

Finances plague Chartwells

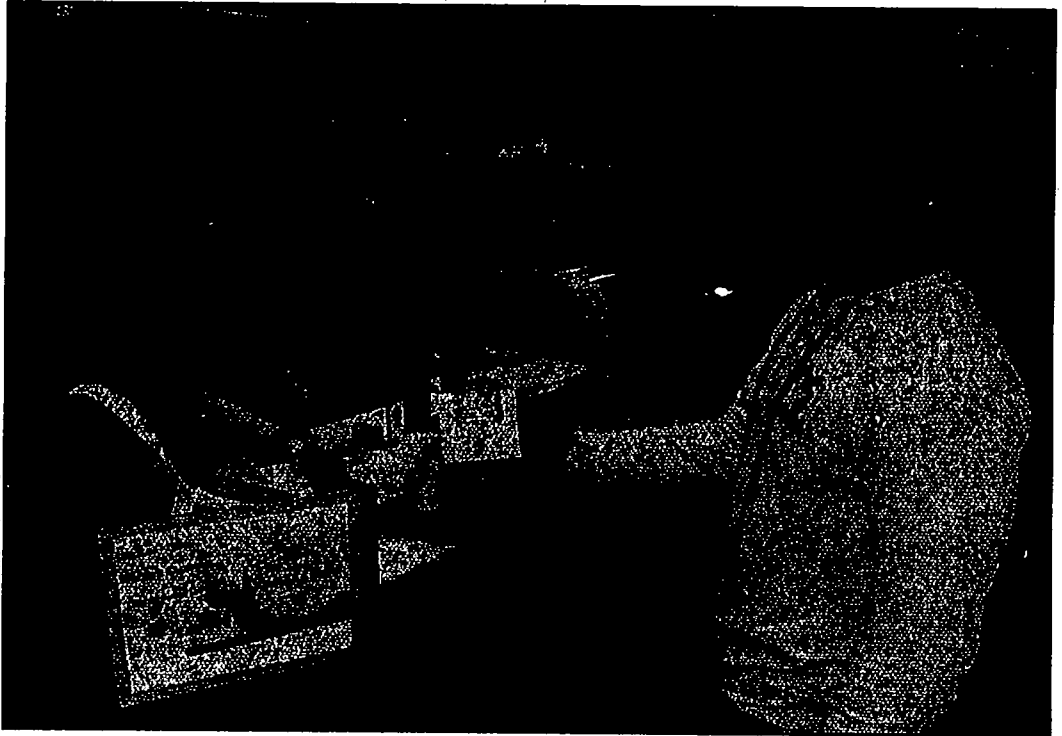
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Campus dining services through Chartwells has made some changes this semester, partly in response to customer feedback and financial troubles.

Several changes have been made to campus dining locations, including removing coffee service from Papa Joes and adding cupcakes. The reason may be unexpected: Cutbacks and attempts at different promotions due to financial troubles in Chartwells.

"Just in food service in general, you face challenges in how to increase revenue," Director of Dining Services Brett Lawson said. "[The cupcakes] are a simple thing we are doing to create some excitement among the students. [Papa Joe's coffee] is something that was never very popular in that location."

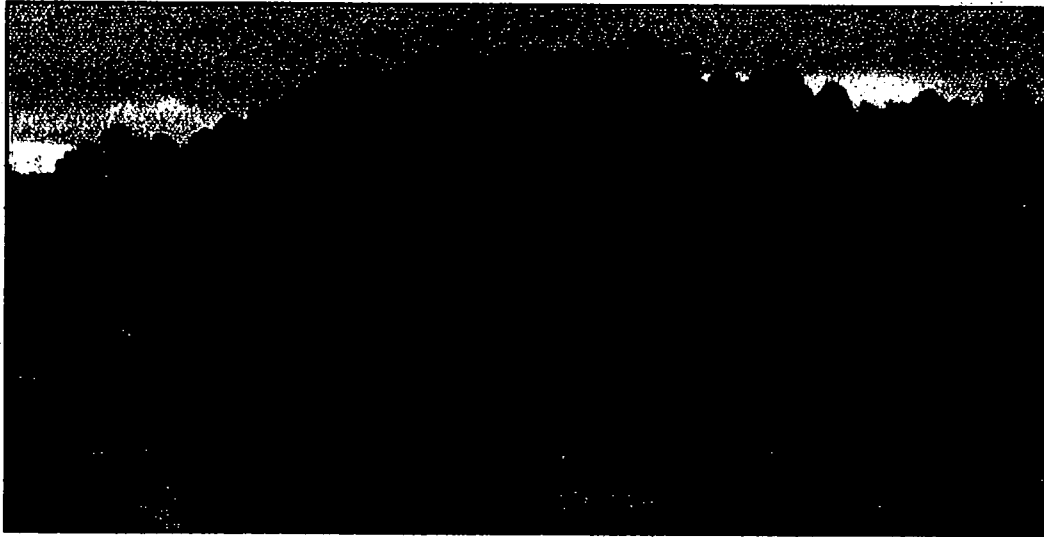
Lawson said the most popular dining location, selling about 720 meals a day, is the Smith Dining Commons, but it is almost strictly used by students who have meal plans. The Slemp Student Center eateries come in



