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Senior English major Lauren Miller swipes her CAVS card to unlock the doors of Culbertson Hall. Beginning Feb. 18, all residence hall doors have been locked 24 hours a day as part of a new policy implemented by the housing department.

Res halls now locked

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This article is a follow up to Feb. 13's "Residence hall lock policy scrutinized."

Residence halls are now being locked 24 hours a day, in response to a call for greater security following the Jan. 23 gunman hoax.

Director of Residence Life Angie Lemke said that the new policy does not affect anything or create additional hall policies or procedures from 9 p.m. to 8 a.m. or on the weekends, since halls are locked during this period already. The changes only apply between the hours of 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, when all residence hall doors can now only be accessed with a key or CAVS card.

Lemke said that her department has been working to make sure all students are aware of the change by posting informative flyers on all of the exterior doors and in hallways to remind students to always carry their key and student ID at all times. Resident advisers have also been sharing the information with students at floor meetings.

Currently, Commonwealth and Culbertson are locked through a computer system and all other residence halls are locked by hand.

All residence halls may soon be on the card swipe system, however, said Lemke.

Once the swipe system is installed, namely on McCraray, Martha Randolph and Henson Halls, students will not need to make additional changes since *see Locks, page 4*

Evaluation ordered of Hairston's competency

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A federal judge has ordered a psychiatric evaluation for the UVa-Wise student accused of calling 911 with a fake report of a gunman on campus last month.

Bryant Alexander Hairston's attorney requested the competency evaluation at a hearing on Feb. 8, according to documents filed in U.S. District Court in Abingdon.

Federal Magistrate Judge Pamela Sargent ordered the evaluation to be done at an outpatient facility at Hairston's expense, records show. Prosecutors agreed to the screening as long as it is done by a government-approved expert.

Hairston, 20, of Martinsville, was due to be arraigned on Feb. 15. That hearing was postponed until after the evaluation, which must be completed by March 11.

The sophomore psychology major was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond at a Jan. 28 hearing at which Sargent "noted on the record that she has some concerns as to [the] defendant's mental condition," court records show.

The FBI charges Hairston with "knowingly making materially false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations." Investigators say he phoned in the hoax on Jan. 23

to better his standing in an unrelated assault and battery case in which he's accused.

The fictitious report of a gunman shut down UVa-Wise for nearly two hours as several police agencies searched campus.

If convicted of the federal charge, Hairston could be fined and/or face up to five years in prison.

Federal officials have not publicly said why they've taken an interest in Hairston's case, other than noting in court records that it happened on a public college campus.

FBI spokeswoman Dee Rybiski declined to comment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Ramseyer, the government's prosecutor in the case, did not return requests for comment.

Yenli Yeh, an associate professor of administration of justice and sociology at UVa-Wise, said the case highlights the seriousness of allegedly falsely reporting crimes, especially in this day and age.

"I have told students in my classes since [September 11, 2001], that false report incidents such as 'there is a bomb in downtown Wise,' 'there is a gunman in the dorm,' etc will bring you serious consequences," Yeh said. "People joke about certain things, but [falsely reporting a] crime is a crime instead of a joke."

Lecture series displays faculty research

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Two more lectures are scheduled this month as part of a series aiming to familiarize the campus community with research that faculty do outside of the classes they teach.

The Faculty Writing and Research Series, presented by the UVa-Wise Lecture Committee, features several professors in a variety of fields who are interested in talking about research or publications they've worked on recently.

"The theory behind it is basically that faculty members here teach a lot and that's how students know us and that's how we know each other," said Chris Scalla, assistant professor of English and chair of the lecture committee. "We know what everybody teaches; students know what we teach. But people

tend to know much less about what faculty members conduct their research on, what they write about, what they publish-- in other words, what their real specialties are."

Faculty members in tenure-track positions are expected to do research in their fields.

A semester of paid academic leave, called sabbatical, is available to faculty members who meet certain criteria and wish to conduct research or participate in professional development, according to the faculty handbook.

The Lecture Committee contacted faculty members who have recently been on sabbatical or written books and offered them the opportunity to share their work in a public lecture.

Three faculty members have already presented their research this semester.

Professor of Economics and Finance David Kendall began the *see Lectures, page 6*



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Associate Professor of Religion Witold Wolny gives a talk about his research into how variations of the multiverse theory affect religion on Feb. 20 in the Chapel as the second speaker in the 'The Faculty Writing and Research Series.'

Upcoming

► Spring Break

Spring break is from March 9 to 17. Residence halls will be closed for the duration.

