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Upcoming

Day of Service

The college Day of Service will be held April 14. Contact Diane Cornett dec39@uvawise.edu.

Skydiving

Registration for the OREC skydiving trip will end today. The trip will be on April 14.

Founders Day

Founders Day will be held April 13. The keynote speaker will be on campus at 1 p.m. in the Convocation Center.

Weather

Friday



60°F / 38°F



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Sunday



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Wise takes shoes off for charity

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On April 10, students, faculty and members of the community will have the opportunity to march barefoot through the Town of Wise.

The Wise-based boutique Turning 360 is sponsoring the march as a One Day Without Shoes event on the global day of awareness sponsored by Tom's Shoes.

According to the Tom's Shoes website, One Day Without Shoes is "the day we spread awareness of the impact a pair of shoes can have on a child's life by taking off our own."

In 2011, there were 1,000 events held in more than 25 countries around the world.

Turning 360 will not only be holding the event to raise awareness, but will be collecting shoe donations for local organizations. Participants are asked to wear the pair of shoes they wish to donate to the Slemp Student Center at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, where they will register and place their shoes in donation tubs.

Signs will be available for participants to promote the cause on the walk and they will be able to buy T-shirts sent by Tom's, with all sales going towards the cause.

Around 5:20 p.m., a video sent by Tom's will be shown and at 5:30 p.m., the shoeless march will begin.

Marchers will walk together from the campus to Turning 360. Once there, a free cookout will be held in the parking lot with all welcome. Turning 360 will also be open and selling Tom's shoes.

For every pair of shoes Tom's sells, they donate a pair to someone in need.

Although the clothing boutique has worked with Tom's in the past, this is the first time they have participated in One Day Without Shoes.

"I thought we should do something with the community and the college, so I just planned it and it fell together," said 2010 communications studies graduate Dee

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SGA seeking to make changes

By Emily Baxter
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The Student Government Association is looking to implementing changes to their constitution, pending a vote by the student body in the upcoming elections.

These changes, which include modifications to the voting process, were passed by the senate on March 23, and were then passed along to the student body in an email from SGA advisor Josh Justice.

Senior Senator and Constitution and Policy Book Review Committee Chairman, James Tiffany, said the vote passed unanimously in the senate and it is now up to the students to decide if these changes will be made official. Voting will occur in the student portal from April 16-18.

Students will vote on whether there should be two separate elections, one for the executive board and the next for the senate, and whether the constitution's language should be modified to include language dictating the procedure of online elections.

The committee, made up Tiffany and several senators — including co-author junior senator Philip Blevins — found these changes important because they wanted to encourage more student leaders to run for positions while putting the practices the SGA has been using into policy in the constitution.

"There are two aspects to this change," Tiffany said. "One is breaking elections into two separate periods so students who lose in an executive board election still have a chance to run for a senate position."

Technology has changed dramatically since the last update to the voting procedures, and SGA wishes their constitution to allow for that.

"We've been voting online for four years so it's time our constitution reflects that," said Tiffany. "Functionally, voting will be the same. The only difference that there will be is a second election in the spring of 2013 so executive board members are elected first. Students will still have to fill out a single petition for every position they intend to run for."

Students who have questions about this legislation can contact James Tiffany via email at jw77p@uvawise.edu.

UVA-Wise board approves new campus changes

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The University of Virginia's College at Wise Board approved several measures at their regularly scheduled March 23 meeting which will have an impact on students. Here's a sampling:

— Raising the rental rates for student housing by 7 percent "to maintain and effectively operate the college's residence halls." The cost to live in McCrarry Hall would rise from \$4,746 to \$5,078 per academic year; all other halls would rise from \$5,468 to \$5,850.

— Increasing the college's tuition generally by 5 percent, rather than an 8 percent increase proposed before. A full-time, in-state student will see tuition increase from \$4,242 to \$4,454 per academic year.

— Raising the college's technology fee, a mandatory fee that all students must pay. The fee is set to increase from \$155 to \$121, as "technology costs continue to escalate at a rate higher than inflation."

— Keeping the fee to produce transcripts for students and alumni at \$10.

— Increasing the cost of most college meal plans by 5 percent, "to maintain and effectively operate the college's cafeteria." A 19-meal-a-week plan, for example, will increase from \$3,617 to \$3,798 per academic year.

— Raising the student services fee, which provides operating revenue for many areas of student life, by 5 percent. Full-time students will see an increase from \$3,364 to \$3,532 per academic year effective July 1.

— Increasing the out-of-state tuition rate by 5 percent for full-time residents who live in Kentucky and Tennessee within 50 miles of the college and part of a state assistance grant.

— Raising a capital fee on out-of-state students by 18.6 percent, to \$632.

— Increasing the college's budget for 2012-2013 by 4.8 percent to \$36.4 million.

— Naming the David J. Prior Convocation Center "in consideration of Mr. Prior's many contributions to the betterment of the college and the area it serves."

— Supporting the college's application to the NCAA's Division II, an already ongoing process. UVA-Wise is currently a member of the NAIA Mid-South Conference.

