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They brushed up on Shakespeare

Frank Lee III and Cody Beauchamp were two of the many stars in this weekend's Lenfest performance of *Kiss Me, Kate*. -- Page 5



Ruscio talks about year one

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Clark kicks it off



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

As W&L President Ken Ruscio and Mock Convention General Chair Richard Freidman look on, retired General Wesley Clark delivers the keynote address for the 100th Anniversary Mock Convention's kickoff weekend. Clark analyzed the Democratic field but said that the candidate who ends up winning that party may have yet to join the race. The four star general and former NATO commander spoke extensively about Iraq and said America needs to work on regaining its credibility in world affairs.

Mock Con speaker and 2004 candidate says he may run again for White House

By Wesley O'Dell
STAFF WRITER

Students gathered in front of Lee Chapel on Friday to hear a one-time—and perhaps future—candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination. Retired four-star General Wesley Clark spoke to a large crowd on the sun-baked front lawn about politics, the rigors of being a presidential candidate, and the current group of Democratic contenders.

Though Clark steadfastly refuses to commit himself either to run or not to run in 2008, his supporters apparently failed to get that memo; they roamed among the pre-speech crowd distributing business cards advertising the General's fundraising organization and, innocuously enough, handing out chocolate "Clark Bars."

It had the feel of a political rally about it—appropriately so for the 100th anniversary of the most accurate and acclaimed nominating convention simulation.

Mock Con General Chairman Richard Friedman and President Kenneth Ruscio gave brief introductory remarks before Clark took the podium; Ruscio, a former Mock Con Co-Chair himself, quipped that the '08 Mock

Con "will force students to become Democrats, a role that—for some of them at least—will be a challenge."

Clark began his speech by noting his first visit to campus with his son many years earlier; his son, also named Wesley, spent the night in a frat house—an experience he enjoyed greatly. The General thought it was "one of the great mistakes of [my son's] young life" not to come to W&L, whose namesakes he said "epitomized the quality of leadership—leadership in war, leadership in peace, leadership of vision and compassion."

2004 revisited

Clark's remarks touched on his own experiences as a presidential candidate, a process he described as "grueling" and "demeaning." He lamented the effectiveness of negative attack ads, and expressed concern about excessive partisanship in the process: "Don't condemn disagreement," he said, "there is a duty to be a responsible opposition."

He mentioned a particular piece of advice given to him by former Virginia Governor Mark Warner: "in politics, what you can lose is everything...so if you can live without it, don't do it."

In both his prepared remarks and a press conference held afterward, Clark named his decision to skip the Iowa Caucuses as fatal to his campaign: "It was a strategy developed to combat Howard Dean...it didn't work for one reason: Howard Dean didn't win Iowa."

He advised Mock Con participants to examine the Democratic field for what he called the key to victory in any campaign: a combination of name recognition, brand image, and money.

"I think every day about running."

WESLEY CLARK, Kickoff speaker

During the press conference, Clark elaborated on the importance of brand image. Two days before the Iowa caucuses, a reporter asked a telling question: "John Kerry was a war hero—he won a silver star and a purple heart in Vietnam—You were in the military, weren't you in Vietnam, too? How does your military record compare to John Kerry's?"

Said General Clark, himself a decorated combat veteran of Vietnam but also a four-star

general, "if you have to explain that three days before the vote in Iowa, then you know you didn't build the brand image to define yourself."

Politics new and old

Clark also took the audience on a brief tour of the current political climate and how it came about. He praised international efforts during the Cold War to deter Soviet aggression and asserted that American victory validated a foreign policy based on human rights and the consent of the governed. He particularly emphasized what he called a "national strategy" during that period which directed everything from nuclear missiles to Olympic teams in an all-encompassing effort to confront the Soviets.

"However, after the Cold War," he said, "we lost our adversary and we lost our strategy."

It was this loss of national focus, he claimed, that left the U.S. open to turmoil in foreign policy and ultimately led to missteps in the years following 9/11.

He talked up his own credentials on national planning, recounting his attempt while a top general to gather support for what he called a "strategy of engagement and enlargement"

designed to counter rogue states, nuclear proliferation, narco-terrorism, and the possibility of a resurgent Russia. His plan was never carried out, however, and he even quipped that "today, a 'strategy of engagement and enlargement' would sound like a spam message for a men's pharmaceutical product."

He minced no words when it came to Iraq, which he called the "overriding issue" of the current political scene and "the president's war."

"His plan, his war," said Clark, adding that there is "no end in sight." An avowed internationalist who has called for America to join the International Criminal Court, Clark particularly criticized what he called "the devastating impact on the legitimacy of U.S. aims and methods in the world."

He maintained that the war the U.S. must fight is one of hearts and minds, saying that "we can't succeed by killing people."

He also mentioned other challenges facing the nation, including the emergence of China as an economic power "with the potential for causing us to question who we are as a nation" and issues "too big for one nation to solve" such as disease, climate change, and human rights.

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Clark also favored the audience with a few comments on the current candidates for the White House, who he said were now "competing for money and endorsements." He described Ohio representative Dennis Kucinich as "a legitimate candidate," called Joe Biden "a very credible analyst," and remarked that John Edwards "wants to be president" and has "independent means—no normal job."

He called Barack Obama a "phenomenon" and praised Hillary Clinton for having "seen it all."

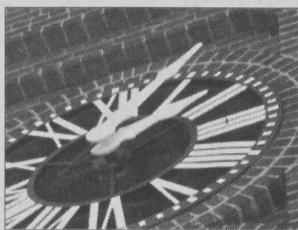
Clark also conceded that the candidate who claims the Democratic nomination may not yet be in the race. "I haven't said I'm not running," he said in response to a question about who he would endorse. When the Phi pointed out his popularity on the speaking circuit during the '06 midterms, suggesting it was a strong incentive for him to run, Clark mischievously responded "I've thought about it."

