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‘Jimson Weed’ to release special editions for College’s 50th anniversary celebration

Creative journal invites past & present ‘Weed’ writers to contribute to anniversary issues

By Roger Hagy, Jr.
Editor-in-Chief

The staff of The Jimson Weed, the College’s creative journal, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of UVa-Wise through two special anniversary issues of the journal, to be released in the spring and fall semesters. This year, the staff invites not only current students and faculty but also past contributors to The Jimson Weed, including faculty, alumni and friends of the College and journal, to all contribute their poetry and/or prose to the spring and fall editions.

The staff welcomes both old and new works from contributors, as well as any thoughts and reflections about the College and The Jimson Weed.

Past editors and contributors to the journal are also invited to present their works at the upcoming spring Coffee Night, tentatively scheduled for Apr. 6.

The deadline for spring submissions to the journal is Friday, Mar. 12, and the deadline for fall submissions is Friday, Oct. 15. Send submissions to The Jimson Weed, Zehmer 127, The University of Virginia’s College at Wise, One College Avenue, Wise, VA 24293.

By Reagan Hughes
Staff Writer

Pick up any newspaper, turn on any cable news or national news, and the printed press and airwaves these days are inundated with the candidates’ latest political stump speeches, polling statistics and predictors, not to mention the political pundits giving their spin on the Democratic presidential candidates. You just cannot escape it. Starting with a field of nine, the numbers are

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We’ve got spirit!’ UVa-Wise residence hall delegation wins awards

Delegations from UVa-Wise and other area colleges congregated at the Wise campus on the weekend of Feb. 8-9 for an annual statewide conference of the Virginia Association of College and University Residence Halls (VACURH). During the conference, UVa-Wise won the award for the most overall spirit in the large school division, as well as awards for the best banner and for the conference’s best program, “The Roommate Game.” Wise’s Julie Adkins also won the award for the most spirited advisor.

Representing the College were State Board Advisor Jeff Howard and conference Co-chairs Henly (also a state board member). The College’s committee members included Jen Jenks and Julie Yates, who took care of the catering for the weekend, as

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The Two Johns: Kerry vs. Edwards for presidential nomination

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quickly diminishing, to where there are now only two
characters are expected to
other side, these two candidates look very
similar — both are, of course, Democrats, have hair, they
both are U.S. Senators, lawyers, and, most obvious of
all, share the first name John. But, a closer look reveals
the portrait of two very different men.

Don’t leave any American behind

John Kerry, 60, could hardly have
been coming from an affluent
environment. He was born in 1943, Kerry’s mother
was the affluent Forbes family and
his father was a World War II
Air Corps member in World War II. Upon
graduating from Yale University, he served as a
lieutenant in the Navy during the Vietnam War.
Kerry was awarded the Bronze Star,
quickly diminishing, to where Ithere are now only two
character flaws as well as governance and compliance are revealed in the
ship’s owner, builder
character flaws as
in representing families
memorial quotes, saying, “How do you ask a man to
be the last man to die for a mistake?” This comment
Kerry and has two daughters from his first marriage,
and Edwards credits
with 40 delegates — twice
the size of each
character of the game.

John Kerry (above) and  John Edwards (below) are now
considered the two closest rivals. Kerry needs
2,162 delegates to win the nomination.

As a trial lawyer in
North Carolina, Kerry was famous as a
plaintiff’s attorney in medical malpractice
cases, demonstrating his passion
in representing families
and children that were
improperly harmed by
the continuation of physicians
and others. However, his
most recent case
involved a nine-year-old
girl who was seriously
injured when her
bikes were taped on a
dirty swimming pool
door. Edwards also
had to overcome quite
possibly the worst tragedy
imaginable: the loss of a
child. His eldest son, Nick, died of
an automobile accident in 1996, and Edwards credits
his son’s belief that he should run for Senate
as one reason he began his political career.

Kerry’s political career began in 1982 when he
was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts,
and in 1994, he was elected to the Senate as an
U.S. Senator, where he is currently serving his fourth
term. He is married to Teresa Heinz, he has four children,
and is divorced from his first wife, Cathleen, a Princeton student, five-year-old France
and three-year-old Jack.

