

# Residence hall locks

Commonwealth Hall, a freshman residence hall, has electric card-swipe locks on the doors. Residence life officials are considering installing the same type of lock on other halls on campus in a move to increase hall security.

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Campus residence halls may soon be locked 24 hours a day, as some residents have mixed feelings about campus safety following a Jan. 23 gunman hoax.

Commonwealth and Culbertson Halls, the only two residential buildings with electric card swipes

are currently automatically locked at 10 p.m., while other campus housing is manually locked by resident advisers between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m., said Director of Residence Life Angle Lemke.

"A lot of students have recommended that we look at changing times for safety," she said. "We have looked at what other schools are doing ... spoken quite a bit with campus police, and the recom-

mendation that we are getting from multiple groups is, for safety, to keep the doors locked 24/7."

Lemke said the change, if implemented, would require residents to swipe into Commonwealth and Culbertson and key into all other campus housing regardless of the time of day. She said such 24/7 limited access is typical of other college campuses.

Residence life officials are

also considering installing electric card swipes in the residence halls that currently use traditional keys, Lemke said.

Some students said they were in favor of such moves.

"I think that's a good idea," said freshman biology major Amanda Canby, a resident of McCrayer Hall. "I mean I don't feel unsafe, but if they do that I'd feel safer..."

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## Texting, club membership subjects of Va. legislation

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### Texting, driving could soon be primmy offense

Sending a text message while driving may cost you big money if legislation passed last week by the General Assembly gets the governor's signature.

Both houses of the General Assembly passed measures on Feb. 5 making the use of a "handheld personal communications device" to send or view text messages and emails a primary offense, meaning police officers would no longer need another reason to pull a driver over before citing them for it.

Drivers found guilty would be fined \$250 for a first offense and \$500 for subsequent offenses.

The legislation would also impose a \$500 mandatory minimum fine for someone convicted of a reckless driving that occurs while a driver is texting.

"Texting while driving has become a serious problem on our roads and it should be treated in Virginia as a serious traffic offense," said Del. Ben Cline, R-Rockbridge County.

The identical bills, House Bill 1907 and Senate Bill 1222, passed the House by a vote of 92-4 and the Senate by a vote of 24-15.

Gov. Bob McDonnell has not publicly said if he will sign the legislation into law.

If he does, the new rules would take effect July 1.

### Organizations may be able to restrict membership

Legislation passed recently by both houses of the General Assembly would allow political and religious groups at public colleges to restrict membership to people who are "committed" to that organization's mission.

The potential law was crafted to ensure that political groups don't have to accept members from another party and so religious organizations can "expect that their leadership will share the group's core commitments," said Sen. Marie Obenshain, R-Harrisonburg, sponsor of the Senate bill.

"It's pretty simple: A Democratic club shouldn't have to accept a Republican as a member and members of a religious group should be able to expect that their leadership will share the group's core commitments," Obenshain said.

The Senate passed its version of the legislation, Senate Bill 1074, on Feb. 5 with a vote 22 to 18. A similar bill in the House of Delegates, House Bill 1617, passed the week before with a vote of 80 to 19.

Critics of the legislation worry the bills are an attempt to let campus groups discriminate against minorities, gays and others. Such groups often receive funding from the public colleges where they reside.

Beth Tipton, director and campus minister of the Wesley Foundation at UVa-Wise, said the legislation wouldn't affect her Methodist organization.

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Greg Kress, owner of the Ugly Mug coffee shop in downtown Wise, helps freshman computer science major Uchard Myre with his purchase.

## Coffee fueled by MAK

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In the Town of Wise's newest eatery, the hiss of a steam wand and the grind of fresh espresso beans is the soundtrack to a new day.

The Ugly Mug, located on 409 East Main Street at the Shoppes on Main, is just starting to make a name for itself in the caffeinated community. Greg Kress, the man behind the coffee, recently opened the shop with the help of his wife Tracy, who runs Tracy's Salon right next door.

"Our story really starts with this picture you can see here in the shop," Kress said.

What at first glance appears to be a beautiful sunset, is much more than that to the couple. The description of the picture, which was given to Greg several years ago, reads, "The Image

of Christ standing in the hand of God."

A young man's accident brought it back into Greg Kress' life, he said.

