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THE RING-TUM PHI

Board names Burish 24th president

Long-time Vanderbilt provost plans first presidential actions learning about the Washington and Lee community, meeting student leaders

BY MICHELLE LALLY
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University named Dr. Thomas G. Burish, former provost of Vanderbilt University, as the school's 24th president.

Board of Trustees Rector Frank Surface announced Burish as the new president Wednesday at noon in Lee Chapel with students, faculty, staff, and members of the community present.

"Tom Burish has a proven record of success as a teacher, scholar, public figure and university leader," said Surface. "He has the vision, energy, experience and institutional understanding to lead Washington and Lee, recognized as one of the nation's best liberal arts universities and schools of law, to the forefront of its peers."

Burish, a renowned psychology professor, is a director of the American Cancer Society and leads many of its scientific and research committees. Burish's background includes experience as a published author, as a contributor and editor of psychology journals, and an accreditation reviewer and advisor to national universities, medical centers, and the U.S. Army.

Rector Frank Surface described Burish as "a proven leader dedicated to the life of the mind."

During the eight-month search for a new president, Vice President and Dean Laurent Boetsch served as acting president. Boetsch will remain acting president through June 30, while working with Burish to orient him to his new office. Burish will assume the office July 1.

Boetsch took on the role of acting president following the death of former University president, John Elrod, who died of kidney cancer on July 27, 2001.

Burish's wife, Pamela, who he says played an integral role in his decision to accept the W&L presidency, attended the announcement and joined her husband in greeting the community at a reception Wednesday afternoon in the Lee House.

When the Burishes move to Lexington this summer the Lee House will be their new home, as it has been to a long line of W&L presidents, including its namesake Robert E. Lee.

Pamela Burish is a professional director for Bredex Corp, a company that designs Web-based assessment tools for K-6 schools and students.

In September Burish, 51, announced his intentions to withdraw from his office as provost of Vanderbilt to return to full-time teaching in the psychology department.

When the chance to become W&L's next president arrived, Burish said he recognized it "not as a job, but as a calling."

"It is with a sense of exhilaration, humility and gratitude that I accept this presidency," said Burish in his address Wednesday.

Burish told Wednesday's audience that his first order of business as president will be to earn the trust of the community. Burish plans to dedicate his first year as president to learning about the W&L community, by meeting with the members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and student leaders individually. Burish said he wanted to get to know all the people who view the university as its home.

"Washington and Lee has a legacy that will be nourished and protected," said Burish.

As provost Burish oversaw the student-run honor system and the deans of eight colleges and schools.

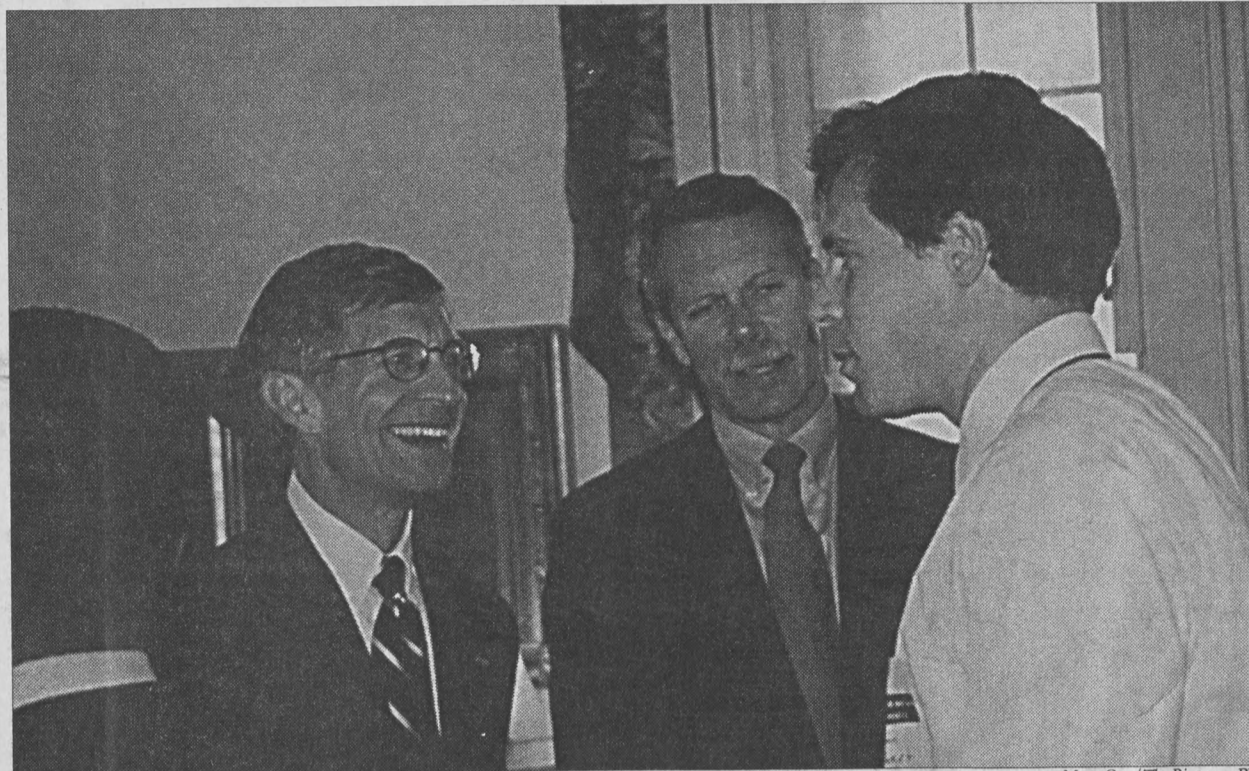


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LOOKING UP: Burish (left) looks forward to working with Acting President Laurent Boetsch another W&L community member.

As he takes on the W&L presidency he will take on the \$225 million capital campaign, which has raised \$175 million to date. After his first year as president, Burish intends to teach classes in the psychology department.

When asked by the media what kinds of plans he had for handling diversity and alcohol abuse on campus Burish

responded, "At this point, I don't know enough to say what W&L should do."

"I commit myself to Washington and Lee entirely," said Burish, adding that he looks forward to the challenges ahead of him in his new office.

"This is an exceptional place," said Burish, adding, "some would call it blessed."

Undergrad dies

Suicide a possibility in management major's death

BY KATIE J. HOWELL
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Authorities say suicide is a possible cause of senior Morrison Curtis Bethea, Jr.'s death last week.

The honor roll management major died at his home in New Orleans last Tuesday morning.

While the cause of death has not been officially stated, many suspect suicide.

Washington and Lee has not had an undergraduate commit suicide for about 15 years, Dean of Students and Counseling Psychologist Anne Schroer-Lamont said.

"Suicide is a pretty unusual event for W&L," she said.



