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A COMMON PURPOSE. As rushing freshmen, current seniors led discussion groups at Saturday's Something of Value seminar.

Sororities plan action against risky behaviors

National program comes to W&L, challenges Greek women

By KATIE J. HOWELL
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Sorority women will collectively tackle campus issues of drugs, eating disorders, and sexual activity after participating in this weekend's "Something of Value" conference by Panhellenic Council.

Representatives from each of Washington and Lee's five sorority chapters gathered Saturday to participate in risk-management sessions and discussions to identify and develop plans of action against risk-taking behaviors in a national Panhellenic Council seminar.

"Something of Value...educate(s) sorority women about risky behaviors, such as drinking and drugs, and how those behaviors can negatively affect a sorority," said Panhellenic president Katie Cedarholm.

The conference's biggest impact "will be that now all the women will realize that they are talking about the same things," Teresa Glassman, W&L Panhellenic advisor and director of student activities said. "They now know that they have a place to come together and where they can go from here."

Over 70 sorority leaders attended the conference, which began with a mock trial. National sorority representatives, chapter advisors and national Panhellenic facilitators also attended.

Nancy Campbell, an attorney from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, led the mock trial along with W&L Panhellenic officers. The trial, designed to reflect W&L issues, covered an underage binge drinking/hazing case. Audience members acted as a jury in determining responsibility in an alcohol-related injury.

After the participants watched the trial and had lunch with their respective national chapter advisors,

they formed five breakout groups for intense discussions about campus risk-taking behaviors. In these groups, the women collectively identified the four greatest risky behaviors in the W&L community: eating disorders, alcoholism, drugs (specifically cocaine) and sex-related issues, including sexually-transmitted diseases and rape. After identifying these issues, the women then discussed plans of action to improve these situations on campus.

National Panhellenic facilitator Gail Owen was pleased with W&L's productivity in Saturday's meeting.

"The answer is in your hands," Owen said. The national chapter and Panhellenic representatives encouraged participants to continue working together to make a difference on the W&L campus. Panhellenic officers and the national representatives stayed afterward to discuss the plans of action against these issues.

National facilitators said that most campuses work for about six months to a year to address their risky behaviors. Glassman and the Panhellenic officers believe that W&L sorority women can make a difference as well.

"This program is something that we had seen previously and heard talked about," Glassman said. "Each sorority had to approve the program before national Panhellenic would even consider coming here. I believe that shows we want to make a difference."

The participants appreciated the program as well.

"It was an open, frank discussion," one said. "It was wonderful."

Poverty program selects 29 W&L summer interns

By PETER QUACKENBUSH
STAFF WRITER

The Shepherd Program on Poverty and Human Capability has selected this year's participants in its summer program. Twenty-nine students from W&L will join a yet-to-be-determined number of students from Berea, Spelman and Morehouse Colleges to serve people suffering from poverty in America and around the world.

The Shepherd Alliance's participants will help alleviate poverty through a variety of means, said Harlan Beckley, the program's director.

"Students will be serving for eight weeks in agencies that ... work in areas of financing small business, healthcare, social service, community organizing, law, education, and so forth," Beckley said.

Six of the W&L students will participate in the Amigos de las Americas program, where they will travel to a Latin American country and promote public health, education

and community involvement.

Past program participants strongly feel that spending time serving communities provides not only to those that need help, but also give a sense of self-worth and confidence.

"The Shepherd Program has shaped my life," senior Stacy McLoughlin said. Others share similar sentiments. "The classes and internship have further focused much of my time and academic coursework on issues of inequality and injustice - two wrongs in our culture that I have tried to devote much of my time and energy to understanding," senior Claiborne Taylor said.

The students selected to participate in the program were chosen for their potential to serve others and get something out of it at the same time. Senior Pete Cook,

who assisted in the selection process, explained, "We look for people who have demonstrated an interest in social issues, who volunteer, or want to get more involved in the community."

The program searches for students enthusiastic about making changes in the lives of others. "It is a common misconception that the Shepherd program only selects students involved in service and with strictly liberal beliefs," Taylor said. "On the contrary, we look for students who want more out of their college and educational experience and who are ready to take this plunge with open minds and enthusiasm."

Beckley said he enjoys working with students excited about assisting others. "The thrill of working with students in the Shepherd Program stems from watching students

learning through combining rigorous classroom study with learning through first-hand experience trying to alleviate poverty," Beckley said.

Cook also believes that students can learn more from the program than from ordinary summer jobs. "Anyone can go work in an office for the summer, but this is an opportunity to gain great experience, while helping others at the same time," he said.

It is expected that each student will gain much through the program by visiting people in situations far more dire than anything they have previously experienced. Taylor hoped that students would be better able to evaluate their own lives. "Living in a new or unfamiliar area offers students the chance to venture forth past their comfort levels and get a taste of the real world," Taylor explained. Beckley had his own hopes for students. "I expect this summer's participants to learn more about communities and people they have not encountered previously," he said.



BECKLEY



TAYLOR

Alcohol speaker urges courage to care

Recovered alcoholic believes W&L students can learn from her college experiences



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HERE'S TO SISTER CAROLYN. Cornelison used anecdotes and jokes to express her ideas about high-risk alcohol abuse.

By KATIE J. HOWELL
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Washington and Lee University has twice the national average of college students with alcohol problems, said Carolyn Cornelison, who spoke at Lee Chapel last Tuesday.

Cornelison, a national alcohol speaker, shared personal anecdotes to express her message, finding "The Courage to Care."

Her program exposed the dangers of high-risk drinking, and how to help other people with this problem.

"Courage to Care" focused on helping teammates or Greek brothers or sisters with alcohol problems.

"The majority of us are in a situation where we can help people," Cornelison said.

LIFE, the Panhellenic Council, the Intrafraternity Council and the Office of Health Education sponsored Cornelison's speech. University Health Educator Janis Kaufman saw Cornelison speak to athletes at the University of Virginia and thought her speech would benefit W&L. Kaufman, whose office provided the financial backing, then encouraged the other sponsors to ensure attendance.

"(Cornelison's) message is the message we're trying to get across in the TIPS program," Kaufman said. "I think she gave the students a very important message about caring for each other and not being afraid to speak up when they are having a problem with alcohol."

TIPS is the alcohol intervention program required of student bartenders.

Cornelison's talk was light-hearted, frequently drawing laughter from the audience of approximately 200 people.

"I thought her presentation was effective because she combined humor with important life stories," sophomore Kara Coen said. "Her discussion was sobering."

Cornelison was an athlete and sorority member as a college student, and directed her talk toward these groups. She challenged the audience to help the members of their fraternities, sororities and sports teams with alcohol problems.

"We need to tell people that we care about when we are worried about them," she said. "The difficult part starts when I leave, and it will make you feel uncomfortable. You have made commitments to be brothers and sisters, and you must follow through with that."

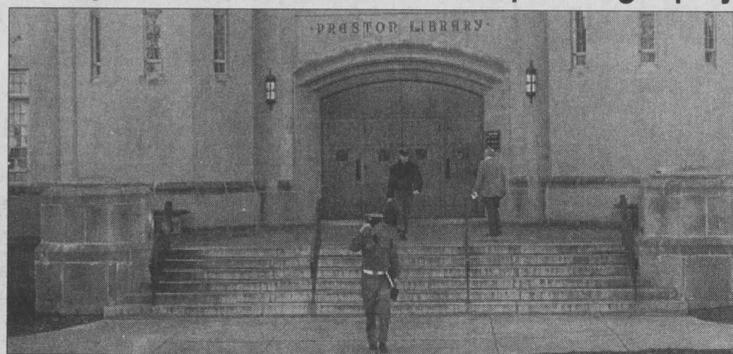
Admitting that she was "an Olympic athlete in drinking games" and that "you would have really liked me here at W&L—I was fun," Cornelison threaded the main thoughts of her speech: that "courage is not the absence of fear, courage is taking action in the face of fear."

Cornelison used this message along with personal stories of her own struggle with alcoholism to motivate students to begin caring for one another.

"We don't want to lose people," she said. "(Alcohol abuse) is always a preventable tragedy."

WHO KNEW I WAS AN OLYMPIC ATHLETE
IN THIS SPORT-DRINKING GAMES?
CAROLYN CORNELISON

VMI professor involved in kid pornography



FILE PHOTO

VMI'S CAMPUS. The typical rigorous academic world of Virginia Military Institute was disrupted when one of its educators became involved with internet pornography.

By SAM LA GRONE
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Virginia Military Institute professor was convicted last Monday of two counts of sex crimes involving a minor.

A Rockbridge County Circuit Court convicted Paul G. Pierpaoli Jr., a history professor specializing in the Korean War, with using a computer to solicit sex with a minor and having carnal knowledge of a child, the Associated Press reported.

Authorities accused Pierpaoli of contacting a 14-year-old teen and his 21-year-old lover, Tim Campolito, over the Internet and meeting them for a tryst in a trailer near Goshen, Commonwealth's Attorney Gordon Saunders told AP.

The teen and Campolito were caught using a stolen computer and a credit card number, Saunders told AP. From their arrests, police traced Pierpaoli and issued an arrest warrant for the professor in September. Pierpaoli denied the charges, saying the encounter did not involve sex with a minor.

