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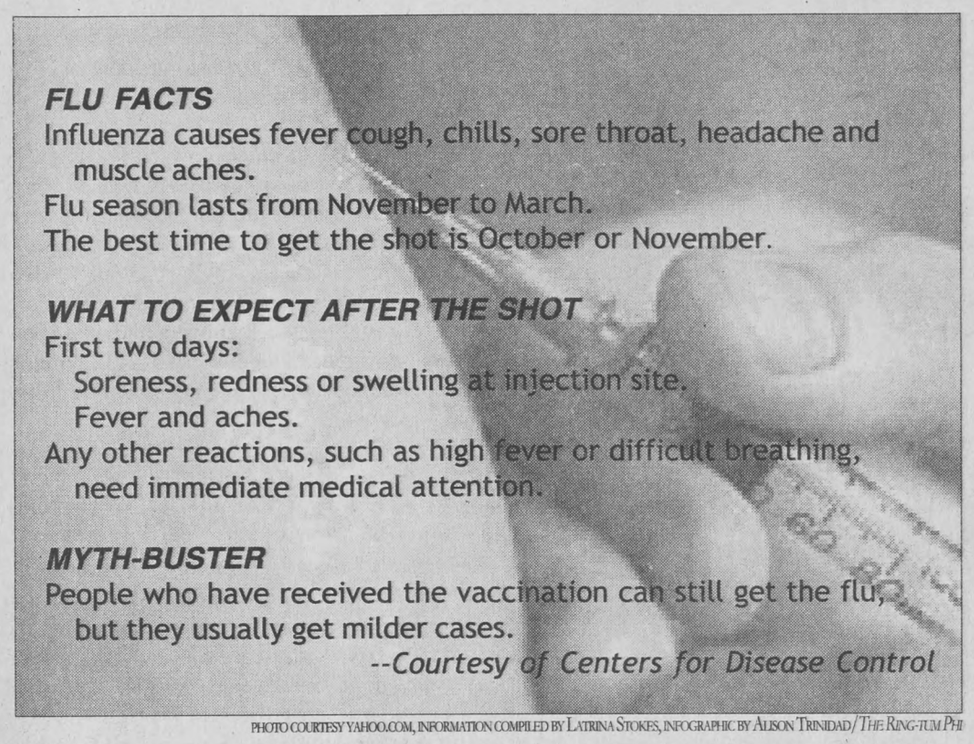
Run on flu vaccinations; students get first shot



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BY PETER QUACKENBUSH
STAFF WRITER

Students have priority for flu vaccinations this season at the Student Health Center, or Infirmary, because a nationwide vaccine shortage has caused a shipment delay.

Four major manufacturers reported difficulties in making the vaccines last year, and the delay has cut into this year's production cycle.

The Infirmary has received 150 doses of the vaccine and expects to receive 200 more in early December.

To accommodate the delay, Washington and Lee Director of Health Services Jane Horton said the vaccine will only be offered to students until the additional vaccine is received.

Horton said the Student Health Center vaccinated about 450 people in 1999, the most it had done. Only 150 of those vaccinated were students. In the past, twice as many faculty and staff members as students got their flu shots at the Infirmary, said Horton.

Although she encourages students to get theirs as early as possible, Horton says it is never too late to get a shot.

In addition to the vaccine, increased hand washing can help students avoid getting sick. Horton advises those who are sick to avoid close environments.

Most students and faculty, however, do not seem to be worried.

"I didn't think I needed one," said freshman Chasen Hutchens, who has never gotten a shot. "But I heard they hurt."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, dormitories or other crowded areas are considered higher-risk outbreak spots than most places.

"It makes more sense for students living in dormitories to get the shot," Horton said. That makes freshmen the most likely students to get the flu.

Freshman David Larson, showed disbelief at his increased chance of catching the flu. He said, "I have faith in my immune system."

Junior Joanna James does not have any plans to take the shot either.

"I don't take shots if I don't have to," she said. "I'll try and not get sick."

Staff and faculty members that are more likely to need the vaccination have relied on the Infirmary in the past, including the staff of Leyburn Library.

"We try to get the vaccine because we're handling so many books. We tend to get most of the student diseases," said Circulation Supervisor Vicki Sessions. "I know a few tried to get it earlier from their doctors, but weren't able to."

The staff tends to get very sick after the major breaks, she said.

"We think that we have good immune systems," Sessions said, "but the students always come up with something new."

Horton pointed out that the faculty relies on their primary care physicians, not the health center. The hospital does not have sufficient vaccine doses to hold a flu vaccine clinic at W&L.

The cost for vaccinations at the Student Health Center is $7 and comes with a free lollipop.

–Latrina Stokes contributed to this story.

Nelson and Jefferson most dangerous crossing

BY MIKE AGNELLO
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

More cars collide at the intersection of Nelson and Jefferson streets than any other place in Lexington, according to police data.

The intersection, one of Lexington's busiest, has been the site of several car crashes each year, accounting for nearly half of all accidents in Lexington's downtown area.

Police cite Nelson Street's hilly terrain and proximity to U.S. Route 11 as the primary factors.

Senior Jeremy Kirkland crashed his Dodge Durango into a traffic signal at the intersection on Nov. 5 after slamming on his brakes to avoid a Sweetbriar University student running a red light.

Kirkland said Lexington's narrow streets and buildings' close proximity to the streets contributed to the accident.

"I could tell she wasn't going to stop, and I hit my brakes," Kirkland said. "I could tell she hit hers as soon as she saw me, but by then it was too late."

Other accident-prone intersections include Jefferson and Washington, Main and Washington, and Main and Nelson.

The top three causes of accidents are driver inattention, hit-and-run and failing to yield right-of-way.

Those three types of accidents accounted for more than half of all Lexington car accidents from 1997-2000, according to Beard's 2000 report to Lexington City Council.

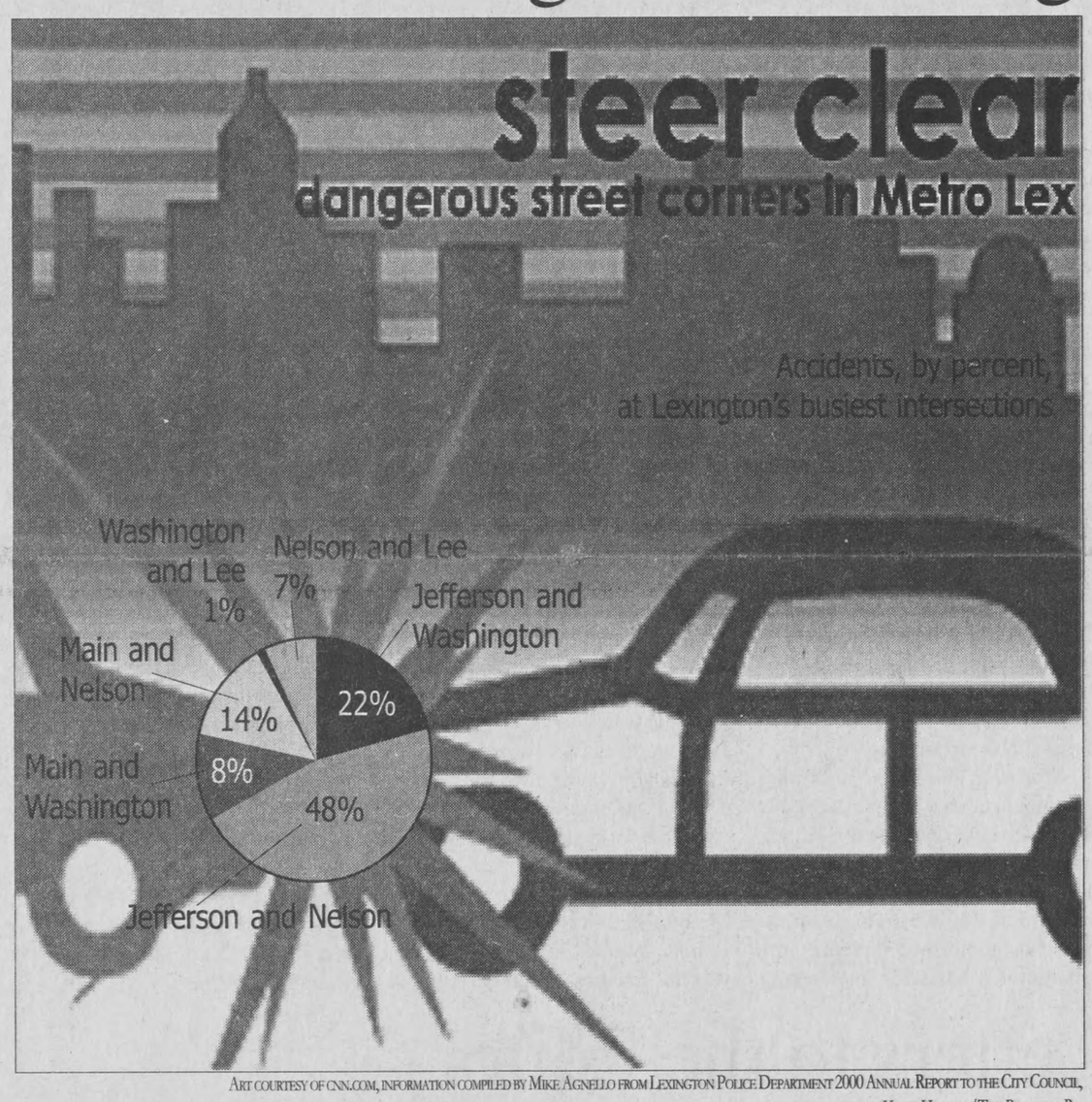
Beard could not be reached for comment.

Kirkland's accident was statistically one of the most common in Lexington.

His car collided with a driver who failed to yield right of way at Jefferson and Nelson. When told how common his accident was, Kirkland said Lexington should do more to make drivers visible.

Buena Vista recently adopted flashing lights at its busiest sections to alleviate traffic accidents.

Beard's 2001 report will come out in early 2002.



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Godspell raises bar in student drama

BY MATTHEW MCDERMOTT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Godspell, the first student-directed production to open on Lenfest Theater's main stage, will raise curtain on Nov. 30.

Produced and directed by junior Neal Willetts, a history and theater major, the rock musical is a remake of the 1970's retelling of the Gospel of Matthew.

Historically, main stage productions are directed by a faculty member or senior student pursuing a thesis. *Godspell* is instead being performed by members of Mindbending Productions.

