After years of planning and meticulous research, the Washington and Lee University 2012 Mock Convention predicted Saturday that former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney will run against Barack Obama as the Republican candidate for president.

Romney's win over 217 delegates from across the country was believed to be the result of his strong performance in the Republican primary races.

"It's a great day for the Republican Party," said Governor Romney. "I'm looking forward to a strong, positive campaign."
What's the big deal?

BY TERRI BROWER

First Session

Dick Warren '53: "Mock conventions are always won­
derful and truly interesting due to the diverse af­fi­liations over a long period of time by W&L students. The
speeches were marvelous. They were inspiring, talk­ing
about some of the students."

Amanda Dixon '15: "I really enjoyed it. J.C. Watts
was engaging and informative."

Liz Bell: "I loved [Thaddeus McCotter], I thought
he was very enthusiastic. They had a lot of energy. A lot of repeated
themes: self-governance. Self-governance was the key
topic. Fred Thompson was just too long and just too
dry. It is a great tradition at W&L and this has been
one of the best I have ever attended. I came all the way
from Kentucky to listen to him."

Mary Decembrino (mother of '12 graduate): "I
thought [the speakers] were able to
make you think. It wouldn't be exciting if they said
the same thing."

Tommy Joe Bednar '15: "A convention like the Mock Con­
vention at W&L is a great opportu­nity for students to learn about the
political process and realize a party
needs to be erased by a Republican Presi­dent.

Second Session

Mark Sowimski '14: "I really enjoyed it. J.C. Watts
told some really moving stories."

Loree Lewis '72: "[I thought like the speakers] were
very enthusiastic. They had a lot of energy. A lot of repeated
themes: self-governance. Self-governance was the key
message. It was a good one. I really liked how Hunt­
ington incorporated ours.

Liz Bell: "I don't think much of them."

Clare McEvilley: "I thought

Third Session

Amanda Dixon '15: "I think we had really impressive
speakers who had a lot of personal insight. They
gave a lot of personal insight."

Gary Franks, winning coach (attended for 1st Mock Con): "I think they are always different, because
the students' bodies always change. It is always chang­ing.

Continued from "Mock Con...

"What this evening is about is your
minds, not necessarily of the
future," said Huntington. "You have a
duty and an obligation and a respon­sibility to give
back."

Huntington emphasized the poli­
ician's goal of gaining the heart of
America and not to be political."

"It's an interesting deal when
you look somebody in the eye and say
'I want your vote,'" said Hunt­
ington.

Although he talked about his po­
itical past, he said politicians and
citizens must remember what's really
important.

"We must regain confidence...I
are Americans before I am a Repul­
lican. We are Americans first and foremost."

Letters to the Editor

Watts's speech, which closed the night, asked Huntington's point that
Americans need to be united."

"This is not your America, it's not
my America, it's our America," Watts
said. "[The party] can represent a wide range of different viewpoints. They
were really bold. I really liked the speeches."

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Fourth Session

Clare McEvilley: "I think I was done but pre­
decided."

Terry Joe Barber: "I thought it was going to be
Watts all along. I was surprised by the margin we
won and the choice of vice president."

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Romney in the lead... and have the courage to
speak straight with the American
dress the crowd.

Third Session

"The process now rests with our
state roll-call. After Indiana gave
its 46 of its delegates to Romney, he
unites us as Republicans," said Bar­
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decisions' and be proud of America, in
the federal government running tril­
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Students represent states in parade

By Tommy Kent and Coe Ferrell

In between all the serious business in
the Warner Center, W&L students had a
bit of fun Friday morning with the Mock
Convention Parade.

"You can kind of see how everyone was
inspired to take part in this convention and
show their pride for their country and their
states," said sophomore Emily Crawford.

The delegation from South Carolina took
home first prize in the float contest, but all
states represented themselves well in the
students' eyes.

"I was really surprised by how everything
came together. I was here last night to
about midnight, and there were still a few
floats without anything on them," said first-
year Amira Hegazy.

For many students, the parade was just as
important a part of the convention as the
sessions.

"I think it is just a chance to be creative.
It is tradition," said junior Wyn Boerckel.
"That's the whole point. That is why it's fun."
Dear Rachel

Thank you for your letter. I agree that a lot of people in the PNL have probably noticed that one of my goals is to make sure that I spend more time reading W&L's publications, and that I would love to see more in-depth analysis of campus life in the future. As a result, I believe it is important to us as a staff to work on providing you with a more comprehensive and in-depth perspective on campus life. I hope that in the future, we can continue to improve and provide you with a more informative and engaging publication.