"Doctors gave (the man) a one in 100 chance of surviving. And if he did survive, they said he'd be on a respirator," Kress said. "Just out of nowhere, the Lord put it into his family, and that little kid was gonna be okay."

Kress said he visited the family, and after five weeks the young man was up and out.

"That's when this picture came back into my life," Kress said. "God got into my heart that I should take out this picture again, and I've been leading my life with it ever since. I started writing a book, I quit my old job and I came to build this place."

Tracy Kress said she's excited for the shop's possibility.

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### Upcoming

#### >> Concert

Several musical groups will celebrate Black History Month in the Chapel of All Faiths on Feb. 15 at 1 p.m.

#### > Speaker

Sarah Panzau is set to speak about making appropriate decisions in the Prior Center on Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.

#### ^ Discussion

Six faculty will lead a panel on racial relations in America during Black History Month in the Chapel on Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.

#### ^ Broadcast

NSLS is hosting a live broadcast of author Brad Metzler in the Dogwood Room of the SSC on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m.

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# Students charged in thefts

Freshman residents are accused of having stolen TVs, textbooks and clothing from rooms in McCraray.

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Three UVa-Wise freshmen were recently charged with conspiring to steal nearly \$1,000 in electronics, clothing and textbooks from residents in McCraray Hall.

The charges stem from larcenies that were reported to campus police in November, according to documents filed in Wise County General District Court.

Zaukeus G'Shane Witcher and Kelvin Kenneth Lee, both 19, are each diagnosed with two counts of felony grand larceny and one count of felony conspiracy to commit grand larceny.

V.M.d. Elijah Penn-Timothy, 19, is charged with conspiracy to commit grand larceny and misdemeanor trespassing.

Officials believe Witcher and Lee pilfered two 32-inch televisions, two jackets and two textbooks from third-floor rooms in McCraray Hall in mid-November, according to a criminal complaint filed in court by campus police Officer Kevin Yates.

Witnesses told Yates that they had seen the pair "canying a large black luggage type bag out of McCraray Hall on the same date these incidents occurred," Yates wrote.

Those witnesses told Yates the bag appeared to have "large items" in it.

Other witnesses said they saw Witcher and Lee use credit card-type cards to break into the McCraray Hall rooms without using a key.

The men stashed the stolen goods in vehicles owned by friends, who were apparently unaware of what was inside, Yates wrote.

Yates said Penn-Timothy, meanwhile, admitted to taking a look at while Witcher and Lee were in the rooms.

Penn-Timothy, already facing an unrelated shoplifting charge from September for allegedly stealing a bottle each of Captain Morgan and Hemisley from the ABC store in Noiton, was banned from campus after admitting to his role in the robbery, court records show.

When he later showed up in Culpeper Hall in mid-December, he was charged by campus police with trespassing.

Witcher and Lee have since been banned from campus as well, said campus police Chief Steve McCoy.

All three men next have court hearings scheduled for March 6.

## News Briefs

College benefactor

A longtime college supporter and the first woman to serve on what is now the UVa-Wise College Board died Feb. 2.

Eliza Sutton "Posey" Rigg died in St. Augustine, Fla., from causes that were not released. She was 83.

Rigg first served on the Clinch Valley College Advisory Council for nearly a decade starting in 1969, and later from 1991 to 2009. When Clinch Valley College changed its name to the University of Virginia's College at Wise-somedling Rigg advocated for that council became the UVa-Wise College Board.

Rigg and her family, owners of Kennedy's Piggly Wiggly Stores, Inc. provided trucks to travel back and forth to Richmond to bring furniture for the college's first-class rooms in Crockett Hall.

Later, as chairman of the board of the company, Rigg established an eponymous scholarship at the school.

-Jordan Fifer

treasurer to speak at career services event

Wise County's treasurer is set to be the featured speaker at February's Advice and a Slice, sponsored by The Center for Student Development.

Delores Smidi will speak on Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Dogwood Room of the Slemp Student Center.

"Advice and a Slice provides a relaxed forum in which students and speaker share free pizza and drinks," said Neva Biyan, assistant director of career services. "Speakers discuss the industry in which they work, as well as their college background. They are also encouraged to talk about how they moved into their career, how to gain experience and what a typical day on the job is like."

Pre-registration for the event is required. Register, visit the Center for Student Development in Cantrell Hall or call 376-1005.

