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GENERAL NOTES

W&L faculty keeps calendar

Washington and Lee University's faculty voted 127 to 64 to keep its current academic calendar, including its six-week spring term.

In doing so, the faculty chose not to adopt the conventional two-semester schedule in place at most colleges and universities nationally.

The vote came after an extensive review by the University Calendar Committee. The committee periodically reviews the academic calendar in accordance with its accreditation requirements, which call for the University to "ensure the adequacy of the academic calendar to curricular objectives." *Courtesy W&L Website*

Earth Day Celebration

The Washington and Lee Outing Club and the Office of Student Activities co-sponsored a special Earth Day Celebration yesterday.

Student leaders Blaine Clarke '02 and Helen Downes '02 coordinated the event, which featured student bands Ring's End and Smokestaxx, organic concessions and representatives from local environmental groups.

The Outing Club gave away flowers and herbs and sold Earth Day t-shirts. The proceeds went to the club's continuing conservation work in the community. *Courtesy W&L Website.*

W&L Receives \$800,000 Grant

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded a \$800,000 grant to Washington and Lee University for hiring new faculty who represent wide-ranging interests, abilities and cultures.

The University recognizes that in order to prepare students for a vastly changing world they must learn to engage, understand and live alongside people that represent different cultural backgrounds.

The Mellon grant will provide funding for tenure-track faculty members over a seven-year hiring period. The proposed hires will come from diverse disciplines.

Last year the Mellon Foundation awarded W&L a \$390,000 grant to help develop the Teaching and Learning Resource Center at the University. The center's mission is to provide faculty with assistance in professional development as they explore new avenues for teaching. *Courtesy W&L Website*

Verizon grant awarded

English professors Marc Conner, Suzanne Keen and Eric Wilson have been awarded the Verizon Grant to improve their courses with Web technology. Each of the faculty members will receive a stipend and will have access to specialized training, student assistants and other resources for the project's completion during Fall Term 2001.

The project involves a collaboration between three courses: Expository Writing and two sections of Composition and Literature. The use of the Web will facilitate communication and collaboration among the students and professors involved in the courses. Conner, the lead writer of the proposal, said the project will result in resources on composition that will be available to many W&L courses.

Coming up . . .

Today
—7 p.m. Dr. Tom Nye, Biology. "A Look Back at Forty-five Years." Last Lecture Series. Gaines Gatehouse. Sponsored by Catholic Campus Ministry. No charge.
—8 p.m. Lecture. Dr. Richard Bootzin, University of Arizona. "The Mystery of Sleep: Causes and Treatment of Insomnia." duPont Hall.

Tuesday, May 1
—7:30 p.m. Contact Lecture. Mike Reiss, producer of "The Simpsons." "How You Can Be a Comedy Writer (and Why You Shouldn't)." Lee Chapel.
—8 p.m. Concert. Bebo Norman, Christian Recording Artist. \$5 cover. GHQ.

—8 p.m. Senior Recital. Hillary Bryant, mezzo-soprano. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

Wednesday, May 2
—7:30 p.m. Lecture. Hugh Blackmer. "Dirges, Murder Ballads and Cries of the Heart: Musics of Death and Dying." Room 214, Science Center.

Thursday, May 3
—8 p.m. Senior Presentation. Brian Stisser. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

—8:30 p.m. Alumni Weekend begins. Tom Wolfe '51, keynote speaker. Lee Chapel.

Friday, May 4
—11 a.m. Address. President John Elrod. "Sixty Minutes with the President." Question and answer session to follow. Lee Chapel.

—7:30 p.m. Film Society. David Mamet Festival. "House of Games" (1987). Troubador Cinema.

—8 p.m. Senior Recital. Lauren LaFauci, performing works for flute and piccolo. Lee Chapel.

Saturday, May 5
—1 p.m. Book signing by Tom Wolfe '51. Bookstore.
—7:30 p.m. Film Society. David Mamet Festival. "Glengarry Glen Ross" (1992). Troubador Cinema.

Sunday, May 6
—8 p.m. Senior Recital. Lovancy Ingram, violin.



ALL SHE WANTS TO DO IS DANCE. Members of the W&L Dance Ensemble perform in their sixth annual spring recital Saturday night, showcasing jazz, tap and ballet.

photo by Mary Guy/Photo Editor

Open-air "Javapalooza" debuts

Students enjoy show, but noise bothers some

By Latrina Stokes
STAFF WRITER

Spring has drawn Java at the GHQ outside to the Co-op for live music and tasty treats, but after the first session of "Javapalooza," ears are still ringing.

