College changes weapon policy

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Students and staff will no longer be able to store hunting weapons on campus under a revised University of Virginia policy set to formally take effect in Wise in January.

The University of Virginia's Board of Visitors approved a regulation Nov. 11 that bans weapons on its Charlottesville and Wise campuses, effectively nullifying an existing policy that ban guns, fireworks, explosives and other weapons.

The revised regulation contains no exception for hunting rifles, which were previously allowed at UVa-Wise as long as they were stored unloaded and secured at the campus police office.

The new regulation took effect this month, but Wise's policy will be updated and formally put in place in time for the spring semester, said Steve McCoy, campus police chief and director of public safety.

UVa-Charlottesville and UVa-Wise both already had policies banning weapons, including guns, on their campuses and properties. But Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli wrote in a July legal advisory opinion that the policies couldn't apply to people with concealed weapons permits because they did not have the force of law.

Nearly simultaneously, though, the Virginia Supreme Court upheld a regulation banning weapons at George Mason University after gun owner Rudolph Diao-Sanlio sued, arguing that the ban on guns in campus buildings violates the state's constitution.

A regulation, such as the one at George Mason, is enforceable because it undergoes a more formal process and must be approved by a university's governing body under the Virginia Register Act, the court and Cuccinelli said.

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Space station uplink to be held on campus

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More than 2,500 students from UVa-Wise and elementary, middle and high schools around the region will have the opportunity to speak with astronauts currently aboard the International Space Station at a first-of-its-kind event to be held in January in the convocation center.

The Jan. 26 event will also include more than $100,000 — three tons — of space and science exhibits from NASA facilities around the country, high powered rocket launches and a piece of moon rock from Apollo 14.

At least two former or current astronauts are scheduled to speak as well as several prominent politicians have been invited, said Jack Kennedy, the event's main organizer.

"Too many young children — particularly in the coalfields of Southwest Virginia — don't get the chance to go to museums of great quality," Kennedy said. "This is a chance for them to see a small portion of that.

Students from local schools who competed in competitions in advance, including one from UVa-Wise, see Space, page 2
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Just horsing around

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With finals exams less than a week away, students are asking how to relax and have a good time tonight at the annual Holly Ball dance. "Holly Ball is the night of the last day of classes," said sophomore SOA senator and psychology major Jordan Fifer. "Students will be able to dress up, relax, and enjoy the dance in the Hollifield Student Center before finals start." Peppermint fudge, cookies, and hot apple cider on tables decorated in blue, silver, and white are elements of the dance to which students can look forward. Fifer said, "Every Christmas tree and Santa will have sugar cookies complete with icing to add to the decorations. Music will be provided by disc jockey (D.J.) Ramirez from the popular holiday station, "Krakkon." Ramirez said, "I’ve been a part of all the problems encountered at the space station." University of Virginia Wise Campus and University of Virginia Wise will co-host the event for the past year in just to encourage students to explore science education, third, that's how it is to be limited," he said. "They're the ones that went through hunter safety program... they're safe around guns." These students currently own guns with campus police, McCoy said, a number down from previous semesters. These students didn't immediately respond to emailed requests for comment. Wise campus and applies to students, employees, volunteers and visitors — including those with concealed weapons permits. Because it doesn't include an exception for hunting weapons, Wise's policy will have to be updated, McCoy said. "Regulation Continued from page 1

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Holly Ball returns

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The event is set to be broadcast to classrooms across Virginia through a partnership with NASA and the Virginia Education Association. "I think it's important that students be offered the opportunity to do something, to contribute something, to have a long term result from their education," said Ray. "But that's what we're trying to provide in this opportunity."

The Highland Cavalier

Have a safe and happy winter break.

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The Cleveland Cavaliers have announced that Head Coach Mike Brown has been fired. This decision was made after a disappointing season where the team failed to make the playoffs. The team has struggled with consistency and has been unable to compete with the top teams in the league. The move is expected to bring new energy and a fresh perspective to the team.

Hypocritical move by U.S.

The U.S. State Department is considering action against Huawei, a Chinese telecommunications company. The move is being considered due to concerns over national security and the potential for the company to be used by China for espionage purposes. This comes as the U.S. government continues to ramp up pressure on China over technology and trade issues.

BSC Bowl Preview

By Corey Batlaglia

The Bowl Championship Game

LSU vs. Alabama

It is the match everyone wanted to see. LSU leads the SEC East with one loss and one win over SEC West leaders Georgia. LSU's defense has allowed 38 points, which is the third-lowest in the SEC. LSU's offense has averaged 41 points per game, which is the second-highest in the SEC. Alabama's defense has allowed 22 points, which is the lowest in the SEC. Alabama's offense has averaged 43 points per game, which is the second-highest in the SEC.

Sports

Rival cancels football

The University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Illinois have announced that their football series, which has been played annually since 1890, will be canceled due to budget constraints. The decision was made after the two schools struggled to cover the costs of the annual game.

Campus crime ranking misleading

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The U.S. News & World Report has released its annual campus crime ranking, which is based on data reported by colleges and universities. The ranking is widely used by parents and students to compare safety measures across institutions. However, critics argue that the ranking system is flawed and does not accurately reflect the true level of safety on college campuses.

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The U.S. government has announced that it will not renew visas for the Chinese team that is scheduled to compete in the U.S. for the upcoming season. The move comes after a series of incidents involving Chinese athletes and officials, including a recent incident involving a Chinese player who allegedly assaulted a U.S. journalist.

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**Men keep playing tough**

By Jordan Childress

The men’s basketball team is set to travel to Wofford College on Saturday for a 7 p.m. match. And, senior Mike Evans will make his fourth start of the season.

Anders is Just one of the Cavs’ three seniors who will be honored by the team on Saturday, along with Jordan and Tunstall. The team’s season comes to an end after losing two conference games in the last week.

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**Women fall short in close game**

By Jordan Childress

The women’s basketball team is set to travel to Lindsey Wilson on Saturday for a 7 p.m. match. And, senior guard Amber Carter scored 11 first-half points.

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**Upcoming Games**

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