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Tuition increases expected to be higher this year than in past

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN
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Tuition increases have been common in recent years at Washington and Lee. In the 2002-2003 academic year, tuition was \$21,000 and, then it jumped to \$23,295 this year. "There are three sources of revenue for the university," said Steve McAllister, Vice President for Finance, "endowments, gifts and tuition."

There is a policy that dictates endowments. The policy shapes how much can be drawn to preserve long term purchasing power. Gifts are reasonably predictable. The annual fund stands between 4.4 and 4.5 million dollars. Washington and Lee expects that amount to grow annually by 3 percent.

Tuition has the flexibility to meet the university's needs. "Expense on the university is

personnel driven," explained McAllister, "Almost 70 percent of the budget goes to personnel."

This is to preserve and improve the student/faculty ratio. Also, the university wants to hire the best possible faculty and retain them. Administrative salaries also have to increase because huge inequities in administration are bad.

"We want a good all-around staff. Salaries must increase every year," commented McAllister. Market conditions plus capital costs such as building upkeep and interest expense cause tuition to increase.

"Tuition is relative to the marketplace," said McAllister.

University officials believe we are just as good as the other top 24 schools in "US News & World Report's" rankings. They want to stay competitive in that group. Washington and Lee has one of the lowest tuition rates in the top 25.

McAllister said that tuition cuts have been made at schools with enrollment pressures. They reduce financial aid and discount tuition. Washington and Lee does not have tuition pressures. The marketplace has allowed tuition movement upward, but eventually it will get too high. Washington and Lee has been increasing aid at a faster rate than it has been raising tuition over the past ten years.

There has been widespread speculation about a 25% tuition hike that McAllister denies.

"Tuition has not been set for next year. I do not see a 25 percent increase in tuition," commented McAllister. The University has never explored the option of raising tuition for everyone to 25 percent.

Washington and Lee will increase faculty over the next four to six years for faculty course load reduction. Tuition increases also go to fund

projects such as the Elrod University Commons, significant renovations to Reid Hall, and the Fitness Center. Also benefiting from higher tuition are more interdisciplinary programs and greater international studies. The Campaign for the Rising Generation can't meet all these needs alone.

The tuition for next year will be set in February. "It will not be a 25 percent increase, but it will not be a two or three percent increase either," stated McAllister. It will be in line with the increases from years past, but a little more accelerated. The University has been looking at tuition increases to continue to improve academic programs.

"One option was a large tuition increase only for incoming freshmen, but I do not see that on the table. There is not a desire to do that to freshmen," said McAllister. No options have gone beyond the finance committee. How the calendar issue evolves will probably affect the tuition matter.

Students can receive alcohol treatment without fear of sanctions

BY ELIZABETH ECKMAN
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Washington and Lee's policy on alcohol states that a "conviction of an alcohol or drug related violation of the law" is grounds for the application of the three-strike system. A first strike includes mandatory alcohol education counseling, a significant fine, and parental notification. A second strike receives mandatory education and counseling, another fine, and the possibility of a suspension. A third strike is basis for dismissal from the university.

Few, however, are aware of the University Health Center's policies on alcohol use and abuse. As dictated by their policies, seeking help from the Student Health Center for alcohol related problems will not result in parental or University notification. The Health Center operates as a medical facility and follows the guidelines of the Fam-

ily Educational Rights and Privacy Act. FERPA protects the confidentiality of student education records unless the student gives authorization to release those records.

Dr. Jane Horton, the Director of Health Services at the Health Center said, "We are a health care provider. It is important that there is never negative action with regards to treatment because of confidentiality concerns. These records are not reported anywhere except to the doctor providing treatment."

With regards to alcohol, the Health Center uses the following procedure: for a first time visit with an alcohol related problem, the student is given an AUDIT, or Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test. This test contains ten questions regarding the history and behavior of the student's use of alcohol, including the frequency of drinking, family history of alcoholism, and behavior while under the influence. The

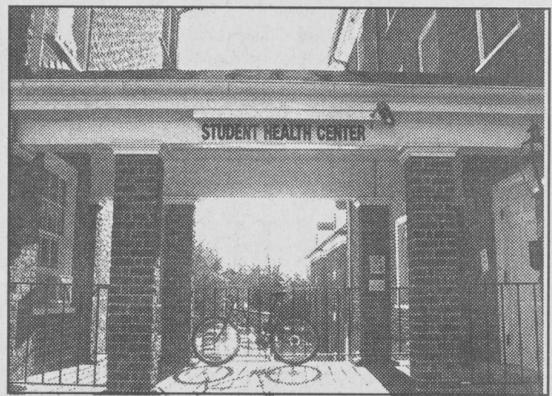
student also has a one-on-one conversation with a doctor regarding the AUDIT. If the doctor gets a sense that the student's behavior is abusive, the doctor may recommend an online alcohol education course and counseling. "For the doctor to recommend counseling the first time a student visits the Health Center is very rare," said Horton.

The second time a student visits, however, the doctor will strongly urge the student to take an alcohol education course and seek counseling. "This is an expectation of mine, that the student take such action, not a requirement. It is voluntary treatment," said Horton. If a student refuses treatment and continues in such self-destructive behavior, the doctor may require the student to meet with the Dean to discuss required administrative withdrawal for non-academic reasons. According to university policy, if "there is a sufficient showing that the student is en-

gaging in behavior that presents a real danger of substantial harm to self or others," a student may be required to withdraw.

This policy is only used in extraordinary circumstances, such as ongoing substance abuse or addiction. "This is where the university would get involved, because the Health Center cannot meet the needs of the student if the student is refusing treatment for abuse. For instance, if a student is getting into fights brought on by alcohol or is injuring others, it oversteps university policy. Extreme alcohol abuse is an emergency situation and requires the involvement of other people," said Horton. Such action is "invoked rarely."

Dawn Watkins, Dean of Students, said, "Any visit to the Health Center for alcohol related problems has nothing to do with the university's policies on substance abuse. We



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encourage students to seek care for alcohol problems without fear of administrative action." The only other time that parents may be notified of an alcohol incident is if the student is taken to the hospital because the student's parents are billed for treatment. "If this is the case, it is best for the student to contact their parents

prior to receiving the bill. We encourage students to do this and will also help make the phone call with them. Or, we can provide the proper channels to have the student billed and not their parents. Again, sending a student to the emergency room is a case where the Health Center is not equipped to meet the student's needs," said Horton.

Lexington has low voter participation

Republican Ben Cline wins local House of Delegates seat with 65% of vote

BY ANNE BANKER
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Voters turned out Tuesday, November 4th for local elections in both Rockbridge County and the City of Lexington.

In a number of races, the results produced an interesting mix of triumphant incumbents and prevailing newcomers.

Republican Del. Ben Cline secured his seat representing the 24th District in Virginia's House of Delegates for the second consecutive year. He defeated his opponent, Independent Eric Sheffield, with 65% of the vote.

Dick Minnix, Secretary of the City of Lexington Electoral Board, remarked that this race received the most local attention.

"Ben Cline vs. Eric Sheffield has sparked the most interest since they are both local folk," he said. Minnix also noted, however, that last year's race between Democratic candidate Mimi Elrod and Ben Cline was even more contested.

"There was much more interest with more than 50 percent voter participation for Lexington voters," he said. This year voter participation in Lexington did not even reach 30 percent

Issues in the Cline/Sheffield delegate race revolved around taxes, healthcare, education, I-81 and environmental concerns.

Another successful Republican incumbent was Emmett Hanger, Jr. He retained



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Campaigning. Delegate Ben Cline at a campaign function earlier this year. Cline won a whopping 65% of the vote last Tuesday.

his seat representing the 24th District in the Virginia Senate by defeating Democratic challenger Steven Sisson. Hanger won with over 66 percent of the vote.

Hanger plans to continue tax reform initiatives and intends to advocate farmland protection. In addition to a number of other committee positions, the senator currently serves on the committee for Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources.

The Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors had five seats open for election on Tuesday. Independent Carroll Comstock ran unopposed in the South District, making only four of the races contested.