► Brass & Grass

Musicians will play for St. Patrick's Day from 1 to 2 p.m. on March 20 in the Gilliam Center for the Arts lobby.

► Classes start

First-half semester classes end March 8 and second-half semester courses start on March 18.

► Reception

A Gallery 121 reception for the Jordan Sandidge Exhibit is March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Gilliam Center for the Arts.

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New career services director gives advice, resumé assistance



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Neva Bryan (right) assists senior psychology major Carol Hensler edit a resume to distribute to prospective employers.

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Program coordinator, movie critic and novelist are a few of the jobs Assistant Director of Career Services Neva Bryan held before she started at UVa-Wise on Jan. 11 -- jobs she credits for her arrival at the college.

"Essentially I think my background ... got me here because I've worked in many different areas, profit and nonprofit," Bryan said.

No matter the job or area, they've all had one thing in common -- writing.

"I've always ended up writing and communicating, whether it was just doing a simple newsletter, a grant, an annual report, graphic design or looking at my boss's letters to make sure they

didn't have any typos or grammatical errors," she said with a smile.

Writing and editing are just two things she believes make her a perfect candidate for her new job, especially when helping students with their resumes and cover letters. Career services can do much more than the basics, like helping students with applications, providing postgraduate job and testing information, and the opportunity to connect with professionals in their field of interest.

While these are many of the daily services, Bryan does have other long-term goals for her new department.

"One of the things I would like to do in this position ... is to work closely with the office of economic development to build a better relationship with local

and regional employers," Bryan said. "So that they know there is a good pool of potential employees here that are just waiting to be hired."

In addition, Bryan hopes to have more freshmen and sophomores coming through career services' doors, so that they know it's never too soon to start planning for their future.

Whether a student is a freshman or senior, she does have some timeless advice for all students to make it to their dream job: stay focused, network, and most importantly, do not burn bridges.

"It doesn't matter how miserable you are at your job, if you hate everybody you work with or you know you're made for bigger and better things keep a good relationship," she said. "I tell people see Bryan page 5

News Briefs

New pet policy

Animals on leashes are allowed on campus under a new policy recently approved by the chancellor.

Pets other than service animals were previously prohibited on campus, but the new rule allows pets to be walked outdoors so long as they are "appropriately leashed or caged and under the control of and accompanied by their owners."

Animals are still not allowed inside buildings, including residence halls, other than for educational purposes.

- Jordan Fifer

Graduating seniors can attend salute

Senior Salute, an event for graduating seniors, is scheduled for March 20 from 12 to 5 p.m. in Greear Gymnasium.

Students can confirm graduation eligibility, order announcements and class rings, pick up caps and gowns, register as alumni, and get information about the 2013 class gift.

- Jessica Shartouny

Register for career fair online

Registration for the March 20 career fair is available online through March 12 at uvawise.edu/studentdev/careerservices.

The event will take place in Greear Gymnasium from 12 to 3 p.m. and will feature employers such as Sykes, Mountain States Health Alliance, the U.S. Army and CGI, among many others, and several local graduate and professional school programs.

Career Services in Cantrell Hall can assist students with resumes, dress tips and interview practice to prepare for the fair. Contact the office at 276-376-1005 for assistance.

- Jessica Shartouny

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College explores day care possibility

The idea of starting a day care facility on campus is gaining support from faculty, staff and students.

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Students and employees may have noticed some recent buzz about the possibility of opening a day care on campus after an email survey went out across campus last month.

The survey, administered by Children's Creative Center Leam-

ing, was distributed on Feb. 15 via an email from Dean of Students Jewell Worley "to consider the feasibility of future child care facilities on or near the UVa-Wise campus," said the email.

The need for such a program was recently highlighted by Counselor Tabitha Smith, who began looking into the program after trying to find day care for her own child.

"I just thought 'why do we not have something here?'" she said. "We are higher education. We should have something where employees can find comfort in leaving their children."

Soon after beginning to look into the matter, Smith found she wasn't the first to see the need. Associate Professor of English Amy Clark saw the same difficulties in finding childcare that faces employees and students and had worked towards filling the need with former chancellor David Prior in 2008.

Clark said she is glad Smith is trying to make a day care on campus happen.

"I believe the need will always be here," Clark said. "Having affordable child care here on campus would reduce the number of absences for faculty, staff, and

students, increase productivity, reduce stress and anxiety and make a difference for children who can be here with their parents while enjoying the benefits of a college-sponsored child care facility."

Smith echoed Clark's sentiments, noting Wise's nontraditional students and student parents who could utilize a day care center.