"We're not gonna get you to budge, are we?" said the reporter.

Clark responded with a laugh, "I think every day about running."

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Parties talk it out



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Members of the Young Democrats and College Republicans consider a question during Wednesday night's debate (above). The donkeys chose to wear more casual attire, while the elephants stuck to more conservative dress. The two sides clashed on whether the United States needed a timetable for withdrawing from Iraq but found common ground on issues such as immigration and global warming. (Below) Senior David Kronenfeld answers a question for the College Republicans during the debate.

Student debate and political panel discuss 2008's issues

By Dane Davis and
Grace Wang
STAFF WRITERS

Four distinguished leaders from the world of politics addressed the Washington and Lee community on May 24 as part of the Spring Kickoff of the 2008 Democratic Mock Convention.

Hosted by Wesley Little, a junior Economics major, Washington and Lee welcomed Mike Allen, Steve Jarding, Dr. Larry Sabato, and Chuck Todd to a Presidential Issues panel discussion held in Lee Chapel.

The panelists were excited and honored to contribute to what is considered one of W&L's finest traditions.

Sabato said, "I wish every college in the nation could have a Mock Convention like yours. You instill civic virtues in a new generation of young people."

Entertaining questions from professors and students, the four panelists engaged in lively discussion about key issues concerning our democratic system, such as the 2008 presidential campaign, the electoral system, and Virginia's future role in politics.

Mike Allen, a Washington and Lee '86 alumnus and chief political correspondent for *Politico*, a 2008 campaign news website, assessed the campaigns of Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, and Republican Fred Thompson.

Allen said the Obama campaign is high-energy but lacks the organization and experience of the Hilary Clinton campaign.

On Republican Fred Thompson's possible run for the presidency, Allen believes that Mr. Thompson will indeed run and is pursuing a smart strategy by waiting for political exhaustion to affect the other candidates' campaigns.

Steve Jarding, a campaign manager, has had a long-standing history organizing and winning numerous political campaigns.

In 2001, Jarding propelled Mark Warner into the gubernatorial seat of Virginia. Recently, Jarding ran the seemingly hopeless yet ultimately successful campaign of current Virginia Senator Jim Webb.

In addition, Jarding examined money's overwhelming influence on the

current political system and the rise of citizen democracy through the internet. He discussed how S.R. Sidarth, a young Indian-American student, was able to dramatically alter American politics through his use of Youtube. By capturing Republican George Allen's use of the term 'macaca,' an offensive term for dark-skinned people used by French colonists in North Africa, on camcorder and later posting this clip on Youtube, Sidarth essentially ruined the Allen campaign.

Another of the panelists, Dr. Larry Sabato, the Robert Kent Gooch Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia, has been called the most quoted college professor in the country by the *Wall Street Journal*.

Sabato spoke about what he believes to be the "absolutely insane, abrupt, and stupid" schedule of the primary system.

When asked about second-tier candidates and their odds in primaries, Sabato said, "Mike Huckabee lost 110 pounds, but Jared [from Subway] lost more. Why shouldn't Jared be President?"

Sabato also spoke about Virginia's changing political climate and emphasized how it is moving away from being an overwhelmingly red state into "one purplish with a reddish tint."

When questioned about the importance of Iowa, Sabato expressed his confidence in the Iowans to pick a principled and skilled presidential candidate. He also explained Iowa's hesitation in electing another Clinton. If Hilary won the presidency, two American families would have held the White House for 25 years.

Sabato said, "Iowans will consider 'Are we the American republic or are we a Banana Republic?'"

Chuck Todd, NBC News' political director and a distant relative of Robert E. Lee, spoke about Al Gore's chances for entering the presidential race.

Todd believes it is unlikely Gore will enter the race. He explained that Gore has already supported Obama as a candidate and added jokingly that if Gore were to run, his waist size would go down.

The College Republicans and the Young Democrats engaged in lively political discussion of their own, holding a debate on May 23 in the Stackhouse Theater.

Representing the College Republicans were seniors David Kronenfeld and Hank

Gates and sophomore Jack Stanton. The Young Democrats were led by sophomores Jack Fisher and Oliver Krischik and freshman Matt May.

Led by Little, the debaters addressed key hot-button issues such as illegal immigration, the wisdom of enforcing a timetable for exiting Iraq, feasible alternative fuel sources, and the benefits of adopting a universal health care system.

The Young Republicans took a strong stance against illegal immigration.

Gates, a Politics and History major, stated that illegal immigration is a burden on the fiscal system and a threat to national security.

He added, "A nation without borders is not a nation."

Fisher, a Politics major, agreed with Gates for the most part.

Regarding the war in Iraq, the Young Democrats believed that a timetable for exiting the country is feasible and for the best interests of the American public. May stated that the government should inform the American people what they hope to accomplish and must do so within an allotted time frame.

The College Republicans disagreed, saying that setting a timetable is unnecessary.

Both sides agreed that the nation must work diligently to find alternative fuel sources.

