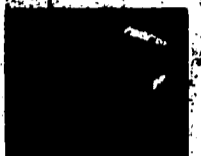


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The 2012 basketball homecoming court king and queen were announced, on Feb. 18. Check out the couple on page 4.



The men's basketball team finished the season with a critical home win. Check out the story on page 6.

Upcoming

Miss UVA-Wise

The college will hold its annual Miss UVA-Wise pageant on March 1 in the Greear Gym at 8 p.m.

Spring Break

Spring break is only two weeks away, so take time to plan your break now. Spring break will be March 11-17.

NLSL speaker

The National Society of Leadership and Society will broadcast a speaker on Feb. 28 on the 5th floor of SSC.

Weather

Friday



60°F / 30°F

Saturday



38°F / 28°F

Sunday



51°F / 34°F

Weather courtesy of
www.weather.com

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Registration for classes to begin

By Emily Baxter
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Registration for summer courses will be available on the student portal beginning March 5, according to Academic Dean Amelia Harris.

The summer schedule of courses is currently available on the online course search for students to view and decide what classes they want to take over the two summer sessions UVA-Wise offers.

Registrar Narda Porter said that, while the course listing is not being offered any sooner than it usually is, there will be a lot of new information there.

"Our goal has always been to have the

catalog available as soon as possible for students in the fall. It's their catalog," said Porter. "Because we have processes going on like course changes that have to go through the appropriate faculty committee for approval, sometimes we have to wait. We want the catalog to accurately reflect the most current information for the students."

Students will need to be on the lookout for changes to course names.

"There were also a few course changes," Porter said. "Some of the economics courses will now have a new prefix called FIN (for finance), including FIN 3820 which used to be BUS 3820."

A new religion minor has also been added and courses meeting the require-

ments will be available this summer for credit and will be listed under the course prefix REL.

Students that are in need of financial aid for the summer should either check their student portals in the "Financial Aid" tab or talk to John McCarroll in the financial aid office.

Porter said the important things to note about the summer sessions will be online soon and students should keep an eye out for them.

"The number one reason that students miss out on information and opportunities is because they don't check their portal, they don't check their email and they don't check in with their adviser or appropriate offices," said Porter.



Snowfall freezes campus

Beauty pageant to be held on campus

By Todd Galyean
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Ten contestants will battle to wear the crown of Miss UVA-Wise on Saturday, March 3 in the Greear Gymnasium.

The event, sponsored by the Student Government Association, will feature contestants from every class year at the college.

A three-judge panel will evaluate contestants' performance through four segments of the competition.

The first segment will be a stage introduction with contestants wearing red casual attire and will count for 10 percent of their total score.

Following the introduction will be the talent portion of the pageant, accounting for 35 percent of the ladies' total score.

This year's talents range from dancing and singing to origami and color guard.

The evening gown portion, showcasing the contestants' choice dress,

will account for 25 percent of their scores.

An interview segment will comprise the final 30 percent of the score and the contestants will be asked two questions.

Judges will calculate the contestants' scores during a short intermission.

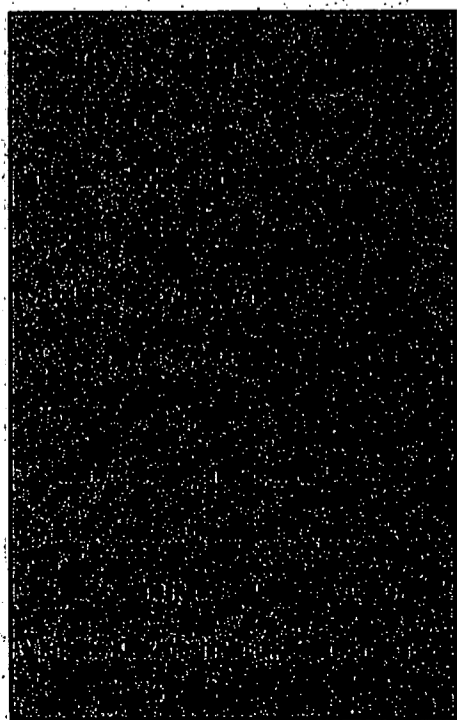
The contestant with the highest score will be crowned Miss UVA-Wise and will receive a \$500 scholarship, flowers, a sash, a trophy and, of course, the beloved Miss UVA-Wise crown.

Additional places will include first through third runner-up along with a People's Choice award winner and Miss Congeniality.

Pageant Committee chair and SGA Secretary Kayla Cash said she is looking forward to the event.

"We have a young selection of contestants this year, but it should be a great competition," said Cash. "SGA welcomes everyone to come out and support them!"

The pageant begins at 6 p.m. and is free to all.



News Briefs

NRHH nominations accepted

The National Group Hall Honorary, a student group committed to service and campus recognition, is now accepting nominations for new members for the spring semester.

Nominated students should have a 2.5 GPA, have lived on campus two full semesters and have demonstrated leadership and service within the residence halls.

Today is the last day to submit nominations. Email nominations to jrs7dw@uvawise.edu.

Jessica Shartouny

Caving Trip

Today is the last day to register for the March 3 caving trip sponsored by Outdoor Recreation.

Sign up on the 3rd floor of the Slemp Student Center by 5 p.m. and contact Nick Marshall at nsm7j@uvawise.edu for more information.

Jessica Shartouny

Jimson Weed submissions

The Jimson Weed literary magazine is accepting poetry, art, short stories and photos through Feb. 24 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 Slemp Student Center.

