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Freshmen programs revised for Class of 2006

'Customs' after-orientation program junked for individual hall programs

Students trained to lead diversity conversations; new video replaces previous anti-discrimination plays

STAFF REPORTS

Last year's Customs program will not be returning, said Dean of Freshman Dawn Watkins.

"We did not have the turnout we originally envisioned," Watkins said.

The Customs program rewarded students for attending a series of events, mostly student health issues. Participating students had their ID cards swiped, which simulated "stamping their passport."

Only seven students completed the program, each of whom was given a reward ranging from a DVD player to a stuffed animal.

Watkins believes students were too busy with "campus commitments," not necessarily social, to add one further things into burdgeoning day planners.

All information in the future will be disseminated through mandatory hall meetings.

Dorm counselors will lead the discussions.

STAFF REPORTS

The film "Skin Deep" is the proposed centerpiece for the multicultural sensitivity portion of next year's freshmen orientation.

"Dean (of Freshmen Dawn) Watkins and I plan to expose the students to "Skin Deep," a documentary about college students confronting racism," said Associate Dean of Students Courtney Penn, in an email to potential presenters.

"Skin Deep" is a 53-minute documentary film on college students confronting racism. According to its webpage (<http://www.irisfilms.org/SD/index2.html>), "Skin Deep" was conceived as a tool for sparking discussion about race and racism. The film, along with the facilitation guide, allows teachers or group leaders of any kind create an ideal environment for genuine exchange."

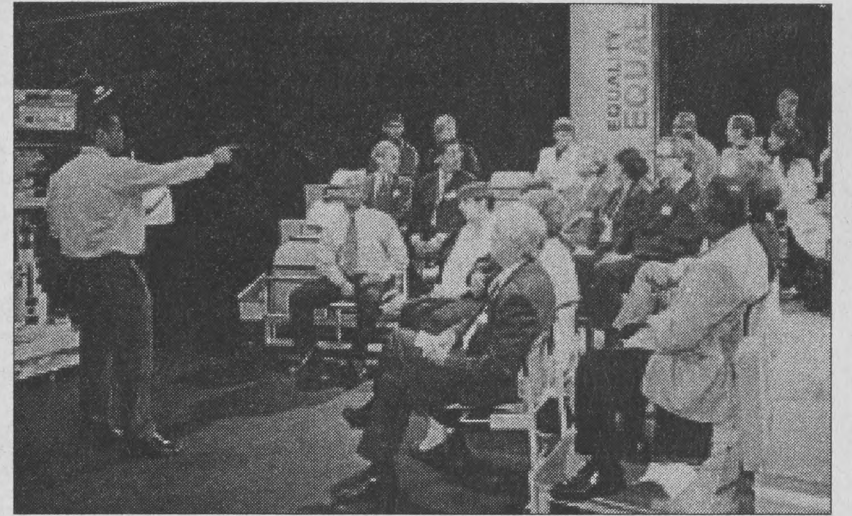
The film will be introduced by then-President Tom Burish. Discussions will be led by volunteers, mostly drawn from the ranks of the Minority Student Association and Promoting Respect of Individual Diversity in Education.

"The subsequent discussion about the video... is a powerful video that sets a tone for our expectations for members of our community," Penn said.

About 30 volunteers are needed to assist Dorm Counselor in facilitating discussion of the video. Volunteers previewed the film last week in Northern Auditorium.

This film replaces last year's play, "which was not well received by students," Watkins said.

"It wasn't really geared to (college students)' levels," Watkins said. "This (film) should be better."



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: 'Skin Deep,' a film produced and directed by Frances Reid, explores campus race relations by interviewing students at Amherst, Texas A&M and UC Berkeley.

REPORT: ePorn plagues W&L common drive

BY PETER DJALALIEV
INTERNET EDITOR

Washington and Lee University has always provided vast amounts of freedom to its students. Maybe not many people know about this, but this freedom includes the ability to distribute and download adult pornography through the university computer network. For those who do not know, the K:\ drive contains around 300 video files, of which at least 200 contain adult scenes. The drive and all its contents are accessible to everyone connected to the Novell network.

Most people believe it neither legal nor moral to distribute adult materials on computer resources provided to students for educational purposes. However, delving deeper into the issue, it appears that both the illegality and the immorality of distribution are questionable.

Legally, no governmental legislation is powerful enough to prohibit students from copying adult materials on educational institutions' computer networks. Well, nearly none. A VMI cadet was recently dismissed after federal officials prosecuted him for possession of adult materials with intent to distribute. However, this single cases revolved around a member of a US military institution. The federal government nearly only concerns itself is distribution of child pornography.

Morally, there is no university policy against pornography, so the practical Honor System application of "don't lie, cheat or steal" does not apply. Even though University Computing

provides students with the network resources for educational purposes, the K:\ drive is a control-free environment.

"We do not supervise the contents of the K:\ drive," said John Stuckey, department head. "We provide this space to students so that they can have a temporary storage for their files in cases of need. If we get a specific complain from a student about specific files on the drive, we will go and delete them."

No controversy surrounds whether University Computing should limit K:\ drive access. Not having a K:\ drive would deprive students of a useful resource; prohibiting students from storing video files will prevent some students from sharing important class or experimental work. Direct control over the shared drive's contents has obviously negative academic results.

What most pornomongers do not know is that administrators can always look up the person who copied a specific file on the K:\ drive. It is an extremely easy operation. Looking at some authors will reveal the names of some W&L faculty members. Of course, there is always the chance that someone has been using another's account without his knowledge.

The issue has no easy solution. The K:\ drive is meant for temporary storage and sharing of files. Disabling this drive or controlling its contents would be academically disadvantageous. Would prohibiting students to share video (or any) files be more advantageous than disadvantageous? Do we prefer to have morality enforced by rules or a freedom that encourages, but does not forcibly ensure, morality?

