P90X2 workouts.

"My only real worry is to not

be trained enough," Williams said. Otherwise, I'm looking forward to the experience overall through meeting new brothers and leaving an impact on the people I meet."

Not only will Williams and the Gear Up Florida team be raising awareness, the team expects to raise more than \$100,000 for future projects and programs of Push America. Williams alone has committed to raising \$2,500 for the charity, according to the news release.

"I've already received \$650, and I'm looking to make more connections with family, brothers, fraternity alumni and locals," Williams said. "A donation of any size will go a long way to helping me realize my goal of serving others this summer."

Anyone interested in "Going the Extra Mile" by making a tax-deductible donation to Push America on behalf of Donald Williams should contact him at (757)-274-5388 or dlw9b@uvawise.edu.

Bigfoot

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hicle.

The driver stops and points at the creature.

Someone yells, "What was that?" and the camera fades to black.

The Animal Planet crew spent Oct. 17-24 filming in the Gum Hill area.

Other regional locations will be featured in the episode as well, including Saltville, Damascus and Wise County's own High Knob.

Hammel said the team was drawn to the High Knob area because of the "topography and thick forest," two elements that create an ideal location for a diversity of wildlife, including, apparently, Bigfoot.

The area also has a history of Bigfoot sightings, he said.

Several eyewitness accounts have occurred in Wise County over the years, including one on High Knob, according to the Virginia Bigfoot Research Organization, which documents Bigfoot sight-

ings statewide.

One online posting by "Josh" notes that he and a friend saw a creature that was between seven and eight feet tall with "shaggy hair" while hunting near the High Knob fire tower in January 2006 [near Norton].

Whenever or wherever these sightings occurred on High Knob, they were never reported to the U.S. Forest Service, according to Jorge Hersel, district ranger for the Clinch Ranger District.

The district manages 92,000 acres of the Jefferson National Forest, including the High Knob Recreation Area.

"There have been no verifiable sightings of any creature with the description of Bigfoot," Hersel said.

"Also, we have no records of receiving a report of a creature with the description of a Bigfoot by the numerous hunters, loggers, hikers or other users of the national forest."

Hersel said one of the district's law enforcement officers stumbled upon the Animal Planet crew on a Sunday last October, just as it had wrapped filming.

While Hersel remains interested in what the crew filmed on High Knob, he said wildlife biologists are convinced Bigfoot does not exist in the area.

"They would have been discovered by now," he said. "Think about what it takes to have a viable population of a creature of that size. You would have to have a family or a small population — they would have had to be sighted."

Still, the "Finding Bigfoot" team interviewed several local residents from Southwest Virginia and northern Tennessee who swear they've had a Bigfoot encounter, leaving Hammel to believe that "Virginia isn't just for lovers, it is also for squatches."

The episode, "Virginia is for Bigfoot Lovers," airs at 10 p.m. on Feb. 12 on Animal Planet.

Column: all college degrees have a purpose

By Mariah Webb The (U. Oklahoma) Oklahoma Daily, via UWire

A few weeks ago, Yahoo Education released a story titled "College Majors That Are Useless." I have seen many similar lists based on salary and expected job openings.

I was not particularly surprised by the majors this list named (horticulture, animal science, theater, fashion design and agriculture).

However, something about this article got students on Facebook really

fired up.

Perhaps it was the use of the word "useless" in the title. Useless? Surely Yahoo isn't endorsing the notion that any college degree can be useless?

It can't be denied that certain areas of expertise yield a higher pay rate than others, but to have a degree of any kind is not only recommended to the millennial generation, it also is becoming increasingly necessary.

I could easily produce a lengthy explanation as to why any of the majors Yahoo listed supply a number of tools usable in any workforce, but I

won't insult your intelligence.

Any reasonable individual can deduce that a degree in animal sciences could assist with everyday life in a number of ways.

No, this argument is shallow, and it does not accurately represent the message I wish to send.

A diploma is a diploma, and no matter what the degree is in, the graduate will have obtained skills usable in many environments.

The offense lies not in the idea that any given degree is less practical than another.

This is simply a fact.

For instance, everything about acting is impractical, but that is arguably a reason to delight in it.

This brings me to my point. I believe that practicality is far less urgent than the happiness obtained from chasing your passion.