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Shannon Walker is the newly confirmed SGA Vice President. Above is shown her being sworn in by SGA President Dakota Hill.
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Residence halls will not change



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No major renovations are going to be made to the residence halls in the near future, officials said.

Every spring semester, students hustle to figure out where they are going to live and who they're going to live with next fall. With every year, the option to live off campus may become more appealing, with the desire to have more freedom growing inside students who have experienced living in the residence halls.

Director of Residence Life Joshua Justice said, "several factors impact the student housing occupancy level, including re-

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Relay for Life to occur in spring

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A national event honoring cancer survivors, victims and their caretakers will be held here for the first time this spring.

UVa-Wise's Relay for Life event will be held on March 28 and 29 in the Carl Smith Stadium at 7 p.m., said Katla Figgatt, a sophomore sociology and psychology double major, who is heading up this year's event.

"Relay is now a part of close to if not more than 500 college communities," Figgatt said. "Back home [I] served as the youngest Relay for Life planning committee volunteer and felt that it was something that could benefit the students of Uva-Wise."

She said the organization helps students be involved in giving back to the community, and raising money to fight cancer.

"Relay for life is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society," Figgatt said. "It was started in 1985 by Dr. Gordy

Klatt, in an effort to raise awareness and funds for his local cancer office in Tacoma, Wash. It was started as a 24-hour event symbolizing that 'cancer never sleeps.'"

"There will also be a time of celebrating cancer survivors and also recognizing caregivers," Figgatt said of the event, which begins on a Friday night. "Saturday morning we will hold a 'fight back' ceremony which is a reflection of what we have done this year, and getting ready for next year."

Despite what many might think, the

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Upcoming

➤ Jimson Weed deadline

The deadline for submission to the campus literary magazine is this Monday, Feb 17.

➤ School and career fair

Career Services is hosting a fair for jobs and Grad schools on Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Cantrell Hall.

➤ Campus preview day

UVa-Wise will be hosting the winter 360 campus preview day next Saturday, Feb. 22.

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Continued work on Library



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Construction on the new campus library continues despite the cold, and as the building site forms, excitement grows for the new addition.

The completion date for the massive six-story building stays firm at around the summer of 2016 as excavation for the footings and foundation begins.

"The weather is not helping, but it has not significantly hurt us," said Vice Chancellor of Finance Sim Ewing. "There were some times that they worked extra because they knew they wouldn't be able to at other times, like the polar vortex."

Some students worry that the cold will stop progress for the winter, but according to Ewing, the weather will not cease construction, it will only change certain processes such as how the concrete is mixed and including different insulating elements.

Ann Duesing, a reference librarian at the current library, said she urges students to think of the end product when faced with the

inconvenience of the construction.

"I think the wait is absolutely necessary because we have to go through the construction process," Duesing said. "I think that this will be more student oriented, that there will be more spaces and hours, available to them whether staff is there or not."

Ewing said that campus will begin to see a structure form as early as April, when a large tower crane will be brought on site. By the fall of next year, students and faculty should see the steel frame of the new building.

With the completion date already pushed so far back from what was originally intended, students wonder what is happening on site of the new library.

"We found coal," Ewing said. "We always find coal here. It wasn't a significant quantity or quality, since the area used to be a spill site. We are not coal mining, but the coal isn't stable to build a foundation on. We had to dig out the coal and fill it back up with stone."

Ewing said that the funding for removing the coal became part of the cost for the project.

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News Briefs

Inclement weather decisions

Several college officials are involved in deciding whether or not the college will be closed or delayed in the event of inclement weather, according to Director of College Relations Kathy Still.

