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A UVa-Wise professor is hosting a TV show on politics and social theory. Find out more on page 2.



The library is open later during exam week. Read Opinion Editor Corey Sanchez's thoughts on page 3.



The women's basketball team snagged a historic win last week. Find out more on page 6.

## Upcoming

### December Graduation

The December Recognition of Graduates Ceremony is set for 1 p.m. on Friday in the Prior Center.

### Exams

Exams begin Dec. 10. A full exam schedule can be found on the Office of the Registrar's website.

### Textbooks due

Rented textbooks are due back to the Bookstore on Dec. 14 by 5 p.m.

## Weather

Wednesday



52°F / 30°F

Thursday



58°F / 37°F

Friday



55°F / 45°F

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# Junior charged in deadly shooting

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A UVa-Wise junior could face more than a decade in prison after being charged with the shooting death of an 18-year-old woman in his Norton mobile home the night before Thanksgiving.

Melquan Shabazz Huntley, 21, an administration of justice major and fullback on the Cavs football team, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and two other felonies following the Nov. 21 incident.

Police say Huntley was showing his 9mm Glock handgun to friends when it discharged, striking Jahnae Foster in the head.

Foster, a Big Stone Gap

resident and the mother of an 8-month-old girl, was flown to Johnson City Medical Center and died a week later.

In statements to police and emails to The Highland Cavalier, Huntley said the shooting was an accident.

"Nobody was trying to hurt no one," he wrote in an email.

The junior remains in custody at the Duffield Regional Jail on a \$10,000 secured bond, awaiting a January hearing. He's also charged with shooting within an occupied building, court records show.

Norton police Chief James Lane said more charges may follow as the investigation proceeds.

College spokeswoman Kathy Still said the 6' 1", 240-lb fullback was suspended from

the football team pending the outcome of his charges, and banned from campus during that interim suspension.

Police were called to Huntley's mobile home in the 600 block of Kentucky Avenue shortly before 11 p.m. on Nov. 21 and found Foster in a bedroom with a gunshot wound to the right side of her forehead, according to a criminal complaint filed by Norton police Capt. Roger Cooke in Wise County General District Court.

Court documents show Huntley appeared at first to give two different accounts of what happened that night.

Cooke wrote that Hunt-

ley agreed to speak with him even after being advised of his Miranda rights, saying the pistol "fell as he was trying to put it in a cabinet and discharged."

But pressed by Cooke for more details, Huntley said he was doing a "military cleaning" of the weapon when it fired. Huntley said he didn't know the handgun was loaded.

At least one other person besides Huntley was in the room when Foster was shot, Cooke wrote in the court documents.

"She [the witness] told me Melquan had brought the gun into the room to show them," Cooke wrote. "She said she

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Merry Lu Prior, Provost Sandy Huguenin, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Sim Ewing, and Chair of the Natural Sciences Department Margie Tucker shovel soil over the roots of a sugar maple tree at the Nov. 30 dedication of the tree to the late chancellor David J. Prior. The Department of Natural Sciences initiated the purchase of the tree, which was planted outside the David J. Prior Convocation Center, because Merry Lu Prior said that her husband admired the autumn colors of campus. A redbud tree is set to be planted at the Lila Vicars Smith House in his honor, as well.

# Chancellor to be named Friday

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The University of Virginia's Board of Visitors is set to approve the college's next chancellor at a meeting this Friday and will publicly announce the hire immediately after, officials said.

The board plans to approve the college's eighth chancellor at a meeting in the David J. Prior Center at 10 a.m. on Dec. 7, according to a letter sent out to the UVa-Wise community by Marcia Gilliam, chair of the UVa-Wise College Board and the college's chancellor search committee.

A public announcement is then set for 10:30 a.m. at the Prior Center, Gilliam

said. An open house will be held later at the chancellor's residence, the Lila Vicars Smith House, from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The Prior Center, completed in the fall of 2011, was named for the late chancellor after his death.

The meeting and announcement comes the same day as a regularly scheduled UVa-Wise College Board meeting at 9 a.m. in the Slemp Student Center.

Little information has been released about the potential hire or any of the candidates.

UVa President Teresa Sullivan said recently that she had personally meals with three candidates recommended by the search committee.

The search process for executive level

positions at universities and colleges is often protected by confidentiality agreements and secrecy in the hopes of protecting the jobs of would-be applicants. The records kept by those search committees are typically exempt from open records laws.