W&L IN A FISHBOWL

Princeton Review new 2002 rankings

- No. 1 "Major Frat and Sorority Scene"
- No. 5 "Dorms Like Palaces"
- No. 8 "Homogeneous Student Population"
- No. 14 "Lots of hard liquor"
- No. 19 "Most Beautiful Campus"
- No. 19 "The Best Quality of Life"

Contact brings in Enron expert

BY PETER QUACKENBUSH
STAFF WRITER

Enron's collapse occupied journalist Jeffery Birnbaum's Tuesday talk at Washington and Lee's Lee Chapel.

The speech, Enron: "The Scandal That Ate Washington," covered the rise and fall of the Houston, Texas, corporation.

"We were thrilled to host one of Washington's most renowned journalists, Jeff Birnbaum, to talk about the issues surrounding Enron," said Sam Langholz, president of Contact, which sponsored the speaker.

Enron was the brainchild of Kenneth Lay, Birnbaum said. "(Lay) had his initial training in Washington, DC, working for the government," Birnbaum said. "Lay saw a future (profit to be made) if energy could get out from under the thumb of the government."

In 1985, Lay merged two regional pipeline companies to form the first national pipeline company. Fifteen years later, Enron had become one of the largest corporations in America, trading in natural gas and Internet bandwidth. The company's expansion culminated into a 7th place ranking on the Fortune 500.

But all was not healthy inside Enron. The company's breathtaking success all turned out to be a large game of manipulation because of the company's practice of "manipulating its balance sheet," Birnbaum said.

Birnbaum's speech also analyzed the debacle's spillover into politics and other businesses. In the matter of a couple of months the stock value of Enron fell from \$80 per share to less than one dollar per share. Entire retirements and life savings were wiped out for employees and investors. "As 2001 came to a close, so did Enron," Birnbaum said.

"I would hope that the students, faculty and community members who attended the public lecture, or journalism class, were able to gain some insight, and learn from Mr. Birnbaum's wealth of experience (of) reporting about the intersection of business and politics," Langholtz said.

Greek system nationally recognized



PHOTO COURTESY SHSU ORDER OF THE OMEGA

OMEGA. This national organization was founded in 1959 to recognize leaders in inter-Greek activities. There are over 400 chapters nationwide.

W&L chapter of Omega Order founded to fight "negative Greek stereotypes"

BY MATTHEW McDERMOTT
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Order of Omega, a national honorary recognizing outstanding Greek leaders, has established at W&L its 437th chapter.

"With such a strong Greek community at W&L, it made natural sense to charter a local chapter," said senior Rebekah Ahn.

Ahn learned about the Order after an internship at Kappa Alpha national headquarters, said Associate Dean of Students Leroy Atkins, and has been the driving force behind it.

Inter-Fraternity Council President Chris Pickens and Panhellenic Council President Elizabeth Saxton "have gone beyond their duties as Greek officers in helping to get Order of Omega started," Ahn said.

"I said that I would support this proposed organization as long as it had a reason to exist," Atkins said. "We didn't want another organiza-

tion to honor the same people that probably (Omicron Delta Kappa) or Phi Beta Kappa were."

That reason, Atkins said, was to publicize positive aspects of Greek, "since (Greek organization) can get negative publicity without any trouble."

To this end an annual to semiannual newsletter will be published "to highlight the more positive aspects of W&L's Greek system."

"While it is structured as an honorary, the active role of Order of Omega at W&L will be to cast the focus on positive aspects of Greek life..."

Membership is restricted to juniors and seniors with the top 3 percent Greek GPA's. Next year's senior members are Diane Avery, Wogan Bernard, Andrew Borda, Bryan Carmody, Janet Carter, Lindsey Duran, Andy Folsom, Avery Gholston, Andrew Hirsekorn, Skye Justice, William Kuntz, Jane Ledlie, Trey Packard, Raphael Penteado, Chris Pickens, Kempton Presley, Elizabeth Saxton, Julia Simmons, Claire Smith, Reanna Stahl, Sarah Sturtz, Carroll Thompson and Michael Watts.

IFC wins national award

STAFF REPORTS

The North American Inter-Fraternity Conference recently recognized W&L's fraternity system for "contributions and efforts to advance the fraternal movement," according to an Inter-Fraternity Council press release.

The award, the first time the IFC has been nationally recognized by the NIC, was in part due to fraternities' promotion a safer campus social climate.

Past alcohol-related activities include last academic year's grant to host two Alcohol Summits and the formation of Generals Advocating Safe Driving.

W&L's fraternities are also involved in community service, sponsoring or participating in a local winterization project, a Holiday Decorations Contest for Montessori School, the annual Lip Synch fundraiser for Students against Rockbridge Area Hunger and a golf tournament to benefit the American Cancer Society.

"I'm excited for our Greek leaders," said IFC Advisor William "Burr" Datz. "They have generally been working hard to make positive contributions both on and off campus, and it's reassuring to be recognized by such a prestigious organization such as the NIC."

The North-American International Conference has four hundred national members, including W&L.

Young shares military past

BY CATHERINE GUY
W&L LIFE EDITOR

You know, it really tickles me the way students react to things. After we confiscated this one kid's beer bong, he asked me 'Come on, man, weren't you ever in a fraternity?' And I said 'My fraternity was the 716th MP Battalion in Saigon, Vietnam.'

Director of Security Mike Young is one of the few and the proud Vietnam Veterans working on Washington and Lee's campus. He joined the US Army at the age of 19, and was stationed in Saigon, a city of three million people the size of Roanoke.

"I was the same age as you (students), just in a different situation," Young said.

Young served as a military police officer in the 716th MP Battalion. In that capacity, he protected Americans and their allies, particularly Australians and New Zealanders. He and fellow MP's did "second tier" work: traffic control, backup and building security.

Young had agreed to serve a one year tour from 1967 to 1968. Three weeks before he was due to return home, however, plans changed with the Tet Offensive. The Viet Cong had laid siege to Saigon, a

city that until then had been considered safe. The Viet Cong attempted to capture the American embassy and other American-controlled buildings.