While some students said the good music created a pleasant atmosphere, freshmen Ashley Daly and Michael Khattak commented on how the volume of the music was disruptive.

The new location, at the heart of campus near dormitories, the snack bar and academic buildings, gives students easy access to the performances. Students trying to study on the Hill, however, complained about the volume. In fact, each act will play outside the C-School study area.

Some students not interested in attending complained about the noise.

Freshman Kim Lambkin, who lives behind the Co-op in Graham-Lees, was disturbed while studying in her room Monday night.

"A warning would have been polite," Lambkin said.

To prevent further disturbances, Lambkin suggested that the organizers move Java to the Dell, the more secluded grassy area behind Leyburn Library.

Senior Matt Herman, one of the student managers, said the current location will allow bigger bands to play than could fit in the GHQ.

Junior Micah Tolman did not think the volume mattered. He said he was impressed that an event not driven by alcohol or hormones brought together so many different segments of W&L.

"I thought it was absolutely great," Tolman said. "The harmonizing power of art brought people together."

Java's first outdoor event drew a large crowd. It was estimated that estimated that between 250 and 275 people attended.

"I was pleasantly surprised," said senior Heather McDonald, the

other student manager. "It kind of knocked my socks off to have so many people hanging out."

That was one of the major goals for moving the venue, said Java's administrative sponsor Teresa Glassman.

"We are really trying to build a closer community before we move to the Commons," she said.

Glassman would like to start a new tradition on campus where people can come socialize or study in a low-key setting. She also hopes Java's move will boost business for the GHQ as well as the Co-op.

Java at the GHQ began last year as a campus coffeehouse. Sponsored in part by Virginia's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Java provides students an alcohol-free place to study while enjoying musical acts nearly every Monday night.

Students can enjoy the warmer weather and new cold treats, like iced coffee, iced espresso and ice cream from Sweet Things.

Although Java sells drinks and desserts, it does not make any profit. Glassman said that the main purpose of Java is to keep students on campus.

Organizers will use other means besides food to attract spectators. Herman said local bands will play in the next few weeks, including Agents of Good Roots and Greenhouse. The Guy Smiley Blues Exchange will play tonight.

Glassman said the popularity of Smokestaxx made them a good choice for the first session of Javapalooza. However, she said that the campus should not expect a big concert every week.

"We don't want loudness to be synonymous with Java," Glassman said.



MUSIC OF THE NIGHT. Student band Smokestaxx played at the first Javapalooza until the noise permit ran out.

photo courtesy Heather McDonald

Geology major wins Goldwater Scholarship

Junior wins national science and math honor

By Amy Blevins
W&L LIFE EDITOR

Last month, 302 students nationwide were told they had won a Goldwater Scholarship, a prestigious award given to promising students in mathematics, engineering and the natural sciences. W & L geology major Amie Lucier, a junior, counts herself among them.

After being nominated by the scholarship's faculty representative, Associate Dean of the College Stephen Desjardins, Lucier submitted an essay about her future career with three letters of recommendation. One of about 1200 students vying for the scholarship, Lucier was one of 198 science students to receive the scholarship.

The Goldwater Scholarship, created to honor former United States Senator Barry M. Goldwater, awards a \$7500 academic grant. Many Goldwater recipients have later won Rhodes Scholarships, fellowships from the Marshall, Churchill and Fulbright programs

or honors from the National Science Foundation.

Lucier already has hands-on geology experience. Last summer, she studied the formation and composition of rocks during an internship funded by the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at the Carnegie Institution of Washington Geophysical Laboratory. Lucier worked for ten weeks in Washington, D.C., and presented her work and a paper to the lab scientists.

Lucier is doing more research this summer with REU at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Geophysical Institute. She will be doing seismic and gravity studies of the Alaska Range for ten weeks.

Lucier's research may have short-term and long-term benefits. She plans to attend graduate school and get a Ph.D. in geology. Lucier said she wants to find a career in geochemical or geophysical industrial research.

Lucier added that she will make the most of this opportunity.

"I hope that the work I do this summer will help me nail down exactly the area of research I am interested in pursuing," Lucier said. "Hopefully, I can use this research to write a Senior Thesis next year."



photo by Mary Guy/Photo Editor

ROCKIN' IN THE FREE WORLD. Junior geology major Amie Lucier won a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, given to 198 natural science students nationwide this year.

Alcohol Task Force issues final report

Study recommends tougher penalties for alcohol violations

By Katie Howell
LAYOUT EDITOR

After nearly half a year of study and discussion, the Washington and Lee Alcohol Task Force released its report to University President John Elrod last week.