Sincerely,
Campbell Burr
Impressions of Mock Con

W&L's Mock Convention was a HUGE hit! Thank you to everyone who was involved in putting together such a fabulous, memorable weekend. Take a look at what students are saying about the event:

Robert Uhlan

Class of 2012

Best speech: Huckabee

Three words to describe Ann Coulter: Smart, sexy, opinionated

Three words to describe James Carville: Personable, lively, incorrect

Favorite social event of the weekend: Parade

Most attractive speaker: Huntsman

Person you wish had come to campus: Ron Paul... riding an elephant

Favorite float in the parade: Vermont

Funniest state fact during roll call: Hawai'i's pineapples

If you were a speaker, what song would you want played as you walked on stage? “Welcome to the Jungle” soundtrack

Do you agree with the prediction? Yes

Would you rather vote for Mitt Romney or Obama? Ron Paul, but Romney if I HAD to pick one

Comas Carlock

Class of 2013

Best speech: The between Jon Huntsman and Eric Cantor

Three words to describe Ann Coulter: Ravishing, insightful, clever

Three words to describe James Carville: Imposing, comedic, philosophical

Favorite social event of the weekend: The band party

Most attractive speaker: Ann Coulter

Person I wished came to campus: Senator John McCain

Favorite float: Oregon

Funniest state fact during roll call: Guam

Do you agree with the prediction? Yes

Would you rather vote for Mitt Romney or Obama: Mitt "The Sh*t" Romney

Brenda McGoldrick

Class of 2014

Best speech: Rep. Bob Goodlatte's rhetorical questions got me all riled up

Three words to describe Ann Coulter: F**k, marry, kill

Three words to describe James Carville: Looks like Gollum

Favorite social event of the weekend: VIP Dinner on Friday night

Most attractive speaker: Kelly Evans wins it in a 49 state landslide

Person you wish had come to campus: THE HUNTSMANS

Favorite float in the parade: Puerto Rico obviously!

Funniest state fact during roll call: "Michigan, home to Detroit, where the temperature isn't the only thing keeping you from going outside."

Do you agree with the prediction? Sure, but I don't think it will be that kind of blowout

Would you rather vote for Mitt Romney or Obama: Mitt "The Sh*t" Romney

Nicolas Giolosa

Class of 2012

Best speech: My favorite speech of the weekend was Huckabee. Although he's idealistic, I really thought he was a great speaker, and I would love to live in his version of America.

Three words to describe Ann Coulter: Hot, bold, strong-willed

Three words to describe James Carville: Understands his audience

Favorite social event of the weekend: Parade! Fun for the whole family!

Most attractive speaker: Huntsman

Person you wish had come to campus: Herman Cain! I was really looking forward to seeing him speak. Too bad he couldn't make it.

Favorite float in the parade: Puerto Rico obviously!

Funniest state fact during roll call: "Party in the USA"

Do you agree with the prediction? Absolutely. Mitt will surely get the nomination.

Would you rather vote for Mitt Romney or Obama? Since Romney won't continue to run up our national debt and run our economy into the ground, he's America's only real choice.

Alexandra Ulls

Class of 2014

Best speech: Eric Cantor's speech was phenomenal, but I would still have to say that Congressman Thad McCotter's was my favorite. It really made me think about "the times in which we live."

Three words to describe Ann Coulter: Uncompromising, pragmatic, sexy

Three words to describe James Carville: Razor', engaging, cajun

Favorite social event of the weekend: Fun for the whole family!

Person you wish had come to campus: Herman Cain! I was really looking forward to seeing him speak. Too bad he couldn't make it.

Favorite float in the parade: My own float, American Samoa

Funniest state fact during roll call: Oregon, the Beaver State

If you were a speaker, what song would you want played as you walked on stage? "I am a Real American" by Rick Derringer

Do you agree with the prediction? Absolutely. Mitt will surely get the nomination.

Would you rather vote for Mitt Romney or Obama? Since Romney won't continue to run up our national debt and run our economy into the ground, he's America's only real choice.

Philip Rassani

Class of 2012
February got you down?

By Cynthia Lam
COPY EDITOR

Oh. It's February. This dreary realization immediately brings to mind grueling midterm exams and chubby, halft-naked cupids. After the hype of the New Year, the rest of the season pales in comparison to the excitement of the holidays. Instead, we are left with stale Superbowl wings, barely-existent snow flurries, and stubborn leftover pounds as we lazily drag ourselves through winter term. Luckily, the Ring-tum Phi has found the cure for these Winter Blues, with our innovative ways to celebrate lesser-known national holidays. Forget about Valentine's Day - these wild and wacky festivities will fill each day with thrills and excitement! Here are just a few of the holidays you might have overlooked last month in the hazy blur of January:

Squirrel Appreciation Day (21st) — Ready to go nuts! Show some love for your favorite furry friends by wearing plastic buckteeth and fuzzy brown clothing from head to tail. For a truly authentic wildlife experience, scurry up oak trees, nibble on acorn cookies, fight off chipmunks, and dig random holes in the back trails of the Blue Ridge Mountains to bury your precious nuts. After one day as a squirrel, you'll never want to go back to being a stressed-out human college student again.

