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look-alikes help kick
off Inauguration!

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Inauguration

Events kick off this week

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The next few weeks are filled with events that lead up to the Inauguration ceremony for Chancellor Donna Henry.

The Inauguration will be held at 2 p.m. April 22 in the David J. Prior Convocation Center. But events kicked off Monday with a birthday celebration for Thomas Jefferson on Founder's Day.

"Having a variety of events on campus leading up to the official inauguration gives the entire campus community the opportunity to come together to celebrate Chancellor Henry's leadership," said Kathy Still, the college's director of news and media relations.

The events will give students a chance to reiterate the impact that tradition has on institutions since Inaugural ceremonies date back to the mid-16th century.

Events that led up to this momentous event include the Chancellor for a Day food drive and switch, Founder's Day, a lecture by Pulitzer Prize winning author Stephen Greenblatt and the annual Day of Service.

Chair of the Inauguration Committee, Jacob Somervell, said "Inauguration in general have rich traditions.

Common elements include processions, music, and speeches. Our inauguration of Chancellor Henry will have those items. What makes this one different is

the unique touch that Chancellor Henry brings. We have striven to include activities and events that reflect Chancellor Henry's unique spirit and tastes."

Kathy Still said, "Students will learn more about UVa-Wise and its history by attending Founder's Day and they will broaden their minds by attending the Stephen Greenblatt lecture," Still said.

Participating in the Day of Service, which is held in honor of Chancellor Henry this year, will give students an opportunity to volunteer and serve others, which is part of the College's mission to produce graduates who can work to make their communities a better place."

According to Still, the official inauguration ceremony will consist of a procession with delegates from many colleges and universities all over the country and a representative from student organizations on campus that will give an idea of how much the college has built up since being founded in 1954.

"Chancellor Henry's family and friends will also attend the ceremony, which gives her an opportunity to introduce our college to them," she said.

"Professor Donald Sorah has composed an original fanfare of professional music for the inauguration as well."

The Inauguration week started with the Founder's Day party, celebrating Thomas Jefferson and the founding of both UVa and UVa-Wise. The event was held April 14.



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Chancellor Donna Price Henry the college's eighth chancellor, will be inaugurated in a ceremony next week. The event will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the David J. Prior Center.



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Chancellor Donna Price Henry cuts the cake at Thomas Jefferson's birthday party for Founder's Day.

Food was available and there were fun activities for people that attended, including a Thomas Jefferson look-alike contest, Still said.

Chancellor Donna Price Henry and her two daughters were at the party Monday afternoon.

"The event is significant because it marks the founding of the college on Founder's Day since it's Thomas Jefferson's birthday," Henry said. "It gives us an opportunity to tell the college story and how everything started, which I think is important to remember."

She said it is significant for her as chancellor because the day - and other inauguration events - mark her installation as the eighth chancellor of UVa-Wise.

Junior theater major Jennifer Morgan-Muse dressed up as Thomas Jefferson for the look-alike contest.

"I'd just like to thank Thomas Jefferson for founding the college and making it happen," she said. "This is my first time attending because I've had class during the time of the event in previous years."

Muse was one of a few students and faculty members who had a costume for the contest.

Founder's Day is among several other events, including Cavaliers Care Day of Service to be held Saturday and an interfaith ceremony to be held tonight, scheduled to mark Henry's inauguration.

TJ's birthday celebrates Founder's Day

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Students, faculty and alumni gathered Monday to celebrate the founding of UVa and UVa-Wise with a birthday party for Thomas Jefferson.

The college celebrates Founder's Day around Jefferson's birthday every year, but this year things were different.

"Celebrating Founder's Day is traditional at the university and our college," said Kathy Still, the college's director of news and media relations.

"It is a way to pay tribute to founding father Thomas Jefferson for building the University of Virginia, which basically led to the founding of our college as well. It allows the campus an opportunity to reflect on Jefferson's vision to create a higher educational system to serve the entire commonwealth of Virginia."

"Founder's Day normally takes place on the Monday that is closest to Mr. Jefferson's birthday."

The Student Government Association and the Alumni Association sponsor the event, and this year, it was made to be more like a party than a lecture.