Junior English major Laurie Adams is one of those student parents and can see the positives of a campus day care facility.

"There have been many occasions where my daughter's day care has been closed for holidays or snow, yet see Day care page 6

Grant offers new student research opportunities

UVa-Wise is participating in a new program that will allow students to work on undergraduate research projects with faculty members from other colleges.

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UVa-Wise is one of 11 colleges participating in a pilot program encouraging undergraduate research collaboration between students and faculty members from different schools.

The colleges, all members of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, COPLAC, have been selected to receive the Teagle Foundation Grant, which allows a two-year project for "high impact" faculty-mentored undergraduate re-

search at the consortium level, said Dean of Academics Amelia Harris.

This program promises to increase the number of research projects available to Wise students and also the range of subjects a participating student could choose.

For example, UVa-Wise does not have an art historian or art history program, but through the program, a student could be mentored through an art history research project by a professor from a campus that is also participating in the program and has an art history program.

The student would communicate with the professor through email, Skype, phone or other means and they would work together on the student's topic of choice.

Projects can be designed around a number of different subjects, from communications to biology to history, but students wishing to

participate must have an intended project, a rough plan and have researched the topic before starting the program.

Several UVa-Wise faculty members are involved in the program and are available to mentor students from other colleges.

Participating faculty include Endowed Chair of Chemistry Floyd Beckford, Assistant Professor of English Christopher Scalia, Associate Professor of English Gretchen Martin, Assistant Professor of History Donald Leech, Assistant Professor of English Amy Clark, and Assistant Professor of Biology Walter Smith.

The program opens up a new wave of opportunities for students, Smith said.

"Distance mentoring can be incredibly valuable to students at smaller institutions like UVa-Wise because it opens the door to a wider

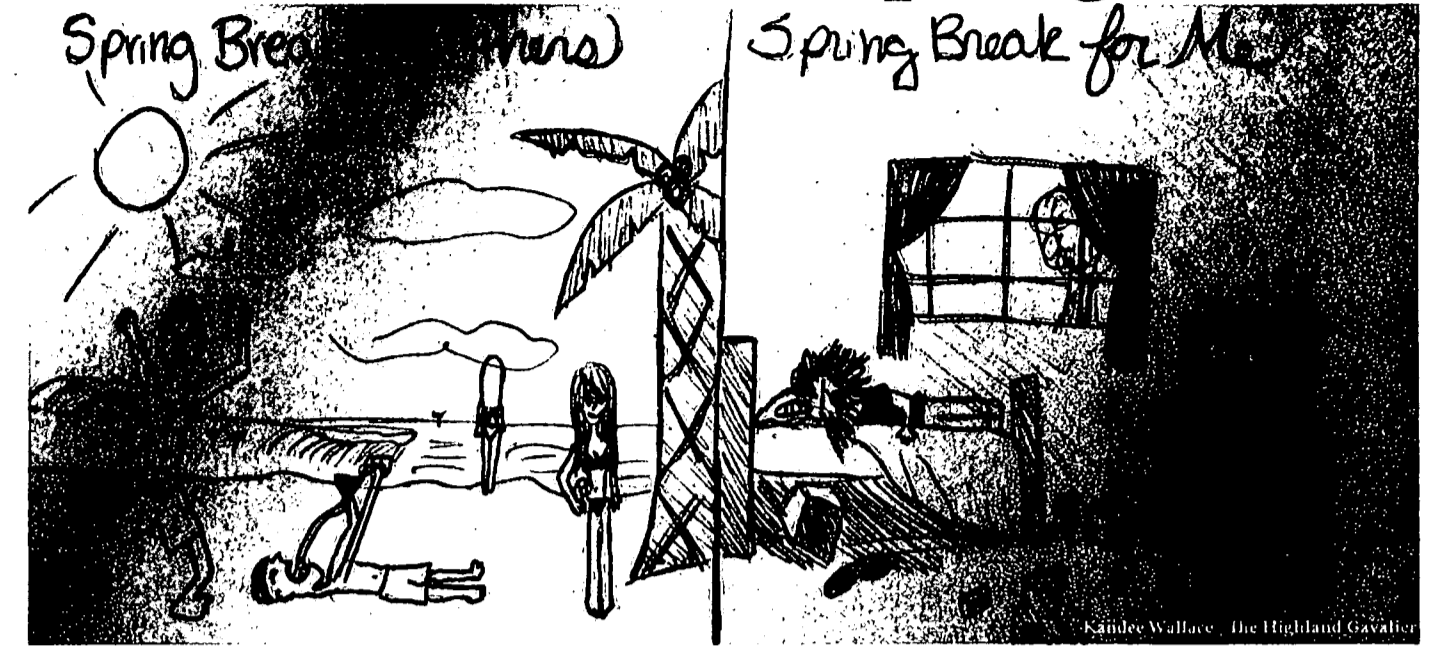
range of expertise that students can tap into for their respective projects," he said. "Rather than being constrained to the expertise of faculty members on their own campus, students can instead better cultivate projects that fit their own interests by reaching out to potential faculty mentors at partner institutions."