Measure Your Feet Day (23rd) — Go all out by measuring your feet length, width, size, surface area, and volume. For extra fun, measure your friends' feet. Better yet, stop random people heading to class on the Colonnade and measure their feet. Format comparison, anyone?

Belly Laugh Day (24th) — Do you get annoyed when people laugh obnoxiously loud? Well, today is your chance to laugh just as loud by showing off your deepest, rowdiest belly laugh. That means throwing your arms up in the air, doubling over in laughter, and shaking uncontrollably on the ground every chance you get. But don't stop here - text LOL!!!, ROFL!!!, and LMAO!!! in bold, size 36 font all day long to share your belly laugh with everyone. Laughing out loud has never been more fun.

Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day (25th) — Pop. Pop. Pop. We're excited. Are you? Line your dorm halls with bubble wrap, and you'll always be able to tell when people come and go.

Thomas Crapper Day (27th) — As the inventor of the toilet, Thomas Crapper is definitely one of our most under-appreciated geniuses. Without him, life would be pretty messy... but let's not even go there. To make it up, show Mr. Crapper some love by singing "Happy Birthday" to him every time you go to the bathroom. Thanks to him, we can literally flush our "troubles" away.

Insane Answering Machine Day (30th) — Admit it. We've all been tricked by those ridiculous messages. Well, today it's your turn to have some fun. Try out these classic lines for a good laugh!

"Hey, this is WLUR, you're on air."
"Hello, this is the Rejection Hotline. How can I help you?"
"Hi, I'm probably here, just avoiding someone I don't like. Leave a message, and if I don't call back, it's you."

Now that you've seen all the enticing holidays you missed in January, keep an eye out for the ones in February. Beans (Dried and Fresh) Month, anyone?

Director relates prisoner's tale

Film director Alexandra Sviridova spoke to students about the terrors of Gulag Labor Camps

By Anna DiBenedetto
STAFF WRITER

Renowned Russian film director Alexandra Sviridova told Washington and Lee students the story of a Gulag Labor Camp prisoner who survived frigid winters and cannibalistic fellow inmates.

In Leyburn Library last Tuesday, Sviridova recounted the experience of Varlam Shalamov, a Russian writer who was placed in the Gulag Labor Camp in the Kolyma Region of Germany in 1937. Kolyma is known for its six-month cold winters with average temperatures of -10 degrees Fahrenheit.

Shalamov's story is about his time in the camp, Kolyma Tales. In it he details how some prisoners were called "pigs." Pigs were veteran prisoners who would befriended new prisoners by taking them under his wing and looking out for him. He would feed him extra pieces of bread, and then in the winter, when there was no food, the "pig" would kill the less-experienced prisoner and feed on his body.

Sviridova was born in Moscow in 1951 and has received numerous awards for her work as a filmmaker and as an author. She was brought to campus as part of the Russian area studies program.
Jeremy Lin, the new point guard extraordinaire for the New York Knicks, has been the hottest topic in the NBA for the past week. The "Linsanity" seems growing with each passing game. Lin not only continues to put on stellar performances, but has also led the Knicks to five straight victories—beating scoring record holders Carmelo Anthony and Amar'e Stoudemire. The fact that Lin has capitalized his game with these two star players on the bench has led some to believe that the Knicks may be better when Lin is in the final point. However, while Anthony and Stoudemire do need to adjust their playing style upon returning to the lineup, analysts should not get carried away. Lin will remain integral to the Knicks' success, but the team should still revolve around Anthony and Amar'e.

For those who missed it, Jeremy Lin emerged from obscurity last week in leading Knicks' team back to relevance. Some may remember him from his days at Harvard or from his brief stint with the Golden State Warriors, but most knew little about him until he recently caught the eye of all with his incredible scoring touch. After scoring 25 points against the Nets, he added 28 points (and a blue-gatorade-tinged-tongue-out celebration) against the Jazz, and a whopping 38 points (and a blue-gatorade-tinged-tongue-out celebration) against the Lakers. With each game, Lin convinces more fans that his rise is no fluke.

Despite Lin's impressive numbers, his performances should be kept in perspective. Lin will remain integral to the Knicks against the Eastern Conference's best teams. The Knicks will need an elite, crunch-time scorer (and a blue-gatorade-tinged-tongue-out celebration) against the Jazz, and a whopping 38 points (and a blue-gatorade-tinged-tongue-out celebration) against the Lakers. With each game, Lin convinces more fans that his rise is no fluke. Although easier said than done, this collection of players can definitely succeed when they suit each other's strengths. Although easier said than done, this collection of players can definitely succeed when they suit each other's strengths.