Monty Fix defeated incumbent Nancy Stagner for the Walkers Creek District in a surprising victory. Newcomers to the Board also include Democrat Mack Smith who defeated Carl Newcomer in the Buffalo District and

Independent Harvey Hotinger who barely defeated opponent Rusty Ford for the Kerrs Creek seat. Incumbent Maynard Reynolds held on to his position in the Natural Bridge District by overcoming challenger Lannie Ballard.

The same issues continued to resurface in all four of the races. The Buffalo and Kerrs Creek districts both dealt with the question of drawing new businesses and industries to Lexington.

Another popular topic was the proposed extension of sewer lines to the northern end of the county. Tax reduction also received attention from candidates.

Minnix predicted that voter participation for Rockbridge County would be higher than that of Lexington due to some of the "hot contests between the Board of Supervisors."

His predictions were right: Rockbridge County had a voter turnout of 43 percent

UVA. professor speaks about African lit

BY KAELA HARMON
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Washington and Lee's department of Romance Languages invited literary expert Kandioura Dramé to speak on campus last week. Dramé is the head of the French department at the University of Virginia but is also an expert in African Literature.

His talk last week titled "The Baobab in the Grain: Ken Bugul for the sake of love" focused on author Ken Bugul and the influence her novel *The Baobab in the Grain* made on contemporary African Literature.

Dramé started his lecture by giving the audience background on the important role the baobab tree has played in West African cultures and emphasized the fact that the people who live in the regions where the tree is found have used this plants for multiple purposes for centuries. He then wove in how the tree plays a significant role in

Ken Bugul's novel and how the novel made an impact in the literary world. Dramé emphasized the fact that this novel was the first to question the mother/daughter relationship in African literature leading the way into new themes and topics

The lecture was relatively well attended and those who were in the audience enjoyed themselves. Professor Mayock of the Spanish department especially enjoyed Professor Dramé's lectures as he was a professor of hers during her undergraduate years.

"It was really a treat to see him 'back in action,'" she said.

Professor Kamara, who organized the entire visit, said, "I was pleased with the event. The turn out was not bad at all." He also stated that he was "in the process of searching for funds for a colloquium on African literature and film" and that he was looking forward to continued support from the school.

Mock Convention plans continue

BY STEVE LAMB
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This year's Mock Convention has attracted over 1600 participants.

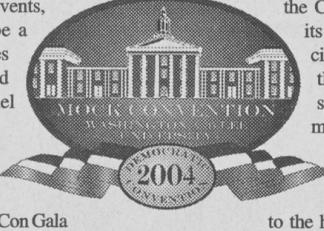
While many state delegations have already hosted their own parties, the Convention's first major event of the school year will take place this coming Friday, November the 14th. The largest of Mock Convention's social events, The Presidential Gala will be a memorable evening that "serves a dual purpose of fundraiser and kick-off party," said Personnel Chair Jacquelyn Clark.

Clark, along with Mike Baker, Abbey Harding, and countless others, have all worked hard to make the Mock-Con Gala the unforgettable event it promises to be. At the state level, fund-raising efforts thus far have focused primarily on private donors. The convention plans on receiving support from the Five Star Generals, a designation given to only the highest level donors. In addition to the Gala and private donations, the Convention hopes to organize some type of

fundraiser that will take place in Washington, D.C. The event will most likely be held in November or December and will draw on the many Washington and Lee alums and supporters in the D.C. area.

Virginia's push-back of its primary date to February provides the Convention with an excellent opportunity to attract all the major Democratic Party candidates to speak at the actual Delegation in January. The Mock Convention expects that the Candidates support-building visits to the Commonwealth will coincide with the Convention, giving them a viable reason to spend some quality time at the nation's most storied Mock-Convention.

The 2004 Mock Convention is shaping up to be a fantastic event thanks to the hard work of over four hundred W&L students who have logged countless hours to make the Convention a reality. According to senior Mike Denbow, working on the Convention provided him with an unparalleled experience, "It has been great working with all the different personalities and it could never have been done without them."



Endowed professorships help retain outstanding faculty

BY KAELA HARMON
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Washington and Lee is on a mission to guarantee students a well-rounded educational experience. In order to do so, Washington and Lee must be able to retain and attract outstanding faculty members. Endowed professorships or chairs allow the university to do just that.

An endowed chair is a gift of at least \$1.5 million given to the school usually in honor of an alum. Often, the gift is given with the stipulation that it be awarded to a faculty member who is an expert in a specified field. According to Provost Williams, once the gift that creates an endowed

professorship is received, the University will do one of two things.

The award will "serve as recognition and reward for some of our most distinguished faculty" or, if the award is for an area of study not yet established on campus, a new professor will be sought after to start a new program. Such is the case with Professor Luecke of the J-School who was hired as a recipient of the Reynolds Professorship in order to establish a program in business journalism.

As the money that makes a professorship is not enough to fully cover a professor's salary, the money goes in to the salary pool as a whole. Instead of re-

ceiving a lump sum of money as a salary, the recipient of the award will see the raise that comes with the award in their salary and will receive an annual discretionary fund.

Along with the fact that endowed chairs help the university financially, recipients of the awards have the honor of bringing prestige to their department and as a whole serve to make Washington and Lee a more reputable institution.

Dean Peppers of the C-School noted, "endowed professorships are used to lure top scholars from other institutions." Often, those who are offered endowments are awarded automatic tenure. Professor Jeans, who holds the chair for

the East Asian Studies Program, observed that along with the prestige of receiving an endowment comes "pressure to continue to do good work," saying "I should continue to research and write so I can deserve it."

Such pressure motivates professors to stay abreast of the happenings within their field, thus making them more effective educators.

Currently, there are seven endowed chairs in the Law School. The C-School has six held by full-time professors and one held by a professor who retired from full-time teaching. The College has 17. The English Department has the most endowed professorships, with three, while Math, Re-

ligion, Journalism and Physics all have two. Sociology/Anthropology, Psychology, Philosophy, History and Art each have one.

There is also the chair set aside for the East Asian Studies interdepartmental program. Recently, the university started a campaign called *For The Next Generation* that considers increasing the number of endowments as one of its primary goals.

Through this campaign W&L is hoping to bring in \$15 million in endowed professorships and \$6 million for the Law School. The hope is that if the University can use more gift money to go towards salaries, the school can use the money that frees up for other projects and programs.

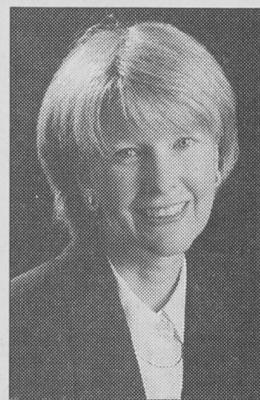


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Pam Luecke holds the Reynolds Professorship. The administration wants more such endowments

Students failed to attend the information meetings about calendar decision

BY CATHERINE SWAN
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In an effort to keep students informed about the status of the calendar discussion, the University held two information sessions in Lee Chapel last week.

EC President Helen Hughes and University President Tom Burish delivered statements on the discussion's progress, while Provost Tom Williams was on hand to help answer student questions.

"The current calendar, if maintained, is going to be modified," said Hughes during Thursday night's session. Exactly how the calendar will be modified is an issue that has yet to be determined.

The calendar decision is now solely in the hands of the trustees. Due to the complexity of the issue, the trustees were unable to make a decision during their October meeting. President Burish indicated that their decision will be based on finances.

Under a 14-14 calendar fewer classes are needed to graduate than under a 12-12-6 calendar. Thus, there is less of a financial burden on the University to finance as many classes. The trustees have a responsibility to look at the costs of each calendar, as well as the money available when making a decision.

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HELEN HUGHES
EC PRESIDENT

Burish also elaborated on the many other factors the Board is taking into consideration. They take into account how many new faculty and staff would need to be hired under each calendar, and also what extraordinary expenses the University expects to occur in the future, such as renovations to the colonnade. They also consider what implications increased financial aid and class size could have.

No matter what kinds of changes take place, Provost Williams said that current freshmen were the only class that could see a new calendar implemented while they were at W&L.