Prior, UVa-Wise's seventh chancellor, died unexpectedly in February of an apparent heart attack. The search for his replacement has been ongoing since April.

Can't attend the announcement?

Follow The Highland Cavalier on Twitter, @HighlandCav, for live tweets Friday morning.

# SGA endows scholarship

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The Student Government Association recently voted to endow a \$10,000 scholarship for student leaders.

The annual gift, tentatively called the SGA Emerging Leader Scholarship, was unanimously approved by the SGA's senate at their Nov. 16 meeting after being championed by President Phillip Blevins.

Senators voted on a plan that

would fund the scholarship within five years, said SGA advisor Josh Justice. The money will be raised through donations, fundraising and outside sources, and not from student fees, he said.

To be eligible, students must be a rising sophomore, junior or senior with a cumulative 3.0 GPA and in good academic standing. They must demonstrate leadership characteristics, submit a personal statement and a resume.

The recipient would then be selected by the SGA president, advisor and the see Scholarship, page 2



The Highland Cavalier / File photo

SGA President Phillip Blevins introduced the concept of endowing a student scholarship to the SGA senate. The idea was unanimously approved on Nov. 16.

# Professor hosts political TV program

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Flip through the channels on television this weekend and you just might see some familiar faces discussing politics from the fifth floor of the student center.

Last semester, Garrett Sheldon, the John Morton Beatty Professor of Political Science, received a grant to bring in outside scholars to speak to students interested in government. An opportunity for the campus, it led to other ambitions as well — namely a CAV-TV program called "Thoughts & Talk."

"Since I was bringing in these guys, I thought, wouldn't it be nice to do something on CAV-TV with them for the whole college and community to benefit," Sheldon said.

Sheldon brought his idea to Keith Fowlkes, the college's vice chancellor for information technology, who now serves as the show's director, producer and editor.

Fowlkes welcomed the vision of a program modeled after conservative author and commentator William F. Buckley Jr.'s "Firing Line," which ran on PBS from 1966 to 1999.

The idea was like Buckley's show — to primarily interview a guest through Socratic dialogue with a panel of students asking questions after the

main discussion.

After the initial two episodes featuring the two outside scholars — Dr. Jeffrey Morrison, Associate Professor at the School of Government at Regent University, and Dr. Daniel Dreisbach, professor at American University in Washington D.C. — Sheldon decided to continue the program, while changing the focus of those interviewed.

"I figured we would start doing our own college faculty," he said. "People doing books and interesting projects, which is all related back to my field — political theory."

The show's topics are typically related to political thought as well as a guest's field of study. The most recent guests have had concentrations from economics to information technology.

Sheldon said he's interested in merging political and social sciences with modern topics.

"I want to do [an episode] on music, but it wouldn't focus on contemporary music or any one type of music," he said. "For example, Aristotle said that music reflects human emotion. What's the theory behind that and music's effects on society in general?" he said.

In the six episodes filmed so far, the student panelists have brought diverse majors as well, including history, administration of justice, government and economics.

Sheldon said he welcomes stu-

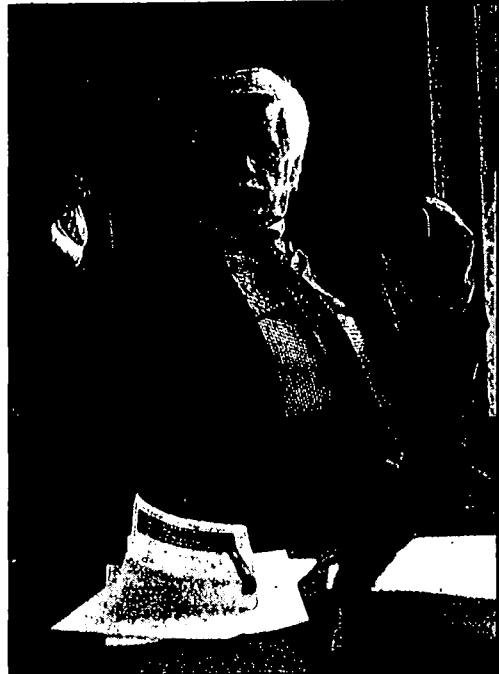
dents interested to become a panelist or just to come watch a taping.

"It's interesting to see professors talk about subjects like students and not as professors," he said. "We are not lecturing ... we're thinking, we're questioning. I think students who have been involved have enjoyed it so far and I think others would, too, seeing their professors really being academics."

