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New capital campaign aims for near quarter-billion



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TENTING RED SQUARE. This large structure (left) held an audience while Trustee Phil Norwood, chair of the capital projects committee, discussed proposed additions and renovations to the campus. Proposed additions include a new University Commons (1), a renovated Reid Hall (3), a renovated Co-op (4), and an expanded Williams School (5).

By MATTHEW McDERMOTT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

To explain its need for \$225 million, Washington and Lee University invited over 400 guests to a two-day kickoff of its "For the Rising Generation" capital campaign.

Guests were "W&L's most generous donors, closest friends and promising donors," said Jim Farrar, secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The kick-off was scheduled to follow the regular fall meeting of the Board, which was moved to Wednesday from Thursday to allow more time.

The event began with dinner and a "Performance for the Rising Generation," with pieces from the University Chorus and the wind, string and jazz ensembles. The event, held in the Lenfest Center, ended with a joint rendering of "America the Beautiful."

Friday presented the bulk of the information, with an address by Trustee Phil Norwood, chair of the capital projects committee.

Attendees could also listen to two of 10 seminars presented by seven deans, 26 professors and staff and students.

Presentation subjects included technology in the classrooms, financial aid and study abroad opportunities.

"These seminars are a very detailed look at different aspects of university life," Farrar said.

The main event was Saturday's gala, which took place in the Warner Center. Black carpeting covered the floor, the ceiling was draped and floral centerpieces—including a \$600, six-foot arrangement by the coatcheck—were arrayed.

Guests were treated to a five-course meal that included canapes, black Angus tenderloin and a chocolate cake with blackberry and mango coulis. The food, exclusive of the open bar, had a \$112.50 price per person, according to the catering event sheet.

"I understand that you have to spend money to get money," said History Professor Ted DeLaney, who attended the event. "I just wish that wasn't the case. I wish that some of the money that went into the gala could have gone into student scholarships."

During the supper, two videos were shown. The first, a tribute to past President John Elrod, recorded his reasons for the construction of the new University Commons.

After the screening, Frank Surface, rector of the Board of Trustees, announced that the Board voted unanimously to name

Capital campaign breakdown

Academic Program . . .	\$119,650,000
Annual Fund	\$ 20,000,000
Physical Plant	\$ 85,350,000
TOTAL	\$225,000,000

the Commons for Elrod. He then presented a framed drawing of the building to Mimi Elrod, the president's widow.

Elrod spoke of her husband's hope that the Commons would serve as "our family room," a place for the University community to engage in out-of-classroom discussions.

"I am delighted that the Commons will be named after John Elrod," DeLaney said. "Dr. (Mimi) Elrod was very eloquent."

The second video reemphasized the University's need for funds, featuring interviews with students, faculty and deans. A CD-Rom with similar information was distributed to attendees.

Both videos were produced in-house.

To date, \$168 million of the planned \$225 million has been raised from quiet solicitation of corporations and major donors.

The money is pegged for specific goals. Slightly more than half, \$119,650,000, will go to the academic program. Of the remainder, \$20 million will be used in the annual fund program, and \$85,350,000 for the Physical Plant.

The annual program contributes \$4 million to the University's yearly operating budget.

The Physical Plant hopes to use funds toward the construction of the \$30 million University Commons and a \$24 million new art and music building, to be named after past President John Wilson.

Also planned is the \$5.7 million renovation of Reid Hall, the \$4 million refurbishing of the fitness center and the \$3.5 million expansion of the Williams School expansion. Additional funds will renovate the law school's Lewis Hall, adding a new entrance and atrium.

Administrators believe that the kick-off will generate sufficient interest in the institution's financial well-being.

"You don't just do this (type of event) on a whim," Farrar said. "That's what this is about, to get people excited."

Quartet crash in country

By KATIE HOWELL
LAYOUT EDITOR

An SUV carrying four W&L students flipped three and a half times, ejecting two of the students, in a single-vehicle accident last Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The wreck, involving alcohol, sent the students to Stonewall Jackson Hospital.

Virginia State Police Sergeant P.L. Cheek said junior Brian Caskey was driving senior Abby Montgomery's 1998 M-class Mercedes north on Route 669 near Lexington when he slid on gravel, overcorrected the skid and flipped over a guard rail. Passengers included seniors Montgomery and Geoff White and junior Matt Kimbrough. The accident's impact threw both White and Kimbrough from the backseat of the car.

According to the Virginia State Police report of Trooper C.H. Seelke, who responded to the accident, neither White nor Kimbrough were wearing seatbelts. Virginia law, however, does not require adults riding in the backseat of a vehicle to wear seatbelts.

An ambulance took Kimbrough from Stonewall Jackson to the University of Vir-

ginia Medical Center. A hospital administrator at UVA Medical Center said Kimbrough remains hospitalized in Charlottesville in good condition. He would not comment on any treatment Kimbrough received. W&L Dean of Students David Howison, however, said Kimbrough's spleen had been removed. Howison visited Kimbrough at UVA.

"Matt was probably the worst hurt of all of us," White said.

White had surgery on his leg, which was broken in three places. Montgomery has difficulty walking from injuries she received during the accident. Caskey suffered minor cuts and bruises.

According to the police report, the state charged twenty-year-old Caskey for driving after illegally consuming alcohol and reckless driving. This crime is punishable by either a six-month license suspension or participation in the Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) with a restricted license and up to a \$500 fine.

"Caskey was not necessarily drunk, but he is under 21 which means, if he had any measurable amount of alcohol in his system, he can receive this charge," Cheek said. "His

(blood alcohol content) was .02 or more, which would be enough to be measurable." Cheek would not disclose Caskey's exact blood alcohol level.

Howison said this accident is the fourth reported case of students driving under the influence of alcohol this year. Under the University's new alcohol guidelines implemented at the beginning of this school year, Director of University Security Mike Young will conduct an investigation of the accident and interview both Seelke and Caskey. He will then report to the Student Judicial Council, who will hear the case after state courts try the case. The SJC will determine the University's punishment.

Since the alcohol guidelines do not set standards for punishment, the SJC does not know how it will punish Caskey. Howison said possible ramifications could result in suspension from the University.

"None of us are blaming anyone else," White said. "This could have happened to anyone else. The only thing I'm concerned with is that we're all in this together."

DUI survivor warns campus

By VIRGINIA VESELINOVA
STAFF WRITER

Guest speaker Blake McMeans encouraged students to avoid alcohol abuse during his speech in Lee Chapel Thursday night.

McMeans' speech was sponsored by Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the varsity volleyball team and Generals Advocating Safe Driving.

SAE and the volleyball team sponsored in memory of Adam Burchett and Kristin Shelton, who died in a single-vehicle car crash homecoming weekend last year. Burchett, the driver, was drunk driving.

GASD co-sponsored the event as a means of promoting its goals. GASD Budget Director Baxter Lee, a senior, gave a short speech encouraging the audience to use alcohol responsibly.

Lee also outlined the tentative plans for GASD's sober-driving route, which he said will begin operating next semester. The route will include two zones. Zone 1 will include all on-campus housing and all other housing within a two-mile radius from campus. Zone

2 will include all other locations, and use student-driven cars.

McMeans, a promising young tennis player, started abusing alcohol to deal with the death of his father.

After a severe car accident his senior year in high school, he spent three months in a coma and another year to learn to speak and eat again. He can now walk on his own for limited time periods.

McMeans encouraged students to avoid his mistakes by using alcohol responsibly. He warned students that abusing alcohol can lead to sharing his fate.

"My biggest challenge is waking up and realizing I have to get into the wheelchair," McMeans said.

Despite his disability and bad fortune, McMeans said he tries to focus on the positive.

"I love looking on the bright side," he said.

LIFE coordinator Jan Kauffman said she hopes McMeans' experiences affect students.

"I think he showed that any amount of alcohol, regardless of whether it's one beer or 12, can make it unsafe to drive," Kauffman said.

W&L tunes in to new cable channels

Comedy Central, Cartoon Network added to University package for dorms, fraternities

By IMRAN NAEEMULLAH
STAFF WRITER

Fans of the so-called "boob tube" at Washington and Lee recently got a treat. The cable TV lineup was expanded by 18 channels, announced Flash Floyd, manager of University Services.

Adelphia Media, one of the nation's largest cable companies, expanded its lineup in an effort to improve the quality of its programming, said a customer service representative.

The student body has reacted enthusiastically.

"The expanded cable is great," said freshman Brandon Hieskill. "The new channels have really good reception, and I'm glad we now have the Warner Brothers Channel and Comedy Central."