In other words, do you really want to drag yourself to classes you hate in preparation for a job you will despise? It is hard for many of us to consider placing happiness over frugality.

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Help Wanted

The Highland Cavalier is seeking students interested in writing for the newspaper. We are looking for help writing news, feature, opinion and sports stories.

In addition to writing, we are also seeking individuals interested in:

Photography, Cartoons, Design, Website, Advertising

For more information, contact us at highlandcavalier@uvawise.edu or clp7m@uvawise.edu.

Prior

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and chair of the college board, encouraged the crowd gathered to continue Prior's legacy of providing affordable liberal arts education in Southwest Virginia.

"He was the right man in the right place at the right time," she said. "We just wish his time had been longer."

The service included performances by the Wise Guys brass ensemble and college concert choir, and ended with senior music major Jahmal Potter performing an original rap in Prior's honor.

Correction

Richard Gilliam is married to Leslie Gilliam. The print was incorrect in the Feb. 3 article "Longtime professor, namesake dies."

3 steps to a great Valentine's Day. 1 Fun date ideas. 2 Cute gifts for your sweetie. 3 Support campus organizations.

Five Things: Valentine's Edition

By Cameron Parsons Managing Editor clp7m@uvawise.edu

Valentine's Day is one of the most dangerous days of the year. One wrong move could prove to be disastrous.

That is why your friends at The Highland Cavalier are here to help you. Here are five things guaranteed to make your Valentine's Day successful.

- 1.) Cry. This one is probably going to hurt if you're checking an advice column for advice on Valentine's Day. Go ahead and let it out now. 2.) Plan. This is a pivotal step. Think ahead now and you won't have to suffer as much later. 3.) Hide. You can't get in trouble if no one can find you. 4.) Plead insanity. 5.) Buy flowers/candy/cards.

Looking for a good movie to see? 'Haywire' 'Man On A Ledge'

By Sam Flynn The (Ohio University) Speakeasy, via UWire

Once upon a time, director Steven Soderbergh saw mixed martial artist Gina Carano in a fight and figured, "Hey, that chick would be a cool action heroine." So he decided to make "Haywire," and the world rejoiced.

It's strange how simple the genesis is for this well-made B-movie straight from the late '70s, with an all-star supporting cast surrounding the newbie. But that is to be expected from the unpredictable and naturalistic Soderbergh, who seemingly produces movies like he produces bowel movements (that is to say, often).



It's a rote plot, one seen in everything from "The Fugitive" to the "Bourne Identity" trilogy, with the latter being the natural film to which to compare "Haywire," thanks to their many similarities.

Michael Douglas, Antonio Banderas, Bill Paxton and Hollywood's current man-crush Michael Fassbender.

"Haywire" is a thankful reprieve from the shaky camerawork of "Bourne," where it appears the filming was only conducted during the director's seizure fits. Here, Soderbergh sets the camera down and lets the fight wash over the viewer.

This is Soderbergh's take on action movies, in much the same way the "Ocean's Eleven" trilogy is his take on heist movies and "Contagion" is his take on the viral-outbreak thriller.

Despite the fact that nothing extraordinary happens, the movie is so well-made compared to other knock-offs (a.k.a. every Jason Statham movie except "Crank"). The straightforward direction lends a comforting hand to telling a classic story in a well-done way.

These lackluster moments are thankfully kept to a minimum, as is the craze of using technology as a crutch in movies like this. We are spared the many oh-so-classic moments such as "Freeze that image! Zoom!" and "Trace that call!"

At the end of the day, "Haywire" is a thoroughly entertaining spy action piece. With a new "Bourne" coming this summer without Matt Damon, it will be interesting to see who succeeds. Right now, "Haywire" can best be described as "Bourne, but hotter."

Rating: B+

By Derrick Rossignol The (University of Maine) Maine Campus, via UWire

As far as thrillers go, everyone enjoys a great film that keeps them on the edge of their seats — or, in this case, the edge of a building.

"Man on a Ledge" introduces Nick Cassidy, played by Sam Worthington, an ex-cop and now-convicted felon who is wrongfully accused of stealing a \$40 million diamond from David Englander, a Manhattan tycoon played by Ed Harris.

