SGA looks to expand

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The Student Government Association is seeking to expand this year.
The group plans to add four more senators - one for each grade level - and students can vote on the portal to approve the plan.

Voting will be open between Oct. 28 and 31. If the amendment is approved, senators will be installed by next semester.

According to senior senator and political science major Brett Hall, the idea to expand SGA was proposed during the summer, and is supposed to help SGA better fulfill its academic duties.

“It’s one of our implied powers in the constitution is that we are a liaison between the students and the staff academically and socially,” Hall said. “We’re doing our part socially ... but we’re kind of lacking in representation of our students academically.”

At first, the plan was to add three more senators whose specific powers would be geared toward academics.

However, many were against this, Hall said.

“Initially there were a lot of holes in the plan, especially since the constitution expresses that we should already be doing that. It is our job,” Hall said.

In order to restructure a solution, a committee was set up which included senators Brett Hall and Madison Savarese. One thing they noticed was that the number of committees in SGA was inefficient. Thus, the committees were reduced from 16 to eight, and a new Academic Committee was added.

Some of SGA’s academic plans are to help out with the “see your advisor” campaign, hold forums to represent each department within the college, to represent the students academically, to hold panel discussions and to put a larger emphasis on academics.

If the amendment is passed, the schedule of petitions and elections will be found on the SGA’s Facebook and Twitter page. The changes will take effect next semester.

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Depression Screening
A depression screening will be held in the student center atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Last Day to Drop/Add
Friday is the last day to drop a fall semester course or add a second 7 weeks course.

Last Day for Tutoring
Friday is the last day to request live tutoring. Online tutoring will remain available throughout the semester.

“The Alfred Jarry Show!”
The “Alfred Jarry Show!” opens Friday at 8 p.m. in the William Center for the Arts.
National Alpha Sigma Phi org. responds to article

This article is a follow-up to “Alpha Sigma Phi returns charter” published in the Sept. 25 issue.

By Megan Gey News Editor meggy@uvawise.edu

The national chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi, a campus organization that is described as a social fraternity, has been denied its charter by the university. The chapter was formed in 2008.

The former UVa-Wise chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi has a long history of controversy, with allegations of hazing and other conduct issues. The national organization has set a deadline for the chapter to cease and desist, or it will be dissolved.

Mysterious red flags have been spotted across campus, with some students and faculty reporting seeing unusual objects in various locations. While some have dismissed the sightings as hoaxes or pranks, others are concerned about the potential for harm or disruption.

In response to the sightings, members of the Alpha Sigma Phi chapter have held a series of meetings to discuss the situation and determine next steps. The chapter's leadership is working to address the concerns and ensure the safety of all students and staff.

New flags, ‘V’s to increase pride

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Students arriving on campus at the start of the academic year were greeted by a few changes to the look of the campus, most notably the large, red, and gray “V” flags. These flags replaced the student activity center and the former “U” flags.

This change was implemented as a way to increase school spirit and pride among students, faculty, and staff. The new “V” flags serve as a visual representation of the university’s mission and values, and reflect the university’s commitment to excellence and innovation.

The flags are reminiscent of the university’s logo and symbolize the university’s focus on providing a diverse and dynamic educational experience. They are intended to serve as a source of pride and inspiration for all members of the university community.

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Nursing registration deadline

The deadline for applying to the nursing program is Nov. 1. Students can apply online at www.uvw.sc.edu/admissions/nursing.html.

All students applying to the nursing program must submit a completed application, including all required documentation.

Students who do not meet the requirements for admission may be considered for alternative pathways to achieve their goals.

The former UVa-Wise chapter raised grievances with the university over the process of chartering and the resulting changes to the program. The chapter has until Oct. 31 to respond to the university’s concerns or face dissolution.

The national organization has also set a deadline for the chapter to cease and desist, or it will be dissolved. The chapter’s leadership is working to address the concerns and ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Tag us in your Josh-O-Lantern pictures on Facebook.

Our favorites may be published in the Halloween edition.

Zombie 5K to be held Saturday

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The winner of this weekend’s Running Dead Trail Run will have a chance to win a $1,000 prize. The event is open to the public and will be held on Oct. 19.

The race is a 5K run, with participants starting and finishing on the UVA-Wise campus. The course features challenging terrain and beautiful fall foliage.