BETHEA

Dean of Students David Howison, members of Phi Kappa Sigma, Bethea's fraternity and other friends attended funeral services in New Orleans on Saturday.

Schroer-Lamont encouraged students trying to cope with Bethea's death to talk about their emotions.

"It is important to share with one another and not be afraid of your feelings," she said. "And if you're concerned about a friend's behavior—excessive anger, crying, sleep or lack of sleep—they really need to talk about it."

Bethea was an ODAC All-American golf champion and member of Williams Investment Society, according to *The New Orleans Times-Picayune* obituary.

"This is a particularly stressful time for students," Schroer-Lamont said.

Stay tuned for more in-depth coverage in a Spring Term issue of *The Phi*.

Press secretaries speak

BY ANDREW LATIMER
ASSISTANT OPINIONS EDITOR

Lee Chapel played host to both sides of the American political spectrum last Wednesday with a talk from former White House press secretaries Marlin Fitzwater and Joseph Lockhart.

Their discussion, "Inside the Real West Wing," focused on their involvement with thoughts regarding the popular NBC drama, their tenures at the mercy of the media and numerous questions regarding current events. The visit was sponsored by the Contact Committee, Kappa Sigma and the Young America's Foundation.

Fitzwater, the only public relations strategist with the distinction of serving two presidents, Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, dealt with momentous events such as the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Gulf War.

Lockhart took the helm of press secretary in October 1998, in the wake of the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal and just as the House of Representatives began impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton. He then resigned

three years later, just prior to the close of the Clinton era.

"The West Wing," which debuted in 1999, is an Emmy Award-winning series starring Martin Sheen as President Josiah Bartlet, regularly garners high ratings as it examines real-life crises facing the White House through the lens of drama.

The duo traded political barbs and insights alike as neither shied away from jabbing each other's parties. "George W. Bush left his mark on the White House early when he installed a T-ball field on the South Lawn, replacing the existing female mud-wrestling pit," quipped Fitzwater.

Lockhart unveiled his list of the "top ten reasons you know you are not in the White House anymore," which included, "When I hear the words 'press conference,' all I do now is flip on C-SPAN, pop open a beer and laugh."

The two entertained and informed the chapel audience during their hour-and-a-half long talk. Both agreed on the realism of "The West Wing," yet Lockhart noted the show's absence of partisanship. Such an aspect is too important to ignore and without it the series is incomplete, he indicated.



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FULL PRESS: Fitzwater (left) and Lockhart regaled a Lee Chapel audience.

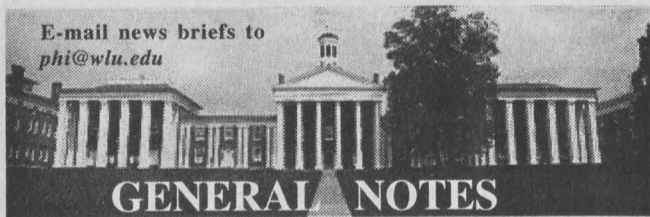
As an advisor to the show, Fitzwater could share his favorite episodes with the crowd. Among them was a "West Wing" involving a Ukrainian ambassador who arrives at the White House drunk, dragging a mistress behind him. Fitzwater said the plot was based upon a real-life event where future Prime Minister of Russia Boris Yeltsin showed up in Washington thoroughly inebriated and demanded to see the President immediately.

When a question arose regarding Bernard Goldberg's controversial book "Bias," an exposé of the inner workings of the CBS newsroom. While Fitzwater expressed how Bush Sr. calls him regularly to share choice passages, Lockhart countered the notion of a liberal tilt to the

media. According to him, what appears to be left wing is merely the journalist's tendency to criticize those in power and look for blame.

One issue where both speakers could find common ground was emphasizing that Americans become more active in politics. Lockhart expressed his dissatisfaction with the sentiment during the 2000 presidential race that there was little to no difference between the candidates, a point he rebutted with the example of executive leadership during the Sept. 11 crisis.

In the spirit of political cooperation and mature debate, neither hesitated at the program's close to shake hands.



GENERAL NOTES

Mentz named Player of the Year, Babst honored

Washington and Lee senior forward Jessica Mentz (Ellicott City, Md./Centennial) was named the Virginia College Division Player of the Year as voted on by the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) and announced on Tuesday afternoon. Senior center Megan Babst (Pittsburgh, Pa./Fox Chapel) earned second team accolades.

For Mentz, it marks her second consecutive selection to the All-State First Team. Babst was an honorable mention pick a year ago.

In 2001-02, Mentz was the first W&L women's basketball player to be named the ODAC Player of the Year after her finest season in a W&L uniform. She led the ODAC and was 15th nationally in rebounding (11.8 rpg) and was second in the ODAC and 16th nationally in scoring (20.0 ppg).

The 5-foot-9 Mentz, who also earned a spot on the All-ODAC First Team for the second consecutive season, set 21 school records during her career. She is W&L's all-time leading scorer (1,742) and rebounder (973). Her scoring total ranks sixth in the history of Division III women's basketball in the state of Virginia.

Babst also had a banner year in 2001-02. She finished third in the ODAC in both scoring (19.0 ppg) and rebounding (10.1 rpg) and placed 28th nationally with an average of 2.2 blocks per game. The 6-foot-1 Babst was a Second Team All-ODAC selection this season after earning honorable mention accolades each of the last two seasons.

Babst concluded her career with nine school records, including blocks in a season (57) and a career (190) and rebounds in a game (21). She is second all-time at W&L in scoring (1,265) and rebounding (925).

Grove and Petrussek named as Watson Fellows

Thomas Grove and Matthew Petrussek, seniors at Washington and Lee University, have been named Thomas J. Watson Fellows for 2002-2003.

Grove is a German and Russian double major from Altoona, Pa. His project, "Tracing the Silken Lute," will take him to Turkey and China. Petrussek, a Medieval and Renaissance studies and politics double major from Summerville, Ore., plans to travel to Norway, Tanzania, India and Argentina for his project, "Listening Closely: Comparing Descriptions of Poverty Throughout the World." They are two of 60 recipients to receive Watson fellowships this year.

This is the third consecutive year W&L has entered students for consideration in the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship program. As Jeffrey Barnett, director of the Global Stewardship program and faculty advisor, pointed out, "In our first three years of participation, we've had five winners. This attests to our students' zeal to know the world beyond our borders. In recent years W&L has made great progress in its commitment to international education. Given the talent and creativity of our students, international post-graduate fellowships are a meaningful culmination of a liberal arts education."

Approximately 50 of the nation's leading colleges, primarily small liberal arts institutions, participate in the program which gives exceptional college graduates the freedom to engage in a year of independent study and travel abroad. Nearly 1,000 students applied for these awards this year.

