Wise works for Philippines

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In the first week of November, the Philippines were hit by Super Typhoon Haiyan, which according to Philippine government figures, had 155 mph winds, left almost 4,000 dead and caused $365 million in damages.

Students from UVa-Wise immediately began setting up efforts to bring relief to the country in need. The Multi-Cultural Association set up a table where others could sign a banner, which one of the students will send to the Philippines.

The Pre-Professional club, the Spanish Club, the Residence Hall Association, the National Residence Hall Honorary and Maggie Tucker's organic chemistry class all worked to raise money to send aid to the devastated country as well.

"We were in our weekly meeting when someone brought up the Philippines, and we decided that we should raise some money ASAP," said Carlie Clark, sophomore English and Spanish major and president of the Spanish Club. "A lot of people donated, and it really shows that UVa-Wise students care."

Maggie Tucker, professor and head of the Natural Sciences Department, organized her students to start the relief efforts.

"Ever since the tsunami in Japan, the organic class has worked collectively to raise money to assist the victims and provide assistance to people in need. The disaster in the Philippines seemed like a worthy cause that the class could get behind," Tucker said. "Generally what I do is just to provide a forum for students to propose causes and suggest what they can do to help, then try to support their ideas."

The class set out collection jars around campus to collect donations, and the students also helped to convince other organizations to join in on the relief efforts. All funds raised were given to Sarah Smith, who then wrote the check to the American Red Cross to benefit the Philippines.

"It was very devastating," VanDyke said. "I read about it on the news almost right after it happened. I think it is a good idea we are helping out, and it is awesome that everyone is coming together."

Several other students donated money to the Red Cross on their own.

"I do think it's important for students to get involved in community service, and to get into the habit of helping others," Tucker said. "I don't necessarily think that it has to be a global effort. The thing about the Philippines, is that the scale of the disaster is so enormous that it bogglies the mind. It becomes obvious that help is needed, and in my experience, students are quick to respond."

As of Tuesday night, the Spanish Club had raised $46.62 for the relief effort. The rest of the campus donation totals had not yet been totaled.

ROTC to stay

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The UVa-Wise ROTC Program was initially scheduled to shut down after the 2014-2015 academic year, but will continue to operate for another two years as the Army reconsidered a plan to cancel some programs.

The UVa-Wise program operates under East Tennessee State University's ROTC program, which the Army was considering shuttering down along with programs in 12 other schools across the country that have low commissioning rates.

The initial news of a shutdown was not taken well, as several staff members see the college's ROTC program as an important aspect of the college.

"The liberal arts process is very important for people training to be in our military," said Director of College Relations Kathy Still, who has been keeping up with the issue. "Overall I think it really needs to be in existence and it helps the nation."

Tennessee lawmakers, including Congressman Phil Roe, U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander and U.S. Senator Bob Corker lobbied to have the decision reconsidered.

ETSU President Bryan Nolan and Chancellor Donna Henry also worked to keep the programs in operation.

"The chancellor announced the reconsideration at the Appreciation Week for Armed Services that the SGA organized," Still said. "We're kind of gone across state lines with our college in Virginia and the University in Tennessee, and that's very rare to have cooperation in two different regions."

ETSU's ROTC program will operate on a two-year probationary period to increase the number of officers.

Associate Professor of Chemistry Walter Crouse is retiring from full-time teaching after 30 years in the lab and classroom at UVa-Wise.

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Crouse to retire after 30 years

Dr. Crouse, you have been more than just a professor, you are a true friend and I have been very lucky to have you in my life. I have grown so much from you in the classroom about chemistry and you have taught me so much about life as well.

Submitted by senior biology major

Allen Owens

For Dr. Crouse, you are never just a number, he knows each of his students personally, and he always has a smile for his students. His dedication to his future endeavors in any way possible is always apparent. He always goes above and beyond to ensure that he has helped you regard. less of what time it is or how long it is since you last spoke.

Submitted by senior chemistry major

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Gardner, political advocate and Purdue recruiter are a few of the best Associates Professor of Chemistry Walter Crouse wears on a day-to-day basis. At the end of the semester, Crouse will add retire to that list after 30 years of teaching at UVa-Wise.

Crouse first learned of the job opening at Clinch Valley College through an American Chemistry Society publication. Having grown up in Ohio for an interview, Crouse felt a bit uncertain about where he was going. “I almost turned around and went back home,” Crouse said with a smile. “I was offered a position at Clinch Valley College, and I knew there was a new four-year addition and I came all the way down through Jenkins and I thought, ‘Where am I?’ But then I got to the top of the mountain and I said, ‘Oh civilizing do you mean! Four lane high way!'”