Hieskill notes, however, that the picture quality of some of the existing channels is still not up to par.

Junior Susan Slopek agrees, but she believes that the problem will be addressed soon. Right now the new lineup has her attention.

"I was really excited when I saw we had Cartoon Network, VH1 and Comedy Central. I've been looking forward to these since freshman year," Slopek said.

In his announcement, Floyd did state that he was working to improve the situation.

University Services said that Washington and Lee was not directly involved in obtaining more service, because W&L's contract with Adelphia stipulates that W&L receives all service changes they make.

Other new channels include the Food Network, Oxygen and Hallmark.

Recent changes affect only cable subscribers, so a number of satellite customers did not see any changes early last Monday morning when the stations were added.

While many students are thrilled with the new choices and the chance to watch "Dragonball Z" and "The Essence of Emeril," others want more.

"It's too little, too late," said sophomore Colin Harding, who plans to purchase cable eventually.

"The only reason I'd get this deal is because it's the only deal," Harding said. "Other than DirecTV, there's no other choice."

Many students who opt not to go with Adelphia or cannot receive conventional cable services, go with satellite providers like DirecTV, which can carry even more stations, such as the much-desired HBO.

"We need something that has more movies," said sophomore Otto von Feigenblatt.

He would also like to see more international channels.

"They are free by satellite. There are American channels in Spanish for example, like Univision which is centered in California and Miami," von Feigenblatt said.

Floyd's announcement also stated that University Services is working on getting the foreign language channels, including SCOLA, on the lineup. Another notice will announce if these additions will be definite.

Von Feigenblatt's final wish may never become a reality. "Basically, more movies, less commercials."

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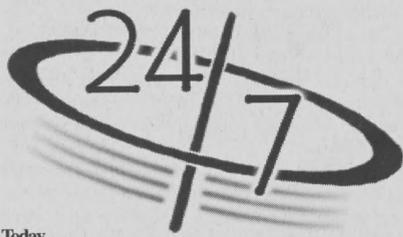
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CHOIRBOYS AND CHOIR GIRLS. Washington and Lee's choral groups took advantage of the acoustics in the Great Hall for their Sixth Annual Science Center Serenade last Tuesday. Faculty, students, staff and community members attended the event.



MEG FERRARA/The Lexington Phi

WHERE'S THE FIRE? Safety Officer Paul Burns teaches Keith Irvine how to properly use a fire extinguisher during Fire Prevention Week. The chemical cloud could be seen daily.



Today
7 p.m.—Study Abroad. Informational meeting for Spring Term. University Center, Fairfax Lounge.

Tuesday, Oct. 23
Noon-6 p.m.—Blood drive. Chi Psi fraternity. Doremus.
5 p.m.—Health Professions Seminar. "Medical school admissions," Beth Bailey, director of admissions and Dr. Benjamin Sturgill, associate dean of admissions, UVA School of Medicine. Room 307, Parmly Hall.

6:30 p.m.—Teacher certification information. Nan Partlett, W&L director of teacher education. Guest, Dr. Patty Westhafer, professor of education, Mary Baldwin. Room 114, University Center. Refreshments served.

Wednesday, Oct 24
Noon-6 p.m.—Blood drive. Lexington Baptist Church, Houston Street Ext.
7 p.m.—Politics filmfest. "Somewhere in Time" (1980). Directed by Jeannot Szwarc. Room 221, Commerce School.

7 p.m. Class of '62 lecture. "Pocketbook or Rosary? Economy, Religiosity, and Voting Behavior in Poland," Krzysztof Jasiewicz, professor of psychology, W&L, Class of '62 Fellow. Reception to follow. Nothen Auditorium.

Friday, Oct 26
Parents Weekend
8:30 a.m.—Annual Leyburn Library Booksale. Ends Tuesday, Oct. 30.

3:30 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma initiation. Lee Chapel.
4 p.m.—Math student presentations: Noelle Evans '02 and Tina Harbins '03. Refreshments at 3:30 p.m. Room 6, Robinson Hall.

8 p.m.—Parents Weekend Choral Concert. Lee Chapel.
Saturday, Oct 27
10 a.m.—Parents' Weekend Applied Music Recital. duPoint Auditorium.

11:30 a.m.—Report to Parents. Larry Boetsch, acting president. Lee Chapel.

Noon-1:20 p.m.—Tailgate Luncheon. Sorority Front Lawn.

6 p.m.—Concert: Jubilee, Southern Comfort, and General Admission. Lee Chapel.

8 p.m.—Parents' Weekend Concert. University Wind and Jazz Ensembles. Lenfest.

Sunday, Oct 28
Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back one hour.



Presidential search website launched

The university has produced a web site to aid in the search for the university's 23rd president. The site includes a timetable and outline of the search process. Members of the campus community can make suggestions on the profile questionnaire until Nov. 1. or make nominations. The site can be accessed through the news link on the W&L homepage or directly at www.wlu.edu/presidentialsearch.

Cy Twombly on view

Work by Cy Twombly, a benefactor to the university, is on display at the Lexington Art Gallery on Nelson Street. The show features dry pigmented reproductions of signed prints. Photographs of the local campuses, the city and surrounding are also on display in a show entitled, "Returning Home."

Sunday's Child moves to 14 W. Washington St.

Sunday's Child closed its doors on North Main Street Sunday, Oct. 14, and reopened the next day with a new address. After nine years at the old location, owner Lucia Owens said she is really excited to be on Washington Street.

"The walk-in traffic is unbelievable in comparison to Main Street," she said.

Owens said structural and plumbing problems at the old building prompted the move. She made the final decision when a water main burst last July and damaged \$3000 worth of merchandise.

The new location is beside Virginia Born & Bred and across the street from Lexington Coffee Roasting. It is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Deerly departed: Live Driver hits doe

Junior Raphael Penteado's car struck a deer while making Live Drive rounds the Saturday following Fall Reading Days.

Penteado, a dorm counselor, was driving his Volvo S40 out of Goshen, when a deer lept out of the surrounding woods and hit the front of his car.

Following the hit, Penteado, who was not carrying passengers, left the deer on the road.

Following an appraisal by his insurance company, Penteado will consult Dean of Students David Howison to determine the University's financial responsibilities, if any.

Live Drive runs out of the Dean of Students office.

— The Crime Report will return Oct. 29, 2001 —

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The Phi: honest, not popular

At the risk of sounding Phi-centric, recent events have forced us to venture into the reef-filled water of journalism ethics and responsibilities.

Most faithful readers could not imagine the quantity of flak our reporters navigate in their attempts to bring solid news to our university. An issue does not go by where a story subject or source fails to question our right to print information about them.

Two weeks ago, a student organization attempted to interdict a story we had written about them. Representatives asked for a pre-publication copy, with attendant right of censor.

This week, someone again wanted us to omit an important article.

Are we insensitive, sensational and self-serving? Please. Our editors go out of their way to be fair, objective and rational. We are very familiar with the principles of journalism, and will not waver in our support of them.

In the name of responsible journalism, the Phi rebuffs those who try to censor our free and fair coverage of Washington and Lee. We won't retract the truth. If an article gets someone hot and bothered, he can reply in a letter to the editor. People have been taking advantage of this since editorials were invented.

Let's be serious. The Phi doesn't rejoice in bad news, or burrow for the sake of mudracking. W&L's official student newspaper isn't here to break down the hallowed columns of our fair university.

The Phi glories in the university's strengths: the honor system, the speaking tradition, our strong academics. However, everyone will talk about those. The school spends millions to report them.

It's much rarer to find someone who volunteers the negative: the occasional backtracking, the unfortunate accident, the devastating SNAFU.

These are routinely whitewashed by the administration and the student governmental bodies.

It will be a rare day when Dean of Students David Howison and Executive Committee President Rob Naftel link arms to recite "The Top 10 Things That Stink at W&L."

When the paper does do the necessary digging to cover a story, it is acting in the name of responsible journalism. Always, our decision to do so does not reflect our feelings or viewpoint on the relevant issue. Hopefully, our readers will never figure out what those opinions are.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

DO YOU KNOW CHRISTINE METZGER? SHE'S MY HELEN OF TROY.

—LIVE DRIVE CONFESSION OF CAT'S CORNER FAN

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Save Afghanistan from herself

The liberation of Afghanistan has begun. Using cruise missiles and plane-delivered payloads against carefully chosen targets, we have achieved air superiority, destroyed al Qaeda training camps, decimated the Taliban's military and driven the purveyors of terror into the mountains with a minimum of American and civilian casualties.