His battalion resisted them, becoming the "only Military Police Battalion ever to engage in combat with an enemy," Young said. Thirty-seven men were lost in the first 30 minutes of fighting, the first losses the battalion had suffered.

Returning home, Young was disheartened by the chilly welcome he and fellow veterans received.

"We were spit on and called names," Young said. "Often, we denied that we had served in the army."

Prior to his military service, Young had studied to become a barber. However, in the 1970s men's long hair led to a decreased demand for barbers. Young decided instead to work as a police officer at the University of Iowa, where he stayed for seven years.

Young then served as police chief of Titon, Iowa, for ten years. After a four-year stint as Rollins College's campus safety director, Young moved to Lexington to become W&L's director of security.

"I love my job," Young said. "The kids are great."

Young adds, "I get up every morning and want to come to work. Not everyone can say that."



YOUNG



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Alumni: How much policy should they dictate?

In a little over one week's time, the class of 2002 will cross from one column in the university's ledger into another, that of the alumni. In the not-so-near future they can expect a slew of solicitations for donations, e-mail updates, pamphlets, letters and other bothersome dispatches.

But can they expect a voice? Surely a Washington and Lee diploma bestows a level of import to a man's word regarding the affairs of his alma mater—much more so than any Johnny-come-lately outsider who thinks he has an honest appreciation of Lexington life.

After all, who could possibly argue that tradition, the mortar that binds together every brick on our fair campus, is guarded better by anyone but our graduates? They provide the governor on the W&L engine, keeping our school's experience uniquely ours. Otherwise, our collective history is as meaningless as students' rights in a Lexington police station.

For that duty alone, alumni deserve our undying respect and gratitude, as well as the administration's listening ear. But that thanks does not behoove the entire community to hang upon their every word.

Consider the fate of coeducation, had it been left strictly in alumni hands. Nearly everyone would agree that the introduction of women has done nothing but improve the overall quality of life and academics. If we thought that women do not have a place on campus, then surely it was a massive folly for the university to bankroll the construction of Sorority Row.

Alumni cannot expect their word to be final, or that in every situation they know what is best for Washington and Lee.

Arriving at a course of action requires an exchange among the alumni, the administration and current students: not a decree issued by a handful of Five-Star Generals, surrounded by wistful memories of "the good old days."

In that respect, the occasional friction between Washington Hall and our alumni paradoxically prevents us from slowing down and sinking into a trough of inertia.

Time for President Bush, Congress to hit the books

Promises fail to pan out as administration flunks America's children

So George W. Bush was "elected" under the slogan, "The Education President." The question is how has he done? Well, I think it's time that Bush got his report card.

Let's just say that I don't think I'd be passing little W. on to the next grade. I think he needs to be held back for at least a year. The problem is, much like many other things with this administration, money. Tax cuts that were too much are pulling money from parts of the national budget that need it the most.

The Bush education budget falls \$7.2 billion short of the targets set by the education bill. The bill was passed with bipartisan support largely because Democrats supported those targets to ensure schools received adequate funding.

However while the bill itself sounded good, Bush's budget cuts or eliminates 57 different education programs, totaling more than \$1.8 billion in cuts.

President Bush visited Milwaukee recently actually speaking about his great bipartisan education bill passed in January. Democrats pointed out that his budget failed the promise of that bill. Bush's budget cuts dozens of programs and falls well short of the funding targets set by the "No Child Left Behind" Act Bush signed in January. So much for campaign promises. America, you got your tax cuts, but at what cost?

Milwaukee Representatives had a few things to say about the President's visit. "I am happy to see the president talking about education and reading to schoolchildren, but the fact is that his rhetoric is not matched by resources in his education budget proposal," said Representative David Obey (D-WI). While Bush was in Milwaukee, Obey showed how Bush's proposed budget eliminates a \$300,000 arts education program in Milwaukee and freezes a \$322,000 after-school program in La Crosse, Wis.

What is even worse is that Bush is receiving a thumbs-down from Politicians from his own state. Congressman Rubén Hinojosa

spoke recently letting his constituents know the problems that have been the result in Washington because of budget cuts. "Last fall my colleagues and I proudly passed the 'No Child Left Behind' Act in a bipartisan fashion. When the bill was signed by President Bush, I was confident that our children and our public schools would truly be helped by the innovative reforms and increased funding in this historic bill," Hinojosa said.

However, he stated that his confidence was only lasted from Jan. 6 of this year when the bill was passed until Feb. 4, when Bush presented his annual budget to Congress. "The President's budget is totally inadequate to fund even the basic programs in the bill." Hinojosa continued, "It does not even meet inflation and contains over \$1 billion in program cuts."

Moreover, here's something that hits a little closer to home for college students like ourselves. It was just last week that the President was temporarily given the cold shoulder by Congressional Democrats in his attempt to abandon government support for student loans. Bush proposed to change students loans from a fixed-rate to a variable rate. The idea was to use the projected savings from these increase in loan payments for "other priorities." Meanwhile, these proposed variable rate loans would be costing college students thousands and thousands of dollars over the life of their loan.

So, sadly, at a time when the green is running a bit short in Washington, the country's educational systems and programs seem to be the ones to suffer. And the point that I am trying to make is the lack of priorities and forethought coming out of the White House is our biggest problem.

We need our leaders to plan for the future, not slash their income just when our country has had some economic success. Like so many things from the Bush administration, it sounded like a good idea at the time. Hindsight is like that.



LEFT OF CENTER
NICK RAMSEY '03

Taxation? Representation?

Democrat bill would work wonders for Washington, nation

May 15: The Capitol was inundated with lobbyists and activists representing the District of Columbia. The day had been declared "No Taxation Without Representation Day," by those who see a disturbing parallel between the status of our seat of government and the thirteen colonies *vis à vis* the government.

Congressmen were being lobbied in favor of a bill by the same name.

Sponsored by Eleanor Holmes-Norton and Joseph Lieberman, the "No Taxation Without Representation Act," would place a moratorium on the collection of federal income tax from Washington, DC, residents until the district is given representation in Congress.