Jessica Shartouny

NLSL speaker broadcast

The National Society of Leadership and Success is hosting a speaker broadcast on Tues., Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. on the 5th floor of the Slemp Student Center.

The broadcast, titled "Play is Serious Business" and featuring Kevin Carroll, is open to all and counts as a cultural credit.

Contact Phillip Blevins at nsls@uvawise.edu for more information.

Jessica Shartouny

Expedition 2012 seeking leaders

By Cameron Parsons
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Although Expedition lasts only three days, it has a much bigger impact on the campus than one would imagine.

Expedition is the college's annual orientation for first-year freshman students to help acclimate them to the college life.

This year, Expedition 2012 will be held Aug. 17-19.

Although the format doesn't significantly change year to year, the staff are constantly looking for ways to improve the student's experiences at Expedition, said Director of Student Programming Stephanie Shell.

"Over the years we've made a lot of changes," Shell said.

One of those changes was Expedition's current weekend format from the original five-day model.

"Basically, it will follow the same model," Shell said. "We feel that we've got it down to the right size to make students feel the most comfort-

able with the campus."

Another recent tweak to Expedition was the Slemp-after-hours plan, which began during Expedition 2011.

The program aims to get students accustomed to life on a college campus, especially in the Slemp Student Center.

Activities are held throughout the building and students are encouraged to learn exactly what to do as a student.

The program was a huge success, as freshmen participation increased dramatically in all programs, Shell said.

The college is currently seeking 24 Expedition Leaders and one Expedition Assistant for the 2012 Expedition program.

Expedition Leaders (ELs) will receive a \$150 stipend, free t-shirts and free meals during employment.

ELs will attend training sessions on April 12 and Aug. 13-16, and work Expedition weekend from Aug. 17-19.

Shell said the positions are open to residential students as well as com-

muters.

"The jobs are open to anyone that is up to the challenge," she said.

The new Expedition Assistant will work the same days, plus assist with pre-Expedition planning from Aug. 6-21, working a minimum of 20 hours per week.

Applications will be available Feb. 27 in the Office of Student Life, the 3rd floor help desk in SSC and online at uvawise.edu/expedition.

Applications are due by March 23 at 5 p.m. and interviews will begin the following week.

There will be an information table set up in the SSC atrium on Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. to noon.



Study: all-nighters can have consequences

By Anne Elsta
The (JMU) Breeze, via UWIRE

Some students might think that staying awake all night to finish a project or study for a test only means a day or two of exhaustion, but doing so could result in dropped GPAs.

Dr. Stephen Rodgers, the medical director for the James Madison U. Health Center, has the science to back it up. He said recent studies prove that students with less sleep have lower GPAs than students who do get sleep.

"The mean GPA for students is 2.8, but for sleep-deprived students, it's 2.65," Rodgers said.

Only 11.4 percent of students in the past week have gotten enough sleep to feel rested, according to the 2011 health survey by the American College Health Association.

One contributor to this pervasive sleepiness might be all-nighters. They may be a great way to cram for exams, but all-nighters aren't exactly the best idea. Lack of sleep causes depression and irritability, which affects the brain's ability to retain information,

Rodgers explained.

A crucial part of adding new information to memory is the part of the sleep cycle called rapid eye movement sleep. During REM sleep, the brain embeds the information it's taken the day before.

Without REM sleep, the brain can't perform up to its full ability or retain memory.

JMU psychology professor Jeff Dyché said that cramming limits the amount of information the brain can actually learn due to an enzyme produced called protein phosphatase 1.

"It is a molecular constraint to learning," Dyché said. "In other words, it keeps you from learning things very well. The only way to avoid this is to distribute your studying over a long period of time."

Caffeine, after a certain point, doesn't help either.

"Up to three cups of coffee or soda would help performance," Rodgers said, "but anything more than that would lead to a crash and then more drowsiness the next day during a test."

Some students said exam week was the most popular time to pull all-nighters.

JMU sophomore Katie Dudek has gone a few sleepless nights herself.

"I have done maybe eight total, and it was during midterm and finals time," Dudek said. "The most I've ever done is two nights in a row, but I had naps during the day. It was finals week."

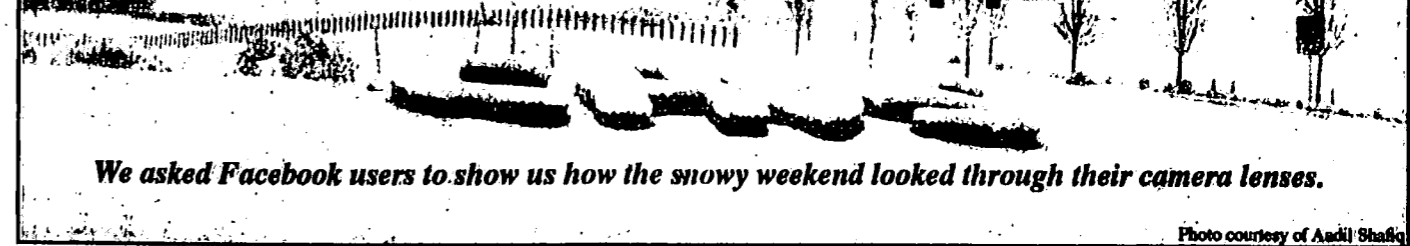
JMU freshman Nick Minahan said all-nighters are a necessary evil. He said he gets hit harder with tests and projects on some weeks more than others.

"I feel as if all-nighters aren't even optional at times; especially around midterms," Minahan said. "So with that said, they're worth it because it's the only way I can complete my work and study an adequate amount."