Attempting to reduce incidents of alcohol abuse, the proposal recommends a three-tiered penalty system for violations of state or campus alcohol policies. Increasingly severe, the first violation would result in parental notification, the second in at least one semester of suspension and the third in expulsion from the university.

Violations include intoxication that endangers the student or others, arrest and providing alcohol to prospective or other underage students.

Task Force co-chair and Director of Student Health Services Dr. Jane Horton said, "We are asking the students to take responsibility for their decisions and to be held accountable for their actions in congruence with the values of the institution."

The final copy of the Task Force's report also suggests more emphasis on substance-abuse counseling, alcohol-free tailgates and greater support for W&L's non-Greek organizations.

"We hope that this proposal [will affect the W&L community] by reducing the influence of alcohol as a social importance factor," said Horton.

The proposal also suggests punishment for Greek and other organizations that violate alcohol policies. Possible punishments are fines, probation, and university suspension.

Composed of faculty, students, parents and administrators, "the report and its recommendations reflect a lot of compromise and collaborative work," Horton said.

The Task Force, co-chaired by Horton, Physics Professor Tom Williams, and sophomore Will Coffman, began its work in November.

Throughout next month, the Student Affairs Committee will sponsor open forums for students, faculty and staff to respond. The dates will be released next week. Horton said that letters will be sent to all parents of W&L students informing them of the proposal.

According to a written statement from Dean of Students David Howison, Elrod will incorporate forum input into the Task Force's recommendations before presenting them to the Board of Trustees at their meeting on May 18 and 19. The trustees are expected to develop an all-encompassing policy statement on substance abuse at W&L.

Faculty will have to vote in May whether or not to approve the proposed alcohol programs and policies. Implementation would begin Fall Term 2001.

Horton said the recommendations hold each student accountable for his or her actions.

"We hope that we have gone in the right direction in terms of the proposal," she said. "We are basically asking students to step up to the plate in terms of maturity."

Hooking up is statistically impossible

Many students commonly mourn their inability to "hook up," or to have wild monkey sex, for the layman. The reason for this is not because they are unattractive, lack game or have poor flirting skills. Rather, the small size of W&L compounded with its homogenous student body (I had to throw that in somewhere, or it wouldn't have been a true article), prevents students from making out.

It's all really a question of facts and figures. There are roughly 2000 students here, only 1000 of whom you can hook up with while still remaining within the boundaries of heterosexual activities. Out of those 1000, estimate that there are only 500 cool enough.

Now this is where it gets complicated. Technically, there are 500 people to mess around with, mentally toy with, date, use/abuse, get engaged to, have pseudo-platonic relationships with, or screw over. In theory, this could keep us very occupied and satisfied for four years. One hundred twenty-five nights of unbridled passion for each year of your academic career. However, this is not the case. This number is dramatically reduced through a series of factors that proves how sex is statistically impossible.

1.) *Messy Fraternity/Sorority Breakups*: A classic case. You date someone for a long-ass period of time. You wake up in the morning and eat brunch downstairs with his fraternity brothers. Or you're welcomed with open arms into the sorority houses with the reminder you can't go upstairs. You gain an entire new set of friends of the opposite sex. And then you break up. Messily. And you can no longer date any of those guys who you had once dined with while wearing your boyfriend's boxers. You can longer walk into the sorority houses without Dobermans goggling out your eyeballs. (We keep them in the back room for special occasions like breakups.) There goes about 100 people you can't date anymore. Down to 400.

2.) *90210 and Dawson's Creek Dramas*: It doesn't matter that they never even dated. Maybe they had a tumultuous affair that ended in the "better-off-as-friends" deal. Maybe he just swims in a sea of lustful ecstasy whenever she gently touches her elbow. Maybe she hooked up with him once and he said he'd rather slip down a slide of razor blades into a pool of rubbing alcohol than date her. It doesn't matter, because there's still the entire drama that ensued that makes you two cosmically linked. And therefore, these aforementioned persons are off-limits. Relationship drama here, granted, is pretty sparse (nope) so another 150 bite the dust.



SORRY, FOLKS. There won't be any more romantic nights at Java at the GHQ. courtesy of all4love.net

3.) *Roommate Rules*: Some upstanding students try to abide by the no-hooking-up-with-anyone-their-roommates-have-hooked-up-with rule. These people are paragons of self discipline and restraint. Say you live with four other people. And for the sake of my well constructed argument, say on average a student has hooked up with 15 people. Sixty people drop out of the running. In the same vein, perhaps you have hooked up with one of these roomies, and feel awkward about hooking up with another one. So say you've hooked up with someone from five different households, all alike in dignity, 20 more people say goodbye to the prospect of ass. One hundred sixty magic lucky ones remaining.