But the War on Terrorism has barely started. Covert operations and perhaps a ground invasion of Afghanistan are yet to come. There is also talk of expanding the offensive to other enemies of ours in the region, such as Iraq and Syria.

The natural next question concerns the future of Afghanistan. What will become of this backward hell-hole and any other country we invade?

We can look to the past for answers. Most recently, following World War II, we occupied both Germany and Japan with great success. Their democratic governments still flourish and each has become a major trading partner. Additionally, the Marshall Plan harnessed the resources of our flourishing post-war economy to secure the future of Western Europe. A similar strategy must be employed in Afghanistan. Not only should we, but indeed we must engage in the messy business of imperialism.

A more instructive adventure in imperialism is the British Empire. Fueled by a youthful population and a fierce belief in the freedom and justice she was bringing to the world, Great Britain served as the most civilizing influence in modern history. For example, compare India, which the British colonized for nearly three hundred years, to Africa, which was part of European empires for only one hundred. Today, India has modern hospitals and schools, a flourishing economy, a democratic government, and the civil society necessary to make democracy work. Much of Africa, on the other hand, has none of these, except those that are provided and administered by Westerners.

Previous generations have defeated fascism, put men on the moon, and dismantled worldwide communism. It is time for America to undertake her next enterprise of grand proportions. This war has not provided us with an opportunity, but has, instead, thrown it in our laps.

Demographically, the window is closing. America is quickly graying. Before September 11th, the end of Social Security's solvency due to the changing ratio of retirees to workers was a political priority for both parties. We must act quickly if we wish to harness the youth necessary to support an empire, which we now have.

After our army has disposed of the armies of terror, regiments of teachers,



RHODES TRIP: America should learn from Rhodes and bring civilization to Afghanistan.

battalions of doctors and nurses and platoons of civil servants must replace those of artillery and infantry. We must construct schools, hospitals and churches, roads, airports and phone lines, and provide water, electricity and sanitation. We must establish a judicial system and a democratic government and educate the Afghans to whom we will turn over the operation of these institutions. We must, in fact, work to change the very culture and bring to them the uniquely Western values of respect for private property, justice through due process and religious pluralism.

Some have said that Afghanistan will never be more than

warring tribes presiding over a starving populace. This view is not only terribly pessimistic, but ignores the facts. Zahir Shah, former ruler of Afghanistan, is living in Italy, is widely respected by the Afghan people and has volunteered to facilitate the creation of a democratic government.

In fact, the biggest obstacles will not be from inside Afghanistan but from the universities and coffee shops of the West. The same nuts who have mutated from anti-globalization protesters to anti-war/anti-America protesters will easily become anti-colo-

nization protesters. These people are working as former Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo said, "to save the people of developing countries from development." Without starvation in the Third World, they could no longer go on self-righteous tours and decry the exploitation of the West.

Like their arguments against the World Bank, free trade and biotechnology, their arguments about ethnocentrism and the need to respect regimes that butcher citizens but are "pure," will be intellectually dishonest, racist, pessimistic and poorly disguised hatred of America. If ignored and our goal to save Afghanistan is pursued unceasingly, they will dissipate as do all the unsubstantial ramblings of kooks.

The most damaging and destabilizing method we could possibly employ would be to destroy terrorism and leave. Following the defeat of Iraq in the Gulf War, our army stopped at the gates of Baghdad and left a merciless, totalitarian dictator in power to continue his missile and bio-chemical weapons research. Although there may be no dictator left in power and the Taliban will have been deposed, we must not leave Afghanistan without having installed a stable, democratic, America-friendly government and working to build civil society.

RIGHT OF THE AISLE
BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

Letters to the Editor

No Ma'am comment was deserved

Dear Editor,

In Imran Naemullah's opinions article on the state of "Liberal fascism" on the W&L campus, he casually glanced over one very important concept: context. When one walks into public (yes, even the Co-op on a Sunday afternoon is public), they put themselves into the public eye. Sadly, but true, in today's society what you wear is very much a statement of who you are and what you stand for.

When you wear something that pokes fun at feminism, and its context is not categorically understood, you will be seen by those who do not understand the joke as someone who is a chauvinist pig. Chances are, that the woman who called Naemullah, "disgusting," had probably never seen that "Married With Children" episode and she probably thought of him as a chauvinist. I completely disagree with him when he makes the claim, "one must also realize the T-shirt is a joke." If you just hear the punch line, a joke is not funny.

But I would like to bring up a more important point, the practice of blatant discrimination or racism in public. May I

ask, what if Naemullah was in the Co-op that Sunday and someone had on a T-shirt mocking Muslims, African-Americans, or Jews? What would his reaction be if it was from a television show that he was not familiar with and it was just meant a "joke"? Was it not Naemullah only several weeks ago pointing out that discrimination against Muslims should not be tolerated? What you do in privacy is your business, but once you bring it out in public, expect to be harassed by liberal, moderate, and conservative "fascists" alike.

Sincerely,
Phil Walotsky '05

Editor's Note- Naemullah responds: Walotsky accurately points out that what you wear symbolizes what you believe in. However, he fails to differentiate between mocking a political belief and defaming a religion or racial group. The lack of this key information is underscored by the fact that Walotsky ignores the point of my article, which was that believing so militantly in one's cause that one becomes a bigot in his own right is wrong, and that an aggressive and indecent reaction is contradictory to the concepts of freedom and civil society.

Capital campaign overlooks Leyburn

A great deal of fanfare has been made about the latest decision by the upper-ups to mount an unprecedented \$225 million capital campaign, one that will ensure the status of Washington and Lee as a cutting-edge institution for generations of graduating classes to come. It is a noble goal if ever there were one.

Just as remarkable as the staggering price tag is that even as our great nation teeters on the brink of recession, the Board of Trustees has not flinched once, and their undaunted attitude reveals that they are deeply convinced that they know what is best for the university of tomorrow.

Indeed, the swarm of glossy, full-color pamphlets that has descended on campus confidently portrays an unmistakable manifest destiny, and a rather grand one at that.

Yet even with all this pomp and circumstance surrounding the campaign, the vision "For the Rising Generation" regrettably neglects any significant focus upon funding for the supposed academic heart of the Washington and Lee: Leyburn Library.

I can easily understand why the Board chose to pass on any improvements for Leyburn. On paper, it serves its purpose well: its shelves store books, its computer labs offer a connection to the world, and its auditorium presents a venue for guest speakers. Ever since the facility's construction in 1979, its doors have been open 24 hours a day when the undergraduates are on campus, addressing a major complaint about the former McCormick and Newcomb Hall libraries.

However, considering that the vast majority of the Board attended W&L before the mid-seventies, it simply does not know firsthand what living with Leyburn is truly like. Even as a freshman, I know it leaves far too much to be desired.

Granted, some of the complaints are well known to everyone by now, such as how the library's architecture is sadly incongruous with the rest of the campus and how the decor inspires pangs of nausea far more often than awe. While these generally-held opinions do decrease the building's prestige, fixing them addresses the surface of the issue and nothing more.

On a more substantial note, poor lighting has always been a thorny problem for studying students, and the lack of proper lighting that has made Leyburn an environment better suited for napping as opposed to studying.

For a large number of students, the library carrels act as a studying locations of last resort, places to go only when conditions are too distracting in the dorm rooms. I know that I am already a member of that group.

Yet any patron of the library knows that its worth does not stem solely from the fit and finish of its architecture, but also the consistent and dedicated acquisition of new books for educators and students alike. To let the shelves lie stagnant constitutes a slap in the face for professors attempting to prepare informative and innovative lectures for their courses, as well as for students working on research papers must have access to the best literary resources available.

This is not to say that the library staff does not presently accomplish this task; indeed, its diligence is commendable. However, the Board's willingness to rest on its laurels and not commit to a considerable renewal of a 22-year-old structure is troubling.

Indeed, the Board's actions seem to conflict with its very intent. To quote directly from one of the many campaign brochures, "The quality of the programs are, in large measure, influenced by the quality of the facilities in which those activities occur... this is why it is committed to creating facilities that will have a positive impact on student life."

In no better way can this be achieved than by firmly establishing a focal point for learning. Washington and Lee University deserves an academic center of which it can be truly proud. In spite of all it now does well, Leyburn in its current state will never fulfill that role.

To improve upon the Leyburn's facilities effectively reaffirms the importance of academics at Washington and Lee at a time when we find ourselves competing harder and harder for exemplary applicants from across the nation.