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"I'm excited by the opportunity," Willetts said. "It can seem overwhelming, but I love the chance to see how a complete production can come together."

Over the past five years, Willetts has acted or managed 35 productions. He previously directed "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

This is the first time that Mindbending Productions has performed anything more complex than a one-act play.

Mindbending Productions is an undergraduate student theater troup for those interested in theater, but do not have the time to commit to a normal Theater Department play.

Starring freshmen Matthew Durham as Jesus and Justin Houston as John the Baptist/Judas, the ten members of the cast have been rehearsing four or five days a week for the past two months.

Willetts estimates that he spends at least ten hours a week on the production. On 'Tech Week,' the week prior to opening, he estimates that he will spend five hours a day on the musical.

"When I'm sitting center of the front aisle and hear the audience applaud for the first time, then I can relax and enjoy the show."

Looking for women

Women's Forum is accepting nominations for Inspiring Campus Woman of the Year.

In 150 words or less explain why the nominee, any female member of the W&L community, is inspirational. Submit nominations to envelopes in the Science Center, Library and Co-op, or email to gilkesonn@wlu.edu by Wednesday, Nov. 14. Winners will be recognized in an upcoming issue of *She Says*.

Beauty pageant winner speaks on feminisim

Meghan Shanley, Miss Virginia 2001, will speak in Northen Auditorium at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday. Shanley will address the topic of femininity in feminism, with a question/answer period to follow. Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders (KEWL), Women's Forum and the Rockbridge Area NOW are sponsoring the event. All members of the W&L community are welcome.

Virginia votes for Democrat

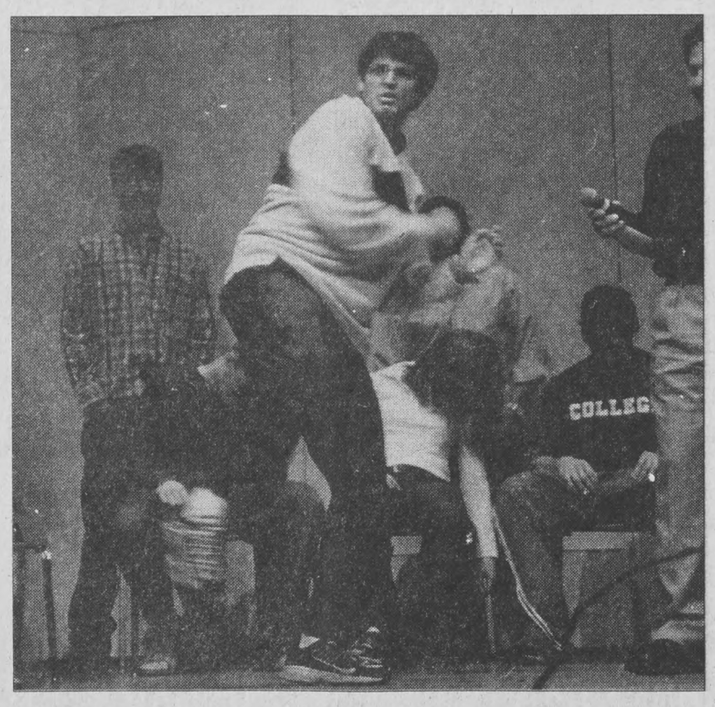
Democrat Mark Warner won Virginia's gubernatorial race last Tuesday, beating Republican candidate Mark Earley. Warner is the first Democratic candidate to be elected governor in Virginia in a dozen years, winning the majority of votes in Lexington, Buena Vista and Rockbridge County.

Democrat Tim Kaine was elected lieutenant governor over Republican Jay Katzen, while Republican Jerry Kilgore took the attorney general position from Democrat Donald McEachin.

IFC and Panhel winterize local homes

Approximately 90 W&L fraternity and sorority members spent Saturday, Nov. 3, helping needy area residents winterize their homes and save on forthcoming heating bills. The students volunteered to hang and seal plastic sheeting to the windows of about 20 homes in Rockbridge County.

UNDER THE SPELL.



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FISTS OF FURY. Hipnotized, junior Kanishka Thakur demonstrates his martial arts skills at Tom DeLuca's show last Friday. The Student Activies Board event played to an almost full house.

24/7

Today

Government offices closed to celebrate Veteran's Day.

7 p.m.—International Education workshop. "How to market your experience." Room 114, University Center.

8:30 p.m.—Java at the GHQ. Poston Brown Project.

Tuesday, Nov. 13

5 p.m.—Health Professions Seminar. "Military Medical School Admissions," LTC Peter Stavish, assistant dean for admissions and academic records, University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda Md. Room 316, New Science Building, VMI.

7 p.m.—Lecture. Meghan Shanley, Miss Virginia 2001. Northen Auditorium.

8 p.m.—Concert Guild. Borromeo String Quartet. Lenfest Center.

Wednesday, Nov. 14.

7 p.m.— International Performing Arts Series 2001-2002. Gamelan Wthatnala, a group performing Balinese music, dance and shadow puppetry. Lenfest Center.

8 p.m.—AA meeting. Fairfax Lounge.

Friday, Nov. 16

Thanksgiving Break begins after classes.

Thursday, Nov. 22

Thanksgiving.

Monday, Nov. 26

Classes resume.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

7 p.m.—Endowed Professorship Lecture. George Kester, W&L professor of managment, The Mamie Fox Twyman Martel Professorship. Reception to follow. Northen Auditorium.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

7:30 p.m.—Roots lecture. "Prophets of Theosophy: The Spiritual Journeys of Madame Blavatsky and Col. Olcott," Gananath Obeyesekere, Princeton University. Northen Auditorium.

8 p.m.—AA meeting. Fairfax Lounge.

Friday, Nov. 30

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Dorm Counselors: D-hall's self-segregating minority

Dorm Counselors surround freshmen, their tender charges, with love and support. At least until they enter the Dining Hall.

There the previously solicitious upperclassmen retreat to their isolated table, flanked to the rear by a wooden partition and buffered on the side by the buffet table. Freshmen are verboten, and when a first-year tresspasses, penalties are created and enforced.

"I feel unwanted," one freshman confided to a *Phi* staffer. "Why won't (dorm counselors) eat with us?"

When this question was posed to one of these deliquent counselors, she answered that she and her counterparts "like to eat with our friends."

Is this really a satisfactory answer?

Considering that dorm counselors receive 21 meals a week gratis, is it too much to ask them to spend seven with their wards? After all, upperclassmen socialization can take place after eight p.m., when the freshmen leave for one country house or the other.

It is admittedly true that Resident Assistants are also frequent visitors to the Table of Exclusion. But this is an entirely different proposition. Few sophomores, juniors and seniors like to be seen with their "hall cops," much less regularly eat in the Dining Hall.

But freshmen are not hardened upperclassmen. They are fresh and earnest, desperately seeking the approval of their elders. They need to know what accounting class to take or what type of khakis to wear.

To deny them this vital exposure to their betters is to injure the entire body collegiate. Traditions cannot solely be passed on in the classroom or on the playing field. The bonding that takes place while eating cannot be overrated.

Think of Laetitia Pate Evans, and the disappointment she would feel if she knew dorm counselors were routinely shirking their duties. Like all mothers, she worries about her babies, the freshmen. And if we can't respect the person for whom our premier eating establishment is named, we have no right to call ourselves gentlemen and ladies.

Eat with the freshmen, dorm counselors.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT MY POINTY BRA.

—OVERLY-LIBERATED *PHI* ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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Ashcroft undercuts liberties

Have I ever mentioned that I think Attorney General John Ashcroft is a terrifying human being? He is terrifying for only one reason: his politics.

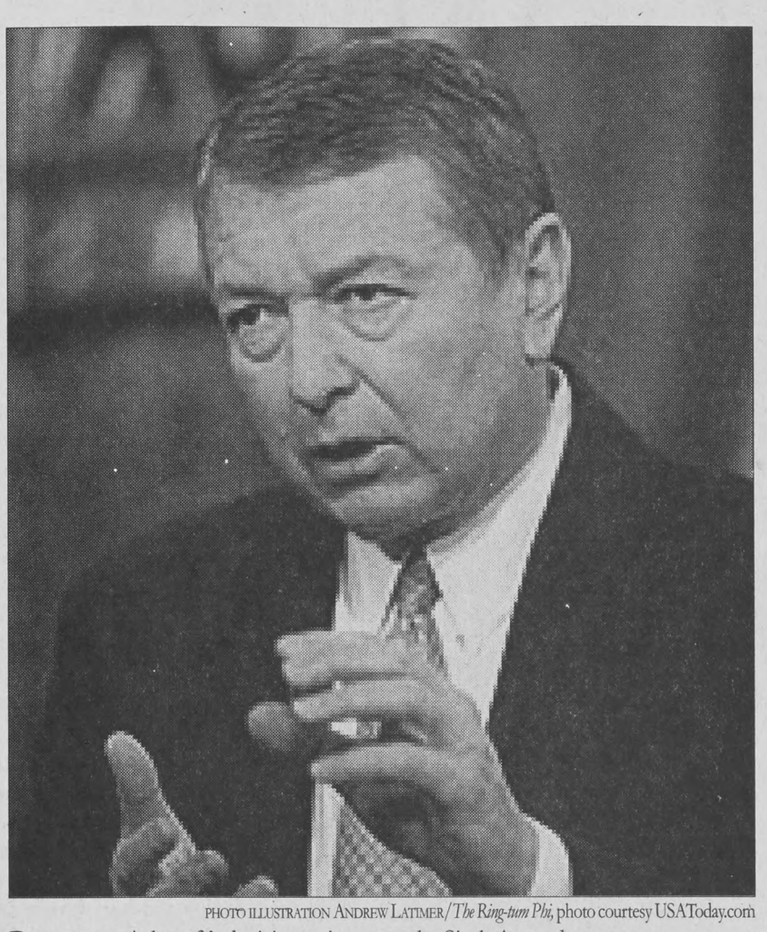
In a move that shocked the nation's defense attorneys, their clients and civil libertarians, Ashcroft announced the Justice Department has approved what will be known as the "eavesdropping rule." This will allow the Justice Department to listen in on conversations and monitor mailings between lawyers and clients in federal custody whenever deemed necessary to prevent violence or terrorism.