If inclement weather is predicted in the forecast for the upcoming day, campus police working the midnight shift contact the sheriff's department in order to check on road conditions, who in turn respond with an update at 5 a.m. Further forecasts are considered, and Provost Sandy Huguenin is contacted. The Provost makes the final decision for closure or delay.

The decision begins the notification process. Director of College Relations Kathy Still sends out an email to the campus and faculty of the schedule change. Director of Student Programming Stephanie Shell adjusts the Highland Happenings and emails the students. The AlertNow notification system sends a phone call.

West Virginia needs water

Several organizations on campus have collected bottled water throughout the week in order to help West Virginia counties afflicted by a chemical spill in their water supply. Employees of the Resource Center will be accepting bottled water donations for one more day, and are also accepting paper products and sanitizers.

Affected water posed several health hazards, and a water ban was imposed against using it for bathing and consumption. The ban has been lifted, and FEMA has ceased water distribution, but side effects from chemical exposure are still being reported. The Center for Disease Control has issued a warning to continue avoiding affected water.

CAS Director Brian McKnight and CAS Co-Director Amy Clark urge students and faculty to assist the counties as they are very close, and if they have any questions, to contact them.

Dining

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second at about 400 meals a day, but that is almost strictly paid with cash.

However, according to Director of College Services Joe Kiser, an unexpected lack of occupancy in the residence halls has affected not just the college, but campus dining locations as well.

"The lack of students in the residence halls drops our numbers down which affects their business model," Kiser said. "This year they dropped lower than we ever anticipated, so now we have to work together to get financial numbers where they need to be."

Chartwells has also revamped a nutrition program to help customers eat healthier, and make the dining atmosphere more appealing. This includes nutrition tags in the cafeteria and a recipe database called Webtrition that Chartwells' staff pull more than 11,000 healthy and varied menu ideas from. Chartwells also asks for student input.

"We have on our website, dineoncampus.com, where students can submit their recipe," Lawson said. "If it looks like something that we can do, we will add it to our menu."

Chartwells also holds a survey on its services every year. The next survey will be available after spring break.

Chartwells also caters on campus, and has a first right of refusal in its contract with the college, where if a party wants catering on campus, Chartwells must be able to make them an offer before anyone else.

After the restructuring of the meal plans, Kiser states that he has heard almost no complaints.

"Some of the ones that ran out of meals that [were] brought to my attention [were] basketball players," Kiser said. "Athletes eat more often than that, so they just need to buy up and get more meals."

Kiser said that they are trying to sell more commuter plans to compensate for lack of residential students. All plans, even with dining dollars, discount 5 percent from sales tax, Kiser said.

"I believe that we put out good tasting, quality products," Lawson said. "I eat lunch here every single day, and I always find something good. Some people just don't realize what hard work food service is, and I am proud of my staff."

Kiser said that he and Lawson always welcome constructive feedback, and to let them know if there are any issues with campus dining.

Campus Window



Shannon Walker is the newly confirmed SGA Vice President. Above is shown her being sworn in by SGA President Dakota Hill.

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Spring Break mission trip in Moore

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The annual spring break service trip will allow anyone who is interested to help out with tornado relief in Moore, Okla.

The trip, hosted by the Wesley Fellowship group on campus, begins March 8. Work begins March 10 and ends on March 14. The group will return to Wise on March 16.

The IT Security and Policy Coordinator here at UVa-Wise, Susan Herron, will serve as the team leader on this year's community service trip.

"[They] are going to Moore, Okla., which is where the tornado came through May of last year. We are going to be doing repair and rebuild work, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church."

The two organizations that the group will be working with is United Methodist

Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM).

Herron said, "[the Wesley leaders] look for a trip to go on during spring break every year. In the past they've gone to the Dominican Republic, southern Africa, and other places. The purpose is to not only to spread the message of Jesus and God, but to also support people in need, and doing what God would have us do in supporting each other."

The trip is not exclusive to just Methodists, everyone is allowed to participate if they agree to following the rules that are set.

"Anybody who wants to go and work, can go" Herron said. The only requirements are they have to have the ability and willingness to work, because it is a working trip and [they] must abide by the rules set forth by the organizations."

The rules include, no drugs and alcohol consumption, no smoking. You don't necessarily have to be religious, but you have to be [aware] of the fact that we are a part of a

Christian organization," says Herron.