After having escaped from prison in the most grave of fashions, Cassidy checks in and climbs out to the ledge of the 21st story of the historic Roosevelt Hotel in Midtown Manhattan, catching the eye of those on the ground below.

Cassidy asks police for a specific negotiator, Lydia Mercer, played by Elizabeth Banks. Mercer arrives to the scene with a hangover and her success rate that is spotty at best. However, she works her magic, trying to negotiate with Cassidy and bring him inside.

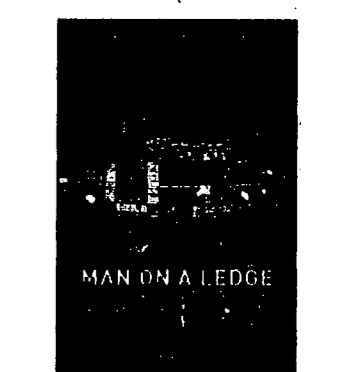
As he writes in his suicide note, he plans on dying the same way he came into this world — as an innocent man.

Director Asger Leth gives the audience no time to sit back and relax, immersing them in thrilling action straight out of the gate. The film jumps right into the plot, taking a few scenes to look back on Cassidy's life and develop a somewhat confusing background story, which is clarified by the end of the film.

The excellent cinematography in "Man on a Ledge" is perhaps the film's most intriguing attribute. Leth utilizes many techniques to develop the story and achieve great visual interest.

The acting is excellent, with a

great cast and well-developed characters. Worthington and Banks do a remarkable job throughout, creating diverse and well-executed characters. The audience never once thinks about whether this is a movie but is pulled in so tightly to the storyline that it feels as if you're sitting on the ledge with Cassidy.



As in so many action films, the details are the main weakness behind the effectiveness of the story. While "Man on a Ledge" is particularly focused on Cassidy, there are plenty of subplots put into motion. The audience is able to view all the "Mission Impossible"-style action, while police crews are left stumped as to why Cassidy is so needy for attention.

This film also has no shortage of twists, turns and surprises along the way. Many action movie plots can be typical and predictable, but this film never runs out of fuel. When the audience thinks they have finally come to a conclusion, they will be surprised all over again.

While many action films tend to be choppy and poorly constructed, "Man on a Ledge" has clean, crisp editing allowing for the brisk pacing to shine.

Although "Man on a Ledge" may not be the best film of the year, you certainly won't leave the theater disappointed.

Grades: B+

Gone, but not forgotten



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Chancellor Prior jokes with students during last year's Chancellor for a Day in the Stamp Student Center.



Photo courtesy of Paru Gopalan

Chancellor Prior poses with (left) senior biology major Nathaniel Robinson and (right) senior psychology and biology major Laura Stampler last summer in Ecuador.

An impact on everyone

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Whether you knew him as the chancellor of UVa-Wise, a professor, a mentor or a friend, Dr. Prior had an impact on everyone on this campus. It makes me so incredibly sad to lose him, but even sadder that some of the students and faculty at the college are acting like they couldn't care less about his passing.

There are so many things on this campus that have happened because of Dr. Prior's passion and drive that we take for granted.

Without him, we wouldn't have many of the buildings, student activities, scholarships — the list goes on and on.

His passion was the students and how to better their lives while they were here. You didn't have to know him on a deep level to know this because it came across anytime he spoke.

Turning his death into a pseudo "eat well and exercise" lesson for heart attack prevention was completely uncalled for Thursday afternoon.

Students saying they wanted to get out of class so they could go back and drink to honor Dr. Prior were out of line.

Believe it or not, the chancellor cared about our education — every single one of our's. That's so hard to find at other schools.

I don't think there's a sorrier excuse for not

attending the candlelight vigil or the memorial service than "I didn't know who he was."

There is no way that a student can go here and not know Dr. Prior.

It's none of my business if you want to pay \$8,000 for tuition to sit in your room and play Halo or World of Warcraft, but that does not give you an excuse to say you didn't know who he was.

Trust me, there were plenty of opportunities to put the controller down and go to an event that he and Merry Lu were attending.

There's so much to do around here, and the Priors took great pride in the community that we've built on campus.

Dr. Prior never passed anyone in the cafeteria or on the sidewalk without at least saying hello, and that hello usually sparked a small exchange about how your day was going and how classes were.