"It's obvious that these people were hooking up for the purpose of sex, and that is what occurred," Saunders told the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Samples of Pierpaoli's semen were found at the scene of the trailer, Saunders said.

After six hours of testimony Circuit Judge George Honts III convicted Pierpaoli of both charges. Pierpaoli was released on bond and is now in Hilton Head S.C. He will be sentenced on May 10, according to AP.

Pierpaoli is currently suspended without pay. Chuck Steenburgh, a VMI spokesman, declined to comment on any further administrative action by VMI.

Pierpaoli began work at VMI in 1998 as the executive assistant to Superintendent Josiah Bunting III. He was also a part-time history professor. Pierpaoli earned a chair in the history department and taught full time, until he was charged.

"He was honestly...not impersonal but not necessarily approachable," said Damell Griffin, a junior for whom Pierpaoli was an academic advisor and professor. "He didn't seem like a guy that would do something like that."

STAFF EDITORIAL

Dining Services supplies Soviet-style suppers

The Ring-tum Phi professes a healthy respect for the Co-op. The Cooperational Facility of Glory, as we call it, is a beacon of hope and food during cold Sunday evenings in the office.

But yesterday the Co-op became a patsy for the dark designs of the Dining Services Commissary, an outdated and controlling bureaucracy reminiscent of the 70s USSR. The DineServ ruthlessly enforces conformity in times and places for eating.

This was driven home when an editor stopped by Evans to pick up Sunday supper. Surprisingly finding the meal unsatisfactory, he stopped by the Co-op for a supplementary dinner. Imagine his chagrin when told that his two dinners were too close together: he couldn't use a meal plan because the DineServ decided his meals were too close together.

What's up with this? Should the High Commissars of DineServ allowed to tell us how many meals we can eat in one day? If a student pays for 10 meals a week, he should be allowed to eat all of them on the same day, or even at the same time.

Now, it's arguable that the D-hall needs a regular source of income. But that's where the freshmen, the university's proles, come in. They are DineServ's financial fuel. With nearly 500 freshmen involuntarily taking 21 meals a week, one would imagine that DineServ coffers must be busting with the support of the populace.

These revenues are not gong to toward quotidian efforts. If so, upperclassmen would be more often tempted to return to the Laetitia Pate Evans, or the "Freshmen Feeding Trough," as it's commonly known.

No, the money is being used for special events like Christmas Dinner and Wok Night. It's not for nothing that DineServ has snared three Special Event awards in the last three years, including the 2000 Grand Prize in Catering Special Events.

Perhaps DineServ Commissars should stop chasing after regional culinary awards and instead focus on increasing student choice. We want to eat when we want to.

9/11 encouraged America-haters

Although the Sept. 11 attacks deepened the country's slumping economy, they did create a bumper crop of anti-American invective from the nattering class on the left. Anti-Americanism has been in vogue among the liberal elites on both coasts since Vietnam, but America's reassertion of her power and moral uprightness in the War on Terror has created more opportunities to bemoan the excesses and errors of our society than ever before.

America's critics can be broken into three categories—the leftist Euro-elites and their disciples in this country, celebrities and hangers-on who deign to share their sage wisdom with those outside the Hollywood cocktail party circuit and liberal journalists and commentators who make a living in America-bashing.

Examples of the first have abounded since al-Qaeda prisoners have arrived at Guantanamo Bay. Britain's *Daily Mail* ran a picture of the detainees on the frontpage under the headline "Tortured." Members from a slew of European parliaments have voiced disapproval of our handling of the terrorists. An unidentified Western European ambassador told the *International Herald Tribune* that our treatment of the captives, "puts at stake the moral credibility of the war." But while we are cutting off hair, the Taliban and the Saudis cut off hands for stealing and stone to death adulterers.

Joschka Fischer, the German Foreign Minister and member of the Green party, has been one of America's largest critics, accusing us of "making up rules" for the prisoners and subtly threatening that the anti-terror coalition could hinge on the perceived injustices meted out in Cuba. If only our European so-called allies would focus on the real injustice dealt to the victims of the attacks and not the "perceived injustice" of having only a six by eight foot cell.

Celebrities, who have a long history of being so sophisticated as to be beyond patriotism, have not let us down in this war. Most disgusting in his rhetoric is Norman Mailer, who labeled America's new-found patriotism as "going too far," and derided our national pride as an "obscene infatuation." Although many lent their voices and talents to raising funds for the victims of the attacks, others showed little forbearance in criticizing the nation.

Jane Fonda, who began her America-hating career 30 years ago aiding the Viet Cong in Hanoi, told an Atlanta area radio station "we must try to understand the underlying



HANOI HONEY: Jane Fonda, the original America-hater, sits with Viet Cong soldiers near an anti-aircraft gun she used to attack American aircraft.

causes of terrorism." She went on to criticize our "saber rattling" and "calls for vengeance." Sorry Jane, but the cause of terrorism is radical Islam, not anything we did, not even our support of Israel. Moreover, a woman who fought with the Viet Cong against American servicemen is hardly qualified to define our war on terror as no more than "saber rattling."

America's most vociferous group of critics has been, by far, the liberal journalists employed by magazines such as *The Nation* and *Village Voice* to bash the United States. One Barbara Kingsolver wrote in *The San Francisco Chronicle*, "The American flag stands for intimidation, censorship, violence, bigotry, sexism, homophobia, and shoving the Constitution through a paper shredder. Who are we calling terrorists here?"

In *The Los Angeles Times*, she suggested that we lower our level of energy consumption and build better mass transit systems, concluding that, with such measures, we could "get by with a military budget the size of Iceland's." Apparently, the terrorists were unaware of the subway station underneath the World Trade Center, otherwise they would have directed their planes elsewhere.

Diversity isn't found in programs and quotas

"Why should we want to increase diversity?" This is a question that I have heard many times in various ways as I have gone through my education, from teachers and students alike. For me, diversity has been a great benefit in shaping the person I am.

Coming from a military background, I have had the opportunity to meet a multitude of people from many different places with many different ideas.

COMMON SENSE
JONATHAN WORTHAM '04

I could not imagine surrounding myself with a bunch of people that come from a similar background as myself and consider myself growing and expanding. And, growth and expansion is what college should be about.

Diversity is also becoming more important in our global economy, as countries other than the United States are in control of an increasing percentage of the world's wealth. Being in an atmosphere in which diversity is maintained and promoted gives one a greater opportunity to go outside of his community and succeed, whether that be in business or just getting the most out of a week tour of another country. The world would be a boring place if everyone thought the same way, and fewer problems would be solved if everyone approached them in the same way. The United States of America would never have been achieved if our Founding Fathers thought the same way. In a genetic sense, genetic diversity is even essential for the success of a species.

Washington and Lee, like many of our country's top schools, is in a process of trying to promote diversity at its campus. However, the mechanisms by which such diversity programs are implemented often draw criticisms. Perhaps the most famous consequence of a diversity promotion program resulted in the *Bakke* decision, which eliminated racial quotas as a basis for promoting diversity at college campuses. So, how do we promote diversity at our colleges? How do we make these decisions while keeping fairness in mind?

Unfortunately, I do not have any easy answers for these questions, but I urge those of you who are saying that W&L should make decisions solely based on qualifications to think hard. There would be a significantly higher percentage of women at Washington and Lee, if admissions decisions were made merely with regard to credentials instead of a policy of accepting a class that is 55% male and 45% female.

Another issue that comes to mind when one thinks of is "connections." As Ben Stein said spoke in Lee Chapel, "most of your life will be determined by whom you know." At many of the country's elite schools, there are some students who gained admissions because of whom they knew or to whom they are related. Is this a qualifications-based system?

Basically, many people would like to have diversity, but have great trouble deciding on a mechanism for attaining it. I do not think that any system, mechanism, or policy will increase diversity at Washington and Lee. All these systems and policies can do is increase the number of people of different backgrounds at our campus. True diversity in any community has to come from the exchange of ideas between these different populations. We, as a community, need to realize the benefits that diversity can bring to both our campus and our lives. Thus, I encourage you to talk to someone of a different background, take a course on a culture you are unacquainted with, or visit a place with a different culture. I guarantee you that all of the people involved will benefit.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"WEARING NOTHING BUT LEATHER AND A GOOFY SMILE . . ."

—ANONYMOUS PHI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF IN REFERENCE TO THE UNCONVENTIONAL WEEKEND DRESS OF AN ASST. EDITOR

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Letter to the Editor

Junior defends Jersey as better than South

Dear Editor,

Last summer, I had the great privilege to live in New Jersey. This was perhaps the most enjoyable three months of my entire life. That having been said, you can imagine my surprise when I glanced through the *Phi* last Monday evening and noticed that the TALKback question of the week was, "What do you hate most about New Jersey?"

In the section, ignorant W&L students were asked what their beef was with NJ. One girl said that New Jersey is the "armpit" of the United States, implying that NJ was dirty/smelly. Perhaps the areas that this person has seen were indeed dirty (the northern section of the Jersey Turnpike comes to mind, Newark, Jersey City, etc...) however, there is a lot more to New Jersey than meets the eye.