The registration fee is $20, and all proceeds will go to help the university’s community outreach programs.

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Exploration of a new academic program has seen several changes happen over the past several years from joining the Women's Conference in the NAIA in 2010 to making the jump to become an NCAA Division II member in 2012.

The facilities have changed dramatically over the years from the old gymnasium to the Pizzuti Center.

Many people forget that the school had co-ed and men's teams in the sport of swimming. Suddenly we have two new male and female swimming teams in the fall of 2012.

The Cavs had a few bright spots during the 2012-2013 season in the three sports for each men and women that keep vs/loss records, the women's sport teams produced 40 wins compared to 24 by men's teams.

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Students enjoy the homecoming game with a policeman who also decided to join in on the fun.

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Women’s athletics history honored

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Women in the history of UVa-Wise sports were honored last month during the college’s Homecoming festivities.

The UVa-Wise Athletic Department hosted a “Celebrating Women in Athletics” event for past female athletes that competed for Clinch Valley College as well as UVa-Wise on Sept. 28 in the David J. Prior Center. The event saw around 50 former athletes attend. Women’s athletics have been part of the college for the past 44 years, and have grown vastly over the years from three sports in the early 1970s to seven today.

The first female sport started in 1969 with volleyball in the fall. Basketball came in the winter of 1969 and softball in the spring of 1970. CVC started three women’s sports during the school year of 1969-1970 with the help of many volunteers and Doris Kilgore who was involved in the athletic department. The only established sports at CVC during this time were men’s basketball and baseball, which started in the late 1950s.

The three sports started out as club sports by NAIA rules, but did not belong to an official association. CVC was led by three coaches Della Bentley who was a music professor, Judy Giditto a biology professor, and Kilgore. At this time CVC had no budget for women’s sports, but provided uniform tops. The women had to buy their own shorts and shoes and do their own laundry.

The 1969-1970 school year was a learning experience for CVC as the teams struggled in competition. Shirley Baker-Mullins, who was a custodian at CVC, would volunteer his time to take the teams to play.

“My favorite memory was to watch us grow. We went from not even being able to do anything as winning the basketball tournament my senior year,” Baker-Mullins said. “We had a lot of embarrassing losses our first year, so it made it sweeter to win when we were seniors.”

Mullins and Kilgore starting up the women’s programs at CVC paved the way for Kathy Bentley-Mahan and others. Bentley-Mahan played basketball and softball for the Cavs from 1976 to 1980.

“We were a close-knit bunch of girls back then who played for the love of the game,” Bentley-Mahan said.

After CVC founded the first three women’s sports in school history, teams came along in 1973.

Women’s sports progressed throughout the 1980s, but really hit a stride in the 1990s. The women’s softball team won the college’s first state championship, which was held at Virginia Wesleyan College in 1980. Softball was suspended not long after this, but was reinstated in the early 1990s.

Lawson received Libero of the Year award as all with the help of Mullins and company in the 1970s.

The first national tournament appearance in school history came during the 2005-2006 basketball year when the Cavs turned in a 24-10 record with a 15-5 record in Appalachian Athletic Conference play. The Cavs only lost one home game during that season. Before the fourteen sisters made their way to Wise, there were the Helton sisters, Sarah and Rachael. The Heltons, Lathay Collier, Terri Ann Hill, and Chelsea Lee played most of their young careers together and the hard work paid off with a trip to the national tournament.

Sarah Helton won the school’s first NAIA All-American in 2005 with third team honors. “To be able to play in a town that you grew up in and to play in front of family,” she said. “It was an opportunity that most student-athletes don’t get to have.”

The Cavs softball team saw several successful years in the late 2000s earning NAIA Region XII championships in 2005 and 2007 which punched a ticket to the national tournament. Maddi Ridenour became the first female athlete to earn NAIA All-American honors her freshman year in 2009.

The volleyball program saw a national tournament appearance in 2007 after producing a 25-11 record and 13-5 in AAC play. The Cavs won the NAIA Region XII and Britney Lawson received Libero of the Year award as well. Lawson also holds the school record for NAIA Academic All-American honors with five between softball and volleyball. Lawson was a member of three Region XII championships as well.

Women’s sports have come a long way. From just having a logo for the sport to being able to try out for a team, it has taken a lot of hard work and a lot of dedication. Women’s athletics have come a long way and hopefully will continue to grow and improve.