-Jordan Fifer

## What's the most

## major?

"Business is a popular major because so many of our students pursue a college degree to improve their career prospects upon graduation. National data show the added value of a bachelor's degree for getting a job and for boosting lifetime earnings... Bottom line ... potential employees can be confident that business administrators have been exposed to the terminology of business and the basics of its primary functions." - Z.W. Kendall, Department of Business and Economics chair

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"I'm majoring in business administration because I'm looking to get a job abroad in China, and I'm particularly interested in starting my own business so I thought that [business administration] would give me the skills that I need to manage and run a company." - Natian Chudress, senior business administration

### LITERARY ARTS AND SCIENCES

"I graduated and want to make a difference in children's lives and teaching gives people a lot of opportunity. Our graduates probably have fond memories of their elementary, middle, and high school experiences and they may be drawn back to those experiences. Many may want to teach because of their parents' influence and teachers or highly motivated by a specific teacher. A word of caution for those who are considering teaching: The world changes when you are on the other side of the desk as a teacher and not a student." - David Cantrell, Department of Education chair

"It's my passion. Special education has always had a special place in my heart ever since early high school. I know no other major would ever make me as happy as it does. After graduation I plan on teaching special education at the elementary or high school level." - Heyley Bowman, Junior liberal arts and sciences major

### MAJORS

"History is a popular major not only because it is fascinating to learn about the past—which also helps us understand the world around us—but because it is actually a very practical major. The skills that are emphasized with a history major, where one identifies a topic, frames questions to be answered regarding that issue, identifies sources of information, and then analyzes and synthesizes that information, usually in writing, are easily applicable to many professions." - Clafy Wilkey, associate professor of history

"I've always loved history and that's pretty much why I'm doing it. I plan on going into public history. I'd like to pursue a career in a museum or something else like that." - Steven Maioy, Junior history major

For more about biology and nursing majors, visit us online at [highlandcavaller.com](http://highlandcavaller.com). Information gathered by News and Features editor Todd Galyean.

# College counselors were ready to help on Jan. 23

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The gunman on Jan. 23 may have been a hoax, but at the time it sent students, families and the community into a panic as they tried to get a handle on the situation.

The college counselors sprang into action that night to help the students on campus deal with the event.

Director of Counseling Services Rachel Rose, LPC, who was alerted to the situation by phone call, immediately contacted Dean of Students, Jewell Worley to gadi-

er information.

Worley verified the lockdown and asked Rose to be on standby and prepare to come to campus to check on students, Rose said.

Rose contacted die other counselors, "Ribbha Smith and Sara Schill, so they could be ready to help students once it was safe.

Even though the incident was false, the lockdown caused "very real emotional reactions," Rose said.

In response to these reactions, die counselors visited residence halls from die time die lockdown was lifted to about 2:15 a.m. the next day.

"We walked through the halls and knocked on RA's doors," Rose said. "[We] asked if they knew of any students that were in distress. We talked to numerous students that night and followed-up with several of them on Thursday."

Seniors music and communication studies major Bo Endean was one of many students who appreciated the counselors' post-event visit.

"They did a great job," Endean said. "I'm really happy they were there for the students."

Older students didn't feel like they needed counseling.

"I didn't feel the need to go see

a counselor," said sophomore English major Anunn Adams. "It was unexpected but not traumatic."

Brad Morris, a Junior music major, praised die actions of die counselors and police during and after die incident.

"They just wanted to make sure everyone knew it was a hoax and make sure students were safe," Morris said.

The counselors, located in the Center for Student Development in Cantrell Hall, are available every week day for students who would like to talk about die events of Jan. 23 or any other issue, Rose said.

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# Valentine's Day from two perspectives

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Valentine's Day is tomorrow, and die draught on every taken girl's mind is, "What can I get for my man?"

But find out the do's and don'ts for giving your man die right Cupid Day gift, several male students were surveyed for die best and worst Valentine's gifts they've received. Below are some of the most interesting responses.

What is die worst Valentine's gift you have ever received?

"A bucket with all kinds of god-damn tissue paper and no candy. There was a teddy bear and a f---g balloon, but no candy." - Logan Mullins, Junior mathematics major

*Hp: Candy is appreciated.*

"I got her a \$50 makeup case from Sephora and she got me a \$1 wristband from Walmart." - Daver Sihi, freshman a/l

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*Hp: Even if you don't have the cash, put some thought into it.*

"Onetime I got a box of chocolates and I was really excited about it because they were my favorite kind, but I opened it and they were all melted together." - Dakota Hill, junior government and foreign affairs major

Keep the chocolates at room temperature.