Ashcroft announced the plan in conjunction with the decision's written release in the Federal Register on October 31st. It reads as follows: "(I)n those cases where the attorney general has certified that reasonable suspicion exists . . . this rule amends the existing regulations to provide that the Bureau is authorized to monitor mail or communications with attorneys in order to deter such (violent or terrorist) acts . . ."

The rule took effect immediately, without the usual waiting period for public comment. The rule allows this interception of communication, not only in cases where a person has been convicted of a crime, but even in cases where a conviction has yet to be made. It allows this interception between clients in custody and their attorneys for up to a year at a time.

This move from Ashcroft follows the signing of the USA Patriot Act by President Bush last week.

The Act gives the government a freer hand to conduct searches, detain or deport suspects, eavesdrop on Internet communications, monitor financial transactions and obtain electronic records on individuals. All this was accompanied with an announcement by Ashcroft on November 8, that there will be a reorganization of the Justice Department and FBI to concentrate on terrorism. I agree with defense attorneys, their clients and other political activists; how is this not a gross violation of the attorney client privilege?



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DISREGARD: Ashcroft's decision eviscerates the Sixth Amendment.

LEFT OF CENTER
NICK RAMSEY '03

Irwin Schwartz, president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, denounced this decision as "an abomination," and said it would be challenged in court at the first available opportunity.

Moreover, immediately following the announcement, Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) fired a furious letter off to Ashcroft. Leahy gave the Attorney General a list of questions to be answered by tomorrow, including the constitutional basis for intercepting attorney-client communications. The letter also warned Ashcroft to expect "prompt hearings on these matters."

"I am deeply troubled at what appears to be an executive effort to exercise new powers without judicial scrutiny or statutory authorization," Leahy wrote.

The Justice Department did not respond to inquiries about Leahy's letter but has issued a statement describing the rule as a mere extension of existing restrictions on certain inmates in terrorism-related cases. It also tried to delegitimize the problem by saying "only 13 of 158,000 federal prisoners would be affected." The issue here is not numbers, but the gross violation of the right to counsel, guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment.

Schwartz commented, "If we can't speak with a client confidentially, we may not speak with him at all. And if we can't do that, the client is stripped of his Sixth Amendment right to have a lawyer."

According to *The Washington Post*, the Justice Department defends its decision, stating it will set up "procedural safeguards" to protect the right to counsel. Inmates and their attorneys will be notified "of the government's listening activities." Monitoring of communications is to be done by a special "taint team" that will not disclose what it hears to federal prosecutors or investigators without approval by a federal judge.

The critics are not satisfied. "Who's going to be on the taint team?" asked Kate Martin, director of the Center for National Security Studies. She does not see how information can be processed without sharing it with others also mulling over evidence.

The American Civil Liberties Union's national office released a statement that was especially critical on the eavesdropping on persons yet to be convicted. "The idea that this could be happening to innocent people is really disturbing." The ACLU also went on to add that a lawyer's effectiveness could be dramatically hindered when the government is peering over his shoulder. A client may become fearful of disclosing all that the attorney needs to know to mount a forceful defense.

The question really is, how long can Americans sit back and allow Washington to take further advantages of our basic liberties? There is a huge difference between the protection of liberty and protection at the cost of liberty. What is most frightening is the ease with which Ashcroft implemented these plans with seemingly no guilty conscious or concern for their ramifications.

Ashcroft stood at a podium adorned with the seal of the Department of Justice featuring a picture of Lady Justice, fully unaware of what these symbols really represent.

Time warp traps reflex, retro feminists

Recently, many friends and family have accused me of being a woman-hating, sexist pig stuck in the dark ages of male dominance and intolerance. They say I want every woman to wear ankle-length dresses, speak only when spoken to and exist solely as an object of men's desires. Nothing could be further from the truth. However, I think it's time for men to stand up and fight for what they've been losing for the past century—the leadership of society.

Men naturally lost much power after granting women the right to vote in 1920. As with so many other social issues, however, things went too far in the 1960s. Pop music, always geared more toward women, featured male stars singing "I Want to Hold Your Hand" when they really wanted to do much more.

This seemingly innocent movement in the popular culture spawned a hideous beast: the feminist movement. Men became the enemy of a bra-burning feminist movement that villified any male display or practice of power. Some even went as far as to classify the act of sex itself as inherently violent and male-dominated. Women fought for "rights" that are largely non-existent, like the "right" to have a day-care center at their workplace, or the "right" to take extra days off from work for childcare. Any man will tell you that his boss never once asked him if he needed time off to care for his sick little ones, or to take them to a soccer match.

SLIPPERY SOAPBOX
MIKE AGNELLO '02

Women deserve the same treatment. A sick child might not be the mother's fault, but it certainly is not the employer's. Being a man is hard, and being equal to men necessarily means equal difficulty. Equal pay for equal work should mean exactly that, with no caveats.

Because of evolving social norms in the workplace and the home, women are not equal to men; they are superior. Women have choices that men simply do not have. Most states say that the right to abort a child is the mother's alone, excluding juveniles-who require only parental permission. Nothing could be more chauvinistic.

Women can sue, and usually win, lawsuits against employers for sex discrimination if they aren't promoted as quickly-even though they often don't spend nearly as much time working if they decide to have a family. The law also heavily favors women in custody and child support cases. In many states, men are forced to pay wife support (a.k.a. alimony) to ex-wives who make more money than they do. Worse, rich men who divorce without a prenuptual agreement are forced to perpetuate their ex-wives' spoiled existence until the day they die. How does being married to a rich man entitle you to a lifetime of luxury? Those girls who move without interruption from their father's house to the sorority house to their husband's house should have a fourth stop—the poor house.

Many women justifiably complain about the lack of gentlemanly manners in modern society. But what caused this? The idea of showing extra respect for women is derived from archaic ideas about their inferiority. Because women were smaller and physically weaker, they were assumed to have less intelligence and backbone, and required extra courtesy and deference. Why should we be surprised that this deference has been thrown to the dogs in our "enlightened" era of equality? There's nothing wrong with traditional manners, and there's nothing wrong with equal treatment. Just don't expect the two to always go hand-in-hand.

Feminists, in defense of their radical proposals, say they are trying to "empower" women. Empower them to do what, and for whom? To kill unborn children? To bring the machine of capitalism to a grinding halt with their expensive and ridiculous demands in the workplace? To force an exaggerated notion of equality that (so far) is unjustifiable morally, ethically and logistically?

The bottom line: where women have choices, men have responsibilities. In keeping with this gross inequity in our society, men should take responsibility for their brethren and enforce true gender justice.

Women and men are equal? Fine. Let's start requiring 18-year old girls to sign up for the draft. Women can alternate door-holding duties with men. Women who murder can get the death penalty just as often as their male counterparts. Men can abandon their tedious, old-fashioned duties of being the primary provider. Sound ridiculous? You bet it does. But American society is drawing dangergously close to this model. Pull your bra out of the fire, sista friend—the war is over.

Letters to the Editor

Capitalism doesn't equal conservatism

Dear Editor,

In his editorial "Conservatism wins war of ideas," Brett Kirwan claims that Lech Walesa, in his adddress to the W&L community, announced the end of history. That is, a victory of conservatism over communism. Sadly, Kirwan seems to have misinterpreted President Walesa on several core points.

First, was the Cold War really an ideological struggle between communism and conservatism? Capitalism has prevailed, yes. But that is not the same as conservatism. The latter is only one end of the political spectrum within the capitalist system.

European style social democracy is not as such conservative. But it is not communist either, whatever Kirwan might think. At the most, one could call the free market system "classicly liberal," to use Kirwan's words. And even that means stretching the term.

Secondly, does abortion have anything to do with the victory of capitalism? Taxes and welfare may. But there is no inherent connection between classical liberalism and social conservatism.

The Mullahs of Iran punish abortion by executing both the women who have it performed, and those who perform it. Champions of free trade they are not. Reversely, no one would in earnest call pro-chioce Wall Street liberals like Jon Corzine socialist.

Thirdly, and most lamentably, how can Kirwan proclaim an end of history? Thus far, everyone who did so was disproven by the same history he presumed dead.

From Karl Marx to Francis Fukuyama, they were all plain wrong. Even if international politics is moving in a more conservative direction, that trend needs not continue indefinitely. And talking about U.S. taxes and abortion laws does not established the existence of a global trend in the first place.

If Kirwan really possesses the prophetic genius it takes to explain world history, I bow down in respect. I have no such claim to the title of Mind of the Century. So until history proves otherwise, I assume that it is still alive.

Sincerely,
Hendrik Puschmann '05

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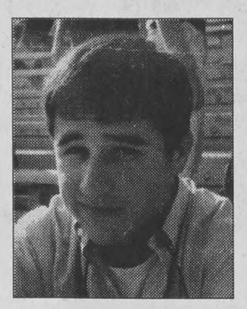
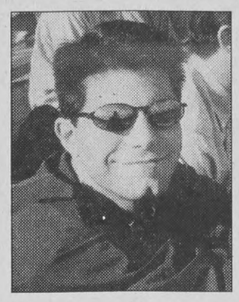
TALKBACK: Why do you think people do not come to football games?

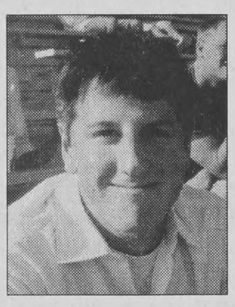


"Because they're hungover."
--Shelby Stephens '05

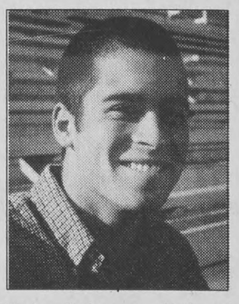


"They are spoiled by major college football at home."
--Philip Watson, '02

"Because they are napping."
--Catherine Torrey Stroud, '05



"Because they are scared of terrorist attack."
--Eddie Eichler, '02



"I don't know, I don't usually come."
--Dave Kodack, '02

Voting: Both pleasure and duty

Right-wing Response
Imran Naeemullah '05

Last Tuesday, I took a big step in my life: I voted for the first time. I walked into the Lexington Fire Station, showed the election judge my voter registration card, and headed to the ballot machine to cast my vote. I share this little anecdote not to announce to the world that I voted for the first time, but to celebrate democracy.