New Jersey is home to nineteen of America's 250 Richest Towns (*Worth Magazine*, June 2001). There are only eight towns in the entirety of the South on that list, two in Virginia, one in South Carolina, one in North Carolina, one in Maryland, two in Kentucky, one in Georgia. The great expanse of the state of Texas offers only five of the richest 250 towns in the country. Many of these nice towns lie

along the Central and Northern shores of New Jersey in close proximity to one another. This area, Monmouth County, is arguably the nicest place to live in the country (having close proximity to both New York City and the beautiful beaches of North Central Jersey.)

Many people believe that New Jersey is uninhabitable due to pollution. New Jersey's pollution is a problem, but it is not as bad as some may think. On the *Environmental Defense Total Air Pollution Rankings* (www.Scorecard.org), New Jersey is a high 9th on the list. It does however trail southern states Louisiana (5) and Georgia (8). Followed closely by Maryland (10), North Carolina (12), Tennessee (13), and Alabama (14), all states residing below the Mason-Dixon Line. Texas placed second on that list.

I am also very quick to point out that New Jersey and my own Commonwealth of Massachusetts rank 46th and 47th on the Total Animal Waste Pollution Ranking. The state of Texas owns the title of "Most Total Animal Waste" with 110,000,000 tons of waste per year. Don't mess with Texas? Too late.

Nice areas of New Jersey are plentiful; you simply need to give the state more than a cursory drive through

to learn of them. However, most of the people reading this article will never get to see the sparkling beaches of North Central Jersey (home of the second rated surf spot on the East Coast- Manasquan Inlet), and will probably assume that New Jersey deserves its "Garbage State" reputation. That is actually probably a good thing- the fewer rednecks pretending to be urban and trendy in and around New York, the better.

In closing, do the Southerners at this school have a right to badmouth New Jersey? Fuhgettaboudit. The fact is that every redneck at this school that wants to be successful in the financial world will be begging and pleading his boss for a raise so that he can afford the beautiful scenery of North Central Jersey.

For those of you who don't want to work in or visit the New York area, have fun in the sticks and enjoy your huntin' and fishin' with the good ole boys. I'll be laughing it up while I get a dark, brown tan, surfing my days away down the Jersey shore.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Jones '03

TALKBACK: WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?



"I have prior commitments."
—Meredith Bailey, '05



"Sure."
—Christine Caldron, '05



"That's what I have Patick Hastings for."
—Ali Santoro, '05



"Only for you."
—Lisa Miller, '05



"Only if you give me a really good Valentine."
—Erin Dougherty, '04

Protesters need to knock it off

"The international community must address itself to solve without delay the Arab-Israeli conflict," said King Abdullah II of Jordan at the World Economic Forum held last week in New York City. The forum, attended by leaders from all over the world, affords these leaders the opportunity to discuss pressing issues in a more open and friendly manner than if they were in a UN session.

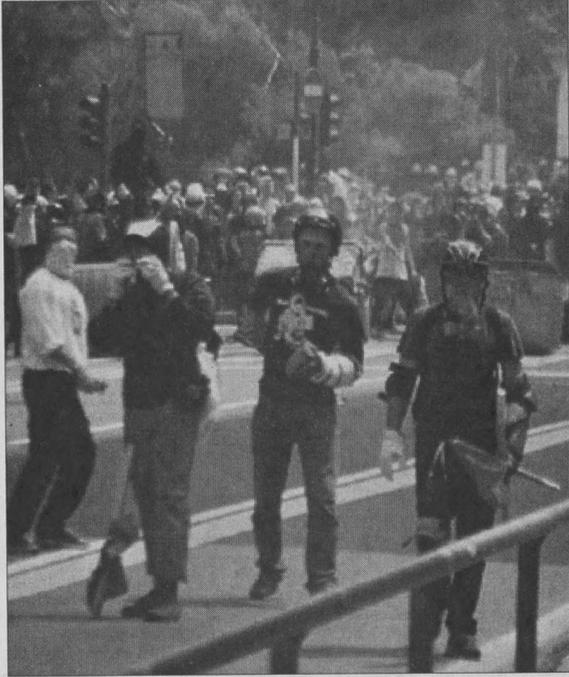
Everyone from billionaire George Soros to Carter National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, spoke on topics in what U2 singer, Bono, described as "a very casual setting." While Bono was in fact mildly chastising the forum by suggesting that the leaders needed to actually act upon their words after the conference, he still made the important point that issues were being debated that would not otherwise be discussed in the public arena.

Despite these obviously good intentions of the forum, the fact is, certain groups view a large gathering of influential and generally wealthy people suspiciously. They insist upon protesting against the World Economic Forum as an annual ritual; no matter what is discussed, they have something to say against it simply because it exists. No matter that they actually have no clue what goes on outside of their neatly printed polemics they hand out to passersby; they simply must have a cause against which to protest.

No, what is truly disturbing is not the existence of these activists. They have every right to their opinion, whether or not the majority agrees with it. Furthermore, they have every right to stage a protest, no matter how inane it is or how intellectually weak their argument is. What is downright alarming, however, and blatantly outrageous, is their use of violent tactics to accomplish their "peaceful" objectives.

Consider the Feb. 4 *New York Times* headline, "150 Protestors Arrested at 2 Demonstrations Miles Away From Meeting." The *Times*, not exactly a big supporter of the political right, reports on the "chanting and sometimes raucous demonstrators" in the East Village and the Upper East Side. While the article points out that the majority of protestors this year were peaceful, it is the hard-core fringe that got arrested—and it is this fringe that organizes the protests and provides the impetus for their snaky cause.

These activists are a menace to society. The reason the police were arresting the demonstrators is because they were stopping traffic (putting themselves and others in danger



NUTS: WEF protesters continue to hurt small business in the host cities and help no one.

in the process), spilling red paint, and smashing doors and windows. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly was jeered at by the protestors, who urged him to release the arrested activists, who accused him of protecting the rich by halting the rampant vandalism. As a former resident of New York's Upper East Side, I wouldn't want to see people marching through my neighborhood throwing things at my windows and endangering my personal safety. I might be against their cause, but I am not there at the WEF and have no influence over what goes on in there. Yet, they would seek to endanger my safety in their irrational exuberance.

One might call them professional activists, for that is exactly what they are. They are people who are too lazy—or too untalented—to do anything else. They could work at fast food restaurants, but apparently, doing so would subjugate them to corporate "evil" and violate some bizarre moral they hold. Perhaps this criticism is unfair; perhaps I am being too harsh on them. However, just as we Americans are finally cracking down on foreign terrorists who hurt us, we must now crack down on domestic terrorists.

While there is certainly terrorism on the extremist right—think Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombings—the extremist left is far more dangerous because it has a prob-

lem with just about everything. And it's not afraid to do something fatally dangerous to others about it.

Take, for example, this quote, from *consumerfreedom.com*, by Bruce Friedrich, the vegan campaign coordinator for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals during the "Animal Rights 2001" conference: "...of course we're going to be blowing things up and smashing windows... I think it's a great way to bring about animal liberation... I think it would be great if all of the fast food outlets, slaughterhouses, these laboratories, and the banks that fund them exploded tomorrow. I think it's perfectly appropriate for people to take bricks and toss them through the windows. ...Hallelujah to the people who are willing to do it."

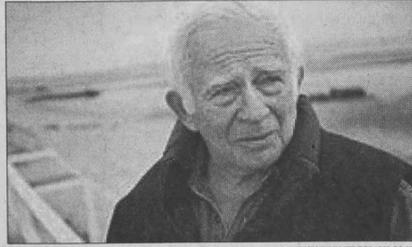
The fact is, while they may have a principled stand—despite the fact that the co-founder of Greenpeace USA, Patrick Moore, calls them "scientific illiterates"—their methodology is no better than that of Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network, al-Qaeda.

Radical and reactionary groups need to knock it off. Their cowardly behavior will not intimidate us into giving into their ridiculous demands. Their wanton destruction of our property is, believe it or not, worse than eating a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. They should stay away from venues like the World Economic Forum, and, please, stay away from my windows.

Coward of the Week

An irregular feature of the Ring-tum Phi Opinions section

Norman Mailer



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MAILSTROM: Norman Mailer proved to be more afraid of patriotism than terrorism when he criticized post-9/11 flag waving.

"What happened on September 11 was horrific, but this patriotic fever can go too far. America has an almost obscene infatuation with itself. Has there ever been a big, powerful country that is as patriotic as America? And patriotic in the tinniest way, with so much flag waving? You'd really think we were some poor little republic, and that if one person lost his religion for one hour, the whole thing would crumble. America is the real religion in this country.

"The Right wing benefited so much from September 11 that, if I were still a conspiratorist, I would believe they'd done it."

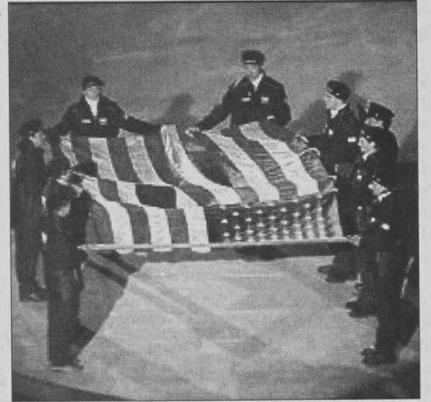
These statements, recorded in a Feb. 6 interview with Michael Sheldon of London's *Daily Telegraph*, have earned author Norman Mailer the *Phi's* second Coward of the Week.

