

News Briefs

Fraternity raises funds
Pi Kappa Phi fraternity raised \$2,220 for Push America in their Pedals for Push event on March 23. Volunteers biked 500 miles in 12 hours in the lobby of the Slemp Student Center. Push America, Pi Kappa Phi's national charity, serves the disabled throughout the country.

-Todd Galyean

New charity seeking donations
The UVA-Wise chapter of Habitat for Humanity will host an Easter egg hunt on April 4 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Sculpture Garden. Students and faculty will have the chance to search for eggs containing notifications of prizes at the cost of one dollar for each minute of searching. All proceeds the will go to the chapter's housing project in Coeburn, Va.

-Todd Galyean

New play to show this weekend
Vinegar Tom will be the spring production presented by the theater department starting today and going through next week with a total of six shows.

Vinegar Tom is a play written by Caryl Churchill about the witch trials in England in the 17th century. Michael Hunt and Michael McNulty are codirecting the cast of Cathleen Bell, Talia Elliot, Bernard Manstu, Kim Mays, Vince Nolasco, Caitlin Stewart, Olivia Taylor, Harmony Tripp, Emily Tucker and Josh Worell.

Junior theater major, Rachel Person is very excited about what the department has done with the play. "They're doing an amazing job. The play is about witchcraft and the set is amazing. It's going to be a great play everyone should go see."

The performances are March 30-31 and April 5-7 at 8 pm and a special matinee April 1 at 2 pm in the Gilliam Center for the Arts. Tickets are \$5 to the general public and free to current students, staff, and faculty with their Cavs Card.

-Emily Baxter

Cavalier classic



Photo courtesy of [unreadable]. From left to right: Ken Sanders and Michelle McGee, Greg Marshall and Julie Carrington, John Pope and Daniel Price, James Hash and Lynn Gilbert, and Allan Wallace and Tommy Hampton pose for Clinch Valley College's 1984 yearbook. The cheerleading squad from 1983-84, under the direction of Martha Necessary, had an equal number of men and women.

A look at former cheerleaders

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Freshman physical education major and male cheerleader Shaquille Ward has brought back memories of the first co-ed team who cheered for Clinch Valley College in the 1980s under the direction of current budget director Martha Necessary.

In an evenly split 10 person team, John Pope, Ken Sanders, Greg Marshall, James Hash and Allan Wallace brought unique strengths and personalities to the squad from 1983 to 1987.

"I don't think any of the guys had cheered prior to coming to the college so we were all treading into uncharted territory," Necessary said.

With five men and five women making up the squad, each athlete was given the opportunity to work with a partner of the opposite gender.

The male cheerleaders provided a greater amount of safety and balance

while the team was performing stunts. "They each had their own personality and ideas on how to develop a first rate squad," Necessary said in an email, "it was interesting to have a male perspective in the mix."

The male athletes who cheered for the college in the mid-1980s provided a unique atmosphere to the team. Each of them brought different strengths to the floor, allowing the team to reach new heights in their drills and routines.

"It allows the squad to be more creative and the presence of male cheerleaders on the floor or field just adds to the spirit and excitement of the games," Necessary said.

The cheerleading squad's dedication and hard work resulted in a dynamic team composed of exceptional men and women dedicated to each other and the sport.

"Cheerleaders are athletes and it takes a lot of talent, strength and dedication to bring success to any cheerleading squad."

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Times, broadcast on WAXM 93.5 and WXBQ 96.9. Flyers were pinned on local businesses and the concert was promoted on Twitter and Facebook.

"My old job over in student life I always heard students say there's not a whole lot to do," said Davis.

"So come over and enjoy the first major concert in the Convocation Center if you don't have anything to do, and hopefully bigger and better things will come in the future."

Regardless of the turnout Davis, said that the Convocation Center staff "are going to keep chugging along, try different things, and find out what works and what doesn't."

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A Special Thank You

Dear College Community,

I want to thank the entire UVA-Wise community for the tremendous support our family has received after the sudden passing of Chancellor Prior.

He has honored to serve this area, and would have been so proud of how everyone has stepped up to support each other and me.

The candlelight vigil, Prior Pride, wristbands, flowers, and thoughtful cards and letters have been so much appreciated.

It is my hope that all the projects that he started will continue to move forward and that his vision for UVA-Wise will continue to benefit the students and community for the future.

I hope to continue to support and to play an active role in Southwest Virginia and for our College.

Thank you,

Merry Lu Prior

Texting and driving never mix



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a real honor is to get new business cards printed," said Davis.

