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Fire destroys Randolph St. house

Neighbors rush to the scene as flames gut building on block heavily populated by students

By NEAL WILLETS
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

A four-alarm fire on Randolph Street left a local woman hospitalized, her family homeless and their student neighbors frightened at 3 a.m., Tuesday.

The fire, at 210 Randolph St., gutted and destroyed the home of Patricia Blackwell and her two teenage sons. The Lexington Fire Department said the fire was started by a candle in one of the bedrooms.

Within minutes after the fire started, Blackwell and her sons fled and warned next-door-neighbor, Jane Rogers. As Rogers and her husband were leaving their house, the Blackwell home was erupting into a blazing inferno.

"It was engulfed in flames when I came out the door," Rogers said. "(The house) was gone in no time."

Another neighbor, Kim Mierzwa, was returning home from work when she saw the fire. She called 911 on her cell phone, and local police and fire departments responded within minutes.

Within half an hour, the fire was contained, and Blackwell was treated for smoke inhalation at Stonewall Jackson Hospital.

The fire's heat melted siding on Rogers' house and blew out some of her windows, and damaged the attic before it could be controlled. Virginia Power was dispatched to turn off a section of dangerous, loose power lines.

At least six student houses are located on Randolph Street. Junior Kris Pollina lives across the street from Blackwell, and was awakened by the crackling of the broken power lines.

"I wouldn't wish that on my worst enemy," Pollina said.



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Pollina and a roommate moved their cars down the street away from the blaze. However, another roommate, junior Leah Robert, was not as lucky. The heat melted her car's driver-side door.

One side of junior Randy Keeney's house faces Blackwell's house. His roommate woke him up before the fire trucks arrived.

"From our window, the orange glow lit up our common room just like a bunch of nightlights," Keeney said.

Blackwell and her sons visited the site at about 9 a.m. later that day. While they were rummaging through the debris, smoke began pouring from the smoldering remains. The fire department was called again as a precaution, but the fire did not re-ignite.

Blackwell and her sons are currently staying with relatives. Neighbors said the family did not have fire insurance. However, the family was able to salvage a few items from the home. One of these items, an American flag, was hung on the house's front wall.



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FIRE'S TOLL. The blaze (upper left), caused by an unattended candle, left only the skeleton of the house standing. The fire forced students to move their cars.

Frats give up drinking games

Alcohol strikes crush Homecoming plans

By KATIE HOWELL
LAYOUT EDITOR

Possible violations of the new campus alcohol regulations affected students and organizations the past few weeks as one fraternity received a strike and several students face possible charges.

University officials have accused Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Pi Kappa Phi of drinking violations within their fraternity houses, Interfraternity Council President Quincy Springs said.

The University Initiatives on Substance Abuse approved by faculty and administration last spring states that individual Greek organizations on campus may not have drinking games in the university-owned houses.

Dean of Students David Howison said, "Drinking games are a violation of the policy and constitute a strike."

Per these policies, Fiji received a strike, \$1000 fine, two weeks social probation, alcohol education for all its members and required community service hours following the actions of five brothers inside the house over two weeks ago. University Security caught members of the fraternity and other students participating in a drinking game. The IFC and the university took appropriate measures following this incident.

Springs said the IFC handles all cases of violations of the new alcohol policies regarding fraternities.

Fiji will appeal its case to the Student Faculty Hearing Board later this week. A possible outcome of this meeting could involve removal of the punishments placed upon the fraternity. Punishments placed upon individual students would remain in place, however.

"The fraternity was initially pretty upset about the situation, but (it has) realized that rules have been violated," Fiji President Bryan Carmody said. "This is a harsh punishment, but it shows that the University is serious about the alcohol rules, and we have decided to move on."

Even if the university lifts Fiji's punishments in the next few days, the fraternity will have already suffered through two weeks of social probation during a time period that includes Homecoming Weekend.

"I don't think that (the punishment we had this weekend) will affect our rush," Carmody said. "The attraction of our fraternity is the quality of our guys. Missing one party will not affect this."

While Fiji suffered severe punishments following drinking games inside the house, Beta received less serious penalties. University Security found students playing a drinking game in the fraternity house, said Springs. The students involved included one fraternity brother and four freshmen.

"There is tension in the system, and we had to work it out the best way we know how," Springs said.

Since only one fraternity brother was involved in the situation, the IFC decided that Beta's individual House Judicial Committee should handle the problem. The council will turn the individual's names over to the Student Judicial Council, however, and let them handle the situation according to individual alcohol policy violations.

"This situation was a problem because high-risk drinking was made available to underage students," Springs said. "It could have been a potential disaster."

Phi Delt and Pi Phi also faced potential charges. In both cases, the IFC found the situations irrelevant to the council's policies.

University officials found drug paraphernalia in a student's room of the Phi Delt house. The IFC turned this case over to university officials, who will take appropriate action.

Rumors accused Pi Phi of serving Ritalin in jello shots in the fraternity house. The IFC reviewed this case and found the rumors untrue.

"The rules have now been tested," Howison said. "We are only a month into the system, and people now know that drinking games are not appropriate."

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GENERAL NOTES

Fire extinguisher training in library

Occupational Safety and Health Association standards require that if employees are expected to use an extinguisher to put out a fire that they must be trained in the use of fire extinguishers. To meet this requirement and to provide training for the W&L community, the university will offer fire extinguisher training during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13.

Training will include information on the classes of fires, extinguishing agents, how to operate and maintain extinguishers and "hands-on" use.

Daily classes will last about one hour and will be conducted in Northern Auditorium in Leyburn Library. For times and more information, call University Safety Officer Paul Burns at 463-8175.

Voter registration ends tomorrow

The deadline for registering to vote in Virginia's gubernatorial election is tomorrow, Oct. 9. Voter registration deadlines in other states vary. Those interested should stop by the registrar's office for registration forms or go online and check the "Voter Registration" link at <http://registrar.wlu.edu>.

Freshman election runoff tomorrow

Will Kilpatrick was elected freshman class president and William Powell Student Judicial Council representative. A runoff will be held tomorrow for the executive committee candidate between Maggie Hope and Anne Johansen.

Outing Club announces classes, trip

Starting tonight, the Outing Club will be holding kayak roll classes in the pool from 8 to 10. For more information contact Jerome at x4065.

A white water rafting trip to the Upper Gauley River has been scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14. This trip has over 60 major rapids, many of them Class V+ whitewater. To participate, you must be a competent swimmer and rafting experience is preferred. Attendance at Wednesday night's meeting is required. The cost is \$140, which can be charged home or paid in cash or by check.

Film Society releases schedule

October 19, 20—"Moulin Rouge!" (Australia, 2001), directed by Baz Luhrmann.
November 2, 3—"Pollock" (USA, 2000), directed by Ed Harris.
November 9, 10—"The Day I Became a Woman" (Iran, 2000), directed by Marziyeh Meshkini.
November 30, December 1—"Apocalypse Now", "Redux" (USA, 1979/2001), directed by Francis Ford Coppola.
All screenings are at 7:30 p.m. in the Troubadour Cinema.

Students push for safer driving

Operation GASD proposes comprehensive sober driving system

By MIKE AGNELLO
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Students waiting as long as 30 minutes for a sober ride home from parties could become a thing of the past.

Generals Advocating Sober Driving (GASD), a new student organization formed to enhance Live Drive and Safe Ride's efforts, has planned a tentative van route that would stop at fraternity houses as well as popular off-campus party spots.

Senior Neely Baker, GASD co-chair, said Live Drive and Safe Ride, while a good start, are not enough.

"Our goal is to develop a comprehensive sober driving system for the W&L community," Baker said.

While Live Drive and Safe Ride vans respond to calls, they also stop wherever the driver sees students congregating, and go wherever the students want.

Although this works for some students, many others wait up to 30 minutes for a van because some off-campus houses are so far. GASD plans to solve this problem by having a set route that includes on- and off-campus locations.

The tentative route would start at the Lee Chapel parking lot, pick up students at the dorms, the parking garage, the post office, Davidson Park, the Coin Laundry (on the corner of Randolph and Henry Streets) then go to the Pole

House area and Windfall Hill. Student-driven vans would stop at each location roughly every 10 minutes.

GASD designed the route after compiling a list of off-campus houses and determining the easiest access points for students wanting a ride. Baker said she hopes Greeks and independents will contribute their ideas. She said GASD needed representation from a cross section of the student body to legitimize their proposal.

Other ideas for GASD's route include installing blue benches and direct-dial phones at the various stops. Senior Baxter Lee, GASD treasurer, said he is working on getting the Telecommunications office to employ a dispatcher on weekend nights to assist the vans' drivers.

Dean of Students David Howison is willing to help fund the program.

"When they decide on the program, I'll come up with the funds," he said.

Howison and GASD officers disagree on the number of vans needed to adequately run the program. GASD wants five, while Howison wants to initially fund only three.

Howison would not comment on the difference.

"We're still very much in the planning stages," Howison said, "but we're making great progress."

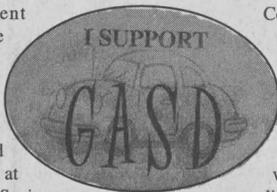
GASD has already received a \$150 donation from the Panhellenic Council. Panhel President Katie Cedarholm said the council wants to help GASD in whatever way it can.

"We had the funds available and we felt so strongly about the worthiness of the cause," Cedarholm said.