Mailer first became famous in the 1948 with the release of a critically-acclaimed and commercially successful, "The Naked and the Dead," a novel based on his experiences as an Army cook in the Philippines during World War II. Other famous works of Mailer's include "The Executioner's Song" and "The Armies of the Night." Mailer is also credited with pioneering "new journalism,"

a form of reportage that mixes fact with fiction in the retelling of events.

Mailer grew up in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn and has been married six times. In 1960, he was briefly sent to a mental hospital after stabbing his second wife. His supporters have said that his rough upbringing and war-time service have given him a "tough guy" outlook and only make his comments about America's patriotism only a continuation of "his habit about asking provocative questions about his native land."

Whatever the reason, Mailer's comments do not exhibit a "provocative" streak, but rather are an example of the all-too-typical criticisms of America and its newly found unity. We hope that he ends in the same dustbin of history that his fellow America-haters the Taliban and al-Qaeda have found themselves.



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COURAGE: New York police and fire men carry a tattered flag from the World Trade Center at the Olympic opening ceremonies.

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ence over what goes on in there. Yet, they would seek to endanger my safety in their irrational exuberance.

One might call them professional activists, for that is exactly what they are. They are people who are too lazy—or too untalented—to do anything else. They could work at fast food restaurants, but apparently, doing so would subjugate them to corporate "evil" and violate some bizarre moral they hold. Perhaps this criticism is unfair; perhaps I am being too harsh on them. However, just as we Americans are finally cracking down on foreign terrorists who hurt us, we must now crack down on domestic terrorists.

While there is certainly terrorism on the extremist right—think Timothy McVeigh and the Oklahoma City bombings—the extremist left is far more dangerous because it has a prob-



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'E.C. Supports Coeducation'

By JOHN F. ZINK
1972 STAFF WRITER

The Executive Committee, meeting Monday night, heard arguments by committee members and spectators for and against the proposal that Washington and Lee go coeducational in the future. After the various opinions were voiced on the subject, a vote was taken endorsing coeducation, nine to three.

Steve Robinson, President of the Student Body, stated that he was in favor of the move toward coeducation. Robinson said that coeducation is essential to maintain the high quality of education at Washington and Lee. One representative raised the question of whether or not it was proper for the Executive Committee to make a statement concerning the subject of coeducation before the matter comes up before the entire student body in the form of a referendum during the spring.

Robinson then asked for remarks from the audience. One student said that the objection raised against coeducation on the basis that it would disrupt the course structure was unfounded. He pointed out that the courses are in a constant state of change regardless of coeds or not. He also voiced the opinion that a move towards coeducation would improve the financial position of the university by making it a more attractive recipient of government and private donations.

Objections to coeducation were raised by Mike Brittin, sophomore representative. Brittin stated that there were no immediate plans for the expansion of campus facilities. He stated that the increase in students would add too many students to an already over-extended student body. Other objections were that the admission of women would hurt the science courses, make the Honor Code unenforceable, cause the alumni to lose their identity with Washington and Lee, and would cause W&L to lose an aspect of its uniqueness.

Representative John McCarthy stated that the Executive Committee's function was not to lay out a plan for coeducation. He said "There are many ways to implement the coeducational idea." McCarthy also stated, "The point now is to come out with a statement; to get the student body behind this issue is the only way to get it going."

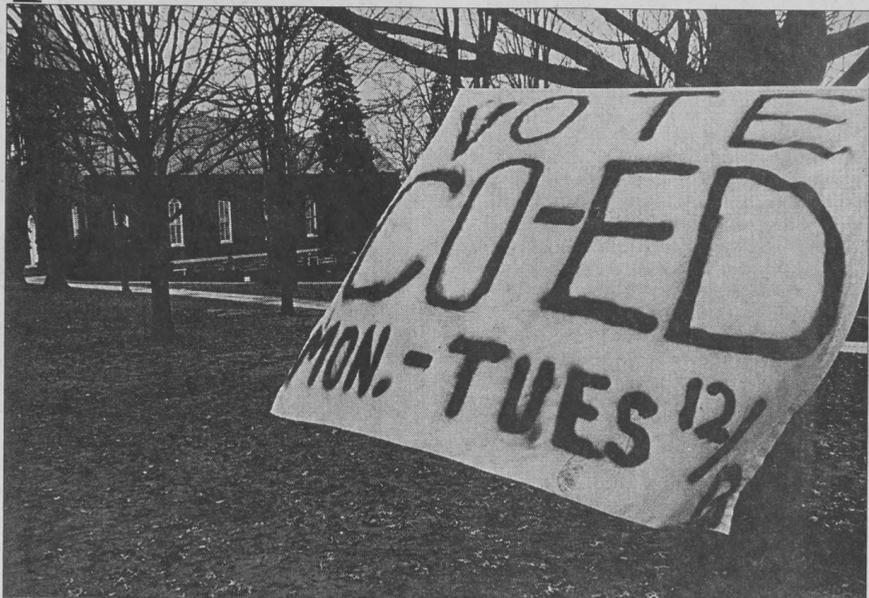
Glenn Azuma, agreeing with McCarthy, said, "The Executive Committee must lead the students."

Rick Gray, Executive Committee Secretary, stated that the E.C. should act as an educational body; the student body should know all of the facts and figures.

Lock Handley, Senior Law Representative, said, "We should discuss it (coeducation) in public in order to be fair to those who hold the minority opinion."

Several members of the audience voiced support for coeducation. One student said that "We are limiting ourselves as a university." He stated that by going coeducational, the education we receive will be complete. Another student stated that as it stands now, the supposition is that is that the male/female relationship is rather unimportant. He continued, "You (Executive Committee) do have powers of suggestion to the faculty and student body. This is a matter which requires your attention."

John McCarthy, urging a formal statement, said "We



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AHH, THE GOOD OL' DAYS.

(Top) Signs like this one adorned the colonnade in 1973 when students, faculty and trustees debated the admission of women to W&L.

(Above) In the 50s W&L gentlemen had to search for dates at other local colleges and universities such as Sweet Briar, Hollins and Randolph-Macon.

(Left) Despite the less than convenient methods, everyone still managed to have a ball. Partygoers enjoy live music at the 1937 Fancy Dress Ball

should make it an important issue. We should either say that we are for it, or that we are against it." With that statement, Glenn Azuma, Vice-President of the Executive Committee, made the motion that the Executive Committee endorse the concept of coeducation at Washington and Lee. Before the vote could be taken, however, Lock Handley asked if he could give his reason for an affirmative vote. Handley said "Our society is changing, one change is in the way men and women look at each other; an all male school does not fit into this change." Handley continued, "I would rather see this school fall flat on its face going in the right direction, than for it to continue a type of 'game preserve' for male chauvinism. We are avoiding our responsibility if we do not realize the trend today."

President Robinson then called for a vote on the Azuma motion; the motion carried in favor of

coeducation nine to three. Robinson also stated that at next week's meeting there would be a similar discussion of re-instituting required English courses.

As one can see, there was a significant interest, among the men of the Washington and Lee student body, in opening the University to women as early as 1972. In the fall of the same year, the trustees and students of Dartmouth College voted to become a coeducational institution. However, Washington and Lee waited another fourteen years until deciding in favor of the university accepting women in 1986.--Supplementary information provided by Catherine C. Guy, W&Life editor.

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'A Beautiful Mind' challenges perceptions, expectations

Russell Crowe's John Nash struggles with genius, mental instabilities in Howard's visually attractive, well-paced film; proves Oscar material

By MICHAEL GEORGE
STAFF WRITER

Ron Howard's 'A Beautiful Mind' challenges the perceptions and expectations of its audience and tries to answer the age old and oft-disputed question: "What is reality?"

Based on the life of Nobel Prize winning mathematician John Nash, 'A Beautiful Mind' examines one man's struggle to find meaning in the complex mathematical systems of our world and to overcome the madness within himself.

Expect this film will win the Oscar for best picture of the year. It is a complicated and visually rich work, which explores the boundaries of human understanding. Although the film may not be my personal favorite, it certainly fulfills many of the criteria to win an Academy Award this year.

The film follows Nash from his impressive studies at Princeton, where he developed his groundbreaking Game Theory of Economics, to his downward spiral into paranoid schizophrenia and subsequent detachment from reality.

('A BEAUTIFUL MIND') IS A COMPLICATED AND VISUALLY RICH WORK, WHICH EXPLORES THE BOUNDARIES OF HUMAN UNDERSTANDING.

Starring Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly, the film is filled with powerful emotionally driven performances. Crowe and Connelly certainly have done some of the best work of their careers in this film.

Crowe continues to shine as an actor as well as to dazzle his audiences with his impressive ability to take any part and mold it into his own.

Connelly, as Nash's faithful wife Alicia, delivers one of the most poignantly convincing performances I have ever seen on screen.

Her quiet strength and compassion serve as an anchor to Crowe's harrowing descent into schizophrenia.

Along with an excellent supporting cast,

which includes such strong actors as Ed Harris, Christopher Plummer, and Judd Hirsch, Ron Howard's expert direction adds to the tone and beauty of the film. Already a great storyteller, Howard's slow and me-

thodical direction brings a real sense of depth to the film. He seems to move everything in slow motion, in order to portray to the audience the beauty of mathematics in nature.

