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# Ruscio takes office

*Alumnus and former professor is sworn in as 26th president*

By Cody Beauchamp  
STAFF WRITER

Under Saturday's cloudless blue sky with a cool breeze blowing, Ken Ruscio took Washington and Lee's presidential oath of office.

The inaugural ceremony included remarks from many members of the W&L community along with friends and colleagues of Ruscio.

Ruscio concluded the ceremony by addressing the students, alumni, faculty, friends and family on the front lawn of Lee Chapel.

The ceremony, which began at 10:30 a.m., was presided over by Philip W. Norwood, the Rector of the Board of Trustees for W&L, from the class of 1969.

Speaking to the assembled crowd, Ruscio shared some of his W&L memories.

He spoke of his first visit to W&L with his father, a college "he knew almost nothing about" at the time.

"This particular moment would have been far from my imagination then," Ruscio joked about assuming the presidency.

He also talked about being happy to be back to Lexington, having left it and W&L in 2002 to assume the position of Dean of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond.

"This is home," he said, and also said he was "proud to be back."

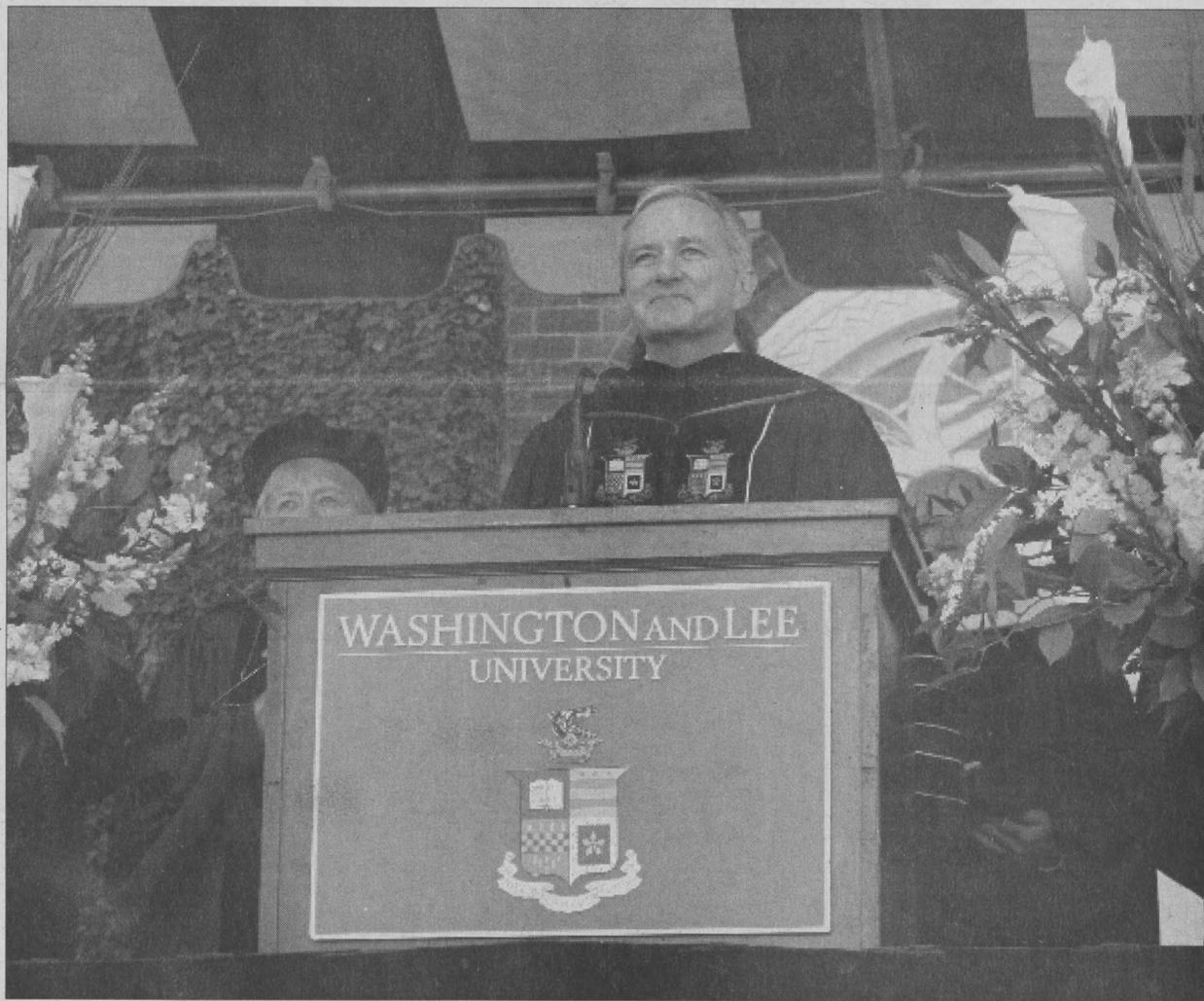
The majority of his speech recalled some of the history of W&L and focused on the values of the liberal arts educational approach.