I cannot help but think back to when I toured Washington and Lee during my college search. My tour guide did not even bother to waste more than a few sentences on Leyburn, feeling no reason to draw attention to it. All I learned was it was ugly and did not fit in on campus.

All of this after the great years-long struggle to build a dedicated place of learning for the university, a fight that has raged since the days of librarian Blanche P. McCrum and Professor Edgar Shannon, two figures who launched the library into the modern era back in the '20s and '30s. In Dr. Shannon's own words, there must be a move towards "less textbook instruction in the classroom and more individual investigation by students. (The library was becoming) a treasure house for exploration... the education center of the institution."

To have the Board ignore this voice from the past will only be viewed by future generations as a lamentable folly and lack of proper wisdom and foresight. The library, now more than ever, must receive the attention it deserves.

TALKBACK: What are you planning on hiding from your parents?



"That I miss them."
-Vicky Stanham '05



"Drinking."
-Joe Waldron '05



"Hanging out with frat guys."
-Aisya Purnsley '05



"Swiping it home."
-Lincoln Rose '03



"Smoking."
-Adrienne Damiani '05

Letter to the editor regarding talentless, useless letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
I was just sitting in my room on Sunday morning and realized that I wanted the school to hear my complaints. I knew the best way to do this was the write a poorly written letter to the editor.

Moreover, I am not the most creative crayon in the pack, so I had to write in response to another article. The best part about writing a letter to the editor is that it requires no literary, journalistic or insightful merit.

First and foremost, there's the issue of hooking up. It's morally despicable to engage in promiscuous acts of fornication. Even though we are relatively young, I only feel it is my duty to denounce the aforementioned

"hooking up." We were never freshman, so we never did any of that.

Therefore, I am completely in the right in citing the seemingly innocuous hooking up scene as disgraceful. Granted they are having fun, but the real goal of college is to educate, and to get myself into law school by utilizing the *Phi* as a forum to glorify myself. Let's be honest here, why would anyone want to capitalize on their youthful good looks? It's more important to maintain a self-righteous image that probably isn't concordant with your actual deeds.

I knew the predetermined culture of W&L before I enrolled here, but that only makes writing letters to the editor easier on my part. For instance,

alcohol will never cease to provide me with endless complaint material. When I was applying to W&L, I ignored the statistical *Princeton Review* drinking claims because I don't drink.

It's easy to be straight edge at BYU, but why do that when I can come here and make myself the martyr? When I was in Florida over the summer, all of my friends got really drunk, and I ended up having to take care of them. They're not friends with me anymore because they realized I was boring.

Whenever someone shares a different opinion than me, I find it a lot easier to just compose a weak let-

ter to the editor and burden the school with my mindless complaints that are probably wasting everyone's time. In fact, I'm sure everyone is a lot stupider for having read my letter to the editor. Actually, half the time, I don't even care that passionately about that which I write, but I do like to hear myself speak, and by the same token, like to see my name in print.

However, probably the greatest folly of the whole "letter-to-the-editor" fiasco is that I vaguely believe that there are students out there slapping their knees in empathy, saying, "You're right! I know exactly how

you feel!" If but only one person does that, I have succeeded, and hopefully, perhaps I have made a friend to replace the ones I lost in Florida.

Sometimes I do wish I could employ my God-given creativity, but I think it's on the fritz because the only time I can think of something to write about is when someone else writes a "Problem #329 with W&L article" that I can rebut, whether or not I actually disagree with it. I think my next letter to the editor, (because seriously, does anyone really stop at just one letter?), will argue the sports page. That perhaps is the only section of the paper that has been spared from vintage W&L bitterness.

I like to swim against the current. Or if come next Sunday, I don't think my tragically iconoclastic, self-righteous voice has been aptly represented in the previous week, I can always just tack my *Phi* up on a dart board and refute whatever article the dart hits, even if's about something upright like the honor code. Or even if it's another letter to the editor.

Sincerely,
Kris Pollina '03

Postscript: Perhaps I'm being too hard. I apologize. Without meaningless complaints, I myself, would have nothing to write about. Thanks for fostering my story ideas.

Φ NORTHERNER'S EXPOSURE
KRIS POLLINA '03

Politically correct 'society of tolerance' leaves cannot accomodate religious views

In the last issue of the *Ring-tum Phi*, Ramsey's article provides a very passionate argument against voting for the Virginia GOP ticket, namely based on an accusation that Mark Earley and Jay Katzen are bigots who are opposed to homosexual rights, namely gay marriage.

Now, there are several flaws in the article, at least a sampling of which must be illustrated before the larger and more crucial issue raised by this article is addressed.

First of all, Ramsey suggests that Katzen "sees homosexuality not as a natural difference in sexual preference, but rather a sexual perversion," something Katzen never said. Ramsey claims that if someone believes that homosexuals choose their lifestyle, they are unfit for public office, which is a judgment as intolerant as he accuses the GOP ticket of being.

There is no scientific proof that homosexuals have any say in their sexual preference. Without this scientific basis, Ramsey is merely accusing Katzen of being unfit for office on account of a political opinion, an action which is in fact more intolerant than the opinion itself.

And that is the issue of grave importance raised by this issue. Today's "society of tolerance," is in fact, intolerant of monotheistic religion. That, like Ramsey's charge of bigotry, is a bold claim, but a claim which I will defend, and demonstrate using as an example the issue of homosexuality and gay rights.

Each of the world's three major monotheistic religions - Islam, Judaism, and Christianity - condemn homosexuality as a sin. None of the faithful in these religions claim to be without sin. However, we generally acknowledge our sins as wrong and strive to avoid committing them.

Up to this point, our "society of tolerance" has no problem with my views and opinions. I expect that the left

would embrace my freedom to hold these beliefs. However, it is when I attempt to incorporate my religious beliefs fully into my life that society in fact does not tolerate those beliefs.

For instance, my religion asks me to believe that it is the absolute truth, that my god's truth is the one absolute in life. This is no different from Judaism or Islam's beliefs in the God of their religion. This is not to say that we dismiss that valuable lessons can be learned from other religions, and that we dismiss them as totally useless, but we do not believe that they are the truth. That is the fundamental belief behind monotheistic faith - that there is one way that is true and right, and all the others may be noble in particular ways, but that they are not the most noble, the most true, and the most right way.

It is because of this belief that monotheistic religions are able to set down religious law as to what is right and what is wrong, what is sin and what is righteous: so the fact that we believe in one absolute truth is why we condemn homosexuality as a sin. That is why the "society of tolerance" is intolerant, because by calling for everyone to tolerate all beliefs and accept them as right (making truth relative), they are automatically intolerant of monotheistic faiths, which I will be the first one to admit, are not tolerant religions in that they believe in one absolute truth.

Furthermore, monotheists are not tolerated by greater society when they attempt to fully incorporate their faith into their lives simply for the reason that they are trying to fully incorporate their faith into their lives. My religion calls for me to place my God above all things, and to let Christian truth permeate every aspect of my lifestyle. One's god is whatever is valued and worshiped above all else,

the end to which one's life is directed. However, the "society of tolerance" demands that harmony and concord be valued above all else, which inherently excludes the aim towards an absolute truth and a single supreme God.

So how does this all relate to homosexuality and gay rights? As I mentioned above, each of the monotheistic religions condemns homosexuality as a sin, and at least as a Christian, I cannot believe that homosexuality is anything but a choice to live a sinful life. This would seem to be doubly sinful to most, including me. However, I am sure I am guilty of many of these choices as well, and I am not to hate the sinner. I am, in fact, to hate the sin, and my lifestyle should reflect my hate of all sin and decisions I make and actions I take should be illustrations of that lifestyle.

This means that I cannot support measures which endorse homosexuality, such as legalization of gay marriage and other rights bestowed which provide for the endorsement of the lifestyle. This means I must keep in mind when I trek to the polls on Election Day which candidates support measures to endorse sin and vice versa, because as a faithful Christian I must hate sin, and demonstrate this through my lifestyle. This, too, is unacceptable by our "society of tolerance;" according to standards of tolerance, religious beliefs should not influence political beliefs and decisions. Generally in order to argue this point, the crusaders of tolerance begin citing the Bill of Rights in which church and state are to be separated. However, the Constitution was not intended to eradicate the full practice of monotheistic religion from our nation, which seems to be the intention of the "society of tolerance."

Ramsey provided an argument worth reading in the last *Phi*. However, he failed to delve deep enough into the



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TRULY TOLERANT: Mark Earley stands for conventional morality.

issue and reveal the real problem. Monotheistic religion is at odds with our society's prevalent aim at forming a tolerant community, and in fact that community is intolerant of a life truly committed to following a monotheistic faith due to its inherent characteristics of one God as the absolute truth and utmost guiding force in a believer's life, a problem for which there is neither a simple or tangible solution for, but certainly without a solution if we remain ignorant of the problem.