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beauty and complex design of nature.

I'm not a math student, so certain aspects of the film went way over my head. However, the basic concepts were quite clear to me. I don't want to give too much away to those of you who have not yet seen it, but not everything in the film is as real as it may appear at first glance.

By questioning perceptions and expectations of reality, 'A Beautiful Mind' reaffirms a basic truth; that our reality comes from those who love us, and that the beauty of nature pales in comparison to the beauty of love.



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The guy next door: Rats no more

By SAM L. GRONE, STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some time this week you'll probably run into a breed of cadet that hasn't shown its face all year. You can tell who they are by their unusually short hair; haircuts that make the rest of us cadets look like Art Garfunkel.

These guys are our fourth classmen. They used to be rats, but now they're full-fledged members of the corps of cadets. And for the next 5 months or so they'll be jerks.

It's true. During the ratline, most of the bald little guys are meek and humble. There is a very heavy hammer that drops on those who aren't.

But things change once they push through the mud. They get to grow their hair, wear black belts and nametags instead of white. And they get the privilege to walk around like normal human beings.

They also become arrogant. And there is a reason for that. Over the weekend they have undergone a rite of passage that has been with VMI for as long as our longwinded alumni can remember. It's called Breakout.

Breakout, always capitalized so it's not to be confused with any kind of acne condition, is one of the three big events during a VMI cadet's life.

The other two are Ring Figure our junior year (that's where we get those massive rocks that get us mistaken for Mafia dons and Super Bowl Champions, another column for sure) and graduation, when we actually leave promising never to return, and show up two years later to buy spider logo P.J.'s for our kids.

But Breakout is the first landmark. It's a ceremony that's been through several evolutions. It's now a team-building, confidence-building exercise that forges an intense bond between classmates.

In the 50s it used to be an excuse for upperclassmen to beat the living shoe polish out of rats with belts.

But we have grown a bit more civilized since then. When my father was a rat, back in the wilds of the freewheeling, freeloading 70s, they sealed the rats in Crozet Hall (that's where we eat). And they literally broke out of barricaded doors and ran to Barracks pushing through crowds of upperclassmen to get to the fourth floor "breaking out" to the status of upperclassmen.

Crowds of rats pushed up the exposed staircases tussling with sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Legend has it that some poor kid once took an accidental swan dive into our concrete courtyard.

My father did his part by distracting upperclassmen holding rats back, while one of his buddies dumped a bucket of poop on his head. We don't do that anymore, as hilarious as that is, I mean a bucket of poop that's awesome! (I said poop, I know. This is a family newspaper after all, kids.)

A few years after my dad ran to the top floor the practice was thought to be a little on the dangerous side (and a messy cleanup) and was stopped.

Breakout was changed to a rush up a great big muddy hill, not as dangerous as shoving matches on stairs, but it has a throw back to the past.

It's covered in cow pies. The "Hill" as we reverently refer, is the culmination of a week's worth of physical activity. Marches, workouts and lots of yelling, lots and lots of yelling. When I started this column there were 400 or so rats outside my door screaming as loud as they could in what we call a sweat party.

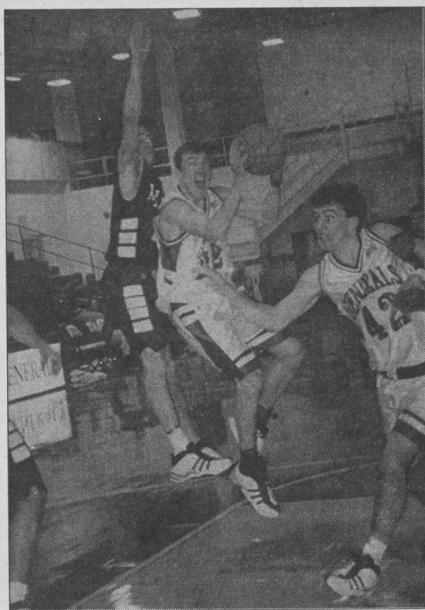
It's not what it sounds like: a cocktail get-together in a smokehouse. But freshman mainly doing as many push-ups as they can while upperclassmen scream at them. They last about 25 min. total. The rats had several this week. They've had a bunch more since August. It's like pledging on crack.

But Saturday afternoon, it all ended. We're just waiting for the next batch.

LIVING IN A WORLD ALL HIS OWN: Russell Crowe (left and below) as brilliant mathematician and schizophrenic John Nash loses his touch with reality and is helped back to life by his wife, played by Jennifer Connelly (below). 'A Beautiful Mind' appears to be one of this year's leading Oscar contenders.

This film is a compassionate and fascinating examination of the power and devastation of mental illness, as well as one man's emotional, physical, and mental struggle with it. 'A Beautiful Mind' has received rave reviews, and is still playing in movie theaters nationwide.

Generals struggle to achieve tournament-caliber play



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IN THE PAINT: Freshman Ian McClure (22) drives down the lane as sophomore Hamill Jones battles for position in W&L's 61-53 win over Mary Washington at the Warner Center.

With a spot in the ODAC Tournament clinched, W&L looks to step up its intensity

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee men's basketball coach Jeff Lafave, whose team has earned a trip to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament, wants his Generals to reach a certain level of play heading into the Salem Civic Center on Saturday.

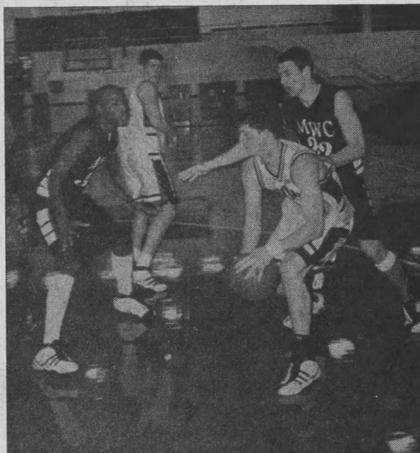
This week, W&L (7-16, 4-13 ODAC) gave a mixed response, defeating Mary Washington in a tough home contest but falling to Eastern Mennonite on the road.

"We tell our guys we want to go into the tournament with a purpose, with a reason to play," Lafave said. "This time of year, you've got two things you can do: you can either pack it in when you're struggling or start playing like a tournament-type team with the effort and the energy."

W&L brought those things to the Warner Center on Thursday, knocking off Mary Washington by a 61-53 tally in non-conference action.

The Generals led by as many as 12 in the first half, but the Eagles hung around and clipped the lead to 28-23 at halftime. Mary Washington then used a 16-2 run to build a 46-39 lead with 10:14 remaining in the contest.

But the Eagles managed just three points over the next eight-plus minutes, and W&L responded by taking



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BASELINE TRAP: Freshman Mike Stuart, who scored 17 points on Thursday, looks for an open passing lane as the Eagles' Cory Hairston and Ryan Kenna defend. Scott Hettermann, who led W&L with 19, looks on.

a 56-49 lead with 2:06 to play. Junior Scott Hettermann's three-point play with 1:28 to go made it 59-51 and put the game away.

Hettermann led the Generals with 19 points on 9-of-14 shooting from the field, while freshman Mike Stuart added

17. Sophomore Michael Denbow recorded a career-best nine assists.

"(Scott) was a little bit hesitant down the stretch, but I just asked him to be more like himself — take the ball to the hole and play aggressively — and he did that," Lafave said. "Michael (Stuart) stepped up for us and started to hit some perimeter shots."

"Michael (Denbow) knows his role. He's settling in here, and he's setting people up."

W&L was unable to carry that momentum to Harrisonburg on Saturday, as Eastern Mennonite led for all but the first 19 seconds of an 86-68 win.

The Generals shot just 36 percent from the floor, including 24 percent in the first half. In a very physical contest, the Royals hit 31-of-39 free throws, and W&L had three players foul out.

"We didn't come ready to play today," Lafave said. "Eastern Mennonite's not going anywhere, but they played like they were, and we played like we weren't."

Junior John Warren led the Generals with 14 points, while Stuart added 13. Denbow and freshman Patrick Neuman set career highs in points with nine and eight respectively, and sophomore Hamill Jones finished with nine.

W&L may have to play the remainder of the season without Hettermann, who injured his right ankle in the first half against the Royals. The junior leads the Generals in points and rebounds on the season with 10.7 and 6.4 per game.

Bridgewater and W&L conclude the regular season when they come to the Warner Center for an 8 p.m. contest on Tuesday.

W&L drops pair of road ODAC contests

Generals slip to 7th in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with losses at Eastern Mennonite, Randolph-Macon

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's basketball team entered last week with a chance to make a run at fifth place in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

But the road wasn't kind to the Generals (10-12, 7-10 ODAC), who slipped to seventh in the league standings with losses at Eastern Mennonite and Randolph-Macon.

W&L traveled to Harrisonburg on Wednesday, and the homestanding Lady Royals completed the season sweep with a 66-54 win.

Eastern Mennonite contained W&L seniors Jessica Mentz and Megan Babst, the second and third-leading scorers in the ODAC, by way of a 1-3-1 zone that routinely collapsed on the Generals' frontcourt.