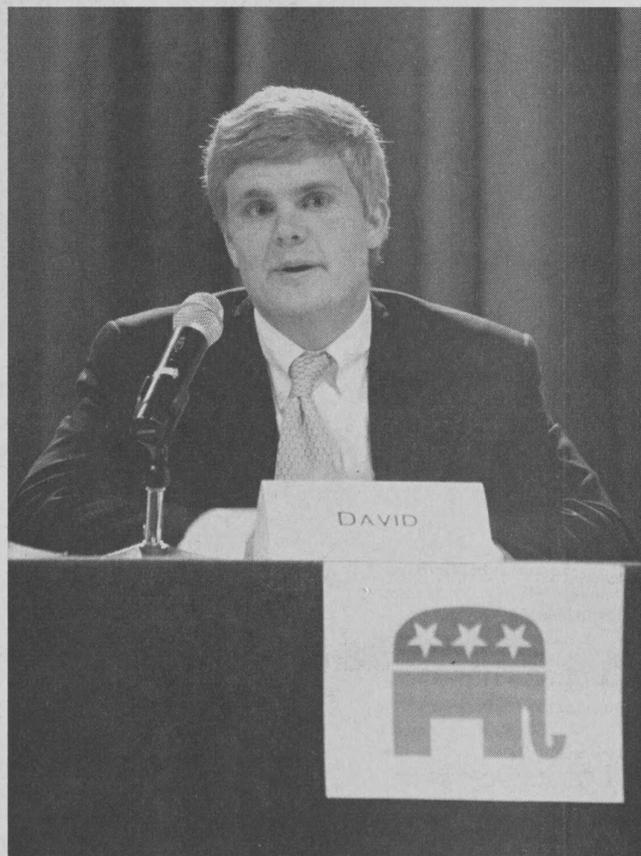
Kronenfeld listed several possibilities for alternative fuel, such as hydrogen, air, solar power, wind, and biodiesel and explained the pros and cons of each.

May said improving the environment should be a collaborative effort between world nations and that a global initiative to stop global warming is feasible. He also added that everyone should go out and plant a tree to improve the quality of the environment, a statement that caused the entire audience to erupt in laughter.

The greatest disagreement of the debate came during discussion about a universal health care system.

Krischik, a Politics and Psychology double major, believes that every human being deserves the right to health care. He also added that it would be economically beneficial to employ one large and overarching health care system.

Gates disagreed, saying that adopting a universal health care system would be a financial burden. He also questioned



who would benefit from this change besides the individuals receiving health care who would not have previously.

Sarah Keckler, a freshman from Gardeners, Penn., does not think that a polarized debate would have been necessarily better. She noticed that several of the questions asked, such as whether to pursue alternative fuel sources, were not set up for intensive disagreement.

"I don't think there is anyone out there—Republican or Democrat—who would argue that we should not search out alternative sources."

However, Keckler was disappointed by the lack of preparation by the Young Democrats.

She said, "It was obvious the Republicans were better prepared. Their answers

all contained statistics backing up their claims while the Democrats were not as ready."

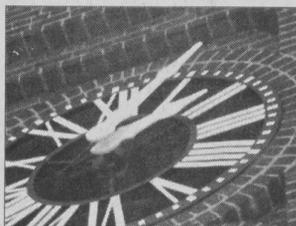
Keckler also noted that there was a clear differentiation between the two groups in terms of physical appearance.

She said, "The College Republican representatives were in suits and ties and had a more professional aura. On the opposite side of the coin, the Young Democrat representatives were dressed down."

Still, Keckler enjoyed the student debate immensely.

She said, "[The debate] inspired me to start reading more about today's issues and learning my own personal viewpoints on them. It kind of erased that jaded feeling towards politics that has been prevalent in our community."

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Ruscio reflects on his first year

W&L president sits down to discuss accomplishments and upcoming projects

By Jacob Geiger
MANAGING EDITOR

As Ken Ruscio's first year as president draws to a close, Managing Editor Jacob Geiger sat down with the Class of 1976 alumnus to discuss the key events of the past year. Though his term is only nine months old, the new president has already helped finalize the new strategic plan and prepare for future changes.

Ruscio discussed some of the university's accomplishments before going on to detail the goals

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KEN RUSCIO, W&L President

he and the school will pursue both next year and further down the road.

He also discussed what challenges Washington and Lee will face in the coming years.

Phi: What's your most vivid or exciting memory from the year?

Ruscio: I suppose in a lot of ways inauguration will stand out in so many ways, none of them because of me. It was so powerful for the community ... students, alumni, faculty and staff to come together.

Phi: What is the most important thing you have accomplished

this year, whether it's something you completed, a project that is just getting started or a change you instituted?

Ruscio: I think this was a year of setting the table for future projects. Probably the biggest thing was bringing the Strategic Plan to conclusion; it was approved by the Board of Trustees at their meeting a few weeks ago.

What that does is provide a clear goal and vision for where the university wants to be. ... It's a very ambitious but achievable plan.

initiatives in the law and undergraduate areas of the school.

Finally, the fourth part is preparing a campus for the 21st century, with a theme of how do we educate our future leaders for a 21st century world.

There are several projects coming. The first is to shore up the endowment for financial aid, so that very talented students are not deterred from attending W&L because of cost.

The second area is in part addressed by that generous gift [from Gerry Lenfest] for faculty endowment. You know, we didn't realize this right away, but in the last few weeks we have found out that this is the sixth largest gift ever given to a national liberal arts college.

On the physical plant side we are going to renovate the Colonnade, replace DuPont Hall, build a new stadium and rehabilitate the residential life area.

Now obviously not all of this will happen right away, but the stadium will be coming sooner rather than later. We've also drawn plans up for renovating Newcomb Hall. That might start a year from now if our fundraising goes well.

Phi: What will be the impact of the Lenfest donation?

Ruscio: Here's the way that will work: Our goal is to be at the mean of compensation for our peers, so we're looking at the top 25 liberal arts institutions. We're a little bit below that right now. ... What you'll see is not so much a

huge, dramatic, overnight difference, but 10, 20 or 30 years from now. Gradually over the next three to five years salaries will move up.