What is the best Valentine's gift you have ever received?

"Chocolate and roses ... and sex." - Geordan Cross, sophomore criminal justice major

*Hp: Cue the R. Kelly song.*

"I would have to say it was a very sentimental card from my girlfriend at the time, it was very heartfelt and emotional, which made it very warm and personal." - John Hanchak II, senior biology major

*Hp: Just tell Mm how you feel.*

Every guy is different, and it really is the thought that counts. If you know your man, whatever you give him tomorrow will make him smile.

If you still are at a loss for what to get, a few other thoughtful suggestions: a nice homemade dinner, a movie night or a night playing diat video game he's been raving about.

Remember, though: there's no need in spending every penny you have on his gift. This holiday is about showing your love, not your money.

Happy Valentine's Day, ladies.

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When it comes to ladies, all they really want for Valentine's Day is some love and attention.

Whether it's teddy bears, candy, flowers, or jewelry, February's most doting holiday has gained a big commercial status.

But to really hit home on this special day, it's as simple as spending quality time together.

This a sentiment that freshman communication studies major Simone Freeman shared in what she said was her perfect Valentine's Day gesture.

"Roses, candy, and just to spend some time with him," Freeman said.

As cliché as it might be, for some, a secret admirer is always a V-Day highlight.

"I remember when I came to my room and someone anonymous had left a mug and candies and a card," said sophomore communication studies major Briana Jamison.

Don't have a Valentine?

SAB will give out Valentine's candy tomorrow in the Jefferson Lounge. Their love starts at 10 a.m.

# Movie Review: 'Warm Bodies'

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A classic tale of forbidden love and zombies.

"Warm Bodies" is about a zombie named R that rescues and falls in love with human Julie. As their bond grows, R begins to regain human-like characteristics and ultimately begins to inspire other zombies to become more humanlike.

The problem is that Julie's father, who is in charge of a city of

survivors, does not believe zombies can change and is ruthless in killing them. Plus, a faction of zombies does not wish for zombies to become human-like and are hunting down R and Julie.

This is far from the traditional zombie movie, which is refreshing given how crowded the genre has become.

The film has some good humor and a really unique charm to it that most viewers will really enjoy. One scene shows Julie speaking to R from her balcony, very

reminiscent of "Romeo and Juliet," a person would never fall in love with.

Another example is the awkward stumbling block of R having eaten Julie's boyfriend.

Nicholas Holt (Men: First Lieutenant) does a fantastic job as R and gets the audience to care about a zombie. In addition, expressing emotion in a creature that does not express emotion is a testament to his ability.

Teresa Palmer ("I am Number Four") is a real treat in this film, with the same ability to portray fall in love with something that

with. This movie certainly has a few flaws, with the CGI being adequate ten years ago. There are also some stunts that just don't make sense, but jiotbing that really damages the film.

"Warm Bodies" is ultimately a really good film and a pleasant surprise.

A word of caution - if the zombie apocalypse ever does occur, it's probably best to stick with die guns and not z-date.com.

To: Jessi Clarti

You are my sunshine my only sunshine!  
You make me happy when shies are gray.  
You never know dear how much I like you I hope you stay with me always!

## Legislation

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"The Wesley campus ministry welcomes all persons regardless of any church affiliation," she said, though she noted that students in leadership positions at Wesley are required to be Christian.

"I do not think the legislation will impact the Wesley group on our

campus, but I do suspect some campus ministry groups will utilize the legislation to limit membership to those who agree with die religious values," Tiptons said.

Gov. Bob McDonnell has not indicated whether he approve the legislation.

## Security

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if it prevents someone from being in die room that shouldn't, die h's a good thing.

Others weren't so sure. "I feel like all die doors are safe," said junior biology major Alyssa Zebrowski. "I feel safe in Martha Randolph [Hall]. It's usually always locked. I don't feel like anyone is going to break in or anything."

Freshman Commonwealth Hall resident Robert Torres said he isn't sure the changes are needed either.