He joked: "I always enjoyed it when my professors were arguing with each other."

The most recent episode of "Thoughts & Talk," a discussion with professor Wendy Welch on her new book "The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap," can be viewed on CAV-TV on channel 55 Saturday and Sunday at 6 p.m. and online at uvawise.edu/tntprogram.

Viewers can expect another epi-



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Garrett Sheldon, professor of political science, speaks in his office. Sheldon is the host of a CAV-TV program called "Thoughts & Talk."

sode over winter break, Sheldon said. The program is set to resume filming next semester.

For more information or if interested in participating, contact Sheldon at gws@uvawise.edu.

# Counselor offers tips during exams



Jessica Shartouny | The Highland Cavalier

Senior biology major Allen Owens, senior chemistry major Ya Chang Liu and senior biology major Sam Kruta study in the Leonard W. Sandridge Science Center on Dec. 4, the week before exams.

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Stress, one of the biggest perceived challenges to a college student, is often misunderstood. Rather than it being a result of something in our lives, some experts believe stress may actually develop from inside. But stress, whether a result of personal or environmental circumstances, is not always bad. Despite common perceptions, "good stress" or "eustress," helps the body both mentally and physically.

"We cannot always control some of the things that happen to us, but we do have 100 percent control over how we react to those things," said Director of Student Development and counselor Rachel Rose.

With exam week quickly approaching, Rose suggests some simple and healthy tips for dealing

with the stress many of us will face:

— "When it comes to exams the first and foremost step is being prepared for the exam. Start studying early, formulating study groups, and talking to professors about unanswered questions are just a few ways to be prepared."

— "In addition to knowing the material, it is important to be mentally and physically prepared. Exercise and rest are positive ways to get your body [ready], as exercise boosts brain power, energy and focus. Knowing the material and keeping positive thoughts before an exam will help will help students retain the information sequestered by exams."

— "Positive thinking reinforces the fact that life does not revolve around one test and that there is a difference between failing a test and being a failure at life. You don't need to define yourself based on one

test score."

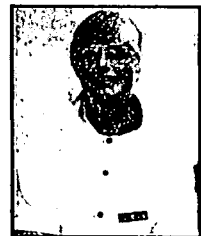
Ultimately everyone is unique and handles stress in their own way, Rose said.

For senior psychology major Erin Beach, that unique way is watching ABC Family's "25 Days of Christmas" and drinking hot chocolate. For other students who might need a little bit more help fighting other stress, the Center for Student Development will provide guidance and advice to beat stress and provide an opportunity to win prizes.

Students seeking individual advice and solutions for dealing with stress or any other problems facing them can make appointments with counselors by stopping by the Center for Student Development in Cantrell Hall or calling 276-376-1005.

# Ask Miss Cindy

An advice column written by Cindy Greene, our own cafeteria cashier



Dear Miss Cindy,  
How do you stay so positive? Help me!  
Sincerely,  
Feeling Low

Dear Miss Cindy,  
Who do you think you are? You know guys go to hell. You're not all that! So put this in your newspaper!  
Hello!

Dear Feeling Low,  
Staying positive is as easy as being negative. It's a choice. Life is all about

Dear Hello,  
To start out on a positive note, at least you have acknowledged that there is a Hell, and I'm afraid that you'll be in danger of going there if you don't stop judging people.

choices.  
You choose to get out of bed, you choose to take a bath, what clothes to wear, what shoes to put on, which jewelry, perfume, blah, blah, blah! It goes on all day, every day.

Now I'm going to give you a piece of my mind. You'll only get a piece of it because I'm keeping the rest for myself!

So, in a nutshell, I choose to be positive. What you give, you always get back.

Obviously, you don't own a mirror. I'd be glad to lend you one of mine since I have several. I use them regularly.

It's really a theory. It's called reciprocity — giving and receiving. I also call it the boomerang effect. Get up tomorrow and make a choice. Be positive. It makes life easier and less stressful! God knows we don't need any more stress!

Get my drift?  
As for me not being "all that," I beg to differ! To quote "Forrest Gump" ... "That's all I have to say about that."

Trade stress for peace. It surpasses all understanding.

I listen to the news all the time, and I haven't heard where God abdicated His throne and sat you in it!