After four years lab and UVa-Wise, he didn’t want to get a new career in another area and he was accepted at Swainsboro Tech by the science department in the college of the spring of 1983.

Crouse began his career as an adjunct faculty teaching nanomaterials in 1983. Crouse states that during the period of teaching and research, he has always been thought to be in the top 3 percent of the world. He has always been recognized for his contributions to the field of chemistry.

“Said Crouse.” And it’s not a little bit of a major that you can get some students who will want to work with you when they get out of here. You have to pick something that you are good at it and you are going to be interested in your field of study.”

Crouse also remembers teaching students of the science department in the college of the spring of 1983. After 30 years, the school Crouse began in has had more than a name change. He added, “It’s unbelievable.”

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Like the landscape, Crouse has also seen the students change. “Said Crouse.” Students who were from this area generally with very few students from outside of the area. The student base has become much more diverse,” Crouse said.

Crouse said his lasting memory of teaching will be his students, and that in retirement he will fill up any free time with gardening and politics.

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Google, Glass and Gallimore

A UVa-Wise student has recently introduced a piece of Silcon Valley to the UVa-Wise campus that for the majority of the world is still unknown.

In early November, senior computer science and software engineering major Dakota Gallimore applied for and received one of the 10,000 testing slots in the world for the Google Glass, a wearable computer product that will release next year.

Gallimore, who also serves as webmaster for The Highland Cavalier, applied for the product on the basis he believes it could be a valuable language translator and offer tutorials for when Google Glass launches.

“Instead of asking how to say something to a different person you’ll actually be able to understand what they are saying and say it back to them,” Gallimore said.

Using real-time language translation; which he dubbed Language Loop, Gallimore can translate Spanish, French, English and German and hopes to be able to try Chinese, Japanese and Korean and hopes to have seven languages at the product’s release.

Some challenges do exist for Gallimore in creating an app for the product not yet released.

“They give developers a snark peek of what it can do, so they can go ahead and start programming apps for it but they don’t have full functionality, so they can’t do everything,” he said.

Gallimore said the creation of an app opens up others to determine whether or not it will be active in the Google store when Glass is released.

He said new updates on the football field is now and he was supposed to be in the old section of the science building when Glass is released.

“It’s a really good thing,” Gallimore said.

“My instinct is to test the idealism of the liberal arts education. Students may often moan at the breadth of the requirements of the liberal arts degree, but I truly believe that the idealism of the liberal arts educators is one of the keys to our success.”

While diversity in some cases may lead us to disagree with certain opinions or outlooks on the world, we learn and grow from these different perspectives.

The economics thinks differently than the English professor. The theme professor believes differently than the biologist. These differences in outlooks help prepare us for the "real world.”

Life isn’t deterministic.

(Glass) is coming up as a test of the future, a future of what we will be able to do in the future.

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"We’re going to do it as a group," Gallimore said. "It’s a 'who gets there first' type situation."
opinion

Commentary: Two responses to the Nov. 13 article “Is the new library really needed?”

Submitted by Stan Bunow

An opinion piece in the Nov. 13 edition of the Highland Cavalier questioned the need for construction of the new library. Based on the editorial, it thought it was important to provide facts as to why the new building is being constructed.

Wylie Library was built in 1968, with a renovation and small addition completed in 1998. The addition was built in accordance with the ADA requirements. This requirement meant that the rows between the book stacks had to be widened, which meant a loss in the number of books that could be housed after renovation. Due to this, library staff must cut books from the existing stacks to make space for new books each year. The new library will more than double the number of books that can be housed in the library, which will allow for the potential of a larger and more diverse collection.

During the College’s 2005 accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the regional accrediting agency noted that the library was not in compliance due to an inadequate number of student study areas. Books and study space are now provided in the lower portion of the building making access easier for all.

I think of all that will not have seen the utilization at a Barnes and Noble’s, Barnes & Noble Booksellers with people drinking coffee and eating various foods while reading a book or utilizing Wi-Fi. So, yes, the new library will have an expanded Books and Brew, or restaurant as the editorial suggests, which will be in the section which can be open when the book portion of the library is not. What this provides is another way to study and provide interpersonal interaction which enhances the learning environment.

Planning for the project was obtained through Commonwealth of Virginia Bonds, which are grants for academic enhancements at numerous public colleges and universities across the Commonwealth. These bonds can only fund the construction or renovation of academic facilities. We have diligently worked to bring the project to fruition.

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Sophomore Makensie Chaisman (21) poses to an open archer Archer (52) in a 7-76 loss to Urbana University on Nov. 23. Chaisman finished with 18 points and Archer with 15 points for the Cavs.

