

Civil Rights activist to speak on service, sacrifice next week

Georgia Congressman John Lewis comes to Davidson Monday

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Congressman Lewis, a reknown civil rights activist will speak

U.S. Representative John Lewis of Atlanta, Ga. will speak at Davidson College on Monday, February 24 at Tyler Tallman Hall in the Sloan Music Center.

While at Davidson, Lewis will visit several classes and give a lecture on resistance and public service today. The lecture is open to the entire Davidson community, and all are invited to hear Congressman Lewis share his memories, concerns and thoughts.

Known for his outstanding contribution and dedication to human rights throughout the country, John Lewis is currently serving his eighth term in Congress. Lewis is renowned not only for his current position as Congressman for the fifth District in Atlanta, but also for his worldwide contributions to the Civil Rights movement. He has served as chair of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

In the past, Lewis has organized several marches, freedom rides and voter registration drives across the South to actively promote civil rights.

Congressman Lewis was born in Troy, Alabama. He attended segregated schools until enrolling in Fisk University. At Fisk, he earned a Bachelor Degree of Arts in Religion and Philosophy. He is also a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Tennessee.

Congressman Lewis has earned numerous awards including the coveted Martin Luther King, Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize. In 1963 he was Chairman of the SNCC and one of the "Big Six" leaders in the Civil Rights movement.

In 1986, Lewis was elected congressman of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District representing Atlanta and still holds that position today.

The congressman's visit is a remarkable opportunity for the college community. Lewis will relay his struggles and speak about civil rights today.

Lewis' visit is the result of student interest. Adam Chalker '04 met Congressman Lewis on a recent outreach program and invited him to come to Davidson. Chalker said, "It is a true honor that he will join the Davidson Community, for he is a man of true spirit and courage and has so much to offer to our community."

The Davidson community can look forward to hearing the distinguished congressman's remarks next week.

Speakers: Looking Ahead

Nobel Prize winning physicist Eric Cornell will deliver the annual Smith Lecture on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the 900 Room.

His talk is entitled "Stone Cold Science: Bose-Einstein Condensation and the Weird World of Physics a Millionth of a Degree from Absolute Zero"

Cornell's lecture is geared toward listeners from all backgrounds and interests, not just science majors.

Cornell is a Fellow of JILA and an Adjoint Professor of Physics at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He shares the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physics with Carl Wieman and Wolfgang Ketterle.



Washington vows to 'get big things done' as SGA prez

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Thursday's meeting marked the beginning of a new term for the SGA. Recently elected SGA president Charles Washington '04 and SGA vice president Katharine Hubbard '05 were both sworn in to office.

During the meeting, SGA president Gray Patterson delivered his farewell address, which outlined the accomplishments of the SGA during the past year and highlighted a few of his hopes for the future of Davidson student government. He also addressed what has become known as the Kappa Sigma goose-killing incident. He stated the Davidson College student body must demonstrate that they are against what happened. He suggested giving \$300 to the Humane Society in order to prove that Davidson is not just about talk, but action. The SGA voted in favor of the motion.

Washington, in his inaugural address, also mentioned the incident and said that the student body should be responsible for showing that what occurred is an aberration, not what is typical of Davidson students.

"My mother says 'sometimes one bad thing outweighs a hundred good ones.' If that's the case, we need to encourage the student body to do 101 good things," Washington said.

Washington spoke about his plans for the SGA. He wants to continue boosting school spirit and supporting athletics. He also hopes to increase communication between organizations on campus, especially between the Patterson Court Council and the SGA. He believes communication has become especially pertinent

because of the Kappa Sigma incident and the coming arrival of Alpha Phi Alpha, Davidson's first historically black fraternity, to Patterson Court.

"Changes in Patterson Court and in Davidson's Social life are coming. There is no question about that. I think it is important that the students present a united voice that is heard by the administration when decisions affecting our social lives are made," Washington said.

In order to accomplish this goal of increased communication, Washington suggested creating a Patterson Court relations committee to regularly attend PCC meetings and serve as a medium of communication.

He also wants the SGA to be more creative, especially with the money that has been allotted for special projects, and more proactive in their decision-making.

Additionally, Washington felt the SGA should follow through with its past accomplishments, such as its suggestions for the Honor Code and Code of Responsibility, as well as the Improve Davidson Fund initiated last week.

"We won't forget the lessons we learned and will continue to work with the administration to get big things done. But we will also work on creative, new initiatives as well. And we will work to improve social life and communication. We will work to support our athletic teams. Wherever there is a student concern, a problem that needs to be addressed; we will work," Washington said.

Knowing both accomplishments past and pending, most at the meeting agreed the SGA was on track for a successful year.

Debate, from page 1

tions on the conflict, the debate will provide details and sufficient support for each stance. Dr. Ortmayer said, "Hopefully the forum will articulate what exactly we are talking about."

Potentially the first preemptive war in US history, the conflict deserves more attention than it has received on campus. Although Ortmayer recognizes Davidson is not as politically active as it should be, he is still "kind of surprised not much has been done before this." In its history, Davidson has had its fair share

ions," passions are sure to arise from this controversial issue. Lee agreed, "...the crowd will be made of those who are most committed to their convictions and beliefs, and, so, will be made of those most passionate on both sides of the debate."

However all of those involved hope passion will be accompanied with open minds and ears.

For many students, participation is vital. Five Davidson students traveled down to Charlotte this weekend to join hundreds more in one of the

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of political debates and forums. Just like those all around the country, Davidson students used debates to express their opinions during both the Vietnam and Gulf Wars.

Even if no one has a huge change of heart over the solution to the Iraqi conflict, Alexander hopes the debate will raise more awareness of the issue. He said, "Contact between people who hold different views helps both sides think more rigorously on the position they hold."

While Alexander describes the debate as a "civil dialogue with people of different opin-

many anti-war protests which took place around the world. One of the attendees, Putnam Ivey '05 said, "I feel that getting visibly involved-taking a stance and demonstrating my beliefs- is extremely important right now."

Tonight's Debate
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Site: Union Atrium
Moderator: Dr. Lou Ortmayer
Organizers: College Republicans, Students against War in Iraq

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