The more profound calendar change that is made the longer it will take to implement, thus there is also the possibility that no current students will still be at W&L to experience a calendar change. The board is committed to making a decision by the end of the academic year, and hopes to make the decision during their February meeting.

Despite student opinion in favor of spring term, few students actually attended the information sessions to show their support. Monday night's session had approximately 15 attendees, while Thursday night's session had about 25 in attendance.

"I came because I thought if I didn't come I would have no right to complain about the possible absence of spring term," said Ellen Lide.

Campus Hidden Heroes

Phi spotlights Senior Joanna Perini for her contributions to service on campus

BY CATHERINE SWAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This week's Hidden Hero is Joanna Perini, a senior who utilizes her many leadership qualities in her activities. Perini describes herself as "dedicated, passionate and outgoing, but a complete goober at the same time."

She is a psychology and public policy double major. Perini had her mind set on the public policy major because she felt it was a good combination of politics and economics, plus she could incorporate the Shepherd Poverty Program into her studies. She took Brain and Behavior freshmen year and enjoyed it enough to major in psychology as well.

Most notably, she is the head of the Nabors Service League. She has worked with Nabors since her freshmen year, and was asked to be president this year. Perini stresses that community service is an important aspect here, and that programs like Nabors help to foster programs and get projects under way.

Perini's activities are certainly not limited to this. Aside from playing lacrosse since freshmen year, she held an internship at the New York City Department of Correction at Rikers Island over the summer.

Joanna says that the thing she loves the most about Washington and Lee is the sense of community. She mentions that even though it is somewhat cliché, she believes that it runs even deeper than most students realize: "the grounds crew, security, secretaries... everyone plays a part in the community, and that's what makes it so special," she says.

Her favorite classes during her time at Washington and Lee have been very diverse ranging from Intro to Poverty to Money and Banking. As her un-

dergraduate career winds down, she hopes to attend law school. Right now she is currently looking for teaching fellowships, where her two degrees will surely come in handy.

Perini's advice to other students: get involved, with anything and everything you can. She is a prime example of the diverse activities one can be involved with at this school—she urges that we look past our little comfort zone and discover what is out there.



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Hidden Hero. Joanna Perini is active and humble

Greek organizations help philanthropies

BY PATRICIA BALLANTYNE
STAFF WRITER

The philanthropic aspect of Fraternities and Sororities may not receive much attention, but it exists and is growing stronger.

The Owings Service Initiative, headed by Kate Talbert and Patrick Hasting, seeks to help organize the fraternity philanthropies.

"I had the idea to do something organized through Nabors Service League that would provide a more active incorporation of Community Service in pledgship," said Hastings.

The Owings Service Initiative has a list of several local philanthropic projects. They meet with the philanthropy chairs of the fraternities to provide them with the options on the list, and then fraternities choose one local philanthropy to concentrate on during pledgship.

Currently, seven fraternities have chosen their community service projects. Kappa Sig will focus on roadside cleanup; Phi Psi will walk dogs; SAE will help Hunters for the Hungry; Sigma Chi will concentrate on the Special Olympics; Pi Phi will aid the Natural Bridge Correctional Facility; Phi Kap will concentrate on

the Literacy Campaign, and Lambda Chi will assist RARO children's sport.

Phi Delta, Beta, and Pika have also shown interest in picking a local philanthropy.

"It's just a matter that fraternities don't know who to get in touch with and how to get it," said Hastings. "We want to make it as easy as possible."

The next step involves extending philanthropy from pledgship into the entire year.

"The Owings Service Initiative is a great way to have pledge classes bond, while doing something constructive for our community," said Talbert. "Ideally, work the fraternity does for their local philanthropy during pledgship will carry over into the regular school year."

Sororities tend to focus on national and local projects. On Philanthropy Night of Formal Rush, every sorority involves freshmen girls in a philanthropy project.

Kappa Delta participates in four national philanthropies: Girl Scouts, Prevent Child Abuse America, Richmond Children's Hospital, and Orthopedic Surgeons Award and helps Project Horizon locally.

Chi Omega assists Make-A-Wish foundation for their national philanthropy. The proceeds for their Haunted House with Lambda Chi on Halloween went to this. They also participate in Walk for a Cure for breast cancer.

Kappa Kappa Gamma does community service at Waddell Elementary and the Mayflower Retirement Home. Their Bowl-A-Thon earlier this year raised money for the American Heart Association, and they began a tradition last year of a 5K run for Neuroblastoma.

Pi Beta Phi is involved with Links to Literacy as they support reading programs at the Rockbridge Regional Library and Waddell Elementary. Their annual Flag Football Tournament held in November funds their donations to Make a Wish Foundation.

Kappa Alpha Theta concentrates their philanthropy primarily on Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). This program appoints lawyers to pick up children.

Recently, they also organized the Pancake Breakfast with Phi Psi and the 5K run with KA to donate to charity.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

No sophomore dorm counselors

Dean Futrell has announced that, this year, the dorm counselor and resident assistant positions will be open to freshman, paving the way to sophomore dorm counselors next year.

Her announced motivation is that most students who leave school do so during the sophomore year. Allowing students to be dorm counselors during their sophomore year, Futrell reasons, will involve them more intimately with the Washington and Lee community and decrease the number of defections.

On face her reasoning is faulty. Will students who are seriously considering leaving W&L apply to become dorm counselors in the first place? Moreover, of those who do, how likely is it that a student so dissatisfied with W&L that he is considering leaving will remain only to fulfill his obligations as a dorm counselor?

Also, does the school really want to place its least enthusiastic students in charge of reassuring recently-arrived freshmen?

In addition, the position of dorm counselor has been traditionally reserved for juniors and seniors because they, simply, have more experience at the school and are more able to counsel uncertain freshman.

Also, sophomores are heavily involved in rush and, unlike, older students would be unable, through no fault of their own, to provide objective, impartial advice to their curious residents.

Dean Futrell, please reconsider your decision and continue to limit the ranks of dorm counselors and resident assistants to well-qualified and time-tested juniors and seniors.