The trip is a ministry for students on campus. Anyone who is interested in traveling can get in contact with Herron. The trip is \$300 per person, and "\$100 of that goes to the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission for supplies. All donations for UMCOR and UNVIM, 100% of it goes towards whatever project or mission it is segmented for," Herron said.

You can learn more about the Wesley Fellowship on its Twitter: @wisewesley, and its Facebook: www.facebook.com/wisewesley. The deposit of \$100 dollars is due to Susan Herron by Friday, and the remaining \$200 is due by March 1.

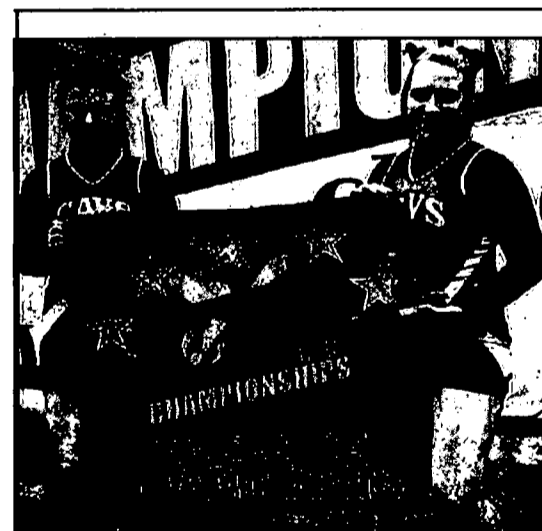
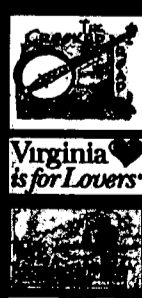


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The UVA-Wise Cavalier Cheerleaders had their first competition of the season in Knoxville, TN and won first place. Pictured is Sophomore Cheerleaders Keely McCormick and Ashley Storrs with the first place banner.

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Library

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After the library is complete, the college has already started the obtaining planning money phase for more construction, including converting the current library into an academic building and creating a proscenium theater on campus, much like what the Barter has. However, Ewing said the campus has enough construction for now.

"They're on our Santa Claus wish list," Ewing said. "Right now we [have] inconvenienced everybody about to the tolerance level. There's only so much that you can do right in the center of things."

Students currently in their freshman year will be able to see the new library open and running. However, Duesing said those who graduate should come back and see it.

"Please come back and see it. It was worth all of the time and energy. It's kind of a legacy for them too," Duesing said. "I hope people feel that they have a comfortable library with people who care about them with their learning and their projects, and we know the new library will be that also"

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Chancellor Henry's First Year

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One year ago UVa-Wise welcomed a new chancellor, Donna Henry. Her chancellorship brings many questions to the college community: Will her legacy be similar to the late David Prior? Will the college continue to grow larger? And, of course, will we get any more parking spaces?

While all of these questions are important to the functioning of the college, there is perhaps none greater than this simple one, how has the Henry family felt about their time here?

As Henry said in one word, "Fantastic!"

Henry's most recent academic home is similar to UVa-Wise. Florida Gulf Coast University saw Henry build up her academic career. She was elected faculty senate president, and was later asked to serve as dean. Her term as dean lasted about eight years, during which Henry saw FGCU grow from a small undergraduate school to a major university with graduate programs and talks of doctoral programs.

Henry, feeling that her work at FGCU had been done, began to search for opportunities elsewhere. During this time she was contacted by the UVa-Wise Chancellor Search Committee, and *began* the process of being vetted for the position.

Henry felt that the college's membership in the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, or COPLAC, was an indication of a quality institution. After visiting the College, Henry says her family felt very excited to become a part of the community.

"We moved here, and it's really been an adventure for all of us," she said.

Her daughters, Jessie and Margaret, have settled into middle school, making good friends and memories. Her husband Allen, a pilot for Federal Express, is still able to have a successful career here.

While sometimes Allen's schedule is erratic, he is able to work on it well enough to stay in Wise for all the important events.

"Several people have asked me the question, 'What's the biggest surprise?'" Henry said, "I think the biggest surprise is that there haven't been any surprises. Sometimes you take a position and find out you've got to overhaul the administration, or things aren't really working and need to be fixed. What I've learned is that

the college is in a really good place, and as a leader I'm just working to look at what our next steps can be, and where do we want to take the college from here?"