The Interfraternity Council is also considering funding GASD. IFC President Quincy Springs said Lee will prepare a list of preliminary expenses, and the IFC will pay those costs if they can afford the price tag. So far, these expenses include 5000 stickers advertising the organization. Lee said GASD plans to mail information on the organization to every W&L parent.

GASD was formed earlier this year after a joint leadership retreat for the IFC and Panhel. Howison said he admires GASD's leaders taking initiative in forming the organization, and hopes it will accomplish its goals.

"I'm very supportive (of their goals) and tremendously impressed with their thoughtful consideration of this issue," he said.



CRIME REPORT

Sunday, Sept. 30

Trespassing. Individual arrested by Lexington Police for trespassing on W&L property. 12:45 a.m.

Vandalism. Passenger side mirror broken off car sometime between Sept. 29 and Sept. 30.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Missing item. Missing table lamp reported by Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, last seen Sept. 15.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

911 call. Alumni House. 3:15 a.m.

Fire alarm. Woods Creek West. 8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5

Assault and trespass. North Main Street. University Security and Lexington police called to off-campus house to assist W&L student who wanted a visitor removed. Visitor was issued a trespass notification and arrested for assault, curse and abuse. 3:28 a.m.

Information provided by University Security.

Construction disrupts library

By PETER QUACKENBUSH
STAFF WRITER

Graham-Lees residents trying to sleep in past noon are not the only ones inconvenienced by the construction of the University Commons.

Leyburn Library, which is adjacent to the site, was forced to part with its loading dock that was used to receive shipments.

"I'm not happy about it," said Barbara Brown, head librarian.

Currently all library shipments, which include books, computers and furniture, are delivered and unpacked at the main entrance. The lobby that once housed public phones is now the make-shift mailroom. The library staff has found that empty boxes distract patrons.

Big shipments require a group effort. Every three weeks, the library receives large batches of re-bound books delivered to the Physical Plant. A passenger van then delivers them via the walkways on Stemmons Plaza.

Right now, Brown is working with University Architect Tom Contos to find a short-term solution that will accommodate both the construction and the needs of the library.

Brown said extending the service road that runs behind the Science Center to the Physical Plant is a possibility.

The university recently brought a library consultant to the site to make recommendations.

Planners must consider the university's new traffic initiative, which aims to reduce the number of vehicles on campus. A primary goal is "trying to get those big trucks off campus," said Contos.

Making the campus more pedestrian friendly may require that all packages be handled through the university mail services.

In the meantime, the library staff will have to put up with the extra noise. Patrons continue to use Leyburn's resources, making it a warehouse of information.

"We just need a place to bring it in," Brown said.

THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

We're no rah-rah rag,
but with good reason

The *Phi* hates Washington and Lee.

That's what you would believe, anyway, if you talked to the few malcontents peddling that sort of garbage. An extended version of this anti-*Phi* screed was recently launched at an editor innocently enjoying the Lambda Chi Tropical Party.

The *Ring-tum Phi* has earned that reputation among this ill-informed minority because, we suppose, it ran a comparison of Co-op prices with those of local retailers. Or it discussed student representation on the presidential search committee. Or whatever.

This hardly equates to complaint-mongering.

And if the *Phi*'s editorial page brings to light perceived problem, what of it?

After all, nothing's worse than a rah-rah rag, which sacrifices objectivity to boosterism and professionalism to prejudice. Since nearly all high school newspapers are cast from that mold, most W&L students are familiar with that type of journalism.

At the *Phi*, however, we dig for stories and sometimes step on toes. Hardly an issue goes by when someone asks us not to print a minor or not-so-minor point.

Luckily, the university administration trusts the *Phi*. We have no sponsor (read: "censor") overseeing every page prior to printing. There are no biweekly meetings with the Faculty Publications Control Board, which sets down rules on semicolons and sex scandals. President Laurent Boetsch has not installed a hotline from the second floor of Washington Hall to 31 Washington St.

This admittedly can cause unfortunate episodes. Doubtless should consult the 1993 April Fools' edition, which ran an exposé on faculty trysts, chronicled the rampages of sex-mad administrators and printed an extended middle finger on half of the opinions page. Excess is the avoidable, regrettable and ever-potential result of autonomy.

That doesn't mean that the paper should resign itself to stories headlined "fraternities thank administration for three-strike policy" or "Laurent Boetsch, my hero."

It does mean, though, that you can expect the *Phi* will always be honest and forthright, yet not the University's cheerleader.

Alcohol policies not so bad

Tailgating is great, but strike system, parental notification need to be rethought

Last year, Washington and Lee students, faculty, and administrators decided it was time to take a stand. The misuse of alcohol was leading to death, destruction, and embarrassment. While the ultimate goal is to modify the culture, as this will be the only way of encouraging the responsible and prudent use of alcohol, we must keep in mind that our unpopular rules and restrictions are needed temporarily. Parties are more manageable, safer, and less focused on alcohol.

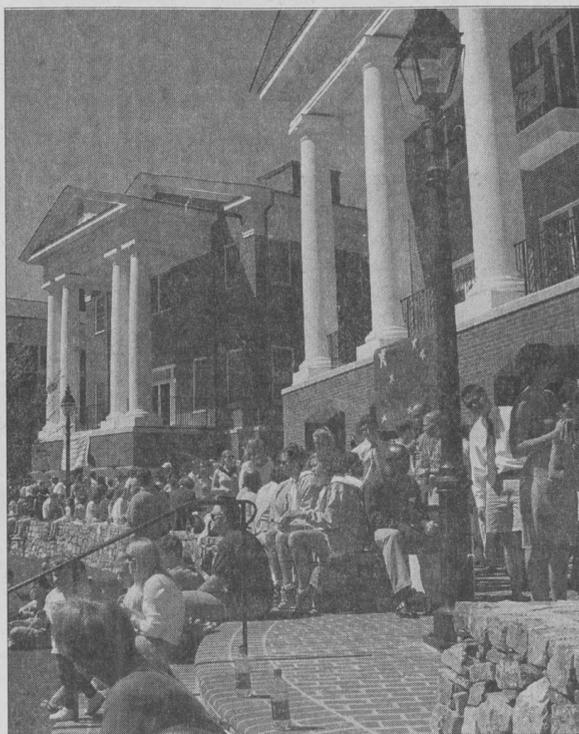
Still, we must continue to evaluate our alcohol policy, asking ourselves one important question: Are we moving to modify our culture (the appropriate choice), or are we legislating alcohol away from this university (the dangerous, irresponsible choice)? Our goal is not to legislate change, but to guide people to change the way they view alcohol.

Perhaps the greatest innovation stemming from the policy are the new and improved tailgates. While I'm not sure that prohibition is the best method of making tailgate the university-wide social gathering it's supposed to be (people will simply drink before or during tailgate), having the D-hall cater food at tailgate is an excellent idea.

This idea brings a wider variety of students to tailgates, which makes tailgates more dynamic by offering other social options than simply getting "trashed." Catered tailgates also encourage those who drink before tailgate to eat. This kind of environment could turn into a breeding ground for controlled, responsible drinking. I encourage those who are responsible for formulating alcohol policy to find ways of encouraging these kinds of events.

The strike system contrasts with the effectiveness and pragmatism of the new tailgates. It is unlikely that the University's new three-strike system is effectively eliminating high-risk behavior. In fact, it is probably leading to more high-risk behavior, as much drinking moves behind closed doors. Perceived selective enforcement of the rules further weakens the strike system.

However, the most ineffective portion of the strike system is the notification of parents. Since the university



FILE PHOTO

BOOZELESS FUN! Tailgates provide an alcohol-free way to get excited for games.

has reportedly shied away from individual responsibility concerning alcohol (which is the only way to prepare students for life outside college), notifying parents can do nothing to change the behavior of someone else's alcohol abuse. My parents can do nothing to change the behavior of someone

Drunk driving is very irresponsible and results in stiff fines or jail time in most communities. At Washington and Lee, we can enforce individual fines or penalties through the Student Judicial Council. It is widely agreed that drunk driving endangers other people, but apparently not by the SJC. I say this because the suggested penalty in the 2001-02 Student Handbook (p. 30) is suspension. However, in looking at the SJC notes, I have failed to find any students suspended for this.

Overall, Washington and Lee is moving in the right direction. Parties have been safer, and leadership has been in control of parties instead of drunk people. But we cannot rest on our laurels. We must continue to actively investigate ways to encourage and protect controlled, responsible drinking. It is the only way to eliminate the dangerous weekend situations that sometimes occur.

One part that is completely lacking in the new policies is personal responsibility. One goal of the alcohol policy should be to encourage behavior that will be concurrent with acceptable behavior in post-college life.

COMMON SENSE
JONATHAN WORTHAM '04

Letters to the Editor

Students have opportunity to pick president

Dear Editor,

I object to the (Sept. 24 staff) editorial's claims that students are not given a substantial voice in the presidential search process. Students have every opportunity to make their voice heard, and need to take that initiative. Leadership does not occur by passively waiting for opportunity to come to your dorm door. Rather, one needs to actively seek, and participate in, the opportunities offered.

Opportunities available to the entire student body have included the Lee Chapel forum and student forums run by McLoughlin. A contingent of about 10 students (the exact number I do not recall) were invited to a lunch with the consultant.

In addition, the search committee has invited all members of the W&L community to communicate directly with the committee or with the consultant via email. This invitation was sent by broadcast email. If any of you felt that the Lee Chapel forum was a joke, then you had the opportunity to communicate your thoughts on the presidential search with the consultant more directly via email.