Stem cell research necessary to save lives

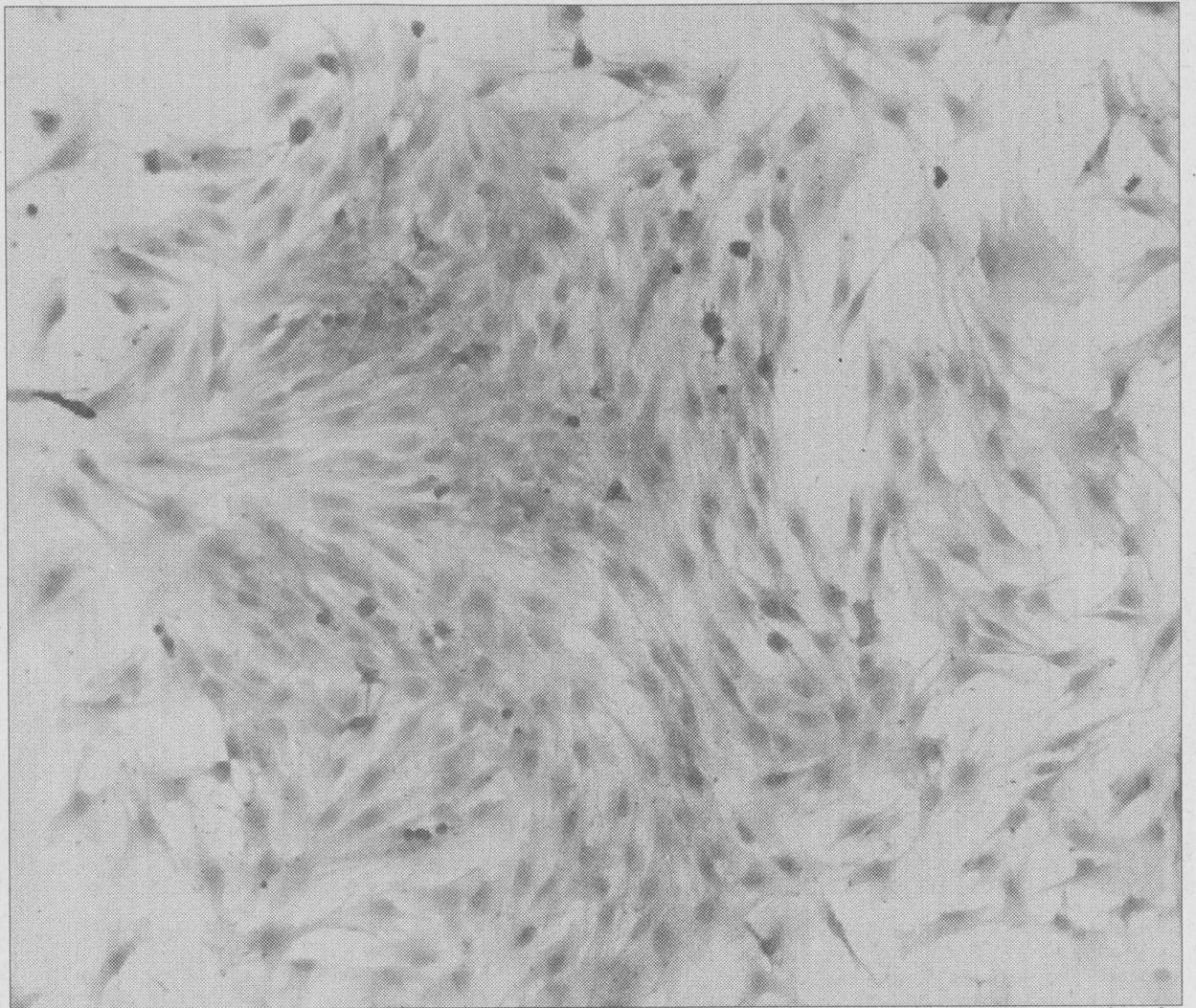


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THIS IS PRO-LIFE. The immense and far-reaching positive impacts that stem cell research could provide will far outweigh the negatives, if there even are any.

Science and technology are wonderful and amazing things. No one who has benefited first-hand from this can argue any differently. Today, the state of things is a far cry from the days when the practice of medicine was associated with "bleeding" the evil humors out of people, evaluating a patient's prognosis in terms of omens and favorable signs, and believing germs were nothing more than a fanciful notion. At the same time that cancer and other diseases seem to be growing more common, so that you are hard pressed to find someone that is not personally affected by it in some way, medicine is also developing more advanced methods of treatment. Every week, there seems to be a new breakthrough or "medical miracle" in some field. The entire human genome has already been mapped, scientists are discovering what genes make a person more susceptible to getting cancer or other diseases, and promising new medications are constantly being developed. Nothing should stand in the way of science, if it has the ultimate goal of saving millions of lives. Stem cell research has to be funded and given top priority; otherwise a very valuable tool is going to waste.

Morality should always be questioned in new practices. Otherwise, things could quickly get out of control. Cloning has serious implications, and it is a practice that is correct in being halted and monitored. But stem cell research should not be lumped into the same category. For some basic background: stem cell research involves growing cells from human or embryonic stem cells into a stem-cell line so that they can be studied. Through researching them, scientists can see how healthy cells replace damaged ones which could eventually lead to the real possibility of generating cell-based therapies. Stem cells are different and more beneficial to the field of medicine than regular cells, because they are self-renewing for long periods of time through cell division and can be altered into functioning like a beating cell of the heart

muscle or an insulin-producing cell of the pancreas. Embryonic cells are the most promising. When a couple has problems with infertility, embryos are created and stored for in vitro fertilization. The vast majority of these will never be used and are eventually discarded or lose their potential. They have only been studied since 1998—so this is a new and very promising field that could eventually cure or more effectively treat diseases like Parkinson's, diabetes, and heart disease.

The valuable use of embryonic stem cells for research is almost viewed today as similar to abortion. Yet, even abortion, (a much more severe and questionable act), is allowed during the first trimester of a pregnancy and in cases where the health of the mother is endangered. But think how many mothers and people in general, stand to benefit from stem cell research. And even though I would probably agree with the idea of giving a life to save millions, such is not even the case with embryonic research. The practice in no way destroys a potential life; for it would only use those no longer needed. If it is acceptable to let embryos go unused wouldn't be even better for scientists to use them responsibly in a way that could conceivably benefit millions?

Man must adapt to the times, and technology should always be given free-reign to lead the way. Think where we would be today if medical research had not been funded along the way. And think where we could be in the very near future if our country would properly fund and support such a valuable opportunity as stem cell research. Let's not let an imaginary issue of morality stand in the way of progress. Support Michael J. Fox and look out for the future of yourself and those you care about. We may not be able to wipe out disease entirely, but we must do everything in our power to help control and treat it.

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Quote of the Week

"Three months ago, Governor Dean was saying what a Democratic principle it is to have campaign finance reform... Now, Mr. Change-Your-Opinion-for-Expediency is saying, 'Oh, I'm now able to raise money. Maybe we should get out of the system.'"

~Senator John Kerry (D-Mass).

Gov. Dean is opting out of public campaign funding to allow himself to spend unlimited funds.

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Quiet please, some of us are trying to study

"Every action done in company ought to be done with some sign of respect to those that are present." This is the first and, I think, most important rule in George Washington's 110 Rules of Civility yet it is one people often neglect. On Thursday night, my study buddy decided to study in one of the booths in the marketplace. I love studying here because it is cozy, comfortable, and most importantly, peaceful. However, Thursday night lacked the last element. Everyone was studying diligently until a conversation erupted and created a noisy downfall from that moment on. First one male individual from behind us finished his studies and decided to leave, but he also decided to make a pit-stop at the booth in front of us and carry on a regular conversation at a normal volume. This negligence got a little under my skin.

But the night did not end here. It got worse. My study buddy then politely asked the two gentlemen to quiet down because people were studying, which they did for 5 seconds. They then resumed their conversation at the same volume.

Then the next table down of four people decided that it was time to take a study break and started to talk freely, loudly, and profusely; and laughed and giggled in the same manner as if there was no one else around, as if there were not other individuals in the room focusing on their studies. This did not stop, despite the glares we often gave them along with the other poor individual trying to focus

on her work. Just when I didn't think things could worsen, a new duo arrived at the chatting club and rather than studying decide to laugh and chat as if this was a nightclub rather than a space where people were working. In the meantime, my study buddy and I are still whispering to each other, though I don't know for what reason.

These individuals (whom I hope are reading this piece and recognizing themselves) clearly disrespected the studying space occupied by the other individuals. What they did was rude, obnoxious, and incomprehensible. How is it possible to see three people reading intently into their books and not discern that maybe they're trying to concentrate? It only takes context clues, something we learned in elementary school, to understand the scenario.

And now I am brought back to another incident last month at the Leyburn Library. I was sitting peacefully in the library in my little carrel, meticulously studying for a journalism class, when I hear a cell phone ring at what I'm sure was the highest volume level.

But I wasn't annoyed since I know that people forget to turn their ringer or put it on vibrate, but that feeling of understanding quickly diminished.

Next, the female student proceeded to carry a conversation on her telephone in the library, in her carrel. I know I lack common sense, but this action brought the expression of "having no common sense" to a newer and

higher level. I was speechless. I was just shocked that this would happen in a place where I assumed every student had good manners. Call me naïve.

This negligent behavior is simply put, annoying. It is infuriatingly annoying. In these two scenarios, the behavior didn't result in detrimental consequences because I had the courtesy to cool my temper, but in another situation, the outcome may not have been so mild.

Lack of social grace in business atmosphere may cost a business client or leave you ostracized. Regardless, you will forever be known as the obnoxious loudmouth who needs a muzzle.

