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This Week

After placing second in the conference last year, the 2004 softball team is ready for another potentially successful year. Also, the baseball team began their season with a 2-1 weekend win at Emmanuel College. Catch both stories in Sports.

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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.



PHOTO BY JASON REEDS/REUTERS

Massachusetts senator John Kerry points to supporters during a Virginia rally.

The Two JOHNS

John Kerry & John Edwards now face off as the Democratic party's frontrunners for the 2004 presidential nomination

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



PHOTO BY GRINELL TALBOT

North Carolina senator John Edwards waves to the crowd during a support rally.

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'We've got spirit!' UVA-Wise residence hall delegation wins awards

By Michelle Brady
Staff Writer

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 Jessica Adams and Holly

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 frontrunners — John Kerry and John Edwards.

On the outside, these two candidates look very similar — both are, of course, democrats, but also, they both are U. S. Senators, lawyers and, most obvious of all, both 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 be described as coming from an affluent/aristocratic upbringing. Born in 1943, Kerry's mother was a member of the affluent Forbes family and his father was an Army Air Corps member in World War II. Upon graduating from Yale University, he served as a lieutenant in the Navy during the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, Kerry was awarded the Bronze Star, three Purple Hearts and the Silver Star. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that Kerry's presidential platform is that he wants every American to be a "soldier" and to "not leave any American behind."

Kerry's claim to fame came in 1971 upon his return from Vietnam; he was asked to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about the war at the age of 27. At the Committee Hearing, he stated one of his most memorable quotes, saying, "How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?" This comment drew a lot of notice and commentary about Kerry at the time.

After his fame from the hearing, Kerry enrolled in law school at Boston College and in 1976, he began his first career in the public eye as a prosecutor in Massachusetts. As a prosecutor, his biggest target was organized crime.

His political career began in 1982 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, and in 1984, he was elected to represent the state as a U.S. Senator, where he is presently serving his fourth term. In the Senate, he has been known to break away from his party's ranks on such issues as teacher tenure, but he has also led several investigations into such events as banking scandals and an examination into the possibility of Vietnam soldiers being held as prisoners of war.

Senator Kerry is married to Teresa Heinz Kerry and has two daughters from his first marriage, Alexandra and Vanessa, and three sons, John,



PHOTO BY JASON REED/REUTERS



PHOTO BY KEN JONES

John Kerry (above) and John Edwards (below) are now the two frontrunners in the race for the Democrats' presidential nomination.

Andre and Christopher. Wishing for 'One America'

On the other end of the spectrum, John Edwards, 50, was born in South Carolina in 1953. His father was a textile worker and his mother held a diverse number of blue collar jobs. He often refers to his non-privileged childhood, and his campaign stump speeches usually focus on his desire to bring the U.S. together as "One America," not that of the privileged, with the hope of better health care and better education in public schools.

Edwards was the first in his family to go to college, attending North Carolina State and graduating with honors from the University of North Carolina's School of Law in 1977.

As a trial lawyer in North Carolina, Edwards was famous as a plaintiff's attorney in medical malpractice, demonstrating his prowess in representing families and children that were irreparably harmed by the carelessness of physicians and others. However, his most celebrated case involved a nine-year-old girl who was seriously injured when her insides were ripped out by a faulty swimming pool drain.

Edwards also had to overcome quite possibly the worst tragedy imaginable: the loss of a child. His eldest son Wade was killed in an automobile accident in 1996, and Edwards credits his son's belief that he should run for Senate as the reason he began his political career.

On his first attempt in the political arena, Edwards became a U.S. Senator, defeating a Republican incumbent. While in the Senate, he fought GOP efforts to limit awards on lawsuits, modernized the nation's banking system and has been an outspoken advocate of the Patient's Bill of Rights. In 2000, he was rumored to be on the "short-list" of possible vice-presidential candidates in Al Gore's campaign.

Senator Edwards is married to Elizabeth Edwards, also a lawyer. They have four children: Catherine, a Princeton student, five-year-old Emma Claire and three-year-old Jack.