4.) *"Just Friends"*: A lot of people like to mess with standard generational tradition and have friends of the opposite sex that don't have any overarching sexual tension. The 2 a.m. phone calls outlining how drunk you were, the casual lunches, the no-ulterior-motive sponta-

neous "just thought I'd stop by" visit. These are all hallmarks of the platonic affair. With maybe 30 of these innocent relationships, the number drops to 130, for fear of ruining a perfectly normal friendship over something as stupid as lust.

5.) *"Personal Issues"*: Because of the rampant hooking up that occurred before statistics rendered it impossible, many have "issues" with hooking up. Whether it be because he didn't call the next day, or she broke his tender heart, or she doesn't believe in one night flings, or he doesn't have enough energy to talk to the same girl all damn night, personal issues prevent sexual relations. This factor weighs in heavily, eliminating a whopping 120.

6.) *And the remaining 10...* Out of your league. And so, because of the terrors of data analysis, sex has become an obsolete term here. Maybe if we one day suspend our loyalties and morals we can once again relish in the paradoxical barbarity and beauty of free love. Until then, we can joy in the simpler pleasures, like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and mix tapes.

Right of the Aisle

By Brett T. Kirwan



Last Thursday was the ninth annual Take Our Daughters to Work Day, a holiday created by the Ms. Foundation during which millions of young girls skip school and follow their parents to work. On face, this seems like a good idea. Young girls are exposed to the working world and given confidence and encouragement that they have all the opportunity and skills that young boys have.

The Ms. Foundation asks on its website for the stories of "mentoring relationships that have... changed your life." Clearly, we are asked to believe that Take Our Daughters to Work Day (TODTWD) is an incredible resource and opportunity without which adolescent girls would be left behind in the fast-paced professional world. However, when one examines the motivation behind this holiday, a different picture emerges of its supposed life-changing impact.

Going back nine years to the beginning of TODTWD, the impetus for the holiday is very illuminating. As Christina Hoff Sommers describes in her book, *The War Against Boys*, the leaders of the Ms. Foundation were dismayed and outraged when Carol Gilligan, a gender researcher at Harvard, released her landmark study detailing the loss of confidence and self-esteem felt by adolescent girls. The study announced that while younger girls are full of self-esteem and brimming with confidence, by the time they reach thirteen or fourteen, they begin to lose their honesty and forthrightness as they conform to societal norms about the proper role of women. The study went on to describe how in school boys continue to thrive while girls fail because the system is contrived to serve our patriarchal society.

Unfortunately for the girl power activists, this research, whose scientific flaws would warrant another column, is continually refuted by statistics from the Department of Education that identify girls as better students who outperform boys in nearly every measure of academic performance and are more involved in extracurriculars and advanced courses.

The motivation for TODTWD was a stated by Ms. Foundation President Marie Wilson was that for one day, girls would feel "visible, valued and heard." This of course assumes that they aren't visible, valued, or heard the rest of the year.

Of course, with the success of TODTWD, teachers and parents began asking to why the day couldn't be altered to accommodate boys also. The Ms. Foundation was vehemently opposed to this idea because it would change the focus from our terribly oppressed young girls. Boys simply couldn't be allowed to dilute the feminist purity of the day.

Instead, the foundation created a Boys Day to be held on a Sunday in October. Why a Sunday? Why October? October is Violence Against Women's Month and Boys Day would include attendance at a seminar on domestic violence. Holding the holiday on a Sunday wouldn't give the boys a day off from school, but it would allow the holiday to include doing homework, making school lunches, and helping Mom lay out younger siblings' clothing. Other activities include playing non-competitive sports and helping the family do the grocery shopping. The proposed nature of the laughably unsuccessful Boys Day illuminates the opinion of the Ms. Foundation toward boys.

So what exactly is Take Our Daughters to Work Day? Is it simply a holiday that seeks to achieve gender equity by exposing young girls to the working world? Not by a long stretch. Instead, it is an event contrived by radical feminists in their effort to deconstruct our so-called patriarchal society and replace it with a kinder, gentler, yet unmasculine world order. Perhaps we should keep our daughters in school instead.

STAFF EDITORIAL

For a student, few things are as blisteringly practical as running a newspaper. Deadlines must be met, writers managed, money (outgoing, mostly) juggled and computers repaired in a continual and lost war against decrepitude. Publishing the *Ring-tum Phi* is a complicated routine, and often only a few hours separate having the presses running and finding yourself being squeezed in them.