Finally, even if the broadcast email announcement had not been made, one could have taken the initiative to contact a member of the committee simply by asking a member of the administration for names of contacts.

Sincerely,
Julie Fitzer '03

Jones claims he cited work

Dear Editor,

"Last week two articles in the *Ring Tum Phi* accused me of plagiarism (Ben Jones)." "I cited Jerry Seinfeld in full when

I wrote the *Trident*'s back page two weeks ago (Ben Jones)."

"A simple call to *The Trident* office will confirm the fact that I cited all of my work (Ben Jones)." "For some reason, my citation was not published- this is not my fault (Ben Jones)." "I am a huge Jerry Seinfeld fan and I would be just as upset as Matt Coursen and John Powers (sic) if I believed his jokes were ripped off (Ben Jones)." "I do not hold it against the *Phi* or either of the two individuals who accused me of this, however I encourage them to investigate their stories more thoroughly in the future (Ben Jones)." "I wish that both of these individuals had called *The Trident* to check whether or not I cited it before they publicly berated me, however, this was not done and nothing can be done after the fact (Ben Jones)."

"I re-iterate; I did nothing wrong (Ben Jones)." "I'm telling you for the last time (Jerry Seinfeld), I always cite all of my work and I always will (Ben Jones)."

Sincerely,
Benjamin Jones '03

Editor's Note:

It has come to our attention that Ben Jones did provide citation for his piece in last week's *Trident*.

Matt Coursen's article addressed information available at press time and represented Jones' work fairly and honestly. John Power's piece in the last *Ring-tum Phi* was a letter to the editor.

His statements should not be construed to reflect the opinions of this newspaper or its editors.

Have an opinion? Email Opinions Editor Brett Kirwan at kirwanb@wlu.edu if interested.

Women are the doomed ones

Jones' plagiarism not as bad as his toenail-curling boredom

With so much crap being passed off as journalism today, I feel it is my responsibility to ridicule it. For this reason, I have chosen to write about the exposition on human relationships, entitled, "Men, you are doomed so just give up."

Granted it has already gotten its sufficient share of denunciation. But most of those diatribes were just pointing out the issue of plagiarism.

So the author made a mistake. Be nice, we're all friends here. You could be probably be little more creative than noting the obvious.

Women, by and large, are idiots. They have ludicrous ideas about men, and how to trap them. Which is no real

great surprise since they derive their schemes from magazines that boast headlines like, "Quiz: Does He Love You?" "What He Really Means When He Says, 'Pass the Carrots,'" and "300 Mysteries About Men Solved."

How these publications survive is long standing puzzle since any moron can summarize a man's ultimate desire in the simple statement, "Show up naked. Bring food."

Women everywhere are still perfecting the art of dressing on the guise that they "just threw on any old thing," and applying makeup so it doesn't look like they're wearing any.

My personal favorite is when a girl scoffs at men who honk at them and then feed off the ego/confidence boost for a week. We should be thanking those morons who honk. Who's to say they're not just angels placed on this earth to prevent widespread depression amongst insecure women?

The amazing thing is that women's tactics seem to be working. As much as men may bitch and moan about the inherent evil and manipulation skills women possess, they still fall prey to it.

It's like a very bad street drug of sorts, where men always swear that it'll never happen to them. Then it does, and it's always tomorrow that they plan on quitting. But the longer the relationship prolongs, the more difficult it is to get out of, at least without some sort of mental crippling.

Evidence of our success is prominent. If you look around campus, you can see women driving men crazy everywhere. Do you think these are special, gifted, civilized women? These are the same lunatics I'm talking about.

In the end, men win out and get them in bed.

The marriage ceremony and following party are tragic. The party itself must be a man's design because there's no way a woman would think of ordering a six-story cake after suffering through weeks of anorexia to fit into her dress.

No woman would condone making out in front of everyone just by virtue of a glass-tinkling. It was a man's idea to show everyone else there, "She may have gotten me to marry her, but at least the ceremony affords me some ass so all is not lost."

I was recently the Maid of Honor at a wedding. (Author's Note: Not really, but for the sake of the satire, let's pretend I was.) I've got to say that I think "Maid of Honor" is the crafty work of a male English major. The juxtaposition of two completely different connotations evens everything out.

"Maid" insinuates a creature of servitude, while the term "honor" implies a revered mark of distinction. The two words cancel each other out and leave you with a neutral euphemism for boring. Probably another man's idea. Trick us into thinking we're special, but really we're all the same to them.

A lot has been made recently of "hooking up" at W&L. This is basically because everyone wants to avoid covering a mundane topic like Lexington Historic Sites. If they cover something cool like "hooking up," they will be, by proxy, cool.

To women, sex is like a review of *Cats*: "I laughed. I cried. I'll do it again and again."

To the Women's Forum: Please don't burn stakes on my front lawn. Everything is grounds for a harsh Letter to the Editor or a forum to protest any new decree. Take it easy, it's all in good fun.

So that's my mindless rebuttal against that notorious article in *The Trident* a few weeks ago, complete with incoherence and devoid of transitional sentences. I could care less if the writer copied the Gettysburg Address *verbatim*.

The real tragedy is not actual plagiarism, but in being boring. It's like Jack Nicholson said in *As Good As It Gets*, "If you don't have anything mildly interesting to say, then shut the hell up."

That's sound advice.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

DON'T WORRY, IT'S NOT FOR *PHI* STUFF ANYWAY.

— ANONYMOUS *PHI* ASSOCIATE EDITOR AFTER ASKING FOR THE *PHI*'S LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CODE

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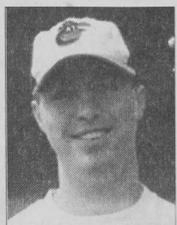
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TALKBACK: Where on Earth does the SAB find these bands?



"Illuminati."
-Phelps Harmon '01



"They vote among themselves."
-Jeanne Upchurch '03



"Scott Gray . . ."
-Wogan Bernard '03



"Eastern Europe (they're weird like that)."
-Brooke Evanson '02



"The unemployment line."
-Ryan Owen '03

Liberal fascism threatens intellectual liberty on campus

Seemingly innocuous T-shirt attracts attack from passerby while on Sunday afternoon stroll; manners, decorum fall prey to unrestrained 'groupthink'



GIRL POWER: It is not powerful enough to sway Al Bundy, a member of the National Association of Men Against

Amazonian Masterhood (NO MA'AM). Bundy sports the style that drew much criticism when worn by our columnist.

Some people just don't understand freedom, it seems. They support it entirely when it concerns themselves. They ferociously protest against anything that might impinge upon their liberties. Yet, when you want to exercise the same freedom, they will not hesitate to jump on you and attack your freedom.

I am talking about extreme liberals and their intolerance of opposing viewpoints. I began thinking about this subject when I was in the co-op, standing in line to pay for my purchases, and a complete stranger looked at me, got a sick look on her face, hissed loudly "disgusting," and walked away.

Let me explain to you more fully the circumstances. I was wearing a "NO MA'AM" T-shirt, which for those of you unfamiliar with the show "Married With Children," is an acronym for "National Organization of Men Against Amazonian Masterhood," which Al Bundy, the

main character, and his friends founded on the show.

It is, in short, an anti-feminist slogan, and the t-shirt comes complete with a big slash through the woman symbol. A very provocative shirt to feminists, to be sure, but one must also realize that the t-shirt is a joke.

Not only was I wearing it on a Sunday afternoon, when I would hope that few people care (or notice) what I wear, but more importantly, the actual "NO MA'AM" concept itself is a joke. Those who wear the "NO MA'AM" shirt generally mean no offense by it, much less do they seek to make a genuine political statement.

My attacker, on the other hand, tried to make a statement by publicly humiliating me in my taste of clothes. The way she looked me up and down, then spat out the words, and stormed off, was meant to do as much damage as possible.

Now I completely respect this lady's viewpoint—it's her right, after all, to believe as she wants—but I must take extreme offense at her extreme intolerance and prejudice, not to mention her lack of civility. I have seen her around campus several times since then, and each time I have smiled and said "hello," in keeping with our speaking tradition, and each and every time she has failed to respond in kind. My only offense, as far as I am aware, is wearing that T-shirt that one day. Talk about being judgmental.

Let me make it clear: I am not an anti-feminist. I fully support women's rights, and think that anybody who believes otherwise is just plain dumb. The T-shirt was a joke. But I draw the line at militant feminism, where a woman thinks she has the right to humiliate a man in public for his views, but should he do the same to her, may God have mercy on his poor soul. The same male chauvin-

ism that women complain about is mirrored in "feminazism." Neither side is right, for most people will tell you that extremism of any form is wrong.

What irritates me most is the way this lady has completely avoided me, and has never invited me to discuss her problem with my T-shirt with her. Instead, she has chosen to let her anger fume inside of her while ignoring the issue at hand. Not only is this behavior cowardly, but also detrimental to the friendly atmosphere we have on campus. After all, if we continue to become a more diverse campus in thought as well as otherwise, then tolerance of other viewpoints is a must. The only way to do this is to discuss.

Do not let the freedoms that we Americans believe in so ardently be stolen by those few who would seek to have their own freedoms valued above others.

RIGHT-WING RESPONSE
IMRAN NAEMULLAH '05

Virginia GOP ticket chock-full of anti-homosexual bigots, opposed to gay marriage

Last week Mr. Kirwan gave the readers of this paper the many reasons he believes you should vote for Mark Earley in the Virginia gubernatorial election next month. I am going to provide you with one that should change your mind: both Earley and Jay Katzen, the GOP candidate for lieutenant governor are bigots.