"It is humbling to consider the legacies of past presidents and consider how I should proceed from there," Ruscio said.

He was accompanied on the speaking platform by five former W&L presidents.

These men included Robert Huntley, who graduated W&L in 1950, W&L law in 1957, and served as president from 1968-1983; John Wilson, who served from 1983-1995; H. Laurent Boetsch Jr. from the class of 1969, who served as acting President from 2001-2002; and Tom Burish, who served from 2002-2005.

Harlan Beckley, who served as acting president from 2005-2006, was also present at the ceremony,



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The newly sworn in President Ruscio delivers his inaugural address to the guests assembled on the lawn outside of Lee Chapel.

electing to join his colleagues in the faculty.

Ruscio spent some time focusing on the way the professional education programs such as business, law and journalism are integrated with the liberal arts approach to education at W&L.

He said they "come together in the best way possible."

Ruscio went on to say he hopes that the university could leverage this quality to become even more of a leader among liberal arts institutions.

The president also addressed the future of W&L, specifically noting upcoming projects to restore the Colonnade, other building projects, and the continued strengthening of the school's curriculum as goals he is looking forward to overseeing during the beginning of his term.

He also spoke of challenges facing Washington & Lee.

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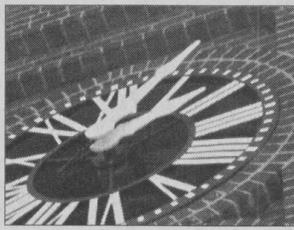
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Above: Professor Kimberly Jew leads the university banners out of Washington Hall during the inaugural ceremony's procession. Left: Junior Courtney Dolaway and other students enjoy the weather while waiting for the inauguration ceremony to begin.

# news



## The future role of liberal arts

Panel sets the theme of Ruscio's inaugural weekend

By Jacob Gelger  
NEWS EDITOR

A distinguished group of educators and alumni kicked off homecoming weekend on Friday with a lively and often humorous discussion of liberal arts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Roger Mudd, a well-known journalist and member of Washington and Lee's class of 1950, led a question-and-answer session with Richard H. Ekman, Elizabeth Kiss, and Pauline Yu.

Yu is president of the American Council of Learned Societies. Ekman leads The Council of Independent Colleges, and Kiss is the president of Agnes Scott College.

New W&L President Ken Ruscio introduced the panelists and said he thought the panel would shape discussion on the W&L campus, not just during the homecoming weekend, but for years to come.

The panel discussed three topics relevant to the role of liberal arts in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Yu discussed the role of faculty scholarship in a student-centered liberal arts university, and Ekman talked about the relationship between professional education and liberal arts.

Kiss concluded the prepared statements by considering how a liberal arts education imparts values and promotes the developments of human intellect.

During the discussion on values, Kiss said that both she and Ruscio often get calls from alumni who want their schools to keep tighter reign on their students' moral behavior. Kiss said one alumnus called W&L asking Ruscio to stop students from having sex before marriage.

The panel agreed that no college or university should exercise that type of control over their students.

Kiss, however, argued that a college could teach and model the values inherent in the education system.

"Ethical inquiry is at the heart of liberal arts learning," Kiss said. "It is inescapable across the disciplines."

She said liberal arts education considers Socrates' famous question of "How ought we to live?" Kiss followed up Socrates' question with one of her own.

"Do we need to have conversations with students about how they live their lives?"

Before tackling the question of morality in liberal arts, the panel

*"A man's word was his bond, and by God I wasn't going to be the one to let [the honor system] languish."*

ROGER MUDD, Class of 1950

first considered the teacher-scholar model at liberal arts schools. Yu said that the teacher-scholar model—where faculty members do both instead of just one or the other—is worth preserving.

After Mudd asked if one person could be both a good teacher and a good scholar, Yu argued that the best faculty excelled at both. She taught at several colleges, including UCLA, Columbia University, and the University of Minnesota before taking her current job. Yu argued that a true teacher-scholar had broad intellectual horizons and knew the past, present, and future of their professions.