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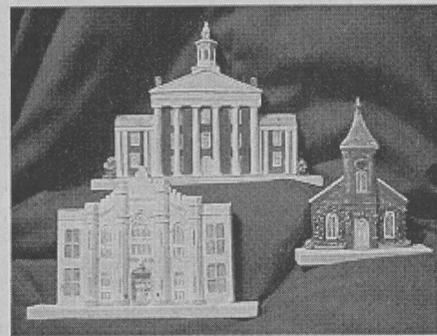
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Day after day, Deacon delights in doing daily duties

By MEG HASTON
STAFF WRITERS

I entered the Co-op yesterday and proceeded to grab a drink from the back room that always seems to be crowded with students late for class. As my turn came to pay for my Nantucket Nectars beverage, I quickly searched my wallet and produced my university card, not wanting to hold up the line.

It was just another day. Pat Deacon was sitting at the register with that trademark smile on her face, watching me fumble half of my belongings while searching for my card. At this point, "Food or general" is usually the first question from Pat. But what follows on most days, as well as today,

is a cheerful, "How are ya', darlin'?" or a "Nice to see you again, sweetie" in a southern Virginia accent that is common here at W&L.

One of Pat's co-workers, Katrina Knick, said Pat's good nature and cheerful disposition help her do her job.

"Pat's just great with the kids," Knick said. Pat Deacon grew up in Rockbridge County and graduated from Lexington High School in 1974. Besides a brief move to Baltimore, Maryland, Pat and her family have lived here for their entire lives. After high school, Pat married and started a family. Now a happy divorcee who raises bucket calves as her primary job, Pat loves coming to work at the Co-op everyday and has done so for five years.

However, the two people she is most proud of raising are her two children. Her son, Brent, 24, is a graduate of Virginia Technical Institute in Blacksburg and works in Asheville, North Carolina. Her daughter, Hillary, is a senior at the University of North Carolina in Asheville not too far from her brother. In her spare time, Pat enjoys crafts and making her home as charming and warm as her personality.

Before working at the Co-op and before her days as a cattle raiser, Pat was a nurse at Stonewall Jackson Hospital for 15 years. Serving Lexington and Rockbridge County as a nurse was a rewarding experience for Pat, but she missed her kids and wanted to work in an environment where kids were around her all the time. "I don't work here for the money or anything else. I work here 'cause I love the kids."

Since her arrival five years ago, Pat feels students here at W&L have changed for the better. On the new alcohol situation, Pat offered some encouraging comments. "The kids are much more aware of it [the new policy]. Kids are much more responsible now than when I first started working here."

Pat mostly hopes that we students realize how important these years are to our future. Pat said these are the best years of our lives.

"Take advantage of them, and, most importantly, get a good education."

So when you are in the Co-op, buying a Colonnade Club, say "hello" to Pat, ask after her kids and share some part of your day with a devoted member of the staff who delights in coming to work everyday with a smile.

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W&L student coaches lead youth soccer teams to righteous victories

By DAN TORTORA
STAFF WRITER

Senior Jack Robb has a dilemma. As coach of a Rockbridge Area Recreation Organization (RARO) soccer team, he had tried diligently to keep his team from running up the score on their opponents.

Robb stresses sportsmanship and having fun above everything else.

"We try not to let scoring matter," Robb said.

His team "The Bobcats," a coed group of Lexington eight and nine-year olds, outscored its opponents 31-0 through its first four games, while allowing only a single shot.

Robb is in his second year as a volunteer soccer coach with RARO, and is enjoying himself immensely. "This has been fantastic for me," says Robb, and the kids are having a great season.

Robb is one of several Washington and Lee students who are active this fall in coaching youth soccer in the community. Other Washington and Lee Students like Senior Amanda Adams, coach in RARO's senior division, an age bracket of ten to thirteen year olds.

Adams coaches a team of girls from Fairfield. Although coaching her first year in the division, she has

been coaching soccer for the past four years. As a freshman and sophomore, Adams was an assistant coach with Professor Mark Rush. Last year, she and Robb coached a team in the eight and nine year-old division.

This year, Adams has enjoyed coaching an all-girls team and teaching the game at a higher level. She has found the challenges to be different as well. Adams remembers last year's main difficulty being discipline. This year, it is in keeping their attention.

"The girls talk nonstop," Adams laughed.

Although all her players had previous soccer experience, the wide range of ages in the league was difficult for some of the younger kids.

"Because the age span is so big, the ten-year-olds had a lot farther to go," Adams explains.

Sophomore Carson Penkava has a similar observation. The majority of the boys who play on his senior-division team players on his team are only ten or eleven years old. Some have never played before.

"I've been going back to fundamentals, simple things," Penkava said. "A lot of the kids are really eager to get better," Penkava observes.

"I've already seen so much improvement."

Penkava attributes much of his success to his time playing soccer in high school and to his assistant coaches. Penkava's friend Adam Geist assists with the coaching duties. "Its tough sometimes when you need to be authoritative," Penkava says. This is where Penkava's other assistant coach, Professor Carl Kaiser, is particularly helpful. Kaiser's son Matt plays striker on the team.

Understanding offsides is especially difficult. Senior Rob Ludwig and his assistant coach Clark Savolaine, who coach a separate boys team in the senior division, have taught their team an advanced tactic to draw an unsuspecting player on the other team offsides.

"I'm really impressed with the skill level," Ludwig's goalkeeper coach Clark Savolaine says.

Ludwig has coached soccer for several years, but this is his first experience with RARO. He leads his team in laps around the field before games and practices twice a week. Robb's team also practices twice a week. One of these sessions is devoted to individual position play. Penkava and Adams limit their teams to one practice each week.

In addition to the practices, Robb's team plays a seven-game schedule over eight weeks.

"Its not a huge time commitment," says Robb. Ludwig, Penkava and Adams will have slightly longer seasons, because their senior division teams play eight games and will conclude the season with a tournament.

All coaches agree that this season has been a great experience for them.

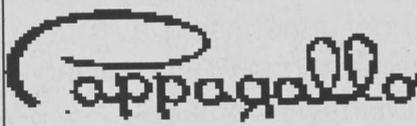
"I would have (coached) since I was a freshman," Robb said. "I just didn't know of the opportunity."

Robb adds that it has been a good chance to meet kids and parents in the community: "The parents have been fantastic," he said. Savolaine agrees: "The parents have been really supportive."

Parents of kids on teams coached by Washington and Lee students are pleased with the instruction their children are receiving and the fun they are having. "Amanda knows what she's doing. They're in good hands," says Jimmy Thompson, whose daughter Catrina plays on Adams' team.

Perhaps most important of all, the kids on these teams coached by Washington and Lee students are having a tremendous time. Both players and coaches have enjoyed their experience.

"I wouldn't care if we lost every game," Ludwig said, "I'd still be here."



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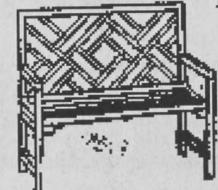
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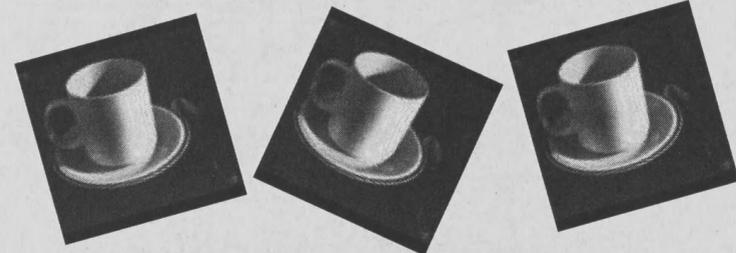
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Men's soccer remains atop ODAC

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Going into the final week of the regular season, the Washington and Lee men's soccer team has dropped two of its last three contests.

But don't think that Rolf Piranian and his team are hanging their heads about their performance in the past two weeks.

"We don't have a negative perception that we've lost two of our last three," Piranian said. "We're playing hard every game, so we have a little more positive perception of the last three."

"We're playing hard, and we're getting pretty good chances. We're playing pretty good soccer overall."

The Generals traveled to south Georgia for a non-conference match against the Savannah College of Art and Design on Oct. 12, which they won 5-3 to extend their winning streak to seven games.