The reception of the naming has been overwhelmingly positive, many people expressing that it is a fitting honor for a man who oversaw tremendous economic and physical growth at UVA-Wise, including the addition the Hunter J. Smith Dining Commons, the Gilliam Center for the Arts, Commonwealth Hall and Culbertson Hall and renovations to Smiddy Hall and the Leonard W. Sandridge Science Center.

"Our family is very touched the Convocation Center will be named for David," said Prior's wife, Merry Lu, in an email. "This is something that he would not expect but would be thrilled. He was so proud of it."

Prior funded a key role in in gaining the approval and funding for the \$30 million center that now bears his name and has been host to a number of athletic events, concerts and other high-attendance events.

"Any time I gave a tour in the building, I would express that this was Dr. Prior's dream come true," said Davis. "You could just see a glow about him. This [naming] 100 percent needed to happen."

According to the Pennsylvania law firm Edgar Snyder and Associates, around 37 percent of people have sent or read a text while driving. There were more than 5,474 deaths attributed to distracted driving in 2009, and young drivers are the most likely to be texting behind the wheel.

On March 8, a Pennsylvania law went into effect that prohibits texting of any sort while driving.

Before the law was even passed, however, researchers at Carnegie Mellon had probed the effects distracted driving has on the brain.

Marcel Just, a senior researcher and professor with the Center for Cognitive Brain Imaging at Carnegie Mellon, looked at people's brain activities while talking and driving. Just, along with colleagues Timothy Keller and Jacquelyn Cynkar, published their research in the report "A decrease in brain activation associated with driving when listening to someone speak" in the journal Brain Research in 2008.

The brain has many different parts that work simultaneously. "When you're listening to me talk, for instance," Just said, "there are 15 to 20 areas of your brain being lit up that are activated. It's not one place. People say they 'use frontal lobe' for this. That's really a distortion. There is no task that is done by only one part, ever."

While these processing regions may seem like the most important parts of the brain, they only make up a relatively small part. According to Just, most of our brain is "white matter," in which a fatty material covers a series of connectors that act as communication wires among the separate regions.

With a viewing screen directly above their eyes, the subjects in Just's study went through a simulation in which they "drove" a vehicle by moving a hand-held mouse that was situated at their side. While participants were going through their driving course, the researchers occasionally asked them true or false questions, which the subjects would answer by pressing a button in their other hand. A brain scan determined their brain activity by measuring the amount of blood flow to certain regions in the brain.

The results pointed to a clear debilitation of driving while listening; the brain functions that controlled driving decreased by 37 percent. The studies

showed that while people were driving, four main regions of the brain were active, primarily those for vision and spatial relationships.

When the drivers had to respond to questions, however, new areas of the brain associated with language processing became active at the same time.

Despite the fact that the regions are largely separate, answering the questions impaired the ability to drive, and Just thinks it is because the white matter — the tissue that connects brain areas — was heavily taxed.

"I think it's like plugging in an iron and a hair-dryer at the same time, causing brownout," he said. "There are only certain amounts of resources to go around, and if you're trying to draw on too much, each demand gets a budget cut. In the case of driving, that's not a good thing to be happening in some situations."

To combat distracted driving, Just and others believe that policies regulating cell phone use behind the wheel are important. The researcher himself has created a list of ideas, ranging from legislative mandates to applications that shut off one's phone once it reaches a certain velocity. But he mainly stresses education.

"Nobody really wants to get into an accident and nobody wants to kill an innocent pedestrian," Just said. "I think we horribly overestimate our cognitive abilities with respect to attention."

"I think it's bad," Just continued. "I don't think society realizes that it's bad. It's not muggers doing this; it's just people like you and me and our relatives and friends that are talking on the cell phone."

Some Carnegie Mellon students, like sophomore art major Marie Baric, agree with the new cell phone law. "You can't really afford to be distracted while driving," she said. "You can just pull over if you need to talk to someone."

Others, like sophomore chemistry major Abigail Burton, think more needs to be done. "I think it's a step in the right direction, but I think there is a long way to go to make our roads safe from distracted driving," she said.

Education, Just says, will make the difference. "If people were more aware of how detrimental to their driving performance cell phone usage is, I think many people, just out of a sense of responsibility, would just stop," he said.

Show Prior Pride

Advertisement:

All members of the campus community are invited to participate in "Prior Pride" Campus Clean Up on Friday, April 6 in memory of Chancellor Prior and his desire for all of us to show pride in our campus by keeping it clean.

Trash pickup will begin at 8 a.m. and students can start anywhere.

Trash bags and gloves may be picked up in the academic secretaries' offices, in Student Life (Cantrell Hall), in the Post Office (Jean Good), in the Convocation Center office (Chris Davis), and in the Gym main office (Megan Adams).