— A memorial resolution honoring the late David Prior, who served as chancellor from 2005 until his death in February.

— A resolution of appreciation for William Wampler, Jr., a longtime Virginia senator who recently left a post at UVA-Wise as an adjunct instructor to become director of the New College Institute.

— A resolution of appreciation for Clarence Phillips, a 1975 graduate of UVA-Wise who recently retired from the General Assembly after 23 years of service.

Want to find out more? Log onto this story at highlandcavaller.com to see the full board minutes, including more detailed descriptions of each of these measures.



News Briefs

Former senator to speak at commencement

A former state senator and senior lecturer at UVA-Wise will be the college's commencement speaker on May 19, college officials confirmed.

William Wampler Jr., who retired in January after 24 years in the Virginia Senate, will address the graduation ceremony at 11 a.m. on the Lawn by the Lake, said Kathy Still, the college's spokeswoman.

Wampler recently became executive director of the New College Institute in Martinsville. A retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, Wampler also taught at UVA-Wise as a senior lecturer in military science in the college's ROTC program.

- Jordan Fifer

UVA-Wise grad named president of Va. college

A 1985 graduate of UVA-Wise was recently named president of Richard Bland College, the junior college branch of The College of William and Mary.

Debbie L. Sydow, currently president of Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y., will take over the reigns at Richard Bland College in Petersburg, Va. in July.

A native of Wise County, Sydow earned a bachelor's degree in English from UVA-Wise, a master's degree in English from Marquette University, and a Ph.D. in English from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

She has held several administrative posts at colleges across the country, including for a time as acting president at Mountain Empire Community College.

Sydow will also be a featured speaker for the spring Alumni Lecture Series at UVA-Wise, set for April 9 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The Monday afternoon lecture is free and open to the public. Students can receive cultural credit for attending.

- Jordan Fifer

Highland Cavalier writers win sports award

Two Highland Cavalier student editors were awarded third place for sports writing in a regional contest recently for a 2011 sports story the pair penned together.

The Sept. 23 Highland Cavalier story "Cavs Sting Wasps, 33-30" recounted one of the most dramatic comebacks in the school's football program history when the team won 33-30 over rival Emory & Henry, in what was likely the last meeting of the Southwest Virginia Bowl, a 17-year rivalry between the two schools.

Jordan Fifer and Jordan Childress shared a by-line on the front page story.

The Society of Professional Journalists announced the Region 2 Mark of Excellence Award winners for the 2011 calendar year on March 31 during the Region 2 SPJ Spring Conference held at Elon University in Elon, N.C. The Mark of Excellence Awards honor the best collegiate journalism in the country. SPJ Region 2 includes Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

"I'm very proud of the award and the high quality of journalism it represents," said Jessica Shartouny, the paper's current editor-in-chief. "It's great that the two of them were recognized for the work they did."

- Staff reports

Phi Sigma Sigma Kicks 4 Kidneys



Jessica Shartouny The Highland Cavalier

Junior music major Chrits Cox throws a whipped cream pie in freshman Chemistry major Lindsay George's face during the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority's "Pie a Phi" fundraiser on

Friday, April 6.

Photo by Jessica Shartouny

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The sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority will be hosting the third annual Kicks 4 Kidneys tournament today and tomorrow to benefit the National Kidney Foundation.

The tournament will start today at 5 p.m. at the intramural fields above the commuter parking lot.

Participating teams will compete in an elimination tournament and the winners will move on to the championship, to be played tomorrow.

Junior political science major and Phi Sigma Sigma sister Katelyn Wilmer said the teams will be playing until 10 p.m. tonight and the tournament will continue tomorrow on Saturday morning.

"Depending on the number of teams, it may be a double elimination process," Wilmer said. "We had a lot of teams last year."

Teams could sign up together or individuals could be placed on a free agent list and then were grouped together to form a team or placed

in an existing team. Each player was asked for a \$5 registration fee and 100 percent of the money collected will be going to the National Kidney Foundation. Last year's event raised \$437 for the Foundation.

Trophies have been donated for best sportsmanship and first place, according to Wilmer. Winners also get a free T-shirt.

Defending Kicks 4 Kidneys champion team, FC McCraney, will be playing in the tournament again this year.

Senior psychology major and FC McCraney co-captain Chase Elswick, is excited to play with his team once more before they graduate.

"The tournament hosted by the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority provides our team a local opportunity to not only give to a noble cause," Elswick said, "but to do so while playing the sport we love one last time."

Phi Sigma Sigma also provided information about kidney disease on the Facebook event to raise awareness about the epidemic and to draw people to help support the cause.

For more information about the National Kidney Foundation, go to kidney.org.

Shoes

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Thacker, a Turning 360 sales associate. "Tom's was really on board and really helpful and easy to work with for this project."

Turning 360 has also received help from students on campus. Kara Collins' freshmen seminar class has used the event as their service project, helping to make the promotional signs, and will all be taking part in the march.