Dyché hopes to dispel the popularity of all-nighters.

"I think there are students who think they haven't studied enough unless they pull an all-nighter," Dyché said, "so they think it is a requirement or something."

Winter makes brief appearance



We asked Facebook users to show us how the snowy weekend looked through their camera lenses.

Photo courtesy of Aadii Shalik



TV Review: Lukewarm waters in ABC's 'The River'

By Sam Dent
The Louisville (U. Louisville) Cardinal, via UWIRE

Is it "Paranormal Activity" combined with "Lost"? Or is it a hybrid of "The X-Files" and "The Blair Witch Project" set in the Amazon? Maybe it's all of those recognizable names combined into an adventure-horror series made for television.

Whatever the case, how you feel about watching this offering of supernatural horror will largely depend on how you view the works listed above. Even if some of them push your interest buttons, be advised; the question is if you will tolerate a river smelling of cheese instead of fright. If terror and suspense is what "The River" wants to be, it'll take a dam or human intervention to help steer it towards the desired course.

By now, even casual filmgoers might be familiar with the "found footage" framing device. The first-person "you are there" approach has roots in the 1980s but really took off during the last decade. A whole system of works has been released, containing not only the aforementioned "Blair Witch" and "Paranormal Activity," but also "Cloverfield" and even "Chronicle," the latest offering that was released early this month. Blending concepts of documentary and immediate presentation, it's been used in presenting horror, adventure and science fiction in a new light. Now it has made its way to television through the mind of Oren Peli, none other than the director and creator of the "Paranormal Activity" franchise.

With the background in mind, what ultimately matters is the show itself. The hook is pretty straightforward: once the (fictional) world-famous explorer Emmet Cole goes missing in the Amazon and the search parties finally presume him dead, his distress beacon is heard six months later. His wife and son organize a search team made up of themselves and remnants of the production crew who once worked

with Cole to make his nature programs. When they decide to film their search and turn it into a documentary, what we witness are the results of what happens as they go far down the Amazonian River into uncharted territory.

Needless to say, inexplicable things soon happen.

Ghosts and paranormal entities begin to haunt the boat and crew with shaky camera footage recording every moment. The video feed switches between cameras being held or ones rigged on the exploration boat; with so many viewpoints, it almost defeats the novelty of the framing device. While the cast does fine overall—special mention going to Bruce Greenwood as Emmet Cole in archive footage and Leslie Hope as Tess Cole, his bold, hopeful

wife—the characters don't move much beyond one-note descriptions—at least not yet.

There's no telling what will be done in the eight episodes ordered to complete the season, but some fleshing will be needed for the audience to care. In this way, the writing remains barely adequate in the face of frequent absurdity and is best when used in minimalist fashion during the bizarre scenarios. While some of the encounters do create suspense, many are so over-the-top they inspire unintentional laughs and even eye rolling. Oops.

It can't be too spine-shattering given it's on ABC and that might be the breaking point for horror buffs. The result is a half-baked exercise in capitalizing on a popular movement without paying attention to what makes the system work. Frequent commercial breaks decompress the tension and the ridiculous amount of camera angles used has one wonder why the producers bothered with the documentary-approach to begin with. Fans of the current "found footage" wave might want to give it a shot, but those who haven't been converted won't find anything to change their minds. From the opening two episodes so far, this river runs pretty shallow and not all that wild. "The River" will air its remaining episodes on Tuesdays at 9 p.m. EST on ABC.

PROPS

- SNOW DAY ON MONDAY
- WARM WEATHER THE REST OF THE WEEK
- TWO WEEKS UNTIL SPRING BREAK
- SPRING SPORTS STARTED
- WELL-ATTENDED BASKETBALL HOMECOMING



DROPS

- SLIPPING ON ICE
- CONSTRUCTION RETURNING TO CAMPUS SOON
- TWO WEEKS UNTIL SPRING BREAK
- WINTER SPORTS DONE
- STUDENTS GRADUATE BEFORE NEW LIBRARY FINISHED



Snow

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pus with Davis.

Elsewhere, senior government majors James Tiffany and Brad Graboyes were caught in the storm while driving from Virginia Tech Sunday afternoon.

Interstate 81 became too dangerous to continue driving, so Tiffany and Graboyes spent the night in a hotel just off the interstate, Graboyes said.

"The worst part was driving through the snow and we ended up stuck in Fort Chizwell," said Graboyes. "The best part was that I was with my best friend."

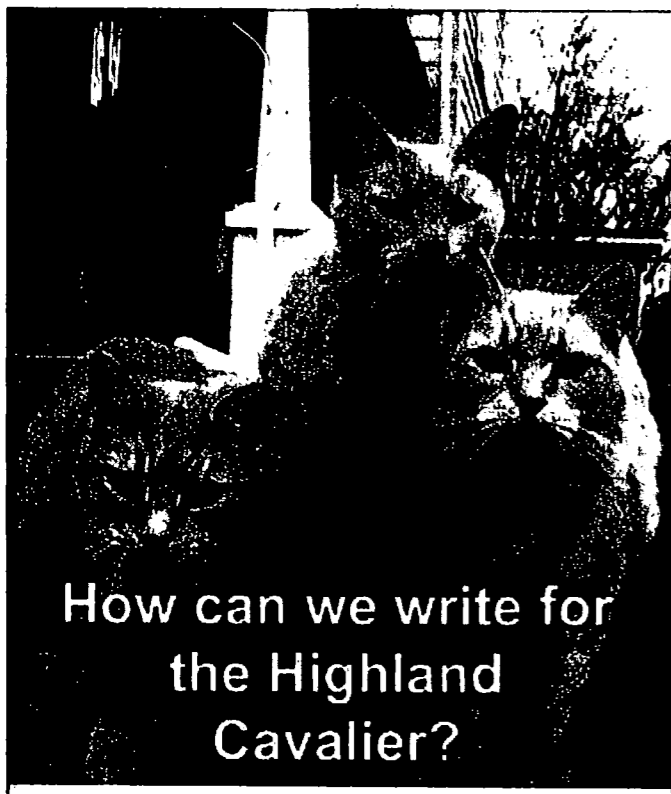
Much of the snow melted on Monday, though patches remained along curbs and in shaded areas for the rest of the week.