For now, Kerry and Edwards are on a collision course to the July Democratic Convention in Boston, where one of these two men will be chosen to face unchallenged Republican incumbent President George W. Bush on Nov. 2.

[SOURCE: johnkerry.com, johnedwards.com]

Kerry takes first southern wins in Virginia, Tennessee primaries

By Jake Johnston
Staff Writer

Can wins in Virginia and Tennessee propel Massachusetts senator John Kerry to the White House? Kerry scored two key wins in the Virginia and Tennessee Democratic primaries on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Kerry has gained much support in the North, East and West, but Virginia and Tennessee were the first southern states to give the northern support.

With wins in these two states, Kerry has distanced himself from his closest rival, North Carolina senator John Edwards, and has forced retired general Wesley Clark of Arkansas out of the race, setting up the possibility of Clark becoming Kerry's running mate.

After 92 percent of the vote was in, Kerry had received 51 percent and Clark had received nine percent.

Other candidates still

in the running for the democratic bid for 2004 are former Vermont governor Howard Dean, who had seven percent of the vote in the Virginia primary; Reverend Al Sharpton, who had three percent; and Ohio representative Dennis Kucinich, who had one percent.

Kerry's Virginia campaign was aided by the endorsement of Virginia's democratic governor Mark Warner two days before the election. Two days after a poor showing in Virginia, Clark withdrew from the race.

Speculation is that Kerry is the best candidate to possibly overtake President George W. Bush in the November presidential election. According to an Associated Press tally, Kerry has over 400 delegates — twice as many delegates as his closest rival. Kerry needs 2,162 delegates to win the democratic nomination.

[SOURCE: AP]

VACURH conference nets Wise four awards

(continued from page one) well as Programming Chair Salima Montes, Transportation Chair Bonnie Shortt and Entertainment Chair Tiffany Burohett.

Awards were given based on the size of each school's delegation. Delegations with 12 or more members (UVa-Wise, e.g.) were considered large schools, and delegations with less than 12 members were considered small schools.

Delegations from

other colleges included Virginia Tech, Alabama University, Radford University, University of Richmond, Mary Washington, William & Mary, Mary Baldwin, Christopher Newport University, George Mason University and Emory & Henry.

Held once a year, the VACURH conference is organized so that schools can exchange ideas for new programs to present for students living in residence halls.

Pro Art to present live shows, painting exhibit

UVa-Wise helps sponsor 'Titanic' musical, Rick Hyman art collection & 'Swan Lake'

By Tiffany Hunter
Staff Writer

The Pro Art Association, Mountain Empire Community College and UVa-Wise are scheduled to present three Pro Art programs in the months of February and March.

The first program, *Titanic: The Musical*, is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 25 in Pound. *Titanic: The Musical*, more historically accurate than the film version, is opened and closed by the ship builder, who recalls the story in retrospect. The musical provides the

audience with much more insight than the movie in a number of ways. Three of the seamen of the ship — a stoker, a lookout and a radioman — handle knowledge of how speed, visibility and ice were instrumental in the destruction of the ship. Character flaws such as greed, compromise and compliance are revealed in the ship's owner, builder and captain. The musical allows the audience to decide who, if any one person, was to blame for the ship's infamous destruction.

Titanic: The

Musical is partially supported by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Riches of Family: An American Journey from Slavery to Prosperity is on display through Feb. 26 at the Library Gallery in the Lonesome Pine Regional Library in Wise. This collection of 10 paintings began when artist Rick Hyman found a drawer full of old family photographs. Hyman used these photographs as inspiration for paintings that depicted

the life of an American family from slavery to prosperity. The paintings depict the life of the Cezar Martin family from 1912-1927.

The Affiliate Program of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond organized and funded the exhibit.

Swan Lake, co-sponsored by Wise County, Food City and BB&T, is one of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's best-known ballets and will be presented on Thursday, Mar. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts in Pound. *Swan Lake* is the love story

of Prince Siegfried and Swan Queen Odette. Odette is put under a spell that turns her into a swan, and she can only return to her human form from midnight to dawn. Siegfried declares his love for Odette, but is later tricked to vow his love for Odile, the Swan Queen's evil imposter.