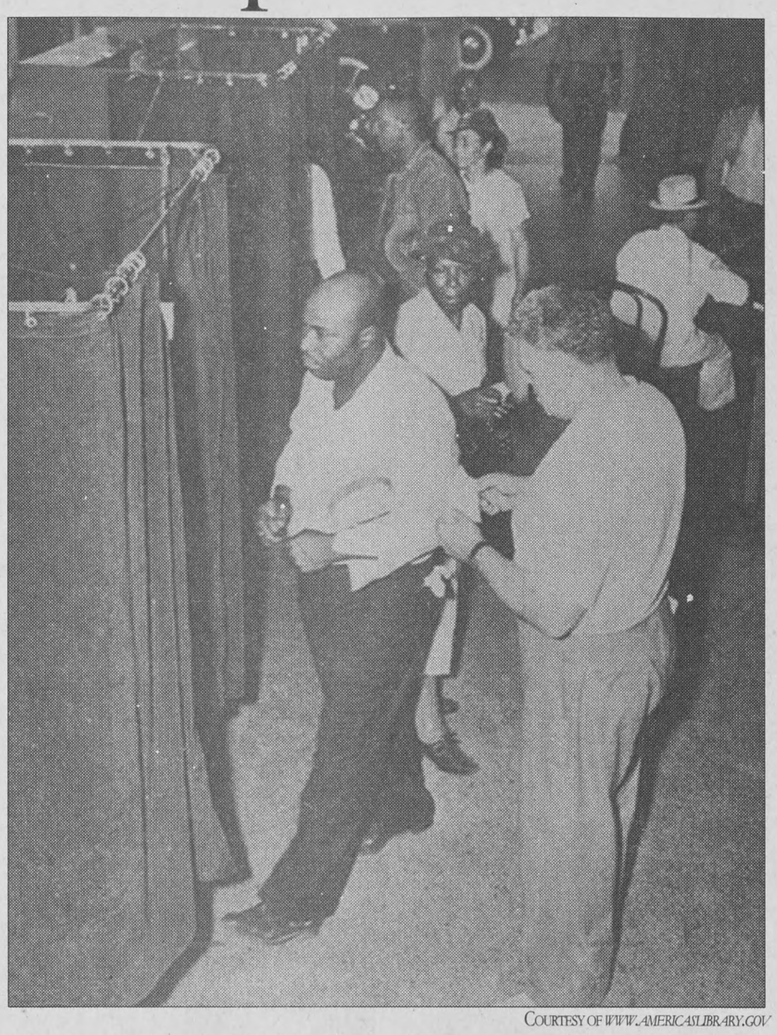
As corny as it sounds, when I walked out of the fire station into the fresh air, the first thing I saw was the American flag flying high. I felt proud. Proud not so much for going through a rite of passage, but for what that rite of passage stands for.

I thought how wonderful it is that I just went and exercised my franchise as a free citizen of the United States of America. Nobody stood outside telling me whom do vote for, nor did anybody criticize me for my vote afterward. Instead, I was free to know that I played as equal a role in our democracy as any other voter in this country.

This is certainly not the case in Afghanistan, which as I write we are bombing because its government does not share the same ideals, and instead, believes in oppressing its citizens and supporting terrorists, for reasons unknown to anyone else—it is certainly not for Islam.

Nor is it the case in countless other countries around the world. Even in relatively "free" countries like Singapore, a model society in Southeast Asia, the government coerces its citizens into voting for the "right" party—the one already in power.

No, in America, and a handful of other countries in the world, we can be proud that we are truly free. Our political system may not be free of corruption, because no government is perfect. We may not always have model politicians, but at least we can exercise our minds freely.



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Celebrate America: Taken in 1945, this picture captures the emotion and dignity of these Americans too-long denied, and at long last granted, their right to vote. Would that all Americans recognize this all-important sacrament of our civic religion is a rare privilege rather than a inconvenience.

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This has not always been the case. Women were not allowed to vote in this country until 1920. Blacks did not have totally free access to the polls until the 1960s. Now, all are free and welcome to vote. We did not arrive at this liberty by chance, however. The freedoms we enjoy today are the result of hard work and dedication by men and women devoted to the principle that all humans are created equal and have the same right to be free as any other.

Today, America is involved in yet another war for liberty. Although it is very different from any other war we have ever fought, I encourage you to be grateful for the freedoms we have. Do not take them for granted. Millions of men and women, from the War for Independence to the Gulf War, have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our right to vote. Many more may die in our war on terrorism.

Even here, in idyllic Lexington, Virginia, we must not assume that we are free from harm. While chances of anything happening here are slim to none, we must be thankful that we have a strong leader in President Bush and his administration, vocal representatives from both sides of the aisle in Congress and trusted men and women in every other elected office in this land.

This is only the case because we exercise our freedom and our rights. We must continue to do so. No matter what happens in the world—be it war, famine, or chaos—we must insist that our rights always be preserved. No citizen should avoid participation because he doesn't think his voice means anything.

It does.

Maybe one vote doesn't really count, but you bet that the non-votes of 100,000 people who think the same way do—just ask a Floridian. Your congressman might not listen when you write to him personally, but he does when a lot of people write in to say the same thing.

Nothing can be taken for granted in this crazy world of ours, not even freedom. So let it ring, and let it ring loud.

God bless America

Economics professor assigns anti-Kirwan homework

LETTERS from page 2

Nobel laureate's work refutes Kirwan's logic

Dear Editor,

A reading of Brett Kirwan's "Sweatshops Make Cents" left us awed at the blatant lack of evidentiary support of his apparent thesis that, "It is simply ridiculous to believe that sweatshops can be eliminated in countries whose populations are uneducated, unskilled and looking for work." Though Kirwan argues that it is the USAS's "embarrassing lack of economic sense" which drives their anti-sweatshop sentiment, it is clear that the columnist himself has not fully explored this social science, most noticeably the field of Development Economics.

Kirwan cites sweatshops as "an important step in a nation's development" for the opportunity they provide. However, Nobel laureate of economics Amartya Sen in his book *Development as Freedom* argues that the most critical factor in a nation's development is the availability of civil, political and social freedoms and the necessary institutions to protect these freedoms. Clearly, the working conditions, hours of work and miserly wages that exist in sweatshops not only identify currently lacking freedoms but also continue to prevent sweatshop workers from attaining freedoms.

For instance, children forced to work in sweatshops are deprived from the choice of education. It is ridiculous to argue sweatshops are needed to enhance development, because the development of a country is largely dependant upon education. As stated by Schultz, "The decisive factors of production in improving the welfare of poor people are not space, energy, and cropland; the decisive factors are the improvement in population quality and advances in knowledge."

The USAS may not be the naïve economist in this case.

Sincerely,
Paisley Boney '02
Scott Hetterman '03
Jeremy Kirkland '02
Allison Shank '03

Sweatshops don't make sense

Dear Editor,

We are writing to you in response to Brett Kirwan's article, "Sweatshops Make Cents." First, we are confused by Kirwan's argument that sweatshops are a means for development, and his failure to address the presence of sweatshops in developed countries such as the U.S.

Kirwan fails to provide any sources to back up his argument. Nobel prize winning economist, Amartya Sen has much to say against sweatshops as the means for development. Sen sees Freedom as the means and ends of development. Surely sweatshops reduce one's freedom.

He says "28 cents beats zero any day of the week," but do these workers have a choice? The U.S. has a minimum wage, but these developing nations do not have such laws; should the U.S. provide minimum wage to workers that its companies employ abroad? Would we as Americans be willing to pay a couple of extra dollars on clothes in order to assure that sweatshops are eliminated and people have wages they can live on?

Sincerely,
Courtenay Fisher '02
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JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR
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W&L ends season with 46-14 drubbing of Greensboro

Watson, Sullivan break school records; defense forces 5 turnovers in blowout win

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee racked up 493 yards of total offense and forced five turnovers en route to a 46-14 win over Greensboro Saturday at Wilson Field to conclude the 2001 season.

Fifth-year senior Marc Watson broke the W&L career rushing record, finishing at 3,112 yards. His Saturday totals included 142 yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns.

"It was a great way to finish Marc's career," Generals coach Frank Miriello said. "To think he was on the verge of not even coming back to play this year, it's very appreciative to Marc to come back and play the way he has.

"Records are not important to Marc; he doesn't even think about those things. I'm pleased for him that he's broken that record. He's been a tremendous asset to this program."

Senior Chris Shortall, who picked off Greensboro quarterback Tommy Waters twice and also blocked a punt, expressed the emotions of himself and his classmates.

"I've been thinking about this game for a long time, and I'm surprised it happened now," Shortall said. "It feels weird to thank that I don't have a next year. I'm real proud of this team, and it's nice to finish on top like that."

Junior Chris Sullivan broke a record of his own, ending the 2001 campaign with a best-ever 2,024 all-purpose yards. Sullivan ran for 118 yards and three touchdowns and returned a punt 71 yards to the Greensboro 2-yard line.

"When you win your last game, it's always a stepping stone in the right direction, especially when we have high expectations for next season," Sullivan said. "A win's always good to end on."

The Generals had little trouble with the Pride (5-5) on either side of the football. Greensboro didn't pick up a first down until the 9:01 mark of the second quarter, and had just 63 offensive yards in the first half.

Watson scored his first TD on the Generals' first offensive possession, giving them a 7-0 lead that lasted until the end of the first quarter. Sullivan scored on the first play of the second period for a 14-0 cushion.

Shortall's blocked punt led to another Sullivan touchdown with 6:34 left before the half. The junior would score once more later in the quarter, and a two-point conversion pushed the lead to 29-0 with 21 seconds left.