—Miss Cindy

—Lovingly, Miss Cindy

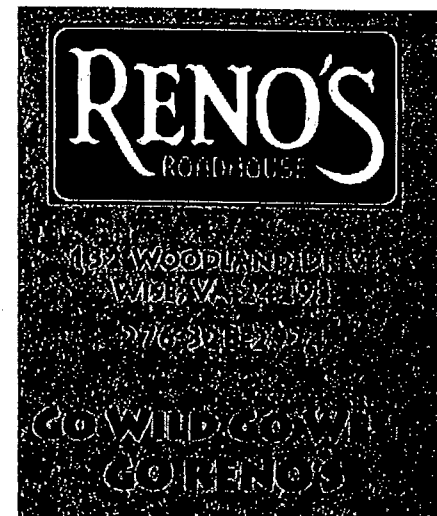
# Scholarship

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dean of students.  
Bevins said he was eager about the scholarship's possibilities for students.

"This is one of two student-led scholarships," he said. "Pi Kappa Phi has a scholarship that they have endowed themselves, but this scholarship is for the students, by the students."

Editor-in-Chief Jordan Fifer contributed to this report.



# News Briefs

\$1 mil gift funds professorship

The estate of the wife of a former state senator donated \$1 million in August to endow a biology professorship at UVA-Wise, officials announced recently.

The John C. Buchanan Professorship in Biology was established by the estate of Carol Phipps Buchanan in honor of her late husband, a University of Virginia alumna and former state senator who represented parts of Southwest Virginia.

He operated a medical office in Wise before serving in the Virginia General Assembly for nearly two decades.

"We are deeply grateful ... for the generous gift," said Tami Ely, vice chancellor for development and college relations. "Endowed professorships allowed us to attract and retain excellent faculty at UVA-Wise, which enhances the educational experience for our students."

— Jordan Fifer

# Board evaluates Sullivan

By Joseph Liss  
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Cavalier Daily, via UWire

The University of Virginia's Board of Visitors met on Nov. 28 in Richmond to conduct an annual review of President Teresa Sullivan's performance.

"This meeting will be held in closed session for the purpose of conducting a routine annual evaluation of the President," the Board posted on its website. "There is no action that will come out of the meeting. There will not be an opportunity for comments from the public at this meeting."

University spokesperson McGregor McCance said in an email that the meeting records were not available for public comment or review because they constitute a

personnel evaluation.

"These evaluations and records are exempt under FOIA [the Freedom of Information Act] and are not public," McCance said in the email. "Though the actual evaluations are not public, there certainly are some strong indications of areas of emphasis that will be playing a role in future evaluations of the President."

McCance said the Board and Sullivan are focused on faculty compensation, strategic plan development and furthering the University's research efforts.

"[T]he Board believes it is important for the annual evaluation of the President to include benchmarks related to the University's

annually updated strategic plan," a resolution passed by the Board Nov. 9 stated.

McCance said the meeting was held in Richmond because University Rector Helen Dragas and Board members George Martin and Alan Diamondstein, among others, found the location more convenient than coming to Charlottesville.

The Board on Nov. 9 approved a one-year extension of Sullivan's contract. She will now serve through July 2016. The contract extension specified

regularly based on "benchmarks" and discussions of contract renewal would conclude before Jan. 31, 2015.



Sullivan

# Shooting

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didn't know exactly what happened to cause the gun to discharge."

Another man, a UVA-wise student, was in the mobile home but told officers he did not witness the shooting.

The Highland Cavalier is not naming either person because neither has been charged nor testified in court.

Huntley enlisted as a private in the Virginia Army National Guard in April 2011 and is assigned to the Gate City-based 1032nd Transportation

Company, 1030th Transportation Battalion, said Guard spokesman Maj. Cotton Puryear.

"He is a traditional Guard soldier, meaning that he drills one weekend a month and 15 days a year," Puryear said.

Puryear said Huntley has been placed under an administrative hold in accordance with Army regulations

"pending the outcome of the police investigation and subsequent court proceedings."

"The unit chain of command will also conduct a face-to-face counseling with him, and he will also not be allowed to handle any weapons," Puryear said.

Foster graduated this year from Norton's John I. Burton High School and is the mother of an 8-month-old girl named Kimora.

Lane said her body would be taken to the chief medical examiner's office in Roanoke for autopsy.

Atecia Holley, Foster's mother, said her daughter died Nov. 28 after at least one brain surgery and a struggle to survive.

"She was fighting," Holley said. "She was still fighting when we was unplugging everything."