"It's important to raise awareness and to be a part of something that is bigger than yourself," said Thacker. "Tom's is just a great company that opens your eyes to the issues that are going on throughout the world and we welcome everyone to come out."

For more information on Tom's Shoes and the One Day Without Shoes event, visit onedaywithoutshoes.com.

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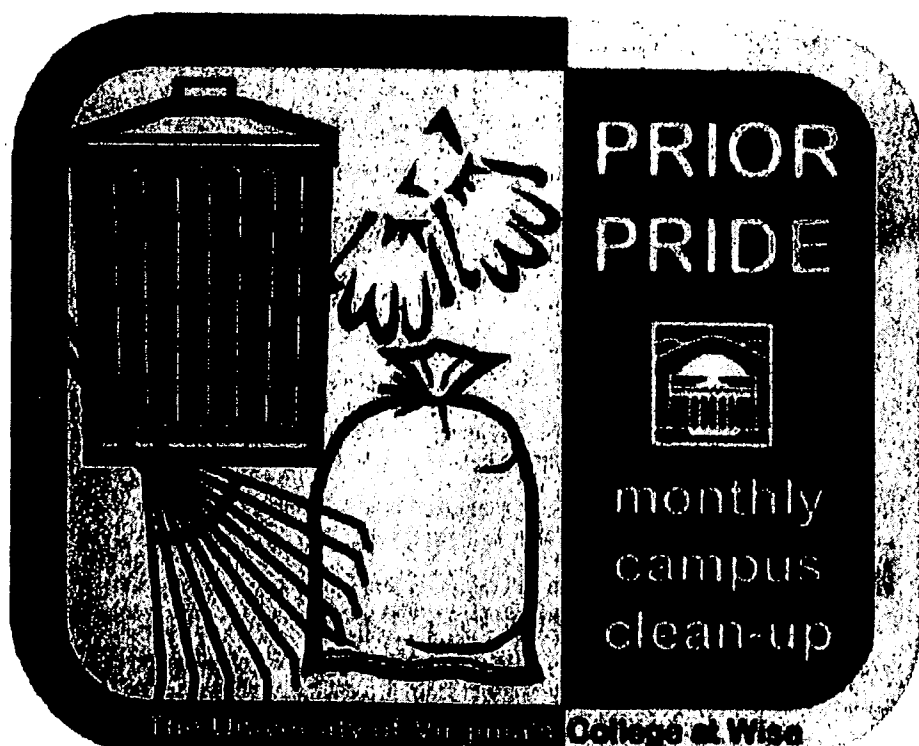
Trash pickup will begin at 8 a.m. and students can start anywhere.

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 Zehner, or in the McCraney 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.



Movie review: Let the 'Games' begin!

By Annie Wilmer

The (University of Virginia) Cavalier Daily, via UWIRE

Gary Ross' portrayal of "The Hunger Games" more closely resembles the book than the \$90 million hype machine it has become.

The story follows 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen through her time competing in the 74th annual Hunger Games, a competition which selects one boy and one girl from each of the 12 districts of post-apocalyptic North America, now called Panem, to fight to the death on television.

Created after a rebellion against the governing Capitol, the Hunger Games were designed to show the districts they are powerless against the Capitol and cannot rise up again.

Employing superb camera work and an outstanding script adaptation, the filmmakers take on this dystopian and disturbing tale with alacrity, translating a complex page-turner into a similarly gripping on-screen story.

Cramping a 374-page book into two and a half hours for a big-budget Hollywood movie seemed destined to result in a heinous flop. But Ross rises to the occasion, perfectly conveying all of the necessary plot information.

Instead of having to rely on awkward on-screen introductory

speeches or the whispered explanations of fellow audience members, viewers who have not read the books will instantly understand from the title slides at the beginning and by piecing together the dialogue.

Ross' artistic abilities have earned him an Oscar nomination before for both directing and writing, and they make "The Hunger Games" truly amazing.

His minimalistic film techniques allow the script and acting to take hold of the audience without distraction or interruption.

Despite the stacked cast, which includes Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Elizabeth Banks, Woody Harelson, Lenny Kravitz and Donald Sutherland, the story at the heart of "The Hunger Games" is the real reason for the film's box-office success.

The midnight showings of the movie brought in \$19.7 million, which is the all-time first night record for a non-sequel, and the seventh-highest grossing midnight screening ever behind three "Harry Potter" movies and three "Twilight" films.

Suzanne Collins wrote an amazingly gripping story, which Gary Ross brought to life in the woods of North Carolina.

To find such success, however, having an Academy Award-nominated actress in the lead can

only help.