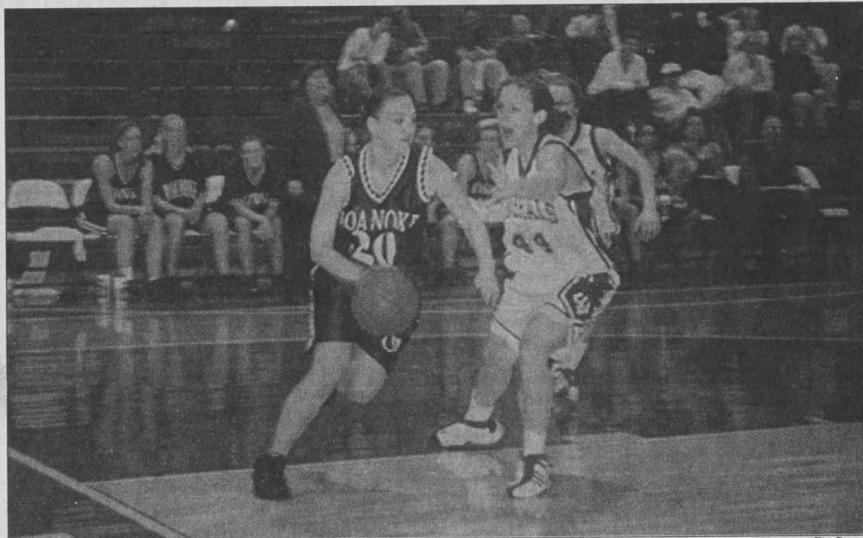
"Mennonite's game plan was a good one: they were going to make us beat them from the outside," W&L coach Janet Hollack said. "They were going to let us shoot regardless of whether we made them or not."

But the Generals' only consistent threat from the perimeter was senior Sarah Schmidt, who finished with a team-high 14 points on 4-of-10 shooting from three-point range.

"She had to step up into a little bit of a void we were having offensively," Hollack said of Schmidt. "She's always been a key part. She knows what her role is, she accepts it and she does a good job with it."

As a team, W&L shot just 29 percent from the floor in the first half, and the Lady Royals turned a 14-12 lead with 9:02 remaining into a 35-18 halftime advantage. The Generals would cut the lead to eight on several occasions in the second half, but could not come any closer.

Eastern Mennonite's frontcourt led the way, as Jenny Cline scored a career-high 21 points and Emily Misak added 17 points and 10 rebounds. Babst had 10 points and 18 rebounds for W&L, while Mentz contributed eight points and 14 boards.



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NO. 1 OPTION: Senior Jessica Mentz, shown here guarding Roanoke's Katrina Williams on Feb. 1 at the Warner Center, scored 28 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in Washington and Lee's 74-59 loss to Randolph-Macon on Saturday.

The Generals visited Randolph-Macon on Saturday, with the Yellow Jackets pulling out a 74-59 win. This time W&L reestablished their inside game, but couldn't get anything going from the backcourt.

Mentz led all players with 28 points and 17 rebounds, and Babst added 21 and 13, respectively. No one else scored more than two points for the Generals.

Randolph-Macon led 37-24 at halftime and had a 21-point advantage at 49-28 early in the second half. A 15-2 W&L run got the Generals back in the game, but the resulting eight-point margin was the smallest Yellow Jacket lead after halftime.

W&L closes the regular season with three final ODAC contests this week: Emory & Henry and Virginia Wesleyan at home and Hollins on the road. The Generals beat all three of those teams the first time around.

"Once you beat a team, you should have confidence about that, and right now we need confidence," Hollack said. "Beating the teams already has kind of established in our mindset that we can do it again."

"So we're looking forward to the challenge," she added. "It's the time of the year where you've got to step up or move aside."

Men's tennis opens with home loss to Mocs

Division I Tennessee-Chattanooga defeats the Generals at Duchossois

By DIYA VOHRA
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team played their first dual match of the season against Tennessee-Chattanooga on Saturday, as the Division I Mocs handed the Generals a 6-1 loss at the Duchossois Tennis Center.

The day started off with three doubles matches.

In the No. 1 doubles position, seniors Rob Moynihan and Rhys James were defeated 8-3 by the Mocs' Jason Ontog and Fabian Bechera. Both players held up well against the powerful serves of their opponents.

Sophomores Graham Nix and Austin Kim fell to Thomas Knizat and John Hangstefer at No. 2 doubles by a final score of 8-4. Although Kim and Nix worked well as a team, the strong serve-and-volley game played by their rivals led to their defeat.

Senior Zac Yuncannon and sophomore K.C. Schaeffer fell 8-3 to James Dickerson and Kyle True in the final doubles match.

All three doubles teams had difficulty returning the powerful serves of their opponents.

"The first-serve percentage was low and we were really struggling with the returns of serves," W&L coach David Detwiler said.

The singles matches were characterized by a lot more noise, excitement and energy. Freshman Paul McClure gave Ontog a hard and frustrating match before finally losing 6-4, 6-2 in straight sets at No. 1 singles.

Up against an extremely powerful server and his previous doubles opponent, Kim fell to Hangstefer 6-4, 6-1 at the second slot. James didn't give up without a fight at No. 3, falling 6-4, 7-6 (1) to Knizat.

At the fourth spot, Nix dropped a 6-1, 6-3 decision to Bechera, while

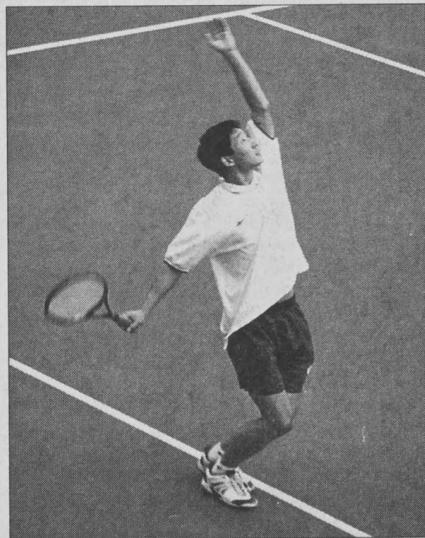
Moynihan took Dickerson to tiebreakers in both sets in a 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) defeat.

The success of the afternoon was Schaeffer, who defeated his Tennessee-Chattanooga opponent in three long sets. After a disappointing first set and previously losing to his opponent in the doubles, Schaeffer went on to beat True 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Detwiler, in his second season as W&L coach, looked upon this match as good practice for the team and a good indicator of where their weakest points lie.

"Overall, we played OK, this being our first match," he said. "It has been good experience to play a tough team, and this gives them reason to work hard at practice."

Tennessee-Chattanooga proceeded to hand VMI a 7-0 loss in Southern Conference competition. The Keydets will host the Generals at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.



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IN SERVICE: Sophomore Austin Kim and W&L lost to Tennessee-Chattanooga 6-1 on Saturday.

W&L SCHEDULE: FEB. 12-MARCH 4

Tuesday, Feb. 12 Women's Basketball Emory & Henry at W&L, 6 p.m. Men's Basketball Bridgewater at W&L, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 Men's Tennis W&L at VMI, 3 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 23 Indoor Track W&L at ODAC Championships Baseball Muhlenberg at W&L (DH), 12 p.m. Men's Lacrosse Bates at W&L, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14 Men's Tennis Emory & Henry at W&L, 4 p.m. Women's Basketball Virginia Wesleyan at W&L, 6 p.m.	February 24-26 Golf W&L at Pine Needles Invitational Sunday, Feb. 24 Baseball Muhlenberg at W&L, 12 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16 Men's Basketball W&L at ODAC Tournament, TBA Wrestling W&L at Centennial Conference Championships, 10 a.m. Women's Basketball W&L at Hollins, 2 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 27 Men's Lacrosse Pfeiffer at W&L, 3:30 p.m. Baseball W&L at Shenandoah, 4 p.m. Women's Lacrosse Sweet Briar at W&L, 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 Men's Tennis W&L at Radford, 3:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 18 Baseball W&L at Oglethorpe, 3:30 p.m.	March 1-2 Wrestling NCAA Division III Championships
Tuesday, Feb. 19 Baseball W&L at Emory, 2 p.m. February 21-23 Men's Swimming W&L at Grove City Invitational	Saturday, March 2 Baseball Emory & Henry at W&L (DH), 12 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 21 Women's Basketball W&L at ODAC Tournament, TBA Baseball W&L at Oglethorpe, 3:30 p.m.	Women's Lacrosse W&L at St. Mary's (Md.), 12 p.m. Men's Lacrosse Washington at W&L, 1:30 p.m.
February 22-24 Women's Swimming W&L at ODAC/Atlantic States	Sunday, March 3 Baseball Merchant Marine Academy at W&L (DH), 12 p.m.

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Generals look to break into upper echelon of ODAC

By DAVE CROWELL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee baseball team made a huge leap last season, thriving on a fresh influx of youth and finishing with a school-record 23 wins.

The school record and impressive performances, however, failed to yield any conference glory, as the Generals finished in fifth place in Old Dominion Athletic Conference play with a record of 9-7. This left coach Jeff Stickley's team out in the cold, watching the four-team ODAC Tournament from the bleachers.

The goal this year, therefore, is simple: reach the tournament.