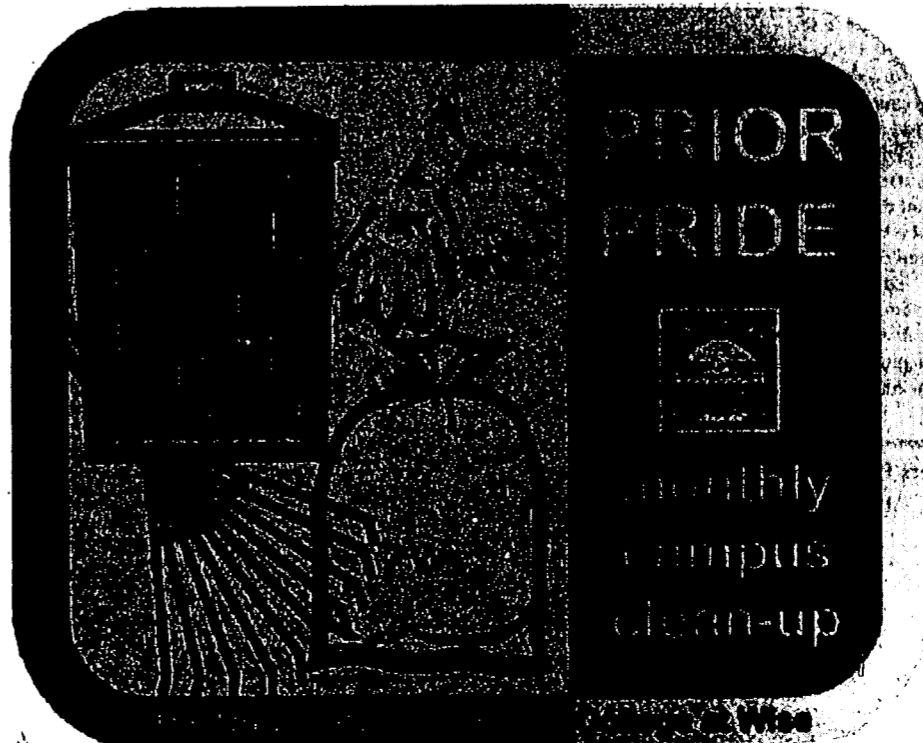
By 3 pm, please place full trash bags along any road, in the grassy area between Science and Zehmer, or in the McCrary Hall side lot. Do not place trashbags on the sidewalks.

Any and all efforts, small or large, will make a big difference!

Prior Pride days will begin on Friday, April 6 and will occur every first Friday in a month.

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Editorial

The latest Facebook fad: "Kony 2012"

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Invisible Children's "Kony 2012" video uploaded on YouTube March 5 roared to notoriety, having more than eighty five million views as of today. This total is the result of the popularity of YouTube and the other main social networking sites Twitter and Facebook. The captivating video sparked a fire in viewers to join the cause and spread the word by posting the video link to their feeds.

Regardless of personal opinions about the campaign's intent or legitimacy, its successful rise through the avenue of social networking is undeniable. A few Facebook shares and Kony 2012 became the center of media and public attention. Yet, the campaign soon learned the defining characteristic of social networking.

Popularity on social networking sites does not have the luxury of longevity. We are not constantly bombarded with Tim Tebow's tweet from five months ago; no, it's what Kim Kardashian tweeted five minutes ago.

This "fifteen seconds of fame" creates an ethical issue for using social networking to publicize atrocities in Africa. A few weeks after its impressive ascent, the campaign fell from the public eye. As the Kony social networking buzz quiets, it no longer devours our screens. Simply, Kony 2012 is no longer the fad. This is normal and always an issue for bandwagon activism, but there is a new set of time limits and shallowness now that activism is based in social media.

Instead of it taking time and dedication to bring awareness to an issue, campaigns can trend to popularity in a day. This also means that an issue can plummet to obscurity just as fast.

Waning activism does seem to be inherent to our society, with so many well-deserving causes losing public interest. However, the social networking activism effect is just petty. We cannot blast "Stop Joseph Kony!" on Tuesday and on Friday be posting the latest Internet meme. That is wrong. Saying you want to help children in Africa whose lives have been ravished with horror because it's the popular thing to do is wrong.

Point, if you are not going to follow through with Facebook activism do not pretend to be a rights crusader.

Social networking's ability to connect so many people so quickly is amazing and can do amazing things, the Arab Spring being a prime example. The problem is that with campaigns like Kony 2012, the rise to fame is about a trend and not the issue. Those affected by Kony deserve better.