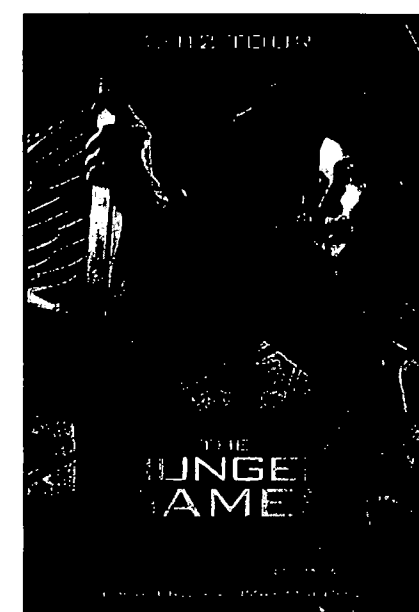
Lawrence fully embodies heroine Katniss Everdeen in yet another brilliant performance. Lawrence and the rest of the cast bring the characters to life so powerfully I cannot imagine the movie any other way.

The story and the violence are troubling and aggressive, but because the movie is made the way it is, this world seems realistic.

While movie and book fans will debate the various merits and flaws of the widely popular "Harry Potter," "Twilight" and "Hunger Games" franchises until the cows come home, Ross' film dwarfs all of the others, at least from an objective film-making standpoint.

The media has drawn unwarranted comparisons between "The Hunger Games" and the terrible "Twilight" saga by focusing far too much on Katniss and the love triangle which springs up around her as the "Games" story proceeds. This romantic element has little bearing on this first film, however, which deals largely with courage and the power of family and friendship, rather than with wishy-washy teenage love affairs.

This movie has a lot to offer for fans of the books, fans of the actors, fans of Ross and newcomers who know nothing of the story or phenomenon. Simply put, "The Hunger Games" is victorious on every level.



What Students had to Say...

"I thought it was a great movie; I am still thinking about it a day after," said junior administration of justice major Phillip Blevins.

"I haven't read the books, but I really like the romance in the movie even though it's fake," said freshman nursing major Casey Crawford.

"It wasn't as good as the book, but it was a pretty good movie. It didn't express the details as well in a majority of the film," said junior administration of justice major Kimberly Hamm.

"I haven't read the book, but I like the movie; it has action and a great plot," said junior English major Russell Hull.



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Advertisement: Celebrate National Library Week

Students are invited to celebrate National Library Week with the John Cook Wylie Library, April 8-14.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide - and the perfect time to discover how You Belong @ your library.

The library is celebrating National Library Week by giving each person who fills out an entry form a chance to win a prize.

Prizes include items such as UVA-Wise t-shirts, UVA-Wise umbrella, UVA-Wise bandana, UVA-Wise cup, UVA-Wise key ring, mugs, duflie bag, computer accessories and books. Prizes will be drawn on April 23rd.

National Library Week was first sponsored in 1958 by the American Library Association and libraries across the country. For more information, visit the library and check out the National Library Week display located in the reference area. -Shannon Steffey

Author to speak at Coffee Night

Advertisement:



Sholl

Professor Betsy Sholl, former poet laureate of Maine 2006-2011, will visit the University of Virginia's College at Wise on April 10-11.

Sholl will be the featured writer at Coffee Night on April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

She will also present a public lecture "I, Me, My / Hesitation in Poetry," Wednesday, April 11, at 1:00 p.m., sponsored by the Department of Language and Literature and the College Lecture Committee. The public is invited to both events.

Growing up in Brick Town, New Jersey, Betsy Sholl is the author of seven collections of poetry. She also contributed poems to numerous journals and magazines. Recent poems have appeared in *Cerise*, *Image*, *Field*, *Best American Poetry 2009* and *Brilliant Corners*. Her Appalachian reflections are collected in *Bloodroot: Reflections on Place by Appalachian Women Writers (2002)* and *Her Words: Diverse Voices in Contemporary Appalachian Women's poetry (2002)*.

Her new poem will appear in *The Best Spiritual Writing of 2012*. In addition to the Felix Pollak Prize, her awards include the AWP Prize for Poetry, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, and two Maine Artists Grants.

Always finding poetry in the most unlikely places and promoting poetry as a vehicle for personal and public education, Sholl, appointed as the third poet laureate of Maine, is known as the people's poet in Maine. Her social awareness through poetry began as early as her years spent in Appalachia—not only writing poems that surprise, but also teaching poetry at a Coeburn correctional facility. She also found inspiration in jazz and blues. Sholl, who taught at UVA-Wise for one semester, credited Appalachia, its landscape and people, for her writer's life in an interview with Richard Jackson.

Sholl has been a visiting poet at the University of Pittsburgh and at Bucknell University. Currently, she teaches at the University of Southern Maine and the Vermont College of Fine Arts (formerly Vermont College) MFA Program. She has a BA in English from Bucknell University, an MA from the University of Rochester, and an MFA from Vermont College. She lives with her husband, Dr. Douglas Sholl, in Portland, Maine. Before moving there in 1983, the Sholls lived in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, for seven years.

Coffee Night also features "Spring Highland Voices: Writers and Performers of the College and Community." All contributors to the 2012 spring edition of the *Jimson Weed* are welcome to present and the program will be forthcoming.

Others in the region who are interested in participating or performing at Coffee Night may contact Collin Skeen, *Jimson Weed* managing editor, at cas9hx@uvawise.edu by April 6.