The program is open to all students, and particularly to those who are "interested, motivated and self-directed," said Harris.

Those interested will be matched with a professor in their field of research on another college campus and will begin research this summer or next semester, depending on their course plan.

Students who want more information or to apply for a project should email Harris at ajh7a@uvawise.edu with their major and ideas about research in which they would like to participate.

Word to the Wise: Spring Break



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Not just Black History, but American history

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As we have wrapped up another month of February, it reminds us that we have come to an end of another Black History Month.

When many think on the term "Black History Month," they tend to focus on the word "black."

Some folks may look at this month as Black Pride Month instead of remembering history.

Personally when I think of Black History Month, it is all still American History.

That is what gets lost in the translation. Some misinformed souls may

claim racism, because the month embraces they accomplishments of individuals of a particular skin color.

Others may feel that this hurt race relations by focusing on aspects of oppression.

Either one of these claims could not be farther from the truth. Black History Month is not about focusing on the past.

It's about learning and embracing this great nation's gift of diversity.

Observing Black History Month, Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Months, along with any other, reaffirms the United States as the world's melting pot.

This month doesn't just focus

on civil rights of black Americans, but on any individual who has been discriminated against because their gender, sexual orientation, disability or religious beliefs.

Black History Month is a product of an open-minded society that looks at the worth a person from the inside and not the outward complexion.

This serves as a reminder to everyone who feels as if they are lost and have no hope.

Look to the individuals who were willing to make any sacrifice to just have a better quality of life.

Next year, embrace this month for its positives and not the negatives.

We have come a long way from

Dr. Carter G. Woodson's "Negro History Week" in 1926.

The social change and progress that is being made in this country is something to be proud of.

We can say that we will not let our negative past write the stories of a prospective future.

This month extends beyond the stereotypical and predictable plot lines of a Tyler Perry movie, it's a script that is being written right before our very eyes on how treat each other with the dignity and respect that they deserve.

It is accepting things that we deem different without understanding the situation.

Simply put, this is just another American History Month.

5 possible hazards during Spring Break

Compiled by Todd Galyean, News Editor

1. The police - "Hey, I have a C in Constitutional Law. I know my rights!"
2. Severe sunburn - "I'm a tomato."
3. Procrastination - "Really, who assigns spring break papers?"
4. False confidence - "Red Bull and Jager does not really give you wings."
5. St. Patrick's Day- "Kiss Me, I'm Irish' can get really awkward."

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Take advantage of campus' activities

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How many times have you thought Wise is boring?

I can't tell you how often I hear students, both residential and commuter, complain that there's nothing to do in Wise and quite frankly, after five years of listening to the moaning and complaining, I'm sick and tired of people running their mouths when they're wrong.

Want some free stuff?
Want to watch a movie?
Want to play some sports without committing to the training and practices?

Want to eat free food?
All these things are available for you as a student.

And 99 percent of the time, they're absolutely free.

Yes, that's right ... no money coming from your wallet. Well, directly anyway.

Ever take a look at the breakdown of where your money goes each semester?

You're paying money for these activities to happen in your student activities fee.

If you chose to pay more than \$4,000 a semester to not go to class but sit in your room and play video games online with someone you don't know, that's your problem.

Don't think you have a say in what happens on campus? You're wrong again.

If you don't like the movie that's being shown or the program someone worked hard on, you have the right as a student to go to them and suggest better things.

The beauty of this is someone, somewhere, probably wants the same thing you do so you look like the hero for suggesting someone to try it on campus.

Can't seem to tear yourself away from your video controller but have an idea for something you want to see happen?

You can always send an email to the organization's president. FYI, you can find that information on our school's website.

The next time you're bored, take a peek at the Highland Happenings sent out each morning or visit the campus calendar online.

Who knows, maybe you'll make some real friends.



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Housing sign-up to be March 26

The Housing Lottery for 2013-14 housing assignment selections will be held March 26 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Slemp Student Center atrium.

Students must bring a receipt from the Cashier's Office indicating their \$150 application fee has been paid or an approved deferment in addition to their student ID or a photo ID.