Road conditions improved in the local area and normal activity resumed on Tuesday.

Weather reports say more flurries are expected for this weekend, but only time will tell if that means another snow day.

Correction

Shaquille Ward was incorrectly cited as the first male cheerleader at the college in the Feb. 10 article "College has its first male cheerleader."



How can we write for the Highland Cavalier?

E-mail us and join the staff!

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Staff changes

Beginning with this issue, I will be assuming the role of editor-in-chief of the Highland Cavalier.

Last semester I worked as copy editor and often as photo editor, enjoying both jobs quite a bit. With the opening of the editor-in-chief position, I decided that I'd like to become more involved in the organization and production of the paper. While I'll still be copy editing, I will also be working more directly with writers and layout and determining new ways to produce a quality paper that the readers will look forward to every Friday.

In order to cater to our audience, and so I can constantly work to make this paper better, I invite suggestions and critiques. I want to know what you like and don't like or what you want to see — my inbox welcomes your feedback.

Serving on the paper in this capacity is an honor and a challenge and I will work diligently to oversee a paper of which we can be proud.

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Career fair offers prizes

The Center for Student Development will be hosting a registration event Feb. 27-28 for students who are interested in attending the annual career and internship fair.

Students who register at this time and check in at the fair will be eligible to win a Logitech Squeezebox Radio. Registration is also available online after March 6, but those entrants will not be eligible for the prize.

The fair will be held in the Greear Gymnasium on March 21 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Employers scheduled to attend include COI, the FBI, Crutchfield and Wise County Schools, among many others.

Jessica Shartouny

Politics shouldn't manipulate religion

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The politics of the United States are unique in the world today, especially on the eve of the upcoming presidential election.

Former Senator and potential Republican presidential nominee Rick Santorum has accused President Obama of basing his policies on a "phony theology...not a theology based on the Bible."

Santorum, who has accused States of targeting the United States, is currently leading former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney by nearly 10 points in the national polls for the Republican presidential nomination.

But what are his policies based on? The answer is clearly not the Bible, or at least not the one he accused Obama of ignoring.

The Bible that Santorum uses apparently promotes laissez-faire capitalism, helping those who have the means to help themselves and justice for middle-aged white men.

Here is a quote from the Bible that Obama uses:

"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister

but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:17-18

I would disagree that the United States is a Christian nation, as it was founded on the basis of freedom, including religion. And for better or worse, we cannot deny the role this religion has in shaping our nation.

The Bible that Obama and the rest of the world seem to be reading promotes treating others as you would want to be treated, and protecting the weak and the downtrodden.

Here is another quote from Obama's Bible:

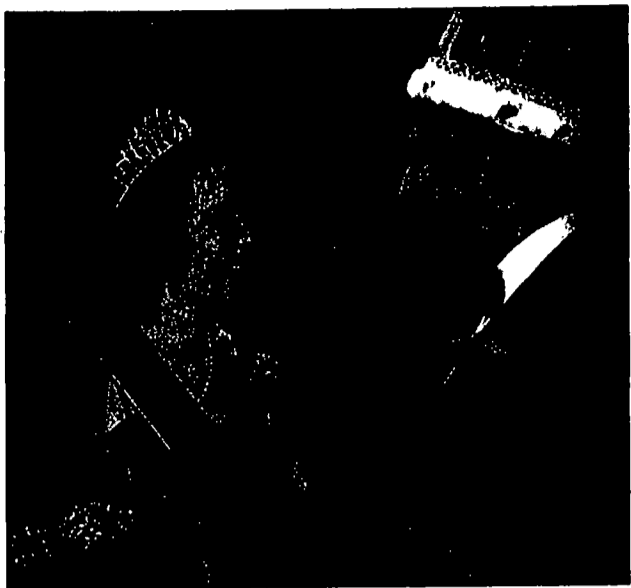
"The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern." Proverbs 29:7

Although I am not a religious person, I will never be able to vote for a presidential candidate who treats humanity with the disdain of our modern conservative politicians.

Most of us live a pretty amazing life, especially when compared to the rest of the world. It is pretty easy to forget the problems facing the majority of the world's population.

However, we cannot continue living in this blissful ignorance while such a large segment of humanity suffers.

A royal couple



Jessica Shartouny | The Highland Cavalier

Senior communication studies major Karye Orman and senior business administration major Sammy Whitehead celebrate their win of homecoming king and queen on Feb. 18 during halftime of the women's basketball game.

Have opinions on the 2012 election? Send them into The Highland Cavalier. We accept all pieces, just keep them between 300-450 words. Start writing!

Ron Paul: change we can believe in

Submitted by James Tiffany

In the 2008 election campaign, voters revolved around the idea of change. "Change we can believe in" was the rallying call for then-Senator Barack Obama.

This message resonated with voters, along with other promises by the candidate, which ultimately got Barack Obama elected.