A common misconception about the chancellorship seems to be that it is a purely ceremonial position. According to Henry, this could not be further from the truth, after schedule in January included a number of back-to-back events.

Henry had to attend an NCAA convention in San Diego due to the transition of college athletic programs. Henry then went to Richmond at the beginning of the legislative session in order to talk with representatives about the College and its future. She then attended the COPLAC Council in Washington, D.C. Her next stop was Adanta, as she worked for reaccreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In February she will attend events in Charlottesville and Richmond, among other things.

Henry's legacy will be very much intertwined with "Envisioning 2020," a strategic master plan that will guide the college through the current decade. This plan will be the successor to the previous strategic plan, "Fulfilling the Dream."

"We've really become a part of the community," Henry said. "We've gotten to know families, taking my daughters to friends' houses.

We've gotten to know the community better by going to high school basketball games and going to different concerts. We've all been good because they get us out to know people in the community. The girls and I have gone to different churches. I'm Catholic, and the girls have been raised Catholic, so we actually participate in the services here on Sundays that the Catholic Campus Ministry has. We've also gone to some of the Baptist services because some of the girls' friends go to different churches, so we're open to those things and have participated there."

Henry says her family has found a love for new things in Wise. Including sightseeing and learning how to ride ATVs. A favorite spot for the family is Little Stony Falls.

"All in all, I think everything is very happy here," Henry said, including the new canine icons of the college: Goldie and Bailey, who can often be seen rolling in snow and attempting to go swimming in the campus lake.

As the campus community begins to progress through Henry's second year at UVa-Wise, she and the college will face new challenges and achieve great things. A new master plan will prepare to take the college into the 21st century, and Chancellor Henry will prepare to leave an extraordinary mark on the history of UVa-Wise like those before her.

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Relay

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Relay that will take place will be a walk instead of a run where teams participate to raise money, said Figgatt.

A luncheon ceremony will be a time of celebrating people whom participants have lost from cancer, Figgatt said.

Zumba, live music, and a plethora of other activities will be going on throughout the weekend for all the participants to enjoy.

"but of the money that is raised all of it goes to the American Cancer Society and 93 percent goes directly to cancer research, said Figgatt. Relay is the main fundraiser that ACS now sponsors through the United States and 19 international countries."

To find out more about Relay for Life, and the history behind it visit, the website www.relayforlife.org.

Residence Life

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attention, enrollment and the economy."

"While we do hope to increase occupancy, our first priority is the student experience," Justice said. "I feel that we have a very successful campus housing program."

Some students may disagree.

Allison Ring, a sophomore administrator of justice and psychology double major, said that the problems she has with living in Thompson are "the bathrooms aren't up to date and they're nasty, and the walls are too thin. I can hear people talking when I'm trying to study and sleep."

Resident advisers have to deal with some of the complaints students have first hand.

Sophomore education major, Jacob Oarman, is a resident adviser in charge of freshman in McCrary hall, and said he hears complaints from students.

"McCrary doesn't have an elevator like Commonwealth does," he said. [Air-conditioning] when it's warmer outside is sometimes an issue because we don't have any, unlike Commonwealth. Cell service is iffy sometimes, too."

Some renovations might be necessary, but according to Justice there are no plans to renovate in the near future.

"The Office of Housing and Residence Life does complete latter updates and

projects to building throughout the summer and smaller projects during the course of the school year."

Those smaller projects include replacing the carpet in the hallways in Culbertson Hall with tile, Justice said.

Justice said he encourages students that are considering living off campus to weigh several factors in their decision, including lease/rent expense, deposits for utilities, food expense, safety and security, convenience, laundry and garbage removal.

When asked if any off-campus housing establishments posed a threat to the success of on campus housing, Justice said, "while students do have several off campus housing options to choose from, the benefits of on campus housing should be considered. No matter how much water or electricity you use, you don't have to worry about those bills being higher because they are inclusive in your housing rate.

"It's also extremely convenient to live on campus because literally you have all the college's resources in your backyard - student activities, intramurals, the library, classes, the dining hall and much more," Justice said. "In addition with on campus housing you are living in a community of your peers as only students are allowed to live in college's residence halls."

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Happy Valentines Day from The Highland Cavalier!

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It's winter, which means if there is any bad weather within a 50 mile radius, Wise is going to get it. While this is no big deal to those who live on campus, it's a trickier situation for those of us who commute.