For more information students can contact the Office of Housing & Residence Life at 276-328-0214.

- Todd Galyean

Expedition Leader apps due today

Applications to be an Expedition Leader for the 2013 orientation are due today by 5 p.m. to the Office of Student Life in Cantrell. ELs are upperclassmen who participate in training in order to guide new students through the Expedition orientation program.

Contact Stephanie Shell or Jewell Worley in Cantrell Hall for more information or for an application.

- Jessica Shartouney

More people getting handgun permits

A record number of people in Wise County and Norton applied for concealed weapons permits last year, mirroring a trend across Virginia and the country.

Wise County Clerk of Circuit Court Jack Kennedy said his office issued 763 permits in 2012, compared to just 602 in 2011 and 572 in 2010.

"In the first two months of calendar year 2013, over 200 county and city citizens have either renewed or been approved [for] concealed handgun permits, setting up another record year, if the monthly average of issuance continues throughout the year," Kennedy said.

Gun sales have surged in recent months after a series of high-profile mass shootings, including the Dec. 19 slaying of 20 school children and eight adults in Newtown, Conn., according to The Associated Press. Both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Virginia State Police have reported record numbers of requests for background checks of potential gun purchasers.

- Jordan Fifer

Student radio show available

The recently-started student radio show, Relevant Review, is set to release its first episode today.

This week's show, which is available via a link on the UVa-Wise home page, features discussion about the pope stepping down, a mission to Mars, sports and student musician Corbin Hayslett, among others. Contact Robert Collins at rac7t@uvawise.edu for more information.

- Jessica Shartouney

SGA senate, executive board petitions now available

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Petitions are now available to students wanting to run for a position on SGA for the 2013-14 school year.

Following confirmation from the student body last spring, a change was implemented in SGA voting procedures allowing executive

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their student cards should automatically work with their respective residence hall's swipe system.

The new key card systems are being paid for by the Office of Housing and Residence Life and are expected to be installed within the next semester.

Residents who lose their stu-

dent ID can have a new one made at the post office for \$15, while students who lose their room key should report it to a RA, their community coordinator or the student life office so their room can be rekeyed.

Students who need to get into their building can continue to call

a friend to let them in, stop by Cantrell Hall or call the RA on duty to let them in.

Housing has staff on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Lemke said.

Lemke said that she understands that there may be some problems that come with the transition,

Female power subject of play



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(From left to right) Senior theatre major Harmony Tripp, freshman theater major Kelly Starnes and senior theatre major Caldin Stewart rehearse "Lysistrata" in the Gilliam Center for the Arts.

By Megan Gray Staff Writer meg6hy@uvawise.edu

Germany. "Women were reassessing their roles because of the war," Hunt said. "It's about the emas-

culation of males after World War I and women's empowerment." "Lysistrata" not only deals with the alls of neglected men but shows that women are not

immune to the power of desire either. Tripp is performing as Lysistrata, a woman who coordinates a sex-strike among her fellow females in an attempt to stop a war.

Senior political science major Pablo Alaves performs as Kinesias, whom he described as a horny, frustrated bulldog. Alaves said the play is interesting, and it's a nice social study of what would happen if all of the girlfriends stopped having sex.

Though "Lysistrata" was written to take place in Greece, Director and Teaching Fellow of Theater Arts Michael Hunt has altered the scenes to take place in 1920s post-World War I Weimar,

corsets, and lingerie to set the scene for the risqué German cabaret.

Senior nursing major and prop designer Olivia Rowe agrees.

"It is very fun and witty," she said. "But also has underlying seriousness."

Props she has put together for the performance include the giant phallus as well as old candlestick telephones to give the play the post-World War I period feel.

Many of the performers agree that this is the most exciting play they will ever perform in.

With the sexy designs, audience participation, and erotic everything, it is at the very least memorable.

"I love this play. I think it's really empowering, especially the way we end it," said Tripp. "Just wait and see."

The play is scheduled to run from March 22 to March 30 in the Gilliam Center for Fine Arts' Black Box Theater.

New SGA VP appointed

By Jordan Fifer Editor-in-Chief jf3u@uvawise.edu

Junior Dakota Hill was appointed Student Government Association vice president last Friday, following Robert "Bo" Edean's Feb. 21 resignation from the office.

"My class, work, extracurricular activities and personal journeys have simply made it

too much for me to handle at this time," Edean said in his resignation letter.

Edean serves on the campus judicial board, is general manager of the CAV-TV television station, and works in media services, among other activities.