The work is necessary, however, because without the *Phi* our news would go unreported, our opinions unheard, and our sports triumphs unheralded.

The previous editorial board recognized this, and set a high standard for the *Phi*. Their efforts bore fruit in an attractive and well-written paper that bears favorable comparison with nearly any previous volume. The senior editors possessed many qualities that we hope to emulate: Emily's calm, Stephanie's mildness, Mike's sobriety, Max's volunteerism, Alexis's passion.

Recognizing the debt we owe to our predecessors, we now introduce their successors.

Matthew McDermott, of Mandeville, La., serves as editor in chief. He previously pulled the oars as the *Phi*'s news editor.

Michael Agnello, of Arlington, Texas, was last term's assistant news editor and will be this term's associate editor.

Alison Trinidad, of Corona, Calif., previously a staff writer, moves to editorship of the news page. The Virginia Press Association believes that she wrote the state's best news story this year ("Pi Beta Phi house evacuated").

Brett Kirwan, of Avon Lake, Ohio, moves from the assistant opinions editor slot to take the full position. Brett will safeguard the freedom of the campus's most popular forum, the *Phi* opinions page.

Amy Blevins, of Greenville, S.C., previously a staff writer, takes the helm of the W&L page. Last year she edited her state's top-ranked high school newspaper.

Jeremy Franklin, of Henderson, N.C., catapulted to sports editor earlier in the year, and retains his position.

Last year, he was editor in chief of the best literary magazine of North Carolina.

Katie Howell, of Oxford, Miss., draws upon six years of page-design experience in her new role as layout editor. A past president of the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association, she continues to write for the *Phi*'s news and feature sections.

Mary Guy, of Raleigh, N.C., serves as photo editor, a position she has held from the beginning of Winter Term. Besides snapping the VPA's second place sports photo, she also shepherded the *Phi* photographers who won first and third.

This year's editorial board recognizes the historical trust it holds on behalf of the Washington and Lee community. While early blunders may serve to amuse the previous editors or to inspire us to harder work, we promise to provide the quality of newspaper that W&L has come to expect. With this, we open the inaugural issue of the 104th volume of the *Ring-tum Phi*.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

W&L should jump off the Women's Studies bandwagon

Dear Editor,

Noticing a slight lopsidedness in the letters to the editor concerning the Women's Studies Program, I thought that one letter supporting the gist of Brett Kirwan's and Catherine Culpepper's articles would not be amiss.

I must admit I really don't see the necessity for a Women's Studies course here at Washington and Lee. Make no mistake, I do not consider women inferior to men at all; rather, they are equal and should share the same rights and privileges. However, I think this point is fairly obvious, and does not really require a special course of study.

I could not help but notice that atrocities committed against women in other countries are often cited as an example of why we need a Women's Studies program here. While these actions are certainly outrageous, and should be stopped, I fail to see how they are a proof of the need

for Women's Studies, unless one believes that the male part of the student body at Washington and Lee is behind these reprehensible acts. By the same argument, taking into account all the persecutions of religious minorities that occur across the world, we should be pushing for a Christians Studies program as well.

Several advocates of the Women's Studies program, when pressed with charges that the program is simply in response to a fad, have pointed to other "similar" changes to the academic program that the university has made in the past. While nothing can be immediately ruled out as being "good" or "bad" merely on the basis of change, I would like to point out that the decision to add spring term was hardly made as part of a growing trend affecting universities across the nation.

Rather, it was a decision arrived after much thought and aimed at enhancing the uniqueness of W&L. I feel that adding a Women's Studies program, on the other hand, would instead detract from that uniqueness, reducing the diversity available at centers for higher education.

One sentence in Nancy Rhineheart's letter somewhat

illustrates the misgivings I have about adding the Women's Studies program. "Also, speaking as a woman, do you have any idea what happens to other women in the world?" Rhineheart seems to imply that as a man, Brett Kirwan can really neither have any idea what women around the world go through, nor contribute any meaningful comments to the discussion.

I find this idea that men are totally unable to relate to or communicate with women rather disturbing. I would find any course that fostered this belief and tension between two parts of society equally disturbing.

It seems to me that we don't need to be drawing lines in this fashion, by instituting a course of study that implies that one half of the population is "out to get" the other half. For all of these reasons, I feel that adding a Women's Studies program to W&L is an unnecessary and potentially divisive change.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Davis '04

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"Being able to just relax outside."
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"Short shorts."
-Lee Walker '04

Generals win ODAC tournament



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DIAPER DANDY. Freshman Lee Wheeler's four goals lifted W&L to a 6-2 win over Lynchburg in the ODAC Tournament title game.