A book signing will follow both events. Sholl's three acclaimed collections of poetry, *Rough Cradle*, *Late Psalm*, and *Don't Explain*, are available in the bookstore. All of the events are free and open to the public. Students will receive cultural credit for attendance.

For more information, contact Kathy Still, Director of News and Media Relations, (276) 376-1027.

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Editorial Tennessee, evolution and ignorance

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Tennessee seems to hate evolution. In 1925, the state passed the infamous Butler Act, which prohibited state university professors or public school teachers from teaching anything other than the biblical account of creation. This ban included the theory of evolution, the backbone of all biological sciences. According to this law, anyone that mentioned evolution would be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined for each offense. Thankfully, substitute teacher John Scopes was arrested for teaching evolution and brought the law to national attention. The famous "Monkey Trial" resulted in the law being upheld, but it served as a model for others to follow. The Butler Act was finally revoked in 1967 when teacher Gary Scott sued the state after being fired for teaching his students evolution. For many, it seemed the issued had finally been settled. Of course, I wouldn't be writing this column if the issue had gone away in 1967. Like in 1925, Tennessee is again assaulting the ability of teachers to teach evolution properly. Governor Bill Haslam recently stated that he would sign into law a bill which allowed criticism of evolution, global warming or anything else conflicting with the state's political or religious agenda.

Looking beyond the obvious problems, the main issue is with presenting evolution as a controversial issue. Evolution is not a controversy outside of the Republican National Committee and a few fanatical religious movements. Evidence has overwhelmingly pointed to evolution. Before Darwin, Greeks, Romans and other early cultures moved toward the same conclusion. The only real controversy should be why public support exists for ruining education and, specifically, ruining science education. Perhaps the most glaring reason for this problem is the lack of education. That is, ignorance breeding ignorance. The scary fact is that states like

Tennessee are not the only places that evolution is hated. According to a Gallup Poll in 2009, only four out of every ten Americans believe evolution to be scientific fact. We must be careful to guard against this continuing anti-intellectual movement. If we allow government officials to prevent us from learning about evolution, what will stop them from outlawing learning about the Big Bang Theory, quantum mechanics, plate tectonics or anything else, for that matter? Unfortunately, the only thing we can do is to help stop the fear and spread the knowledge. Don't give into the conservative hype, educate yourself to protect yourself.

Members of Folk Soul Revival open for headliner Lonestar last Friday night in the David J. Prior Convocation Center.



Jessica Shartouny | The Highland Cavalier
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Know what you are looking at for 2012

Submitted by Dr. Eric Smith

1. The candidates' campaign websites
I'll be frank, most of the "space" on various candidates' official campaign websites is taken up with garbage, rhetoric, and fundraising. If you look over at their platforms (listed under "Solutions" for Gingrich, and "Issues" for Obama, Paul, Romney and Santorum) you can get some information on the candidates' actual platforms and their formal justifications for them. That said, most are difficult to navigate and unclear as to the actual platforms, preferring to use glittering generalities and other similar tactics. Best of the bunch is unquestionably Gingrich's-- simply put, he has prepared a straightforward document in which he outlines his goals in detail (whether you agree with them or not, being of no consequence).
• Barack Obama: barackobama.com [C]
• Newt Gingrich: newt.org [B]
• Ron Paul: ronpaul2012.com [C-]
• Mitt Romney: mitromney.com [C]
• Rick Santorum: ricksantorum.com [D+]

2. The candidates' websites as public servants
On the Democratic side of the ticket we have the incumbent, President Obama. On the Republican side we have Gingrich, former Speaker of the House and Representative of 6th District of Georgia but currently holder of no office of public trust; Paul, Representative of the 14th District of Texas; Romney, the former Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts but currently holder of no office of public trust; and Santorum, formerly Representative of the 18th District of Pennsylvania but currently holder of no office of public trust.

Editorial One-and-done

By Todd Galyean
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The Kentucky Wildcats won their eighth national championship April 2 over the Kansas Jayhawks--their first championship under head coach John Calipari. The championship can be considered a product of Calipari's highly-debated system of bringing the country's most touted high school players into Kentucky, only to send them to the NBA the following year. Critics berate Calipari for doing this, but the fact is, he is merely taking advantage of the opportunity created by the NBA's 19-year-old age limit. Players who once opted to forego college and head to the NBA out of high school are now bringing their talents to college, if only for a short time. Interestingly enough, basketball magazine SLAM Online reported that NBA Commissioner David Stern wants to again raise the age limit, this time to 20. One-and-done players are a minority of college basketball players, but even still, should they be allowed? To enter the NBA draft, a player needs to be one year removed from high school and at least 19. Nowhere in the rule does it say a player must enroll in college for a year. Obviously, these players attending are gaining benefits from their short time in college,

specifically experience and notoriety, but no diploma. They are not the only ones benefiting. A successful program means millions of dollars for the university and bragging rights for their entire fan nation. A win-win situation, it would seem. The question I ponder about this occurrence is fairness to students. Is it fair that someone who has no intentions of receiving a diploma is able to go to school for free? College students are graduating with higher debts every year while one-and-done players receive a pointless two semesters' worth of education, only to move on to multimillion-dollar contracts. Yes, these players bring money into the school with their talents and may even send back a portion of their enormous contracts, but my problem with this does not just lie in economics. One-and-done players undermine the integrity of an institution. A scholarship is given to support a student in his striving for education. A scholarship given to a one-and-done player is like a university paying their fee to play in a sports league. Things are unlikely to change any time soon, and maybe a majority of people do not want them to change. Nonetheless, I am completely positive college was not intended to be a one-year hiatus for NBA draft picks.