SGA President Phillip Blevins called Edean "an asset" to the group and the student body.

Hill, who served as sena-

tor-at-large, was nominated by Blevins and confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the senate.

He will be sworn in during the next SGA weekly meeting.

Blevins is accepting applications from students to fill the vacant senator-at-large position through today.

He will present his nomination of a candidate to the senate at the next SGA meeting, currently set for Friday.

Student plucks way onto bluegrass scene

By Matthew Leonard Staff Writer mt14f@uvawise.edu

Self-taught multi-instrumental bluegrass musician Corbin Hayslett is working on finding a place to call his own in the regional music scene.

A freshman history major, Hayslett has quickly gotten involved musically and it is starting to pay off.

Since arriving in Wise, Corbin has joined the school's bluegrass ensemble, he's started a band, and is working on a solo banjo album.

The bluegrass ensemble is where Hayslett met Chris Rose (guitar) and J.P. Stallard (bass), and the three musicians formed the bluegrass trio Mis'ry Creek.

Despite only being a band for a little over a month, Mis'ry Creek is already scheduled to play the Bristol Rhythm and Roots festival on Sept. 21 and The Big Glades Community Square Aug. 24.

From an early age, music has been an important aspect of Hayslett's life.

His mother, a classically trained piano teacher, and his father, a singer and member of an a cappella gospel quartet in college, created a rich musical environment that was the genesis of his passion for music.

His own musical life started

on Christmas in 2003 when he received his first banjo, and began learning his way around a fret board by attempting to play along with artists like Doc Watson, Mike Seeger and The Stanley Brothers.

"I was trying to learn everything I could get my hands on," Hayslett said.

Those artists that inspired Hayslett musically are the same ones that drew him to Southwest Virginia for college.

Musicians such as Dock Boggs, the Carter Family, and The Stanley Brothers all hail from Southwest Virginia and are major influences on Hayslett.

"It affected me before I ever came here," he said. "I would read and learn about people from this area. This part of the state was a dream place that one day I might be able to go to, and when I found out there was a college down here, I thought 'I gotta get down here.'"

When he's not picking or in school, Hayslett works at the Appomattox Courthouse informing tourists about the reinvention of the 5-string banjo, a job that was the muse for his solo banjo album, which consists of traditional Civil War-era tunes and is set to be released within the next week.

Most Tuesdays and Thursdays he volunteers both his time and musical ability at Lays Hardware in Coeburn, where he gives music les-

sons to elementary school students. With this all going on, it looks as though Hayslett has a bright future in the music industry.

He said his biggest dream was, of course, to become a professional bluegrass musician and one day play the Grand Ole Opry.

However, he says he has very realistic expectations about what he wants to get from his musical ability.

"Maybe a couple dollars in

the pocket, but mainly happiness, mainly just having fun with it because it's not something you're going to make a lot of money in," he said. "If I had said to myself at age ten 'I want to be rich by the time I'm thirty,' I would be in med school."

With a humble demeanor and a plethora of musical ability, Hayslett's goal of making his niche in the Southwest Virginia music scene is starting to come to fruition.



Corbin Hayslett plays banjo during a rehearsal of the UVa-Wise Bluegrass Ensemble! Hayslett also plays in a band called Mis'ry Creek that he started with two other students.

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Movie Review: 'Jack the Giant Slayer'



Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers

Nicholas Hoult plays Jack alongside Eleanor Tomlinson as Isabella in the recently-released film "Jack the Giant Slayer." Jack and Isabella find themselves on an unexpected adventure through the land of giants after a beanstalk shows that the legends were true.

By David Carty Staff Writer dsc8p@uvawise.edu

Hollywood's \$190 million interpretation of the classic tales of "Jack the Giant Killer" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" is an interesting affair.

The director, Bryan Singer ("Valkyrie"), produces a film that is uneven, though ultimately decent.

The story begins with the telling of how humans and giants waged a war that resulted in the giants being banished back to the sky, but the humans now think that this story is just a myth.

Jack, played by Nicholas Hoult ("Warm Bodies"), is a tenant farmer that longs for adventure and gets the opportunity when Princess Isabella, played by Eleanor Tomlinson ("Alice in Wonderland") is trapped and transported by a beanstalk into the land of the giants.

It's up to Jack, along with some knights, to rescue her.

This film has a hard time determining what tone it wants to take.

It will show a serious battle with giants and humans being burnt

to death, but then have a character act very campy.

Perhaps the best example of this is Roderick, played by Stanley Tucci ("The Lovely Bones"), who is evil and conniving, but acts silly.

This causes the audience to not take him seriously as a villain.