"We look for extraordinary young men and women of extraordinary promise, individuals who have the personality and drive to become leaders of tomorrow," said Norvell E. Brasch, the executive director of the Watson Fellowship Program and a former fellow. "The program is designed to fund the most creative dreams of our fellows with a minimum of restrictions. The world is their canvas, and we let them tell us how they want to paint it." Fellowship recipients receive a substantial grant of approximately \$22,000 to fund their year abroad.



Today

7:30 p.m.—Lee Chapel hours change. Monday through Saturday, 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

8:30 p.m.—Java at the GHQ. Guy Smiley Blues Exchange. GHQ.

Tuesday, Apr. 2

7 p.m.—Pre-Tour Concert. University Chamber Singers. Great Hall, Science Center.

9 p.m.—One Acts 2002. "Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends," directed by Agnes Flak '03; "Wildwood Park," directed by Robert Powers '02; "Caution to the Wind," directed by Susan Slopek '03; and "Pitching to the Star," directed by Katie Frusti '03. Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center. No tickets required.

Wednesday, Apr. 3

3:15 p.m.—Pre-Tour Concert. University Chamber Singers. Great Hall, Science Center.

8 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Fairfax Lounge (when W&L is in session). All W&L students, faculty/staff and the Lexington community are welcome. Coffee is provided.

8 p.m.—One Acts 2002. "Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends," directed by Agnes Flak '03; "Wildwood Park," directed by Robert Powers '02; "Caution to the Wind," directed by Susan Slopek '03; and "Pitching to the Star," directed by Katie Frusti '03. Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center. No tickets required.

Thursday, Apr. 4

8 p.m.—Applied Music Recital. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.

8 p.m.—One Acts 2002. "Andrea's Got Two Boyfriends," directed by Agnes Flak '03; "Wildwood Park," directed by Robert Powers '02; "Caution to the Wind," directed by Susan Slopek '03; and "Pitching to the Star," directed by Katie Frusti '03. Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center. No tickets required.

Friday, Apr. 5

Environmental Studies Luncheon Series 2001-2002. "Far and Near: Muir and Burroughs on the Harriman Alaska Expedition, 1899," Jim Warren, professor of English, W&L. Room 114, University Center. RSVP to Lynda Bassett de Maria, ext. 8932.

The Phi wishes to congratulate our graduating seniors. Good luck, Latrina Stokes and Alison Trinidad.

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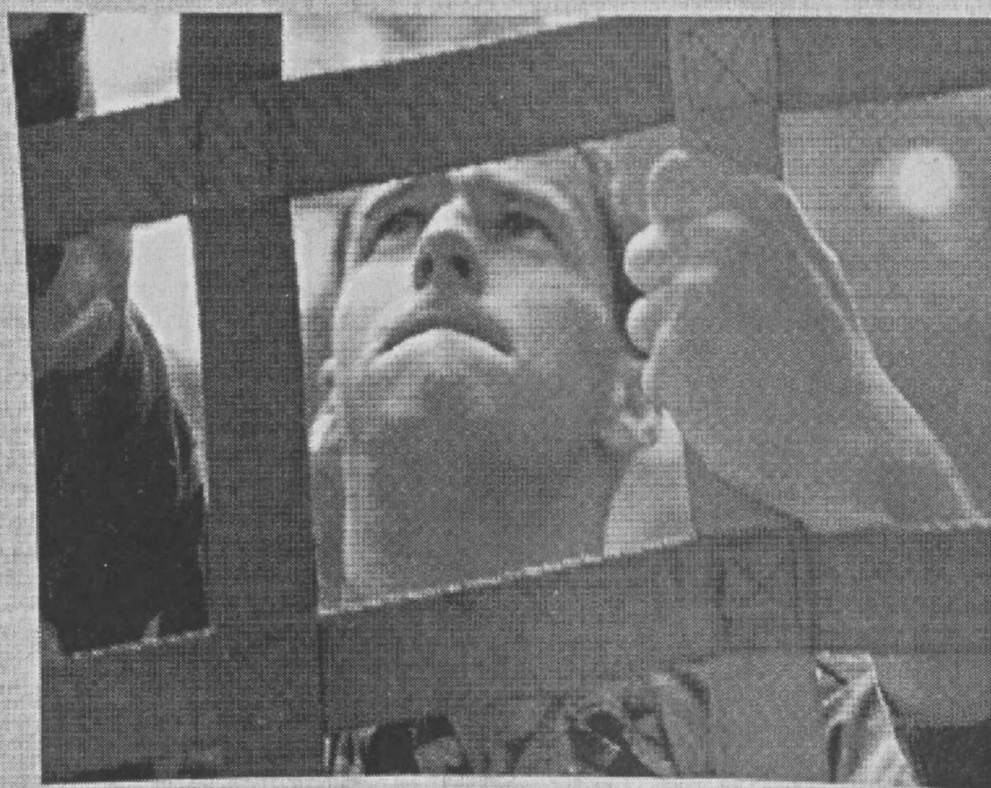
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Bush visits W&L

President showcases academic 'axis of evil'

BY GERALD O. PHILPOT
 IT'S MY PARTY

In a surprise move that stunned analysts, President George W. Bush today expanded the campaign against terrorism to domestic targets.

Bush appeared as part of the Contact Committee's noble quest to eliminate any traces of liberalism from Washington and Lee's campus through the invitation of absurdly conservative speakers.



BUSH

"Certain factions at W&L are intent on obfuscating the American way of life," said Bush, reading slowly from notes in his Lee Chapel address. "I want them stopped, dead or alive."

Pressed for specifics, Bush responded that his targets were "those who teach so-called 'science' that contradicts my theories on creationism and abortion, and those dastardly Democrats who generate support for the fuzzy math elites in Washington. These groups must be eliminated if we are to save America from vile liberalism."

"And we're going to start right here, in the Science Center and Robinson Hall. They are the Axis of Evil in America."

Shouts were immediately heard from the audience. "Don't forget that damn women's studies program," said History Professor Jefferson Davis Futch III, recently returned from identifying the exhumed body of former president Grover Cleveland, whom he met as a boy. "That abomination should be destroyed root and branch!"

Bush replied in the affirmative, shaking his head sagely and replying "It's no exaggeration to say that in these troubled times the undecideds could go one way or another. We must strike pre-emptively."

Romance Languages Professor Domnica Radulescu protested, noting that the women's studies program is housed in several buildings, particularly Tucker Hall.

"Who cares about foreign language, anyway," Bush questioned. "I learn enough Mexican from our ranch hands and pool boys back in Texas. *Saque la basura, chico. Dame su vota, niño.*" Bush added Tucker to the Axis of Evil, noting that people only use foreign languages to talk to "foreign people."

Not everyone in the audience was critical of Bush's message.

"Now all y'all come with me," shouted junior Nathan Bedford Beauregard. "We [are] gonna get them damn Northerners real good!" He and his fellow Kappa Alphas then jumped into their SUV-pick-ups and drove in circles around Lee Chapel.