We're going to be lucky if we find another person to be our chancellor who we can call a mentor and friend or who you will see walking around campus picking up trash and casually chatting with students.

Unfortunately, sometimes it takes losing someone who was such a good person to realize that we took him for granted.

Think about this the next time you say something other than "he was an amazing asset to our college" when talking about Dr. Prior.

His legacy is his students

By Jessica Shartouny
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Immediately after news of Chancellor Prior's passing reached the student body last week, Facebook nearly exploded with expressions of surprise and grief. Within hours, many students had red ribbons pinned to their shirts. By nightfall, an estimated 500 people — mainly students — gathered at the lake to raise a candle in Dr. Prior's honor.

I cried like a baby when I found out what had happened and blubbered through most of my classes for the rest of the week and while organizing donations from the students who traveled to Ecuador with the Priors in 2011.

In my three short years here, I interacted with the chancellor regularly. Regardless of what important people he was leading to tour the convocation center or how many emails he was trying to answer, Dr. Prior always took more time than he could spare to comment on my new shoes or ask about the progress of my research project and gush about the neurobiology lab he was trying to set up.

My reaction to his death was akin to something I would have felt had my grandfather unexpectedly passed away. But Chancellor Prior was exactly that. He and Merry Lu had become family to me, parental figures with an inexhaustible interest in what I was doing and what goals I'd set and a vast array of wisdom to help me meet them.

This is true for a large portion of students, evident from the passionate reactions and quick mobilization to do anything and everything to comfort Merry Lu and establish events in Dr. Prior's honor. He was our chancellor and our benefactor — the man who worked to make our college experience as great as it could be.

We will potentially feel the loss of Dr. Prior in the months to come. He won't be at our graduation or our senior recitals. He won't be able to give medical school advice or help crown homecoming court.

But Dr. Prior leaves a huge legacy, the most important part of which is a group of students who have seen what it means to be a leader and mentor and are thus better equipped to handle the future.

Name it 'The Prior Center'

By Jordan Childress
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Our campus lost a leader and a father last week. Chancellor Prior contributed so much to the campus-wide community and the town as a whole and had a particular love for Wise athletics.

One could always see him in the stands in Greer Gymnasium or in the chancellor's box at most of the sporting events. He got to know almost every student athlete and made it a point to always come watch them represent the college.

We recently opened the convocation center, which hosts our volleyball and basketball games, thanks to Prior's hard work and dedication.

As the building is yet to be named, I am in favor of dedicating it to Dr. Prior, the man who made it possible.

Generally, buildings are named after donors who have made large monetary contributions or are important people in the school's history. I would argue that Dr. Prior definitely fits in the latter category.

Besides the sentimental reasons to name the building, "convocation center" just doesn't have a sports feel to it. If I'm a student athlete on campus I don't really want to call a gym named the convocation center my home.

The newly built convocation center should be called the David J. Prior Center. I personally like the sound of "The Prior Center." It has a nice ring to it.

A meeting of the faculty last week voted in favor of naming the building after Dr. Prior and the SGA plans to vote today on a resolution of the same opinion. Teresa Sullivan, president of UVa, announced her support as well at Dr. Prior's memorial.

There really is no better way to honor our late chancellor and all of the contributions he made to our athletes than to name a building he brought here after him.

Women continue to show resolve

By Jordan Childress
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The women's basketball team hit the road last week for two conference games. On Feb. 2 they traveled to Portsmouth, Ohio to take on the No. 11 Shawnee State Bears.

The Bears wasted no time getting started, jumping out to a 9-0 lead early in the game and holding the Cavs scoreless until the 15:20 mark.

Though the Cavs brought in seven points trying to even the score, the Bears answered right back with a run of their own to make the score 17-7 with 10:52 left in the first half.

The Bears used 44 percent shooting and key 3-pointers by sophomore guard Alannah Sheets to go into halftime with the score 37-13. Sheets led the Bears with 13 points at halftime and junior guard Charlotte Reasor led the Cavs with three points.

Shawnee came to the second half with hot hands and kept firing on all cylinders.

With the score 45-19, the Cavs went on another run to pull within 20 points, the smallest deficit since late in the first half, but the Bears held on to take a 76-42 win.

Sheets led all scorers with 20 points and Cavs senior forward Kristen Mullins scored 12 second-half points, leading her team with 14 total.

