Progress continues on the Winston Ely Health & Wellness Center, which is expected to be completed this spring.

Student voting for a new Student Government Association allocation to increase each student's activities fee by $30 a semester in order to bring in bigger concerts ended yesterday, and campus is widely divided on the decision.

According to SGA President and senior government major Jackson Wloka, the extra money collected from the students will go to a fund that will eventually be used to bring "top-drawer" artists to the Prior Convocation Center.

The plans were proposed by Hill and discussed with Chris Davis, Director of the David J. Prior Convocation Center, after the B.o.B. concert last October, in which $64,000 was spent to bring in the hip-hop artist, and only 700 tickets were sold.

"I was kind of saddened by the turnover," said Hill. "Especially the loss that we took as a college."

As of Fall 2013, student activities fees for each student are already eighteen hundred dollars. This leaves some students unsure about raising the fee, and according to Hill, has SGA "on the fence."

"After a year with each student being charged sixty dollars a year, you get about $75,000. Hill said. "This occurs a few years ago with B.o.B."

"It doesn't really affect seniors," Hill said. "You will have to wait a year so that the money can really build."

According to Hill, bringing in bigger artists with the fund will increase the popularity of the Convocation Center and the college, and will possibly grow the college as well.

"I do not believe that the raising of fees is justified," said junior political science major Clint Womack. "The college has done well enough providing for the student body with what they have currently. With the rise in tuition I don't want those fees to increase as well."

Some students like the idea though. They see the option as a unique opportunity for the college, and something to look forward to in the fall.

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Possible fee divides students

Wellness center almost complete

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The anticipation for the new additions to the Sleep Student Center will soon be settled as the construction is planned to be completed this spring.

Superintendent Paul Harris confirms that construction on the Winston Ely Health & Wellness Center is "expected to be completed in mid-April."

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Walk2Campus takes shape

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New apartment complexes, sponsored by Walk2Campus, are to be finished mid-July, and will have a walkway that leads residents right to campus.

Nichole Davis, property manager of the facilities, said that Walk2Campus "started with two individuals, and they wanted to do affordable student housing within walking distance. They started out with just a couple of apartment buildings that were close to campus, started renovating them, and just grew tremendously," she said.

Davis, who used to work on campus as a police officer, is helping students get their leases signed as well as preparing for students move in next fall.

According to Davis, students can expect "a brand new facility; three-story buildings; one, two, three and four apartment buildings; a workout area; common area; and meeting area."

The head of construction Brent Street, said that this is his "third [project] with Campus Walk, they've done a project for Coastal Carolina and another for University of Cincinnati, and now we're here. We have a really good partnership with Campus Walk and English Construction."

O'D’s memoir: A Lifetime of memories

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Lonesome Pine Hospital has donated $35,000 to UVa-Wise to aid with training nursing students, and other students’ medical application exams.

About $20,000 was provided to upgrade patient simulators, and the remaining $15,000 was used for student preparation for the Medical College Admission Test, and other graduate exams.

Ed Roop, the fund’s chairman, said it was established to promote health and wellness in the community. He said this contribution the fund has made to the college aligns perfectly with the fund’s goal.

"This is an excellent opportunity to assist students in Southwest Virginia who will be saving the lives of our families, friends and neighbors," Roop said. "We are focused on having well-trained medical professionals delivering high-quality care to our patients, and this donation we have been privileged to make will make a long way in continuing that tradition."

Chancellor Donna Henry said that she appreciates the fund's leadership, and it helps campus' already quality nursing students.

- Lonesome Pine Hospital

Dr. Amy Clark recently won an Outstanding Faculty award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Faculty members from public and private colleges across the state were considered, and overall, 12 were chosen for the award.

"The council is pleased to once again partner with Dominion to honor these extraordinary educators who help make Virginia's system of higher education among the finest in the nation," said SCHEV Director Peter Blake. "The scholarship and dedication of these honorees is a testament to the strength of Virginia's public and private, two- and four-year institutions."

One hundred fifteen applications were sent to SCHEV, and they were considered on excellence in teaching, research, knowledge integration, and public service.