How so you ask? I realize that is a very harsh and bold statement, but I believe there is great truth behind it. These two candidates are running a campaign that is both insulting and extremely demeaning to the gay and lesbian citizens of this state.

I wish to begin with the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor who has been quite outspoken on the matter. In July of this year, Jay Katzen told the Richmond publication Style Weekly, "AIDS is the product, sadly, in most cases of a choice that people have made."

"We recognize that homosexuality is a choice. It's a lifestyle with public health consequences." He also stated he feared repealing Virginia's archaic, unenforceable sodomy law as it would be "laying the framework for gay marriage."

Firstly, the fact that in this day and age a man who feels he is suited for an important state office believes homosexuals choose their lifestyle is both frustrating and unforgivable. This is evidence that Katzen sees homosexuality not as a natural difference in sexual preference, but rather a sexual perversion.

Later in a joint radio appearance with Democratic Lt. Governor candidate Tim Kaine, Katzen accused his opponent of trying to kick the Boy Scouts of America out of Richmond schools and allowing gay-straight alliances to meet in those schools. Kaine told the Republican he knew of no effort to remove the Scouts, nor had he heard of any alliances meeting in the schools. However, Kaine made a point to say that he saw no problem if either of those groups wished to meet in schools and told the audience he had "no opinion" on the Scouts' discrimination against gays.

In this radio address Kaine proved himself to be a fair and understanding individual who was able to ward off the bigoted insults of his opponent.

Moreover, the Republican gubernatorial candidate Mark Earley is not without blame in this gay-bashing onslaught. He has been running television, print, and radio spots, predominantly in Virginia's rural areas, touting the slogan, "Virginia Values, not Vermont Values."

This is obviously referring to the idea of gay marriage. Earley and Katzen have been calling their opponents, Democrats Mark Warner and Tim Kaine as the most liberal ticket in Virginia's history.

GOP radio ads have been stating that one of the two Democrats wants "to legalize gay marriage in Virginia."

This is actually a dodgy twist of words spoken by Tim Kaine.

The former mayor of Richmond actually said, "Gays and lesbians should not be discriminated against in housing or employment."

These ads came from Republican gubernatorial candidate Mark Earley who said "... (the) promise of the right to life liberty, and the pursuit of happiness belongs to every man, woman, and child." The words of his speech, entitled The Promise of Virginia, were evidently not meant to include homosexuals.

Earley went on to say in this same speech, "...I promise to be a candidate and run a campaign worthy of your support, your confidence, and the faith you have placed in me. I will endeavor to unite and not divide; to clarify and not confuse, to be led by principle, and not by the polls."

Well, Earley was right about one thing. Some polls find him trailing Democratic opponent Mark Warner by fourteen points. This is a sign that the GOP's actions are being seen as nothing more than an embarrassing attempt to appeal to the lowest common denominator, and not as a viable political tactic.

Furthermore, just to the Commonwealth's north Maryland's Gov. Parris Glendening has put the full sup-

port of his office behind passage of a statewide gay civil rights bill to finally move that measure through his state's legislature. Moreover, Washington, D.C., finds gays and lesbians serving openly in all levels of its government.

So, this begs the question, what is so wrong with Virginia supporting a measure to allow gay marriages? In my humble opinion, nothing. While Warner and Kaine have not openly supported such legislation, they have not run campaigns so strongly against it like their Republican opponents.

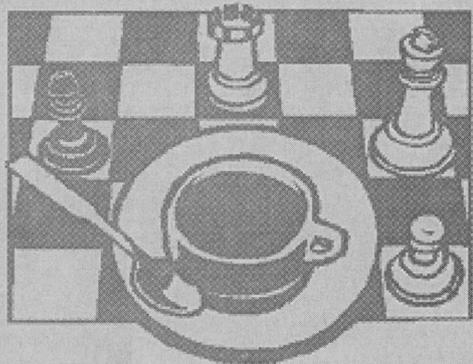
Republicans continue to use their religious beliefs which they believe define homosexuality as a sin. No state legislation would force any church to recognize gay marriages. This would allow civil marriages between gays and lesbians that are performed by state officials.

Religions may continue to do as they please in regards to who can and who cannot marry. But, I do not think that our state legislature should have power to say who should and should not be allowed a civil marriage license.

But most importantly, Virginia does not need a governor and lieutenant governor with such backwards, bigoted ideas. Either gay or straight, every citizen of this state deserves elected officials that will both represent them, but more importantly respect them, regardless of sexual orientation.

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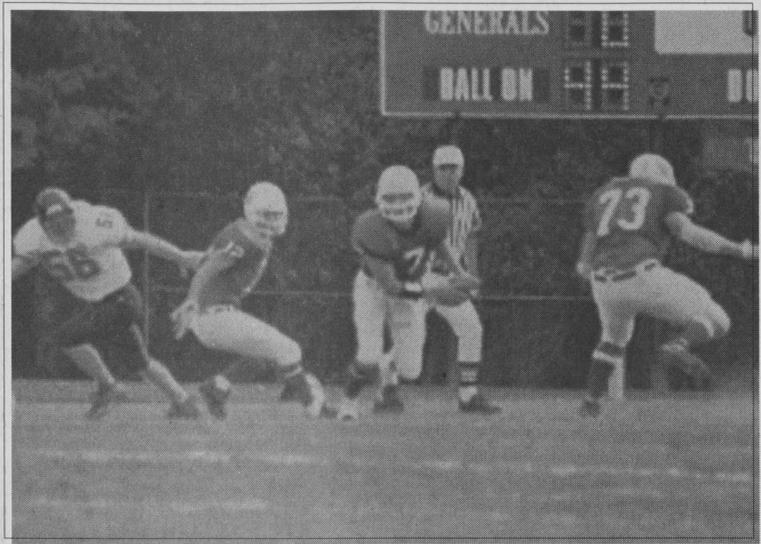
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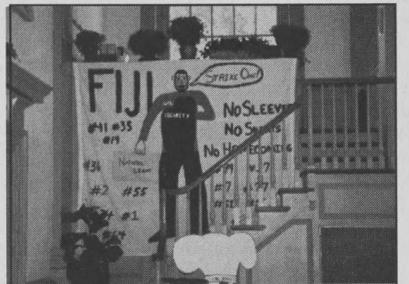
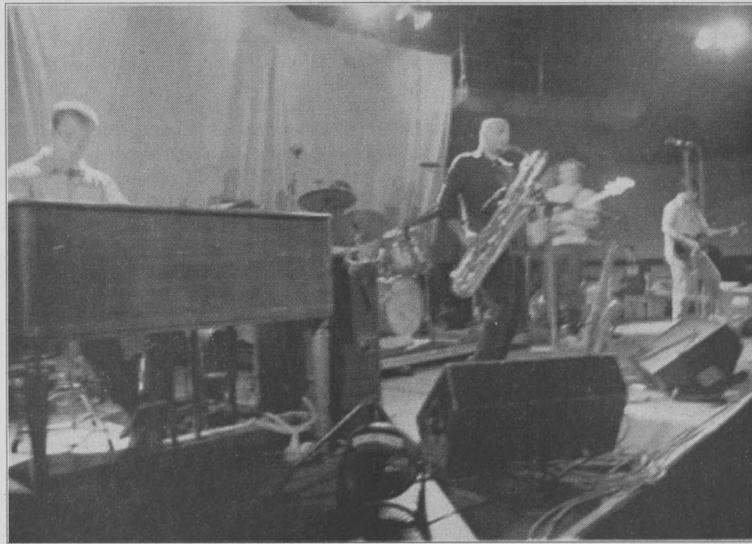
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Homecoming 2001



HOMEcoming 2001. (Top) The Catholic Cardinals find their wings plucked by the victorious Generals. (Below) Galactic, a New Orleans-style funk band, unleashed soulful tunes at their performance in Doremus Gymnasium. (Middle) Cheerleaders frolic on the field. (Bottom) Alumni relax in the shade of large tents erected across the street from the ruins—the first time in recent history that the location has been used for tailgating events.