Shawnee State shot a blistering 46 percent from the field and held the Cavs

to just 17 percent shooting. The Cavs traveled to face the No. 18 Georgetown College Tigers on Feb. 4. The game was a fast-paced thriller, going back and forth early.

The Cavs jumped out to a 19-18 lead midway through the first half, and with 4:41 left in the half, the Cavs took their biggest lead of the game at 33-29.

The Tigers then went on a scoring rampage to regain the lead, outscoring the Cavs 16-7 during the run, to take a 47-43 lead at halftime.

Early in the second half, the Cavs were able to cut the Tigers' lead to one point, but the Tigers put together a 9-0 run, to take a 10 point lead.

The Cavs tried to bridge the gap several times, but couldn't get over the hump.

The Tigers closed the game taking a 96-85 win over the Cavs.

Mullins, who was a big shooter all night, finished with a season-high 29 points, while grabbing six rebounds.

Sophomore guard Andrea Howard led the Tigers with 33 points.

With these two losses, the women fall to 5-19 on the year and 1-12 in conference play.

The Cavs will play at Campbellsville University tomorrow, and the game has a 2 p.m. tipoff.

The team will also sponsor Play 4 Kay, a cancer fundraiser at 6 p.m. on Feb. 16 during their home game against West Virginia Tech.



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Senior guard Ayla Young (20) looks to find an open teammate cutting to the basket against Georgetown College Tigers on Nov. 21. The Cavs fell to the Tigers 67-53. Young had five points in the game.

Degrees

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There are times when I wonder if they are one in the same.

Money and employment have been presented as absolute top priorities our entire lives.

Many of us have watched our parents put in extra hours to keep the water running, and yeah, being hungry isn't exactly an awesome sensation.

Money is comfortable. Most of us are not used to being without money, and such a state would cause discomfort.

You would be lying to yourself if you expect to become an instant success at anything, especially in a highly competitive field like acting.

I'm not a mystic. I don't believe in callings.

I do, however, believe that everyone was born with a biological aptitude for success in a certain field. Call it what you will, but these talents help define us.

They make us the beautifully distinct creatures we are.

To deny yourself the chance to live passionately because "it's not practical" is tragic.

Have faith in yourself. Even if you don't, believe your biology doesn't lie.

Lose yourself in what you love, and remember that no degree is useless.

Congratulations!

Sophomore Erin Beach successfully pulled not only the Cavs to win the 2011-12 season but also the Highland Cavalier but the game-winning score of 21-17!

College has its first male cheerleader

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The UVa-Wise cheerleaders are reaching new heights with the addition of 6-foot-3-inches tall Shaquille Ward.

A freshman physical education major, Ward arrived at UVa-Wise in fall 2011 after graduating from Gretna High School. Ward began cheering his sophomore year of high school, one of only two males to cheer for the varsity squad.

"I started cheering because it caught my attention and, when I tried it, I found out I loved it," Ward said.

Ward's herkie jumps and booming voice also caught the attention of UVa-Wise cheerleading head coach Chelsie

Lawson. "Shaquille is a pleasure to have on the squad, he is always positive and encouraging, but most of all, respectful towards the other cheerleaders," Lawson said in an email.

Ward's back spot position on the Highland Cavaliers cheerleading squad is vital for a talented team eager to attempt new maneuvers. His favorite element of the sport, however, is the reaction of the crowd.

"Watching people react to whatever sport it is and to us, the cheerleaders, is great," Ward said.

"I hope that his participation in the program will invite other male cheerleaders to come out and get involved in the UVa-Wise Spirit Program," Lawson said.

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Games of the Week



Maryland Terrapins @ Duke Blue Devils

Two of the Atlantic Coast Conference's most hated rivals meet up inside of Cameron Indoor Stadium on Saturday.

Duke comes in to this clash after a miraculous win in North Carolina on Wednesday. Maryland slipped past Clemson on Tuesday night.

The No. 9-ranked Blue Devils enter this tilt, ranking in the top 25 in points per game and field goal percentage.

Duke bears a dynamic duo in Austin Rivers and Ryan Kelly. Rivers leads the team in points and points per game. Kelly is lethal from downtown, leading the team in three-point percentage.