For new, Kerry and Edwards are as
close in color to the July Democratic Convention
in Boston, where one of these two men will be
elected to face the 2004 and former
Senator Edwards, who has seven
percent of the vote in the
Virginia primary. Revered Al
Shapiro, who had three
percent; and Ohio Senator
Richard Gephardt, who had one
percent. Kerry’s
campaign strategy
aided by the endorsement of his Virginia<br>Democratic governor, Governor Warner
two days before the election. Two days after a poor
showing in Virginia, Clark withdrew from the race.

Kerry is the best candidate to possibly outvote President
George W. Bush to win the November presidential
election. According to an Associated Press tally, Kerry
had 439,000 delegates — twice as
tall 
democratic nomination.

VACUHR conference nets four wise awards

Awards were given based on size of each
college’s delegation.

Delegations with 12 or more
members were considered large
schools, and delegations with 4 or
more members were considered small
schools.

Delegations from
other colleges included Virginia Tech, Alabama
Montgomery, Radford University, Tuskegee
University, Richmond, Mary Washington, William & Mary, Mary :
Christopher Newport University, George Mason
University and George Washington University.

Kerry was elected to the Senate in 1984, and
has been serving his fourth term. He has 17 years of experience
in foreign policy, having served in Vietnam
and the Middle East. Kerry has a strong record on issues
of national security, including his support
for the war on terrorism.

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By Julia Johnson
Staff Writer

Kerry won in Virginia and
Tennessee primaries. Massachusetts senator John
Kerry in the White House.
Kerry scored two key wins in the March 11 Democratic primaries on
Febr. 9. Kerry gained much support in the North, while Vice
President Al Gore gained strength in Tennessee.
The first program, "Titanic: The Musical," is scheduled for Wednesday,
Feb. 25 in Pendleton. "Titanic: The Musical" is historically accurate
than the film version, is opened
in Pendleton.

"Titanic: The Musical" is a two-hour show in Pendleton. The musical
was written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.
The musical tells the story of the Titanic, a fictional Internet universe in the
world during the game’s

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Softball team has high hopes for upcoming season

By Daniel Leech & Heather Gentry
Staff Writers

Last year, the UVa-Wise softball team finished second in the conference with a 27-13 overall record and a 19-5 record within the conference. The 2004 softball team will attempt to make it to the Regional Tournament for their fourth consecutive year.

Head Coach Wayne Leftwich has high hopes for this year’s team and is confident with the team that he has.

“We are going into this year with high expectations because we only lost one person from last year and we had good recruiting,” Leftwich said. “This is one of our best squads that we have had, and this team is very capable of winning the conference [and the] region and going to the national tournament.”

The team will rely on their three seniors, April Damron (All-Conference), Heather Gentry (All-Conference and All-Region) and Jennifer Law, for leadership. Good things are also expected from juniors Nicole Poore (All-Conference and All-Region), Kendall Rainey (All-Conference and All-Region) and Kari Sparks.

With a year of playing experience under their belts, the sophomores look for their roles to expand. Ashley Addington, for example, was last year’s leading hitter with a .417 batting average and is expected to do well this year. Dani Benton, Courtney Brannon, Megan Dean and Echo Hagan’s roles are also expected to increase, and transfer Krystal Showers will be looked to for similar success.

Finally, this year’s softball team has six freshmen on the roster.

“This team is like a tightly knit family and this year looks promising,” said freshman player Meagan Jones.

Leftwich said that experience makes a difference but that he is not afraid to put any of his players out on the field.

The 2004 Lady Cavaliers should have a great season with the experience and talent of the upper-classmen and the addition of a potentially strong freshman class.

Baseball team begins season with 2-1 weekend

By Courtney Conner
Staff Writer

The UVa-Wise baseball team traveled to Emmanuel College on Friday, Feb. 6, to begin the 2004 season. After rain cancelled the team’s Friday double-header, the team played their first game on Saturday with a win, 6-3. On Sunday, the Cavs played a double-header, losing the first game 0-2 and winning the second game 6-5. The team left Emmanuel with a 2-1 finish for the weekend.

“Everyone we sent to the mound this weekend threw the ball really well,” said Coach Hank Banner.

The AAC Coaches Association has picked the 2004 team to finish ninth in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

The baseball team encourages students to come out and enjoy the newly renovated facilities at their first home game on Feb. 28, at 1:00 p.m. against Alice Lloyd College.