Bush praised this example of "grassroots civic action." "Now who wants a drink," asked Bush, pulling out a special presidentially-sized flask of Jack Daniels and taking a swig. "As your Commander-in-Chief, I order you to precipitate."

As students leaped up at the chance to drink with the 43rd president, Dean of Freshmen Dawn Watkins and IFC Advisor Burr Datz were seen conferring about the propriety of giving Bush a strike.

Commenting on the possibility of giving the President a strike, Datz said, "It is a hard decision for me to make, personally. On the one hand, President Bush and I are both similar in that we are formerly wild fraternity boys turned sober advocates of personal responsibility. On the other hand, I do have the duty to enforce the University Anti-Litigation Committee's regulations against alcohol. I don't know; I could almost use a stiff drink right now myself."

After the speech, Bush was seen kneeling in prayer in front of a garbage can in Graham-Lees Dormitory, from which he was taken to attend a dorm party hosted by new SAE's.

Al Sharpton '72 new President



BY RUNPHOR PRESIDENT
 MORE CREDENTIALS THAN HILLARY

In a stunning reversal of tradition for both the University and its new president, the Board of Trustees Tuesday named Rev. Al Sharpton '72 '75L, a New York religious and black leader, as Washington and Lee's 24th President.

The selection drew surprise from around the nation, as Sharpton must abandon his White House run to fill position. He had been considered a major contender for the Democratic nomination.

"The Trustees felt that naming Rev. Sharpton the next President would show that diversity at Washington and Lee is more than just a word or an ideal—it is practice and policy," said J. Frank Surface, Rector of the Board.

Dr. Thomas G. Burish, Provost of Vanderbilt University, had been the top choice for the spot, but his nomination was killed by the last minute discovery of his opposition to Swarthmore's completely pass/fail Interpretive Dance Department and major.

"The Board and the Presidential Search Committee were 100% committed to finding a candidate who would continue the progress of our 1994 Swarthmorification Plan," commented Prof. Harlan Beckley, chair of the Presidential Search Committee. "Unfortunately, Dr. Burish lacks the commitment the new President must have. Fortunately, we also had Rev. Sharpton lined up."



FILE PHOTO

AMEN! Rev. Al Sharpton at his inaugural press conference. He vowed to rescue the school from its association with "dead white guys."

Rev. Sharpton is a civil rights and religious leader from New York City. He first came to national prominence when he championed the cause of Tawana Brawley, a young black girl who falsely accused white police detectives of rape. Most recently he served a 90-day jail term for trespassing on the Naval base on Vieques Island during which he went on a well-publicized hunger strike.

Mobbed by the media at his inaugural press conference, Sharpton stated his goals for the University.

"My mission is not only education, but integration. Students, it is about time, you must change your paradigm. Here at Washington and Lee, black students will no longer be the ones who are shunted aside, but those who rise up high."

The rotund Reverend went on to express his support for the proposed Matrimonial Studies program, but added

that he expects the school to also add a Black Studies program.

"Our mission will still include English inspirations and C-school situations, but must expand to encompass reparations," Sharpton said.

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce cheered the appointment, citing Sharpton's plan to hold the Million Man March in town as "great for the hotels on Route 11."

Support for the choice has not been universal, though. The United Daughters of the Confederacy are staging a sit-in to protest Sharpton's plans to convert Lee Chapel into a bed and breakfast. They labeled his characterization of *Lee Recumbent* as a "piece of white supremacist trash" as "inflammatory."

Acting President Boetsch has contacted the Virginia National Guard to assist with the transition.

Kappa 'cigarette' burns down Woods Creek West



BY ANNA REXIA AND BILL EMIA
 WEIGHT WATCHERS

Piercing screams and falling objects shattered the serenity of Washington and Lee's back campus at 3:00am Sunday. A blazing inferno erupted, causing the tragic demise of Woods Creek West, one of campus' most recognizable, and unsightly, buildings. No student was injured or killed in the fire, although structural damage was extensive. An acceptable number of non-W&L students were killed.

The unattractive Woods Creek apartments were

known to be structurally unsound. In fact, its element of danger attracted a large number of students, making it the most popular on-campus housing option for upperclassmen. Wood Creek West's loss is particularly hard, as it contained 17 apartments, significantly more than Central's 10.

"We face a serious problem," said assistant Dean of Students Courtney Penn. "What do we do with the West residents for the remainder of the school year? What will we do with the students who were planning to live there next year?"

The administration has decided that the newly-homeless will move into fraternities which did not make quota last year. Sigma Nu and Beta have already seen their empty rooms filled to capacity.

"Greek or non-Greek, we're all Generals first," Penn said.

The fire's origins are uncertain, but many suspect a stray cigarette butt.

"Most students use cigarettes to help them lose weight," Health Center Director Jane Horton said. "This points to the image-conscious Kappas."

According to security reports, a group of ten sophomores had gathered in one of the apartments, imbibing illegal spirits and smoking cigarettes of questionable com-

position.

"We feel confident in asserting that one of the cigarettes descended from the digits of an intoxicated student," said Security Officer Thomas "Baner" Bane. "Speaking epistemologically, the copious presence of the alcohol indubitably acted as an incendiary device, disseminating the flames throughout the entire edifice."

The women inhabiting the apartment were questioned, but refused to comment.

The Business Office estimates that the damage total is approximately \$86 million: \$4 million for the structure and the remainder from students' destroyed personal effects.

Sophomore resident Avery Magnolia Ashton stated that she was most distraught by the loss of her "school things," all of which perished in the fire. She estimates personal losses at \$1.3 million.

Several students and administrators have expressed interest in replacing the burned out crater with a monument to drunken accidents, to commemorate both the building's original design and the fire that destroyed it. A Woods Creek Steering Committee composed of both students and faculty will meet Spring Term to discuss the site's future.

Applications are now available outside Carol Calkins' office in the University Center.

'Regretful, contrite' Howison resigns as guerrilla past resurfaces

School shocked at bland dean's violent past

BY LIBERATE THE PEOPLE
 PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONARY

Dean of Students David Howison announced plans to retire following the 2002-2003 academic year, after a *Ring-tum Phi* reporter unearthed his revolutionary past.

"Howie," as he is familiarly known behind his back, has been regarded as the epitome of the well-scrubbed, professional administrator.

Few could imagine that the author of the Soledad death march or the San Crucio terror raids hid behind this staid exterior.

"In my youth, I was guilty of reckless pursuit of certain social ideals," Howison admitted at a press conference announcing his retirement. "I apologize for any people anywhere whom I may have inadvertently hurt."

"Hurt" appears a bit of an understatement," said History Professor Taylor Sanders. "Thousands of people—soldiers, revolutionaries, peasants—have been killed as a direct result of his actions."