Hoult does a great job portraying a young man on the adventure of his life, and Hoult's career is certainly going to be one to watch.

Tomlinson is a convincing romantic compliment to Jack and fosters a lovely chemistry between the two.

The two best performances come from Ian McShane ("Deadwood"), as the king who must decide between his kingdom and his daughter, and Ewan McGregor ("Trainspotting"), as the dutiful knight who accompanies Jack to save the princess.

The major shortcoming is that, with such great talent and so much money involved, there should have been a far superior product.

But despite the flaws, the film certainly works and is a pleasurable adventure for the viewer.

Flag football to benefit kidneys

By Todd Galyean News Editor mtg7h@uvawise.edu

Registration is being held this week for Phi Sigma Sigma's fourth annual Kicks 4 Kidneys tournament.

The tournament, to be played on March 23, was a soccer tournament in the past, but this year participants will be playing flag football in a move that organization members hope will help to drive up participation and funds raised.

All money that the event brings in will benefit Phi Sigma Sigma's national philanthropy, the National Kidney Foundation. According to the Phi Sigma Sigma Foundation's website, funds donated to the NKF help "promote basic and clinical research, education, and recruitment for its organ donor program, assistance for kidney transplants, patient and family support groups, and public education about kidney disease."

Kicks 4 Kidneys is a regular event for other Phi Sigma Sigma chapters across the nation. The UVa-Wise chapter's participation in the event came after Wendy Adrian, chapter adviser and administrative and office specialist in the Department of Mathematics, visited a leadership conference a few

years back. "Other chapters were doing kickball tournaments," Adrian wrote in an email to The Highland Cavalier. "I was really excited about the idea so I came home and implemented it."

Teams for this year's tournament can consist of seven to 10 players with a registration fee of \$5 per player. Individuals are also able to sign up on a free agent list to be assigned to a new or existing team.

The tournament will be held on the intramural fields, with elimination dependent on registration numbers, and concessions will be available.

Sophomore biology major and Philanthropy Chair Helen Osborne said that though weather is a factor, the tournament will still be played unless it is just too unbearable, and she encourages students to sign up.

"This tournament is benefiting a good cause, you'll have fun, and if you win you get a trophy," she said. "It's just a chance to get involved in something positive."

Registration will be held today in the Slemp Student Center atrium, tomorrow in the Jefferson Lounge and Friday in the Smith Dining Commons. Students can also sign up online on the UVa-Wise Phi Sig Facebook page at facebook.com/PhiSigThetaRho.

Bryan

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all the time it's okay if you have to quit a job, but do not flame out when you leave."

Bryan suggests students can learn something from any professional in their field, advice she's gained from her own career.

"Most working professionals have made lots of mistakes and can speak from experience to say, 'this is a good idea for your career or that isn't,'" Bryan said.

But Bryan knows that people sometimes won't get that job, raise

or project. In face of rejection she tells to students to just accept it and move on.

"It pays to develop a thick skin and an understanding that rejection is a normal part of life," Bryan said. "If you can glean any wisdom... do so and continue moving toward your goal."

Students Interested in working with Career Services can visit the office on the lower level of Cantrell Hall or call 276-328-0126 to make an appointment.

Men wrap up Mid-South tour

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Junior forward Deon Boyce (23) goes for a layup against the University of Pikeville Bears on Feb. 25. The Govs lost 85-48 to the Bears.

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The UVa-Wise men's basketball team faced some stiff competition during their senior night on Feb. 25 as they took on the No. 12 team in the country - rival The University of Pikeville Bears.

The first half was back-and-forth, but with two free throws by Junior guard Darius Smti, the Cavs took a 20-12 lead over the Bears with 8:28 left in the first half.

Sophomore guard Iyer Maggard hit timely three pointers to tie the game.

The Bears battled back, but two free throws by senior forward Jermaine Wright tied the game up for the sixth time at 29 apiece with 26

seconds left in the first half, but junior guard P.J. Jenkins hit a jumper as time expired to give the Bears a 31-30 lead over the Cavs going into halftime.

Maggard led all scorers at halftime with 12 first-half points on a perfect three-for-three by the three point line. Junior forward Deon Boyce scored six points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the first half for the Cavs.

Senior center Terrance Saintil led the Bears with 11 points at the break.

The Cavs were able to hold back the Bears' main scorers, senior guards Jamar Briscoe and Ivey Setty, to a combined nine first-half points, but Briscoe and Setty came out to play in the second half.

The Bears went on a 12-0 run

to jump out to a 43-30 lead with 16:19 left to play.