Turn the calendar to today and ask yourself: has there been any real change? Or have we been duped? From where I'm standing and feel free to disagree with me I would say that what we got is more of the status quo.

So you wonder, 'Why is James writing this? To what end is his point?'

If you are a voter in the glorious Commonwealth of Virginia and you clamor for change, I know just the candidate for you to support on March 6: Texas Congressman Ron Paul.

Dr. Paul is a libertarian leaning Republican who has been unwavering in his principles of a limited federal government, sound money and a non-interventionist foreign policy during his 10 terms in the federal Congress. While his opponents in this year's Republican nomination process have all had their fair share of anti-conservative issues over the years, Dr. Paul has never backed down from his beliefs, much to the chagrin of his fellow Republicans.

So the question you must ask yourself is, what do you want out of your presidential candidate? Do you want a candidate who supports the warmongering with Iran, who supports the baseless devaluation of our currency and represents no real change to our political system?

If you can honestly say yes to those questions, then vote for any candidate who is not Ron Paul. However, if you are tired of the status quo and want for something more out of your president, then vote for Ron Paul on Super Tuesday.

Tiffany is a senior double major in political science and history.

Softball looking to turn it around

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The Highland Cavalier softball team fell to 0-6 early in the season with losses to Milligan College and the University of Charleston last weekend.

The Cavs opened Cavalier Field against Milligan last Friday, with the Buffaloes taking both games with final scores of 8-0 and 5-3.

"We beat ourselves during this game," said first-year head coach Karen Bitter. "But our hitting was there. It was starting to come around."

During the first game, Milligan put on the pressure with 8 runs out of 10 hits. The Cavs responded with three hits from senior Ashlee Washburn and sophomores Kristina Romualdo and Allyssa Zebrowski.

The second game started with Milligan jumping to a 4-0 lead. Washburn put the first score on the board with a two-run home run. Freshman Cassie Chadwell added another score in the fifth inning, but Milligan sealed the victory with a run in the seventh inning.

"We hit the ball well during the second game, but we need to work on not walking so many batters," Bitter said.

She added that the pitchers need to allow the hits so that their defense can work for them.

The following day, the Cavs traveled to take on the University of Charleston in a doubleheader. The Cavaliers continued their losing streak, giving up two wins with final scores of 3-1 and 7-3.

Sophomore Megan Dillion took to the plate, going 5-6. Romualdo added to the offense by going 3-4 with two runs in the second game.

"The coach for the other team told their pitcher to shake Dillion's hand, because she was hitting everything we could throw at her," Bitter said.

Bitter said the goals for the season haven't changed, and that the Conference championship is still within their reach.

"We've had people in multiple positions to score, and we are just waiting for that big hit that sends them all home," Bitter said.



Photo courtesy of Richard Meade

Sophomore pitcher Kaylla Holdway releases a pitch to the Milligan Buffaloes on Feb. 10. The Cavs dropped both games in the doubleheader 8-0 and 5-3.

Tennis opens season Column: Simply Sanchize

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The Cavalier tennis teams opened their spring of 2012 season this past weekend against Spartanburg Methodist and Converse College.

The women's team started off their season 0-1 with a loss to host Spartanburg Methodist on March 18 by going 3-6. The men's match following day at Tusculum College was

anceled.

Opposite the men, the Cavs women's team began their season 1-1 with a loss to host Converse by going 3-6. That same day, the ladies took on Spartanburg and came out with a striking win by going 8-1 to end the day.

The women's match-up last Saturday against Tusculum was canceled.

The men and women's first home matches for the season will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. against the University of the Cumberlands.



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In preparation for my weekly radio program, I came across an interesting article from Bleacher Report about world-class heckler Robin Ficker.

Ficker, an attorney from Western Maryland, was Ficker so much that he invited him to the 1993 NBA Finals to sit behind the Chicago bench. Barkley's plan flamed out quickly, as Ficker did not last through the first quarter.

Ficker's antics caused the NBA and Commissioner David Stern to create the Ficker Rule. The rule banned fans from being so boisterous that they interfered with the visiting coach's communication with the team.

Fans like Robin Ficker create a home field/court advantage for their teams. They handle the mental aspect of the game, renting space in an opponent's head for the duration of the game.

Heckling is should not be looked as negative, but as a staple of sports. In this writer's opinion, the best hecklers are the ones that leave out the vulgarity. Phoenix's Charles Barkley enjoyed



Jordan Fifer | The Highland Cavalier

The women's basketball team celebrates a win over Rio Grande on Feb. 18. The Cavs beat the RedStorm 88-58.

Women

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and determination when Mullins missed a free throw and Cluesman chased down the loose ball and found junior guard Charlotte Reasor for the basket to give the Cavs a 16-7 lead with 14:00 left in the first half.

Then, the Cavs built a 12-point lead with another 3-pointer by Mullins to give the Cavs a 19-7 advantage.

The RedStorm cut the lead to 10 with 8:53 left in the first half, but a nine-point swing by the Cavs gave them their biggest lead of the game with 34-16 and the Cavs went into the locker room with 38-21.

Mullins paced the Cavs with 12 first-half points and junior forward Jayvonne Saddler contributed six for the RedStorm.

The Cavs controlled the entire second half.

A 3-pointer by Mullins left the Cavs build a 30-point lead of 70-40 with 7:18 left in the halgame.

The Cavs held on to take an 88-

56 blowout over the RedStorm on Senior Day.

"We were able to keep our momentum up for forty minutes," said Kluzman. "Our gameplan was to get after everything."