Senior David Kodack, junior Kevin Bibona, sophomore Jacob Stoehr and freshman Adam Chesbrough scored first-half goals for W&L, and junior Brad Murphy pushed the lead to 5-0 early in the second half. Senior Andrew Grimes had two assists, and Murphy and freshman Brian Pirkle tallied one apiece.



SLIDING FEET-FIRST: Senior co-captain David Kodack attempts to tackle the ball away from an Eastern Mennonite player in the Generals' 2-0 win Wednesday afternoon at the Liberty Hall Fields.

Junior Tim Foley shut out Savannah for nearly 60 minutes before being relieved by classmate Brad Hearn. Savannah fought back to cut the lead to two, including two goals by John Attridge in 28 seconds.

W&L remained in Savannah for a neutral-site Old Dominion Athletic Conference match against Guilford. The Quakers handed the Generals their first conference loss of the year, as Tim Imafran scored the only goal of the game in the first half.

The Generals returned home on Wednesday with a 2-0 win over Eastern Mennonite. Stoehr scored in the first half off an assist from classmate Bret Grote for a 1-0 lead.

Grote added a goal of his own early in the second half, assisted by Stoehr and Grimes. Foley made four saves to record the shutout.

On Saturday, W&L lost a non-conference match on the road to St. Mary's by a 1-0 score. Ryan Olsen scored at the 62:19 mark to give the Seahawks a 1-0 lead, and Micah Spiegel shut out the Generals with seven saves in net.

"Our kids played their hearts out on Saturday, and we were unlucky," Piranian said.

W&L (9-3-1, 7-1 ODAC) will clinch the top seed and homefield advantage in the conference tournament if they win Thursday at Bridgewater, which is 0-8 in ODAC play.

"Our next game is Bridgewater," Piranian said. "We're working hard to prepare for them. (Homefield advantage) has been one of our goals that we set for ourselves. To be at home in the tournament is an edge."

Generals keep momentum going with pair of road wins

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

SEWANEE, Tenn.—Junior Chris Sullivan rushed for 147 yards and three touchdowns, and senior Marc Watson added 120 yards and a score on the ground as Washington and Lee erased a 17-0 first-half deficit to win 28-24 against Sewanee on Saturday.

The Generals pulled above .500 for the first time this year at 4-3. They also carry a three-game winning streak into Saturday's game against fourth-ranked and undefeated Bridgewater, the favorite to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

"We were on a slide last year at this point, now we're playing on the rise, so to speak," W&L coach Frank Miriello said. "The confidence level is as good as it can be for this kind of game."

Miriello believes that the Generals' play in the trenches has helped the offense to turn its season around.

"The offensive line is to be complimented for their coming of age," he said. "They are performing now at a level that can produce those kinds of results. I'm glad the offensive line now is ready for that kind of a challenge."

Sewanee sprinted to a 17-0 lead, including a TD pass from Kirk Holtgrew to Dale Williams and a blocked punt returned for a score. Sullivan plunged in from 2 yards out to cut the halftime advantage to 17-7.

"The storyline basically was they got every break imaginable in the first half," Miriello said. "We went in at halftime and told them that that's what was going on. Everything was calm. We made a couple of adjustments at halftime and came back in the second half."

Watson's 1-yard run in the third quarter put the Generals within three. Sullivan scored again on the first play of the fourth quarter from 6 yards out to put W&L in the lead.

After Holtgrew's 1-yard TD run put Sewanee back in front, Sullivan answered with a 23-yard score of his own to give the Generals the lead for good.

Miriello knows what his team must do to knock off Bridgewater when the two teams square off at Wilson Field.

"No mistakes, error-free football as far as turnovers, as far as no penalties," he said. "Defensively, we have to play our best game ever to hold up under the kind of firepower that Bridgewater presents to us."

W&L 39, Hampden-Sydney 12

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY—W&L sophomore Peter Dean threw for 236 yards, including three touchdowns to junior Jay Thomas, as the Generals rolled over Hampden-Sydney 39-12 on Oct. 13.

Sullivan ran 26 times for 187 yards, adding 53 yards receiving on five catches. Thomas finished with six catches for 135 yards, and junior Brian Meehan had 10 tackles, a sack and a forced fumble.

Senior Brad Wiginton set a school record for field goals in a game with four, also tying the season record with 10.

"It takes a lot of pressure off the offense," Miriello said of Wiginton's placekicking. "You know that when you get inside the 30-yard line, you're going to come away with points almost every time. He's a tremendous kicker."

Touchdown passes of 22 and 6 yards from Dean to Thomas gave W&L a 14-0 lead less than two minutes into the second quarter.

The Tigers sliced the W&L lead to 14-12, but Wiginton's 43-yard field goal in the half's final minute gave W&L a bit of breathing room.

The Generals' offense then exploded in the third quarter, as Dean hit Thomas on a 74-yard TD toss for a 23-12 lead. After two Wiginton field goals, Watson's 10-yard run gave W&L an insurmountable 36-12 advantage.

Wiginton's fourth attempt, this from 31 yards, came in the fourth quarter and provided the game's final margin.

W&L takes third place in conference

By DAVE CROWELL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In the Old Dominion Athletic Conference preseason poll, the Washington and Lee women's soccer team was picked to finish in third place, behind Lynchburg and Roanoke. The predictions ended up being completely correct after a difficult 3-0 loss to Roanoke on Saturday afternoon.

The Generals (10-4, 9-2 ODAC) ended their season with only two conference losses, a 4-1 setback to Lynchburg in the first game of the season and the loss on Saturday.

In the matchup against Roanoke, the Maroons opened the scoring at the 38:39 mark of the first half when Shelly Olds put a shot past Abigail Pfeffer, who made five saves in goal in her fourth start for the Generals.

The Generals hung tough with Roanoke, who held a one-goal lead until Jill Hoffmeister scored two goals in the last 10 minutes of the game.

"We shouldn't have lost that game. The score didn't reflect how close the game was," sophomore Meghan Hayde said. "Still, we didn't come out and play like we've been practicing recently."

The loss in the season finale ended a nine-game conference winning streak that included victories over Guilford and Hollins during the weeks before and after the Reading Days break. The Generals, however, did drop a non-conference match to Carnegie Mellon 1-0 on Oct. 13.

In the Oct. 10 match against Hollins, the W&L offense exploded for five goals and was led by junior Jenny Thomas and senior Kate Bidwell. Thomas tallied two goals on the day, her first of the season.

Fellow co-captain Bidwell added a goal and two assists, with freshman Maggie Hope and senior Drew Powers rounding out the scoring.

Sophomore Susannah Hewlett added an assist while classmate Fontaine Marcoux accumulated her W&L record-tying 11th assist of the season.

The next weekend, W&L suffered a double-overtime 1-0 loss to non-conference opponent Carnegie Mellon. The Generals and Tartans experienced numerous scoring opportunities, but were unable to put anything past the goalkeepers in regulation.

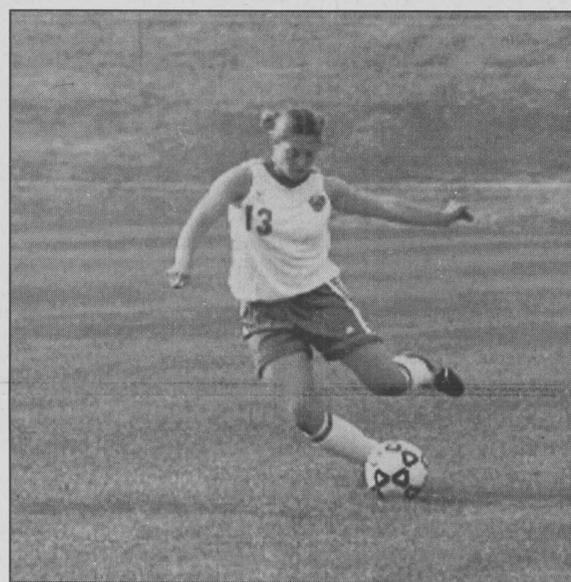
Pfeffer made 14 saves on the day, stopping everything until Carnegie-Mellon scored with 1:49 left in double overtime.

The Generals turned the tables, however, in an exciting 1-0 victory over conference foe Guilford on Tuesday.

Bidwell scored her team-leading ninth goal of the season at the 44:03 mark off a crossing pass from Hewlett, placing her one goal from a tie for third place in all-time goals at W&L. Bidwell has scored 32 goals in her W&L career.

The victory also marked the eighth straight season that the Generals have recorded 10 wins.