- Kathy Still, Director of College Relations

The Smith Dining Commons and Commonwealth Hall have received LEED certification for sustainable design by the US Green Building Council. This adds to the two buildings that campus already has LEED certification with, the David J. Prior Convocation Center that has silver, and the Leonard Sandridge Science Center that has platinum. LEED certification depends on five main qualifications that lead to more efficient energy and design.

UVa-Wise is committed to responsible design and construction when it comes to new or renovated buildings," Chancellor Donna P. Henry said. "It is vital that we plan and construct facilities that meet the needs of our campus and are environmentally friendly," said Kathy Still, director of college relations.

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News Briefs

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Tablets seem to be struggling to take off, but academically, they are starting to get off the ground. Today, tablets can be used to take notes without the clutter of various notebooks, view textbooks without having a bunch of papers, and turn in assignments via the Moodle.

In a modern classroom, there's a chance a student is using a tablet of some sort. As computers become smaller and more portable, the amount of students using tablets to carry out academic tasks is becoming larger.

"I use my Nook to read textbooks, said Adrienne Pollard, a sophomore history major.

Aside from being more convenient, renting textbooks electronically can also be a less expensive way to purchase books, with websites such as Amazon offering prices up to 80% off the store price of some eTextbooks.

Danielle Hutchison, a sophomore majoring in nursing said, "I use (the tablet) in class so I don't have to print my notes off."

Note taking is becoming an easier task with the use of a tablet. Rather than having five different notebooks for each class, a tablet would serve as one virtual notebook combining all others, cutting back on paper waste and creating an organized, universal notebook.

As this technological trend becomes more and more popular, a student's biggest question about owning one for school is simple: do professors allow them in class?

Upon being asked if she had experienced any issues with professors regarding her tablet, Pollard replied, "They all said it was fine as long as I had the materials."

Hutchison echoed the same response, saying that none of her professors had told her that she couldn't use a tablet in class.

Upon wanting a tablet for academic use, a student may worry about the expensive price of some tablets.

Sharon Stratton, a worker in the financial aid department of UVa-Wise, said that there is not financial aid to use specifically for a tablet, but if a student gets a refund check, the money can be spent on whatever he or she pleases, including a tablet.

"I paid for my tablet with my Seam scholarship," Hutchinson said, indicating that a tablet can be purchased with the help of scholarship money.

As tablets become more and more useful and available, they will become more prevalent in the classroom. While there do not seem to be any professors who are against tablets in the classroom, the few who are will eventually be forced to reconsider as the number of students with tablets grows higher and higher. It's only a matter of time before the amount of students with tablets outnumber those without.
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Inclement weather schedule

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Halls upgraded

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Many renovations were done over winter break to enhance the resident halls.

McCrory Hall had new doors installed to help ensure safety for all students living there as well as adding new card swipes, such as the one on the lake side of the building.

The doors and additional card swipes cost several thousand dollars to buy and install, but are good quality, Director of Residence Life Josh Justice said.

"They help keep the lobby warm in winter," Justice said. "They also help the noise level in the lobby, and they help with security.

Justice said that the one of the main reasons for the new doors were the issues caused by propping the doors open, leading to security issues for the building.

Although the doors are one great addition to the college, they are not among the last of the renovations that will be done to the halls. In fact, over the summer there are plans to fix the lighting problems in Cantrell Hall, as well painting some of the rooms in other residence halls, and possibly changing the carpets in the halls as seen fit.

All of the renovations seem to be going as planned, but Justice urges students that if they have seen something in one of the halls that is not quite up to their standards to feel free to talk to the housing directors or stop by the lower level of Cantrell Hall and voice their opinion.

"I am open to suggestions from students," Justice said. "I want to hear suggestions from students on how we can better the resident halls."

New sanitizer dispensers and towel dispensers were placed in buildings across campus as well after someone suggested it.

Student fees

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According to Hill, it may even encourage college alumni to return and stay for Homecoming.

Yet such large changes have still inspired the college to give more back to the student body.