Women's lacrosse team tops Lynchburg in title contest to earn trip to postseason

By Dave Crowell
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team used an impressive four-goal performance from freshman midfielder Lee Wheeler in order to defeat Lynchburg on Sunday, thus earning their first division crown since 1998 and an automatic bid to the Division III national tournament.

The Generals recovered from a defeat to nationally-ranked Mary Washington in late March to post six consecutive victories heading into the tournament.

In the tournament quarterfinals, the top-seeded Generals made quick work of Guilford, posting an impressive 19-3 victory in preparation for a semifinal match against Roanoke College.

On Saturday, the Generals needed a little more effort to dispose of the fourth-seeded Maroons. After building a precarious 10-8 lead, W&L used five unanswered goals in the final 11:23 to reach the championship game.

Wheeler scored four goals and fellow freshman Kelly Taffe added three goals in the victory. Sophomore Leslie Bogart and junior Emily Owens tallied two goals apiece and each added an assist. Freshman goalie Joanna Perini made 12 saves.

In the championship match, W&L faced a tough Lynchburg squad, which they earlier defeated 8-7 in overtime during regular season conference play. W&L used a stifling defense and patient attack to defeat Lynchburg 6-2.

Behind the cry of "We want it more," the Generals jumped out to a 4-1 halftime lead behind three of Wheeler's four goals and an unassisted goal by senior Liz Borges. Wheeler and Borges each added a goal in the second half to secure the victory.

"I'm very proud of this team," coach Jan Hathorn said of her team after their victory. "If you asked me at the beginning of the season, I wouldn't have believed we'd be in this position."

On defense, the Generals shut down Lynchburg's offense, relentlessly attacking the pass while Perini stopped numerous shots on goal in key situations.

"The defense was better than usual and figured out their scheme," Hathorn said. "Jo made save after save and really stepped up her game."

After the game, Wheeler, Borges, Perini, and junior defender Eloise Priest were all named to the All-Tournament team.

The Generals next face a challenging season-ending opponent in Division II Limestone before selections begin for the national tournament, which begins the weekend of May 12.

"Who knows what will happen in the tournament," Hathorn said. "We're not experienced with national play, but we're excited about the opportunity to be there."

The Press Box

WUSA bucks trend of new sports leagues

When you identify the greatest athletes of their respective sports, some familiar names come to mind.

When you think basketball, you think Michael Jordan. When you think golf, you think Tiger Woods. And, when you think soccer, you think... Mia Hamm.

The world's leading scorer in international competition, Hamm has been heavily marked on the field. However, she still managed to punch in 13 goals and a team-leading



The Free Agent
Ian R. McLroy '04

16 assists last year for the U.S. women's soccer team.

A 12-year veteran of the U.S. national team, she was the youngest woman ever to play with the team at the age of 15 (August 3, 1987, vs. China). A member of the gold-winning U.S. squad in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Hamm also helped the Americans to first-place finishes in the 1991 and 1999 Women's World Cups.

Yet, her most recent accomplishment is her greatest to date. Together with the other 19 members of the 1999 World Cup championship team and several major American media companies, Hamm formed the Women's United Soccer Association on Feb. 15, 2000.

On May 24 of that year, the league allocated the 20 U.S. women's team members to eight initial team markets, with Hamm going to the Washington, D.C. based club. Later that year, the league held its first Global Inaugural Draft. Attracting the best players in the world, the WUSA emerged as the top women's professional soccer league.

Having already begun their inaugural season, the eight teams (Atlanta, Bay Area, Boston, New York, Carolina, Philadelphia, San Diego, and Washington) will each play a 21-game regular season. The league represents a triumph for female soccer players like Hamm. Unlike Major League Soccer, its male equivalent, the WUSA does not face talent competition from a powerful, high-paying, immensely popular European Champions League.

In other words, the WUSA can really boast that it has the best players in its sport. Furthermore, domestic interest in women's soccer has never been greater.

The launching of the WUSA follows the U.S. women's victory in the 1999 Women's World Cup. Held in the U.S., 90,000 spectators attended the final — significantly exceeding the number of fans at the Men's World Cup, also held in the U.S., in 1998. Forty million more viewers watched the game on television, scoring higher ratings than both the NBA and NHL finals.

As current FIFA president Joseph F. Blatter said, "The future of football is feminine." The high ratings for women's soccer matches and hefty endorsement deals for players such as Hamm, Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy, and Tiffany Milbreit support this claim.