Cavs open MEC play with 1-1 record

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The UVA-Wise Cavalier women’s basketball team was off to a 3-0 start this season, which hasn’t happened since the 2009-2010 season. The Cavs hosted the Urbana University Knights Nov. 23 for the Mountain East Conference home opener in which the Cavs looked for their first MEC win in school history.

The Cavs cut off a good start in the context. Two free-throws by junior Jessica Pollock gave the Cavs a 21-14 lead with 8:05 left to play in the first half.

The Cavs and Blue Knights would exchange leads during the next several minutes. A Kennedy Boggs three-pointer gave the Blue Knights a 25-23 lead with 4:18 left to play in the first half and took a 35-32 lead going into halftime.

Devonne Johnson had 11 first half points for the Blue Knights. The Cavs were paced by nine points to finish the half with the ball on the senior Reyna Archer and eight points by junior Morgan Lester.

After halftime, the Blue Knights extended on their half-time lead to the Cavaliers couldn’t keep up with the big conference wins early.”

The final minutes were a free throw and Cavaliers took a 74-70 comeback win.

The Cavs and Falcons exchanged baskets to start the second half. A three-pointer by Jared Huston gave the Falcons a 46-36 lead with 14:29 remaining in the second half. After the Falcons extended their lead to 12 points, the Cavs started their firing comeback. Day pulled the Cavaliers within four points with a total of 10:56 left in the game.

Day pulled the Cavs to 52-51 with 9:20 left and gave the Cavs the lead by hitting three free throws with 5:48 left. The Falcons regained the lead but for 21 points.

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Senior guard Javan Moore (9) splits two defender to finish senior Jonah Cloy (25) for the basket on Nov. 24. The Cavs defeated the Morehead State Eagles 80-74 to move to 2-0 in MEC play.

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Mellinger and Cavs move to 4-0 on season

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After two warm-up games in non-conference play, head coach Blake Mellinger's Cavs were ready to start Mountain East Conference play as they hosted the Urbana University Blue Knights on Nov. 23 and the Notre Dame College Falcons on Nov. 25.

The Cavs got off to a hot start against the Blue Knights as a hot-handed James Turner gave the Cavs a 23-12 lead on a three-point play with 8:49 left in the first half. Sophomore Matt Day joined Turner with a hot hand as well in the first half. In a two-minute span in the first half, Day scored seven straight points for the Cavs giving them a 32-16 lead with 4:56 remaining until halftime.

The Cavs went into the locker room with a 34-21 lead over the Blue Knights. Turner poured in 10 of his game high 20 points in the first half. Day grabbed five rebounds in addition to his seven first half points.

The second half saw the Cavs come out firing on all cylinders and the Blue Knights struggling woes continue. Mellinger got to rest his starters in the second half after a Turner three-pointer extended the Cavs lead to 31 points with 9:14 left to play.

Freshman Brian Syndor got some valuable experience in the Cavs blowout win. A Syndor steal and breakaway dunk extended the Cavs advantage to 69-38 with 7:45 left to play. Mellinger's bench gained valuable experience and confidence as the Cavs cruised to a 76-48 blowout win for their first MEC win in school history.

Turner led all scorers with 20 points, sophomore Charles George finished with 12 points, and Day with 10. Junior Javon Moore finished his day with five points, eight rebounds, four assists and one steal.

Sophomore Pape Morn Saal came off the bench to block five shots and Syndor scored seven of his nine points in the second half. Mellinger's bench gained valuable experience and confidence as the Cavs cruised to a 76-48 blowout win for their first MEC win in school history.

Every Cav that played in the game scored. "We executed offensively better than we have all year and defensively, I thought we were great," Mellinger said. "Our defense and rebounding, I thought that was good to be able to get our confidence going." The Cavs faced a more challenging team in the Falcons on Nov. 25. The Falcons entered the contest averaging over 83 points per game. The Cavs didn't seem to let that bother them as a Moore Jumper gave the Cavs a 9-3 advantage to begin the ballgame. The Cavs lead didn't last long as the Falcons battled back.

A pair of Lawrence DeArmond free throws gave the Falcons a 14-9 lead with 10:12 left in the first half. The Cavs trailed most of the second half and went into halftime down 33-26.

The Falcons took over in the second half as the Cavs couldn't contain the Falcons' offense. A Joe Duncan three-pointer gave the Falcons a 48-33 lead with 16:30 left in the second half. The Falcons would never look back and went into halftime down 48-33.

Good luck and good job on a great first season in the NCAA seniors Thomas Wright, Tyler Graham, Paul Smith, Atkins, Javon Moore, Christian DeJamstte, vajnon Payns, Landry Mullen, Landry Mulkins, Tiffany Harrtoon toy, Harrtoon toy, Emily Brown, Brian Stallard, yierMorrls, fHIAIIgore.