Being loud when others are quiet exhibits several unappealing traits about an individual. I've already touched on the rudeness factor so I won't elaborate on that any further. You appear self-centered because you are trying to draw attention to yourself by your loudness. You appear to be inconsiderate because you have obviously ignored the comfort of those around you by imposing your loudness on them. You also appear foolish because you are misjudging the situation around you. So I just urge everyone to please practice consideration in your surroundings and use your intellectual skills to observe the people around you and analyze how people are behaving. If people are obviously studying, then take your conversations to a social place where most people are talking. As I wrote last week, appearances do matter. And none of us want to appear to be obnoxious.

TRAIN OF THOUGHT TRAN KIM '05

Womens' soccer heads to regional fight with dominant ODAC championship play

BY KATHERINE SHELL
 STAFF WRITER

Last Wednesday, the W&L women's soccer team beat Lynchburg 1-0 in Lexington to advance to the ODAC finals. On Saturday, they defeated Virginia Wesleyan 2-1 to win their second straight ODAC crown and qualified to play in the NCAA Division III Tournament for the second time in W&L history.

In the semis, W&L and Lynchburg played a tight first half to a scoreless tie. Ten minutes into the second half, however, Generals forward Kerry Giblin '06 scored on a failed clearing attempt by the Hornets. W&L held onto the win, despite being outshot 12-4, with the game ending in a 1-0 score. Key in the Generals' ability to hold off a potent Hornet offense was junior goalkeeper Emily Barker who made 3 out of her 4 saves in the final minutes of the game.

W&L's victory over top-seeded Virginia Wesleyan in Norfolk came after the Generals connected twice in the first half to open up a 2-0 lead. Heather Rogers '06 scored off an assist from Anne Wiltshire '07 and Rebecca Cohn '07 scored off an assist from Fontaine Marcoux '04. The Generals came out flying in the first half, out shooting the Marlins 8-1. It was Virginia Wesleyan, however, the seventh ranked team in the nation that came out blazing in the second half, out shooting W&L 10-1. However, they were unable to get a goal by Barker until less than 10 minutes left in the game. The Generals' defense, led by Barker, who made 8 saves for the game, was able to hold on to preserve the win. The victory for the 18th ranked Generals enabled them to avenge their only loss of the season. They will enter postseason play with a record of 15-1-2.

After the game, Giblin commented, "We played really well together as a team, which is what has gotten us through this season." The Generals hope that it is this team chemistry that will carry them into the NCAA tournament. The location, time and opponent in the first round will be announced later this week.



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CHAMPS. Freshman Anne Wiltshire takes on a defender in the Generals' successful ODAC championship bid.

Men lose in ODAC final to top seed Virginia Wesleyan

BY JOHN HYLAND
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

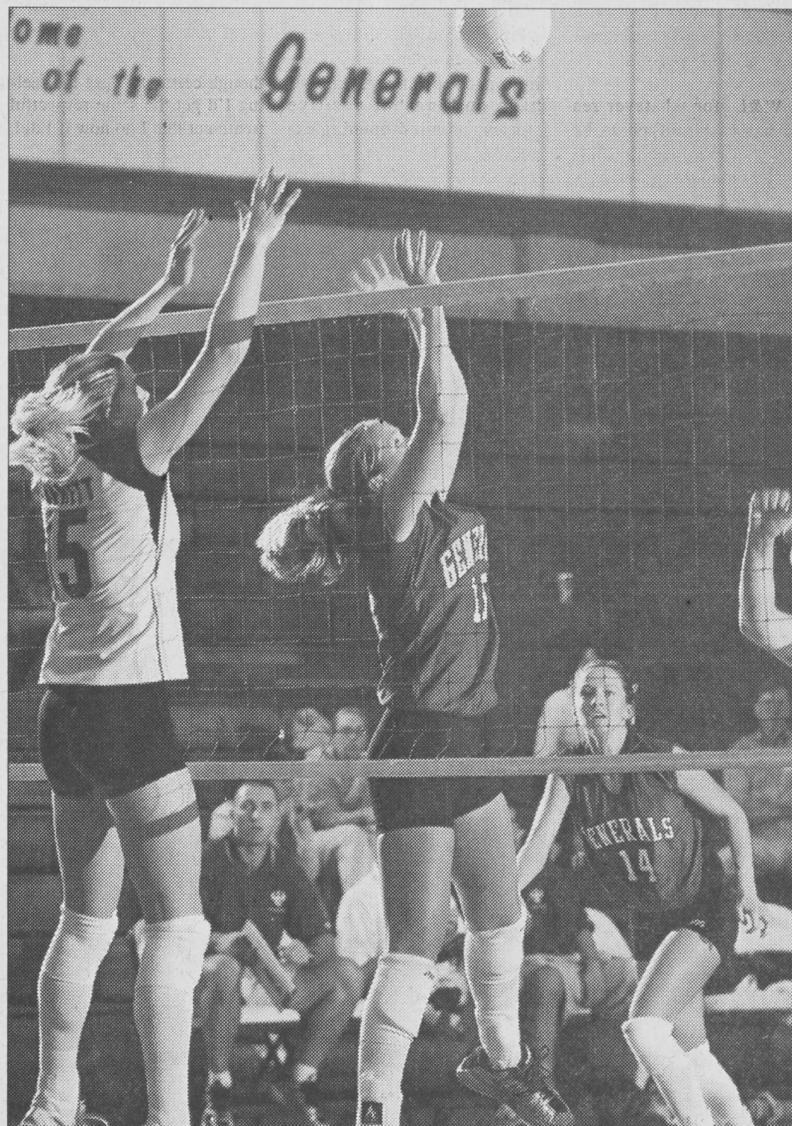
The W&L men's soccer team lost in the ODAC tournament finals on Saturday night, dropping a 3-1 decision to host and top seed Virginia Wesleyan. A win would have guaranteed the Generals a birth in the NCAA tournament but instead their season concludes with a 7-6-4 overall record.

The Generals reached the finals after besting sixth seeded Guilford in the semifinals on Friday. W&L opened up the scoring when junior midfielder Justin Mygatt found the net on a break away 33 minutes into the game. The Generals extended their lead early in the second half on an unassisted tally from freshman midfielder Rhett McCraw. The Generals seemed to be cruising on their way to the finals until the Quakers got on the scoreboard off of a penalty kick with just 15 minutes to play in the game. Just five minutes later, Quaker forward Brett Ralls headed home a shot that beat Generals goalie Michael Stanton to tie the game at 2. The score remained tied at the end of regulation and through overtime as the Generals were unable to connect on their three shots on goal. The game entered penalty kicks just as it had in the Generals quarterfinal upset of second seeded Roanoke. Once again, W&L prevailed, this time winning the PKs 6-5. Stanton's stop on the Quakers final attempt sealed the game. The sophomore made four saves on the day.

Virginia Wesleyan entered the final with a 15-3 overall record and a number 23 ranking nationally. They ousted Randolph-Macon in the semifinals with a decisive 4-0 victory and had defeated the Generals 2-0 in their regular season meeting. The Marlins seemed poised to win the championship but were unable to capitalize on any of their seven first half shots with Stanton making two saves. The Marlins came out on fire in the second half, scoring twice in the first ten minutes to secure a 2-0 lead. The Generals cut the lead in half when Mygatt headed home junior forward Brian Pirkle's corner kick just ten minutes later. Pirkle finished the season as the Generals leading scorer with 18 points on 8 goals and 2 assists. However, the Marlins sealed the victory on Kelvin Murray's breakaway goal with 3 minutes left in the game to give his team a 3-1 decision. Murray contributed in every Marlin goal, finishing the game with two goals and an assist. Virginia Wesleyan controlled much of the game, out shooting the Generals 14-6. Stanton made 4 saves in the loss.

Despite coming up short in the finals, the Generals ended their season on a very positive note. They barely qualified for the conference tournament after losing five of their six games and entering the tournament as the seventh seed in the eight team tournament. After the game, junior midfielder Josh Grahe commented, "we played a great team today but we peaked at the right time and played our best in the tournament." The Generals will carry that positive play into next season when they return virtually their entire team, including 18 freshmen and sophomores, and only lose senior midfielder Jacob Stoehr.

Volleyball captures fifth ODAC title in six years



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

ODAC DYNASTY. The Generals continue their winning ways by once again winning the ODACs.