Howison entered Central America in the 1970s as an undergraduate on a nature tour. Disgusted with the brutal actions of the US-supported Zuculioso regime, he stayed behind to bring Marxist-Leninist values to an oppressed people.

Taking the name Ho Wisonera, Howison's ruth-

less pursuit of a collective utopia became feared throughout the area.

"In South America he is still known as El Revolucionario Monstruoso," said Spanish Professor Cecile West-Settle. "This is the man so committed he would kill his wounded guerrillas rather than leave them for the enemy to torture."

Even Fidel Castro sought his friendship, sending him a peace offering of goats and Soviet rifles in a bid for cooperation.

Despite his fearsome reputation, "El Revolucionario Monstruoso" enjoyed phenomenal popularity.

"A lot of us girls in the Spanish Department had a crush on him," West-Settle said. "I actually learned the language so I could tell him 'I love you' in what I thought was his native tongue."

In America, Ho Wisonera posters came into vogue, symbolizing a younger generation's dissatisfaction with the perceived bourgeois values of its parents.

After the razing the capital city Maria Dolorosa, Ho Wisonera disappeared completely, spawning dozens of legends about his mysterious whereabouts.

No one knew where he was—until now.

W&L reaction was incredulous.

"I still can't believe that Dean Howison once killed five tax collectors with his bare hands," said sophomore Jackson Hunter Billingsworth, XVII. "Does he have to retire now that he's become interesting?"



FILE PHOTO

VIVA LA REVOLUCION! Dean Howison and Fidel Castro take an uncharacteristic break from hunting down "capitalist running dogs" to enjoy a round of "the game of the people." Golf is enjoyed by oppressed workers throughout South America.

Help women obtain their MRS degree

In 1986, Washington and Lee opened its doors to the fairer sex. Presumably, we had not done so previously because there weren't many women to be found who were interested in the academic rigor and depth of tradition that characterize our University. Unfortunately, it seems that although we have added women to the student body, this is not because women are any more qualified to be students than when they populated only Sweetbriar, Hollins and Mary Baldwin.

It is no secret that many, if not all, of W&L's co-ed's are here in search of a husband. Whether confining their search to only the Big Four, or expanding the pool to include all fraternity men, our Southern Belles are searching for a man who can provide for them in the way that daddy so generously has.

If the Board of Trustees is truly committed to making a W&L education as valuable as it can be for every student, regardless of sex, perhaps they should create a new interdepartmental program to accompany Women's Studies and Global Stewardship.

This program, perhaps entitled Matrimonial Studies, would be designed to impart to W&L women marriageable skills that would make them more attractive brides. The program would not just be a simple Home Economics course, although sewing and cooking would be included in the skills learned.

Specific suggestions follow:

Laundry Exchange Program: Each female student would be assigned a male student, the washing, folding and ironing of whose laundry she would be in charge. Although this will be especially easy for freshman women who need only to pick up dirty laundry on their way downstairs to the laundry room, perhaps sororities could be charged with arranging weekly pick up and distribution of laundry at the fraternity houses.

Dining Hall Cooking Crews: The female population will be organized into Laetitia Pate Work Teams. These groups of 40 or so women will be charged with meal planning, cooking, and cleaning. Opportunities for learning would abound when it came time for the special meals. Lady Generals could practice folding linen napkins, starching and pressing tablecloths and the proper arrangement of tableware. Everyone knows how important it is for a hostess to "set a nice table." Moreover, they could practice having all this done as well as having their high heels and pearls on in time for a prompt 5:30 serving.

Art and Music Appreciation: Any good hostess is expected to be able to converse intelligently with her guests on all subjects of fine arts and culture. As such, no woman should leave W&L without a detailed understanding of art and music. They really need not waste any time outside Dupont in the C-School; husband will give each an adequate allowance, I'm sure.

Itinerant Worker Management: As the face of



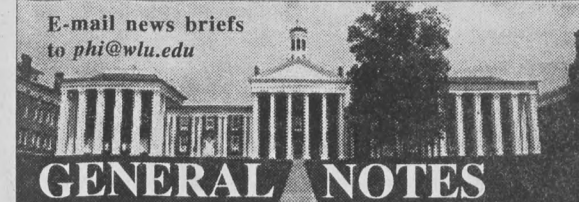
SEE, SCIENCE ISN'T HARD! Who says that a college education can't be practical? These girls know a rock on the finger beats a sheepskin on a wall.

America changes, the ethnicity of cleaning ladies, nannies and gardeners changes with it. This course would give our female students the skills necessary to manage a household. It would include a basic study of Spanish and intensive study of the laws concerning payments to and taxes on aliens (both legal and illegal).

Large Vehicle Driving: All of W&L's soon-to-be soccer moms shouldn't be expected to take the wheel of the family Suburban without the proper training. Women are notoriously poor drivers and

become only more dangerous when piloting a large vehicle. The Physical Education Department would administer this course which will teach young ladies important driving techniques and basic auto maintenance. Students will also be required to memorize the number of their local AAA and watch the video "What to Expect When Driving to or from the Grocery Store."

These few suggestions cannot give the full depth and scope of the Matrimonial Studies program, but I, for one, believe it would be a welcome and profitable addition to the W&L curriculum.



SAE burns down historical Lexington, gets one-week social suspension

Downtown Lexington is home to little more than cinders and exposed beams after brothers of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity torched it following an out-of-control party Saturday.

The mass-arson was sparked by a "Down with Lex" philanthropic mixer held to raise money for W&L students injured in muggings this year. Decorations included extra-large tiki torches and townpeople suspended in cages from the basement ceiling. After the finale, the ritual hanging of Lexington mayor John Knapp in effigy, things apparently got out of hand.

Grabbing their tiki torches and jumping into waiting SUVs, SAE members and their guests inflicted more than \$40 million dollars of damage on the city—more than ten times Rockbridge County's annual income, even including the under-the-table bribes given by W&L.

An official statement released jointly by the Dean of Students Office and the SAE Housing Corporation takes the fraternity to task for "increasing the possibility of liability against Washington and Lee." However, recognizing the many contributions that SAE has made to the university community (most recently, a square mile of available parking), punishment was set at a week of social probation.

SAE officers protested the decision. Social probation prevents a fraternity from hosting recreational activities at its on-campus house.

Office of International Education aims for students from 100 different countries

Director of International Education William Klingelhofer announced plans to increase the number of countries represented at W&L to 100. By combining negligible entrance requirements and near full-rides, Klingelhofer has so far been able to attract students from more than 60 foreign countries.

"We already have freshmen from Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica," said Klingelhofer. "Ecuador, France, Germany, Ghana..."

Worried at the high number of students from India and Jamaica, the office is considering denying any students from those country entrance for the next few years. "This situation will thus let the numbers sink to more representational indices," Klingelhofer said.