Upcoming

► Day of Service

The annual Cavalier's Care Day of Service will be held Saturday at 8 a.m.

► SGA Elections taking place

SGA Senate and Honor Court Elections will take place April 21-24 on the student portal.

► Movie on the Lawn

A big screen movie will show on the McCraray Lawn at sunset April 24. Movie to be announced.

► Leadership banquet

The Student Leadership Awards banquet will be held April 25 in Cantrell Hall.

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New center officially opens

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The college's Center of Appalachian Studies was officially launched this month.

Associate professor of Appalachian studies and Appalachian author Amy Clark introduced former University of Kentucky's professor in Appalachian Studies Ron Eller as the special guest speaker for the April 8 event held to celebrate the center.

"The Center for Appalachian Studies is a dream come true for us," Clark said.

Eller and Clark both said the addition of the center to the college is long overdue.

The goal of this center is to focus on bettering and helping out the community, as well as understanding and regaining a strong sense of pride about Appalachia.

The ceremony took place in the C. Bascom Slemple Student Center. It included a short introduction given by Amy Clark, a poetry reading by Hannah McNew, a speech given by Ron Eller, and a musical performance given by Corbin Hayslett.

"Appalachian studies, isn't the study of Appalachia, it's the study of our world," Eller said.

"If you don't know where you are, you don't know who you are," was a Wendell Berry quote that Eller used as the basis of his lecture on Tuesday night.

Eller made it clear that claiming and maintaining a sense place in Appalachia is an important part of preserving the culture of Appalachia and not allowing it to be overshadowed by the constant pressure to conform to the modern world.

As the first person in his family to attend college, he faced his own trials in regards to keeping his "sense of place" and being successful in getting an education and surviving in the world outside of the Appalachian region.

"Soon I learned to talk properly, to dress properly and listen to proper kinds of music. But



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Ron Eller speaks about maintaining a sense of place and the importance of Appalachia at the launch of the Center of Appalachian Studies.

I never completely gave up my culture and my place," Eller said in regards to his experience in college.

"I represented a particular people and a particular place that other Americans wanted to uplift."

Eller said he learned to "understand the history of [his] place, and the difference between learning and thought."

"Becoming proud of my place forced me outside of myself. I came to think about the world in new ways; I came to see myself as an actor instead of just someone acted upon," Eller said.

Eller believes that the Appalachian identity movement during the 1960s should be considered as important as the Civil Rights movement and Women's Rights movement of the same time.

Americans, Eller said, have become more concerned with individual benefit instead of what will benefit the public.

Although mobility and change are central to human condition, there's no reason to forget about where you came from, he said.

News Briefs

3-D printing available at UVa-Wise

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science at UVa-Wise will allow the public to use their 3-D printing device one Monday each month at 6 p.m.

"Maker Mondays," as they will be referred to, will allow participants to discuss, design, and make original projects using the department's equipment on-campus.

"You don't have to be interested in just science and engineering to be interested in this technology. We currently have some art and business students using the technology. Area high school students recently created a prototype for a project they were working on," said professor and Mathematics and Computer Science Department Chair Alex Edwards.

Originally, the printer was purchased by the college to create parts for robotics and artificial intelligence projects. Two more were later purchased, along with a laser cutter and a 3-D scanner.

Participation is free and the cost to participants will only be for supplies for the projects.

-Megan Gray, Editor-in-Chief

Research Symposium to be held on campus

UVa-Wise and Emory and Henry College will be holding their annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on campus on April 25.

The symposium has been running for eight years and was founded to be a forum for those who are doing independent research. The symposium allows students to present their results to their peers and to the faculty of both institutions in a conference setting.

The colleges believe that the symposium not only provides students with an experience that will be valuable to them both when applying to and when attending graduate or professional schools, but it also will be a stimulus to other students to involve themselves in research.

The symposium will conclude a series of events for the inauguration of Chancellor Donna Henry, and will consist of several sessions.

-Megan Gray, Editor-in-Chief

Western Front Study Abroad trip scheduled

The history department at UVa-Wise is conducting a four-country trip to Europe to explore significant sites associated with World War II and the Western Front.