Generals advance to NCAA South Regionals with dominating ODAC play

BY JOHN HYLAND
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The W&L volleyball team continued their supremacy of the ODAC after capturing their fifth conference title in six years on Saturday. Their victory over Bridgewater in the finals gave the Generals a birth in the NCAA tournament.

En route to the finals, the Generals dominated eighth seeded Virginia Wesleyan in the quarterfinals on Friday night, on scores of 30-24, 30-18, 30-17. W&L was led by junior outside hitter Emily Wolfing, who tallied 12 kills, 5 digs and 4 aces and sophomore Christine Gladysz, who contributed 33 assists and five aces. The Generals once again cruised to victory in the semifinals on Saturday morning, ousting fourth seeded Roanoke 30-21, 30-19, 30-22. W&L was led by sophomore middle blocker Susan Gilliard, who recorded 15 kills, junior outside hitter Michelle Chastain added 13 kills and 12 digs. Gladysz added 37 assists, 14 digs and one ace. Bridgewater entered the finals as the third seed after falling to the Generals 3-1 in the regular season. This match would prove to be much harder than W&L's previous tournament victories. In the first game, the Eagles hung tough before falling 30-28 but were able to bounce back in the second game to win 30-23. With the score tied at one, the Generals demonstrated the dominance that allowed them to finish undefeated in conference play. They took the third game 30-23 before cruising in the decisive fourth game, 30-14. In the finals, Gilliard had 13 kills and 3 blocks and Wolfing added 12 kills, 18 digs and 2 aces. Gladysz once again paced the Generals with 46 assists, 3 blocks and four aces. She was named to the all-tournament team along with Wolfing who was also declared the tournament MVP.

W&L will enter the NCAA tournament with a 34-3 overall record after receiving votes for the national top 25 in the latest poll. As third seed in the South Region, the Generals will face Averett on Thursday at Trinity in San Antonio, Texas.

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Tuesday, November 11	Wednesday, November 12	Thursday, November 13	Friday, November 14	Saturday, November 15	Sunday, November 16
• Open	• Open	• VB vs. Averett at Trinity--TBA	• VB at Trinity--TBA	• VB at Trinity--TBA • FB vs. Greensboro--1:00 • Cross Country at Regionals--11:00 • Riding at JMU/BC--TBA	• Open

Field hockey season ends with ODAC tournament loss

Team falls to Eastern Menonite, 5-0

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

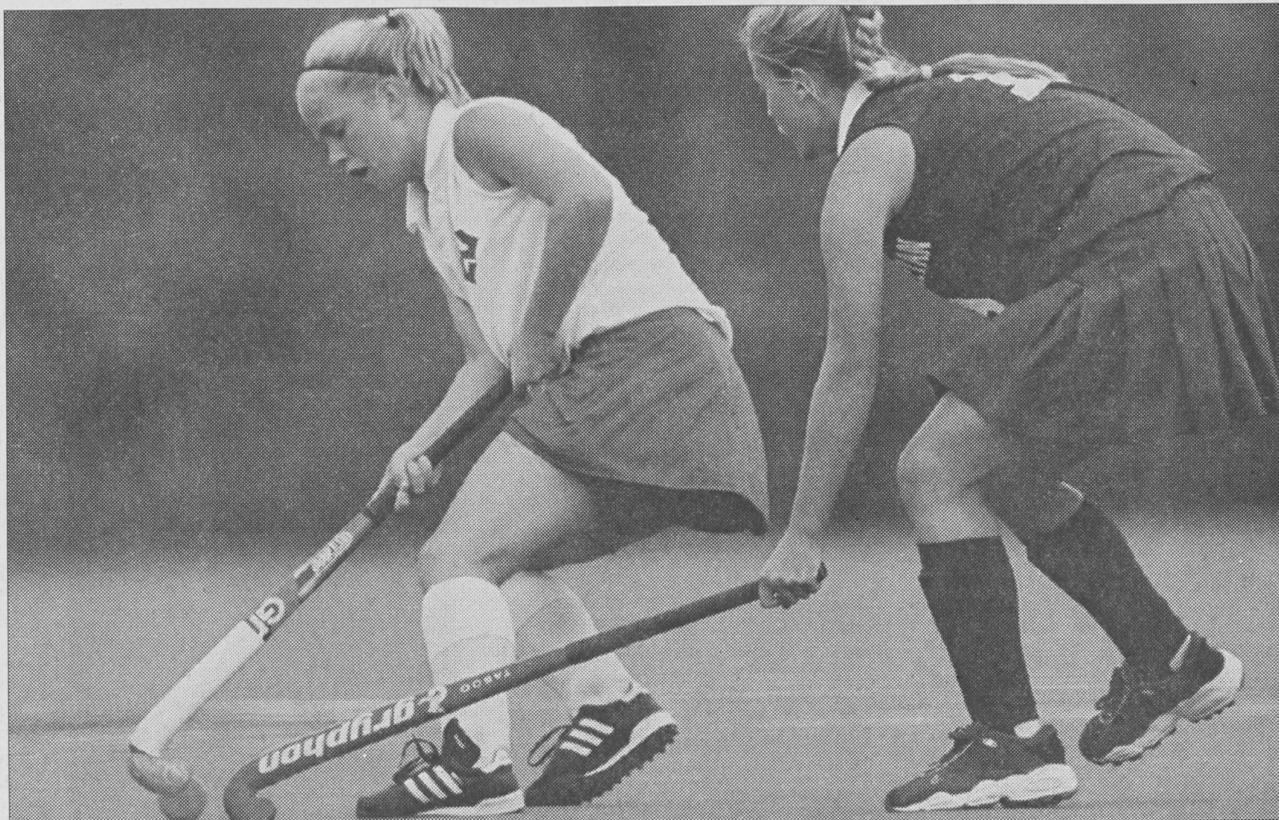
NORFOLK, Va. — The third-seeded Washington and Lee field hockey team wrapped up the 2003 season on Friday, as the Generals fell to second-seeded Eastern Menonite University, 5-0, in the ODAC tournament semifinals, at Virginia Wesleyan.

The Royals (16-3) took a 2-0 lead into half-time and added a trio of goals after the break to extend their lead. Senior forward Kristin Moyer led Eastern Menonite with a goal and a pair of assists, while sophomore forward Jonalyn Denlinger led Eastern Menonite with two goals.

Sophomore Courtney Harrison (Richmond, Va./Collegiate) and Elise Gelinias (Rosemont, Pa./Agnes Irwin) split time in the Generals (10-9) goal. Harrison made 10 saves while Gelinias made one save.

Freshman Emily Chamelin played all 70:00 minutes for the Royals, making three saves.

The Generals finished the season with a 10-9 overall record and a 6-3 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.



NO GOAL. The Generals bowed out of the ODAC Tournament Semifinals with a 5-0 loss to Eastern Menonite University.

COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

Swimming earns a pair of victories at Catholic

W&L SPORTS RELEASE

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams earned a pair of victories over Catholic on Sunday. The Generals' men's squad defeated the Cardinals 123.5-81.5, while the W&L women's squad edged Catholic 103-102.

The Generals men's team (3-0) was led by freshman Michael Ginder (Jacksonville, Fla./Episcopal). Ginder emerged as the only W&L multiple individual event

winner on the day with top honors in the 200 Free (151.81) and a first-place tie in the 100 Free (48.89). He also teamed up with senior Eric Ritter (Birmingham, Ala./Mountain Brook), freshman Benjamin Accinelli (Dubuque, Iowa/Hempstead) and senior Drew Catanese (Southampton, Mass./Suffield Acad.) for the winning 400 Medley Relay (3:46.49).