I must admit, this is a great idea! Not because the district should have representation; it is constitutionally prevented from having any. This bill is pure genius because no one who *does* have representation in Washington should have to pay income tax, let alone those who don't. Moreover, creating a tax-free zone would set an incredible example for the nation and do wonders for Washington.

Firstly, imagine what will happen to property values when Washington becomes the East Coast's own Monaco. The rich and well-to-do will flock to Anacostia and Capitol Heights seeking to claim residence and relieve themselves of income tax. What better way could there be to cure the blight and poverty that plagues our nation's capital?

Secondly, the tax-free zone would show what the power of strong economic incentives can do for an economy. With his 1981 and '83 tax cuts, Ronald Reagan proved to the nation what miracles an economy produce when its consumers and producers are given the proper incentive. If given free reign to keep any and all of what he might earn, imagine the effort a D.C. resident would achieve, given passage of this legislation.

I did not think the day would ever come when I would congratulate Joe Lieberman on his perspicacity and

courage, but the No Taxes Act is a real winner. Let's hope it gains some traction and a Republican sponsor or two.

In other news, Friday afternoon, as a few of we Washington Terms were headed to the Holocaust Museum, we were prevented from using the sidewalk that runs directly in front of the White House's South Lawn and were sent across a field towards the Washington Monument.

A small crowd had gathered in the field and we too stopped to determine what the fuss was about.

Serendipitously, we were just in time to witness the President's arrival onto the South Lawn in Marine One, his helicopter. You wouldn't think that getting the landing in person would be very exciting (everyone has seen it on television dozens of times), but the majesty of the arrival seen in person, even from a distance, proved to be a highlight of the trip.

Interestingly, when the show was over, we saw three helicopters headed back towards Andrews Air Force Base. Apparently, Marine One was accompanied by at least two decoys. It's good to know that W. is safe.

A final note on my trip to the Holocaust Museum. If you're ever in Washington, make an effort to go. It certainly isn't uplifting or cheery, but is a very powerful experience. The museum route traces the history of the Nazis' rise to power and the progressive removal of rights, from not only Jews, but trade unionists, the handicapped, gypsies, and other "undesirables."

Next, one sees a detailed recounting of the tactics used to isolate and exterminate the Jews. Using simple items such as confiscated shoes and luggage, as well as complex recreations of the Auschwitz gas chambers and graphic video footage, the true horror of the Holocaust.

If nothing else, the museum tour put in proper perspective the petty disputes that seem to consume Washington. Politics can be about very important things, but so often isn't. Now that our generation is at war, we, too, must stay focused.



DISPATCH FROM THE DISTRICT
BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

Letter to the Editor

The following letter was sent to campus news outlets, and it is this paper's policy to acknowledge it as an Opinions piece.

University must disclose Safe Place to alumni

Dear Editor,

Should students who are approaching graduation be told that when they become alumni they will no longer be fully informed about events on campus?

The W&L Safe Place program is a case in point. This University-sponsored program to promote the acceptance of homosexuality on campus has not been described to W&L alumni. Neither the monthly e-mail news bulletins to alumni nor the quarterly Alumni Magazines have described the Safe Place program.

Despite repeated requests that W&L alumni be informed about the Safe Place program, neither the President, you, the Director of Communications, the EC, the Director of Alumni Programs, nor the W&L Board of Trustees have been willing to act.

Students are aware of the lively opinions expressed in campus publications about the Safe Place program, but W&L alumni are being deliberately uninformed about this program. Does the Administration feel that the Safe Place program is too controversial for alumni, especially in the midst of a fund-raising campaign?

Is this censorship good for W&L? The alumni are the University's largest financial supporters; do they not deserve an honest reporting of campus developments? Surely a University is above all a place for the free exchange of news and opinion? How can we take ourselves seriously as a University when an officially-sponsored program is hidden from a large part of the W&L community? Is this a mature attitude?

Finally, if news of the Safe Place program is unbearable to the largest and most powerful part of the W&L community, its alumni, at what point must we ask if it is unbearable to the University?

If the Safe Place program can only survive secretly on campus, does it deserve to exist at all? Can an institution like W&L, which values honesty, hide a program because it may be unpopular to some? Should we not demand the truth?

The alumni and future alumni deserve more than expedient political secrecy about the Safe Place program. They deserve honesty from the W&L Administration.

Sincerely,
David A. Keeling '73

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"ALPHA GOT SCREWED AGAIN!"
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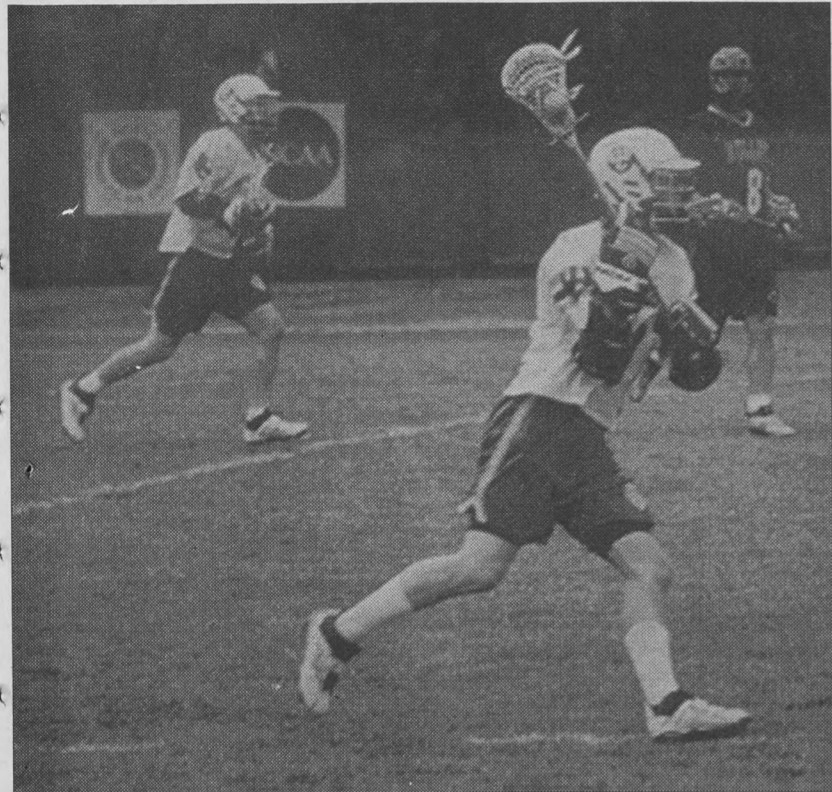
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Gettysburg ousts Generals from postseason play



MARY GUY/The Ring-tum Phi

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The trio of Tim McGinnis, Ric Bremer and Pete Milliman finally put a stop to what Hampden-Sydney and Washington College could not.