Of course, when it begins to snow, every student hopes for cancellation or even just a delay. It's sad to say, but those days are hard to come by. Lately, I have been seeing an outcry from commuters on social media about the inclement weather policy. It seems it hasn't been effective or well-implemented this semester.

School probably should not be cancelled for a few flurries, but when we can't see our roads to drive on to get to class, more consideration should probably be taken on cancelling.

"I believe, that the school consistently gives the commuter students the short end of the stick," said sophomore art major Jor Kelsie Hale. "They do not utilize the policy enough to accommodate the surrounding areas. Not every student lives on campus, or even [in] Wise Coim. I live in Dickenson County and the roads are far worse in that area; therefore, the college should observe the closings of other schools before the commuter students have to drive on dangerous terrain."

Coming from the same area as Kelsie, I can attest to that. While we do have state maintained roads, ours are generally last to be attended to. Hills puts the salt and scraping trucks dragging down our road at, generally, anywhere from 1-5 p.m. While a 90-minute delay is a good thought, it's generally not helpful at all, especially in that case.

Ninety-minute delays can also be proven ineffective for the fact dirt often the temperature doesn't even get warm enough to melt snow until after noon. This means if your road hasn't been maintained and you have an 8 a.m. class, you're pretty much out of luck. Thank goodness for the commuter policy, right?

Of course, if you do have the privilege of having your roads worked earlier in the morning than those of us in more rural areas, a 90-minute delay will suffice (plus you will get some extra sleep.)

Junior pre-law major Alexis Whitaker said she has a 45-minute commute to class.

"I believe UVa-Wise needs to take their commuters into consideration more," she said. "Even though we have the commuter policy. It isn't fair to us that we have to miss classes when they are going on just because of the fact that we can't make it safely to class due to slick or icy roads."

Sometimes, there is more to the Issue of inclement weather and having class than just the roads. People like senior history major, David Owens, do not have a vehicle capable of making it on even the slightest bad road.

"I just think they assume that everyone has a four wheel drive and not everyone does," Owens said. "When the roads are fine, sometimes the driveway to our apartment isn't and my car can't even make it down it."

With roughly 70 percent of the campus community being commuters, I feel that the inclement weather policy could be better implemented or revamped. For the safety and academic success of the students, rural roads, local school closings, and weather forecasts should have more attention when it comes to school cancellation.

Braving the roads and driving all the way to campus only to be in an accident or be released at 12:30 p.m. (which is often too late and the roads are already bad) is not worth the danger and time.

Students are at this university for education, not to worry about whether they can make it to class. If they are going to get behind on their class work or if their professors will honor the commuter policy.

We also have to keep staff in mind when the weather gets rough. Often they are in the same situation as us, plus added worries and stress such as their children, who are often released from school, and finding a caretaker or way to get them home safely.

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Commercial holiday

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It is that time of the year again folks. Valentine's Day. A day for love and romance proposals and priceless possessions, a day to show someone just how much you care. If you want to look through the pessimistic viewpoint like the extreme Pacebooken, I hate you all and your stupid posts about your stupid love. I hate everyone."

Regardless of whether you are on the Valentie's Day bandwagon or not, why does this random day of the year create such an uproar in our society today? Some would argue that the role the media plays is the answer to that. Media can heavily impact someone's view of Valentie's Day, whether it be for the good or the bad. Valentie's Day has become so commercialized that there are popular blogs of what not to give to your boyfriend/girlfriend.

Brittany Milgrim, senior nursing major, said it best when she said, "Valentine's Day is overrated."

Top retailers such as Wal-Mart are laid out perfectly during Valentie's Day. As soon as the customer walks in they become overwhelmed with red, pink and oversized teddy bears. Options are limitless. Cards range from the puppy love stages to 50 years of marriage. Bouquets of roses are displayed and extremely overpriced.

All of the commercialism sends the message that in order to express your love to someone on Valentine's Day, you must buy them things, expensive things at that. Retailers commercialize Valentine's Day by upping prices of things and plugging them specifically where the consumer would walk by. This pressures consumers to give in all for the name of love.

For those who are single, it can be the worst day of the year. It is a time for those to be reminded how they are the only one alone in this world and that they will never have anyone. One might be fine with being single whereas the next girl could be curled up on her sofa wallowing in her sorrows while watching "Pride and Prejudice" with a bottle of wine by her side.