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Baseball continues to find groove

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The baseball team hosted the No. 17 Georgetown College Tigers March 31 and April 1 for a crucial Mid-South Conference game. The Cavs were sitting pretty when junior catcher Tommy Meier and senior catcher Freddy Garay produced RBI singles in the bottom of the third to give the Cavs an early 2-0 lead. The Tigers later answered back with two runs of their own. Cavalier junior Justin Wilson and Tiger freshman Tyler Arthur pitched their way out of jams after allowing each team two runs. Wilson had himself a career day on the mound, striking out 12 Tiger batters while allowing three runs in seven innings of work. The third run was a line-drive home run by Tiger junior outfielder Jordan Hinchaw that broke a 2-2 tie in the top of the seventh. Senior second baseman Randy Gnute then added another insurance run with a monstrous home run. The Cavs were unable to answer back as the Tigers bullpen pitched three innings of shutout ball. Arthur improved to 6-0 on the mound as the

Tigers homered their way to a 4-2 win over the Cavs. Wilson's tough luck dropped him to 0-4 on the season. In the series finale doubleheader, the Cavs saw their longest game on the season as the Cavs and Tigers played a 14-inning thriller, before the Tigers scored two runs on the top of the 14th to take the 5-3 game one win. Junior first baseman Brian King had two RBI for the Cavs' game one with a double and a home run. Junior outfielder Brett Hylton also added an RBI for the Cavs. Game two was even more of a thriller, as the Cavs rallied from behind in the bottom of the seventh. Tiger senior outfielder Chris Wood hit the game-tying home run in the seventh to tie the game at three, but the Cavs had an answer for Wood and the Tigers. Hylton ended the game with a walk-off RBI that plated junior shortstop Danny Bates as the winning run in a 4-3 win over the Tigers and the Cavs went 1-2 against the Tigers in the three-game series. After both the scheduled games were rained out this week, Cavs will travel to Montgomery, W.Va. to play the West Virginia Tech Golden Bears today and tomorrow.



Courtesy of Richard Meade
Junior Brett Hylton is met at homeplate by teammates after his home-run against Cumberland in the March 24 win against the Patriots. The Cavs won 7-4.

Simply Sanchize: How championships change opinions

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Experience, cohesion, longevity -- these are all words people think of when they think of a championship team. After Monday night's National Championship Game, this is no longer the case, as John Calipari and the Kentucky Wildcats have redefined the term champion. Since accepting the job in Lexington, Calipari has taken his team deep into the NCAA tournament with underclassmen leading the charge for the Wildcats. During his three-year tenure, Calipari has sent six true freshmen to the NBA. Critics have been relentless in their negative critiques of the Kentucky program, most feeling that no coach could create a championship program without focusing on the development of the players' and team chemistry. After amassing 100 wins in three years, winning games was no longer the concern of Wildcat observers, but it was whether they could win the big dance. Losing in the Elite Eight and Final Four in consecutive years, Kentucky felt the pressure,

answered the call and silenced critics. Monday's Championship showed that talent could overcome any form of experience. Calipari's use of the "one-and-done" rule has been nothing short of genius. He recruits players that want to win and want to move on to the next level. The Calipari method has turned college basketball into a stepping-stone for the NBA. His method has not meshed out well for his former freshman stars in the professional ranks. John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins, Patrick Patterson, Eric Bledsoe, Brad Knight, Enes Kanter and Brandon Knight have yet to find a consistent stride in the NBA. Kanter never played because of academic ineligibility. Now this championship team faces the same issue with ramblings around the sports world about Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marquis Teague making the jump to the NBA. Whatever the opinion maybe, one thing is now constant -- John Calipari's method works. It is a new day in the recruitment of college basketball players. Player experience does not win championships anymore, but coaching experience coupled with player talent does.



Courtesy of David J. Phillip/AP
Kentucky coach John Calipari wins his first national championship with the help of Anthony Davis, the sure-fire No. 1 pick in this June's NBA Draft Lottery. Fans perceptions of Calipari have been mixed at best over the past several years.

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it as a responsibility every day to get through therapy." LeGrand said his efforts paid off when he released a picture of himself standing on July 13, 2011 along with a tweet that read: "Standing tall, we can't fall. Standing upright again #bELieve52 #TeamUSA."

"The therapists can't tell you what it is. I can't tell you what it is. It's just a blessing to me," LeGrand said. As for the future, LeGrand said he plans to be a broadcaster for ESPN. "After I get my degree, I want to go into broadcasting," LeGrand said. "I'm hoping to work with ESPN in the next two years."

