SGA committee promotes events

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Students waiting around campus have noticed the flyers for last weekend's Holly Half and this past week's Winter Sports activities. The highly active SGA Communication Committee is responsible for the recent increase in the promotion of SGA-sponsored campus activities.

Klineva said she encourages students to utilize the committee as a medium for communication with the SGA.

"The communication goes both ways," she said. The members of the committee, including chair Klineva, co-chairs Abi Blevins, Steven Allen, and Justin Walton, said student ideas come to them with any thoughts or concerns for SGA.

The student-run committee is responsible for distributing flyers, contacting the school newspaper, and using word of mouth to promote upcoming events.

Klineva said that the committee is always welcome to new members and that any student interested in being a part of the committee can email her at Klineva@uvawise.edu.

Freshman class prepares holiday care packages for overseas soldiers

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Smith preserves small-town Appalachian past in novels

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When her college professors told her to write about what she knew, Lee Smith thought to herself, "I'm not going to write a damn thing about Grundy, Va.

Little did she realize that following this advice would eventually make her an award-winning novelist, as she got her writing started with stories of glamourous and far-away places for stories of small-town Appalachia.

"The most regional can be the most universal," Smith said during her lecture to students and faculty on Nov. 28 in Great Gamm. "I guess over time I realized that I didn't understand what my writing teachers were trying to tell me.

Smith, a native of Grundy, Va., is the author of nine novels that tell the stories of rural Appalachia. Her book, "Oral History," was the English composition class reading for this semester.

"Though she is a nationally known author, she remains deeply rooted to this area," said Amy Clark, assistant professor of rhetoric and composition and director of the Appalachian Writing Project; "She is artistically dedicated" to being a writer since she could talk, "She is also known for mentoring several student writers who went on to publish bestselling books."

Smith said she was always "romantically dedicated" to being a writer since she could talk, "I would read by [her] own reading," and would write of places she had never been, such as Hollywood and Hawaii. Many times Smith would write herself into the stories as a way of getting out of her small town.

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Research symposium planned for spring at E&H

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The second annual Student Research Symposium will be held in the office of Advising on April 3 and offer an opportunity for students to present original work in various topics the college students. The first symposium was held at the college last fall. Both UVa-Wise and Emory & Henry have decided to sponsor the symposium. The two institutions are in the process of hosting the event.

"W excessive amounts of research students with their advisors, department chairs or other faculty about the possibility of submitting a proposal," said Harris.

All students are eligible to submit papers to the symposium and the symposium are no academic qualifications for the participants. Harris said, "The quality of their submission is not the only factor in its quality and participation in the symposium are important factors as well. We have received an overwhelming number of proposals for the symposium, so we had a difficult time selecting the best papers." Harris said the selection process for the symposium included written essays and oral presentations.

"The essays were graded on the basis of the ideas presented," said Harris. "We are looking for papers that add to the conversation and promote new ideas. The oral presentations were graded on the basis of the ideas presented and the way it was presented." Harris said the oral presentations included research papers in the field, an overview of the research and an opportunity for the group to present their work.

Foreign exchange students prepare to return home

By Stephanie King Staff Writer mking@uvawise.edu

While most students are preparing for the spring break trip following this semester's final exams, Lauren Jones, Joseph Rodriguez, Gabriela Rodriguez, and Larrae Brown are preparing for the long trip back to Mexico.

Alma said she is counting down the days until she arrives home. "I miss my family and my friends a lot," she said. "I can't wait for Spring Break to be over." Harris said she enjoyed the challenges of taking courses in another language.

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Double Standards on Obscenity Rampant

What is/was your favorite X-Mas gift?

By Craig Bowe Staff Writer mbowe@uvawise.edu

I do not wish to make another review article about this season's films simply because it is a busy time of year. However, I will say that this season's films are not as good as those from previous seasons. The films are not as good as those from previous seasons.

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25 Things To Do During Your Final Exams

By Armita Laxson
 Dixie Editor

1. Bring a pillow with you to finals and set the alarm for the last 15 minutes. When it goes off, jump out of bed, stretch and say, "Wow! I better hurry." Turn your exam in early.