Mullins finished up her last game at home with a game-high 30 points scoring 18 second-half points.

Carter came in with 14 points and Cluesman finished with 13 points. McNamée finished with a game-high and personal-high 14 rebounds. The RedStorm were led by senior guard Kaylee Helton with 12 points.

The two wins improve the women's record to 7-20 on the season and 2-13 in league play.

As the season comes to a close, the Cavs will travel down the road to Pikeville, Ky. tomorrow to take on the Bears with a 2 p.m. tipoff. The Cavs will face the Bears once again on Monday with the Mid-South Conference play-in game starting at 12 p.m. in the convocation center.

New women's golf team

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A women's golf team will be stepping to the green as the college's twelfth intercollegiate sport in the fall of 2012.

The team will be led by former men's golf head coach Leigh Clark.

"I am excited about the new women's golf program at UVa-Wise and I am honored to be the coach," said Clark.

Clark spent three years as the men's golf team coach, but stepped down in 2009 to spend more time with

her family, according to an article on the UVa-Wise athletics department Web page.

"Leigh brings a wealth of golf knowledge and a deep commitment to the college to this position," said UVa-Wise Athletic Director Danny Sterling. The young women who will participate in this new program will become "better golfers, students, and people," said Sterling.

For more information about the program, or if you are interested in playing for the women's golf team, contact the Athletic Office at (276)-328-0206.

Men

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the Rio Grande RedStorm.

The Cavs jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Berry connected on several acrobatic layups to give the Cavs a 15-9 lead.

A 3-pointer by Smith gave the Cavs a 22-12 lead with just under five minutes left in the first half.

A four-point swing by senior forward Shaun Gunnell and freshman guard Tykeim Moss cut the Cavs' lead to 27-21 going into halftime.

Berry led the Cavs with 12 first-half points and Gunnell scored eight points for the RedStorm.

The RedStorm started out the second half with back-to-back baskets to cut the lead to four with 18:20 in the second half.

At the 17:30, Smith gets the basket to go as he fell to the ground to give the Cavs a 33-25 lead.

62-59 victory.

Smith scored a team-best 22 points and Berry finished up his final home game with 17 points.

"It came to an end real quick, but it was a good run for us," said Berry. "It's not over yet."

Jordan finished up his final home game with a double-double. Jordan has seven double-doubles on the season.

"Four years went by pretty quick," said Jordan. "I'm glad I got the opportunity to play at UVa-Wise."

With the win, the Cavs improve to 9-14 on the season and 6-8 in Mid-South play.

They will travel tomorrow to Pikeville, Ky. to take on the rival University of Pikeville Bears in a 4 p.m. tipoff. The Cavs will also be in action next Friday in the Mid-South conference tournament where the team will take on either Georgetown College or Lindsey Wilson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Submitted by Logan Norton and April Hall

Young Democrat justices have been ripped down across campus over the past few weeks. Who is responsible for this injustice? As presidents of the UVA-Wise Young Democrats, Logan Norton and April Hall are outraged that their club is trying to meet peacefully while their rights are not being respected.

Logan Norton is a freshman political science major.
April Hall is a senior sociology major.

Time for a new Republican candidate?

By Todd Galyean
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I read an article Tuesday on CNN's website that speculated on the slim chance of a new candidate entering the Republican presidential nomination race. Intriguing as the possibility was, I searched the Web for more discussion on the idea.

I had hoped for something different from what I found.

From the beginning of the nomination race, Mitt Romney appeared to be the obvious choice of many pundits to defeat Barack Obama. Then, Newt Gingrich won South Carolina and cast doubt on the strength of Romney's campaign. Gingrich eventually faded from the front of the pack. Now Rick Santorum has come to the front in a few caucuses and primaries and is raising questions about Romney being the true Republican heir.

Can Santorum win the Republican nomination? Maybe so. Can he win the election? I think not. He is simply far too conservative to win a national election.

I believe Romney could, however, win a national election and is the best candidate in the group. The fact that Romney has not been able to unite the Republican Party, though, now

leads me to doubt whether he could unite voters to win an election.

Placing a new candidate in the race is obviously a drastic measure this far into the race for the Republicans. But, if there is no strong candidate, is drastic wrong? No candidate has run clean through the primary season.

Damage has come to candidates either by personal mistakes or by the constant flak they've taken from negative ads.

A new Republican candidate coming off the bench could be able to enter the race unscathed and fresh to make a campaign run into the convention.

The question still remains as to who this newcomer would be.

With the upcoming primaries Tuesday in Arizona and Michigan, Romney has a great chance to blunt Santorum's momentum and to be the choice Republican candidate again. But if Romney fails in these primaries and lets Santorum continue his streak into Super Tuesday, problems arise for the party.

Not only will Romney have failed to become the sure candidate, but Santorum will be even more likely to be nominated to fail against Obama. The Republican nomination race isn't over yet, but it might be time for something drastic — a new candidate to give the GOP a chance at the White House.

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Upcoming Games

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team is set to travel to Pikeville, Ky. tomorrow to face the Bears in a 4 p.m. tipoff. The Cavs will travel to Frankfort, Ky. for the Mid-South Conference tournament next week.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team is set to travel to Pikeville, Ky. tomorrow to face the Bears in a 2 p.m. matchup. The Cavs will also host the Bears Monday for the Mid-South Conference tournament play in game at 12 p.m. The winner of that game will travel to Frankfort, Ky. later in the week.