McGinnis made 20 saves in goal and the senior duo of Bremen and Milliman totaled 12 points to key a 12-8 victory in the NCAA Division III Semifinals and put an end to the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team's magical run through the playoffs on May 18.

"I think we played well, but lost to a very good team who played a very good game," sophomore attackman Matt Fink, who scored four goals in the defeat, said. "Their goalie is incredible and he'll probably be a First Team All-American."

Coach Mike Cerino agreed with Fink's assessment, calling McGinnis "probably the most dominant player in Division III right now."

The top-ranked Bullets started the game with a quick goal 39 seconds in, but Fink evened the score with 10:55

left in the first quarter off an assist from freshman Gavin Molinelli.

From here, the Bullets shot back with three straight goals to seize a 4-1 lead. Fink put W&L back to within two by scoring the final goal of the quarter off an assist from sophomore Rich Williams.

Both teams scored once in the second quarter, with sophomore midfielder Dustin Martin scoring for W&L. The officials called off an apparent goal by Molinelli, that would have cut Gettysburg's lead to 5-4, because a W&L player was in the crease.

Gettysburg broke open the game in the third and fourth quarters with seven unanswered goals.

"We came out strong and they just put a bunch on us in the third," senior attackman Andrew Barnett said. "Things just seemed to snowball from there."

Cerino agreed with Barnett, but also felt the Bullets' run is deceiving.

"We weren't able to capitalize on our opportunities and that really hurt us. We outshot them, eight to six, in the third, but we couldn't put them away," the first-year coach said.

"Most people would say we had a rough third quarter, but in reality we were controlling play. We ran into a goalie who had a career day."

In fact, McGinnis stopped five of the Generals' eight shots in the third quarter after making 10 saves in the first half.

The 12-3 deficit, however, did not end W&L's hopes. The Generals mounted a furious comeback, scoring the final five goals of the game, but it was too little, too late.

Fink scored two of the final five goals to lead the Generals' attack. The game was an appropriate finale to the first-year starter's season, as he finished as W&L's top scorer with 45 goals and 15 assists.

"I was just shooting the ball really well on Saturday," Fink said. "On my first two goals the shots hit the pipe and went in so I knew I was shooting the ball well."

Cerino felt Fink's performance capped a fine season of improvement, saying that "the nice part about Matt's game is that he developed as the year went on. He helped us control possessions, he improved his dodging and

became a more complete attacker.

"As the rest of his game grew, he found himself getting more opportunities."

The game marked the third time the men's lacrosse team has reached semifinals play. None of those trips ended with a victory, but expect this team, a squad no one expected to get this far, to change that in the future.

"Everyone was counting us out throughout the season," Barnett said. "We had lost our coach, many talented seniors, and we were starting a very young group, but everyone seemed to step up. We were a 'true' team and everyone had to contribute everyday for us to be successful."

Fink, who will form an integral part of next year's team, expects a bright future for the Generals.

"I think at the beginning of the year we felt we were in the shadow of last year's seniors, but now we know we can play with and beat the top teams in the country," he said. "I look forward to keeping up the level of play from this year and advancing further in the tournament next year."

Proko, Hatley garner All-America honors

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

In addition to leading the Washington and Lee women's tennis team to a third place finish in the team competition, junior Erika Proko and senior Melissa Hatley earned All-America honors after advancing in the individual singles and doubles competitions.

Proko, the No. 4 seed in the singles tournament, started her run to the semifinals on Monday by defeating junior Laura Beduhn of Gustavus Adolphus in the first round and then knocking off Amherst freshman Rachel Holt in the round of 16.

Proko then proceeded to exact revenge on Emory's Margaret Moscato in the quarterfinals, grabbing a 6-3, 6-1 victory on Tuesday morning. Moscato had defeated W&L freshman Lindsay Hagerman to remove the Generals from the team competition on May 18.

"The win over Moscato had a lot of personal meaning to me, after she threw us out of the team tournament," Proko said. "I definitely had revenge on my mind."

Proko's run through the individual tournament ended when she ran into top-ranked and defending champion Elena Blantina of Methodist in the semifinals. Blantina, who eventu-

ally defended her singles crown, defeated Proko 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

"I was pleased with my play against Blantina," Proko said. "I came out on fire and didn't miss hardly anything in the first set. Her game is exceptional though, and I couldn't keep it up for the second and the third."

In the doubles portion of the tournament, Proko teamed with Hatley to finish in the top eight.

In the round of 16, Proko and Hatley defeated Rochester's Joanna Toke and Rachel Sandler, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

The win advanced them to the NCAA Division III Quarterfinals, where they were pitted against Emory's Mary Ellen Gordon and Anuisha Natarajan, the defending national champions, on Tuesday afternoon.

The loss gave Proko and Hatley a doubles record of 25-6 on the season, a record that helped them garner All-America honors.

For Hatley, the tournament also marked the end of her memorable four-year career.

"Erika and I had a great year playing doubles together," she said. "Being able to play together for the past two years gave us the experience we needed to succeed in doubles play. Being out on the court with her was a wonderful way for me to end my collegiate career."