"You learn best from someone who is still learning," she said.

Fletcher Lowe, who graduated from W & L in 1954, said that he remembers best the faculty who combined the roles of teacher, scholar, and moral character. His remarks led several alumni to add their agreement to that goal.

Ekman said liberal arts schools benefit from having faculty members who are involved in their students' lives outside the classroom.

Before opening the discussion to questions, the panel considered how the liberal arts fit together with professional education. As the undergraduate journalism school and the Williams School of Commerce, Politics, and Economics continue to grow at W&L, the topic grows increasingly important.

Ekman said it was too easy—but also incorrect—to assume that there is an inevitable conflict between liberal arts and professional education.

"The subjects we teach as liberal arts change over time," Ekman told the other panelists.

Yu said W&L and similar institutions need to see professional and liberal arts as complementary, not conflicting, ideas.

The final question from the audience set the tone for the panel's conclusion. Several people wanted to know how they could best explain the value of a liberal arts education to people in the real world.

One should keep graduating

the students one has been graduating and send them out as testimonials to this model of education, Yu said.

Kiss said many large universities are now mimicking liberal arts schools by creating smaller colleges inside the larger university. Ekman took some time during the post-panel reception to discuss another problem for liberal arts schools: high costs.

"College is expensive," Ekman said, "but most schools work to control costs wherever they can, and schools like W&L raise a ton of money for scholarships."

Ekman said American students graduate with an average debt of \$20,000.

"Is that an unreasonable expense?" asked Ekman. "I would argue not."

After the panel had ended, Mudd discussed the values he took from W&L into his profession.

He served as the congressional and national affairs correspondent and weekend anchor for CBS's "Evening News" before working as co-anchor of NBC's "Nightly News" and "Meet the Press."

Mudd said W&L's honor system was the most valuable thing he took away from his education.

"This honor system had a history to it that had lasted and gotten stronger through generations," Mudd said. "A man's word was his bond, and by God I wasn't going to be the one to let [the system] languish."

Mudd said the values he took from the honor system helped him immensely when he went into journalism.

He said he hopes the values that he and his classmates cherished in 1950 are still important to today's students. While he said American society and culture have changed, he said W&L's honor system remains relevant.

"The values that W&L believed in then and now have not changed," Mudd said. "What the honor system did then and now is clear away the underbrush in your relationships with people ... it makes everything cleaner and clearer."



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## Commons promotes artist

Ron Herd, a Memphis artist, visited campus last Wednesday as a part of the "Common Grounds" series, which turns the Commons into a coffeehouse for a few hours.

While Tom Goss played the guitar, Herd greeted students and explained his theories on art. "I use my art in particular to break down all types of walls and barriers that people put up," he said in a Commons press release.

He also talked with different passersby about casual topics, like the upcoming NBA season and college sports. His art, which he says is influenced by everyone from Vincent Van Gogh to Tupac, was displayed in front of the fireplace while students took a few minutes to express themselves with markers and paper.

"Common Grounds" has brought different musicians and artists to the Commons each Wednesday, but during this year's winter term it will only be held once a month. This Wednesday, Oct. 25, they will showcase Phi photographer Morgan Harris.

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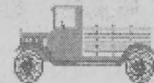
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# Inaugural speech earns Ruscio glowing reviews

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facing Washington & Lee. "If we look beyond the borders of our ivory towers...the picture [facing our students] is daunting," said Ruscio.

"Our obligation is to model a democratic culture of civility and trust for them."

"We should never underestimate the challenge" of educating both the mind and the character of our students, warned Ruscio.

Reactions to the president's address were overwhelmingly positive, with alumni, faculty and students alike calling it "outstanding," "inspiring" and "excellent."

For example, alumnus James Parsons from the class of 1948 said, "It was an excellent speech towards the greatness of W&L and its future."

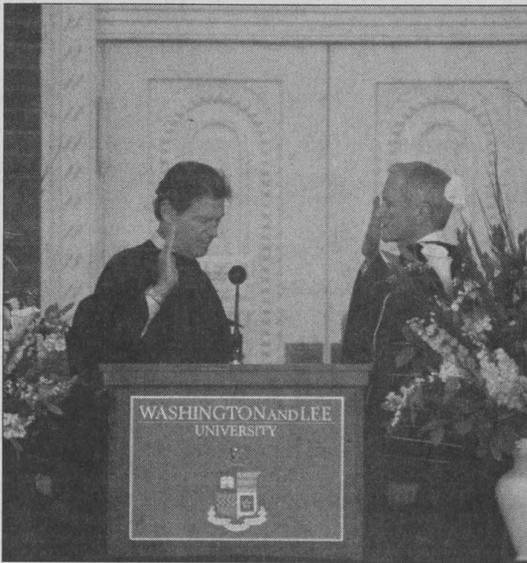
Harold Howe, who graduated with Ruscio, said he was amazed at the thought of one of his classmates becoming president of the university and is looking forward to Ruscio's term.