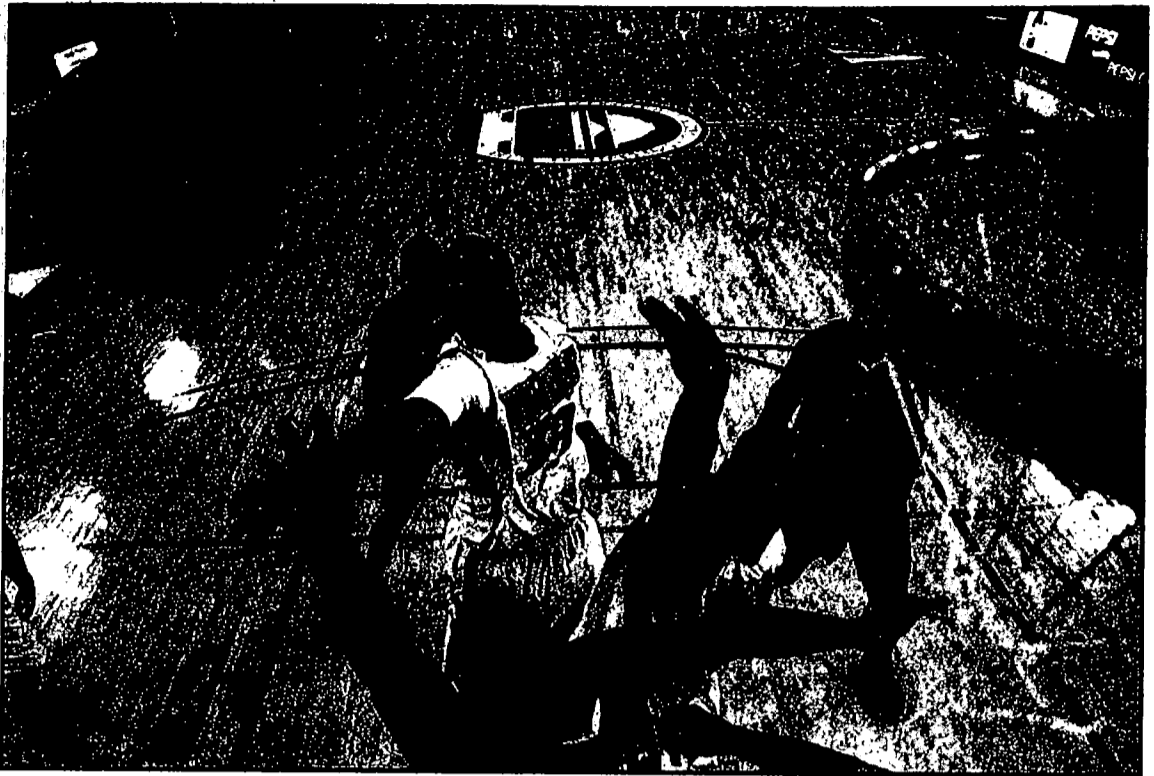
Baseball

The Cavs baseball team travels to Johnson City, Tenn. to take on the Milligan College Buffaloes. The Cavs also plan to travel to Emory & Henry to take on the Wasps for a 2 p.m. game.

Softball

The Cavs softball team plans to travel to Virginia Intermont tomorrow for a doubleheader. The Cavs will host Bluefield College on Monday for a double header and will travel to Milligan College on Tuesday.

Cavs finish strong at home



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Seniors Josh Jordan (33) and Norris Gaskins (4) go up for a loose ball rebound in the Feb. 18 matchup against The University of Rio Grande. The Cavs won 82-59. Jordan and Gaskins combined for 18 points.

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The men's basketball team went 1-1 in the recent home stand, playing two hard-fought games.

On Feb. 16, the Cavs faced off against the West Virginia Tech Golden Bears.

The Golden Bears would arguably be the best team in Mid-South if they were eligible for Mid-South and postseason play.

Golden Bears senior center Eddie Hayden opened up the ballgame with a strong spin move to split two defenders for the basket. Senior forward Norris Gaskins answered right back with a basket of his own.

The Cavs gained a 6-5 lead when senior guard Travis Berry hit a jumper at the 17:04 mark, but a 3-pointer by sophomore

guard Brandon Burgraff gave the Golden Bears a 16-11 lead with 14:00 minutes left to play.

A zone defense set up by the Golden Bears gave the Cavs fits offensively, and, down 23-14, the Cavs missed opportunities at the free throw line going 0-7 early in the game.

The Cavs went into halftime trailing 43-27.

Berry paced the Cavs with nine points in the first half. Senior guard Donald Robinson also contributed nine first-half points for the Golden Bears.

The Cavs started out the second half with back-to-back 3-pointers by Berry and sophomore guard Darius Smith to cut the lead to 14 with 18:32 left in the game. Both teams exchanged baskets, but the Cavs couldn't cut the lead to under 15.

With a layup by junior guard Jermaine

Wright at the 13:02 mark, the Golden Bears' lead dropped to 43 with a score of 59-46.

The Golden Bears built up a 26-point lead with eight minutes left before Berry and Smith led a charge late in the game, still losing 86-77.

The Cavs shot 47 percent in the second half, but was too late as the Golden Bears pulled out the win.

Berry scored a game-high 23 points for the Cavs and Smith followed with 22 points.

Gaskins and senior forward Josh Jordan combined for 25 points. The Golden Bears were led by Hayden and Robinson who scored 15 each.

Feb. 18 was Senior Day for Berry, Jordan, and Gaskins at the match against

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Cavs' hard work pays off in season finale

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The women's basketball team wrapped up their home games in an exemplary fashion, defeating both the West Virginia Tech Golden Bears and the University of the Rio Grande RedStorm.