For fans disappointed with the second-tier level of play in the MLS, the WUSA provides premier competition. Outside of its contribution to American soccer, the WUSA stands as a legitimate new league in a time when many other new, ridiculous sports ventures like the Xtreme Football League and Arena League 2 (does anybody remember Arena League 1?) are dying.

The WUSA is a blessing for women's sports enthusiasts and soccer fans alike. The league and its players will deserve the success that they will soon undoubtedly have, and, if anybody cares to join my 12-year-old soccer playing sister and me at a Washington Freedom game this summer, I recommend you do so.

W&L tops VMI, but will miss playoffs

Hampden-Sydney's narrow win will keep the Generals home for the postseason

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team defeated VMI for the 13th straight time in the Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic on Saturday, but overshadowing this victory looms the larger issue of losing to Hampden-Sydney.

The Generals battled the Tigers to an 12-11 loss on April 21, and lost any chances of making the NCAA playoffs. With the win, Hampden Sydney earned the regular-season Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship

and will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

"They played as well as they could, and we played about as poorly as we could," head coach Jim Stagnitta said.

The Generals rallied from an 11-6 deficit with 10 minutes remaining in the game, with goals from seniors Tom Burke, Matt Dugan and Pope Hackney.

The Tigers answered right back, scoring again to put the lead at 12-9. The Generals came back again, as Burke and junior Andrew Barnett put the team within a goal of tying the game.

However, Tigers' goaltender Scott Fava kept the Generals out of the net for the rest of the game. Fava made 14 saves on the day, including 12 in the second half. The Generals attempted 21 shots in the fourth quarter comeback.

"We put an unbelievable rush on them, and just fell a little bit short," Stagnitta said of the comeback.

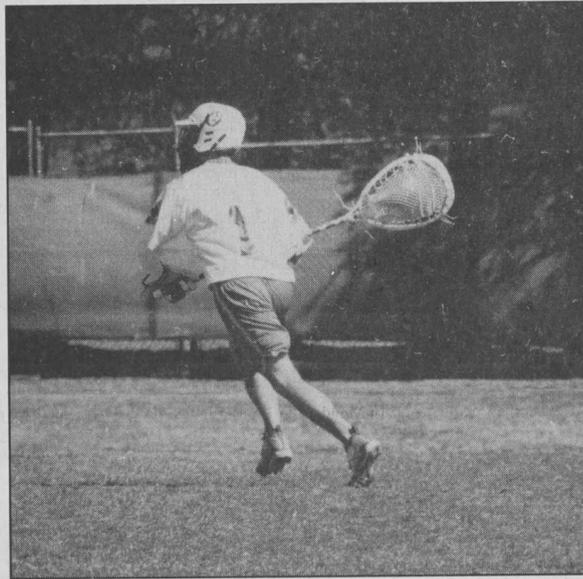
The Generals fared better against the Keydets of VMI. W&L opened the scoring with two goals from Dugan and Hackney. Senior goaltender Wes Hays made two early saves to keep the lead, but the Generals eventually fell behind as VMI scored three goals, two by freshman Leo McLnerney.

"It took us a little while to get going," Stagnitta said of the slow start.

The Generals then went on to score two goals before the end of the half, and led 5-3 going into the third quarter. W&L did not lose the lead again for the rest of the game. Dugan had three goals and three assists, and Hackney totaled four goals and an assist.

Captain Pope Hackney, talking through bleeding lips, commented on the effort of the seniors.

"We just realized that this game is so much fun," Hack-



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SOLID IN NET. Senior Wes Hays saved 75 percent of the shots he faced in the Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic. The Generals handed the Keydets a 15-5 loss at VMI.

ney said. "We may not be able to go to the tournament, but we've got to enjoy these last two games. It's just so much fun and we're never going to have anything like this again."

Hays held his line late in the game, making repeated saves to ensure the overwhelming victory for the Generals. He made 15 saves, earning a very respectable .750 save percentage for the contest.

Pope Hackney and VMI senior attackman Brad Muston were given the Worrell-Fallon Trophy as the game's most valuable players.

The Generals (12-1) have two games left in their season. They will face Randolph-Macon on Wednesday and Limestone on Saturday.

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Generals set record for victories



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BOYS OF SUMMER? Freshman Bryan Mulhern and the Generals earned a school-record 23 wins during the 2001 season.

W&L's 23-win total the best in school history

By Catherine Culpepper
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee baseball team finished a record-setting season by splitting a doubleheader against Old Dominion Athletic Conference foe Lynchburg on April 21.

The Generals set a school record for wins in a season, posting a 23-8 record, including a 9-7 mark in the ODAC. Furthermore, they played most of the year without sophomore outfielder Bobby Littlehale, a second-team All-ODAC selection in 2000.