The Office of International Education has considered allowing foreign students to stay an extra four years, thus eliminating the necessity of regularly finding a replacement of their nationality.



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Women's Forum car wash "to raise money for women's dignity"



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Career Services presents 'What English Majors Should Expect after Graduation'

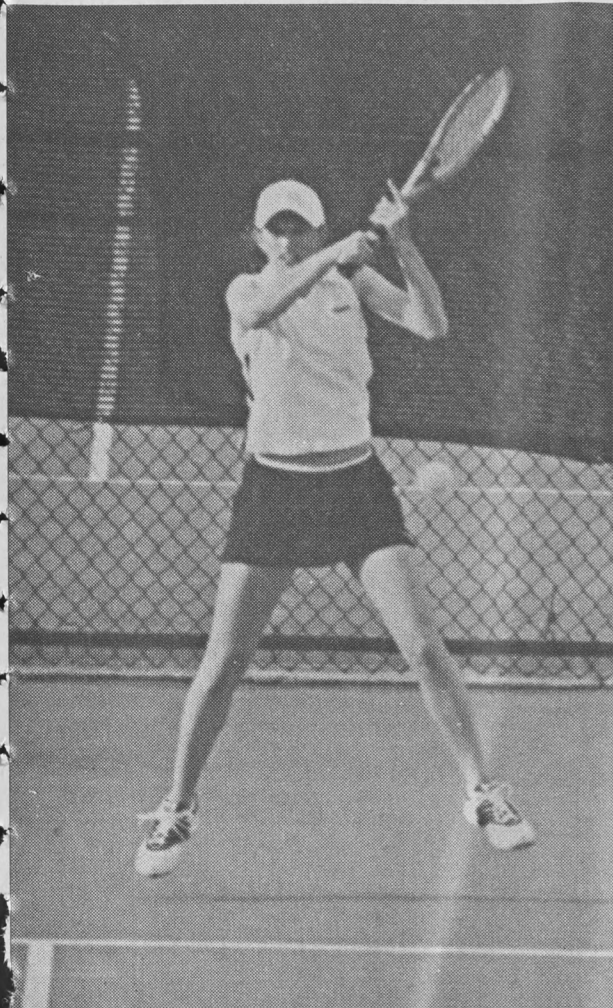
FRIDAY:
Burr Datz speaks on the true purpose of fraternities



MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002

Women's tennis battles top Division III opponents

Generals fall to No. 1 Williams and No. 2 Emory to open Fab Five Tournament, rebound to top 3rd-ranked Trinity and No. 6 Pomona Pitzer on W&L campus



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GENERALS FALL TO NO. 1: Senior Melissa Hatley returns a shot in her 8-5 loss with junior Erika Proko at No. 1 doubles against Williams in the Fab Five Tournament on Thursday. Hatley won 6-2, 6-2 over Kate Troy at No. 3 singles.

BY DAVE CROWELL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The stage was set for a letdown after the Washington and Lee women's tennis team twice felt the sting of 7-2 defeats on subsequent afternoons, at the hands of top-ranked Williams College and No. 2 Emory University at the Fab Five Tournament on W&L's campus.

With a match against Trinity University of Texas, the third-ranked team in the nation and the squad that ended W&L's season last year, less than 24 hours later, the Generals badly needed a win.

Fortunately, Cinda Rankin's squad returned with a vengeance and proved that "great deal of heart" should be added to any list of positive qualities exhibited by the fifth-ranked team.

"There are a couple of things that can happen in that situation: you can get beaten and collapse or you can get beaten and come back. They got beaten and kept fighting," Rankin said. "It was amazing and, to me, that's what it's all about."

The Generals used a big 6-3 win over Trinity on Saturday afternoon as momentum in posting an impressive 6-0 victory over No. 6 Pomona Pitzer on Sunday morning.

The key to Saturday's victory over the Tigers rested quite simply in doubles play.

At No. 1 doubles, senior Melissa Hatley and junior Erika Proko broke serve when down 3-2, then traded leads with Abbe Ulrich and three-time All-American Lizzie Yasser until seizing a grueling 9-8 (6) tiebreaker victory.

Freshman Lindsay Hagerman and senior Manning Willard came back from a 5-0 deficit in posting an 8-6 victory at No. 2 doubles.

"Manning and I really wanted that victory," Hagerman said. "We lost our last two doubles matches (including a 9-7 defeat on Friday), so we really wanted to win that one." Junior Laura Bruno and senior Sallie Gray Strang contin-



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MORE FAB FIVE: Freshman Lindsay Hagerman teamed with senior Manning Willard to go 2-2 in doubles through four matches of the event. In singles competition, Hagerman lost twice at No. 1 before moving down to No. 2, where she won two matches.

ued the drama by winning at No. 3 in another tiebreaker, 9-8 (5).

The Generals entered singles play with a 3-0 lead on Trinity, an advantage that neither Hagerman nor Rankin could play down.

"I think when you win all three doubles, you can play with a lot more confidence and take some chances in singles play," Hagerman said. "It makes it a lot easier."

Rankin concurred, saying that if "we hadn't swept the doubles, Trinity might have come out fighting harder and we may have been a little tense. Doubles is so important now. If you're up 2-1, you just need to split the singles in order to get a win."

Hagerman, Bruno and Willard secured the Generals' victory with wins at No. 2, No. 5 and No. 6 singles respectively, despite a few scares during Bruno and Willard's matches.

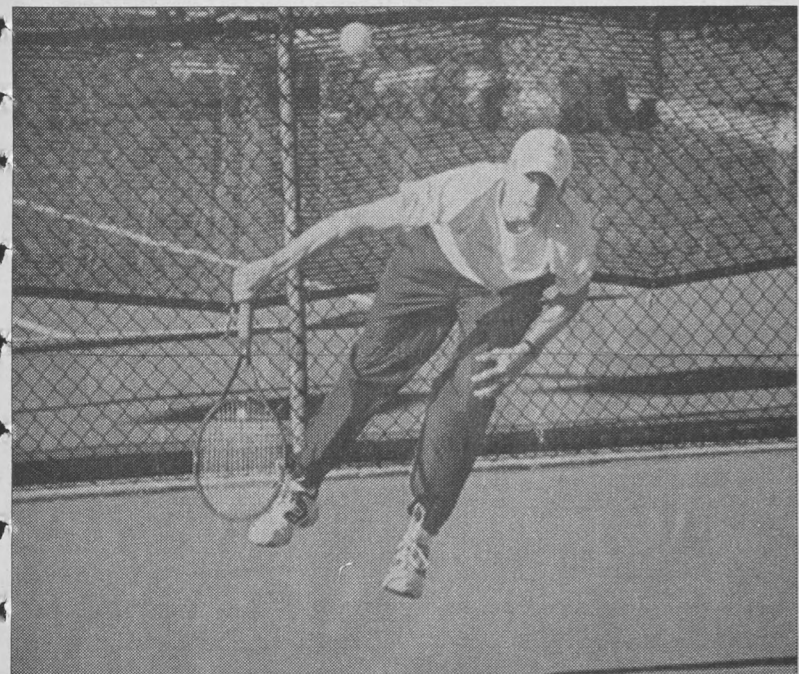
The Generals conclude the Fab Five Tournament with a match today against seventh-ranked Gustavus Adolphus at 4 p.m. The main focus of the season — the NCAA Division III Tournament — is slowing moving closer, though.