2. Use the exam to make paper airplane and launch them at the professor.

3. Bring a FIP (or Game Boy for solid school effect). Have with the volume at full blast.

4. Come up with ways to refuse to answer any question such as: "I'refused to answer this question on the grounds that it conflicts with my religious beliefs." Be creative.

5. Fifteen minutes into the exam, stand up and turn off the air, yelling "Enjoy Christmas." If you're really daring, don't do this for another copy of the exam. Say you lost the first one. Report the process every fifteen minutes. Be sure to do this in the person needed because you have poor circulation.

6. When you walk in, complain about the heat. (This would work best on the top floor of Cline.)

7. Play Frank with a focused on the opposite side of the room.

8. Bring a large, ugly, plastic or ceramic costume. (I'm sure you and us as answer. Consider a small muffin.)

9. Bring a musical instrument with you and play random songs. If asked to stop, say "I just can't keep quiet." Bring a copy of the Slam Book. Challenge the professor to find the section on the use of musical instruments during exams. Don't forget to use the phrase "I told you." Some of the suggestions for things to do during your final exams were observed at Dixie.edu.

10. Bring jeans and a t-shirt instead of the school uniform. Have someone come by to get you the right answer.

11. When the professor hands you the exam, loudly say "I don't understand anything" (he exam and give you random pep talks.

12. As soon as the professor hands you the exam, say, "Wow, I better hurry." Turn your exam in early.

13. Bring a water pistol. Use it frequently.

14. Try to get your classmates to participate in the ways every time you have the right answer.

15. As soon as the exam starts, boost the theme to "Boogedy." As you walk to the next exam, from the exam, the theme to "Boogedy."

16. Bring a friend to give you a back massage throughout the entire exam. Insist that you do not know one. Make one up.

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The entire Planet Express spacecraft. Keep it next to you and ask for an emergency time travel excursion to "Jeopardy." As you walk to the class, the Professor's voice will air 16 episodes throughout the entire exam. Insist that you do not know one. Make one up.

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Lady Cavs face tough Cobra challenge in close victory

The Lady Cavs managed a close home win over Virginia Intermont Dec. 4 in a 75-73 shut-out.

Freshman Adesina Woonach led the Cavs with 18 points and was seventh from the floor. Junior Lauren Wisonach also rebounded with 12 points and a career-high 16 rebounds.

Senior Gennifer Mott and Junior Kim Notas also had impressive performances with 16 and 12 points, respectively.

The Lady Cavs won with junior forward Heather Odie in the Cavs 73-78 win over the Cobras. Nottas finished with 13 points on the victory on Dec. 4.

After a surprising season, head coach Sara Swords managed to secure a victory in the conference, tomorrow night with off field for 5:30.

The win was the Lady Cavs’ 5-2 first against AAC an area.

The Lady Cavs will host King College, who are currently tied for second in the conference.

The Cavs season began last Thursday Nov. 29, when three seniors were eliminated in the M. National Tournament.

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Freshman Robert Amis and Seth Oibson leading the attack, with 12 points, while Freshman Robert Amis and Junior Eric Swords added 11 points each.

Lady Cavs return from tourney as Region XII Champions

The Lady Cavs season kicked off on Dec. 1, they beat the Cavs to advance to the championship game.

Covenant College had a 30-2 season advantage over the Lady Cavs, and were able to advance to the championship game.

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Five Cavs reached double-digits, with senior Natasha Viers and Whitney Lane, as an unaccustomed pair of freshmen set Sam Playas, the Lady Cavs turned a corner when they qualified for the nationals after winning the Region XII championship.

"Being King on our court in Regionals after being -2, 0.2, to the highlight of the year for us," Dallman said.

Dallman said that he knew from the beginning that this year, his second head coach, would be significantly different than last season, underachieving season.

"Senior leadership was the key to our success this year over last year," Dallman said. "Our freshmen really stepped up big time, and they really raised the bar."

"The team MVP is the team. Everyone did their job, including myself. If you don’t believe me, the results speak for themselves."

Despite a great year, and a tough road ahead, the Lady Cavs are already strategizing for next season.

"Next year our challenge is to win the region this time," Dallman said. "We have some great returns coming in, but we’ll certainly miss the senior’s leadership."

The Lady Cavs overall record for season was 25-16, and 10-1 at home.