The 16-day trip, set for May 2015, will begin in London with visits to the Cabinet War Room, Grosvenor Square, the Imperial War Museum and the Churchill Museum.

Following the Allied Campaign of 1944-1945, participants will then ferry across the English Channel, landing in Caen, France, to explore the beaches of Normandy, site of the Allied invasion in June 1944. The tour will conclude in Germany with visits to Berlin, Munich and Dachau, the Nazi concentration camp, Salzburg, and the Eagle's Nest, Hitler's meeting house.

The price will include airfare, lodging, land transportation while in Europe, several dinners, all daily breakfasts, and entrances into the designated sites. Registration is open now.

For additional information on this trip, please contact Jennifer Murray, assistant professor of history, at 276-376-4609 or via email at: jmm5yd@uvawise.edu

-Kathy Still, director of media relations

Campus Window



Photo courtesy of Jessica Shartown

Senior Biology major Danielle Holland gets ready to take on her role as UVa-Wise's chancellor. Chancellor Donna Henry swapped places with Holland for the day April 9, after Holland won NRHH's annual "Chancellor for a Day" food drive contest.

Study abroad expands new vast horizons

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The UVa-Wise International Studies Program attracts more and more students every year.

Students who want to travel overseas have the option to spend a semester or two in a country of their choice, and foreign exchange students come to spend part of their academic careers here in Wise as well.

According to the Director of International Programs, Witold Wolny, UVa-Wise currently has five foreign exchange students on campus this semester and there were three on campus last year.

"[We also] have a group of international students," he said. "They aren't foreign exchange students; they are actually enrolled at UVa-Wise, but they are from different countries."

Planning trips to study abroad starts with students figuring out what they want to study, and what semester is the best for traveling, said Wolny.

"[Figure out] the first thing you want to study, what language you can study, and what semester to travel," Wolny said. "[We] have right now more than 300 universities you can go to and different, in 55 countries. In many of these countries they offer classes in English even if it isn't an English speaking country."

All the credits that students earn while studying abroad transfer back into the system here in Wise, so that students won't lose a semester. Financial aid and payments for room and board transfer as well.

Junior psychology major Megan Crabtree plans to study abroad in her future college career.

"I wanted to study abroad because I have friends who have done it and say it was one of the best experiences in their life," Crabtree said. "I also have friends who thought about going and regret not going after they graduated. I want to explore the world, and leave UVa-Wise with no regrets."

Crabtree plans to focus mainly on psychology and religion on her trip. "I really want to submerge myself within the culture I am placed to have a better understanding of the world around me," she said. "Studying abroad will allow me to learn about the same topic but from different points of view like from professors and natives of that country. Having a college experience allows one to figure out who they are, what they want to grow up to be, and what they want to believe in."

Freshman intended theater major Amanda Carr is another student who wants study abroad in the future.

"I have always been interested in the culture and history of other countries," she said. "My first choice is to go to Ireland because the Celtic culture has always been of particular interest to me. I want to see everything the world has to offer and experience the way the rest of the world works. To me, the feeling of seeing a bigger picture of the world than where I have always grown up is very important to me."

Senior French major Megan Buchanan traveled to Luxembourg last semester.

"My study abroad experience benefitted my growth in independence and maturity," she said. "Leaving behind what was familiar in order to live in a new culture was frightening at first, but in the end I was able to experience first-hand the European lifestyle and make life-long friendships with people from all over the world."

Studying abroad gives students the opportunity to experience life in another country, and attempt to further their academic careers, Wolny said.

To start planning your trip get in contact with Wolny in Smiddy 255.

Barefoot walk to take place

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Charity takes many forms in our lives. It is in material donations, such as the almost 1,500 cans donated by students during NRHH's "Chancellor for a Day" canned food drive.

It is also in our actions and our words. Even as "Chancellor for a Day" comes to a close, many students are preparing to give their time and energy yet again, utilizing action and word to make a statement on poverty, inequality and how one of the simplest things we take for granted could be life-changing to someone else.

"One Day Without Shoes" is an event sponsored by Toms, a company famous for its philanthropic efforts. According to its website, "One Day Without Shoes" is the annual day when we take off our shoes to raise global awareness for children's health and education."