"I thought our guys put up a heck of a battle in the first half," said Head Coach Lee Clark. "We just totally ran dry after the second half."

After falling 13 points early in the second half, the Cavs just couldn't find an answer for the Bears' hot shooting, and they chopped an 85-48 decision to the rival Bears.

The Bears connected on 10 of 16 shots behind the 3-point line as they outscored the Cavs 54-18 in the second half.

"I draught the fans helped us play on adrenaline in the first half," said Clark. "I was afraid we would hit that wall because we were short-handed and we did when they start-

ed hitting those threes."

Maggard led the Cavs with 12 points and Boyce finished with nine points and 16 rebounds. Wright finished with six points and seven rebounds and senior forward Toon Watson finished with four points in their final home game.

Setty led the Bears with 22 points.

"We just haven't had time to let our legs rest because of the road trip," said Clark. "It's a whole lot easier to play in that situation when you're ahead than behind."

The Cavs finished the regular season with an overall record of 11-14 and 7-13 in Conference play.

Even with the loss, the Cavs still earned a trip to Frankfort, Ky., for the Mid-South Conference Tournament as [see Manpage 7](#)

So long, NAIA... Hello, NCAA

The UVa-Wise Cavaliers are set to join the NCAA next fall as part of a recently-approved conference.

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UVa-Wise received more good news on Feb. 15 about the transition to the NCAA Division II ranks when the Mountain East Conference announced that it had been approved by NCAA officials to become a Division II member.

The MEC will officially become the 25th NCAA Division II member on Sept. 1, 2013.

"This is a very exciting time for the Mountain East Conference and our 12 charter institutions," MEC Commissioner Reid Amos said in a press release. "Every one of our schools has great history, great tradition and now a great future as an MEC member, it has been an exhilarating experience to be a part of the formation of a group of like-minded institutions that has laid a strong foundation for a long and successful association."

Athletic Director Danny Sterling is excited about the progress toward the Cavs' transition to NCAA.

"This is a huge step for the college," said Sterling. "It's a great

travel situation for us."

Traveling was a major question raised by school officials and faculty members while the college was still deliberating on changing conferences.

The 12 charter members for the MEC will include nine West Virginia institutions - Concord University, Fairmont State University, Glenville State College, Shepherd University, The University of Charleston, West Liberty University, West Virginia State University, Wheeling Jesuit University and West Virginia Wesleyan College - as well as Ohio schools Notre Dame College and Urtiana University and UVa-Wise.

According to Sterling, travel distance will vary for each sport.

"For football, it's tremendously shorter," said Sterling. "The longest trip will be seven hours as opposed to nearly 14 hours in the Mid-South."

Scheduling may be set up so that the Cavs would play the schools closest to Wise in a home/away series and the farthest schools in a home or away match-up.

Something that will also change with the move to NCAA will be that all football games will be played during the day, with some

exceptions made for night games. Men's and women's basketball will still play on the same night versus playing on different nights as some NCAA members do.

Professors might be happy to hear that most of the games have been scheduled near the weekends, which will result in less missed classes.

The MEC will offer 16 different men's and women's sports: baseball, football, softball, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, tennis and track and field.

UVa-Wise doesn't field a soccer or track and field team, but is pursuing women's lacrosse to add another women's sport.

"Once we get women's lacrosse up and running, we will then evaluate where we are about adding another sport," Sterling said.

The MEC currently doesn't offer a conference championship in lacrosse.

According to Sterling, the addition of that sport was chosen because it can be played on the football field with very little adjustment.

"Anything we add beyond lacrosse would require some pretty extensive facility upgrades or an

entirely new facility," he said.

UVa-Wise will have to wait until Sept. 1, 2015 to use any NCAA insignia on their facilities and merchandise since there is a two-year candidacy period. Starting this fall, the Cavs will be in the first year of NCAA candidacy, but won't technically be an official NCAA member until those candidacy years are completed.

"If you don't progress, you have to repeat the year over," said Sterling. "We have been aggressive in making sure we don't encounter that."

According to a press release by the Mountain East Conference, the MEC conference champions won't be able to receive automatic NCAA tournament bids during the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 seasons. At-large bids to the NCAA championships play will, however, be unaffected during those two years.

"A highly-competitive conference supports the high-quality experience that we are committed to creating for every one of our student-athletes," Amos said in the press release. "Ultimately, we expect our new affiliation will create increased opportunities for NCAA tournament participation in every one of our 16 NCAA Championship sports."

The wait period for tournament bids won't affect the Cavs, as the college [see HCAA page?](#)