Ritter also won the 200 Back (2:01.26), while senior Paul Laraia (Houston, Texas/Memorial) hit

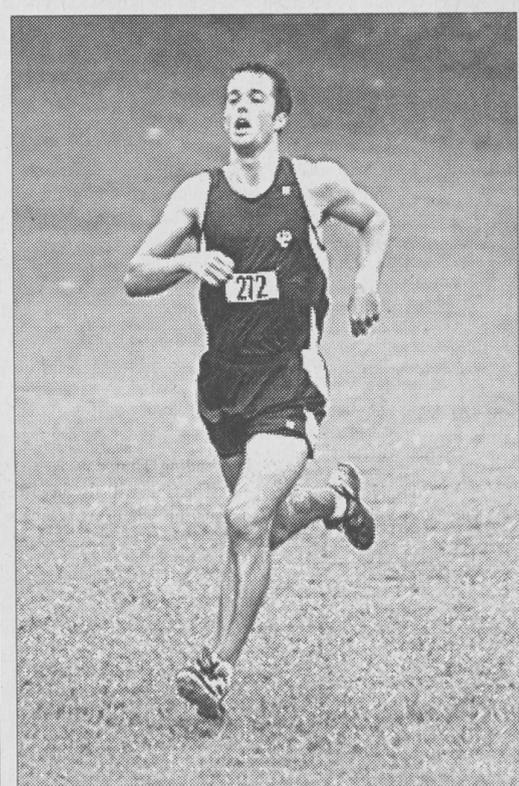
the wall first in the 200 Fly (2:08.92) and teamed with freshman Kevin Hayes (Mercer Island, Wash./Mercer Island), sophomore Reed Evans (Greensboro, N.C./Greensboro Day) and freshman Maxwell Pike (Goldsboro, N.C./Wayne Country Day) for top honors in the 400 Free Relay (3:30.87).

On the women's side the Generals (103-102) started the day top honors in the 400 Medley Relay when sophomore Keturah Akida (Vincennes, Ind./Lincoln),

sophomore Beth Sauer (Reisterstown, Md./McDonogh), freshman Abbie Sauter (Darien, Conn./Darien) and sophomore Kristine Holda (Strongsville, Ohio/Strongsville) combined for a time of 2:24.14.

Holda also won the 50 Free (26.16) and Sauter won the 200 Breast (2:35.01) to round out W&L's multiple event winners.

The W&L women's team returns to action on Tuesday, Nov. 18 when they host Hollins. Meet time is 7:00 p.m.



COURTESY SPORTS INFORMATION

RUNNERS HEAD TO REGIONALS. On the heels of ODAC Runner of the Year Andy Schorr, the Generals Cross Country teams head to Atlanta, Ga. on Saturday to compete in the NCAA South/Southeast Regional Championships.

Football falls to Emory and Henry

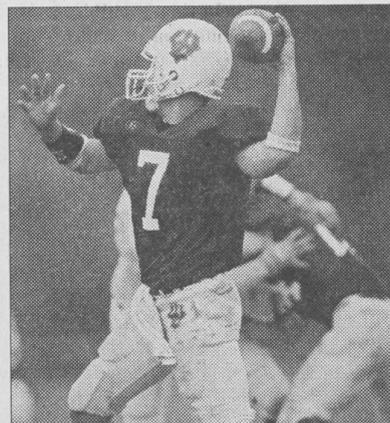
BY CAMERON GARNER
STAFF WRITER

Despite leading 3-0 on an early Ben Long 37-yard field goal, the Generals couldn't come back from Emory and Henry's 34 unanswered points, and lost 34-16. The Generals were out rushed 195-21 and out passed 247-159, even though sophomore quarterback Greg Tweardy was 11-21 for 142 yards and a touchdown.

The Generals created turnovers in the form of an Andrew Bahl forced fumble, a Stewart Swann interception among others, but couldn't convert despite good field position. Fortunately, the offense picked

it up in the fourth quarter, as senior quarterback Peter Dean hooked up with sophomore running back Michael Lockett for a two-yard score. Tweardy found junior wide receiver John Barnwell for an 11-yard score with 4 minutes remaining. The offense looked stronger as the game progressed, but couldn't pull it out in the end.

Defensively, the Generals had trouble containing the run, in spite of a 13-tackle effort from junior linebacker Lloyd Wilson and a heap of turnovers. The Generals drop to 2-7, 1-5 on the season, and return to finish the season at home against Greensboro at 1:00 pm.



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Lexington Police Department 'does their job'

BY JEB BROOKS
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

The following sentence is one of the most important ones you will ever read. If you are stopped by an officer of the law, do exactly as he says. Common sense, I know. But, I frequently saw people ignore police officers just a few days ago during my ride-along with the Lexington Police Department. The experience proved enlightening.

The officers in the Lexington Police Department aren't as awful as they are sometimes portrayed. In my experience, they were nice guys with a tough job to do. I also found that for the police to stop someone, the exhibited behavior had to be egregious. Individuals who were stopped by the police during my time in the right seat were displaying extremely unsafe or disruptive behavior. Officers gave people the benefit of the doubt on more than one occasion.

Here are just a few stories from my incredible experience.

One couple was pulled over after swerving on Nelson Street. The officer administered all of the standard DUI tests, including the Alcosensor.

This machine is the field test, which you should never refuse. The results are not admissible in court and blowing over the legal limit of .08 can only buy you time (during which your BAC is likely to go down) while you are transported to the jail for another test. The test benefited this driver in another way. She blew under the legal limit, but was still not "safe" to drive. Rather than force the couple to walk back to their hotel, the officers would have happily driven their car home for them. Because I was there, I was asked to drive them.

Many residents of Lexington believe that the police target them. The Veemies are convinced that W&Lers get away with murder. The townies think that Veemies can do whatever they please. The law students are convinced that undergrads have all of the fun without any repercussions. Since everyone believes they are being targeted, the police department probably does its job well. In reality everyone receives equal treatment.

Take, for example, a group of law students who were hosting a Halloween party on Friday night. The police followed exactly the same procedure they use to shutdown our parties. When a noise complaint

came in (from the nursing-home across the street), the police issued a warning: if they had to return, the party would be shut down. Sure enough, another complaint came in and the party was over. As the host was leading his classmates out of his house he made a surprising comment. He said, "everybody out, we're not undergrads. We don't get special privileges." Like us measly little undergrads, the law students are convinced that the police target them.

Several students witnessed more evidence of the Lex-Po's kindness after Traveller had stopped for the evening. We were driving down Jefferson Street only to find a large group of students who had gathered at the bench at the War Memorial in hopes of a ride. The Lex-Po came to the rescue. Officer Smith and Sergeant Miller both

happily transported the group to their houses just outside of town.

The Lexington Police Department is made up of some really great guys. I promise you that if you make the effort to get to know them, they'll help you out.

They want to be our friends. Please, let them. Anytime you get the chance to stop and talk to a police officer, just do it. They are a hard working bunch of guys who care a lot about each of us. After my ride-along, I have come to realize that the police truly aren't as bad as we sometimes make them out to be. I promise.

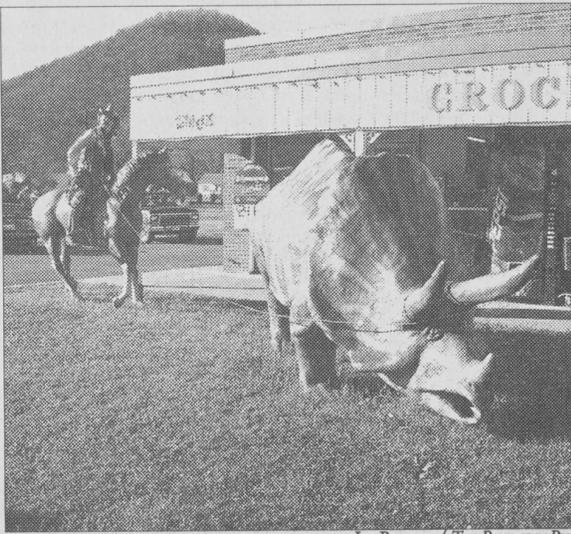
By the way, because of the ride-along, I am now seriously considering a career in law enforcement.

Please let me know what you think about the Lexington Police Department at brooks@wlu.edu.