VETERAN SKIPPER: Jeff Stickley has coached Washington and Lee's baseball team for 15 seasons.

"We need to get a few more conference wins," said Stickley, who is entering his 16th season as head coach. "Once you get into the tournament, anything can happen with the double-elimination format."

Junior Michael Hanson, one of three team captains this season, agrees with Stickley and believes the Generals' pitching staff, which led the ODAC in most statistical categories last season, is strong enough to make the difference should W&L reach the postseason.

Hanson returns to the diamond after a highly successful 2001 campaign, where he batted .379 and led the Generals in doubles, hits, runs, total bases, home runs and slugging percentage. In addition, Hanson pitched in four games for W&L, going 2-0 with a 1.65 ERA.

But Hanson won't need to shoulder the load on his own. Senior Matt Kozora, returning at third base after batting .398 last season, and junior outfielder Bobby Littlehale round out the triumvirate of captains. Senior catcher Todd Gosselink and junior first baseman Brian Gladysz also return after starting a majority of the games last season.

"We all have had experience from the first game freshman year, so I honestly believe there are five or six genuine leaders on this team," Hanson said.

The return of Littlehale to the outfield after he missed a majority of last season due to injury also bodes well for the Generals. He batted .391 over the first six games last season.



ANOTHER ONE HOME: Junior Brian Gladysz is congratulated by teammates after scoring a run in a W&L home game last season. The Generals finished fifth in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with a 9-7 record, 23-8 overall.

"Getting Bobby back will be a real boost to the team," Stickley said. "He is a fine ballplayer."

The destiny of this squad, however, lies in the hands of its young pitching staff. The Generals return Hanson and a trio of talented sophomore pitchers, but will miss the talents of 2001 graduate David Sigler.

"The biggest problem this season will be replacing his innings on the mound," Stickley said of Sigler. "He was

a great leader and whenever we had a tough game, we gave him the ball. The key will be replacing that void."

Stickley hopes to account for the loss with consistent efforts from sophomores Peter Dean, Michael Wert and Dan Kagey. All three gained significant experience last season, whether starting games or coming out of the bullpen.

Dean finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record and a 3.10 ERA, but

the southpaw admits he still has a lot to prove after last season.

"The record looks great, but I know that there is a lot I can improve on," he said. "I know that this year I will be asked to pitch in more important games against better opponents."

"Although that 6-0 looks great on paper, I, and the guys on the team, know that I didn't pitch against the best of competition."

Wert also pitched well last season,

finishing with a 5-1 record and 3.12 ERA. Kagey finished with a deceiving 4-5 record when you consider his two shutouts and low 3.48 ERA.

Regardless of last year's individual records, the sophomores now readily understand their goal this season.

"I am much more mature as a pitcher now than I was last year," Dean said. "I know what is expected of me: whether I'm coming on in relief or starting, it doesn't matter. I know how to prepare myself for either situation."

The class rivalry should fuel some fine performances, as Dean admits that "we keep each other at the top of our games. I'm just trying to keep up with the others."

The baseball programs at Bridgewater and Virginia Wesleyan represent obstacles to be overtaken if the team hopes to reach the upper echelon of the ODAC. Hanson, however, has no qualms about these challenges.

"We have challenged Bridgewater and Virginia Wesleyan every year," Hanson said. "We are 2-3 against Wesleyan and 1-3 against Bridgewater in my two years, but I believe we'll win some games against the top teams with our pitching staff this year."

For now, however, the Generals will have Georgia on their minds, as they travel to play Oglethorpe twice and Emory over the Washington Holiday.

"We're not worrying about April yet," Hanson said. "Our focus needs to be on the games ahead in Atlanta, and then we can shift our attention to the early conference games."

W&L splits home triangular

By DAVE CROWELL
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The Washington and Lee wrestling team underwent their final tune-up before next weekend's Centennial Conference Tournament, hosting the W&L Triangular on Saturday afternoon.

The Generals defeated Albright College 37-15 before dropping a tough 24-16 decision to conference foe Johns Hopkins.

Seniors Ivan Zdanov and Ezra Morse led the Generals, with each sweeping their two matches on the day.

Zdanov, wrestling in the 174-pound class, pinned Albright's Todd Alscher at 3:57, then followed up by defeating the Blue Jays' Mike Halchak 8-2.

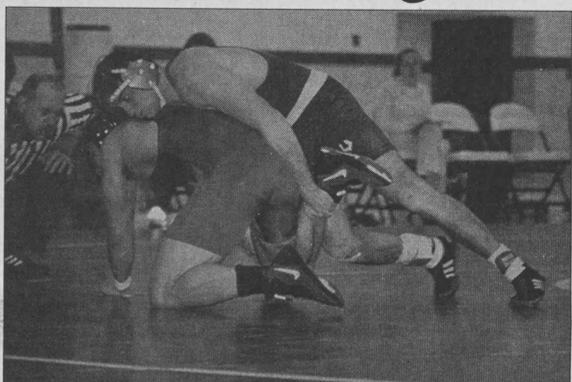
Morse participated in his third competition since returning from an ankle injury, looking like he hasn't missed a beat at 197 pounds.

The senior captain defeated Ryan Scarduzio of Albright 12-3, then ran his season record to 13-0 by handing Joe Selba of Hopkins a 10-2 defeat.

Coach Gary Franke was pleased with the effort from his top wrestlers, especially as each prepares to wrestle for a conference title and the opportunity to travel to the NCAA Division III Championships.

"I think Ivan will receive a No. 1 seed next weekend and be in a good position to wrestle for the crown," Franke said. "Ezra has been performing well, but he's got some tough challenges in his way."

The Generals got a little bit of help in disposing of Albright, as the Lions were



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GENERALS CAPTAIN: Senior Ezra Morse wrestles in Saturday's W&L Triangular. The 197-pounder defeated Albright's Ryan Scarduzio and Johns Hopkins' Joe Selba.

forced to forfeit four matches. Senior Ben Segal, sophomores Corey Little and Joe Mueller and freshman Brian Avello each received a free victory.

The clash between the Generals and the Blue Jays, however, proved to be a bit more exciting. Despite winning five key matches, the Generals fell victim to inexperience.

"Usually, when each team wins five matches in a dual meet, you won't come out as the loser," Franke said. "Today, though, we suffered from some inexperience, and the forfeit (at 133 pounds) really hurt us."

"Hopkins knew if they kept close with us, they'd have an opportunity to win. They performed very well."

Although W&L fell to a conference opponent, the matches provided a number of bright spots for the Generals.

Little came from behind with a key reversal in the final minute in order to

seize an 8-5 victory over Reno Reitmayr. Avello then used his superior quickness in order to climb out of an 8-0 hole and proceed to defeat Glen Taylor, 16-14.

Mueller, the defending Centennial Conference champion at 184 pounds, wrestled a close match and grabbed a 2-1 victory.

Franke looks optimistically at next week's competition, but realizes he must get big performances out of his "big three": Morse, Mueller and Zdanov.

"We have one week to prepare for conference, so we'll work very hard," the coach said. "We know we need big points from our top guys since we have some voids at certain weight classes."

W&L finishes its 2001-02 team season in the Centennial Conference Tournament on Saturday morning at Ursinus College.

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W&L has 'unfinished business' in ODAC, NCAA

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Very few teams would be disappointed with a one-loss campaign that landed them No. 3 in a final poll. Even fewer would hope to improve upon that performance after a coaching change and the loss of five All-Americans.

But don't call the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team overconfident. Just know that they plan on finishing what they've started.

"The players feel like there's some unfinished business from last year," said Mike Cerino, who takes over for 12-year coach Jim Stagnitta, now at Rutgers. "We realize that the story's still the same, but a lot of the characters in the story have changed, and we have to accept that."

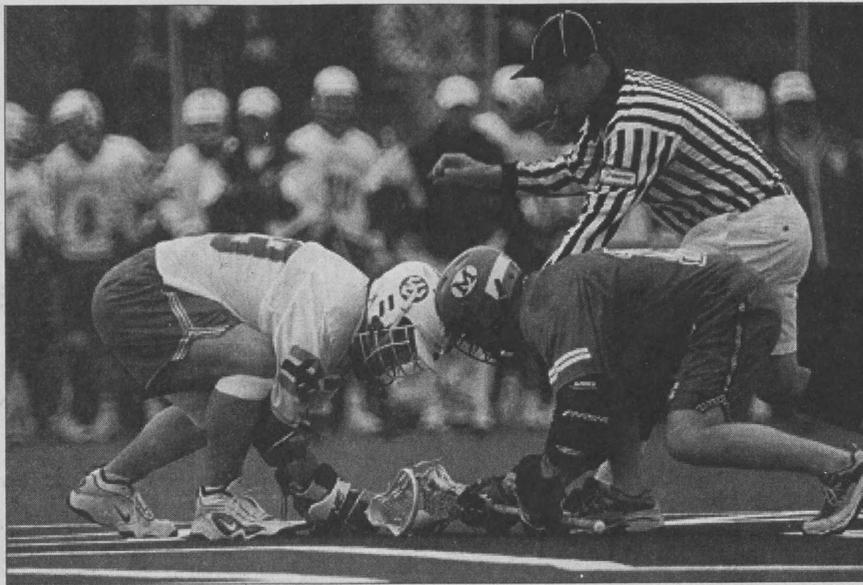
"There's a different head coach, we're doing things a little bit different, there's a lot of different players on the field."