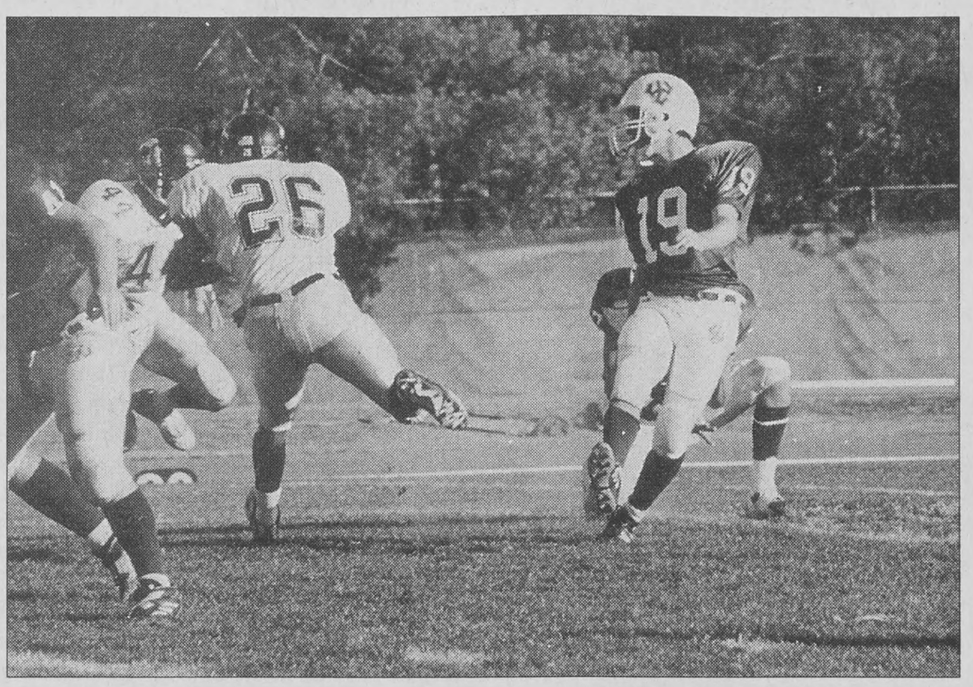
But a Jason Layman kickoff return set up the Pride at the W&L 35-yard line with 10 seconds remaining, and Waters found George Washington for a 20-yard TD strike one play later to cut the advantage to 29-7.

Senior Brad Wiginton accounted for the only points of the third quarter, hitting a 32-yard field goal with 5:26 left. The kick, which followed an interception by classmate Jeff Powell, was Wiginton's 12th of the season, extending his school record.

Another senior, fullback Kyle Overstreet, pushed W&L's advantage to 39-7 with 13:00 left in the game on a 1-yard TD plunge. Watson's 41-yard touchdown run less than five minutes later made it 46-7.

Miriello credited the play of his defense, which limited the Pride to 200 yards of total offense.

"We were focused this week to come back and make a statement about how well we can play on defense," Miriello said. "We were determined to put our best foot forward — to end the season in a way to let people know that we are on our way defensively."



SEASON FINALE: (Left) Senior Brad Wiginton watches his 32-yard field goal attempt sail through the uprights in Washington and Lee's 46-14 win over Greensboro on Saturday at Wilson Field. (Below) Senior Jeff Bahl receives the Gary Fallon Award at halftime. (Photos by Mary Guy/*The Ring-tum Phi*)

Generals look ahead to 2002 season

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

At the end of September, Washington and Lee's football season was close to disaster status.

After losing in the final seconds to Randolph-Macon, the Generals were 1-3 with Catholic, Hampden-Sydney, Bridgewater and Emory and Henry — teams that beat W&L by a combined 154-48 in 2000 — still on the schedule.

"I remember being 1-3 and thinking the season could really go downhill fast if we let it," senior defensive back Chris Shortall said. "Luckily, we were able to turn it around, and we had a great finish this season. These guys are really young, and they've got a big future for them."

W&L split those four games, adding non-conference wins against Sewanee and Greensboro to finish 5-5. Their 3-3 record in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference placed them in a four-way tie for second place.

More importantly, W&L was competitive in every ODAC game. Bridgewater, the No. 4 team in the country, had to go to overtime to beat the Generals, and W&L had fourth quarter leads in their other two conference losses.

"It shows that we can play with the best teams," sophomore quarterback Peter Dean said of the 2001 season. "Bridgewater will go on and probably get to the national semifinals, and we could have easily won that game. It just shows that we can play with any of these teams."

The Generals will return most of their starters in 2002. Junior running back Chris Sullivan, who rushed for 1,189 yards and eight touchdowns this season, believes his team will have a shot at W&L's first ODAC title since 1985.

"We definitely have a shot at winning this conference next season and going to the playoffs," Sullivan said. "We've got a good returning nucleus. People better watch out."

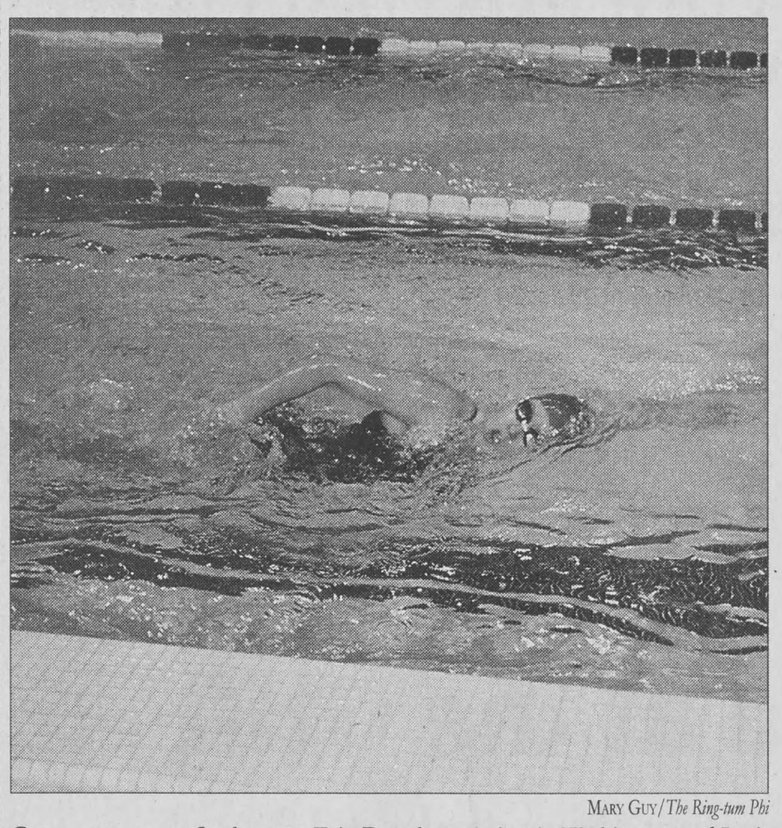
W&L coach Frank Miriello isn't declaring his team the conference favorite for next year, but he does expect his team to improve upon this season.

"I'd like to think we can make a move a little bit," Miriello said. "We've broken through that barrier into the upper level of the ODAC. Hopefully, we can have a great recruiting year and a great offseason, and come back and make a run at a little higher finish."

Dean, who completed 14-of-23 passes for 177 yards against the Pride, believes that Saturday's win will carry over into next season.

"Last season at this point, the disappointing loss to Swarthmore had us questioning how good we are," Dean said. "This year, we can see that we've gotten better every single game, and this is kind of the peak of it. This should give us momentum, and we should have guys working harder in the offseason. We can see we're right there."

Generals win ODAC home, away openers



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CONFERENCE WIN: Sophomore Erin Dougherty swims in Washington and Lee's 155-94 ODAC win over Sweet Briar at the Twombly Pool on Wednesday.

Women's swim team knocks off Sweet Briar at home before traveling to Randolph-Macon for a road victory

BY MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

This week saw a pair of easy Old Dominion Athletic Conference wins for the Washington and Lee women's swimming team.

Wednesday night brought Sweet Briar to Twombly Pool for a 155-94 Generals' victory, and Saturday morning, the Generals traveled to Randolph-Macon for a 170-74 win.

Wednesday night brought out the best in the team. Senior Katie Kennedy swam a season best in the 1,000 freestyle, and a career best in the 100 fly. Classmate Laura Ingoldsby brought back a pair of wins and season best times in the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

Junior Michelle Moore made a season-best time in the 200 backstroke, along with a win. Senior Anne Lachiewicz won the 100 and 200 breaststroke, garnering a career-best time in the 200, and freshman Laura Westerman won the 200 individual medley with a season-best time. Freshman Eleanor Williams put up a season-best time in winning the 100 backstroke.

Coach Kiki Moore was very pleased with the meet.

"We had a lot of people swimming different events than they usually do, and I think some were very surprised at how well they did," Moore said.

Saturday morning, the Generals visited another ODAC foe in Randolph-Macon. Junior Kelli Austin won the 50 and 100 freestyle, while Kennedy won the 100 breaststroke and the 200 individual medley.

The Generals' 200 medley relay, composed of Austin, Kennedy, Moore and Williams, cruised to a win, as did the 200 freestyle relay, made up of Austin, Moore, Williams and Westerman.

W&L's women's swimming returns to action Tuesday with a 6:30 p.m. meet at Hollins.

CORRECTION

The following errors appeared in last week's edition of the Phi:

Jeremy Kirkland is a senior, not a junior.

The article on the W&L presidential search process was written by Peter Quackenbush, not Michael Lee.

The Ring-tum Phi wishes a happy Thanksgiving to the Washington and Lee community. In honor of the festivities, the *Phi* will take a week off from publication and will resume a regular printing schedule on December 3.