Holley said they decided to remove Foster from life support after consulting with doctors who said her daughter was in significant pain.

"I don't want her to have to go through that," Holley said. "I love her enough to let her not go through any pain. He already put her through enough pain when he shot her in the head."

Court records show Huntley was appointed Big Stone Gap lawyer Charles Bledsoe as an attorney.

Before being re-arrested with manslaughter and held in jail, Huntley posted his innocence in emails to The Highland Cavalier.

"I never tried to hurt anybody and I wouldn't never hurt anybody in that matter," he said. "I'm sorry it happen (sic) but all I can do is keep God on my side and cross this milestone God has put in front of me."



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## Upcoming Games

### Men's

#### ► Basketball

The Cavs will host NCAA Division II member Lincoln Memorial University Saturday for a 4 p.m. tipoff. The team then hosts Virginia University of Lynchburg on Dec. 17 with tipoff set for 12 p.m.

### Women's

#### ► Basketball

The women's basketball team will travel to NCAA Division II member Fairmont State University on Saturday for a 2 p.m. tipoff. The Cavs will also travel to Union University on Dec. 15 for a 2 p.m. matchup.

## Quick Hits

### Academic All-Americans

The volleyball team recently had two members named to the NAIA Academic All-American list. Senior Robyn Dougherty earned her second Academic All-American honor while junior Lindsey Burke earned her first honor.

### Cluesman honored

Cavs senior Chelsea Cluesman was named Mid-South Women's Basketball Player of the Week. This is the second of her career. Cluesman averaged a double-double for the Cavs in three wins last week. Cluesman leads the Mid-South in scoring, second in rebounding and is third in scoring nationally.

# Upset city: Cavs claw Bears



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**Freshman Makenzie Cluesman (21) goes up for a layup in the Cavs 63-42 upset win over the No. 2 ranked Shawnee State Bears Dec. 1. Cluesman is averaging 10 points per game after taking over point guard duties.**

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In the biggest win in UVa-Wise sports history, the women's basketball team defeated the No. 2 ranked team in the nation, the Shawnee State Bears, 63-42.

The Bears jumped out to an early 11-6 lead with 12:46 left in the first half. Both teams went scoreless until 6:51 when Diane Abbadly made two free throws for the Bears.

The Cavs used a 3-pointer by sophomore Katie Jo Lester to get within 15-11 of the Bears with 5:19 until halftime. The lead grew when Alex Pohl hit a jumper to give the Bears a 10-point advantage over the Cavs with two minutes until halftime.

After finding themselves down 10 points, the Cavs turned up the heat. Senior Chelsea Cluesman found sophomore Kenzie Poindexter on a great pass to cut the lead to eight. Cluesman later found her sister, freshman Makenzie Cluesman, for a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 23-8 with 1:14 left until halftime.

Makenzie Cluesman stepped up for the Cavs by running the point after the loss of senior Hannah Powers for the season. Cluesman finished with a balanced stat line of eight points, six rebounds, six assists and three steals.

"Her composure is phenomenal for a freshman guard," said Head Coach Kristin Kunzman. "We needed her to step up and she has."

A steal by Lester led to a basket by Chelsea Cluesman to get the lead down to three. Makenzie Cluesman hit a layup with five seconds until halftime to send the Bears to the locker room with a 23-22 lead over the Cavs. The Cavs ended the half on a 9-0 run.

The Cluesmans and Lester combined for 15 of the Cavs' 22 points at halftime.

In the second half, it was all Cavs as senior Charlotte Reasor hit a three-pointer to start a 7-0 run to begin the half. The Cavs wouldn't look back.

"We made simple adjustments within the zone defense they ran," Kunzman said.

A Lester 3-pointer at the 14:17 mark in the second-half gave the Cavs a 12 point lead. Baskets by Chelsea Cluesman, Reasor and Lester set up for a Reynesia Archer three-pointer that gave the Cavs a 52-30 lead over the Bears. The 22 point lead over the No. 2 ranked Bears officially put them on upset alert and a seven point streak by Chelsea Cluesman sealed the deal for the upset as the Cavs knocked off the Bears 63-42.

Chelsea Cluesman finished with 18 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists. With her performance, Cluesman moved into 11th place on the women's all-time scoring list.

"Shawnee normally kills us, and we beat the No. 2 team in the nation," Cluesman said. "I'm speechless. This is huge."