Rankin believes that keys for her squad down the stretch will include good doubles play, consistency and upperclassman leadership.

"We're not a team that will blow anybody off the court or hit outright winners," Rankin said. "We have to play a lot of balls and we have to be consistent."

"This tournament is the type of experience we need and knowing what to expect makes all the difference," Rankin added. "This is where the upperclassmen can really help the team, telling the freshmen what to expect down the stretch."

W&L struggles in 2 losses



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EAGLES TOP W&L: Seniors Andrew Roberts (above) and Rhys James dropped a 9-8 match to Mary Washington's Dan Uyar and Nhat Nguyen at No. 1 doubles on Wednesday. The Generals lost the match by a 5-2 score.

Generals rebound to beat Swarthmore on the road

BY MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

On a windy Wednesday afternoon, the men's tennis team hosted Mary Washington College for a non-conference match at the outdoor courts. In a close match, the Generals dropped a 4-3 decision to the Eagles.

The match began with doubles play. The No. 1 and 2 matches split — seniors Rhys James and Andrew Roberts lost, 9-8, but sophomores Graham Nix and Austin Kim pulled out an 8-6 win — leaving freshman Paul McClure and sophomore K.C. Schaefer to break the tie.

In an impressive tiebreaker match, McClure and Schaefer defeated Conor Smith and Nate Hathway of Mary Washington to give Washington and Lee the doubles match point.

Coach David Detwiler was quite pleased with that performance.

"The No. 3 doubles team really came through for us today," Detwiler said.

Coach Todd Helbling of Mary Washington was not discouraged by the doubles loss.

"We saw some good tennis today," Helbling said. "These are two good teams, and it's always a toss-up as to who wins the big points. For the doubles, W&L did."

Helbling was disappointed in his team's technical play, pointing out that he saw nothing excellent from his players during those matches.

Singles play began shortly after the doubles matches. Kim and senior Rob Moynihan won in two and three sets at third and fifth-seed singles, respectively, but the rest of the Mary Washington team proved too difficult for the Generals to overcome.

"Paul McClure lost tough at No. 1, and Rhys James played very well in the first set, but lost focus," said Detwiler, who was somewhat frustrated with the team's play on Wednesday.

"This was a wake-up call for us," he added. "They are a good team and we didn't take them as seriously as we wanted to."

Detwiler could be heard exhorting his team to play to their potential after the doubles matches, reminding them that in order to win, they had to concentrate on their game and remember that Mary Washington is a good team. Unfortunately, it didn't quite work out.

"We can't keep relying on No. 5 and 6 to pull out the matches," Detwiler said. "This will inspire us, and make us work a lot harder."

W&L lost to Washington College, which knocked them out of the NCAA Atlantic South Regional last season, by a 5-2 score in Chestertown, Md., on Saturday. Kim and Moynihan — this time at No. 6 singles — were the only Generals to win matches on the afternoon.

The men's team traveled to Swarthmore, Pa. on Sunday and defeated the Garnet Tide, a 2001 regional opponent, by a 4-3 score.

James and McClure won at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively. The Generals picked up wins at fifth and sixth-seed singles thanks to Nix and Moynihan.

Swarthmore took the doubles point by winning matches at No. 1 and No. 3. Kim and Nix earned a victory at second-seed doubles.

The Generals (9-4) next return to Old Dominion Athletic Conference play on Tuesday with a 3:30 p.m. home match against Roanoke.

Generals top Lynchburg, rout Denison

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team broke a two-game slide with wins over Lynchburg and Denison at the Liberty Hall fields this week.

Sophomore goalkeeper Joanna Perini made 16 saves and 10 Generals scored as W&L knocked off Old Dominion Athletic Conference foe Lynchburg, 10-7, on Wednesday.

The Hornets took an early 2-0 lead on goals 20 seconds apart by Judy Garger and Linda Jack, but W&L reeled off six unanswered goals to take a 6-2 lead into halftime.

"You don't ever want to be down by two, but we've done a lot of that this year," W&L coach Jan Hathorn said. "Because we've been in that situation so many times, we didn't panic. We decided we had to keep fighting harder, and that's exactly what they did."

Sophomores Kelly Taffe and Lee Wheeler tied the game up with goals at 20:57 and 15:28. Freshmen Kristen Brown and Maggie Speasmaker and senior co-captains Emily Owens and Courtenay Fisher also scored in the first half.

Lynchburg freshman Ali Ballantyne, the Hornets' leading scorer on the season, pulled her team to within three goals just over a minute into the second half. However, goals by junior Leslie Bogart — who also had three assists — and freshman Erin Rathbone put the game out of reach.

Freshman Kitt Murphy and senior Julie Carskadon gave W&L a 10-4 lead later in the half. Lynchburg scored three goals in the final five minutes to make the score closer than the game.

The fact that 10 different players



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BIG ODAC WIN: Junior Leslie Bogart scoops up a loose ball in Washington and Lee's 10-7 win over Lynchburg on Wednesday.

Bogart had a goal and three assists against the Hornets, followed by two goals and three assists against Denison.

scored for W&L pleased Hathorn, whose team had trouble on the offensive end in losses to Franklin & Marshall and Mary Washington.

"First of all, it's a big confidence builder, which we needed since we've been struggling to score," she said. "Secondly, if we run our offense, that's what should happen. It means that something's going right in the way we're doing our settled offense."

A lot of things went right for the Generals' offense on Saturday, as W&L trounced Denison by an 18-8 margin. Taffe finished with four goals and two assists, while Bogart added two goals and three assists.

Carskadon contributed two goals and an assist, and Wheeler notched a hat trick and an assist in the second

half. Murphy and sophomore Stephanie Haldy had two goals apiece.

The Generals again fell behind early against the Big Red. Bogart broke a scoreless tie more than 10 minutes in off a Taffe assist, but Denison scored two quick goals to take the lead.

Two Taffe goals followed by Bogart's assists on scores by Carskadon and freshman Natalya Hoobchaak, however, gave W&L the lead for good.

"If we think we can get the ball down and score, then we're going to do it," Taffe said. "If we get tentative, it's not going to work."

Bogart, Murphy and junior Laura Wilson also scored in the first half for the Generals, who led 8-4 after the first 30 minutes. W&L scored the first four

goals of the second half for an insurmountable 12-4 advantage.