For the entirety of April 29 people participating in the event will simply forego wearing shoes. It is intended to raise curiosity and questioning from onlookers while instilling a sense of understanding and even discomfort in those participating.

Turning 360, a retailer located in Wise that sells the Toms brand, will be helping to organize a barefoot off campus march starting at the Slemple Student Center and ending at their boutique on Main Street.

According to the Toms website this day is meant to inspire action about much more than shoes: "Children lacking access to education and good health struggle to break the poverty cycle for themselves, their families and their communities. With the complex issues surrounding poverty, there is not one solution, but many working together. We believe that shoes play an important role in helping keep children healthy, educated and moving toward opportunities for a better future."

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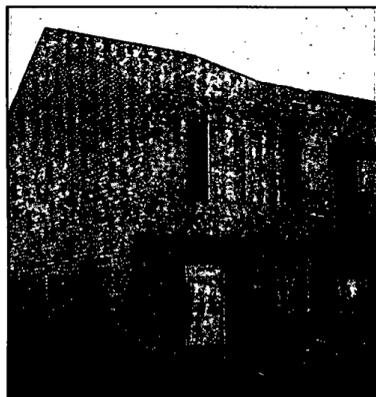
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Social media addiction

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How much time in a given day do you spend on social media websites? One hour? Less or more?

Like many my age, I spend the majority of my time on the Internet, particularly browsing through social media websites.

I would consider myself a social butterfly. I chat with my friends throughout the day and try to remain peppy. My personality is reflected by my use of social media, mainly Facebook. I like to keep people entertained and often use Facebook to do it. I try to come up with witty statuses about random experiences throughout my day that will keep my friends smiling and wanting to read more.

I did not believe how much time that I spent on Facebook alone until a recent assignment kept me from using social media in its entirety. It was an experience, to say the least. I only had to be without it for three days. It seemed easy enough. I had done it before.

In fact, I am without a Wi-Fi connection and cell phone service all the time when I go home.

So being without it for three measly little days would be a no-brainer, or so I thought.

Everywhere I went, I had either cell phone service or a Wi-Fi connection, sometimes both. So the temptation was there, but I knew that I could not give in.

By the end of my three days without Facebook, I realized how dependent I had once become. For the first time in a very long time, I was enjoying a weekend with my friends without once mentioning something funny I had seen on Facebook.

It was a nice feeling to know that I could completely involve myself in conversation and not rudely open the Facebook app on my phone during mid-conversation. I can't tell you how many times I have done that little number. I didn't realize how rude it was until it was done to me. I was able to engage in conversation more, and I even retained more. Imagine that—remembering something your friend tells you. That should be in the top five rules to have a good friendship, but we have become so hooked to our phones that it makes face-to-face conversations harder.

That isn't to say that three days was a miracle worker for me. I didn't all of a sudden decide

to quit social media and its entirety. Of course not. I knew that social media was my biggest distraction, but I did not realize the level of distraction it had.

Social media can be all sunshine and rainbows, but it becomes a problem when someone spends more time on there than anything else. I make use of my Facebook app, to say in the least. I realize the distraction it has become for me. Therefore, if I know I have something important to do, I will go as far as deleting the app on my phone for a few days to alleviate myself from the distraction.

I encourage you to try it out. Give up social media for a given number of days and see the outcome.

Log off any and all social media websites. Go to your smartphone—if you have one—and log off of any form of social media. Yes, that would even include Snapchat and Instagram, I would argue.

You are still technically communicating with others. I guarantee if you did that, your homework assignments would be completed in a much shorter amount of time and your friends would be much happier that you actually remembered what they told you.

Technology has potential to greatly ruin literature

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I am the type of person who is very passionate about the things he cares about.

In my opinion if something is worth spending time on, it is worth doing well and to the best of your ability. One of the things I am most passionate about in this life, aside from my girlfriend and my own work, is the art of literature.

I believe that literature is one of the greatest gifts granted to us by God himself. It is a blessing to be able to enjoy and be a part of the world of literature and we should all recognize that and treat it as such.

Literature is something that definitely should never be taken for granted, especially in today's society.

It is a fact that literature is one of the main reasons education has come as far as it has in the history of mankind and it is with much chagrin I admit that we are in grave danger of that progress being eliminated thanks to the development of the very technology we use increasingly every day.