The cost for all performances is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students. To obtain more information about any of the performances, contact Daisy Fortundo at 376-4520 or by accessing the Pro Art website at www.pro-art-va.org.

PRESS PLAY

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Staff Writers

.hack//QUARANTINE Platform: Playstation 2 Developer: Bandai Genre: RPG

.hack//QUARANTINE is the fourth and final installment of the *.hack* RPG series. All of the saved data from the previous games will be used for the fourth game's character stats. It's important to note that you can play *.hack//QUARANTINE* without having played the first three games, though the difficulty will be extremely high since characters are expected to have had three games' worth of leveling up for all the dungeons and you will only see a small portion of the series' story.

Players assume the role of Kite as he travels through the "World," a fictional online RPG, in order to uncover the mysteries of the game before it gets destroyed. While the graphics cannot compare to most games out there, the story's originality is more than enough to make up for it.

When playing *.hack//QUARANTINE* it's hard to remember that this isn't an online game. The main menu interface is a computer desktop, Kite receives e-mails from different characters in the World, and the player is required to post on the World's message board. On top of that, the player is only allowed control of Kite. All of the other team members are controlled by the

computer, making it seem like there are other players controlling them.

Characters' personalities are all dependent upon those of the World's "players." If you make them mad at you, then they will make rude comments throughout interactions, and if you get them on your side, their "online personas" will join Kite's party for dungeon traveling.

Although *.hack//QUARANTINE* is the last game in the series, there's more to the story. Players can watch *.hack//SIGN*, an anime series that airs on Cartoon Network, as well as *.hack//Liminality*, a short anime series included with each game that shows what is happening in the real world during the game's

'hack//QUARANTINE' wraps up fan favorite series

events. Don't let the subpar graphics scare you away from *.hack//QUARANTINE*. If you do, you'll miss

out on the massive storyline and great features that make this title one of today's most popular releases.



Kite explores the "World," a fictional Internet universe in *.hack//QUARANTINE*, an offline RPG that plays like a massively multiplayer online RPG.

Softball team has high hopes for upcoming season

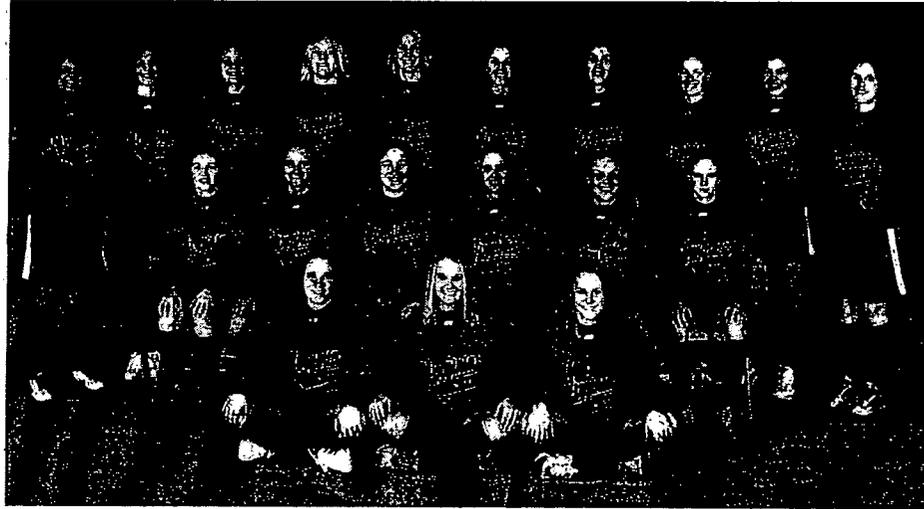
By Daniel Lechy & Heather Gentry
Staff Writers

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-



The 2004 UVa-Wise softball team is prepared for what could potentially become another great year, similar to Wise's second-place conference victory in 2003.

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.

"This team is a group of best friends, which adds to our unlimited potential," said junior Kendall Rainey.

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The team's first game is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28, against Emory and Henry College at 1 p.m.

Baseball team begins season with 2-1 weekend

By Courtney Cooner
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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.

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