Dr. Young said he applauds LeGrand's efforts both physically and in the classroom. "Eric was taking classes again in January through Skype and doing his physical therapy at the same time," Young said.

The event, sponsored by Student Society for Stem Cell Research, also featured musical performances by the student a cappella group Deep Treble, the University yo-yo club and rapper ProfessorX, a victim of a spinal cord injury himself. ProfessorX, also known as Richard Thomas, became paralyzed after he was shot in the neck and now devotes his time to rapping about the need for a cure.

The title of the first song he performed, "I Believe," promoted the idea of not only using stem cell research for spinal cord injuries, but also other conditions that could benefit from stem cells.

"Everybody has got to believe there's a chance for me to get out of this chair," Thomas said in the song. "And if it ain't me, it's the kids of the future."

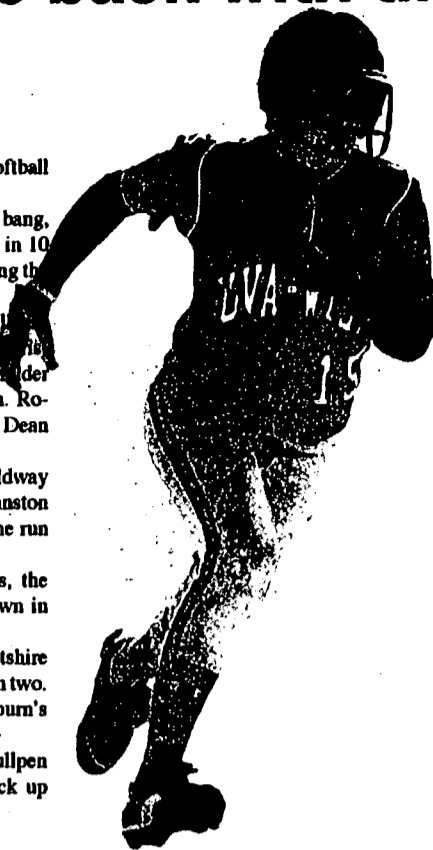
LeGrand said with the help of some of his teammates, classes via Skype were just like being in attendance physically. "My teammates would put the laptop right up front so once I put my headphones on, it was just like being there," LeGrand said.

Since Young first arrived at the University 15 years ago, he has seen a rise in spinal cord injury research. LeGrand said he is confident in Young and his staff, claiming that a cure is on its way. "I know that this man right here will find a cure for all of us," he said. "And then we're going to party."

All proceeds from the event's admission went to the Central Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Association Inc., which is affiliated with LeGrand.

Cavs come back with timely hitting

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A day removed from a sweep over a Mid-South foe, the Cavs hosted the Virginia Intermont Cobras for a non-Conference match up.

Game one went into extra innings before a Romualdo walk-off single scored Wiltshire to give the Cavs a 1-0 win over the Cobras.

In game two, the Cobras tied the ballgame at three apiece in the top of the seventh.

The Cavs decided to end game two like game one in walk-off fashion when Mays doubled in sophomore catcher Charity Lawson to give the Cavs the 4-3 victory.

After playing four games in three days, the Cavs traveled to Campbellsville to take on the Tigers in a Mid-South game.

The Cavs saw their four-game winning streak snap, losing both games to the Tigers with scores of 9-0 and 6-2.

Wise stands at 19-19 on the season and 5-7 in Mid-South play for sixth place.

The Cavs will be back in action today at Cavalier Field as the Cavs are set to take on the St. Catherine Patriots in a 2 p.m. doubleheader.

The Cavs will also host Shawnee State University on April 10 for another 2 p.m. doubleheader.

Upcoming Games

Baseball

Cavs baseball plans to travel to W Va. Tech today and tomorrow for a three-game series. The Cavs will travel to Bluefield College for a 7 p.m. game on Tuesday. They will be back at home on Wednesday for a 6 p.m. first pitch.

Softball

The softball team will host St. Catherine today for a 2 p.m. doubleheader. The Cavs will be back in action Tuesday with a 2 p.m. doubleheader with Shawnee State. The Cavs will host Rio Grande on Thursday with first pitch set for 2 p.m.

Tennis

The men's and women's tennis teams will travel to Berea College today for a 2 p.m. match. The Cavs will host Lindsey Wilson for Mid-South action tomorrow.

It's safe to say that the women's softball team has been on a roll recently.

The Cavs ended March with a bang, winning game one 2-1 and game two in 10 innings with a score of 6-5 while hosting the Cumberland Patriots.

Sophomore second baseman Alex Zebrowski, sophomore first baseman Martina Romualdo and freshman outfielder Morgan Mays collected two hits each. Romualdo and junior outfielder Natasha Dean knocked in the Cav runs.

Sophomore pitcher Kaylla Holdway and freshman pitcher Lannie Johnston teamed up to allow the Patriots just one run on six hits.

In game two against the Patriots, the Cavs rallied back from three runs down in the bottom of the seventh.