2001 Homecoming Court

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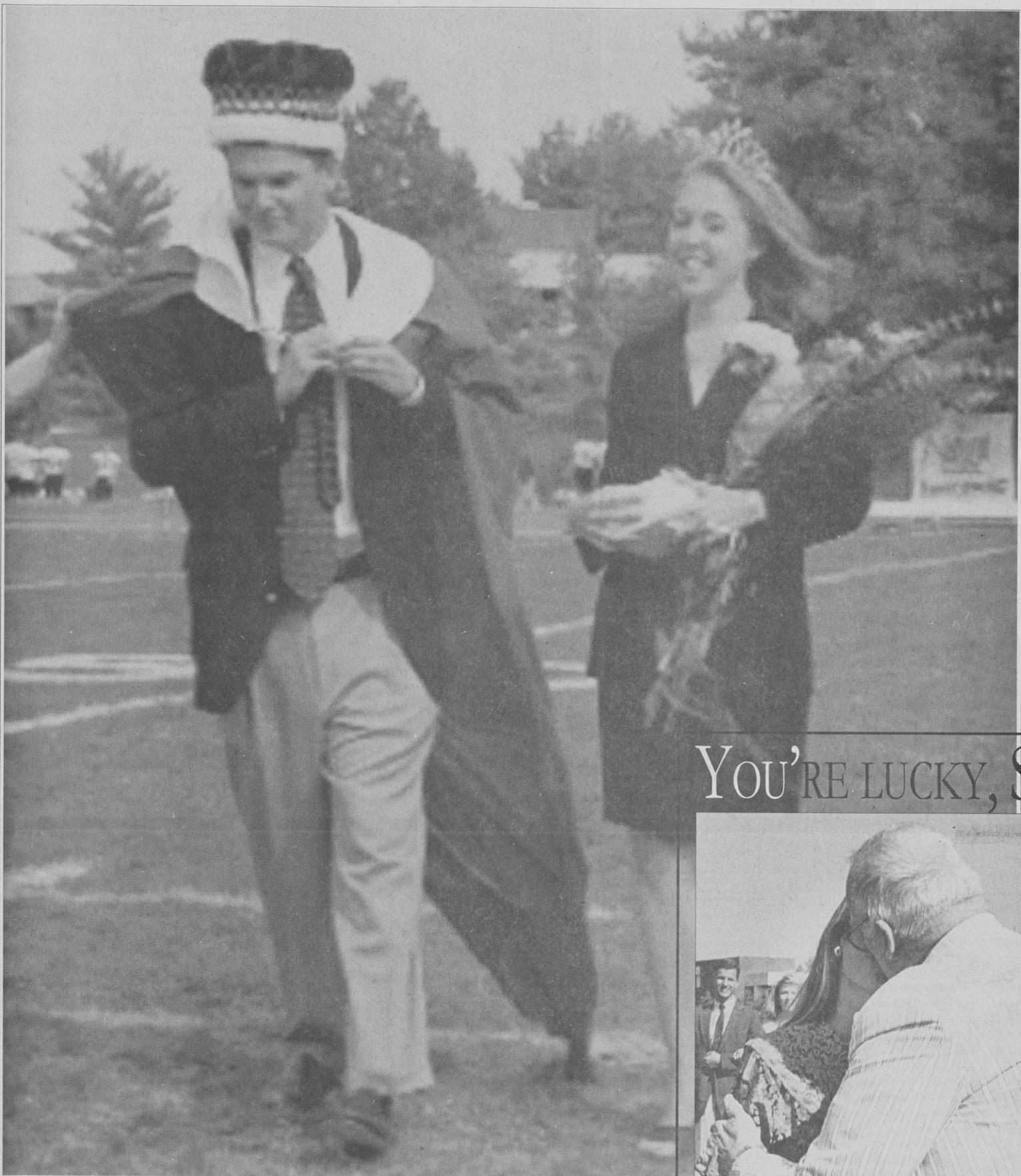
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2nd Runner Up

Lizzy Swann '02 (Nominated by Kappa Alpha)



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GROSS: Former Homecoming Queen Catharine Christian is one in a long line of crowned unfortunates forced to kiss Professor Keith Shillington, a thankfully discontinued tradition.

HOMECOMING 2001. (Center) Homecoming Queen Stacy McLoughlin strides across the football field with escort Tom Atwater. (Below) The nominees for Homecoming Queen and their escorts anxiously await the announcement of the 2001 winner. Blustering gusts of wind kept the maids, escorts and viewers chilly throughout the ceremony.



Welcome home: Generals drop Catholic, 18-12

Defense turns in stellar performance, W&L finds ways to score in ODAC victory

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee forced three turnovers in the fourth quarter and held Catholic to just 19 yards rushing to pull out an 18-12 win on Homecoming Saturday at Wilson Field.

The Generals scored 11 points off a fumble on a punt return and an interception by senior Chris Shortall, and sophomore Ted Maffitt's interception in the final minute sealed the win for W&L.

"We came out with the intensity that we had last week (against Randolph-Macon)," said Maffitt, who picked off a Derek McGee pass and returned it 55 yards to the Cardinal 11-yard line with 34 seconds remaining. "Our defense stuck it to them. This win was huge for us."

After taking a 12-7 fourth quarter lead on a 32-yard Greg Stokes field goal, Catholic forced a three-and-out. But on the return, senior Jeff Bahl knocked the ball out of Denis Campbell's hands, and sophomore Andrew Bahl recovered it at the Catholic 5-yard line.

Two plays later, senior Marc Watson plunged into the end zone from a yard out, and sophomore quarterback Peter Dean found Watson for the two-point conversion and a 15-12 lead.

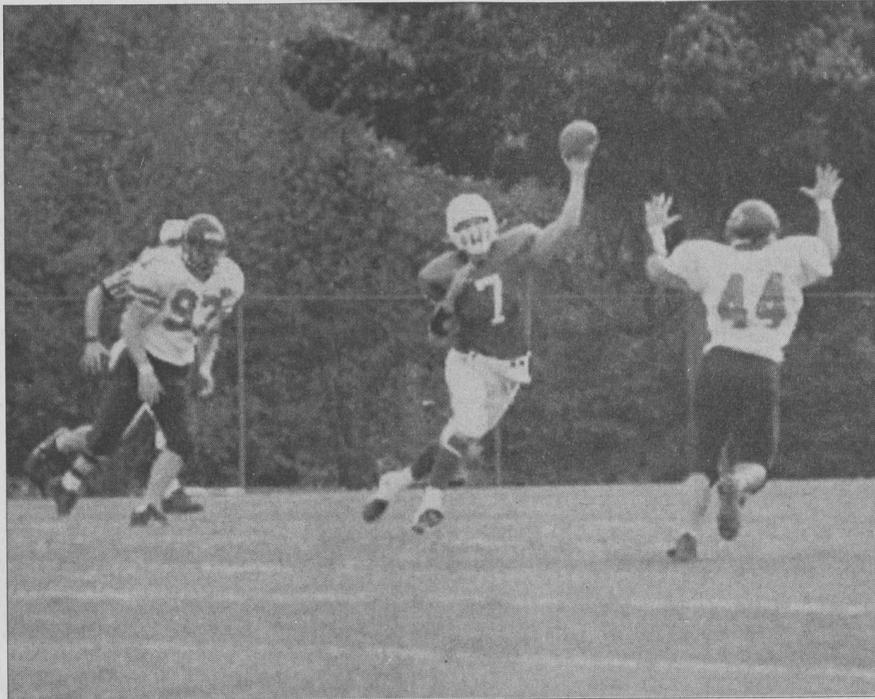
"We made a statement that we didn't want to lose two games in a row, and that didn't work," Watson said. "We weren't going to lose two conference games in a row."

McGee finished the day with 241 yards on 22-of-53 passing. His second quarter TD pass to Nick Bublavli came with 13 seconds remaining, prompting the Generals to step up their pressure in the second half.

The sophomore was sacked three times after the break, twice by Jeff Bahl and once by freshman Matt Larsen. On several occasions, McGee saw on-target passes fall through the hands of his receivers.

"They dropped some passes, which helped us a little bit," W&L coach Frank Miriello said. "We got a couple of big sacks and a turnover out of Ted Maffitt. We applied some pressure to them, and those kids put the ball on the floor."

Junior Chris Sullivan opened the scoring at 14:12 of the second quarter with a 19-yard touchdown run. The Cardinals then slowly strung together 12 straight points on



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THROWING ON THE RUN: Sophomore Peter Dean fires a pass in W&L's 18-12 win over Catholic Saturday at Wilson Field.

Dean completed 19-of-32 passes for 154 yards. Cardinal defenders Scott Lutte (97) and Jeff Tabery are in pursuit.

Bublavli's TD, a safety on a botched punt snap and the Stokes field goal.

Watson's score put the Generals up for good, and senior Brad Wiginton's 31-yard field goal following Shortall's pick finished the scoring.

Sullivan, who ran 35 times for 202 yards and had 300 yards of total offense in W&L's 28-24 loss to Randolph-Macon on Sept. 29, had just 80 yards on 31 carries against the Cardinals.

"They really had us scattered well," he said. "It wasn't there today, at least not as much as last week. You can't have games like that every week. We definitely had a more spread-out, balanced attack this week."

The Generals will look to go to 3-1 in ODAC play next week when they travel to Hampden-Sydney. They'll also attempt to avenge another loss from last season, but Catholic — which beat W&L 47-0 a year ago — was the big one for now.

"After the way they beat us last year, it's hard to describe in words how good this feels," Sullivan said. "You've got to take it one game at a time. Every game looks winnable. It's a matter of whether you show up to play."

"We definitely have a shot at (Hampden-Sydney). Our defense has got to be ready for all the trick plays they threw at us last year, and our offense has just got to do what we know how to do."

Win could turn W&L's season around

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

A week ago, Washington and Lee's football season appeared to be headed in the wrong direction.

The Generals were 1-3, one year after starting 4-0 against the same four opponents. Randolph-Macon had scored with 15 seconds left just seven days earlier to steal a win away from Frank Miriello's team.

Next was Catholic, which had crushed the Generals by a 47-0 score in 2000. Excuse anyone who had doubts about how W&L would finish up in 2001.

"Catholic had a huge game against us last year," senior Jeff Bahl said. "We were really thinking about it."

Now it's the Cardinals' turn to think, as W&L eked out an 18-12 win Saturday before a Homecoming crowd of over 4,700.

"It's a tremendous boost for us," Miriello said. "We've got to keep moving on, and use this to springboard us to a few more big wins."

The Generals are now 2-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, and one 95-yard drive away from being 3-0. Instead of falling apart after playing the Cardinals, they appear to be on their way up.