With the victory against Guilford and subsequent loss at Roanoke, the Generals earned the No. 3 seed in the



RIGHT FOOT PLANTED: Junior Lindsey Duran winds up in W&L's 1-0 loss to non-conference opponent Carnegie-Mellon on Oct. 13.

ODAC Tournament. They will host Randolph-Macon in the quarterfinals on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

The Generals handed Randolph-Macon a 4-1 defeat early in the season, but the playoffs offer a different atmosphere.

"We've improved since the beginning of the year, but we've been in a slump," Hayde said. "We need to get back to where we were and have a

good practice on Monday."

If the Generals win, they face a large probability that they will play one of the teams that handed them a conference loss this season in order to return to the finals.

"Right now, we're looking at one game at a time. We need to come out ready to play," Hayde added. "But, without a doubt, we want to get to the final and win the ODAC."

Cross country runs at Gettysburg

By IAN R. McILROY
SPORTS WRITER

GETTYSBURG, Pa.—On Saturday morning, the Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams competed at the Gettysburg Invitational. Despite injuries on both squads, each one turned in a strong performance.

The Washington and Lee men finished 13th out of 25 teams with 377 points.

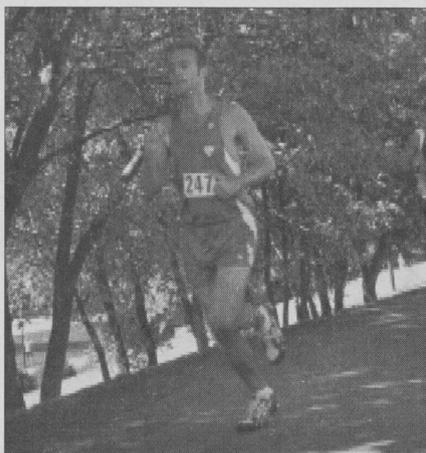
"Our guys turned in a strong performance in a field of about 270 runners," men's coach John Tucker said.

Leading the way for the men was junior Will Teichman, who crossed the tape in 27:58.56 for a 46th-place finish. Also turning in strong performances were sophomore Andrew Fotinos, who placed 88th with a time of 28:51.68, and freshman Steven Chambers, who finished 91st in 28:54.20.

"Talking with the host coach, I found that the times should actually have an asterisk by them in that the course was nearly 200 meters longer than the standard five miles," Tucker said. "Without the services of our No. 1, (sophomore) Andy Schorr, guys like Andrew Fotinos have really become competitive runners in a dramatic way this season and achieved their best times."

Garnering 486 points in the invitational, the women placed 17th out of 26 teams. More importantly for the women, all 10 runners competing this weekend either achieved an all-time personal record or a season-best time.

"I don't think our overall place in the field gives a very good indication of how well we are really doing," women's coach Amy Schuckert said. "You can't ask for anything better than a PR (personal record) or season best-performance, and we had 10 of them this weekend."



STEPPING UP: Sophomore Andrew Fotinos and the Generals placed 13th of 25 teams at Saturday's Gettysburg Invitational.

Junior Burke Duncan led the way for the women, placing eighth overall with a time of 18:35.80. Senior Lucy Rankin crossed the tape with a time of 21:15.03 to finish in 111th place. Sophomore Vanessa Adams finished in 120th place with a time of 21:21.84, while freshman Alexis Fernandez turned in a 122nd-place finish with a time of 21:26.35.

"The most important thing we can do is get our legs underneath us and get mentally prepared for the weekend," Schuckert said.

With hopes of a strong conference finish, both the men's and women's cross country teams will return to action next Saturday at the ODAC Championships, hosted by Virginia Wesleyan.

Next week on the sports pages of the Phi.

- Coverage of the women's soccer team in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament
- Previews of the W&L swimming season
- Continued coverage of W&L fall sports

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Volleyball clinches regular-season ODAC title



SETTING UP: (From left) Senior Leslie Fischbeck and freshmen Jennifer Lux and Michelle Chastain prepare to return a serve. W&L has clinched the top seed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and will host the tournament on Nov. 2-3.

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee volleyball team secured first place in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament with a 30-22, 30-18, 29-31, 30-22 win over Lynchburg Sunday at the Warner Center.

Lindsay Ruckert, one of five seniors recognized prior to the match, finished with 19 kills, three aces and nine digs for W&L (22-3, 9-0 ODAC). Freshman Michelle Chastain tallied 12 kills and 17 digs, and senior Leslie Fischbeck had 12 kills and four blocks.

"It was great," Ruckert said of the win. "We struggled a little bit and then we came back. We picked it up a little bit, and we pulled through."

In addition to Ruckert and Fischbeck, Lee Charbonnet, Lizzy Swann and Sara Heusel played their last regular-season home match against Lynchburg.

After playing from behind in the first two games, the Hornets (19-7, 5-3) jumped out to a 12-7 lead in the third frame. W&L eventually took a 29-27 lead, but Lynchburg reeled off four straight points to force a fourth game.

The Generals returned to previous form to win the match. Although the Hornets erased most of a 16-9 W&L advantage, the Generals would eventually pull away.

"Lynchburg's a good team," W&L coach Bryan Snyder said. "They've got some good players and a good coach, so to beat them is a nice win. I wouldn't say that any of our players played their best, but we made plays when we needed to make plays."

"We got a little bit of a contribution from everyone, but I don't think across the board anyone played their best," he added. "But that's the sign of a good team, when you do that and still beat a good opponent."

The win was W&L's ninth in a row, as the Generals haven't lost since falling to Catholic in the Emory Tournament on Sept. 29. That streak encompasses six ODAC wins, and Lynchburg was just the second team to take a game from W&L in conference play.

The Generals won a pair of ODAC matches on the road prior to Reading Days, dropping Sweet Briar 30-14, 30-14, 30-26 on Oct. 8 and Roanoke 30-26, 23-30, 30-25, 30-25 on Oct. 11.

W&L proceeded to win the Goucher Tournament on Oct. 13 with victories over Seton Hill, Marymount and Lynchburg.

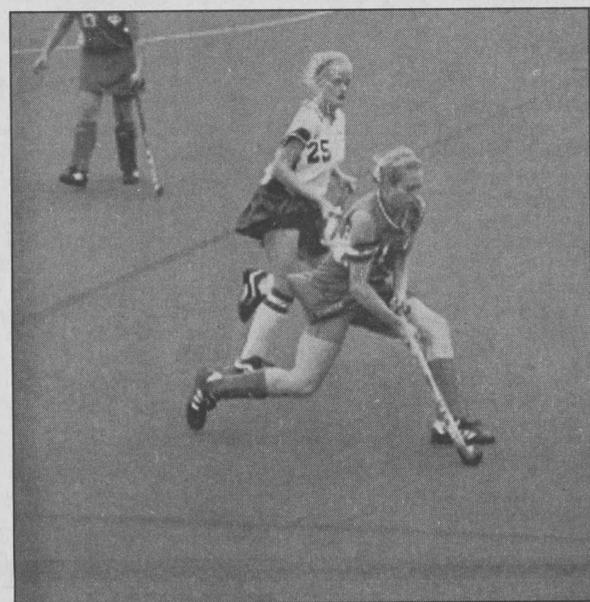
The Generals returned to ODAC play Thursday with a 30-25, 30-23, 30-28 road win over Bridgewater. Chastain had nine kills and seven digs, and classmate Emily Wolfing tallied eight kills and 15 digs.

Snyder isn't worried about whether his team keeps its winning streak going when they participate in the Maryville Tournament Friday and Saturday.

"Whether we win or lose, those aren't conference matches," he said. "I want to go down there and play well. If we keep the win streak alive, that's fine; if not, we'll be comfortable starting another one."

Regardless of what happens in Maryville or Tuesday at Hollins, the Generals will host the ODAC Tournament on Nov. 2-3.

Generals conclude inaugural varsity year



LAST WIN OF THE SEASON: Senior Carolyn Pressly looks to move the ball upfield in W&L's 1-0 win over St. Mary's on Oct. 13. The victory was W&L's third and final of 2001, their first year at varsity level.

By MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee field hockey team wrapped up their season with a win over Reading Days and two hard losses.

Coach Wendy Orrison felt that the season-ending 2-1 loss to Christopher Newport on Sunday was a good game that finished a good season.

"It has been frustrating, losing so many close games, but I've had a great group of girls and they've never quit," she said. "We have to be patient as a first-year team."

The Generals hosted St. Mary's of Maryland Oct. 13 at the W&L Turf Field. In a hard-fought defensive game, the Generals finished with a win, 1-0.