Attackman Matt Dugan, midfielders Pope Hackney and Bernie Norton, defenseman Pete Iwancio and goalie Wes Hays — all All-Americans in one or more polls — are gone from the squad that finished 14-1 in 2001, but failed to secure the Old Dominion Athletic Conference title and a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Those are tough losses to take, to be sure, but the Generals have plenty of talent remaining. Junior midfielder Tom Melanson, who joins seniors Andrew Barnett and David Skeen as the team's captains, says that the departed players' leadership is the most important aspect to replace.

"This team has changed a lot since last year, and unity is the key to our season," Melanson said. "The leaders of the team, which consist of more than just the captains or seniors, must keep the unity of the team. Our team has endless potential if we play as a team and not just as a group of individuals."

With the loss of 75 goals split between Dugan and Hackney, Melanson's midfield will have to assume more of a scoring role in 2002, as Cerino anticipates "a slight change" in strategy. Senior John Moore, sophomores Mark



IN THE CIRCLE: Junior co-captain Tom Melanson won 73.5 percent of his faceoffs in Washington and Lee's 2001 campaign.

McLewee and Mike McNamara and freshmen Gavin Molinelli and Mike Baracco are among those who the first-year coach expects to contribute more on the offensive end of the field.

"It's obviously hard to lose so many great offensive players, but we're just as talented, if not more, than we were last year," said Barnett, who was third on W&L with 29 goals and 48 points last year. "We still have the scoring power and great offensive players. It just may take time with some guys

getting to know their new roles and new offense."

Meanwhile, the Generals' defense was the best in Division III a season ago, and senior Eric Kontargyris and juniors Matt Conners and Greg Hendlar return to anchor a unit that gave up just 4.87 goals a game. More playing time is in the works for guys like junior Noah Weber and sophomore Kenny Rasamny, and sophomore Ansel Sanders will take over for Hays minding the net.

"Obviously, the goalie is where everything starts,"

Cerino said. "Ansel Sanders is certainly showing he can compete at this level, but he still has to gain experience in the big games. We'll go as far as Ansel can take us this season."

W&L will play a first-class schedule in 2002, as fellow Division III stalwarts Washington, Gettysburg and Franklin and Marshall face the Generals in March. Division II Limestone, where Cerino and new W&L assistant Ricky Matthews — then one of Cerino's players — won a national title in 2000, comes calling in May.

In the ODAC, Roanoke and defending champion Hampden-Sydney have also garnered national attention.

"(For us) the month of March is almost like the month of May for playoff opportunities," Cerino said. "We'll have a real good idea of how we can compete and where we're going to stand nationally, and we'll be battle-hard heading into the ODAC."

"At the same time, it's not the kind of season where one loss or one stumble can knock you out," he added. "There are a lot of opportunities to compete, including staying alive until the ODAC Tournament. So this should be an interesting journey for a team that's evolving."

Tough schedule aside, Melanson and his teammates are anxious to start the season, which begins Feb. 23 at home against Bates.

"Our team is fired up for all of our games," he said. "At this point of the season, the whole team is looking forward to getting on the field and proving what we can do. Ultimately, we want the national championship. To expect anything less would be cheating ourselves of a great opportunity."

Conners concurs with Melanson's opinion.

"It is going to take a little bit of time to make the transition from last year's team to this one, but we do have a lot of returning talent," the defenseman said. "I look for our team to receive a bid to the NCAA Tournament, and then we'll see what happens from there. We have the talent and the coaching staff to do it, it's up to us to get it done."

Generals look to build upon strong 2001

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Although 2001 was the most successful season in 13 years of Washington and Lee women's lacrosse, this year's Generals don't want to talk about it.

Instead, they're focusing on winning another Old Dominion Athletic Conference title and making the first back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in school history.

"The hardest part about this year is going to be moving forward and not talking about last year," sophomore midfielder Kelly Taffe said. "We were undefeated in the ODAC last year, so everyone is going to be out to get us. We have to remember to win the small games in order to get to the big ones."

There are plenty of big contests on W&L's schedule in 2002, including several heated rivalry games within the ODAC. Outside of conference competition, the Generals play teams such as Franklin and Marshall, Denison and Mary Washington, which knocked W&L out of the NCAA Division III Tournament last season.

"Hopefully, a tougher schedule just makes you a better team," said Jan Hathorn, who has coached the program since its 1988 inception. "We need to press ourselves and push ourselves to the next level by playing teams that are going to do that for us."

W&L returns its defense virtually intact from a team that was 15-4 last year, 8-0 in the ODAC. Senior Eloise Priest was an All-America selection



MIDFIELD POWER: Sophomores Lee Wheeler (14) and Kelly Taffe (4) and senior Julie Carskadon all return to the Washington and Lee midfield this season.

after helping hold opponents to just 6.16 goals per game.

"Our defensive unit is just that — a unit of hard-working girls that play really well together," Priest said. "Our entire starting defense is returning this year, which will make us even stronger as a team. We really feel in sync with one another out there already."

The Generals will also benefit from the return of sophomore goalie Joanna Perini, who had a 6.05 goals against average and a .633 save percentage in her freshman campaign.

"Jo is an incredible player in the goal," Priest said. "She has worked really hard on her clears and skills, and it has paid off. Our defense is really looking solid, especially with her anchoring us from the goal."

Hathorn also expects the midfield, where she says "there is more speed than we've ever had before," to be one of the Generals' strongest aspects this year.

"When you have hard-working girls who have decent or above-average speed, you tend to run down more balls and have the ball more often," Hathorn said. "If you have a midfield with the kind of experience ours has, you tend to be a pretty solid team because we can transition the ball one way or another."

On offense, W&L must replace their leading scorer from a season ago, Liz Borges. But the Generals return three 30-goal scorers from 2001 — Taffe, junior Leslie Bogart and sophomore Lee Wheeler — and two more who scored 20 in seniors Emily Owens and Courtenay Fisher, who serve along with Priest as the team's captains.

With that kind of depth coming back, Wheeler doesn't believe there is pressure on any one General to carry the offensive load.

"The loss of Liz Borges is significant, but the offense as a whole became stronger with every game we

played last year," Wheeler said. "We will also benefit from a strong freshman class who will improve the depth of our team."

For Hathorn, the seven freshmen on the W&L roster are an x-factor. Whether or not they contribute immediately, though, the coach looks at the prospects of having them in her program for four seasons.

"There isn't a freshman out there that isn't going to add (to our team)," she said. "They're not valuable to us in a sense that we know exactly what they can offer us yet, but we do have some sense of their potential, and we're finding them to be quite valuable to us."

Last season's success has already made itself apparent in 2002, as the veteran coach has noticed a favorable trend in preseason practice.

"We have started out at a faster, higher level this year," Hathorn said. "Compared to last year at this time of year, we're ahead of the game because the level of skill is better, and pretty much everybody out there played for us or is going to be able to play for us."

W&L's ultimate goal is a return trip to the NCAA Tournament, but right now they're concentrating on winning the games they need in order to get there.

"Making it to NCAA again would be amazing," Perini said. "I think we've all been dreaming about it since we went last year. But right now we have to focus on the season and take it one game at a time."

"We are a team with a lot of potential, and I really think that we can do great things this year. I expect that we will play our hearts out every game and see where that takes us."

The Press Box

Waiting for the 1st faceoff

Sometimes a journalist's job is made easy.

This week was one of those times. We're still a little short on help on the sports section — those weekly spots advertising for writers aren't just to fill space — so I ended up writing five separate articles, this column included.

I planned on writing both lacrosse previews, and scheduled interviews with coaches Mike Cerino and Jan Hathorn. Rather than attempt to track down a couple of players from either team, I sent e-mails to three players off the men's team and four from the women's squad requesting responses to a few questions.

Within 24 hours, I had replies to all of my questions. Several players even thanked me for the coverage.

I know better than to think that my journalistic pursuits have wowed both lacrosse teams, so I'll consider another option for the quick responses: with national implications on the line, this should be a great season for both Washington and Lee lacrosse teams, and the players are pretty damn excited.

Both squads play schedules worthy of a national contender, but each team seems to have one particular opponent in mind.

For the men, it's Old Dominion Athletic Conference foe Hampden-Sydney, which prevented the Generals from reaching the NCAA Division III Tournament with a 12-11 win back in April.

"The older guys do have unfinished business," junior Matt Conners said. "That starts with winning our ODAC games and ends with a victory and an NCAA Tournament bid by winning the ODAC tourney."

"It would also be nice to beat the hell out of Hampden-Sydney along the way."

Meanwhile, the women will defend their ODAC title after running the gamut with an 8-0 league record last season. But they want another shot at non-conference opponent Mary Washington, which defeated W&L twice in 2001, including knocking them out of the NCAA Tournament.

"Of course we are looking forward to playing Lynchburg, Roanoke and Randolph-Macon from the ODAC," senior Eloise Priest said. "We face a really tough schedule this year with a lot of great teams, but I think our entire team is most looking forward to playing Mary Washington again."

So the Generals are already experiencing the hardest part of their season: waiting for that first faceoff.

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