"He'll make an excellent president," said Howe.

Politics professor Robert Strong said he thought the speech's themes would be discussed for some time to come.

Junior Dane Boston said he appreciated the realistic quality of the speech.

"It wasn't just a 'pep rally'



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Ken Ruscio, right, takes the oath of office from Rector Philip Norwood and becomes W&L's 26th president.

speech," said Boston.

"I liked a lot what he had to say about professional training tempered by the liberal arts," he said.

"I think that's a very 'General Lee' type perspective," he said.

Others likewise appreciated that Ruscio focused on pertinent issues in his address, such as the Colonnade renovation.

He also concluded by sharing an idea of where he wanted to see the university go under his leadership—with much more liberal arts integration.

Professor Mark Rush said, "I think it's visionary."

Staff writer Wes O'Dell contributed to the reporting of this article.

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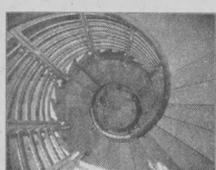
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# opinions



# Letting the democrats have it

Losing in November means Republicans have a chance at the White House when the election really matters

By Cody Beauchamp  
COLUMNIST

At first glance, things are going horribly for the Republicans.

Iraq is a complete catastrophe. Afghanistan is slipping back into a state of instability and violence. Congress is being rocked by ethics scandals courtesy of Jack Abramoff's illegal lobbying. The Bush administration just took yet another broadside from Bob Woodward's new book "State of Denial."

To really take the cake, one of their own, former Congressman Mark Foley, has completely alienated the evangelical Christian faction of their base by pulling a Michael Jackson on teen-aged congressional pages.

And yet the Republicans couldn't be in a better position. I know it sounds nuts, but hear me out. The Republicans are golden... in 2008.

It's an all but sure thing that the GOP will lose their majority in either the House or the Senate, or both.

But this is precisely where

the light at the end of the tunnel comes for the Republicans. They're going to get a break from being in charge.

They need it.

Whenever things go wrong in politics, it's always the party in charge that catches the heat.

Look at what happened in 1932. Furious at President Hoover and the Republicans' inability to end the Depression, voters swept FDR and Democratic majorities in both Houses into power.

In 1980, with gas prices soaring and the Iranian Hostage Crisis unresolved after nearly a year, Ronald Reagan soundly beat Jimmy Carter, bringing a Republican Senate Majority with him.

In 1994, Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America" capitalized on long-running Democratic slips and scandals, mobilized voters, and gave the Republicans control of both Houses of Congress.

And so on.

The bottom line is that if things aren't going well, the heads in charge tend to roll.

This is certainly the case this election.

*The difference is, it'll be 2008 and the White House will be up for grabs along with Congress.*

There are multiple Senate races where the incumbent Republicans are expected to lose: Jim Talent in Missouri; Conrad Burns in Montana; Mike DeWine in Ohio; Rick Santorum in Pennsylvania; Lincoln Chafee in Rhode Island.

The House is much the same story. An Oct. 2 CNN/ORC poll shows Democrats leading the Republicans by an average of 11 points nationwide.

Slate's Election Scorecard (as of last Friday) is predicting Democrats will unseat Republican incumbents in the 8th district in Arizona, the 7th in Colorado, 2nd, 8th and 9th in Indiana, 11th in North Carolina, 1st in New Mexico, 26th in New York and 10th in Pennsylvania while winning open races in the 16th district in Florida, 24th in New York, and 15th in Ohio.

So why is this impending wave of losses such a good thing for the Republicans?

Because it sets them up perfectly to win the White House again in 2008.

Right now the Democrats aren't really running as Democrats. They're running as anti-Republicans. This is fine for now. It will most likely capitalize on voter frustration and swing control of Congress back to the left of the aisle.

But what then? With no real solutions of their own to any of the major issues, the Democrats will find themselves facing the same criticisms the Republicans currently are facing.