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TOURIST TRAP



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ROAR. It might surprise many students that dinosaurs are roaming the mountains just a few miles from Lexington. Glasgow, Va. is home to many ancient creatures like this one that the cowboy has captured. A visit to this community just down Interstate 81 will introduce tourists to prehistoric creatures. Calling itself "the town that time forgot," Glasgow is worth a trip to see the many dinos. While you are in that neck-of-the-woods, be sure to check out the many exciting attractions in nearby Natural Bridge.

Bring back future trophy wives club

Would that the Future Trophy Wives Club (FTWC) had been more than a cruel joke. If there's one thing the women of W&L need, it's a support organization to assist them in finding, choosing and attracting the proper mate. The FTWC would fill a gaping hole in W&L student services.

The average W&L co-ed is, no doubt, completely clueless about where to begin finding a husband. Should the doe-eyed woman looking to land a man hang out at fraternity parties or suck down libations in the Palms? Maybe she would have more luck joining the Colonnade Club or batting her eyes at passers-by in the Co-op? How about endlessly climbing the Stairmaster in the Fitness Center or donning her sundress and spending

Saturday afternoons in the stands at Wilson Field?

Naturally, how is a girl expected to know where to begin finding a husband, let alone narrow her search to the most fruitful avenues?

This is where the FTWC can help. The Club had planned to scour the campus for the most eligible bachelors and make these men available to interested women in one, easy to access and understand location. Perhaps the FTWC could publish a catalogue or maintain a website with photos, commentary and a running estimate the bachelors' net worth and anticipated inheritance.

A well-managed and effective FTWC could liberate W&L's women from shadowy fraternity basements and the noisy Co-op. No doubt, campus rates of venereal disease and

sexual assault would decrease since Lady Generals would no longer feel obligated to chain themselves to a can of Natty in frat basements. As an aside, the effects would be negative for the campus fashion police since campus co-eds would be locked in their rooms pouring over the FTWC facebook rather than attempting to attract the wandering eye of frat guys with Lilly prints.

In re: choosing a suitable husband, the FTWC could prove useful in providing curious young ladies with criteria to choose a husband. For example, while Beirut prowess may set one apart at off-campus parties, it should hardly be decisive in choosing one's life partner. An FTWC-provided checklist would clarify for uncertain schoolgirls what to really look for in a mate. Net worth and inheritance would, no doubt, top the list, but

looks (one must be concerned with the children), career and affability would be highlighted above less important factors such as fraternity affiliation and whether one is Southern or not. (Let's be honest, for trophy wives, money matters and no one cares what side of the Mason-Dixon line one was born on.)

Finally, the FTWC would prove to be virtually invaluable in helping hopeful young girls attract the man they have chosen. Currently, an ambitious lass has only so many avenues to pursue before she gains an unsavory reputation. The FTWC would make available to W&L women more options by hosting receptions and arranging dates between desirable suitors and desiring damsels.

All in all, the organizers of the FTWC should really reconsider making the Future Trophy Wives Club more than just a prank.

RIGHT OF THE AISLE BRETT KIRWAN '04

Muslims find Ramadan difficult to obey in Lexington

BY KELLY JO LARSEN
 STAFF WRITER

Imagine if only a hand-full of people around you celebrated Christmas. For example, think of a world in which no one cared about Christmas Weekend or sang Christmas carols. Think of a place where not only did no one ride Christmas trees down the stairs but they didn't even hang up decorations. Think of not going home for mom's turkey, fudge or Christmas cookies.

Currently, Muslim's across

the world are celebrating Ramadan—one of the two major holidays of the Muslim faith. Most people on our campus are probably oblivious to Ramadan and most of us probably don't even know what Ramadan really is. To find out more, I sat down with Elham Mohammed, to find out more about this holiday.

Elham is currently a sophomore working toward a Computer Science major. Her parents are from Eritrea, a country that was part of Ethiopia until 1993, but she was born in Sudan. Living in

Alexandria, Virginia, for the last twelve years, Elham and her family have been active members of the Muslim community and of a local Mosque.

Ramadan is celebrated in the ninth lunar month of every year—this year, October 27 through November 27. During this time, celebrators fast from sun up to sun down. The Muslim day is marked by five prayers, and a person can eat before the first Morning Prayer. Elham points out that during Ramadan "you are basically cutting out lunch." After sun down

and the final prayer, people join together in feasts of celebration.

Since the lunar calendar doesn't line up directly with the calendar in popular use today, the dates of Ramadan can change from year to year. Elham notes that if Ramadan lands during the summer months, fasting becomes much more difficult—the sun comes up earlier and does down later.

A celebration of faith, Muslims during Ramadan strive to live a holy life through not cheating, stealing, or lying and concentrat-

ing more on their religious life than their daily struggles. The end of Ramadan is marked by a huge three day party, known as the Eid. When she lived in Alexandria, Elham celebrated her faith with a large circle of her family and friends and she remembers the Eid quite fondly; she had to miss it last year because Ramadan ended during finals week, but hopefully she will be able to attend this year during Thanksgiving break.

To help explain the importance of Ramadan to Muslims,

Elham suggests that "[to us] Ramadan is like your Christmas." Since there is no Mosque in Lexington, and the closest one is in Roanoke, Ramadan can almost slip people by. Muslim students at W&L face an added challenge of celebrating when no one else even seems to notice. Still, Elham works to embrace her Muslim identity and remember the true meanings of Ramadan. So, if you see her or any of the other Muslim students or faculty on campus, wish them all a splendid and happy Ramadan!

QUICK HITS

- Φ Does a one-legged duck swim in a circle?
- Φ Can we please spring for some Charmin extra soft toilet tissue in the freshmen dorms? That little extra softness goes a long way.
- Φ Thanks to the angels who fold other people's laundry in the freshmen dorms, instead of dumping it in a pile like the rest of you inconsiderate jerks.
- Φ Would the freshman who used the HV line on Helen Hughes please reveal himself? I'd like to bid him.
- Φ Next time the *Phi* covers the men's swim meet, could the photographer get a picture of the men's team? The VMI meet was scored for the men only, you know.
- Φ For any guy who doesn't have a date to the Mock Con Gala: You're about to experience that wonderful W&L tradition, the Snap Date. I guarantee that a few girls you know aren't taken yet. So find them and ask one. She'll be grateful.
- Φ More on the Gala: Tickets are available all this week in the Commons from 10-3.
- Φ Future Trophy Wives!?! If it's a joke, it's really funny; if not, please join me in administering a well-deserved slap.
- Φ Giants of Science face paint: creepy or entertaining? Discuss among yourselves.
- Φ The next person who tries to sneak alcohol into a Traveller van after being told to leave it behind will be reported to the administration
- Φ Why is the Theta house decorated for Christmas before Thanksgiving?
- Φ To: Physical Plant
 Re: Light in the Old SPE House
 Turn off that *&^\$(#light, already! How much electricity has been wasted?
- Φ Carving pumpkins is for elementary school-children, not the Cadavers.
- Φ The most exciting part of any Jasiewicz class is, hands-down, the roll call.
- Φ I don't care what Texans think about their high school football. I'd put the best teams in northeast Ohio, who play in the ice, snow and rain, up against any team from the Lone Star State.
- Φ Clip-on bow ties are no more permissible than clip-on neckties. They both should be reserved for pre-teens.
- Φ Why doesn't W&L have a mascot?
- Φ This past week was the 483rd anniversary of the Stockholm Bloodbath. Doesn't that strike you as a bit of an oxymoron—something interesting happening in milquetoast Sweden?
- Φ Attention SRC: Hire fewer tour guides. Two per time is enough.
- Φ Today is Rutgers' 237th anniversary.
- Φ Freshmen are still wondering: What *did* Phil Walotski do to become the campus pariah?
- Φ Caitlin Mitchel, '05L, derives, in a Samsoneque matter, power from her hair.
- Φ Kudos to all the sorority women for throwing great formals this weekend.
- Φ Shout out to Weebes.
- Φ News from the *Weekly World News*: President Bush is planning to cancel February.
- Φ Does "Jesse's Girl" have to played at every fraternity party on campus?
- Φ Mt. Cook is the highest point in New Zealand.
- Φ E-mail your anonymous Quick Hits to phi@wlu.edu.