Sophomore outfielder Sarah Wiltshire had one RBI and Zebrowski knocked in two. Senior third baseman Ashlee Washburn's RBI single gave the Cavs a 6-5 win.

Chelsea Booth came out of the bullpen to pitch seven innings of relief to pick up the win.

Golf hosts tournament and finishes eighth

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Meadowview golf course. Wise finished in eighth place, with The University of the Cumberlands taking the title on a two-day team score of 548.

Junior Matt Dotson paced the Cavs with a 155 total, and sophomores Clint Lowe and Chris Scott came in with 156

for their two-day total. Sophomore Eric Mehair and freshman Jordan Lovelace finished with 159 and 171 respectively.

The Cavs' next match will be on April 14 when the Cavs travel to Roanoke, Va. for the Roanoke College Invitational at the Roanoke Country Club.

The UVA-Wise men's golf team hosted the Mid-South Spring Invitational on Monday and Tuesday at the Cattails at

Cheerleading coach steps down



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After eight years of being involved with the cheerleading program, Chelsie Lawson has decided to resign from her position as head coach.

Lawson, who is pursuing her master's degree in liberal studies from East Tennessee State University, states that she is unable to devote the necessary time required to help the program progress.

The 2006 UVA-Wise graduate acknowledged that she will support the program in any capacity as a mentor, advisor and friend.

The Jonesville, Va. native spent four years as a cheerleader and then moved to the coach's position afterwards.

During Lawson's tenure, the team traveled to Orlando for UCA College Nationals in 2009, placing 12th; Frankfort, Ky. for the

Mid-South Conference Cheerleading Championship, placing 6th in 2011 and 2nd in 2012; and to Campbellsville, Ky. for the NAIA East Regionals Cheerleading Invitational in 2012, placing 3rd.

Lawson has left a mark of improvement on the squad. She feels that the team can be a contender in the Mid-South Conference and the Eastern Region.

Lawson gave a rallying cry to the entire cheerleading community.

"The cheerleaders are in season from July to March, practicing tirelessly to prepare for football games, basketball games and competition," said Lawson.

"Cheerleading is a serious time commitment, a true sport, and it should be recognized as such."

Lawson also encourages males interested in cheerleading to come out and join.

UVa-Wise cheerleaders cheer at a Cavalier football game in 2010. The Cavalier cheerleaders will be searching for a new head coach going into the 2012 fall semester after the resignation of head coach Chelsie Lawson.

Former Rutgers' player expresses hope in research

By Krista Pirtle
The (Rutgers University) Daily Targum, via UWIRE

Eric LeGrand took the stage Wednesday in front of an audience of 70 people at Rutgers U. to present his outlook for the future, reflecting the event's theme of "Don't Stop Believing."

Dr. Wise Young, his physical therapist and mentor, held the microphone for LeGrand as he recalled his injury during the Oct. 16, 2010 Scarlet Knights football game against Army's Black Knights in the Meadowlands Stadium.

"When I first got hurt, I was laying on that field, and I felt like I knocked the wind out of myself," LeGrand said. "Coach [Greg] Schiano came running up to me and said 'you just got to keep praying, you just got to fight.'"

LeGrand said he saw his mother before he was taken off the field and assured her that he would

be "all right."

After seeing his mother, LeGrand said he "blacked out" and was unable to remember anything that happened until the following Wednesday, four days after his injury.

"The first year, you face things you've never faced in your whole life," LeGrand said.

Young, director of the University's W.M. Keck Center for Collaborative Neuroscience said he first met LeGrand about six weeks after his injury.

Young said he told LeGrand that he was working on therapies for chronic spinal cord injuries and that he wanted LeGrand to feel that he was not alone.

"I want to make sure that Eric understands that we are here working for him," Young said. "He's my hero. He always was poised. He always had this confidence that he was able to do this."

LeGrand said he began therapy with a lot of stretching and soon

2012 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 25	Bethel	Mckenzie, Tenn.	6:00 p.m.
Sep. 1	Faulkner	Wise, Va.	6:00 p.m.
Sep. 8	Campbell	Bules Creek, NC	6:00 p.m.
Sep. 15	Pikeville*	Pikeville, Ky.	1:30 p.m.
Sep. 22	Cumberland	Wise, Va.	6:00 p.m.
Sep. 29	Belhaven	Wise, Va.	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Bluefield	Bluefield, Va.	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	Kentucky Christian*	Wise, Va.	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Cumberlands*	Williamsburg, Ky.	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Union*	Barbourville, Ky.	1:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Open		
Nov. 10	Georgetown*	Wise, Va.	1:30 p.m.

*Indicates Mid-South East Opponent

progressed to therapies, such as what he called "the standing frame" where LeGrand would be able to stand with assistance from a mechanical frame.

"I would get dizzy a lot and start feeling like I was going to pass out," LeGrand

said about his early attempts to stand.

LeGrand said he was able to fight through the pain, using his supporters as inspiration for his continued therapy.

"How can you give up?" LeGrand said. "I see Research, page 5