Feb. 16 was Play 4 Kay, which honored the late Kay Yow, former women's basketball coach at North Carolina State who died of cancer.

Both teams decked out in pink for the cause but the Cavs were a clear victor, using their home-court advantage to take care of the Golden Bears in a 70-49 win.

The Golden Bears jumped out to an early lead, but the Cavs didn't give up and battled back, taking their first lead of the game at the 13:21 mark when junior forward Chelsea Cluesman hit a 10-foot jumper.

The Cavs then went on a seven-point swing, with baskets by senior forward Chelsea McNamee and freshman guard Katie Jo Lester. Senior forward Kristen Mullins made a layup on a great pass by junior forward Christine Nyobe, giving the Cavs a 14-point lead, their biggest yet.

The Cavs held the Golden Bears scoreless for the next three minutes, and Mullins, Nyobe and Cluesman scored seven straight points as the Cavs built their big lead up to 21.

The Golden Bears answered back with points by junior guards Amy Gardner and Amber Tully, who scored 18 of the 20 points in the first half for the Golden Bears.

Halftime showed the Cavs leading 36-20. The Cavs were paced by 10 points by Cluesman and nine by Mullins.

The Cavs started out the second half scoreless until the 15:26 mark when McNamee landed a basket.

While the Cavs lulled, the Golden Bears cut the lead to 11, but the Cavs kicked it into gear and went on a tear for the next few minutes with baskets by Mullins, McNamee and fellow senior guard Amber Carter.

The Golden Bears shot several 3-pointers to get back in the game, but couldn't get any to fall.

With 1:41 left on the clock, baskets by Cluesman and Carter gave the Cavs the lead in the final score of 70-49.

The Golden Bears were paced by a game-high 22 points by Gardner.

Four Cavs ended in double figures, with Mullins leading the way with 16 points and Cluesman following with 14 points and nine rebounds. McNamee also finished with 14 points and nine rebounds, her best game as a Cavalier.

"My teammates set me up and Amber ran the high-low," said McNamee.

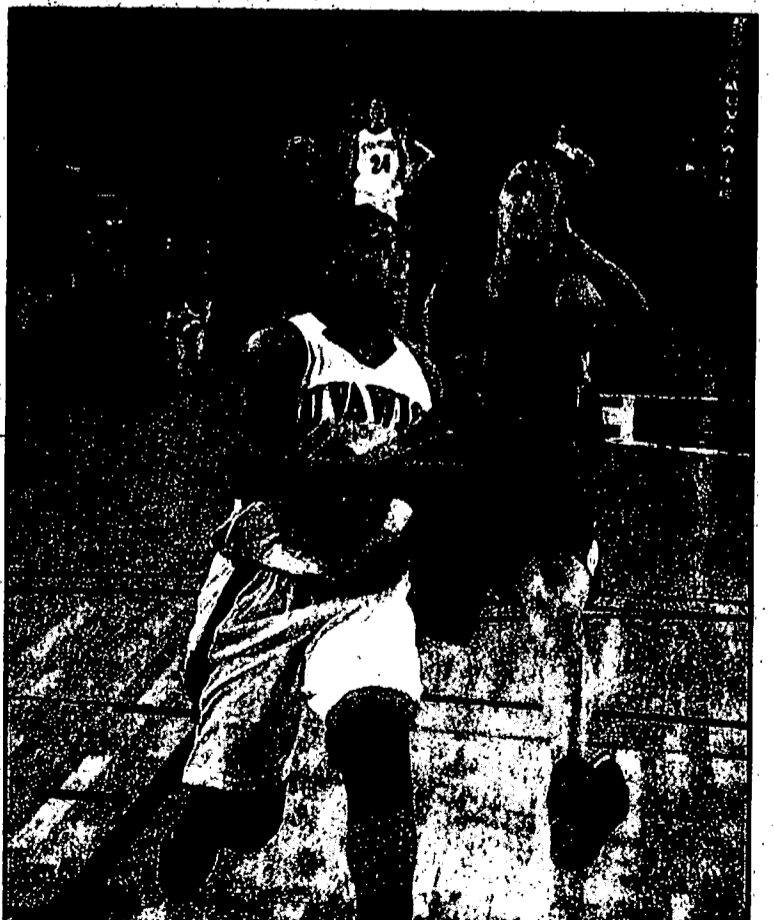
Carter finished with a double-double for the Cavs, scoring 11 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

"I was crashing the board — they weren't boxing out very well," said Carter. "That's the best way for me to get second-chance points for my team."

She also dished out five assists to give her 500 for her career as a Cavalier.

"She wanted this game and she kept fighting for us," said head coach Kristin Kunzman.

What proved to make the difference between teams was field goal percentage, as the Cavs shot a hot 42 percent and the Golden Bears finished with 26 percent



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Senior guard Amber Carter takes the ball for a layup in the Feb. 18 game against Rio Grande. Carter finished the game with a double-double.

from the field.

"It was a little bit of a sloppy one, but we got the [win]," Kunzman said. "Hopefully this win sparks us in the next couple of games."

The Cavs held their Senior Day on Feb. 18, honoring five senior women.

Kunzman started all five seniors, and they showed why they have such a close bond by scoring a combined 61 points.

Rio Grande RedStorm scored the first points of the game, but Mullins answered back with a 3-pointer and the Cavs never looked back.

Baskets by senior guard Ayla Young, Mullins and McNamee gave the Cavs a 9-5 lead. The Cavs showed great teamwork

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