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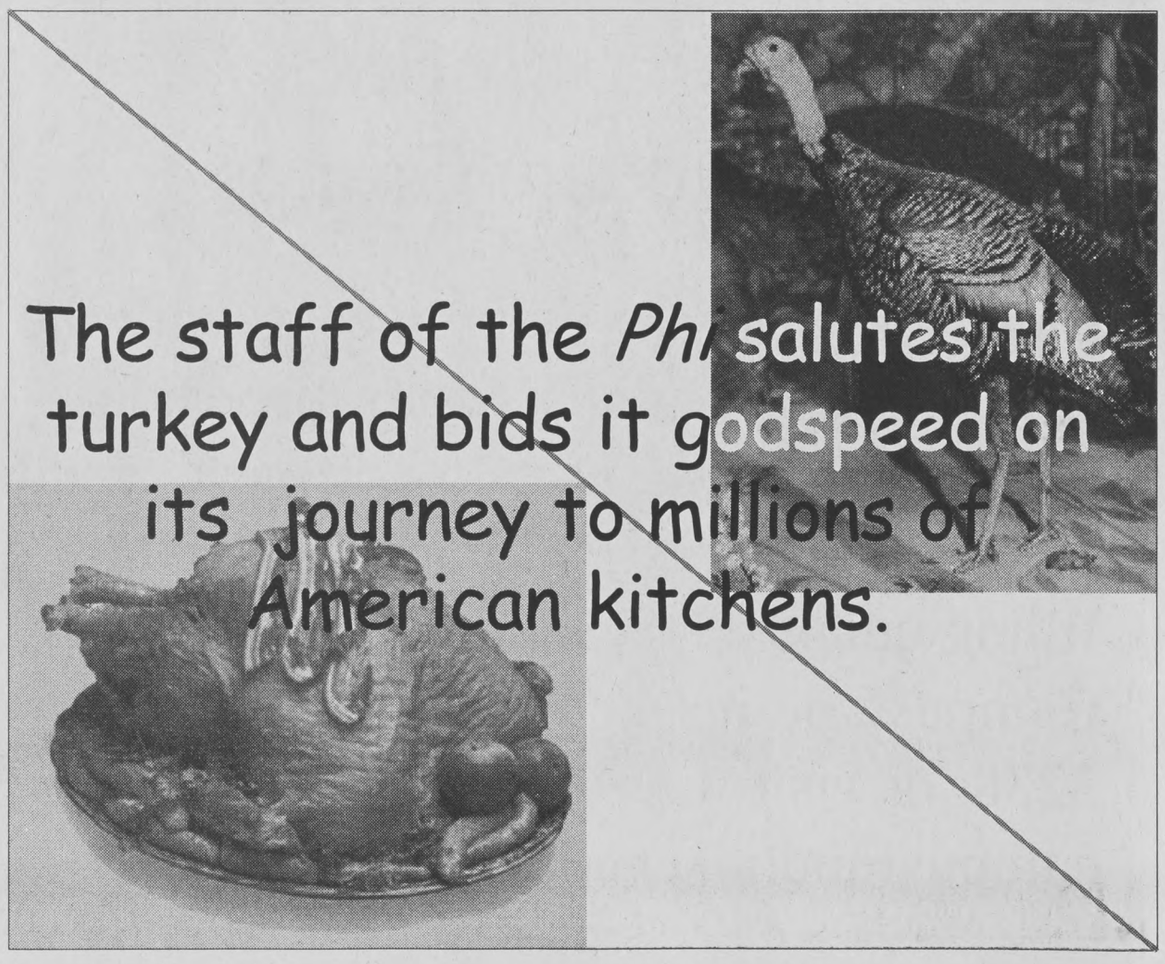
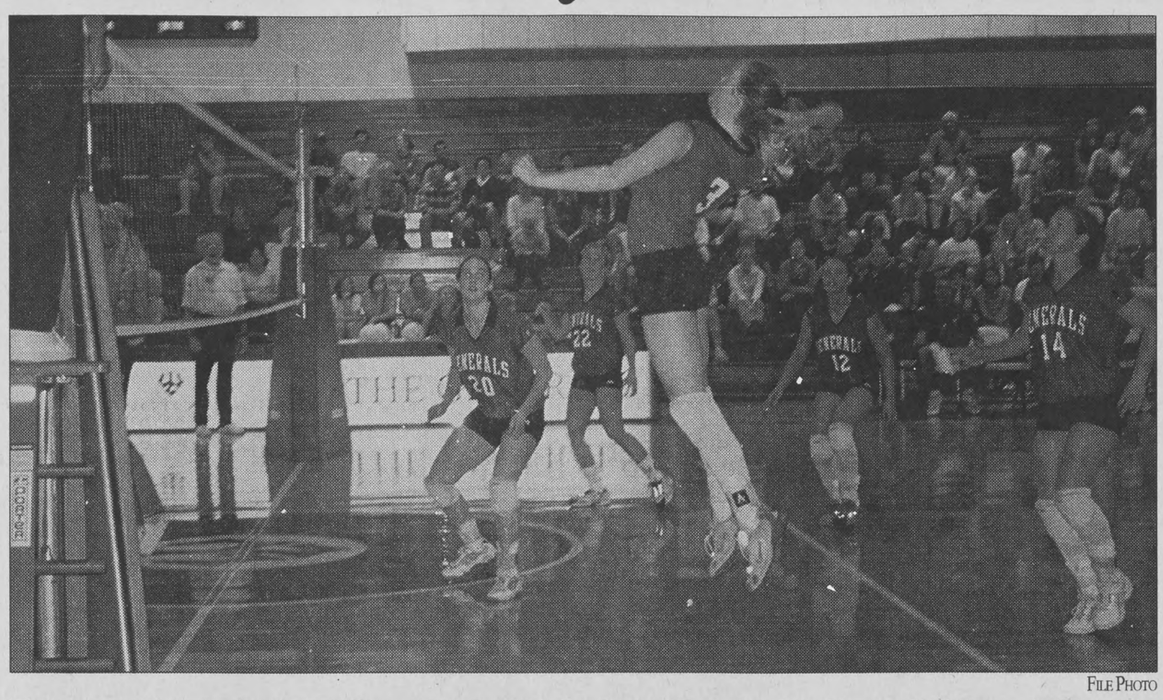


Volleyball falls to Emory in 2nd round of NCAA tourney

Generals beat Christopher Newport to advance to semifinals of South Regional

By Jeremy Franklin
Sports Editor



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Team effort: Senior Lindsay Ruckert (3) prepares to attack a ball in W&L's ODAC championship win over Roanoke on Nov. 3 as (from left) freshmen Emily Wolfing and Jennifer Lux, junior Stacey Kimmel and sophomore Kari Lassen look on. The Generals were eliminated by Emory in the second round of the NCAA South Regional.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—The Washington and Lee volleyball team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament before falling to No. 2 seed Emory in the NCAA South Regional Friday at Trinity University.

The No. 3 Generals (30-5) set a new school record for wins with a 30-21, 30-15, 30-15 win over Christopher Newport in Thursday's opening round.

Senior Leslie Fischbeck had 12 kills and two blocks for W&L, and classmate Lindsay Ruckert finished with nine kills, six digs and six aces. Junior Stacey Kimmel totaled nine kills, nine digs and seven aces, and freshman Jennifer Lux added 31 assists.

"Leslie played really well in the first round match," W&L coach Bryan Snyder said. "She was the biggest player on the floor, and she took advantage of that. Lindsay did what she always does. She was a big factor like always.

"Stacey Kimmel really stepped up her play, and she probably had her best match of the year against Christopher Newport."

For the No. 6 Captains (24-11), Lindsey Sheppard had seven kills and six digs, and Nina Richardson contributed 18 assists.

Emory, which received a bye in the first round, ended W&L's season on Friday with a 30-26, 30-23, 30-23 victory. Kim Rahn paced the Eagles with 12 kills and 10 digs, and Caitlin Crafts had 38 assists.

Despite the loss, Snyder was pleased with the play of his squad.

"Everybody played well," he said. "We played real well as a team. It was a great year, a good experience for everyone involved."

Ruckert added to her Old Dominion Athletic Conference record with 11 kills, adding six digs and three aces. The three-time ODAC Player of the Year finished her career with 1,519 kills.

Ruckert wasn't the only senior with a say in the record books. Fischbeck recorded 12 kills in 19 attempts, ending the season with a .386 hitting percentage, the best in W&L history.

Kimmel contributed eight kills, eight digs and three aces against Emory. Lux had 31 more assists, and fellow freshman Emily Wolfing chipped in six kills and nine digs.

Snyder believed that statistics didn't tell the story of the weekend, particularly with the play of Wolfing.

"(The freshmen) stepped up and played really well, especially Emily Wolfing," Snyder said. "She passed the ball great, she played good defense, and she probably had her best back-to-back matches on blocking this weekend."

To repeat as Old Dominion Athletic Conference champions and return to the NCAA Tournament, the Generals must overcome the loss of a talented group of seniors: Fischbeck, Ruckert, Lee Charbonnet, Sara Heusel and Lizzy Swann.

"The senior class is just unbelievable," Snyder said. "They've made tremendous impacts on the program. They've really been instrumental in elevating the program to where it is now."

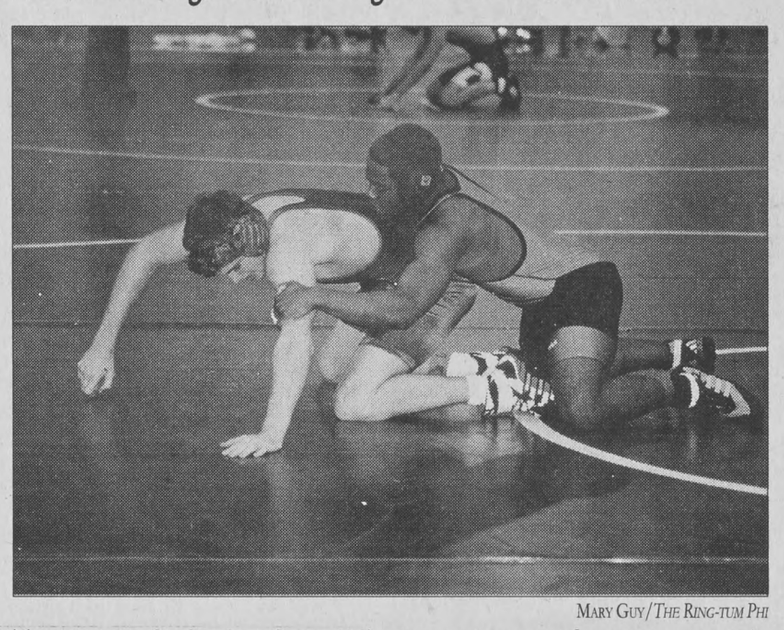
But W&L returns a talented group with enough experience to return to the South Regional, and Snyder hopes that next year's freshmen will immediately contribute to the team.

"We've got to build on what we did," he said. "We'll see what we do through the recruiting class. Getting to the second round of the NCAA is definitely going to help that."

Grapplers open with VMI invite

Morse wins for 3rd straight year as W&L begins season against Division I schools

By Dave Crowell
Assistant Sports Editor



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Team effort: Sophomore Corey Little attempts to escape from an opponent in the 149-pound flight of the VMI Keydet Invitational Sunday at W&L.

The Washington and Lee wrestling team began its 2001-02 season by competing in the VMI Keydet Wrestling Invitational on Sunday.

Due to renovation conflicts, the Generals hosted the 10-team competition, which includes mostly Division I schools, for the second consecutive year. Another constant at this year's competition was the dominance of senior Ezra Morse.

Morse won his third straight championship at the 197-pound weight class at the VMI Invitational, capping his day with a 3-2 victory over Matt Bishop of Cumberland College.

In earlier action, Morse whipped through the quarterfinals with a 7-2 win over Tim Gutierrez of Anderson College, then followed with a solid 4-0 victory over Mike Yetter of Old Dominion University in the semis.

"Ezra was the standout today," coach Gary Franke said.

Other highlights included a fourth-place finish in the 184-pound class by sophomore Joe Mueller. Mueller, a national qualifier last season, lost the consolation championship, 6-5, to Josh Muncy of Cumberland.