Lester played a major role in the Cavs' win, scoring 15 points on three three-pointers and collecting five steals.

"We get mad at her when she doesn't shoot the ball," Kunzman said. "She's a great shooter."

The Cavs outscored the Bears 41-19 in the second half as their defense held the Bears to 42 points, and had been averaging over 72 points per contest.

"Our defensive effort was fabulous," Kunzman said. "We carried our intensity over into the second half."

The Cavs forced 26 Bears turnovers and held them to under 30 percent shooting on the night.

"We have focused on the little things and that paid off tonight," Lester said.

With the upset win, the Cavs move to 4-7 on the young season and to 2-3 in Mid-South play.

## Cavs to compete in All-Star game

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Football season might be finished at UVa-Wise, but it's not yet over for two Cavs who have been selected to play in a national game this month.

Seniors Marcus Bratton and Dean Hogan are set to play in the second annual NCAA DII vs. NAIA Senior Bowl on Dec. 15 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The game is sponsored by the Collegiate Development



Bratton

Football League.

More than 70 NCAA Division II and NAIA players were invited to participate in the game. Bratton and Hogan were chosen based on their accomplishments over their four-year careers as Cavs by the bowl selection committee.

Bratton was selected to participate on special teams as a return specialist and Hogan was selected as a punter.

They will travel down to Myrtle Beach on Thursday before participating in a two to three hour practice on Friday to get ready for the game on Saturday.

"Ever since the season ended, we have been training in the weight room," Hogan said. "I have also been punting to him."

Bratton, who will go down in Cavs football history for his heroic efforts in the 33-30 win over Emory & Henry that will be forever dubbed as the "The Play," finished the season with 877 return yards.

Bratton also returned a punt 90 yards

for a touchdown against Kentucky Christian University on Oct. 13 for the Cavs' only score in the game.

Bratton finished with 1,259 kick-return yards for his career, good enough for second all-time and three kick return touchdowns, a career record for the Cavs.

"It's truly a blessing and a honor to be chosen to participate in this event, to represent for my family and university," Bratton said.

Hogan may have finished his career as the most successful punter in the football program.

After punting for 2,635 yards this football season, which is a season record, as well, he now is the all-time leader in punt yards, with 7,815 for the Cavs.

Hogan also holds the career record for his average yards per punt with 37.8. Hogan booted his longest punt of his career this season against Kentucky Christian with a 66 yarder.

"It's just another game to play," said Hogan. "The main purpose [is] to meet a lot of new guys and there will also be prospects there."

Representatives from major American and European professional leagues, including the NFL, will be present to scout prospective talent.

According to the NCAA, 1.7 percent of college players go on to play professionally. Bratton and Hogan look to take advantage of this opportunity and defy those odds.



Hogan

## College to form lacrosse team

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UVa-Wise officials hope to start a women's lacrosse team by next year in line with the athletic department's strategic plan as they move into the NCAA and attract new talent.

Ten students have shown interest so far, said Associate Athletic Director Kendall Rainey. The real interest, though, may come from outside the college.

"We hope to appeal to students across Virginia, as lacrosse is popular in the northern and central regions and emerging [in the] south-west," she said.

Rainey said the athletic department hopes to search for and hire a head coach in the spring, and start a club season by the 2013-2014 year.

If all goes according to plan, the team could play in varsity competition by the 2014-2015 season in time for the school's planned entrance into the NCAA's Division II in 2015.

"This is an exciting time for UVa-Wise athletics as we continue to grow opportunities for students," she said. "Our goal is for UVa-Wise to

be in the conversation for potential students across the state, and exploring women's lacrosse is a step in the that process."

Women interested in joining the team can contact Rainey at kmr7n@uvawise.edu or 276-376-4584.

Meanwhile, sophomore criminal justice major Joe Kostelac hopes to form a lacrosse club on campus with the goal of developing it into a men's lacrosse team some day.

Kostelac said he's had one meeting and about 17 people express interest in joining the student group, which would not be associated with the athletic department.

"This all got started when I got tired of throwing the lacrosse ball against the wall and realized that there were a lot of people who were curious about the sport," he said. "A lot of people were interested in the rules and how to throw and what exactly lacrosse was."

Kostelac said he has a few extra lacrosse sticks of his own and hopes to acquire a few more over winter break for the group to use.

Students interested in joining the group can contact Kostelac at jck2f@uvawise.edu.



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