Nothing about that seems okay. The problem here is that there is no happy medium. Media has brainwashed people into thinking that they cannot be happy on this day if they are alone or they have to receive the perfect gift from their significant other in order to feel loved. There should be no pressure on how to say I love you. For those who celebrate it, there is nothing wrong with that. If you feel you have to get all lovey-dovey and go all out, that is completely acceptable. Just the same as if you were happily single and wanted to go out with friends. So for this Valentine's Day, whether you are with a loved one or by yourself watching a rendition of Jane Austen, just be happy.

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Commuter Corner

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Welcome back, travelers, to the Commuter Corner of The Highland Cavalier. It has been an eventful two weeks since we released the very first section for commuter students. "Airing portals and surveys have been closed, Greek recruitment is winding down, and the weather has been what Dr. Brian Hoyt and the rest of the psychology department may describe as bipolar. By this time, we are setting up our new schedules and are moving quickly toward spring break. Several commuter students have responded to last edition's corner and there are a few items that may catch your attention. Commuter news and upcoming events:

- Commuter student Alana Johnson, of Coeburn, would like to apologize to the family of 'possums she almost ran over on her way home from the college last week. She is proud of her swift reaction time, which allowed her to miss the pack of massive marsupials. She also noted that the 'possums had some pretty fancy moves themselves. "No animals were harmed. Alana is OK as well.
- Commuter student and front man of the local band Killen Thne, Michael Mullins, of Pound, is looking forward to his band's Feb. 22 show at the Hangar Bar and Grill. Come out and support Michael and his band.
- Communication studies students, Layla Wynn and Andrianah Kilgore, both commuter students, will be presenting their senior seminar projects at the Annual Conference of the Southern States Communication Association in New Orleans in April. Congratulations and good luck to both of these students!
- Commuter Appreciation Week is set for March 24-28. Stay in touch with your SGA senators for details.
- Thursday is the last day to help support the Center for Appalachian Studies' water drive for chemical spill victims in West Virginia. Take water donations to the UVa-Wise Resource Center. Contact Amy Clark and Brian McNight for questions.

As stated before, any commuter student will be relevant (open to interpretation) and publishable news or events to watch for, should contact Brett Hall (mbh9t@uvawise.edu). Stay warm and happy commuting everyone!

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Men drop two in The Prior Center

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The UVa-Wise men's basketball team was looking to come away with at least one win in their current homestand. They came away empty-handed as they dropped two Mountain East contests in the Prior Center.

The Cavs squared off against Wheeling Jesuit University on Feb. 6 in which they had a strong first half. They found themselves trailing most of the second half and were unable to make the comeback as they dropped a 73-70 heat battle with Joss to the Cardinals.

Junior Tyler Maggard came off the bench in the first half hot as a pistol. Maggard hit three three-pointers in a row and a fourth later in the quarter. Maggard's third dunker gave the Cavs a 21-12 lead over the Cards with 10:57 left to play in the second half.

Sophomore Matt Day also looked to have his three-point stroke work as well as Day hit a three-point shot with 1:08 left in the first half to give the Cavs a four-point lead. Justin Fritts hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to extend the first half with the Cavs leading 30-29.

The Cards did not fold in the second half as they battled back and forth with the Cavs. A three-point play by Justin Fritts would give the Cards the lead for good with 11:12 left in the second half. Fritts's free throw put the Cards up 49-48.

The Cavs would battle to come back the rest of the second half and would get within one point twice. Day hit a three-point shot for the Cavs with seven seconds left on the clock to pull within 71-70 of the Cards, but it wasn't enough as the Cards took a 73-70 win.

"We could have made better decisions in the first half," head coach Blake Mellinger said. "Offensively we just made too many unforced turnovers."

Maggard finished with 15 points off the bench for the Cavs while junior Javon Moore finished with 14 points and senior Deon Boyce finished with 14 points as well.

Eric Siefert led the Cards with a game-high 20 points while Fritts finished with 16 points.

On Feb. 8 the number five ranked team in the nation, the West Liberty Hilltoppers, faced off against the Cavs. The Hilltoppers came into the contest averaging over 108 points per game and cruised to a 105-92 win over the Cavs.

The Cavs didn't seem concerned with the Hilltoppers' record as they jumped out to a 17-10 lead with 14:12 remaining in the first half. The lead didn't last long for the Cavs as the Hilltoppers took the lead for good on a dunker by Cedric Harris with 6:46 left in the first half.