Women's tennis seizes 3rd in nation

Generals drop heartbreaker to Emory, rebound to defeat Trinity (Texas)

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

On May 18, the Washington and Lee women's tennis team seemed poised to reach the NCAA Division III Championship match. Emory, however, slammed the door on the Generals' chances in semifinal play.

The Eagles used a big comeback by Margaret Moscato at No. 2 singles to seize a 5-4 victory over the Generals (22-3) and earn the opportunity to face Williams College for the national title.

The Generals started the day in the hole by dropping two of three doubles matches. Senior Melissa Hatley and junior Erika Proko lost at No. 1 doubles to the defending national champions in doubles play, Mary Ellen Gordon and Anuisha Natarajan.

Senior Manning Willard and freshman Lindsay Hagerman earned the sole doubles victory at No. 2.

"Lindsay and Manning had a great tournament at doubles. They lost a close one (in a match against Pomona-Pitzer in the quarterfinals),

but for the most part got our only doubles victories," coach Cinda Rankin said.

Rankin felt that the Generals faced a tough obstacle by getting off to a slow start in doubles, but also stressed that the team was more prepared for singles play.

"The 2-1 deficits in doubles are very tough to overcome, but the kids played well in singles," she said. "We seemed to be much stronger in doubles during the middle of the season, in late March. We put more of an emphasis on singles play later in the year and it showed."

W&L split the singles matches, with Hatley, junior Laura Bruno and Willard winning at No. 3, 4 and 6 singles respectively. In Hatley's win, she overcame a 4-1 deficit in the third set to seize victory.

"I knew that I had to win my match for the team to win," Hatley said. "I think that I just wanted to win more than my opponent and was not willing to leave the court until I had accomplished that."

Moscato ended W&L's run,

though, by coming back from the brink of defeat to beat Hagerman 6-7 (7-1), 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Hatley noted the intensity of her teammates during the loss, saying that "everyone fought so hard during that match. I don't think I've seen a team want to win a match more during the 4 years I have played."

The Generals bounced back from the defeat the next day, beating Trinity, 5-4, to wrap up a third place finish.

Great singles play paved the way for the win, with Hatley, sophomore Liz Law, Bruno and Willard all easily winning their respective matches from three through six in two sets.

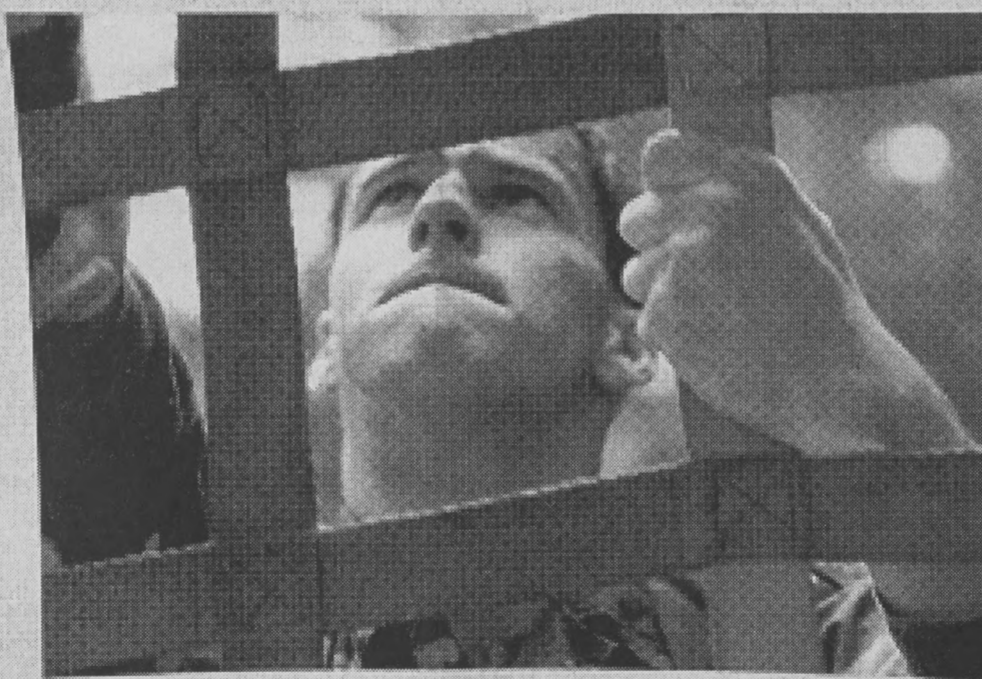
Rankin felt proud of the way the team came back from a heartbreaking defeat.

"I was very proud of the way we came out and got after it. Immediately after Emory, the team really wanted to go out and finish the season with a win. The pride and determination, the conviction, were all there," Rankin said. "It makes a coach very proud."

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Ring up one more for Mentz

BY MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

When athletes of such high caliber like volleyball player Lindsay Ruckert, tennis players Melissa Hatley and Erika Proko, or cross country and track runner Burke Duncan populate Washington and Lee, the choice for top female athlete would seem tough.

But very few athletes rack up the statistics and accolades that senior Jessica Mentz compiled during her final season as the starting forward for the Generals.

The first W&L player to ever be named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Mentz also garnered Virginia State Player of the Year honors and earned a spot on the All-South Regional first team.

For her numerous accomplishments this season and her tremendous importance to the W&L women's basketball team, it is with great pleasure that *The Ring-tum Phi* sports staff has chosen to name Mentz as the Female Athlete of the Year.

According to Mentz's coach, Janet Hollack, part of her star forward's success has come from her ability to play above her size.

The 5-foot-9 Mentz "is not as tall as a lot of forwards, but she used her head to get in position and get the rebounds," Hollack said.