Rivers has the potential to be one

of the best players in the ACC. Maryland has struggled in Conference play, winning only four games. Until the Clemson game, the Terps had not won on the road in the ACC.

Sophomore guard Terrell Stoglin is the offensive catalyst for Maryland, averaging over 20 points per game.

Stoglin has led the team in scoring in the last eight of nine games.

Duke won the last match on Jan. 26 at Comcast Center on Gary Williams Day.

The Blue Devils lead the all time series 110-61.

Duke's domination has extended over the last ten games of the series,

Washington Capitals @ New York Rangers

Eastern Conference foes clash in the Big Apple inside of Madison Square Garden Sunday.

Both teams have split the previous two decisions earlier in the season. Washington defeated New York in the Eastern Conference quarterfinal of the Stanley Cup Playoffs last season.

The Rangers lead the Atlantic Division, and control the first seed in the Eastern.

Mark Gaborik leads New York's offensive attack with 26 goals scored, and 43 total points. Forwards Brad Richards and Ryan Callahan will also play pivotal roles.

Henrik Lundqvist had the day off

given up in 39 appearances this season.

Washington stole the Southeast Division lead away from Florida on Tuesday.

Two-time NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin leads his team with 22 goals. Nicklas Backstrom is another key to the Capitals' success, leading the team in assists and total points.

Veteran net minder Tomas Vokoun has posted 22 wins and managed four shutouts on the season.

Vokoun allowed one goal in a 4-1 victory against the Rangers last go-around.

Washington leads the all time series 90-78.

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Upcoming Games

w. Men's ^ Basketball

The men's basketball team is set to host West Tech on Feb. 16 for an 8 p.m. tipoff. On Feb. 18 the Cavs will host a 4 p.m. tipoff with Rio Grande for their last home game of the season.

^ Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team is set to host West Virginia Tech on Feb. 16 for a 6 p.m. tipoff. On Feb. 18 the Cavs will host a 2 p.m. tipoff with Rio Grande for their last home game of the season.

Quick Hits

^ Softball ^ game changes

Sunday's home softball opener against Milligan College has been rescheduled. Originally set for Sunday at 1 p.m., the doubleheader will now be played on Monday beginning at 1 p.m. Live stats coverage with live audio coverage for the event can be found on www.uvawildcats.com

W Play 4 Kay set ^ for Feb. 16

The women's basketball team will host a Play 4 Kay game to raise money for women's cancer research. Kay Yow was the women's head basketball coach at N.C. State before dying from cancer. The team will raise money for The Kay Yow Cancer Fund by selling specially designed t-shirts. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to the game.

Men split on the road

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Senior center Josh Jordan (33) goes up strong against Georgetown College in a Nov. 21 game. The Cavs fell to the Tigers 75-54. Jordan had 11 points and nine rebounds in the loss to the Tigers.

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The men's basketball team played two crucial Mid-South Conference basketball games last week.

On Feb. 2, the Cavs traveled to Ohio to take on the Shawnee State Bears in what turned into a barnburner.

The Cavs jumped out to a 6-2 lead, but the Bears battled back and obtained the advantage for several minutes.

Sophomore guard Darius Smith regained the scoreboard for the Cavs with a basket at the 10:36 mark, and a jumper by junior guard Jermaine Wright and 3-pointer by senior guard Travis Beny set the score to 29-23.

The game was tied at 29 after Bears sophomore guard Trevor Banks netted six points, and the Bears took a 33-31 lead with 3:43 left in the first half.

Berry scored five points in the final two minutes to give the Cavs the lead and the Bears tied the Cavs twice before the buzzer, but couldn't regain the lead.

The Cavs went into halftime leading 41-31 despite the Bears' hot hands. Beny led the Cavs with 14 points and Smith contributed 10.

The Bears came out in the second half to tie the game early, but the Cavs recovered the lead and maintained it for most of the second half.

With 14 minutes left and the Cavs leading 57-50, the Bears were able to score nine points, setting the teams into a battle for control of the board.

Cavs senior guard Teron Watson hit a huge 3-pointer for the team to increase the

lead to nine with 4:41 left in regulation.

Bears senior forward Mark Bryant scored the next 10 points for the Bears to pull within two at 82-80 with 1:15 left in the game.