"Joe came up with a fourth-place finish, but was still disappointed with giving up a five-point swing and losing a close one in the last match," Franke said.

In the 174-pound class, senior Ivan Zdanov finished with a 2-2 record, despite getting banged up during the matches. Zdanov defeated Chris Wilkes of Cumberland 7-3, then later defeated teammate Jason Smee in the consolation round.

In addition, senior Ben Segal at the 125-pound class, sophomore Corey Little at 149 and junior Alex Poor at 165 all wrapped up one victory on the day.

Segal won in his first consolation match, defeating Mike Johnson of Cumberland 6-3. Poor defeated Cory Engelhard of VMI 5-3, also in his first consolation match.

Little won his first match of the day with a pinfall on Wendell Davis of UNC-Greensboro at 5:30.

Franke, who began his 29th season as head wrestling coach for the Generals on Saturday, saw the invitational as a way to gain some experience and prepare for the upcoming season.

"I thought it was beneficial to face some good competition," Franke said. "It provides a good indication of where we are, but it's not a huge test this early."

The Generals return to the practice mat for the next three weeks before traveling to Pennsylvania to participate in the Scranton Invitational on Dec. 1.

Coming to the *Phi* sports pages on Dec. 3:

-A preview of the 2001-02 wrestling season

-Coverage of basketball, swimming and track

Scoreboard

Saturday's Football Yardline

W&L 46, Greensboro 14

Greensboro	0	7	0	7	—	14
W&L	7	22	3	14	—	46

First Quarter

W&L — Watson 13 run (Wiginton kick), 8:38

Second Quarter

W&L — Sullivan 12 run (Wiginton kick), 14:51
W&L — Sullivan 3 run (Wiginton kick), 6:34
W&L — Sullivan 4 run (Wilson pass from Dean), 0:21
GC — Washington 20 pass from Waters (Naglee kick), 0:00

Third Quarter

W&L — Wiginton FG 32, 5:26

Fourth Quarter

W&L — Overstreet 1 run (Wiginton kick), 13:00
W&L — Watson 41 run (Wiginton kick), 8:17
GC — Caldwell 2 run (Naglee kick), 0:40
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	GC	W&L
First downs	11	24
Rushes-yards	35-85	53-316
Passing yards	115	177
Return yards	129	107
Comp-att-int	9-27-3	14-23-0
Sacked-yards lost	1-13	0-0
Punts-avg	8-33.6	2-35.0
Fumbles-lost	4-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	4-28	1-10
Time of possession	27:36	32:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—GC: Caldwell 8-50, T. Lewis 12-27, Washington 2-12, Powell 1-8, Scarborough 3-7, Louis 2-2, C. Lewis 1-(-1), Waters 6-(-20). W&L: Watson 21-142, Sullivan 21-118, Rapoza 1-15, Overstreet 3-13, Archie 4-11, Dean 1-10, Caramore 2-7.

PASSING—GC: Waters 8-22-3 105, Durham 1-4-0 10, C. Lewis 0-1-0 0. W&L: Dean 14-23-0 177.

RECEIVING—GC: Brown 3-68, McAuley 2-14, Washington 1-20, Horton 1-10, Wilder 1-3, Louis 1-0. W&L: Watson 5-74, Thomas 4-68, Rankin 2-20, Overstreet 1-13, Sullivan 1-7, Wilson 1-(-5).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—W&L: Wiginton 46.

Final ODAC Football Standings

Team	Conference W	L	PF	PA	Overall W	L	PF	PA
Bridgewater	6	0	276	126	9	0	403	173
Emory and Henry	3	3	135	124	5	5	212	187
Washington and Lee	**3**	**3**	**153**	**127**	**5**	**5**	**240**	**241**
Hampden-Sydney	3	3	198	179	5	5	296	273
Guilford	3	3	104	172	4	6	161	259
Randolph-Macon	2	4	108	196	4	6	201	298
Catholic	1	5	127	177	3	7	204	253

Nov. 10 Results
W&L 46, Greensboro 14
Hampden-Sydney 38, Randolph-Macon 26
Guilford 17, Emory and Henry 7
Bridgewater 55, Catholic 13

End Regular Season

W&L Schedule: Nov. 13-Dec. 3

Tuesday, Nov. 13
Women's Swimming
W&L at Hollins, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 16
Men's Basketball
W&L vs. Haverford (at Swarthmore), 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17
Cross Country
NCAA Nationals (at Augustana College, Ill.)
Men's Basketball
W&L vs. Swarthmore (at Haverford), 1 p.m.
Women's Swimming
W&L at Swarthmore, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 18
Men's and Women's Swimming
W&L at Gettysburg, 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 20
Men's Basketball
Wesley at W&L, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 24
Women's Basketball
McWilliams Classic
W&L at Washington, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 25
Women's Basketball
W&L in McWilliams Classic, TBA

Men's Basketball
Greensboro at W&L, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 27
Women's Swimming
RMWC at W&L, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Men's Basketball
W&L at William and Mary, 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball
W&L at Lynchburg, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 30
Men's Swimming
VMI at W&L, 7 p.m.
Women's Swimming
Radford at W&L, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1
Wrestling
W&L at Scranton Tournament, 9 a.m.
Indoor Track
W&L at VMI, TBA
Men's Basketball
W&L at Randolph-Macon, 3 p.m.
Women's Basketball
Randolph-Macon at W&L, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 2
Men's Basketball
W&L at Virginia Wesleyan, 3 p.m.
Women's Basketball
W&L at Guilford, 4 p.m.

W&L ODAC Award Winners

Following are Washington and Lee recipients of Old Dominion Athletic Conference postseason awards, as voted on by coaches:

Field Hockey

Second Team
Kelly Taffe, sophomore
Honorable Mention
Kitt Murphy, freshman

Men's Soccer

Player of the Year
Paul Wallace, senior
First Team
Brad Murphy, junior
Paul Wallace, senior
Second Team
Tim Foley, junior
Philip Miller, sophomore
Jacob Stoehr, sophomore
Honorable Mention
Rick Schnatz, senior

Women's Soccer

First Team
Kate Bidwell, senior
Meghan Hayde, sophomore
Fontaine Marcoux, sophomore
Honorable Mention
Heather Coleman, sophomore
Lindsay Duran, junior
Kelly Zagol, freshman

Volleyball

Player of the Year
Lindsay Ruckert, senior
Rookie of the Year
Jennifer Lux, freshman
Coach of the Year
Bryan Snyder, second season
First Team
Lindsay Ruckert, senior
Second Team
Leslie Fischbeck, senior

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Women's basketball boasts veteran squad in 2001-02

Courtesy of Sports Information

W&L's veterans: Seniors Megan Babst and Carter Thomas (42) will lead the Generals in 2001-02.

By Dave Crowell
Assistant Sports Editor

Experience and veteran leadership will be key for the 2001-02 Washington and Lee women's basketball team, as they hope to return to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament after last season's disappointing finish and absence from postseason play.

Janet Hollack returns for her second season as head coach, hoping to improve on an 8-16 record last year. With the loss of no seniors and the return of key players, the record will undoubtedly improve.

Like last year, Hollack will look to senior forward and co-captain Jessica Mentz and senior center Megan Babst to shoulder the offensive load and lead the team.

Mentz hopes to improve on her fantastic 2000-01 season, when she earned First Team All-ODAC honors and demolished 14 school records, most notably the all-time scoring record (1,223) and scoring average in a season record (20.7 points per game).

In addition, Mentz averaged a double-double on the season, chipping in 10.1 rebounds per game.

Babst achieved a breakthrough season, dominating the paint while also averaging a double-double on the season. She recorded 15.7 points per game and led the ODAC with 11.9 rebounds an outing en route to garnering a spot on the Honorable Mention All-ODAC team.

"Both on and off the court, Mentz and Babst are the leaders," Hollack said. "Not only are they the most talented players, but their work ethic is the mainstay of this team."

The veteran leadership should extend past the frontcourt, with Sarah Schmidt and co-captain Carter Thomas, both seniors, supplementing Mentz and Babst.

Hollack sees Schmidt playing an important role, providing support at the guard position while helping on the boards, in addition to displaying experience and leadership.

Thomas, the starting point guard on a team that finished 6-14 in ODAC play last season, will feel a shift in responsibility on this year's squad.

"Carter will definitely have a different role this year," Hollack said. "We've moved her from the point guard position, which should help her out.

"She won't have to focus on running the offense and setting up the team anymore. She can use her speed to move down the floor and make plays."

The infusion of new talent into the program will allow Hollack to change the team's offensive strategy. The coach believes that the core of seniors, in addition to three incoming freshmen, will receive significant playing time.

Freshman Bethany Dannelly will step into the role of point guard, relieving Thomas from the responsibility.

"With Bethany at point guard, we'll be able to push the ball down the court more and play transition basketball," Hollack said. "Last year, we tended to run a half-court offense, but that will change a bit.

"Mentz and Babst run the floor extremely well, so the transition game should get some easy points."

While Mentz and Babst will share the bulk of the points, Hollack is optimistic that freshman Emily Barker can contribute to the offense.

"Emily is an athletic kid that I think will alleviate some of the pressure on Mentz and Babst. She rebounds well, but can also play on the perimeter at the three spot," Hollack said.

Hollack also noted that freshman guard Michelle Wentz knows the game well and plays extremely tough on the court. This brand of aggressive and scrappy basketball seems to permeate the team's ranks.

"I'm already noticing in practice a more competitive atmosphere. The players are really fighting each other for the ball," Hollack said. "You're going to see a new brand of W&L basketball this season, without a doubt."

The ODAC gave the Generals an eighth-place preseason ranking, which would place the team in the postseason conference tournament. While a return to the tournament is a key goal for the team, Hollack expects a higher finish.

"I think we can compete with every team in the league," Hollack said. "When a team comes to our gym or we go to theirs, it'll be a battle."

The Generals begin the 2001-02 campaign when they travel to Washington University for the McWilliams Classic on Nov. 24.

Generals look forward to underdog role

Men's basketball team prepares to turn program around despite last-place prediction in conference

By Jeremy Franklin
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For the Washington and Lee men's basketball team, a new season presents what should be the first step to turning around the program.

The Generals suffered through a 4-20 season, 4-14 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, last year. Third-year coach Jeff Lafave believes his team, which returns no seniors and boasts eight freshmen, will have no trouble getting over 2000-01.