The difference is, it'll be 2008 and the White House will be up for grabs along with Congress.

The war in Iraq will still be going horribly. Oil shortage problems still won't have been solved. Iran will likely have nuclear weapons by then (North Korea apparently already does). We'll still be seeing threats from terror cells worldwide. Et cetera.

So in two years we'll be seeing the same things happening—angry at the lack of leadership from the party in control, we'll play another round of "vote the bums out."

Only this time, it'll be the Democrats getting the boot.

The problem for the Democrats will be when they get the boot—a presidential election year.

Anyone doubt that Bush would be unseated if he were running NOW? Didn't think so.

Anyone think that voters frustrated with a lack of progress from the Democrats in Congress will still be willing to vote blue in when it comes to the next president? Exactly.

It's a lot like chess: lose a pawn this turn, set up a checkmate

the next one. Whether or not they want it, the Republicans are going to let the Democrats try their hand at leading Congress.

And the Democrats are going to self-destruct.

The GOP has platforms and ideas that they want to see happen. The Democrats only have one idea: gripe about the GOP's leadership.

Name the potential Republican candidates for president: John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, Bill Frist, Mitt Romney, Condi Rice—the list goes on.

Now try naming Democrats with a shot. Mark Warner? Not anymore. John Edwards? Maybe. Nancy Pelosi? Harry Reid? John Kerry? Hillary? I scoff.

The bottom line is that one of two things has to happen for Democrats to win in 2008.

It won't be enough to be the anti-Republicans in 2008, especially not if they get two years in charge.

Either they have to miraculously snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in 2006 or they have to actually start having some ideas for how they want to govern.

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# Politically explosive finds

*Baker commission on Iraq delays results after election*

By Dylan Merrill  
COLUMNIST

Clearly, victory in Iraq is impossible.

Many Democratic members of Congress have held this view since the beginning of the insurgency, and their patriotism has consequently been under question.

Their detractors have unfairly accused Democrats of aiding terrorists and impeding the spread of democracy. Contrary to conservative notions, though, Democrats have not been having sleepovers with Osama bin Laden, and they probably haven't pledged their allegiance to the Dark Lord.

Grandpa Cheney and Uncle Bush have repeatedly alluded (sometimes not so subtly) that the Democrats want to gain a majority in Congress this November so that they can misguide America even further.

In reality, however, many Americans want a change in Iraq foreign policy, and they are no longer willing to "stay the course." In addition to Democrats, many politicians, even some of Bush's confidants, from both sides want a change in Iraq foreign policy.

The Iraq Study Group, whose 10 members are headed by the first Bush's Secretary of State James Baker, is developing a report on what is the most effective course of action in Iraq. The commission, which was initiated by congressional Republicans and sanctioned by the White House, will most assuredly advocate a

*Contrary to conservative notions, Democrats have not been having sleepovers with Osama Bin Laden.*

change in direction.

Their two main options will shift focus on either stabilizing Iraq or withdrawing troops in multiple phases. Both alternatives of the supposedly bi-partisan commission reject the notion that our efforts can cultivate democracy in Iraq.

Luckily for Republican supporters of "staying the course," the findings of the Iraq Study Group will not be released until after the election. The excuse for this clever cover-up is that the conclusion of the group's research is too "politically explosive" to release before Nov. 7. If only the Bush administration was as adept at preventing explosions in Iraq.

After all, the war is the most important issue in the upcoming midterm elections. If the commission's official findings publicly rebuked the current policy before the elections, congressional Republicans would have no chance to save face.

Their well-funded campaigns would go under like a storm-ravaged luxury yacht succumbing to the deep blue sea. And the results would be fatal, because Mark Foley stole the life rafts a couple of weeks ago, and Democrats will

conveniently forget how to swim.

Fortunately for right-wingers, their president has delayed their demise until after Nov. 7.

The results of the commission will be released after the elections, but this still does not lessen the negative impact the findings will have on Republicans. Those conservatives that avoid the commission's political gunfire this election will still have to bite the bullet in 2008 and face their constituents.

This is not even the extent of the GOP's worries. The Iraq war will continue to be the defining issue during the next presidential election.

If George Bush does not relinquish his ideological dogmatism and adopt the findings of the Baker commission, voters will look at the quagmire in Iraq and ensure that his replacement is a Democrat.

Will the president stoop to scapegoating Baker, a family friend, or will he adopt the findings of the commission and finally alter the course in Iraq? The Republican party's power is contingent on his actions.