Supreme Court ruling shows will to reform

By Megan Hurley
(University of Arizona) Daily Wild Cat via UWIRE

The U.S. Supreme Court came to a smart decision on Wednesday by ruling that "criminal defendants have a constitutional right to effective lawyers during plea negotiations," according to The New York Times.

Criminal defendants deserve to face a more formal and regulated process of plea bargaining. Whether or not the defendant is guilty, he or she still needs to be able to see all of his or her options as clearly as possible.

In that same article, effective lawyers boil down to the fact "that what used to be informal and unregulated deal making is now subject to new constraints when bad legal advice leads defendants to reject favorable plea offers."



Submitted by Donna Hale
(From left to right) Junior education major Andr Kilgore, sophomore environmental science major Michael Mullins and senior music major Elizabeth Blankenship practice with the Bluegrass Ensemble by the lake on a beautiful Wednesday afternoon.

Compromise, Respect, and Flexibility

Submitted by Donna Hale

It was a sad day for me recently when Olympia Snowe declared that she would not seek reelection to the U.S. Senate because of the intense partisanship that exists in government today. She stated that the deep division between the two parties, the "take no prisoners" mentality, prevents her from representing her constituents in the manner they deserve. Because the Founding Fathers created a republic with separation of powers and checks and balances, the two houses of Congress must compromise with each other and with the president to enact any piece of legislation.

The rise of the two-party system means there is a relationship between the Democrats and Republicans whether they want one or not, and a functioning relationship requires compromise, respect, and flexibility. These necessities are sorely lacking in the relationship between the parties today. Neither party has a monopoly on good ideas; however, many members of both parties are convinced that only they speak for the American people. Differences in views are often expressed as personal attacks. The American people believe they deserve better representation than this; in opinion polls, the vast majority of Americans say they send representatives to Congress to work out their differences and act in the best interests of the country, not to bicker and produce nothing of value. I would argue, to the contrary, that we Americans have exactly the government we deserve; after all, the members of Congress are elected to their positions by their constituents. Part of the problem today lies in the low voter turnout, especially in the primary elections in which the party nominees are selected. The most liberal Demo-

crats and the most conservative Republicans vote; therefore, the Democratic nominees are likely to be more liberal than the general population, and the Republican nominees are likely to be more conservative. If Americans want to change this situation, the solution is simple—VOTE. Voting in primary elections is just as important as voting in the general election; if members of both parties select quality nominees, the people cannot lose, and if they select poor candidates, the people cannot win.

I have great fun teaching political science and administration of justice classes at UVa-Wise. My students know that anyone's views on issues, including mine, may be challenged as long as the challenge is directed at the position and not at the person expressing the viewpoint. On my good days, I offer the liberal view on a topic, and a conservative student immediately provides an alternative perspective. This opens the door for discussion and debate on important issues. On my great days, the long drive home from Wise to Council Bluffs as I ponder an idea raised by a student that requires me to examine my beliefs and the reasons why I hold those beliefs. Occasionally, I am forced to provide the alternative argument when no student speaks up to challenge my views on a controversial issue. On those days, I have to argue against my own beliefs because my students deserve to know there are at least two sides to an issue, and often there are multiple sides. My job is not to teach my students what to think about the issues of the day; my job is to encourage and challenge them to think.

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The importance of guilty pleas is obvious when looking at the numbers. According to The New York Times, about 97 percent of federal convictions resulted from guilty pleas, with 94 percent in state convictions for 2006.

These plea deals decide whether people spend a year or a decade in prison. Whether the general public agrees with what the defendant did or not, there is a reason that these policies exist.

The Sixth Amendment guarantees a fair trial, but the word "fair" can be incredibly subjective. Many court cases from centuries ago are still analyzed, but that is what is supposed to happen. The U.S. Supreme Court does not deal with open-and-shut cases.

This decision confronts the idea of fixing the system. The court system and its many operators do great work for the nation. This decision to expand the protections of criminal defendants just shows how much more attorneys can do.

No one is getting thrown under the bus — instead, the highest court in the United States is admitting that there still needs to be fine-tuning.

Decisions by the Supreme Court don't just affect the people directly impacted by the outcome of what they implement. Every case sets precedent and brings up new questions. The judiciary branch of the federal government is independent of Congress, separated from political squabbles.

Furthermore, these judges are not dealing with just the imminent present, but also centuries to come. Pointing out what needs fixing seems like a smart move from a judiciary body that deals with so many controversial cases.

If all of the states can listen and try to alter the judicial system in a positive direction, this ruling will not just help who pleads guilty. It will also help everyday people see transparency in a government that needs it.

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Softball grabs 10 victories, now 15-15

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The Highland Cavalier softball team added 10 wins and 6 losses to their now 15-15 record from March 9-27.