Phi: The Virginia Tech shootings have dominated the news and education world this spring. When will the campus's security upgrade be ready?

Ruscio: By early fall, if not the very beginning of the fall semester. We're pretty much there right now. ... I think our size certainly works in our favor in heading off a crisis and also in responding to any sort of crisis.

Phi: How good is tolerance - whether regarding race, gender or anything else - at W&L?

Ruscio: I think one of the attributes of W&L is we have very high standards in that area. We ought to be the kind of university others look to in regards to showing respect for others.

This is really in regards to our values as an institution. In the next week or two I'll send out an e-mail reminding people of the high standards we have in that area.

Phi: Is W&L involved with the plans to bring the Museum of the Confederacy to Lexington? Does the university have an official position?

Ruscio: I and the university have not been contacted in any formal way by a representative from the museum. What I've said to anyone who has asked is that I cannot imagine any formal relationship between the university

and the museum.

Our missions are very different. The museum is in Richmond right now next to two universities in Virginia Commonwealth and the University of Richmond, and I don't think there is a close relationship with either school.

We are not included in the proposal to the museum [that Lexington submitted]. I did ask the city and tourism board that we not be included in the proposal.

to make the finances work.

Phi: What is W&L's biggest challenge for the future?

Ruscio: I think our core strength is in our people - faculty, staff and students. We are in an increasingly competitive environment for those people. We are in good shape now ... we operate from a position of great strength, I think, but I want to make sure we maintain that strength. ... that is the challenge.

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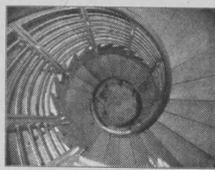
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Republicans race to rule

The top 12 Republican candidates for the presidency

By Wes Little
COLUMNIST

The past two months have been busy ones in the race for the Republican Presidential Nomination.

In April, the results of the first quarter of campaign fundraising results were reported, an announcement that gave renewed strength to Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani while harming the McCain campaign.

Also shaking up this race significantly is the indication that conservative favorites Fred Thompson and Newt Gingrich will enter the race. The probable inclusion of these two candidates adds extra competition for the supporters, endorsements and campaign cash needed to win the nomination.

In this segment *The Campaign Candor*, I will give you an idea of the current status and standings of the Republican Presidential race.

1. Mayor Rudy Giuliani

"America's Mayor" has tightened his grip on the leadership of this race with high national poll numbers around 27 percent, a successful \$15 million fundraising haul and two successful debates. He must keep the Republican electorate's focus on his national security gravitas and away from his unpopular views on social is-

sues in order to continue his momentum.

2. Sen. Fred Thompson

Without even announcing that he will run for president, this former Tennessee senator and current Law & Order actor has enthralled the conservative base of the party and given them the hope of having a viable social conservative in the race. Look for Thompson to start quietly locking up important supporters and staff and make an announcement in the first part of June.

3. Sen. John McCain

Once the race's clear leader, Senator McCain's campaign suffered in April following his disappointing fundraising results of \$12 million and falling polling numbers. However, McCain's strong debate presence, experienced campaign team and strength in states like Iowa and New Hampshire make him impossible to count out in this race.

4. Gov. Mitt Romney

This former governor of Massachusetts used his strong network of supporters to raise \$22 million in the first quarter of this year, more than any of his competitors. Nonetheless, he will have to deal with questions about his Mormonism and ideological flip-flopping in order to raise his poll numbers

above his current position in the 10 percent range.

5. Gov. Mike Huckabee

This former Arkansas governor has performed very well in the debates but still has miniscule polling numbers and little money from fundraising with which to raise them.

6. Rep. Newt Gingrich

No one excites the Conservative base like this former House Speaker, but it is unclear if Gingrich's plan to enter the race near September could garner enough support to convince Republican voters to nominate one of the most divisive politicians around. His strategy may also be hampered the entrance of fellow conservative favorite Fred Thompson.

7. Rep. Tom Tancredo

This Colorado congressman's campaign could rise with the prominence of his signature issue, immigration, in the minds of Republican voters. His \$1 million first quarter fundraising was surprisingly strong but his poll numbers are still hovering not far from zero percent.

8. Sam Brownback

He led the "second tier" in fundraising with \$1.25 million, but his sub-par performance in the debates and tiny polling re-

sults raise serious doubts about his potential of breaking into the group of top candidates.

9. Rep. Duncan Hunter

A San Diego congressman with experience and expertise in military matters, Hunter lacks significant campaign cash and has yet to find a constituency in this crowded and likewise accomplished field.

10. Gov. Tommy Thompson

The former Governor of Wisconsin and the leader of his state's acclaimed reform of welfare, Thompson has one of the best governing records in the race but seemed genuinely lost in the past two debates.

11. Rep. Ron Paul

This former Libertarian candidate for president and current Texas congressman has an energetic group of supporters, but they will probably not be enough to garner this eccentric candidate enough support to be a serious force in this race. A current motion to limit the size of the debates would likely end Paul's chances.

12. Gov. Jim Gilmore

No one is quite sure why this former Governor of Virginia is running for president, as evidenced by his paltry \$175,000 first quarter fundraising.

staffeditorial

People ask all the time if we compete against the Trident. There's a perception on campus that the two staffs are always trying to get the better of each other, always trying to out do each other.

To some extent, that might be true. The Phi's writers and editors always want to beat the Trident to a scoop, and we know they try to beat us.

But beyond that, both papers have the same mission and the same goals: we want to serve the community, report the news and provide forums for community discussion.