"Last year, Catholic just destroyed us, and our season went downhill from there," said sophomore Ted Maffitt, whose 55-yard interception return in the final minute prevented another last-second loss. "This shows we can play with anybody in the ODAC, and we're here to stay."

Bahl, who sacked Catholic's Derek McGee twice and forced the fumble that set up the game-winning touchdown, echoed his teammate's sentiment.

"We can play with the best, we've beaten the best," he said. "Now we're rolling into some teams who have had a lot of trouble with Catholic in the past. As far as our confidence is concerned, we're not doubting ourselves."

W&L has yet to reach its peak level, if the number of problems Miriello noticed provides any indication.

"First downs were just terrible," Miriello said. "We can't get into long second-down situations. It kills us."

"I don't think we kept them off balance enough," he added. "They zeroed in on what we were doing. We've got to keep people off balance better, and that's what we're going to work on this week."

But if the Generals can make that many mistakes and still beat one of the better teams in the ODAC, things are looking up for the second half of the season.

Golfers beat Guilford by a stroke in Aubrey Apple invite

FROM STAFF REPORTS

KERNERSVILLE, N.C.—The Washington and Lee golf team placed sixth out of 13 teams at the Greensboro Aubrey Apple Invitational, held Saturday and Sunday at the Pine Knolls Golf Club.

The Generals shot 294 each day of the competition, placing a stroke ahead of the Quakers in the overall standings. W&L finished second to Guilford in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships back in the spring.

Senior Kyle Ulep (70-71) placed fifth in the individual competition at 141. Junior Chip Campbell (71-73) shot a 144, followed by freshman Ged Johnson (75-75) at 150 and junior Chuck Green (78-75) at 153.

Senior Curtis Betha (82-76) ended up outside of the scoring at 158.

Averett shot a combined 573 to win the team competition, followed by Methodist (576), Oglethorpe (581), Greensboro (581) and Savannah A&D (584).

Roanoke, the third ODAC school present, was 10th at 610.

The Generals also placed ninth in an 18-team field at the Guilford/

Tom O'Bryant Invitational, held Monday and Tuesday at the Cardinal Golf & Country Club in Greensboro.

W&L's two-day total of 616 was a combined 28 strokes behind the tournament's host, which finished in third place. For the Generals, Campbell (75-76) and senior Ulep (78-73) tied for 24th at 151. Green (79-77) was 46th at 156, and Johnson (78-80) placed 53rd at 158.

Betha (83-83) and junior David Haase (82-87) finished out of the scoring for the Generals.

Duke won the team event with a score of 582, and Brad Clark was the medallist with a combined 137 for the Blue Devils.

Oglethorpe was second at 585, followed in the team standings by Guilford, Savannah A&D (591), Methodist (592), Greensboro (596), Averett (604) and Ohio Wesleyan (613).

Four other ODAC opponents competed in the Guilford invite. Lynchburg placed 13th at 637, Hampden-Sydney (641) was 14th, Randolph-Macon (642) ended up 15th and Bridgewater (661) finished 17th.

The two Triad-area invitationals finished the fall season for W&L.

Old, new blood keep W&L rolling

Volleyball team reaches halfway mark of ODAC season with undefeated record in league play

By DAVE CROWELL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

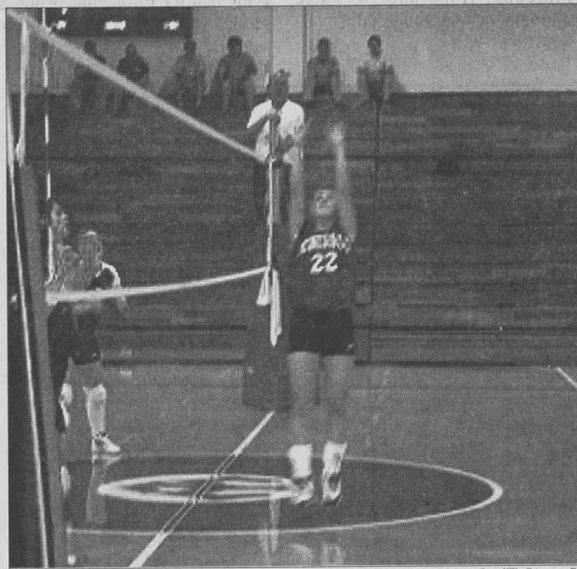
The Washington and Lee volleyball team used dominant performances on all areas of the court to land two victories against Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Eastern Mennonite and maintain a perfect conference record.

The Generals (15-3, 5-0 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) received a heavy dose of senior leadership in an impressive 30-19, 30-15, 30-18 victory over the WildCats on Tuesday.

Senior middle blocker Lindsay Ruckert led the way with 14 kills, six digs and three blocks. The two-time ODAC Player of the Year also continued her destruction of W&L career records by serving one ace and breaking the career service ace record of 158 held by 1992 graduate Leslie Hess.

Senior Leslie Fischbeck notched nine kills and five blocks, while classmate Sara Heusel added seven kills and five digs in a match that saw the Generals control the entire way.

"I personally think that we can be a very dominating team," coach Bryan Snyder said of his squad's penchant for finishing matches quickly. "But when we do get to 20 points, we usually buckle down and put together a nice string of points to end the game."



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ONLY A FRESHMAN?: Jennifer Lux goes for an assist in W&L's 30-19, 30-15, 30-18 win over Randolph-Macon Woman's College Tuesday at the Warner Center. In just her

first year of collegiate play, Lux is close to breaking the school record for assists in a season. She has 588 with five ODAC games and two tournaments to go.

In Saturday's Homecoming game against Eastern Mennonite, the freshmen got the opportunity to perform center stage. First-year players Jennifer Lux and Emily Wolf-

ing came up with key serves and important plays to ensure the 30-21, 30-19, 30-23 victory.

"The mix of freshmen and senior leadership is without a doubt a

great benefit for this team," Snyder said. "The freshmen are very used to the system and the style of play. Now that we're halfway through the season, they make very few 'freshmen mistakes.'

"Seniors provide the experience, but freshmen often bring the fire and enthusiasm to the court."

Lux amassed 29 assists, giving her 54 for the week. She already stands in the all-time W&L top five for assists in a single season at 588, with five conference games and two tournaments left before the ODAC Tournament in November.

Ruckert totaled 12 kills and six digs on the afternoon, while Fischbeck added 10 kills. Junior outside hitter Stacey Kimmel tallied seven kills, three aces and nine digs.

The Generals enter the second half of their ODAC schedule with confidence, certain that a strong work ethic can help them continue the success of this season.

"One through 15, we come to work hard in practice," Snyder said. "We put effort into every practice and it shows up on the court. Seeing tough competition in practice really prepares us for the matches."

The Generals travel to Sweet Briar today for a 6:30 p.m. conference match, hoping to remain undefeated in ODAC play.

Nationally ranked opponents too much for 1st-year program

Orrison's field hockey team still experiencing growing pains in inaugural varsity season

By MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

There are times when being the new kid on the block means getting beaten up a little. Such was the case for the Washington and Lee field hockey team this weekend.

Friday night, Lynchburg handed the Generals a 1-0 loss at home. Junior Linda Jack scored the only goal of the game with 24:30 left to play in the second half, assisted by junior Kyla Hoffman.

Lynchburg, ranked 19th in the nation, improved to 11-1 overall, 5-0 in Old Dominion Athletic Conference competition, while the Generals dropped to 2-7, 2-6 in the ODAC.

Sunday afternoon saw a chance for Catholic University to avenge its football loss from the previous day. The Cardinals took an early lead, scoring three goals in the first 22 minutes of the first half. The Generals were forced back on the defensive for most of the game, unable to pressure Catholic.

The Cardinals didn't seem to take their lead very well, as sophomore forward Danielle Deon received a yellow card with 2:43 remaining in the game.

The Generals used this advantage to ward away the shutout, and with 1:27 remaining, sophomore Jessica Lake scored off of an assist from senior Allison MacQueen. Nevertheless, the 18th-ranked Cardinals held off the Generals for the remainder of the game.

Coach Wendy Orrison noted that the team has been starting slow.

"We had a much better second half, and we played more as a team," she said. "We have trouble coming out strong."

She pointed out that Lynchburg and Catholic are both excellent teams that are years into their program.

"We're a first-year team, and that means we have to work harder, but we're up to it," Orrison said.

The Generals host St. Mary's of Maryland Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Washington and Lee University Turf Field.



UNDER THE LIGHTS: Washington and Lee freshman Kitt Murphy reaches for a loose ball in the Generals' 1-0 loss to 19th-ranked Lynchburg at the W&L Turf Field on Friday night. (Photo by Mary Guy/The Ring-tum Phi)

Men's soccer leaves early-season problems behind

W&L blows past Hampden-Sydney, 15th-ranked Roanoke to stay perfect in Old Dominion Athletic Conference

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Any early-season struggles that the Washington and Lee men's soccer team experienced have vanished.

The Generals (7-1-1, 6-0 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) dispatched Hampden-Sydney and Roanoke at home this week and are sitting atop the ODAC standings.

"Those are enormous wins," junior forward Brad Murphy said. "They were in the top of the conference along with us."

Senior Andrew Grimes scored the only goal of the game Thursday against the Tigers off an assist from senior Rick Schnatz at the 17:52

mark. Junior Brad Hearn made six saves in net for his second shutout of 2001.

W&L's offense stepped forward Saturday against 15th-ranked Roanoke. Murphy assisted sophomore Jacob Stoehr for the only goal of the first half, and he pushed the Generals' advantage to 2-0 several minutes into the second half.