The Cavs first swept the home field against non-Conference adversary Southern Virginia University on March 9. The doubleheader started with both teams battling it out to a 7-5 Cavalier win, and finished with a low scoring second game with UVa-Wise taking the victory 2-1.

Concord College was the next non-Conference opponent to take on the Cavs at home on March 10. In the opening game, sophomore Kristina Romualdo went 4-4 with four RBIs and a killer three-run home run in the fifth inning. The Cavs took the victory 14-6.

The second game started with no hits for the Cavs until four runners crossed the plate in the fourth inning, starting a chain reaction of scores leading to a 9-1 run-rule victory for the Cavaliers.

The Cavs then took on non-

Conference West Virginia Institute of Technology at home in a split doubleheader on Mar. 13. The first game went to the Cavs, 1-0, with sophomore Sarah Wiltshire scoring on an RBI groundout by senior Ashlee Washburn.

The second game of the day led to a West Virginia victory 8-5. The Golden Bears struck an early lead with three first-inning runs on four hits and one Cavalier error. The runs went back and forth for the remainder of the match until a West Virginia three-run home run sealed the victory for the Golden Bears.

March 20 saw the Cavs travel to Mid-South Conference opponent Lindsey Wilson. The first game started with a Cavalier run, but Lindsey Wilson overcame the deficit with four runs before run-ruling the Cavs 9-0 in the second game.

The defeat at Lindsey Wilson proved to have no effect on the Cavs, as they blasted two impressive wins in a doubleheader against Conference opponent Bluefield College on March 22. In the opening game, Wilt-

shire contributed a four-for-four while Romualdo added a three-run home run to seal the 11-1 victory. Pitcher Chelsey Booth fired off a five-inning no-hitter, with the offense exploding with 20 hits leading to a 17-0 victory. Hits came from Booth, Wiltshire, sophomore Megan Dillon and junior Natasha Dean.

The Cavs then returned home to take on the challenge from conference opponent Georgetown College on March 24.

UVa-Wise started the first game with a 4-0 lead in the first inning; however, the Tigers scored five runs in the fifth inning to seal the Georgetown 6-4 victory. The second game saw the Cavs jump to a 3-0 lead in the first inning again, with Georgetown coming from behind in the second and fourth innings for a 5-3 victory.

The Cavs then went back on the road to take on conference rivals University of Pikeville and University of Rio Grande. UVa-Wise picked up two wins in a doubleheader against Pikeville on March 25 in 8-1 and 2-1 victories. On March 27, UVa-Wise nailed a

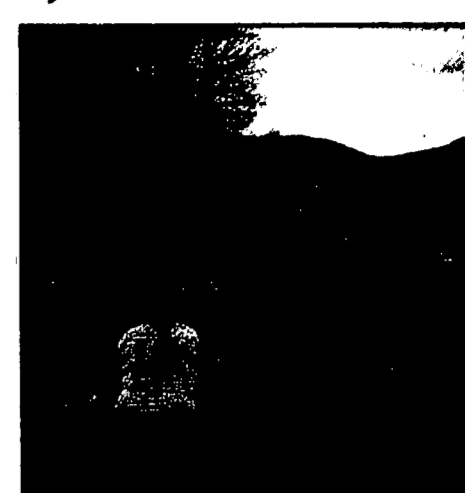


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Sophomore shortstop Allissa Zebrowski (15) throws the ball over to sophomore first baseman Kristina Romualdo (17) in the March 24 game against Georgetown College. The Cavs dropped both games.

10-6 win over Rio Grande, but lost in a close 2-5 matchup in game two.

The Cavs' next doubleheader is scheduled against the University of the Cumberlands at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Tennis earns exciting win

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The men's and women's tennis teams followed a loss with an exciting win in their matches last week.

On March 19, both teams lost 9-0 to Tusculum College on March 19.

Freshman Marc Huff was the only men's team player to score in singles play.

In doubles play, Huff and sophomore Chase Cupp added a few points to the scoreboard, but not enough to take a win.

On the women's team, the Cavs scored in four singles matches with senior Whitney Bolling, junior Megan Buchanan and sophomore sisters Brianna and Mary Jo Stallard adding points.

The Stallards also scored in doubles play, as did Bol-

ling with partner Lauren Powers scoring in their match.

The women's team then returned home to take on Shawnee State University on March 24 and landed their first ever Mid-South conference victory going 5-4.

B. Stallard, Buchanan and Powers won their singles matches.

The pivotal point in the match was during Powers' time on the court. Her first set came to a loss at 2-6, but the sophomore came back with a 6-2 win leading to a third set.

The thrilling third set led to an 11-9 victory bringing the Cavs to their first ever Mid-South win.