Wednesday night saw the Generals hosting Eastern Mennonite in a close first-half game. But three Royal goals in the second half went unanswered by W&L.

Sunday brought an incredibly exciting game to the turf. The game began with a ceremony to honor the seniors.

Goalie Deidra MacLeod, links Allison MacQueen, Courtenay Fisher and Carolyn Pressly and defenseman Amie Lucier and Lauren Kearney were recognized as playing their final game in Generals' uniforms.

The Lady Captains of Christopher Newport jumped ahead with a pair of first half goals, scoring with 18:10 and 5:32 remaining in the half.

The Generals came out for the second half undaunted, and after 20 minutes of tight play, sophomore Jessica Lake scored with 14:27 remaining in the game.

The match was electrifying for the remainder of the half. Playing with fire in their hearts, the Generals pushed Christopher Newport back on defense for the rest of the game, but Newport's defense proved unyielding.

In spite of no less than five scoring opportunities in the last seven minutes, the Lady Captains' defense stood firm.

W&L finished at 3-10, including a 2-7 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Women's tennis slices through fall competition

By DAVE CROWELL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Coaches and sports experts can often be heard saying that a team is only as good as its weakest link. Judging from the success of the Washington and Lee women's tennis team, one would be hard-pressed to find any weak links.

The Generals displayed their consistency and overwhelming dominance in three matches held on Oct. 11 and 13, defeating Haverford, Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall, all in complete 9-0 sweeps.

"It was a good experience," senior Melissa Hatley said of the two trips. "I think, especially in the fall, we got a good indication of how strong we are. Even without our No. 1 player, we still played very strongly."



HATLEY

The Generals began their final stretch of fall matches by traveling to Franklin and Marshall on Oct. 11. W&L swept all nine matches, being led by freshman Lindsay Hagerman and the doubles team of Hatley and junior Erika Proko.

Hagerman won her No. 1 singles match 6-0, 6-1, while Proko and Hatley won at No. 1 doubles 8-2.

In singles competition, other winners for W&L included Hatley at No. 2, sophomore Liz Law at the third seed, senior Sallie Gray Strang at No. 4, freshman Marie Trimble at No. 5 and freshman Elizabeth McCracken at the sixth seed.

"It's great to see the freshmen play very well and gain experience," Hatley said of the three freshmen that won their matches. "They'll be a real asset to the team."

The No. 2 doubles team, consist-

ing of Hagerman and Strang, also racked up a victory, 8-0, while Law and sophomore Ellie Simpson rounded out the sweep with an 8-3 victory at No. 3 doubles.

The Generals followed up this victory by going to Swarthmore for a dual meet on Oct. 13, matching up against Swarthmore and Haverford in the final meet of the fall season. The results were practically the same for W&L.

All singles players secured victories, most in two easy sets, while Hagerman needed three sets to outlast her Swarthmore opponent, Anjani Reddy, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4.

The only difference was that Law teamed up with Trimble instead of Simpson for those two matches, and the duo won by scores of 8-0 and 8-2.

Even though the team ended official competition with these meets, Proko and Hatley competed in the 2001 Rolex Nationals at Plano, Texas from Thursday through Saturday.

The two combined in doubles competition to garner a third-place finish. After an 8-1 victory over Kat Capozio and Rathi Mani of Washington University on Thursday, the duo lost to Beloit's doubles team of Julie Lebedeva and Tanya Kopylova, 8-3, in the semifinals.

In the third-place match, Proko and Hatley earned a hard-fought victory over Emily Warburg and Margaret Moscato of Emory, 9-8 (7-1).

In individual singles competition, Proko lost her first two matches, but came back and defeated Betsy Mork of Pomona-Pitzer 6-1, 2-6, 6-1 for a seventh-place finish.

"I'm looking for some time off, but the tournament was a great experience," Hatley said. "It's a good feeling, heading into the winter, to know that we can hang with the top teams in the doubles circuit."

SCOREBOARD

OCTOBER 13 FOOTBALL YARDLINE

W&L 39, Hampden-Sydney 12	
W&L	7 10 19 3 — 39
Hampden-Sydney	0 12 0 0 — 12
First Quarter	
W&L — Thomas 22 pass from Dean (Wiginton kick), 8:12	
Second Quarter	
W&L — Thomas 6 pass from Dean (Wiginton kick), 13:21	
HSC — Meeks 86 punt return (conversion failed), 9:30	
HSC — Singh 33 pass from Russell (conversion failed), 3:00	
W&L — Wiginton FG 43, 0:35	
Third Quarter	
W&L — Thomas 74 pass from Dean (conversion failed), 13:24	
W&L — Wiginton FG 27, 7:56	
W&L — Wiginton FG 41, 4:12	
W&L — Watson 10 run (Wiginton kick), 0:21	
Fourth Quarter	
W&L — Wiginton FG 31, 5:41	
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W&L SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 23-29

Tuesday, Oct. 23	W&L vs. Huntington, 8 p.m.
Women's Soccer	Saturday, Oct. 27
ODAC First Round	Cross Country
Randolph-Macon at W&L, 2:30 p.m.	ODAC Championships
Volleyball	Swimming
W&L at Hollins, 6:30 p.m.	Transylvania at W&L, 11 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 25	Football
Men's Soccer	Bridgewater at W&L, 1 p.m.
W&L at Bridgewater, 4 p.m.	Men's Soccer
Friday, Oct. 26	ODAC First Round
Women's Soccer	Women's Soccer
ODAC Semifinals	ODAC Finals
Volleyball (Maryville Tour.)	Volleyball
W&L vs. W. Va. Tech, 4 p.m.	W&L at Maryville Tournament

ODAC FOOTBALL GLANCE

Team	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Bridgewater	3	0	125	70	6	0	252	117
Washington and Lee	3	1	108	58	4	3	149	158
Emory and Henry	2	1	72	56	4	3	149	121
Randolph-Macon	2	1	60	68	4	3	153	170
Hampden-Sydney	2	3	160	153	3	4	194	189
Catholic	0	3	57	69	2	5	134	145
Guilford	0	3	27	135	1	6	84	222

Results	Week of October 27
October 13 Results	Bridgewater at W&L
W&L 39, Hampden-Sydney 12	Emory and Henry at Catholic
Bridgewater 49, Guilford 14	Randolph-Macon at Guilford
Emory and Henry 24,	Hampden-Sydney at Davidson
Randolph-Macon 8	
Catholic 31, Frostburg State 26	
October 20 Results	Week of November 3
W&L 28, Sewanee 24	W&L at Emory and Henry
Bridgewater 28, Emory and Henry 14	Randolph-Macon at Bridgewater
Hampden-Sydney 27, Catholic 25	Guilford at Catholic
Davidson 27, Randolph-Macon 24	Maryville at Hampden-Sydney

OLD DOMINION ATHLETIC CONFERENCE STANDINGS

VOLLEYBALL				WOMEN'S SOCCER				MEN'S SOCCER										
Team	Conference		Overall		Team	Conference		Overall		Team	Conference		Overall					
	W	L	W	L		W	L	T	W		L	T	W	L	T			
Washington and Lee	9	0	22	3	Lynchburg	11	0	0	14	1	2	Washington and Lee	7	1	0	9	3	1
Emory and Henry	7	1	14	7	Roanoke	9	2	0	14	3	0	Roanoke	6	1	0	11	2	0
Bridgewater	5	3	13	10	Washington and Lee	9	2	0	10	4	0	Virginia Wesleyan	5	2	1	10	6	1
Eastern Mennonite	5	3	11	12	Eastern Mennonite	8	3	0	14	3	0	Lynchburg	5	3	0	8	7	0
Lynchburg	5	3	19	7	Virginia Wesleyan	8	3	0	13	6	0	Hampden-Sydney	5	3	0	11	5	2
Roanoke	5	3	11	8	Randolph-Macon	6	5	0	6	10	1	Emory and Henry	3	4	1	7	7	2
Randolph-Macon	5	4	12	11	Bridgewater	4	6	1	6	6	2	Eastern Mennonite	3	5	0	8	9	0
Hollins	2	6	5	14	Guilford	4	7	0	8	10	1	Guilford	3	6	0	7	10	0
Sweet Briar	2	6	10	10	Emory and Henry	2	8	1	5	11	1	Randolph-Macon	2	6	0	8	9	0
Guilford	2	8	4	25	RMWC	2	8	1	6	8	1	Bridgewater	0	8	0	4	10	0
RMWC	0	10	5	18	Hollins	1	9	1	2	10	1							
					Sweet Briar	0	11	0	2	15	0							

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