We have different styles, different layouts and different staffs. We focus our energy on different issues.

But it's all the same mission.

That's why the two papers joined together in April to produce a pair of special editions that covered the campus's first Open Hearing in more than a decade.

At the risk of sounding arrogant or self-congratulatory, we think W&L's student press is in better shape these days than it has been in years.

Both student newspapers have made some great strides this year, and we've also been fortunate enough to see a student-run news show come to campus as well.

There's no denying that the last three years have been tumultuous ones for the Phi. The paper has been completely redesigned, gone through a huge amount of staff turnover, and weathered its share of controversy.

Whether it was Behind Bars, heated debates on the editorial pages about admissions standards or controversy between students and angry neighbors, the Phi has tried to keep up with these stories.

In the coming year there will certainly be more important issues to discuss, whether it's the Museum of the Confederacy's proposed move to Lexington or the upcoming renovations of the Colonnade and football stadium.

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All organizations perpetuate their own importance

The self-referential mode as communication within an organization provide internal logic, understanding

By Daniel Mesonero
Kromand
COLUMNIST

Apparently, it turned out that I indeed had one more edition of the Phi to write in, and even though I considered alternate theorists to write about in my last article, I have chosen a dark horse: Niklas Luhmann.

Luhmann works out of a radical school of system theory, and his main focus is the improbability of the existence of organizations.

He is puzzled by the fact that organizations remain cohesive, but is at the same time confronted by the sheer number of existing—and long standing—organizations.

In Luhmann's theory, organi-

zations divide the world in a binary code: The organization itself and the surroundings.

The organization itself is described as a 'black box,' as one will never be able to grasp the entirety of its ideology. Pushing this further, Luhmann also claims that humans too are 'black boxes' whose internal motivations don't mean anything.

Realizing that organizations are based on communication, Luhmann breaks up the act of communicating into three parts: information, discourse and connection. Information represents the facts that are presented, discourse is the way it is communicated and connection is how further communication reacts to the message.

The latter part is crucial to understanding Luhmann, as a message isn't communication until further messages are based on it.

The communication within the organization is therefore the self-referential and reproducing force that provides the organization its internal logic and understanding. No decision or articulated aim is truly tangible until further communication validates it as being so.

For example WWII isn't necessarily more important than me buying a piece of gum, but the academic (and loose) organization of historians continuously perpetuate the significance of WWII by relating to previous notions of its importance.

So how does an organization make decisions? Each decision made requires a choice between alternatives, or else it wouldn't be a choice. Since one alternative isn't essentially better than the other, one would suspect organizations to be paralyzed when faced with this paradox of unity

in difference.

The solution, Luhmann argues, is that organizations never make that realization and instead communication just arbitrarily chooses one option as its information. Depending on whether or not this communication is accepted or challenged by future communication, this may evolve into a decision or be forgotten. As a result, organizations only operate on the level of first order observation, where the alternatives aren't presented in the communication.

Differentiating between relevant and irrelevant communication is done through a binary coding, determining whether or not the communication involves the organization.

If the health sector is perceived as one big system, one will see that it never deals with the healthy people, as they are considered to be 'outside' the system.

Practically, Luhmann's theory provides the tools for observing behavior within groups.

For example the statement "Let's have a party tonight" isn't relevant until further communication validates it as a decision. And likewise saying "I'd like a burger right now" in class is considered outside the system of academic learning, whereas it might be included in the system of friendship to which you are saying it.

The most criticized part of Luhmann's system theory is his complete disdain for human motivation and emotion. We are perceived as mere cogs in a greater system, albeit being able to participate in several systems.

But this radicalism is essential for Luhmann in order to move beyond a system theory that deals with ideology and instead deals with the direct constitution of the system.

Surviving Karnataka

Spring Term in India a crazy but charming experience

By Jess Steinmetz
COLUMNIST

While most W&L students are currently in the midst of a traditional Spring Term of studying and partying in Lexington, I along with 23 of my peers am in a world so very different than the one we are familiar with.

Along with three professors, we are braving the streets of Mysore, a city located in Karnataka, India.

As a group, W&L students really stand out in Mysore. Most of us are taller than the average Indian, dress in western clothes, do not speak Hindi, have American accents and many members of the group are very pale and/or blond.

All this makes us prime targets for attention, especially by vendors.

Shopping in India is completely different than any type of shopping back home. Prices are never set, even when signs claim otherwise. Some stores even go really far out and hang signs in broken

English such as, "Customer is King. King never Bargain."

While salespeople in America are often quite persistent, I have never been followed around town by one. In India, this happens almost every single time we go out.

Since we are "tourists," we are of course targeted by vendors. They always follow my friends and I to try to sell us something that we genuinely have no need for, would never dream of buying, did not even look at in the first place or is often just plain confusing.

Why would I buy Q-tips, for example, at the Palace of Mysore?

We get around town in rickshaws, which is a phenomenon that truly must be experienced firsthand. But since most of you will probably never set a foot in India, I will do my best to explain.

A rickshaw is a mix between a motorized car and a bike. They have no doors and seatbelts and

under law can only hold up to three passengers. We, however, have had as many as seven of us in one.

In India, or at least in Karnataka, there are yellow lines down the middle similar to the ones we have in the States. Back home, drivers often break the holy yellow line to pass a slow car.

Crazy drivers, like my grandpa (who felt that these lines are merely suggestions and drove on the middle or even the wrong side of the road), do exist. Nearly every driver in Karnataka, however, must truly believe that these lines are suggestions.

I am still not even sure why they have these lines. All of the rickshaws I have driven in are just as much on the wrong side of the road as on the right one.