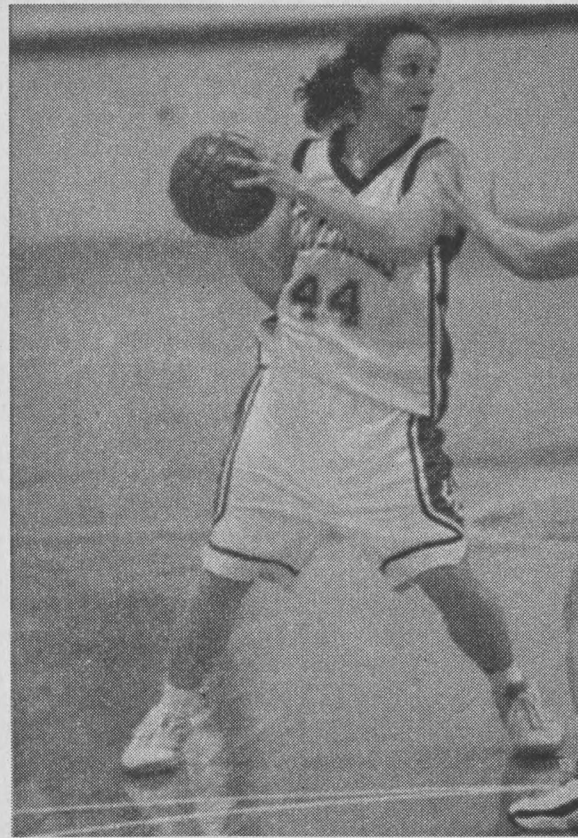
And grab the boards she did. Mentz led the league in rebounding with 11.8 per game and also holds W&L's school record for career rebounds with 973.

This is all the more impressive when you consider that she played most of her minutes with senior center Megan Babst on the court. Babst, at six feet, grabbed 10.1 rebounds per game.

Mentz was also second in the league in scoring this past season, at 20 points per game, and holds W&L's career scoring record with 1,742 points.

Mentz broke 21 school records in her W&L career on her way to becoming the most decorated women's basketball player in school history.

The barrage of postseason awards mirrored the way Mentz battered opponents in the paint during the season.



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DEEP FOCUS: Senior Jessica Mentz stood tall for the Generals all season, leading the team in scoring and rebounding. Mentz graduates with 21 school records to her name.

In addition to the aforementioned honors, she was the first W&L women's basketball player to be named an NCAA Division III All-American, landing on the honorable mention squad.

To Hollack, these awards came as no surprise. "Jessica put in the work to earn all those accolades. She came in often on her own to work with me, and that helped her game as well. She had a great work ethic, and is a wonderful player," Hollack said.

Sullivan proves 2 sports are better than 1

BY MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

It takes a lot to compete at the intercollegiate level. Time, passion and patience are a few qualities of the consummate athlete.

Junior Chris Sullivan is one of these athletes, as he is able to participate and excel in two varsity sports.

The Ring-tum Phi sports staff is pleased to name Sullivan the Male Athlete of the Year.

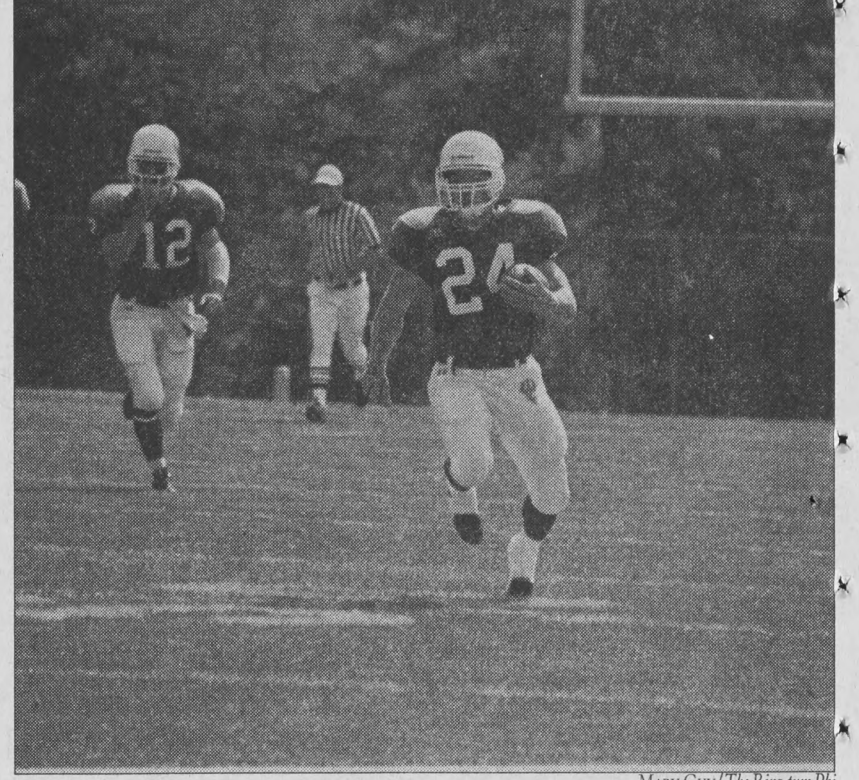
Sullivan began the year on the gridiron. Sharing the offensive load with senior Marc Watson, he was named to the NCAA Little All-America third team as an all-purpose runner.

Comprised of players from NCAA Division II and III teams, he was only the second W&L player to make that team.

Sullivan led Division III with 2,024 all purpose yards this season, averaging 202.4 yards per game. He rushed for 1,189 yards and eight touchdowns on a school-record 253 carries, caught 27 passes for 268 yards and another touchdown, and returned 19 punts and 13 kicks for 204 and 347 yards, respectively. Sullivan was named to the All-State First Team, All-ODAC First Team, and the All-South Regional Third Team.

Football coach Frank Miriello had nothing but good things to say about Chris.

"He's a wonderful player. He brings a lot to the table - he's got speed, he's tough and quick, and he really loves to play the game of football. He loves to push himself to the limits and



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RAMBLE ON: Junior Chris Sullivan ran past a wide array of opponents in 2001, rushing for 1,189 yards. Sullivan also captained the track team in the spring.

he's a competitor - you can see it in his eyes," Miriello said about his team captain.