"This win and the one over Lynchburg are definitely a big deal," Bogart said. "It definitely boosts our confidence and improves our play, especially during practice."

The Generals (5-3, 3-0 ODAC) have five straight conference games before the ODAC Tournament on April 24-28. They travel to Bridgewater for a 4 p.m. contest on Wednesday.

"We're really looking forward to playing Randolph-Macon and Roanoke. They're our other big competition in the ODAC," Bogart said. "But Bridgewater and Virginia Wesleyan both have really good teams this year, so we have a bunch of hard games coming up."

The Press Box

Wrapping up my year in the world of W&L athletics

To start, let me emphasize that I hate writing and reading hackneyed columns about the personal experiences of journalists.

But at the same time, I felt it necessary to explain my future absence. While our lacrosse and tennis teams are making their almost routine playoff appearances, I'll be spending Spring Term studying in Germany.

So Dave Crowell, who has three terms under his belt as assistant sports editor, will take my place for the four issues of the term. I'll return to my post in September, in time to preview the seasons of four teams (or possibly six, depending on the performance of our cross country squads) that have legitimate shots at winning Old Dominion Athletic Conference titles.

Personally, I hope that you have enjoyed our coverage of Washington and Lee sports in *The*

Ring-tum Phi. We've improved the pages at least 100 percent from my freshman year, and hopefully you've noticed the results.

Last year, sports editor became an office job, as I did little more than lay out the section and rarely attended W&L sporting events. That apathy translated onto the sports pages (which you hopefully didn't notice).

So I made a conscious effort this year to see as many Generals games as I could while having time on Saturday and Sunday to make sure the *Phi* still had a sports section.

And I had fun. Division III athletics are a stark change of pace from what you see on ESPN or read about in *Sports Illustrated*. Some teams (none of which represent W&L) look more like rec-league club squads than real collegiate competition.

But the talent level, especially in "non-money"

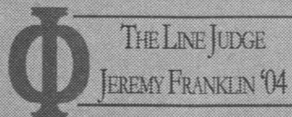
sports, is generally underrated. There are some really good athletes at this level, and many of them could play for the majority of Division I schools.

I've also learned some new sports, especially field hockey and lacrosse. Several prep schools in North Carolina, where I covered high school sports for two years, have taken up lacrosse. But it's not a sport for the Tar Heel State—just look at Guilford.

There are several people who I need to thank for their help this year. Brian Laubscher and Greg Murphy in the sports information department work too hard for their own good. But without their help, there would be no W&L sports coverage in the *Phi*, period.

And to all the coaches and players who have helped me out directly or just taken the field or court, thanks for making this a great year.

I'll do it again sometime. Next September sounds like a good place to start.



THE LINE JUDGE
JEREMY FRANKLIN '04

Generals turn on offense in 2 ODAC wins

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

For the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team, things are falling into place at the right time.

Senior Andrew Barnett, the Generals' leading returning scorer, tallied 10 goals in two games as W&L knocked off Old Dominion Athletic Conference foes Guilford and Lynchburg on the road this week.

A large contingent of second-year players has complimented Barnett on the offensive end of the field, including Dustin Martin and Matt Fink, who each had three goals in the Generals' 15-11 win at Lynchburg on Saturday.

"Our offense is pretty young, a lot of sophomores," Martin said. "Last year, we

weren't really in scoring roles. Our offense has definitely jelled over the last few games."

W&L traveled to Guilford on Wednesday, handing the homestanding Quakers a 19-0 loss. Barnett torched Guilford for six goals, while sophomore Mark McLewee, senior John Moore and freshman Jack Murray had two scores apiece and freshman Gavin Molinelli recorded four assists.

The competition improved greatly on Saturday, and the Generals fell behind 3-0 to the Hornets in the first quarter.

"Falling behind kind of got us down, but we knew our defense would step up and get us back into it," Martin said.

W&L scored five straight goals to assume a 5-3 lead less than a minute into the second quarter, but two quick answers from

Lynchburg forged a 5-5 tie at the 12:57 mark.

The Generals again put together another spurt, including two of Barnett's four goals, to take a 9-5 advantage. The Hornets pulled to within 9-6 at halftime, but Barnett scored again early in the third quarter to push the lead back to four goals.

Lynchburg scored twice to make it 10-8, but Barnett again answered with his final tally of the match.

The Hornets weren't done, however, as they clipped the W&L lead to 11-10 by the end of the quarter. But the Generals sealed the win with three straight goals, including two of Fink's three tallies, to go up 14-10 with 8:31 remaining.

Sophomore Ansel Sanders made 16 saves in net for the Generals, who took 10

fewer shots (49-39) than the Hornets.

W&L (6-2, 3-0 ODAC) hosts the Lee-Jackson lacrosse classic against VMI at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the W&L Turf Field. After that contest, they have nothing but conference games through the ODAC Tournament on April 23 and 27.

That includes an April 14 match against Hampden-Sydney, which prevented the Generals from reaching the NCAA Division III tournament a year ago by handing them a 12-11 setback in the regular season.

"The Hampden-Sydney game definitely has more of a heated rivalry since what happened last year," Martin said. "These next few days of practice are going to be tough, and I think everyone's going to be pretty excited."

W&L drops under .500 in conference

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Washington and Lee baseball team fell to 10-9-1, 5-6-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, with an 11-inning tie at Bridgewater and a pair of losses to Virginia Wesleyan in a doubleheader on Saturday.

The Generals and the Eagles played to a 2-2 deadlock in 11 innings on Thursday before the game was called due to darkness. Sophomore Peter Dean went nine innings on the mound, giving up just one earned run and striking out five.

W&L put its two runs on the board in the first inning, as junior shortstop Michael Hanson doubled and scored on junior first baseman Brian Gladysz's two-out single. Senior catcher Todd Gosselink drove in Gladysz with an RBI single.

Both teams had opportunities to break the deadlock, which Bridgewater forced in the fifth, as the Eagles left 12 men on base and the Generals stranded eight baserunners.

W&L then traveled to Norfolk for a Saturday doubleheader against ODAC powerhouse Virginia Wesleyan. The Marlins handed the Generals 13-1 and 4-3 losses.

Wesleyan right fielder John Kreiser was the hero in Game 2, smacking a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to help his team to a 4-3 win.

Track teams run at Bridgewater invite

BRIDGEWATER—The Washington and Lee track teams competed at the Bridgewater Invitational on Saturday.

Junior Mat Rapoza led the men's team by winning the shot put. The Generals' 4x100 relay team also took first.

Junior Chris Sullivan finished second in the long jump, while sophomore Jon Brimer turned in second-place finishes in the 200 and 400-meter runs.

For the women's squad, senior Megan Babst placed second in the high jump, and senior Sarah Schmidt took third in the javelin. Junior Jen Fallon finished second in the 3,000-meter event.

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