After Tsuyoshi Oshika cut the lead to 2-1, freshman Justin Mygatt put the game out of the Maroons' reach with a tally, assisted by sophomore Philip Miller.

Junior Tim Foley recorded seven saves in net for W&L.

"Each of our keepers have had their moments, and it's important to

the team that we have two guys who get the job done," W&L coach Rolf Piranian said. "It's more important that the guy who's out there that day is on."

The Generals have now won six straight — this from a team that, in the preseason, didn't look like it was headed back to the NCAA playoffs.

"The beginning of the season, we had problems putting the ball in the back of the net," Murphy said. "We're really starting to work well."

With the offense improving throughout the year, Piranian believes that W&L's defense has helped them shoot to the top of the ODAC.

"We're basically absorbing what other teams throw at us," he said. "The rock of this team is our defense. That's the basis of our success this year."

W&L has three conference games left on the schedule. If they win out, they'll host the ODAC Tournament semifinals and finals on Nov. 3-4.

Murphy believes that the Generals are en route to returning to the Division III playoffs now that they have already beaten squads like the Tigers, Maroons and Virginia Wesleyan.

"We've beaten the stronger teams in our conference," Murphy said. "So we should be able to host the ODAC Tournament. I think going in, we'll have a lot of confidence."



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BLOCKING OUT: Junior Kevin Bibona fends off a Roanoke defender in W&L's 3-1 Homecoming win over the Maroons on Saturday.

Generals win blowout matches against Wasps, Ferrum College

By IAN R. McILROY
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team garnered two big wins this Homecoming week to improve their 2001 season record to 8-2.

On Wednesday, the Generals moved to 7-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with a 4-0 win at Emory and Henry. Then, the team scored a season-high seven goals as it shut out Ferrum on Saturday afternoon.

With these two impressive wins, the Generals have gained considerable momentum with just over two weeks left until the ODAC Tournament.

"The caliber of play on this team has been quite high this week," first-year head coach Neil Cunningham said. "We've been able to go right through the roster, and everyone on the squad has benefited from valuable playing time."

In the win over Emory and Henry, freshman forward Maggie Hope, sophomore midfielder Fontaine Marcoux and senior midfielder Kate Bidwell all tallied one goal and one assist each.

With a goal midway through the first half, sophomore midfielder Heather Coleman rounded out the scoring.

Freshman goalkeepers Abigail Pfeffer and Emily Barker each made two saves for the Generals, securing the team's third shutout of the season.



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ONE-TOUCHDOWN WIN: Senior Drew Powers scored two goals in W&L's 7-0 Homecoming victory over Ferrum Saturday at the Liberty Hall fields.

On Saturday, the Generals added another shutout to the books with a 7-0 win on the Liberty Hall fields.

Coleman and senior midfielder Drew Powers each scored two goals for the Generals, and Marcoux, Hope and freshman midfielder Ginny Helms tallied one goal apiece.

Junior midfielder Jenny Thomas dished out two assists for the Generals. Her second came on a flip throw in that was headed in by Powers.

Bidwell and freshman midfielder Alison Irvin each added one assist

on the afternoon. Playing 45 minutes apiece in goal, Pfeffer and Barker combined for the shutout.

Two weeks away from the conference tournament, the women have high goals.

"We have to keep this momentum going and try for another winning streak," Cunningham said. "If we do well in our remaining conference games, we'll earn a high seed in the tournament and have a strong shot at a home game (in the opening rounds)."

The Generals return to action on Wednesday when they travel to conference rival Hollins for a 4 p.m. match.

The Press Box

Mr. November awaits his crowning

The final week of the regular season brought no surprises in the National League, while the American League hasn't seen excitement in a month.

Our heroes, Cal and Tony, have played their final games after some final magic. Barry and Sammy, who dazzled us with their home run prowess, are sitting at home this postseason.

Nevertheless, this playoff year looks to have plenty of excitement. The Seattle Mariners will look to add some metal to their AL record for wins, while wild card Oakland is baseball's hottest team. And needless to say, those damn Yankees always play twice as well come October.

The NL is more of a toss-up. St. Louis, the wild card by a game, appears to be the strongest team, but don't count out any of the division champions.

So here's a brief playoff preview, with predictions guaranteed to last as long as a five-run Indians lead:

Divisional Series. I'd like to pick the A's to beat New York. Nothing this postseason would make me happier than watching the Yankees fall in the first round.

But I can't do it. The Yankees have an infinitely greater amount of experience than their green and gold counterparts, and this past month has given them a lot more to play for. This will be a good series, though, thanks to Oakland's outstanding (left-handed) pitching, *Yankees 3, A's 2.*

The other AL five-game set will be much less intriguing. Cleveland has a potent lineup, true, but the Mariners scored more runs during their 116-win regular season. Seattle's pitching gives the Indians as good a shot at winning this series as the Devil Rays.

Forget about that "emotional," 12-run comeback on "Sunday Night Baseball" two months ago. Lou Piniella and company haven't slacked off an inch since dropping that one. And that was August. This is October. *Mariners 3, Indians 0.*

Atlanta must still have a foul taste in their mouths after being swept by St. Louis last year. These teams meet again in the same scenario, but don't expect the same result.

This year's Braves are the worst of Bobby Cox's 10 straight division champions. They shouldn't even be in the postseason; this is one they earned. Brian Jordan has been on an absolute tear as of late, and look for him to haunt his former team. *Braves 3, Cardinals 2.*

The other divisional series was made a lot easier to predict thanks to Houston's lackluster play in recent days. I'll be rooting against them after Larry Dierker's shameful series against Barry Bonds and the Giants, when the Astros walked the new home run champ 10 times in three games.

Arizona has Curt Schilling, Randy Johnson, Luis Gonzalez and little else. But that's good enough to get them through a five-game series. *D-Backs 3, Astros 1.*

League Championship Series. The Yankees again face a 2000 playoff opponent, as Piniella brings his amazing squad up against Joe Torre's club. The magic that worked for New York against the A's won't have the same effect on a young but seasoned M's team.

Aaron Sele, Freddy Garcia and the resurgent Jamie Moyer can and will handle the Yankees' lineup. Seattle's bullpen is much deeper than New York's, and their lineup has more punch. *Mariners 4, Yankees 2.*

Atlanta's momentum has carried it into the LCS, but it won't take the Braves much further. Schilling and Johnson will propel Arizona to a quick lead in this series, and Bob Brenly will be calling the World Series from the dugout instead of the broadcast booth. *D-Backs 4, Braves 1.*

The Fall/Winter Classic. There will be a Mr. November this year. My guess is Bret Boone. This has been a great year for the Mariners' second baseman, and he has too much protection batting around him to let him slump in the playoffs.

Piniella can outmanage Brenly easily, but it won't come down to that. This won't be much of a series, either. *Mariners 4, D-Backs 1.*

Men's tennis ends fall season

Match wins give Generals quarterfinal finish in ITA/Rolax South Regional tournament

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SWARTHMORE, Pa.—Three Washington and Lee men's tennis players advanced to the quarterfinals and one doubles team made it to the semifinals at the ITA/Rolax South Region Championships on Saturday.

After each winning a pair of matches on Friday, seniors Rhys James and Andrew Roberts and fresh-

man Paul McClure all won their first match of the day Saturday, only to lose in the event's quarterfinals.

Mary Washington's Conner Smith defeated James, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Kayvon Fatahalian of Carnegie Mellon dropped Roberts, 6-3, 6-2 and Washington College's Jose Lajarraga knocked off McClure, 6-3, 6-1.

James and Roberts advanced to the final four in doubles competition, but fell 8-5 to a team from

Carnegie Mellon. Lajarraga and teammate Seth Morgan knocked off W&L sophomores K.C. Schaeffer and Austin Kim, 8-3, in another quarterfinal match.

Kim and Schaeffer each lost in the second round of singles competition on Friday, and McClure and sophomore Graham Nix were eliminated in the second round of doubles.

The tournament concludes the Generals' fall season.

Coming to the *Phi* sports pages later in the term:

- Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament and postseason coverage of fall sports
- Previews of W&L winter sports

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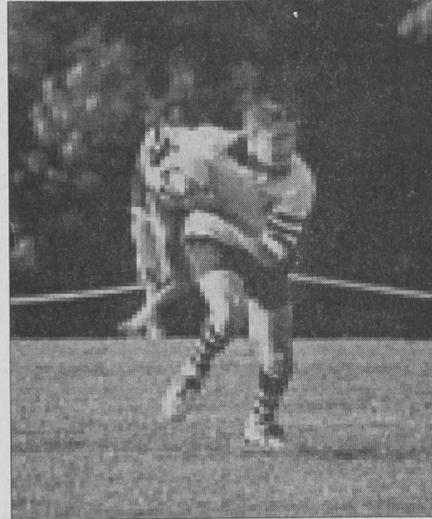
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Minks improving rugby program, still fighting for respect



OPEN FIELD: Sophomore Philip Dales returns the ball in W&L's 33-26 loss to VMI on Sept. 27.

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee rugby squad plays as a club team, but don't let that moniker fool you.

The Minks now have a coach, 1991 graduate Tom Lovell, who is in his second season with the team. Lovell has played rugby for well over a decade, including his four years at W&L.

Since Lovell took over the program, senior co-captain Chris Clark says, the program is "10 times better than we've been since I've been here."

"It's so much better, I don't even know how to explain it," Clark said. "We've all learned a lot more with the help of Tom Lovell."