Sullivan also had a great year on the track team. He was selected to the 2002 Verizon Academic All-District III College Division Track and Cross Country team on Thursday afternoon, capping a stellar year in which he won the long jump at the ODAC championships, with a leap of 21 feet, 11.25 inches.

He also took second in the 100-meter dash (11.20 seconds), fifth in the 200-meter dash (23.55 seconds) and seventh place in the javelin at the outdoor meet.

"He was our captain, our top sprinter and long jumper," track coach Norris Aldridge said. "He owns the indoor long jump record at W&L, set last year. He's been a great leader and a consistent performer for all three years."

Coach of the Year makes immediate impact for Generals

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

When Jim Stagnitta parted ways with the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse program last fall, he left the program in a precarious spot.

Stagnitta provided stability to the program for 12 years and strengthened the fine lacrosse tradition ingrained into W&L history.

The Generals also faced the graduation of five All-Americans from a squad that finished 14-1: Matt Dugan, Pope Hackney, Pete Iwancio, Bernie Norton and Wes Hays.

Luckily, the athletic department found a coach who knew a thing or two about lacrosse to ensure that 2002 was not merely a "rebuilding" year.

For leading his team to a 14-4 record and returning W&L to NCAA Division III postseason play, *The Ring-tum Phi* sports staff has chosen to name Mike Cerino the Coach of the Year.

Cerino accepted the honor by first emphasizing the foundation that Stagnitta put into place before he arrived.

"There was a winning attitude in place when I took over from Coach Stagnitta and his staff. The guys were used to being in the postseason and used to being competitive," Cerino said. "We just needed to build on that with this young group."

"But any time you get a new coach, you get a fresh start. What was exciting for some of these new guys is that they were getting a clean slate, regardless of what happened in the past. I think that helped energize the team early on."

Senior Andrew Barnett emphasized that Cerino was able to win over the entire team with his personality and style.

"People believed in his system and what he told us. He instilled a sense of confidence in us and the team atmosphere that helped us be successful," he said.

Cerino shined in the middle of the season by dwelling on the positives and pushing his players to the last second of each game.

He pointed to this season's first game against Hampden-Sydney, an 8-5 loss, as a clear example of his ability

to improve his team's focus and determination.

"We kept shooting, kept playing, scored a late goal and I even called a timeout in the last minute to show them that it wasn't over until the final second," Cerino said. "I think that led into our next game at Sydney (an 8-3 win), when we came in with great focus and really wanted that win."

Sophomore Matt Fink praised Cerino's positive attitude, saying that "he allows you to play your game and always lets you know when you do something right."

Both Barnett and Fink felt that a key to this team's success was the way Cerino adjusted strategy to fit every player's strengths.

"Coach's style is to encourage team play and it allowed a team like this, with no real superstars, to get so far," Fink said. "He really plays on everyone's personal strengths so that everyone helps the team in a different way."

Cerino, however, acknowledged his dependence on two able assistants, Ricky Matthews and Jason Rife.

Cerino already knew Matthews as a player when the then-senior captained Cerino's Division II Limestone squad to a national title in 2000.

"Ricky brought intensity and an attitude that championships are won daily in practice and before the season even starts, in offseason conditioning," Cerino said.

Cerino also valued Rife's work as a box coach and his intensive film preparation.

"Rife brought a real balance to this team. It was the first time in a while that I had an assistant who I hadn't worked with in the past, so he was a breath of fresh air for me," he said.

Don't expect Cerino, however, to rest on any laurels. He already plans to take W&L, a team younger than his 2000 championship team, to the next step next year.

"I think this team can do a little more off the field, with weight training and conditioning," he said. "It's a big jump to that title game and it takes a lot to get over that last hurdle."

And he should know best.

Lux offers breath of fresh air

BY MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

It is always tough as a freshman athlete to move up in the ranks of the varsity teams in the shadow of upperclassmen.

Some freshman athletes, though, exceed all expectations. Jennifer Lux, the freshman setter on the volleyball team, impressed all observers of Washington and Lee athletics with a superb rookie campaign, including coach Bryan Snyder.

"She took over as our setter as a freshman, and that's a very difficult position because the offense runs through her on every possession," Snyder said. "She's got a tough serve, she's a great defender, and is an all-around great player."

The recognition surprised but pleased Lux.

"It definitely comes as a surprise and an honor," Lux said. "I was really excited to play here as a freshman. I play volleyball because it's a team sport, and I love

this team. We get along very well."

Lux was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year and earned a spot on the Second Team All-ODAC squad.

She had a stellar year by setting a new school record for season assists with 1,186. Lux was third on the team in service aces with 54 and a hitting percentage of .311.

In a victory against Roanoke on October 3, she posted 49 assists, 19 digs, six kills and five blocks. She consistently recorded 30 assists per match.

She helped the Generals to a conference title, which gave W&L an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. There, they beat sixth-seeded Christopher Newport, but lost to Emory in the South Regional Semifinals.

With the success of this season, Lux understandably expects victories next season, when she enters her second year running the offense.

"I was very excited with our success this season, and we've been working in the off season, so hopefully next year will be just as successful," Lux said.



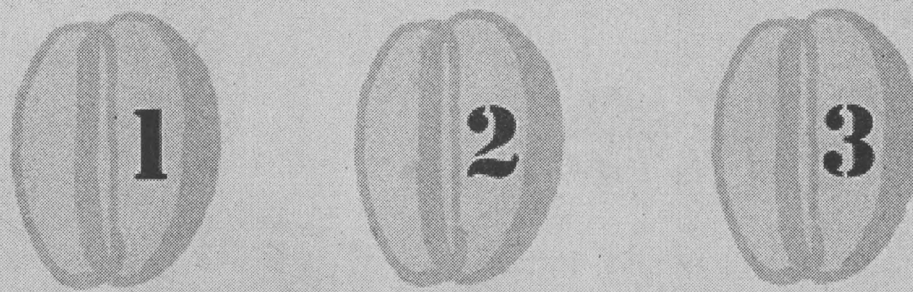
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