Seven seconds remaining on the clock, Bears junior guard Tylei Boyles hit a 3-pointer and was fouled on the play.

Boyles missed the free throw and the Bears led 83-82 with just seconds left on the clock.

Smith got the ball and flew down the court for a layup, but was blocked and the Cavs were forced to foul with one second left on the clock.

Boyles went to the line for the Bears and connected on one of his free throws, gaining a Bears lead of 84-82.

Cavs sophomore forward James Turner threw a depressant heave across the full length of the court hitting the backboard.

Senior forward Norris Oaskins was able to catch the ball and was fouled in shooting as the buzzer sounded.

Gaskins went to the line calmly and sank both free throws to tie the score and send the game into overtime.

The Bears tied the game at 87 with three minutes left in overtime, but were unable to gain the lead.

Berry came in clutch for the Cavs, sinking four free throws to seal a 95-92 win over the Bears.

Bryant led the Bears with a game-high 32 points, but it wasn't enough.

The Cavs were led by Berry and Smith, who scored 25 and 24 points respectively. Wright finished with 15 points and senior center Josh Jordan, who was quiet most of the game, finished with 13

points.

Both teams shot the ball extremely well — the Bears shooting 54 percent and the Cavs 53 percent.

This exceptional win keeps the Cavs out of the play-in game in the Mid-South Conference tournament.

On Feb. 4 the Cavs traveled to Georgetown, Ky. to face the No. 12 Georgetown College Tigers.

The Tigers opened the game with a 23-3 run and never looked back.

Emotions look over on both sides, as the teams combined for 39 fouls, four of which were technical. The game saw a combined 41 free throws.

It seemed that the Cavs didn't have the same energy they had when facing Shawnee State and lost 60-94.

The Tigers led by as many as 37 points at one point in the game.

Four Tigers scorers ended the game in double figures, led by junior guard Allan Thomas coming off the bench to score 21 points.

Jordan scored 20 points for the Cavs, but was *tactical* to leave the game in the second half after receiving two technical fouls. Beny followed Jordan with 18 points.

The defending Mid-South Conference Champions shot 52 percent from the field while the Cavs shot 35 percent.

After these two games, the Cavs stand in seventh place in the Mid-South. The Cavs are 8-11 on the season and 5-7 in Conference play.

The Cavs will travel to Campbellsville University tomorrow for a 4 p.m. tipoff.

Softball ready for fresh start

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Slating Monday, the Cavs Softball team looks to improve on last season's record with a strong starting lineup and a new coach.

The Cavs played for 15-26 in the regular season last year, with 6-11 in Mid-South Conference play.

Starting the upcoming season with a new coach provides an opportunity for the now more experienced team to start fresh.

"Our expectation for this season is, and has been, the conference championship," said first-year head coach Karen Bitter in an interview earlier this week.

To achieve their goal, Bitler has served as mentor and trainer, but consistently stresses the importance of the team's effort.

"I continuously drive home with the girls that this is their team. I am only their facilitator," Bitter said. "I can get them to where I think they

should be, but at the end of the day it's their team."

Bitter's coaching strategies seem to be widely accepted among the players.

"She has a good, positive attitude, she cares about us individually, and she is a good leader," sophomore catcher Charity Lawson said.

To achieve their goals for the season, the Cavs have been focusing on the fundamentals of the sport, as well as concentrating on learning all of the rules of the game in order to use them to their advantage, Bitler said.

"We were a very young team last year and, now that we have experience under our belt, we know what to expect and we can go into the season full speed ahead as opposed to not knowing what to expect," sophomore pitcher Chelsey Jo Booth said.

The Cavs are scheduled to play a full 26-game season this year, starting tomorrow against Emmanuel College.

The toughest games of the season will be played against No. 14 Lindsey Wilson and Georgetown College, Bit-

ler predicted.

The athletes' expectations for the season line up perfectly with those of their new coach.

"I see our team winning Confer-

ence during the regular season," said senior outfielder Ashlee Washburn.

The Cavs' first home game of the season will be a doubleheader against Milligan College on Feb. 13 at 1 p.m.

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Sophomore Megan Dillon (14) turns a double play against Milligan College on Feb. 23, 2011. The Cavs split the doubleheader, losing the first game 4-5 and winning the second 2-0.