"They'll be collecting this money and we'll even give it back to them," Wrenn said. "Because my time here at the college is almost over, I don't want to pay these fees without seeing the benefits."

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Commuter Corner

Welcome, my fellow commuters, to our very own "corner" of the Highland Cavalier. From now on, this corner will serve as a means by which we can deliver to you from this great university any views and thoughts that are most important to us. Commuter students play a huge role at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise. In addition, with high gas prices, the Virginia Department of Transportation’s diligent efforts to slow us down, the speed traps enforced by the local 55-G, and the daily commute to Damascus Lake (the upper left) to find a place to park without being blocked in, we still have to do the things that "normal" college students do. So, it is only logical for us to have our own section in the Highland Cavalier. We have earned it.

Upcoming Events to look for:
- Please Participate in the discussion and the Online Survey regarding the proposal to replace the Homecoming Dance with a Homecoming Concert. Flyers are posted around campus, surveys are up, or you can feel free to contact our SGA Senators. Remember that you need to vote for your voice to be heard on this issue, so the Student Government can make the correct decision.
- Basketball: Homecoming elections are active on the portal.
- The spring intramural seasons have begun. Sign up!
- Join college groups on social media. In addition to your respective clubs or groups, I suggest following the SGA, the Official UVA-Wise Page, the Black and Gold Center for Appalachian Studies, to gather news and updates.
- Begin planning for SGA and Honor Court elections. Get involved.

In addition, please keep safety first on your agendas in being a commuter student. The college is usually very good about cluing the commuter students in on important issues, but during this winter season, please use good judgment when driving to and from school. If there are any future events scheduled, or news to be heard that can be posted in Commuter Corner, please contact SGA Senator Ashley Hinson at ashinh@uvawise.edu.

Have a great semester and happy commuting!

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Deon Boyce: A simple Carolina man

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North Carolina is known for barbeque, tobacco, big time basketball and soon, Deon Boyce.

The UVa-Wise senior forward's baby hook is sweet as Carolina barbecue. He is tough like dried tobacco and he is a big time rebounder.

Boyce came to UVa-Wise a season ago by the way of Davidson County Community College in North Carolina and played high school ball at Jacksonville High in Jacksonville, N.C.

Unlike most NCAA student-athletes, Boyce didn't get his start in basketball until he was in the tenth grade.

This was partly due to his family moving to Japan when he was in the sixth grade, to follow his father, who was in the military. Boyce was a football player growing up and started playing basketball when he moved back to the states for his tenth grade year.

"It was rough trying something new, I was always crying, because I wanted to do it right," Boyce said.

"We kept working and working."

That tenth grade year Boyce found himself on the junior varsity squad as he was still learning the fundamentals. The following season he moved up to the varsity squad where he found himself in the varsity rotation.

Boyce said he let the tough competition motivate him.

"I played against Reggie Bullock and PJ. Hairston in high school," Boyce said. "Those guys helped me get better, I wanted to be where they were at and that's why I worked so hard."

Boyce's senior season is when he really started to blossom, as he averaged more than 17 points and 13 rebounds per game.

During his senior season, Boyce was attracting the attention of several NCAA Division II and NAIA schools but ultimately decided on Davidson County.

"I wanted to focus on my grades and the coach said he would get me places," Boyce said.

It turned out to be the best decision for Boyce, as he racked up accolades and broke records at DCCC. During his freshman season Boyce averaged 16 points and 13 rebounds per game. He led his team to a 34-2 record and a trip to the NJCAA national tournament where they finished fourth in the country.

Boyce earned Tidewater Conference and Region X Player of the Year honors as well as NJCAA Division III second team All-American status. He also finished as the school's all-time leader in rebounds.

Interim Head Coach Blake Mel linger was the one to start recruiting Boyce when he was at DCCC and was still improving. Boyce later received interest from NCAA Division I schools but chose UVa-Wise.

"Coach Mellinger was the first one there for me," Boyce said. "He treated me like family and he was the guy I wanted to go to."

Boyce set out the first semester of the 2012-2013 season as a Cavalier

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Senior forward Deon Boyce (23) stands under his favorite place, the basketball goal.