The Stallard duo and Bolling partnered with Buchanan also won their doubles match against Shawnee players.

Both teams are scheduled to travel to Georgetown College tomorrow for their next match at 1 p.m.

Column: Simply Sanchize

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From the college ranks to the professional, and from coaches to players to the front office and the fans, the lack of loyalty in sports has become an increasingly noticeable factor in recent events.

Entering the final season of his contract, Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard held the team for ransom. Howard wanted to be traded, because he felt that the team was not making an effort to build a championship contender.

Originally Howard did not want to want to sign the option on his contract that would have made him a free agent at the end of the season.

A few days before the NBA trade deadline, Orlando management said that they were willing to allow Howard in at any personnel movement, including coaching.

Howard came around and signed his waiver, while citing loyalty as his main reason for staying with the club.

Clearly, Howard does not understand the meaning of loyalty; his antics were anything but loyal, but more indicative of selfishness.

College basketball players also have a lack of loyalty to their program, whether it's Austin Rivers or former number one selection John Wall. These players only come to school for one thing: basketball.

With the "one and done" rule, players have looked to fill their pockets instead of their minds.

Instead of giving their time to the school and the coaches that recruited them, they run off to cash in on a payday without preparing themselves.

In the NFL, John Elway showed no loyalty to Tim Tebow while pursuing Peyton Manning. Elway, after guaranteeing Tebow would be the starter going to camp, pulled a fast one. Now Manning is in Denver, while Tebow is a Jet backing up Mark Sanchez.

Fans are also not as loyal either. In Green Bay, the Packer faithful quickly forgot about Brett Favre after Aaron Rodgers became the franchise quarterback.

It seems like in the current climate of sports, loyalty is a word of the past. Everyone seems to move on with their lives.

Baseball goes 3-2 on recent streak

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The UVa-Wise men's baseball team saw a full week of action last week as they went 3-2.

On March 21, the Cavs hosted Montreat College in a doubleheader. The Cavs earned the sweep with scores of 3-1 and 8-2.

Freshman Ben Coffman got his second start of his young career in the first game where he pitched five solid scoreless innings. Coffman worked his way of jams all day and only gave up five hits on the day.

The Cavs got their offense from junior first baseman Kirk Jennings as his RBI single scored junior catcher Tommy Meier in the bottom of the first inning.

Two more runs came on a junior first baseman Brian King two-run home run that also scored Meier.

Coffman used stellar defense behind him to pick up his first career win when senior Cody Bentley

closed the game with his first save on the season.

In the second game, Montreat jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning.

The Cavs' offense seemed to get started up again in the bottom of the bottom of the fourth. Cavs loaded the bases and junior shortstop Danny Bates was hit by a pitch to give the Cavs their first run.

Later in the inning, Meier drove in two runs with his one out, two RBI double. The Cavs drew two more bases-loaded walks in the inning to give the Cavs a 5-2 lead after four innings of play.

The Cavs scored two more runs to give them an 8-2 win in the second game of the doubleheader.

Bates collected three hits and three RBI in the second game, both career-highs. Four scoreless innings pitched by the Cavs' bullpen helped gain their win.

The Cavs hosted the University of the Cumberlands Patriots on March 23 and 24 in a Mid-South

matchup.

After dropping the first two games of the series to the Patriots, the Cavs came to life in the third game.

The Patriots jumped out to 2-0 lead in the first inning, the Cavs answered back when Meier scored on a throwing error to make the score 2-1 after one inning of play.

The Cavs offense really got going when Brett Hylton hit a huge grand slam over the right field wall in the bottom of the third to give the Cavs their first and final lead of the game of 5-2.

Jennings later put the game out of reach when he hit a two-run home run of his own.

The Patriots scored two runs on two errors in the bottom of the ninth to make a late push before the Cavs shut the door on the late rally.

Bentley earned his first win on the season in the 7-4 win over the Patriots and the Cavs improved to 11-17 overall and 3-8 Mid-South Conference play.

Cavs close out tough season

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The women's basketball team hoped to continue their success after a four-game streak going into Mid-South Conference Tournament against the No. 1 seeded University of the Cumberlands Patriots on March 1.

The Cavs held their own in the first half, but the Patriots went into halftime leading 36-28.

Wise's five starters were the only Cavs to score in the first half, senior guard Amber Carter and junior forward Chelsea Cluesman leading by combining for 17 first-half points.

The Patriots were led by Mid-South Player of the Year Lauren Womble with 11 points.

The Cavs came out in the second half trying to hold the Patriots, but they found themselves outmatched and the Patriots pulled out a 73-59 win.