The Knicks have succeeded over the past five games due to their ability to fulfill their team's needs from the point guard position rather than his ability to replace Anthony and Stoudemire. Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni prefers an up-tempo style that puts a premium on the point guard's command of the game. While Lin is not a fast-break maestro, he excels at the pick-and-roll, a skill that fits perfectly with the Knicks' system. Lin has demonstrated a tremendous ability to distribute the ball well, Lin has shown an incredible scoring touch. After scoring 25 points against the Nets, he added 28 points (and a blue-gatorade-tinged-tongue-out celebration) against the Jazz, and a whopping 38 points against the Lakers. With each game, Lin convinces more fans that his rise is no fluke. Without detracting from his amazing run, Lin may not be able to maintain his scoring pace against the Eastern Conference's best teams. The Knicks will need an elite, crunch-time scorer against the Jazz, and a whopping 38 points against the Lakers. With each game, Lin convinces more fans that his rise is no fluke.

To succeed, though, the Knicks need Lin, Anthony, and Stoudemire to adjust their styles in order to complement both Anthony's and Stoudemire's skill sets. Prior to his injury, Anthony needed to be content with having less of a creative role and allowing the point guard to run the show. Because the reality is, as cliché as it sounds, teams are better than individuals. When he returns, Anthony will have to be content with having less of a creative role and allowing the point guard to run the show. Because the reality is, as cliché as it sounds, teams are better than individuals.

The person with the most success should rely on a heavy dose of number 17, and not number 23. Lin will remain integral to the Knicks' success, but the team should still revolve around Anthony and Amar'e. And the latter has only started four NBA games. But the similarities are there. And the success when the system works is there as well.

Many think Anthony's style of play will not fit with Lin's, but there's reason to believe Lin's presence has increased Anthony's production. Anthony has picked up his game after Lin's return to the lineup. In addition to distributing the ball well, Lin has shown a tremendous ability to hit the open man, and who can hit the open jumper when it is there. Without detracting from his amazing run, Lin may not be able to maintain his scoring pace against the Eastern Conference's best teams. The Knicks will need an elite, crunch-time scorer against the Jazz, and a whopping 38 points against the Lakers. With each game, Lin convinces more fans that his rise is no fluke.

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**Women's T&F strong at Naval Academy**

_Figuette, Maddison, and Schultz lead team at Navy Sweetheart Meet_

By Leigh Dannhauser

Washington and Lee's women's track and field team continued to break records on its way to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships.

Two more records fell yesterday at the School of Science Center, the last meet before the ODAC championships.

Sophomore Zander Tallman broke both the 200m record and the 400m record, en route to placing first among Division III competitors in both events. Tallman also placed first overall in the 440.

Tallman ran the 400m in a time of 49.06. Not only was this a school record, but the time places him among the Top 10 for all Division III runners in the event this season. He also holds the top ranking in the ODAC in the event.

The Generals return to the track on February 29 when they compete for the ODAC title.

**Women's swimming leading ODACs**

After 2 days of competition, the Generals boast a lead of almost 200 points

By Leigh Dannhauser

Washington and Lee's women's swimming championship team continued to lead with a score of 451 points. Randolph-Macon was in second with 295 points, while Sweet Briar was in third with 244 points.

The first day of the three-day meet was highlighted with a new school record in the 800 medley relay. Seniors Andrea Canada and Dana Pedderman teamed up with sophomores Meredith Hardy and first-year Courtney Mazzurarle to win in a time of 7:59.44. The astounding performance set a meet record.

The Generals also won the 200 free relay and the 500 freestyle. The 200 free relay team consisted of Canada, Pedderman, Hardy, and the first-year Katterhagen. The 500 free relay team consisted of Hardy, Pedderman, and the first-years, Katterhagen and Kane Thomas. Both records were broken in the second day of competition as the girls surged forward, scratching the 800 free relay and the 500 backstroke.

The 800 free relay team consisted of Hardy, Hardy, senior Elizabeth Starnes, and sophomore Lance Kellie. They swam a time of 7:55.84 to break the school record and the ODAC record. Pedderman broke the 100 breast record with a time of 1:09.43.

The Generals continued to dominate on Sunday with performances in the breaststroke and backstroke. Results from other events were not available.

**Tallman runs into record books**

Generals continue to break records as the ODAC championships loom closer

By Leigh Dannhauser

Sophomore Zander Tallman broke both the 200m record and the 400m record, en route to placing first among Division III competitors in both events. Tallman also placed first overall in the 440.

Tallman ran the 400m in a time of 49.06. Not only was this a school record, but the time places him among the Top 10 for all Division III runners in the event this season. He also holds the top ranking in the ODAC in the event.

The Generals return to the track on February 29 when they compete for the ODAC title.