Surprisingly, I have not seen a single accident. This is probably due to the fact that the average rickshaw driver uses his horn approximately every five seconds.

While this of course gets quite old on a 10 minute drive into

the city, it just adds to the crazy charm of India.

Prices are extremely reasonable in India, even for a broke college student like me. I love going out to eat at a hotel and having it cost less than three dollars. Living in an environment where 40 rupees equals one American dollar skews traditional concepts of bargaining.

This is where the rickshaw and shopping experiences meet its most ridiculous point: bargaining for a rickshaw. Although rickshaws have meters, both the passengers and the driver often try to avoid them, hoping to benefit through bargaining.

Whenever we go out in groups, one person always ends up bargaining with the driver down to the last rupee. Last night for example, my friend bargained for five minutes over five rupees, which is the equivalent of 12 cents.

And that is when you just have to laugh and love the craziness of India.

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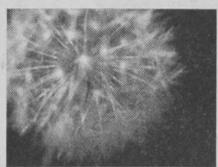
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Just kiss him, Kate



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The cast of *Kiss Me, Kate* (and a donkey driven by gangsters Frank Lee and Cody Beauchamp) brings down the curtain with their final musical number (above). Lee and Beauchamp (bottom right) kept the audience laughing during "Brush up Your Shakespeare." Senior Lauren Kampf and sophomore Matt Amling (below) headlined the show.

Cast of *Kiss Me, Kate* keeps audience laughing

By Jacob Geiger
MANAGING EDITOR

Anyone who's watched shows at W&L over the last few years should no longer be surprised when Lauren Kampf steals the show.

But this weekend in the Lenfest Center, Kampf did just that, wowing audiences with biting, bitter and sarcastic rendition of Lilli Vanessi and Kate in "Kiss Me, Kate."

Her standout performance capped a busy and successful career on the W&L stages.

"It's definitely bittersweet," Kampf said after opening night. "This cast is awesome and so much fun to work with, but it's bittersweet since this is my last show."

"Kiss Me, Kate" gives the audience a backstage look at a dysfunctional theater company trying to perform Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" on a hot summer night in Baltimore.

"Working with [Lauren] is a dream. She takes direction really well and brings so much to a character."

ROB MISH, director

Lilli Vanessi is the company's female star, a temperamental woman who also happens to be divorced from Fred Graham, the show's director, writer, choreographer and male star. They appear to have made their peace, but then Vanessi gets the flowers and note that Graham had meant to send to another actress. The result is less than cheery.

Kampf and Matt Amling, the sophomore who played Graham, hold a snarling and nasty fight that rages both on stage and off. Kate's solo mid-way through Act One really says it all: "I Hate Men."

Amling played Graham as the straight man, letting Kampf provide most of the comedy at his expense. On the musical numbers, however, he took a backseat to nobody and his powerful, impressive voice filled the packed theater.

And to make sure things didn't get too slow, a pair of gangsters were hanging around throughout the show, trying

to collect \$10,000 from Graham. Realizing that the gangsters might give him some leverage, Graham tells them that he won't have their money unless the show is a success.

When Vanessi won't return to the stage because Graham had given her a severe on-stage spanking, the gangsters switch their double-breasted suits out for Shakespearean tights. They do, however, bring their pistols along.

As the play rolled along, Cody Beauchamp and Frank Lee III—whether wearing their suits or the tights—always had the audience laughing. Their performance really peaked, however, with the show-stopping number, "Brush up Your Shakespeare." The audience could not get enough of the singing and dancing gangsters as they traded their pistols out for hats and canes.

"For the first few weeks a lot of what we were doing was working with the [dance choreographer]," Beauchamp said. "Halfway through we started working with the cast ... it was sort of a mirror to the show, where these two guys just show up out of nowhere."

Director Rob Mish said the challenge for him was always trying to look at the big picture.

"Not only do you have cast, crew, music, design and lighting," Mish said, but "the director has to have the whole picture and imagine what he wants on stage and then explain it to the group."

Mish appeared alongside Kampf last year in the "Pirates of Penzance," but this was his first time directing her.

"Working with [Lauren] is a dream," he said. "She takes direction really well and brings so much to a character."

Kampf hopes to pursue an acting career after graduation. She said her favorite role was Ruth in "Pirates," but she also would like to play Maureen from "Rent" or any of the characters in "Les Misérables."

Beauchamp said his first time on the W&L stage made him feel like he was joining a theater family. He said veterans like Kampf and Michael Wagoner, a senior who played the role of General Harrison Howell, were very welcoming to the new actors.

"It is really fun," Beauchamp said, "to work with people who are about as professional as you can get without getting a paycheck."