"Cumberlands excelled in the second half and beat us high and low," said Coach Kristen Kunzman. Carter finished with a game-high 18 points.

Cluesman contributed with 15 points and senior forward Kristen Mullins finished her last game as Cav with 10 points.

The loss finishes up the careers of Carter, Mullins, Ayla Young, Emily Doane, and Chelsea McNamee. "I think all seniors played well when they were in there," said Kunzman.

The Cavs finished up 9-21 overall on the season and look to use experience gained this year to make a run in the 2012-2013 season.

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Upcoming Games

Baseball

Cavs baseball hosts Georgetown College today, and tomorrow. The Cavs will also host Emory and Henry at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Tennessee Wesleyan on Wednesday with first pitch set to be thrown at 3 p.m. All games can be heard at on www.uvawiscavs.com.

Softball

The softball team will host Cumberlands tomorrow for a doubleheader set to start at 1 p.m. The Cavs will also host Virginia Intermont on Sunday for a doubleheader, first pitch set to be thrown at 2 p.m. The Cavs plan to travel to Campbellsville on Tuesday.

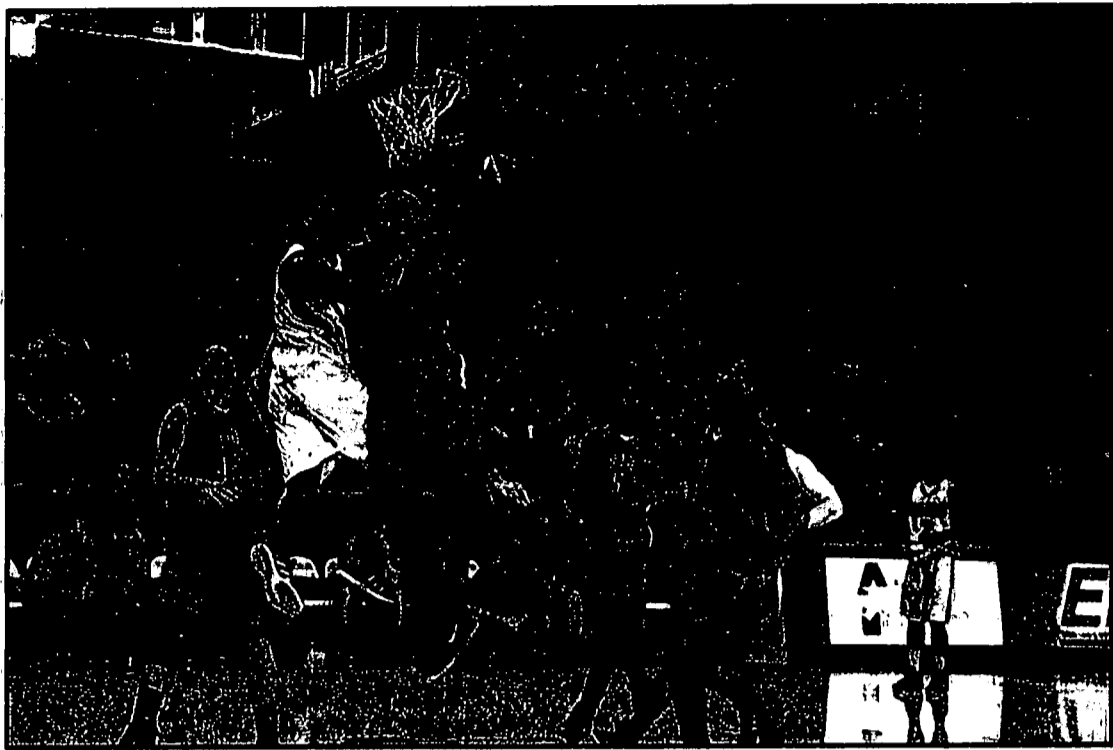
Tennis

The men's and women's tennis teams will travel to Georgetown College tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. The Cavs will also host Randolph College on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Cavs award winners

Several Cavs basketball players were honored by the Mid-South at a banquet in early March. Junior Chelsea Cuesman and senior Travis Berry were selected to the first team all Mid-South. Senior Josh Jordan was selected to second team. Cuesman, Charlotte Reasor, Kristen Mullins, and Emily Doane were recently named NAIA Academic All-Americans.

Men lose heartbreaker in Frankfort



Jordan Fifer/The Highland Cavalier

Senior forward Norris Gaskins (4) goes up against the University of Rio Grande in the February 18 matchup on Senior Day. The Cavs won the game 82-59.

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In what turned out to be the most exciting game played on the season, the men's basketball team faced the No. 2 seeded Georgetown College Tigers in the quarterfinals of the Mid-South conference tournament in Frankfort, Kentucky on Mar. 2.