The advanced development of computers, the Internet, cell phones and other means of instant communication has led to a vast degradation of the confines and heights of education and literacy.

Text messaging and 'Internet speak' has led to such a socially acceptable inability to properly spell words (or an acceptable reason to no longer care whether or not you can) and a horrible influx of all new abbreviations that some children are actually confused as to which is correct most of the time.

For instance, take a 6-year-old boy who has grown up seeing this abbreviated conundrum all around him and is asked to write a sentence using the word 'you'.

Being so young, he is likely to remember having seen the letter 'u' used in such context all of his life and to think that is the proper way to use it. This is a real travesty and a true testament to the ruination of the English language that is consistently reinforced by our need to further develop our means of communication.

Literature should truly be cherished by all, not just by some. Books, poems, stories and even essays are truly some of the most important things on the face of this planet.

They are all crucial to intelligence and education and must be upheld in the highest esteem in order to show our future generations not only where they come from, but places they should never go.

Perhaps one day even this article or a book that relates to its content will be in libraries everywhere and warn our children what they should avoid.

We can only hope that literature and literacy will return to its proper place and importance in society so that we can be as proud of our children as we would like them to be of us for fighting such a ridiculous slaughter of intelligence.

Books are one of the greatest legacies our forefathers and mothers left us, and they should be respected and recognized as such in every way.

It drives me insane to hear people say that they hate to read or don't see the point of reading.

Our brains need the exercise of the written word, and we need to continually recognize that. Literature is one of the greatest forms of art, and it is art that helps make this world the amazing place it is today.

So pick up a book, teach a kid to read, type full words and cherish the true art of literature as we were meant to.

Commuter Corner

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Commuter Appreciation Week has come to a close, and just as in the fall semester, it was a huge success. Over 400 students took part in activities during the week.

The SGA extends a congratulations to Maddie Stallard, who won the Commuter Egg Hunt and the first UVA-Wise Bookstore package, Laken Love, who won the second Bookstore package, and Molly Moore, who won the honorary red parking pass.

We would also like to thank those who participated in the Activities Fair, as well as the free breakfast and popsicle giveaways.

We would like to thank Brett Lawson, Scott Lawson and Ronnie Shortt, who helped make this week a success.

It is with great pleasure that I report that the SGA has recently passed an amendment to our Policy Book that states Commuter Appreciation Week will continue to be a part of annual events here at UVA-Wise.

It has been an honor to serve the commuter students this year. I am certain that the SGA will continue to show support for our commuter family in the years to come.

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Softball moves to 13-3 in MEC play

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The UVA-Wise softball team went into the weekend with two very important softball series with the first place West Virginia Wesleyan College Bobcats on Saturday April 12 and the Glenville State College Pioneers Sunday April 13. The Cavaliers were coming off of being swept by fellow NCAA Division II member Mars Hill earlier in the week.

The Cavs found themselves in a pitchers duel in game one versus the Bobcats. Jacquil Omichinski struck out nine Cav batters and didn't allow a hit until the fourth inning. Senior Rachel Hawks was just as impressive as she only allowed four hits and struck out one. The Bobcats only needed one run in the ball game as they defeated the Cavs 1-0.

In game two, the Cavs bats came alive as they scored 10 runs in 12 hits on their way to a 10-1 win over the Bobcats. Sophomore Mindy Combs led the way for the Cavs with a two-run home run in the fourth and a two-RBI single in the sixth giving her four RBI on the day. Senior Taylor Brandts picked up the win while only allowing four hits and striking out four.

The Cavs split with the first place Bobcats and looked to sweep the Pioneers to gain more ground in Mountain East Conference play.

The Pioneers struck first in game one, but the Cavs bats battled back and scored five runs in the sixth inning. The five runs were highlighted by a Christina Ziemba two-RBI double. Senior Kristina Romualdo also added two RBI of her own in the contest as the Cavs took a 7-1 decision over the Pioneers.

Hawks allowed three hits, one run and struck out four to move to 11-6 on the season.