Gogh hit half the Cavs faced a 54-46 deficit despite being outscored 36-3 on bench scoring.

The Cavs fared well against the number five team in the nation but could not cut into the double-digit lead in the second half as they

Kunzmai's Cavs

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Head coach Kristen Kimzmai's Cavalier basketball team was looking to earn two quality conference wins to stay in the middle of the pack in the Mountain East Conference standings. Kuzman's Cavs were unable to pull out two wins as they faced Wheeling Jesuit and West Liberty University.

On Feb. 6 the Cavs fell behind early, but a late second half comeback wasn't enough as the Cavs dropped a 74-66 decision to the Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals.

The Cavs jumped out to an early 17-9 lead highlighted by four three-pointers by Breanna Butler. The Cavs found themselves down only four points at 38-34 going into halftime despite six first half three-pointers by the hot shooting Cards.

The Cavs and Cards started the second

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Massie is coming off of his big performance in 2013 and is looking to end his career on a high note.

The Cavs will count on the experienced arms of junior Ben Coffman, sophomores Caleb Daniels, Josh Blackburn and Jared Fitch to produce quality innings. Freshmen Griffin DQT, Alex Javba, Nathan Hatnaker and Chase Patrylak look to work their way into innings throughout the season.

Pitching coach Doug Bates realizes the weather hasn't been kind to his pitchers on being able to throw outside, but is hoping what he saw in the fall leads to a promising spring.

"In the fall I was real pleased with our staff," Bates said. "Right now, we are pretty young on the hill. We have some experience in the bullpen and hopefully we use those guys later in the game."



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Senior forward James Tumer (14) goes up for the tip off against West Liberty University on Feb. 8. The Cavs dropped a 105-92 decision to the Hilltoppers.

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"They eventually wore us down," Mellinger said. "The kids played their guts out, I can't ask for anything more than that."

Boyce led the Cavs with a game high 31 points and 17 rebounds. Moore contributed 22 points for the Cavs.

With the two losses the Cavs drop to 9-12 on the season and 6-11 in the MEAC play.

The Cavs will be back in action tomorrow when they travel to West Va. State for a 7:30 tipoff. On Saturday Feb. 15 the Cavs return home for three straight games as they take on the University of Charleston.

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The Hilltoppers to pull within 23-21 with 3:24 left in the first half. The Cavs were lucky to be heading to die half only trailing 30-27.

The Cavs came out of the half and took the lead, but it was short lived as the Hilltoppers hit timely three-pointers when needed. The Hilltoppers pushed the ball up the floor and out ran the Cavs to a 76-58 win.

"We need to do a better job finishing around the rim," Kunzman said. "They move the ball extremely well, they're number two in the conference for a reason."

Freshman Taylor Sandidge may have had her best day in a Cavs uniform as she scored 17 points, grabbed four rebounds and a game-high three steals. Carey contributed 12 points for the Cavs.

With the two losses the Cavs fall to 8-13 on the season and 4-13 in conference play. The Cavs travel to West Va. State tomorrow and return home Feb. 15 to take on University of Charleston in the Prior Center.

Jimior transfer Bill Steven is set to start at first base while freshman Austin Johnson is looking to earn a middle infield position.

The outfield for the Cavs could be the most athletic outfield in Cavs baseball history. Senior newcomer Andrew Jessee, freshmen JT Belotti and Jordan Olinger look to anchor the outfield positions.

The Cavs are coming off of a season in which they committed 94 errors and hope to cut that in half for their pitchers.

"We have a new attitude and I think it will bring us far," Klaiber said. "We have several good transfers that bring in experience that is well needed."

The Cavs will play Lincoln Memorial University, Carson-Newman, King University, Bluefield State and Virginia State University in non-conference play this season.

The first MEC baseball game in school history will also be the home opener for the Cavs as they host Shepherd University on Mar. 1.

Banner's Cavs are young, but read

Sophomore Steven Klatber (26) returns as the ace of the pitching staff for the Cavs and looks to
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Sports Editor level. The preseason polls have the Cavs pre-
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There may still be snow in the forecast, but for UVarWise's baseball, spring is on their mind. The Cavaliers started the season yesterday on a cold Feb. day without practicing on the diamond this semester.

Head coach Hank Banner's squad is coming off an 10-27 season and a 6-15 conference record in their final season of play in the Mid-South Conference. Banner's young squad made up of only five seniors look to start over