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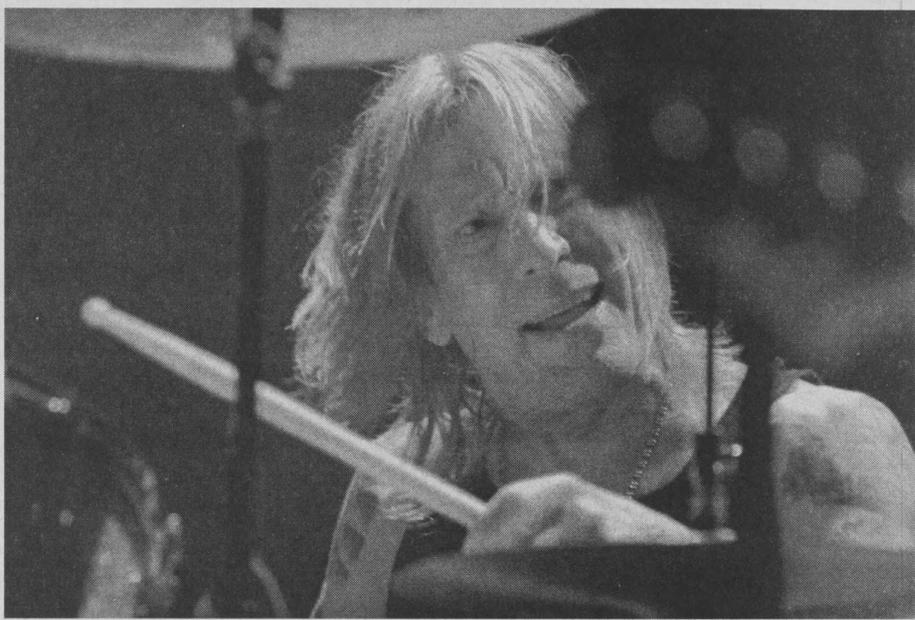
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(Far left) Guitarist Warren Haynes belts into the microphone during Saturday night's concert. Haynes was a member of the Allman Brothers before he started Gov't Mule. He was Ranked 23rd on Rolling Stone's list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time. (Near left) Keyboard player Danny Louis keeps his eyes on the music. (Above) Matt Abts strikes up on drums. Abts is an original member of the band and was nominated for a Grammy award in 2003.



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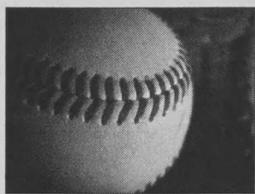
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Women's tennis wins NCAA team title

Senior Emily Applegate places second in individual singles tournament

By Michael Keenan
SPORTS EDITOR

The past three years the Washington and Lee women's tennis team has seen incredible seasons come to an end just short of bringing home a national championship. This year, they would not be denied. With a 5-2 victory over Amherst College, the team claimed the first women's national championship in school history and just the second overall.

On Tuesday, May 15th, the Generals played their quarterfinal match against the Panthers of Middlebury College.

"Everyone knew what a battle it was going to be after doubles, and Middlebury fought hard," said junior Kelly Will.

"That first match against Middlebury was extremely tight. Watching the match at 3-3, I knew that we needed two more courts to win," said senior Ginny Wortham.

"Off the court watching the team was definitely nervous that it could be our last match of the season, but on the court I think the last three players were very confident and knew they were going to stay out there until we got the last two points," said junior Leah Weston.

Tabb's victory in No. 3 singles over Emery, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, provided the point and the Generals were through to the semifinals.

"I think that match was the toughest of the tournament. The close victory over Middlebury definitely motivated us for the next two matches," said Wortham.

The team made a point of enjoying the experience and staying relaxed as well.

"We would drive up to the courts with our music blasting and we'd be singing along and dancing in the van," said Will. "We were about to play an incredibly important match and here we are being silly to 'Glamorous' or 'Give It To Me.'"

In the semifinals the next day, the Generals faced the Ephs of Williams, who had handed the Generals their only loss of the season.

"Losing to Williams in the regular season was probably one of the best things that could have motivated us for that match," said Wortham. "When we played Williams during the regular season, I think we came out a little flat in the doubles and never regained our momentum into singles," said Wortham. "Not Wednesday."

After sweeping the doubles matches, sophomore Katie Tabb and Will earned victories to end the match, 5-0, meaning W&L would be in the finals for the third year in a row. This year the Generals would meet Amherst, who defeated Sewanee 5-0 to secure their berth in the finals.

"The atmosphere at Mary Washington surrounding the match was unbelievable," said Wortham. "There were so many people - family and friends - watching and cheering."

"The team tried to look at the championship match as just being another match in order for us to stay relaxed," said Weston. "Regardless, there is no denying that playing in the finals of nationals caused a thrilling atmosphere of anxiety and excitement."

The Generals scored the first point of the match when Weston and freshman Lauren Caire de-

feated Amherst's duo of Jennifer Murphy and Laura Stein at No. 3 doubles. Amherst evened the score when Alicia Menezes and Brittany Berckes beat Emily Applegate and Kristen McClung at No. 1 doubles, 8-3. The Generals took the final point of the doubles portion when Tabb and Wortham defeated Katie Hudson and Jill Wexler at no. 2 doubles, 8-5.

In singles, Will quickly defeated Murphy 6-0, 6-2, to give the Generals a 3-1 lead. Soon after, senior Emily Applegate defeated Menezes 6-2, 6-1, to bring the Generals within one match of winning the title. Though Berckes defeated Wortham to cut the Generals lead to 4-2, soon Tabb had match point in her No. 3 singles match against Monica Snyder.

"I just remember realizing that Katie Tabb had match point, watching her win the point, and then running on to her court," said Wortham. "I was in shock. I couldn't believe that we had won. The victory was even more special because we were able to share it with our entire team, friends, and especially our family members who have been supporting us since we were junior players."

"The moment we won the national championship was obviously the best moment of that week, and being with the team the rest of the day and celebrating together was the best memory of the week, and one of the best moments of my entire life," said Weston.

"While I would have loved to win the last two finals I played, winning this year was so much more special," said Wortham. "Winning a national champion-

ship has been my goal since I started playing on the women's tennis team my freshman year. Not only was it the perfect ending to my college career, I am so glad I could share this victory with this special group of people."

Applegate, Wortham, and Tabb were chosen to play in the individual singles tournament and the duo of Applegate and McClung were chosen to play in the doubles tournament.

"The individual part of the tournament is like a completely new tournament," said Wortham.