"We had a great group of guys, and they played with amazing consistency," head coach Jeff Stickley said of his team. "Our pitching was the strong point of the team."

On April 14, W&L split a twin bill with Virginia Wesleyan, which went on to win the ODAC championship.

Senior David Sigler pitched the

Generals to an 8-1 win in the first game, scattering three hits and six strikeouts in a complete game effort. However, Blue Marlin Myron Trunick hurled a two-hitter in game two as Virginia Wesleyan pulled out a 6-1 win.

The Generals then traveled to Pennsylvania, tying and then breaking the school record for wins in a season with victories over Haverford and Swarthmore.

Against Haverford on April 18, freshman Peter Dean recovered from early struggles to improve to 6-0 on the season. Dean allowed a three-run first inning, but benefited from a six-run W&L third inning as the Generals went on to win a 12-7 decision.

Sophomore shortstop Michael Hanson batted 3-for-5, driving in five runs and scoring twice, to lead the Generals at the plate. Junior third baseman Matt Kozora smacked a pair of doubles and drove in three runs.

W&L then proceeded to hammer Swarthmore, 20-1, to set the new victory record. Senior designated hitter Jason May hit 2-for-3 with six RBI and two runs, and sophomore first

baseman Brian Gladysz crossed the plate four times. The Generals recorded totals of 16 hits and 16 walks at the plate against the Garnet Tide.

The Generals then returned home for the season-ending doubleheader against the Hornets.

Lynchburg's lineup accounted for two run-scoring singles in the first inning of game one, adding another pair of runs in the fifth inning against Sigler. Hanson's two-run double in the bottom half of the same inning cut the lead in half, but Lynchburg held on for the 6-3 win.

"(Sigler) pitched a great game against Lynchburg, even though we lost," Stickley said. "The team's going to miss him next year, but we've got a lot of great freshmen."

Hanson pitched a complete game in the nightcap, yielding two earned runs on four hits while striking out six as the Generals won, 5-3.

W&L scored twice in the second and third innings to build an early lead.

May hit 3-for-4 with a run, and sophomore second baseman Todd Johnson batted 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Golfers fall just short of ODAC title

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

Talk about a strong finish.

The Washington and Lee golf team placed second in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships in Bluefield on April 23-24. The Generals finished the two-day event just two strokes behind Guilford, the second-ranked Division III team in the nation.

This showing followed first-place performances at the Roanoke ODAC Invitational on April 3 and the Emory and Henry ODAC invite on April 16. The Generals' turnaround followed a disappointing second-place finish at the W&L ODAC Invitational on March 22.

"We definitely finished strong this spring," junior Kyle Ulep said. "When the season began to wind down, we knew that we had to finish strong to have a chance at making nationals, so we became much more focused and

practiced much harder."

W&L led the Quakers by five strokes after day one of the ODAC Championships. Sophomore Chip Campbell shot a 74, followed by Ulep, fellow junior Curtis Bethea and sophomore Chuck Green at 75.

The second day of the event didn't go quite so well for the Generals, whose score rose from 299 to 310. Guilford held steady, going from 304 to 303, to win the event.

"We just had a few bad holes coming in, but we really should have kicked their butt," head coach Gavin Colliton said. "We fell through at the end, and gave the second round to them. Guilford was nervous, and they actually walked out of there thankful."

Green led the Generals on day two with a 76, followed by Campbell at 77, Bethea at 78, and Ulep at 79.

"It was very hard to handle the defeat at ODACs," Ulep said. "We put ourselves in a great position after the first day, but things did not go our way on the second day.

We just couldn't close coming down the stretch."

Due to the strength of Division III golf in the Generals' district, head coach Gavin Colliton isn't counting on an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships. However, he has been pleased with the improvement of his team, even within the course of this season.

"The last few years, we've improved almost ten strokes on our team average," said Colliton, who is finishing his second season as head coach. "We've almost got our spring average under 310, which is pretty good. There's a tremendous difference from even just last year."

After the team's performance in 2001, Ulep is anticipating an even better season for the Generals next year.

"Although we could have played better at times, we definitely made some forward progress throughout the season," Ulep said. "I am looking forward to next year. We can only get better, and with the majority of the team returning, I expect nothing less than entry into nationals."

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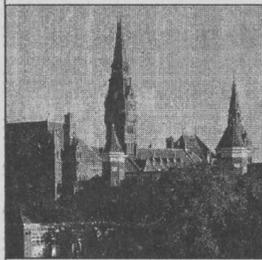
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