Playing in the Virginia Rugby Union — part of USA Rugby, which coordinates the sport from youth leagues all the way up to the national team — means rules and regulations that don't seem to fit a club team.

"We have requirements that we have to fulfill, very similar to the NCAA," Lovell said. "Most schools don't acknowledge the organizational level that's there."

Senior co-captain Abram Trosky, who has played the sport in England and Australia and is the returning MVP from the 2000 W&L squad, says that everything from Title IX to the injury-prone nature of the sport prevents most schools from having varsity-certified rugby teams.

"Though nearly every decent-size university has a rugby club, only a handful have varsity status," Trosky

said. "Because there is no large-scale, endorsed college-level competition, rugby has eluded the mainstream and finds its livelihood mainly in scattered men's clubs."

"There is obvious competition for big, aggressive males with football, but even in England rugby isn't a huge spectator sport, except for international test matches."

W&L is 3-2 this season, including a 17-3 Homecoming win over William and Mary on Saturday. The Minks have established themselves as a first-half team, as 67 of their 82 points have come in the first 40 minutes of play. Lovell says his team must play a full 80 minutes, but emphasizes that they've come a long way in terms of dedication to the program.

"Our strengths are commitment, athleticism and learning," he said. "One of the frustrating things with rugby is that there's so little involvement at the high school level. But they're really learning the game of rugby. This year especially, the team has really jelled."

The Minks are beginning to draw from a larger pool of players. Sophomore Charlie Kimbrough, who leads the team in scoring this year, originally came to W&L as a soccer player.

But, as Trosky says, rugby remains out of the mainstream of American sports. The lack of NCAA certification doesn't help, as the Minks must battle for practice time with at least four teams that use similar practice fields in the fall. They play their home matches at the kickboard field.

"Club chair Joe Lyles helps us coordinate all our fields," Lovell said. "With the situation with the lack of fields, the school has done a pretty good job at getting us practice time. At the same time, we've got to play second fiddle to what's going on (with varsity teams)."

Then there is the social aspect, much heavier a part of rugby than other sports. Post-game festivities involve both home and away teams and include food, drink and what is known as "choir practice."

"The guys work hard and play hard, no matter what level of rugby you're at," Lovell said. "The tradition is the two teams put everything they can on the field, and afterwards it's truly a gentleman's sport."

"The home team hosts a post-game party where the two teams can get together and talk about the match. Usually there's some songs that are sung and food that's eaten, and everybody walks away friends. A lot of sports don't get together in that post-game camaraderie."

Such a unique social scheme just may be what draws people to the game.

"The great thing about rugby is that no matter how brutal the game is and what words or blows are exchanged, inevitably the home team ends up feeding and 'watering' the visitors and we part friends until next year," Trosky said. "What other sport can claim that?"

On the Web:
<http://clubrugby.wlu.edu>



SIGHTS OF W&L-VMI: (Above) A Minks winger gets tackled by several Keydets as sophomore Jock Wols looks on. (Left) Sophomore Joseph LeNoir runs through a pair of VMI players. (Photos by Meg Ferrara/The Ring-tum Phi)

SCOREBOARD

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL YARDLINE

W&L 18, Catholic 12	
Catholic	0 7 2 3 — 12
W&L	0 7 0 11 — 18
Second Quarter	
W&L	Sullivan 19 run (Wiginton kick), 14:12
CUA	Bublavi 11 pass from McGee (Stokes kick), 0:13
Third Quarter	
CUA	Team safety, 1:24
Fourth Quarter	
CUA	Stokes FG 32, 13:23
W&L	Watson 1 run (Watson pass from Dean), 10:51
W&L	Wiginton FG 31, 3:54
A	4,722

	CUA	W&L
First downs	14	15
Rushes-yards	24-19	46-87
Passing yards	241	154
Return yards	110	63
Comp-att-int	22-53-2	19-32-1
Sacked-yards lost	3-30	3-24
Punts-avg	9-39.2	9-34.6
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	6-40	7-63
Time of possession	23:36	36:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—CUA: Ulrich 13-30, Vollono 4-5, McGee 7(-16). W&L: Sullivan 31-80, Watson 7-31, Overstreet 1-2, Dean 4(-6).
PASSING—CUA: McGee 22-53-2 241. W&L: Dean 19-32-1 154.
RECEIVING—CUA: Bublavi 7-90, Evans 6-55, Truxillo 4-45, Richard 2-45, Jankiewicz 2-5, Ulrich 1-1. W&L: Watson 10-70, Thomas 3-46, Sullivan 3-2, Overstreet 2-29, Callahan 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—W&L: Wiginton 47, 36.

W&L SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 9-22

Tuesday, Oct. 9 Golf W&L at Aubrey Apple Invitational	Tuesday, Oct. 16 Women's Soccer W&L at Guilford, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10 Women's Soccer W&L at Hollins, 4 p.m.	Wednesday, Oct. 17 Men's Soccer Eastern Mennonite at W&L, 4 p.m. Field Hockey Eastern Mennonite at W&L, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11 Volleyball W&L at Roanoke, 6:30 p.m.	Oct. 18-21 Women's Tennis W&L at Rolex National Tournament
Friday, Oct. 12 Women's Tennis W&L at Franklin & Marshall, 1 p.m. Men's Soccer W&L at Savannah A&D, 5 p.m.	Thursday, Oct. 18 Volleyball W&L at Bridgewater, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13 Women's Tennis W&L at Swarthmore, 9 a.m. W&L at Haverford, 3 p.m. Cross Country W&L at Div. III State Meet, TBA Volleyball W&L at Goucher Tournament Football W&L at Hampden-Sydney, 1 p.m. Men's Soccer W&L vs. Guilford (at Savannah A&D), 1 p.m. Women's Soccer Carnegie-Mellon at W&L, 3:30 p.m.	Saturday, Oct. 20 Cross Country W&L at Gettysburg Invitational Women's Soccer W&L at Roanoke, 1 p.m. Men's Soccer W&L at St. Mary's, 2 p.m. Football W&L at Sewanee, 2:30 p.m.
	Sunday, Oct. 21 Field Hockey Christopher Newport at W&L, 1 p.m. Volleyball Lynchburg at W&L, 2 p.m.

ODAC FOOTBALL GLANCE

Team	ODAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Randolph-Macon	2	0	4	1
Washington and Lee	2	1	2	3
Bridgewater	1	0	4	0
Emory and Henry	1	0	3	2
Hampden-Sydney	1	2	2	3
Catholic	0	2	1	4
Guilford	0	2	1	5

October 6 Results

W&L 18, Catholic 12
Emory and Henry 34, Hampden-Sydney 20
Ferrum 18, Guilford 15, OT

Week of October 13

W&L at Hampden-Sydney
Guilford at Bridgewater
Catholic at Frostburg State
Emory and Henry at Randolph-Macon

Week of October 20

Bridgewater at Emory and Henry
Hampden-Sydney at Catholic
Davidson at Randolph-Macon
W&L at Sewanee

Week of October 27

Bridgewater at W&L
Emory and Henry at Catholic
Randolph-Macon at Guilford
Hampden-Sydney at Davidson

OLD DOMINION ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS

WOMEN'S SOCCER						VOLLEYBALL							
Team	Conference			Overall			Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T		W	L	T	W	L	T
Washington and Lee	8	1	0	8	2	0	Washington and Lee	5	0	15	3		
Lynchburg	6	0	0	9	1	2	Roanoke	5	0	11	5		
Virginia Wesleyan	6	1	0	11	3	0	Emory and Henry	3	1	10	6		
Eastern Mennonite	5	3	0	11	3	0	Randolph-Macon	4	3	11	8		
Roanoke	4	2	0	9	3	0	Lynchburg	3	2	14	5		
Randolph-Macon	4	4	0	4	9	0	Bridgewater	3	2	10	6		
Bridgewater	3	4	1	5	4	2	Eastern Mennonite	2	3	8	11		
RMWC	2	3	1	6	3	1	Hollins	2	3	5	11		
Guilford	2	4	0	5	7	1	Sweet Briar	1	3	7	6		
Hollins	1	6	1	2	7	1	RMWC	0	5	4	12		
Sweet Briar	0	6	0	2	9	0	Guilford	0	6	2	19		
Emory and Henry	0	7	1	3	9	1							

MEN'S SOCCER

Team	Conference			Overall			Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T		W	L	T	W	L	T
Washington and Lee	6	0	0	7	1	1	Eastern Mennonite	6	0	0	9	5	0
Roanoke	4	1	0	9	2	0	Lynchburg	5	0	0	11	1	0
Virginia Wesleyan	4	1	0	8	5	0	Roanoke	6	2	0	8	3	0
Emory and Henry	3	2	0	6	5	0	RMWC	4	2	0	6	5	0
Lynchburg	3	3	0	5	6	0	Virginia Wesleyan	3	4	0	5	7	0
Hampden-Sydney	2	2	0	8	4	1	Sweet Briar	2	3	0	7	5	0
Eastern Mennonite	2	4	0	7	8	0	Randolph-Macon	2	5	0	4	9	0
Randolph-Macon	1	3	0	6	6	0	Washington and Lee	2	6	0	2	8	0
Guilford	1	4	0	4	7	0	Bridgewater	1	4	0	4	7	0
Bridgewater	0	6	0	3	8	0	Hollins	1	6	0	1	11	0

Editor's note: Overall records may not reflect games played this weekend.

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Monday October 8 8:30-midnight