"There's a totally new team," Lafave said. "The majority of our team are new people. Any time you introduce new people, it's going to bring a new attitude."

W&L enters 2001-02 with low expectations from outside, as the preseason conference coaches' poll has them last in the 10-team league. Sophomore guard Michael Denbow, who joins classmate Hamill Jones and junior Jake McAlister as captains, says his team will benefit from the less-than-glorifying prediction.

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Third-year coach: Jeff Lafave hopes his Generals will improve on their 4-20 record, including a 4-14 mark in the ODAC.

"We know that we haven't done anything to garner respect," Denbow said. "We know we're the underdogs, and we kind of relish that role. We know we have to sneak up on people."

With such a large group of freshmen, Lafave admits that this will be a rebuilding year. But he doesn't believe that relegates his club to the conference cellar.

"You can expect some growing pains," Lafave said. "But we hope to make the ODAC Tournament. I think that's a legitimate expectation. If we can get this team in the tournament and win a game, that will be a tremendous year."

The Generals should benefit from the return of junior Scott Hettermann, who missed the final six games of last year for a violation of team rules. Hettermann led W&L with 11.9 points per game and a 51.9 percent clip from the field.

"He brings a kid down low that is physically ready to play in the paint," Lafave said of the 6-foot-4 Hettermann. "He is effective around the basket, so we'll put him down in there again and try to get him the ball where he can be successful."

Captains Chad Braley and Will Ballard — tied for second in W&L scoring at 10.4 a game — graduated, leaving a void in the backcourt. No one won the starting jobs in preseason practice, perhaps part of Lafave's strategy: the coach hopes to have eight men to rotate in and out of the lineup.

Joining Hettermann down low will be the 6-4 Jones, the 6-5 McAlister and 6-2 junior Toussaint Crawford. With the lack of a true big man in the post, the guards become that much more important.

"We have to handle the ball, limit our turnovers, and we have to shoot the ball," Denbow said. "We have to look at our big men as being a bonus. We're going to have to have the best guard play to be successful."

Any success the Generals have will come in one of the tougher Division III conferences in the nation. Hampden-Sydney, the preseason favorite to win the ODAC, is a national contender, while Randolph-Macon and Roanoke are no pushovers.

But Lafave hasn't circled any dates on his schedule.

"We look forward to playing everybody," he said. "Every team we play right now, we have to make sure we're ready to go."

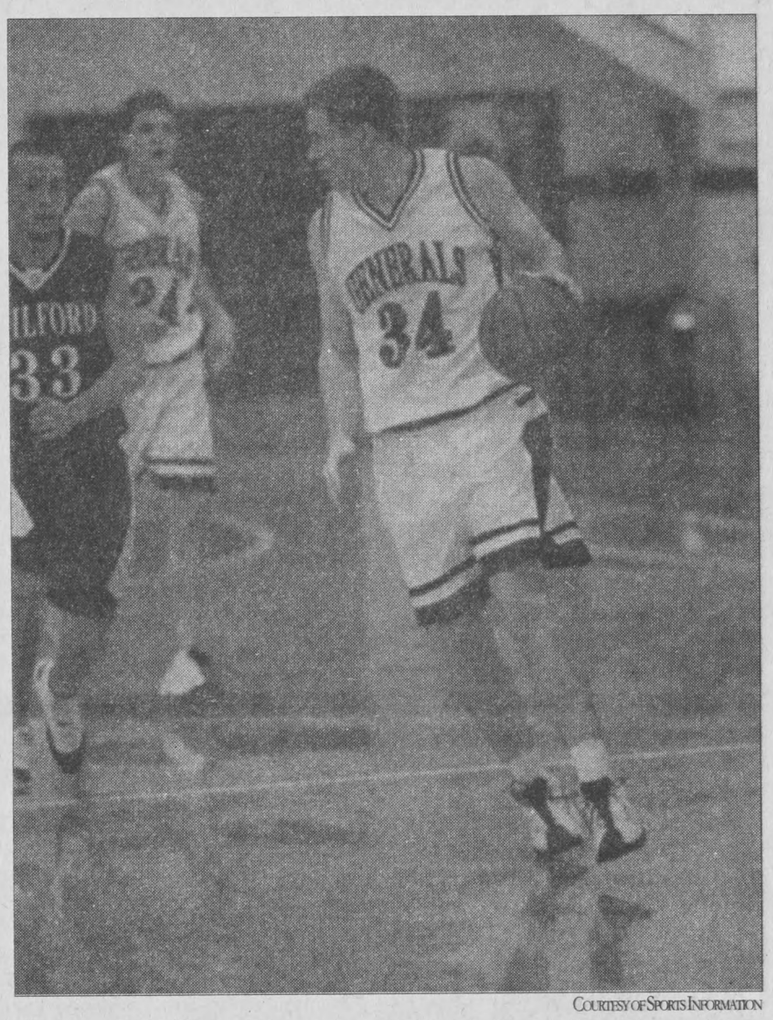
The coach is teaching teamwork, the lack of which may have hurt the Generals a season ago. Win or lose, chemistry is W&L's top priority.

"I expect our team, number one, to stay together," Lafave said. "We've been preaching the basketball family through any kind of adversity."

Whatever the end results of the 2001-02 season, the Generals want to make sure they're headed in the right direction in the long run.

"We don't want to sell ourselves short," Denbow said. "Realistically, we're looking to improve. We want to win double-figure games, we want to go to the ODAC Tournament.

"Our number one goal is to get this program turned around, and we look at ourselves as the forefathers of that this year."



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Frontcourt Generals: Junior co-captain Jake McAlister (34) and classmate Scott Hettermann will see playing time in the post for W&L.

The Press Box

Gators will win the title

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Lost in the hoopla of a November World Series, debate over BCS standings and the NFL's midseason reports, the 2001-02 college basketball season is underway.

The ACC has two national title contenders, as does the SEC East. Illinois, Kansas and UCLA appear to be the favorites in their respective conferences, but all three teams are overrated on a national scale.

A national Top 25 is in order:

1. Florida. Billy Donovan's Gators are deep and talented, and they could very well be hoisting the title come April. With Brett Nelson, Justin Hamilton and Udonis Haslem returning and a pair of outstanding freshmen in David Lee and James White, Florida will be tough to beat.

2. Duke. Shane Battier graduated, but the Blue Devils boast the nation's best player in point guard Jason Williams. Mike Krzyzewski has a very short bench, per usual, but Rutgers transfer Dahntay Jones should provide immediate help.

3. Maryland. The Terrapins' only key loss from last year's Final Four team was underachieving forward Terence Morris. Lonny Baxter, Juan Dixon and company may start off slowly, but they have the team to return to the national semifinals.

4. Kentucky. Tubby Smith has assembled a typical Wildcat team — dominant in the frontcourt, with a neither flashy nor inadequate backcourt. Tayshaun Prince and Keith Bogans will shine for Kentucky instead of sitting the bench on NBA teams.

5. Illinois. Sergio McClain and Marcus Griffin are gone, or the Illini would be four spots higher. The play of guards Frank Williams and Cory Bradford will determine whether Bill Self's team is a contender or a pretender.

6. Kansas. The Jayhawks have the talent to give Roy Williams his first national title. But their recent collapses in March make one wonder if Drew Gooden, Kirk Hinrich and Nick Collison can overcome the trend.

7. Syracuse. Many analysts say Jim Boeheim can make mediocre players competitive. Then they place the Orangemen out of the top 20. Preston Shumpert will guide a deep team to the Elite Eight.

8. Arizona. For a team that lost four starters, Lute Olson couldn't be happier with what he can put on the floor in 2001-02. The Wildcats are reloading, but have the talent to win the Pac-10 now.

9. Virginia. Pete Gillen has taken the Cavaliers to the upper echelon of the ACC. They haven't won a postseason game since 1995, but this team is too talented not to snap that streak.

10. Michigan State. Tom Izzo has to replace seven Spartans, but don't feel any sympathy for him. Michigan State will be in the mix for another Big Ten title.

11. Missouri. Kareem Rush is one of the nation's best players. Quin Snyder is among the best young coaches. Put the two together, and the Tigers will give Kansas a run in the Big XII.

12. UCLA. The Bruins are good, but overrated. Jason Kapono is a solid player, and T.J. Cummings will get better with experience. Whatever Steve Lavin's team achieves this season will be a result of the play of their freshmen.

13. Memphis. After an NIT semifinal appearance in his first year back in the college ranks, John Calipari will lead his Tigers to the Big Dance. Dajuan Wagner could be the nation's best freshman.

14. St. Joseph's. Scoring machine Marvin O'Connor and point man Jameer Nelson form the nation's best backcourt. The frontcourt won't be tested until the NCAA Tournament.

15. North Carolina. This could be the first time in 38 years that the Tar Heels finish lower than third in the ACC. Jason Capel and Kris Lang return, but Chapel Hill fans must be patient with Matt Doherty.

16. Iowa. Steve Alford is building a solid foundation for Iowa basketball, but Luke Recker and Reggie Evans could have the Hawkeyes winning in the short run.

17. Temple. Despite an 0-2 start, John Chaney will have his team winning by March. Point guard Lynn Greer and center Kevin Lyde may lead the Owls on another postseason roll.

18. Georgetown. Ruben Boumtje Boumtje's departure leaves the Hoyas searching for a frontcourt answer. In the meantime, Kevin Braswell could have a monster season.

19. Oklahoma State. Last year, Eddie Sutton pulled off a minor miracle in getting the Cowboys to the tournament. This season, OSU may wind up in the Sweet 16.

20. Boston College. Troy Bell shared the Big East's Player of the Year award with now-departed Troy Murphy of Notre Dame. With the show to himself, Bell should have the Eagles dancing again.

21. Stanford. Casey Jacobsen is an all-around star, but he's the only returning starter for Mike Montgomery. We'll see how the Cardinal play from an underdog role.

22. Gonzaga. The Bulldogs will win the West Coast Conference, get shafted in tournament seeding, and then find their way into the Sweet 16 again.

23. Tennessee. Buzz Peterson inherits a solid team whose talent Jerry Green could never extract. Vincent Yarbrough and Ron Slay must respond to a more disciplined style of basketball.

24. Indiana. Jared Jeffries was fantastic as a freshman, and expect him only to get better. A postseason run isn't out of the question for a young Hoosier team.

25. Wake Forest. New coach Skip Prosser has one of the ACC's most underrated players in swingman Josh Howard.

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