The Cavs put on a hitting and pitching display in game two as they defeated the Pioneers 10-0. Senior Allyssa Zebrowski, sophomore Rachel Fischer and freshman Alexa Hernandez collected two RBI each.

Senior Megan Dillion clubbed her seventh home run on the season in



Senior Allyssa Zebrowski connects on a two-run home run to left field in game one of a doubleheader against Mars Hill on April 10.

the contest.

Brandts continued to dominated MEC competition while picking up her 15 win while tossing a one hit ballgame and striking out six Pioneer batters.

The Cavs went 3-1 on the roadtrip and moved to 26-11 on the season and 13-3 in MEC play.

The last place West Liberty University Hilltoppers come to Cavalier Field Thursday to take on the Cavs with the doubleheader starting at 3 p.m. The Cavs will host the Wheeling Jesuit University Cardinals Friday for the last home softball game of the season with first pitch set for 2 p.m.

My top five Cavs sports moments in my three years

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1. This should be at the top of everyone's list. It will forever be known as "The Play." I'm not going to lie, Bristol Herald Courier Sports Writer Tim Hayes and myself had already packed our stuff up to go down on the field for post-game interviews. As Emory & Henry set up in punt formation, we looked at each other like this should be interesting. I think everyone in Carl Smith Stadium was questioning why Don Montgomery of E&H was going to punt to Marcus Bratton? Just punt it out of bounds, right? The Wasps gave us a chance and Bratton gave us hope. How in the world he saw Josh Wright, I'll never know. But I'm damned if he didn't find him and 33-30 is all I will say. ESPN, CBS, ABC, FOX, and various newspapers wanted a piece of the SWVA Bowl. Public Address announcer Chris Davis almost fell out of the press box in celebration, many probably didn't see that.

2. The 2012-2013 men's and women's basketball upsets. The women knocked off the NAIA number two ranked Shawnee State University Bears 63-42 Dec. 1, 2012. The hot shooting Cavs forced 26 turnovers which proved to be the difference in the ballgame. Chelsea Cluesman's 18 points and 12 rebound performance gave Kristin Kunzman her biggest win as the Cavs coach. The men knocked off NCAA Division II opponent in Lincoln Memorial University 81-80 in overtime on Dec. 8, 2012. The Railsplitters came into the contest ranked 11th in NCAA D2 polls and were unbeaten on the year. Darius Smith found Jermalme Wright in the paint to tie the game at 75 apiece and send the game to overtime. Matt Day, a freshman at the time hit clutch free throws in overtime to seal the upset win for the Cavs. Lee Clark's men were at it again on Jan. 12, 2013. The Cavs knocked off the No. 1 NAIA ranked University of Cumberland Patriots 69-54 on that historic day. With the upset win, the Cavs knocked off the NAIA's top ranked team for the first time in school history, regardless of sport. Javon Moore scored 25 points and Deon Boyce grabbed 23 rebounds in the biggest win in school history.

3. My third moment would be watching Ryan Crosby make a run in the 2012 baseball to break UVA-Wise school record for strikeouts in a season. Crosby dominated Mid-South hitters all season long that ultimately led to him finishing the season with 7-4 record and a 2.47 ERA. Crosby broke Nelson Metheney single-season strikeout record of 89 set in the early 1990s. Metheney went on to be drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies. Crosby fanned Chance Kopacz for strikeout No. 90 on the year on April 26, 2012 in the Mid-South Conference Tournament. The 90 strikeouts by Crosby led the Mid-South with almost 12 per nine innings. Crosby also earned himself second-team all-conference honors.

5. My final favorite moment happened this last semester as the women's tennis team hosted the first Mountain East Conference event in school history on Sept. 7, 2013. The Cavs defeated Shepherd University 5-4. It was also the first MEC win in school history. Over 150 spectators were in attendance on the beautiful September day. This may be a record for the most people to attend a UVA-Wise tennis event. "It's actually motivated me when I heard the fans clapping and cheering," sophomore Haley Thacker said. It was the first time "Cavaller Cookies" were introduced and everyone in attendance also received commemorative t-shirts. The Cavs posted a 3-3 mark in singles play and went 2-1 in three doubles matches to claim the victory. I was glad I was able to be a part of the historic event and I hope to be able to catch an UVA-Wise team in NCAA Division II tournament play one of these days.