"I think that's unnecessary... I don't think diat [it] is really going to protect anyone as much as they want it to... it will just be an annoyance," Torres said. "I mean, I've got

Miss Cindy; I recently nut a boy and

-Miss Cindy

RS. Tell your friend that if he wants someone to flirt with, he can come on up to the Caf. I flirt with everybody.





# Big Cav on campus



Freshman center fielder Matt Marshall is a key player for the team.

## Baseball looks for a strong 2013 season

The UVa-Wise men's baseball team looks for a strong season with key players returning.

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There is one notable thing about this season's Highland Cavalier baseball team: they're young.

With only seven seniors on the team, Head Coach Hank Banner's squad is coming off of a 24-26 record and an 8-12 record in Mid-South Conference play last season.

The Cavs progressed all season and by the conference tournament they were ready to surprise and advanced to the semi-final round.

The 2013 season returns two all Mid-South performers in catcher Tommy Meier and outfielder Brett Hylton, both looking to finish their collegiate careers strong.

Hylton was the team's power source as the season ago, leading the Cavs in home runs, runs batted in, total bases and slugging percentage.

Looking to get on base in front of Hylton will be Meier. Meier led the Cavs in batting average, hits, runs and stolen bases.

These two play a vital role in scoring runs for the Cavs and accounted for 132 of the 234 runs scored by the Cavs in

2012. Seniors Brian King, Chaz Hall and Kirk Jennings are also back for the Cavs. King is a career .300 hitter and provides excellent defense in the field. Hall is making the transition over to second base.

He will go down as one of the toughest players in Cavs history, starting in more than 120 games in his career so far. Jennings will provide the Cavs with power off the bench and at the designated hitter position.

Junior transfer Tyler Hutton provides the Cavs with a powerful bat and will more than likely see most of his time at either first base or designated hitter.

Another junior transfer, Michael McCollum is set to be the starting third basemen for the Cavs this season. Redshirt freshman Ty Lighton will take over the shortstop position.

Joining Hylton and King in the outfield will be a combination of sophomores Matt Murphy and Brandon Fletcher, junior Ryan Apodaca and former Cavs' quarterback Tye Marshall.

Marshall is coming off of playing two years for the Cavs' football team and hasn't played baseball since his senior year of high school. Marshall is a versatile player who is expected to see time in the field and on the mound.

Assistant Coach Doug Bates, who manages pitching, will look to replace weekend



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Senior pitcher Justin Wilson (34) delivers a pitch against the University of Pikeville Bears in a home match-up against the Bears last season. Wilson will be the Cavs' number one pitcher this season.

starters Cody Bentley and Ryan Crosby for the 2013 season. Returning for the pitch will be ace senior Justin Wilson.

Wilson proved to be the Cavs most reliable starter a season ago, as he posted an earned run average of 2.43 over a span of 74 innings and held opposing batters to a startling .208 batting average.

Junior transfer Cody Compton and sophomore Ben Coffman are set to join Wilson in the weekend rotation.

The Cavs will use an array of pitchers during weekday games since they have plenty of arms - 15 are listed on the opening-day roster.

Senior Ryan Ward, junior Josh Massie, and sophomores R.W. Payne

and Travis Weaver return as the only other pitchers on the roster that have experience.

The Cavs will need to get used to playing away from home, since they will play most of their early season games on the road in warmer weather.

The Cavs are scheduled to play their first home game on Feb. 16 when future conference foe Urbana University visits for a three-game series.

On March 1 the Cavs will open up the Mid-South Conference schedule with a trip to the University of Pikeville.

The Mid-South Conference coaches preseason poll predicts that the Cavs will finish ninth this season.

### Upcoming home games

#### ► Men's Basketball

The UVa-Wise men's basketball team will host Campbellsville University tomorrow for a 8 p.m. tip-off and Lindsey Wilson College on Saturday for a 4 p.m. start.

#### ► Women's Basketball

The UVa-Wise women's basketball team will host Campbellsville University tomorrow for a 6 p.m. match-up. The Cavs will also host Lindsey Wilson College for a 2 p.m. start on Saturday.

#### ► Baseball

The UVa-Wise baseball team will host Urbana University Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's game will start at 3 p.m. and Sunday will be a doubleheader starting at 12 p.m.

#### ► Softball

The UVa-Wise softball team will host Salem International University on Feb. 24 for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.