Only Applegate survived the first round. Tabb was defeated by Pomona-Pitzer's Siobhan Finicane 6-2, 0-6, 1-6. Wortham fell to Middlebury's Amy Roche, 6-4, 3-6, 2-6, and Applegate and McClung lost to Jordan Hook and Karly Olson of Wheaton College 7-5, 3-6, 3-6.

Applegate defeated Wellesley's Jenna Mezin in the first round and rallied against The College of New Jersey's Jackie Shtemberg to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, in the second round. The next day, Applegate defeated Megan Tiegs of St. Benedict and Wheaton's Jordan Hook in straight sets to advance to the finals for the second straight year to face top-seeded Liz Bondi of DePauw. After losing the first set 6-2, Applegate came back to take tie the match with a 6-4 victory in the second set. However, Bondi won the third set in a tie break to win the individual title. This was just the sixth loss in Applegate's career. At W&L, Applegate won 65 matches.

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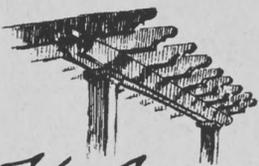


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Doornbos shines in hep at NCAAs

By Kevin Corn
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore Stacy Doornbos spent last Thursday and Friday busy in Oshkosh, Wis., at the 2007 Track and Field Division III NCAA Championships, competing in the Women's Heptathlon. Doornbos finished 14th in her first trip to Nationals.

"It was an awesome opportunity to compete here at the NCAAs this year. I had a lot of fun. It was more competitive obviously than the hep[athlons] that I have been competing in throughout this year," said Doornbos after the meet. "Also, one main difference was that I was not use to competing with that many competitors. There were 18 girls competing this year and the most I have ever

done a hep with is 8."

Doornbos competed well after battling severe weather conditions on Day 1, including wind gusts of up to 51 miles an hour. Doornbos ran her 100m hurdles with a 29 mile per hour wind at her back. This helped her to run a career best time of 15.77 seconds, good for 743 points.

"What is really good about this meet is that they can turn the events around so that the athletes are running with the wind to help them," Doornbos said of her hurdle race. "With the 100 meter hurdles I think it really helped all the athletes who competed to run their best times this season."

After the hurdles, Doornbos cleared 5' 0.25" in the high jump, earning her another 655 points. Then, in the shot put, Doornbos

threw just under thirty feet to earn 471 points.

The final event on Thursday was the 200m dash.

"The winds had actually slowed because it started to rain really hard," said Doornbos. "It would have been nice to have had a tail wind for the 200."

Doornbos still finished strong with a time of 25.61, good for fifth place, 832 points, and resetting her own school record in the event.

Friday's first event was the long jump, where Doornbos placed fifth by jumping 16' 9.25", earning another 589 points. Next, Doornbos threw the javelin a distance of 59' 6.25", adding an additional 254 points to her total.

Finally, Doornbos prepared for her 800m run, the last event in

the heptathlon.

"I really look forward to all the events in the hep so I just went into [the 800] the same way I do in all my events, I do the best I can and try to focus on just one event at a time," said Doornbos.

Doornbos went on in the 800 to finish fourth in the event with a time of 2:22.89, earning 785 points, bringing her final total to 4329 points. With this total, Doornbos captured 14th in the Nation.

"Overall the meet went well," said Doornbos. "I had a lot of fun and learned a lot about competing in the hep. I am already looking forward to next year and hopefully next year I will be up on the podium. Since I was one of the youngest girls there for the hep, I think it just takes time to learn all those events."

James records top-20 finish at nationals

By Brian Devine
SPORTS EDITOR

Most college golfers would be satisfied with simply making an appearance at the four-day National Championships at the end of a season. Only 120 golfers were invited to take part in the Di-

vision III event, hosted by Anderson University from May 15-18. Junior Nathaniel James was the only one from Washington and Lee. But that honor, enough for most golfers, didn't satisfy James. Despite his eventual finish, tied for 19th, he expressed unhappiness with his performance.

"I was out of sync pretty much the whole time and was not able to finish well on the last day," he said. With a top ten finish in sight, James shot a 7-over 79 on Friday's fourth round and finished with a 307 for the four-day tournament, 19 strokes over par and only four strokes out of tenth position.

Much of James' performance can be explained by the conditions he faced at The Hawthorns Country Club in Fisher, Indiana. The field struggled with the course, suffering what James called "three days of difficult conditions." Only champion Clinton Dammann was under par for the tournament.

St. John's won the team title, shooting 300-300-301-303 to finish at +52. Each team that won its conference took five golfers to the event. W&L failed to qualify as a team because they finished second in the ODAC tournament from April 21st to 23rd. The victors of that tournament, Guilford College, finished seventh at the national tournament. That left James as the sole W&L golfer in the field, which he called "the greatest disappointment of the year... [The team was] so close to going this year that it was really tough to get over." The promising Generals squad finished 17 strokes behind Guilford in that

event, though many, including James, thought they had the talent to win and continue on to Nationals.

While admittedly downtrodden about this May's results, James is already looking forward to next season, where he hopes to finish in the top five golfers nationally. That would require an improvement greater than the one made by James over the last twelve months. In his sophomore year, James finished at 24-over at the National Championships. Placing among Division III's most elite is an ambitious goal simply by virtue of the players returning for next season. Dammann is a junior, and 12 of the 18 golfers who finished ahead of James will compete next year.

However, James said he is focusing on the team's expectations for the year ahead. "This team is definitely one that can win [the conference] next season. I will be extremely disappointed if we don't. We have a lot of great players on our team that have been steadily improving and maturing over the last couple of years. I anticipate having an extremely competitive team next year capable of excelling at all levels of competition."



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