4. The fourth moment isn't really a game moment, it is watching the softball players that I came into college with grow and progress over four years. I came in with Megan Dillion, Sarah Wiltshire, Allyssa Zebrowski, Kristina Romualdo, Charity Lawson and Lannie Johnston. The softball team's record over the four year span looks like this: 2011 22-26, 2012 23-32, 2013 31-21 and a 26-11 record as of now in 2014. They are the only winning program that I have covered in my three years as sports editor and gave me a go to good story. Karen Bitter's softball program have added several key players to make up this dominant power in Mountain East play this season. It really is a shame that we are not eligible for postseason play this season, because these girls are better than just conference champions.

If you would like to be the next sports editor of The Highland Cavalier, stop by our office on the third floor of the Slepman Student Center and pick up an application outside our door.

Upcoming games

► Baseball

The UVA-Wise baseball team hosts Charleston today for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. The Cavs will travel to take on Glenville State College Saturday and Sunday with 1 p.m. starts both days.

► Softball

The UVA-Wise softball team will host West Liberty University tomorrow for a doubleheader starting at 3 p.m. The Cavs will also host Wheeling Jesuit University Friday for a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m.

► Men's Tennis

The UVA-Wise men's tennis team will travel to Charleston, W.Va. to participate in the Mountain East Conference Tournament this weekend.

► Football

The UVA-Wise football team will conclude their 2014 Spring Football practice with the annual Red/Gray game tonight at 8 p.m. Admission is free to all who attend.



Photo courtesy of Tim C. Cox
Josh Wright (48) takes the Marcus Bratton pitch to the house to seal the 33-30 victory over the Emory & Henry Wasps on Sept. 17, 2011.

Low leads Cavs on links in MEC Tournament



Photo courtesy of Richard Meade

Senior Clint Lowe walks to the green during the Mountain East Conference Tournament held at Cattails at Meadowview. Lowe finished second in the tournament.

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Senior Clint Lowe turned in his best showing of the season for the UVa-Wise Cavaliers in the team's first season of NCAA Division II play.

Lowe led the Cavs to a third place team finish and a second place individually during the April 7-8 tournament held at Cattails at Meadowview in the Mountain East Conference Tournament hosted by the Cavs.

"It was good; it was a little disappointing that I didn't win my last conference tournament," Lowe said. "I was proud of the way I played, if only I could have gotten a couple more putts to fall."

Lowe turned in a 69 on his scorecard on the first day of the tournament, placing him in third place with two under par. Jess Ferrell of Fairmont State University and Evan Muscari of Concord University led the field after day one with a five under par 66.

Senior David Harvey shot a 74 on day one as he was tied for eighth place. At the end of the first day, the Cavs were in third place with a team score of 298, leading Concord by two strokes.

On day two of the tournament, Lowe was ready to make a push for the lead. Lowe finished with a 71 and a two-day total of 140 to finish second in the tournament.

Ferrell finished with a two-day total of 136 to take home the indi-

vidual title. Lowe finished four strokes behind Ferrell, the MEC Player of the Year.

The Cavs were paced by freshman Nick England who finished tied for 17th, and Tyler Robinette who finished in 19th place. Harvey finished tied for 20th place.

Lowe, who won a tournament as freshman, was pleased with his finish as he prepares for the upcoming U.S. Open Qualifier.

"I know I am playing good enough to compete and have a chance to make it through that qualifier," Lowe said. "If I can get some putts to drop because I am hitting the ball good. I've [seen] what it takes to play in the qualifier."

The Cavs finished in third place with a total team score of 602 which was one stroke behind second place finisher in West Liberty. Charleston took the team title with a score of 587.

The tournament was held in Kingsport, which is practically the hometown backyard of Gate City, Va., native Lowe. He easily held an advantage over the rest of the field.

"I grew up playing there during the summers when I was little," Lowe said. "They would let me walk for \$10 or \$12, so I would have someone drop me off."

Lowe and the Cavs will be back in action this weekend as they travel to Morgantown, W.Va., to participate in the Fairmont State University Tournament on Sunday with the tournament concluding on Tuesday.

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