The Cavs jumped out to a 5-4 early lead with baskets by senior forward Josh Jordan.

At the 15:36 mark in the first half, Tigers senior forward Josh Lockett tied the ballgame up at seven with a mid-range jumper. Senior guard Johnne Hamilton gave the Tigers a 9-7 lead with 14:06 left in the first half before the Cavs went on a run of their own.

Jordan tied the game again at nine and senior guard Travis Berry gave the Cavs a 12-9 lead with a 3-pointer. Sophomore James Turner came up with a breakaway steal and found Berry for a jumper to make the Cavs lead 14-9 over the Tigers.

A technical foul was called on the Tigers which sent Berry to the line, and he landed both free throws to make the score 16-9 at the 12:45 mark.

With 10:37 left until halftime, the Cavs jumped out to a 10 point lead of 23-13 with a sophomore guard Darius Smith 3-pointer.

Jordan sustained a knee injury at the

9:21 mark, setting the Cavs at a small disadvantage. After being examined later Jordan sustained a torn ACL.

"The other kids really stepped up on his behalf and Travis got us on his back," said Coach Lee Clark.

This seemed to give the Tigers momentum, however, and they eventually took a lead of 26-25 with a layup by junior guard Garell Craig.

Two free throws by Smith gave the Cavs back the lead at 27-26 with 3:11 until halftime.

The Tigers closed out the first half taking a 32-29 lead into the locker room.

Berry led all scorers with 13 points at halftime and Smith and Jordan combined for 15 points.

Craig and Hamilton led the Tigers with eight points each.

Berry and the Cavs came out of the locker room ready to fight, Berry scoring the first 10 points of the second half as the Cavs jumped out to a 39-32 lead. Berry hit another long 3-pointer to extend the Cavs' lead to 46-37.

The Tigers made another run to cut the lead to four with 12:28 left in the game, then Berry made another layup to give him 30 points for the game at the 10:02 mark.

Both teams played hardnosed defense for the couple minutes of the game, but a five-point swing by the Tigers tied the game at 54 with 5:55 left.

With the game winding down, Smith

hit another 3-pointer for the Cavs to give them the lead with 1:37 left in the game, but the Tigers took it back with 1:10 left and a score of 61-58.

The Cavs called a timeout and got their plan together, which seemed to work as Berry hit a 3-pointer from about 25 feet out to tie the game at 61 with 48 seconds left in regulation.

The Cavs forced a stop as the Tigers tried to win the ballgame and got the ball back with a chance to win.

The Tigers' defense kept Berry from getting the ball, so Smith attempted a shot as time expired, but the play was extended into overtime.

The Tigers controlled all extra minutes, surviving 79-71.

Berry finished with a game-high 39 points on 13-28 shooting and Smith contributed with 17 points.

"We fought hard tonight and if we play like that every night we're not in this situation," said Berry.







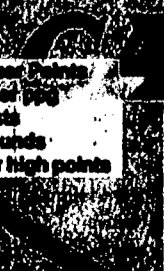
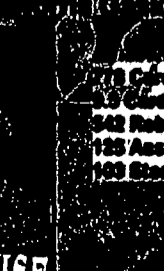
Berry was very emotional after the game, as it was the last game for both him and his best friend Jordan.

"It's the last time I get to put on this jersey," said Berry, "It's been an honor to be a Cav."

The loss wraps up the Cavs season and the Careers of Berry, Jordan, and senior guard Norris Gaskins. The Cavs finished the season 9-16 overall and 6-10 in Mid-South play.

Honoring Cavaliers Basketball Seniors

Women

 <p>Chelsea Cuesman 1421 Career Points 2.6 Career ppg 122 Rebounds 128 Assists 134 Steals</p>	 <p>Emily Doane 247 Career Points 2.2 Career ppg 98 Rebounds 58 Assists 43 Steals</p>	 <p>Kristin Mullins 176 Career Points 4.3 Career ppg 151 Rebounds 16 Assists 10 Steals</p>	 <p>Charlotte Reasor 1618 Career Points 14.7 Career ppg 734 Rebounds 109 Assists 26 Steals</p>	 <p>Travis Berry 1453 Career Points 1.3 Career ppg 146 Rebounds 20 Assists 25 Steals</p>
 <p>Darius Smith 1368 Career Points 16.3 Career ppg 177 Assists 124 Rebounds 26 Career High Points</p>	 <p>Josh Jordan 113 Career Points 1.7 Career ppg 542 Rebounds 125 Assists 143 Steals</p>	 <p>James Turner 1177 Career Points 11.7 Career ppg 679 Rebounds 128 Steals</p>		

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