So is the vitality of the American people.

staff editorial

## Football needs student support

*Ten reasons why you should go to the big game*

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**They come here**

Is anyone else just a little embarrassed that other teams manage to garner some serious supporters at our home games? Go defend your turf!

**R.J. is a freshman**

Little Varner is still fresh out of Alabama high school football, and he doesn't have the experience yet. Let's go out there and cheer for our future four-year legacy player.

**ODAC championships are nice...**

And quite a few Washington and Lee teams have made it there in recent years. But let's face it: Alumni love football the best. Alumni+ victory = money. You do the math.

**Bridgewater's won it five years in a row**

And the first conference game they've lost since 2000 was against Emory and Henry last weekend. Be there when

the Generals put the Eagles in their place.

**Colton for Heisman**

The kid can do it all: he runs, he catches, he returns kicks. When the team needs a third-down catch, they throw to him (or Jack Martin). He's number one on the team in catches and number one in our hearts. And number one on his jersey. Coincidence? We think not.

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# Mass murder in Darfur

*A look into whether we should interfere with a repeat of the Holocaust*

Darfur has been embroiled in a deadly conflict for over three years.

At least 400,000 people have been killed; more than 2 million innocent civilians have been forced to flee their homes and now live in displaced-persons camps in Sudan or in refugee camps in neighboring Chad.

More than 3.5 million men, women, and children are completely reliant on international aid for survival.

Not since the Rwandan genocide of 1994 has the world seen such a calculated campaign of displacement, starvation, rape, and mass slaughter.

Since early 2003, Sudanese armed forces and Sudanese government-backed militia known as "Janjaweed" have been fighting two rebel groups in Darfur, the Sudanese Liberation Army/Movement (SLA/SLM) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM).

The stated political aim of the rebels has been to compel the government of Sudan to address underdevelopment and the political marginalization of the region.

In response, the Sudanese government's regular armed forces and the Janjaweed — largely composed of fighters of Arab nomadic background — have targeted civilian populations and ethnic group from which the rebels primarily draw their support — the Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa.

(Information from savedarfur.org/content)

By Abel S. Delgado  
COLUMNIST

We read about the horrors of the Holocaust and wonder how it could ever happen.

We read the story of what happened to Elie Wiesel and are filled with utter disgust and dismay. The senseless, ruthless, and diabolical extermination of innocent men, women, and children is something we say we cannot accept.

And yet, we allow the Sudanese to create over 2 million more Elie Wiesel's and worse, 400,000 victims who could never tell their story.

People are dying in Darfur, and we do nothing.

We study the other genocides that occurred during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

We study how the Turks nearly wiped out all Armenians and now the world is left with little Armenian culture. We blast the world community for not doing enough to stop the genocide of Rwanda in the '90s. And yet, our generation, like every other generation, seems doomed to repeat history.

People are dying in Darfur, and we do nothing.

We promote an organization said to guarantee world peace and stability. The UN stops countries from going to war with each other, but not from going to war with themselves.

We deplore war. We think being peaceful with everyone would create a peaceful world. We forget that appeasement with brutal men has never

*Our generation seems doomed to repeat history. People are dying in Darfur, and we do nothing.*

worked. We say we want peace, but we can't come to terms with the paradox of fighting for it.

Nazi Hunter Simon Wiesenthal once said, "It's a terrible tragedy when a good man does nothing." The terrible part of the tragedy called Darfur is not what is happening, but what we good men are not doing about it. People are dying in Darfur, and we do nothing.

The UN has peacekeeping missions around the world.

And yet there is still no significant mission to speak of in Darfur. Why?

Because the Sudanese government, the very same government that is carrying out the genocide, can legally block a peacekeeping mission aimed at stopping genocide.

People are dying in Darfur, and we do nothing.

We elect our leaders to be the leaders of the free world. In the past few years Congress has taken an aggressive stance on the right to speak nonsense in order for a bill not to pass — filibuster — when 15,000 Darfurians are silenced each month.

They have fought to the bitter end for one woman's right to live on life support when there are hundreds of thousands of

Darfurians who have no real life to support.

The Bush Doctrine welcomes democracy in the troubled areas of the world and this is wonderful. But isn't a more immediate matter the protection of life itself?

People are dying in Darfur, and we do nothing.

So we fast, we raise money, we listen to rich celebrities and we "contribute to the cause."

All this is well and good, but are we really doing something? They're still dying in Darfur and as long as the inhumane beasts, for lack of a crueler word, are in power, people will die.

We are the strongest nation this world has ever seen.

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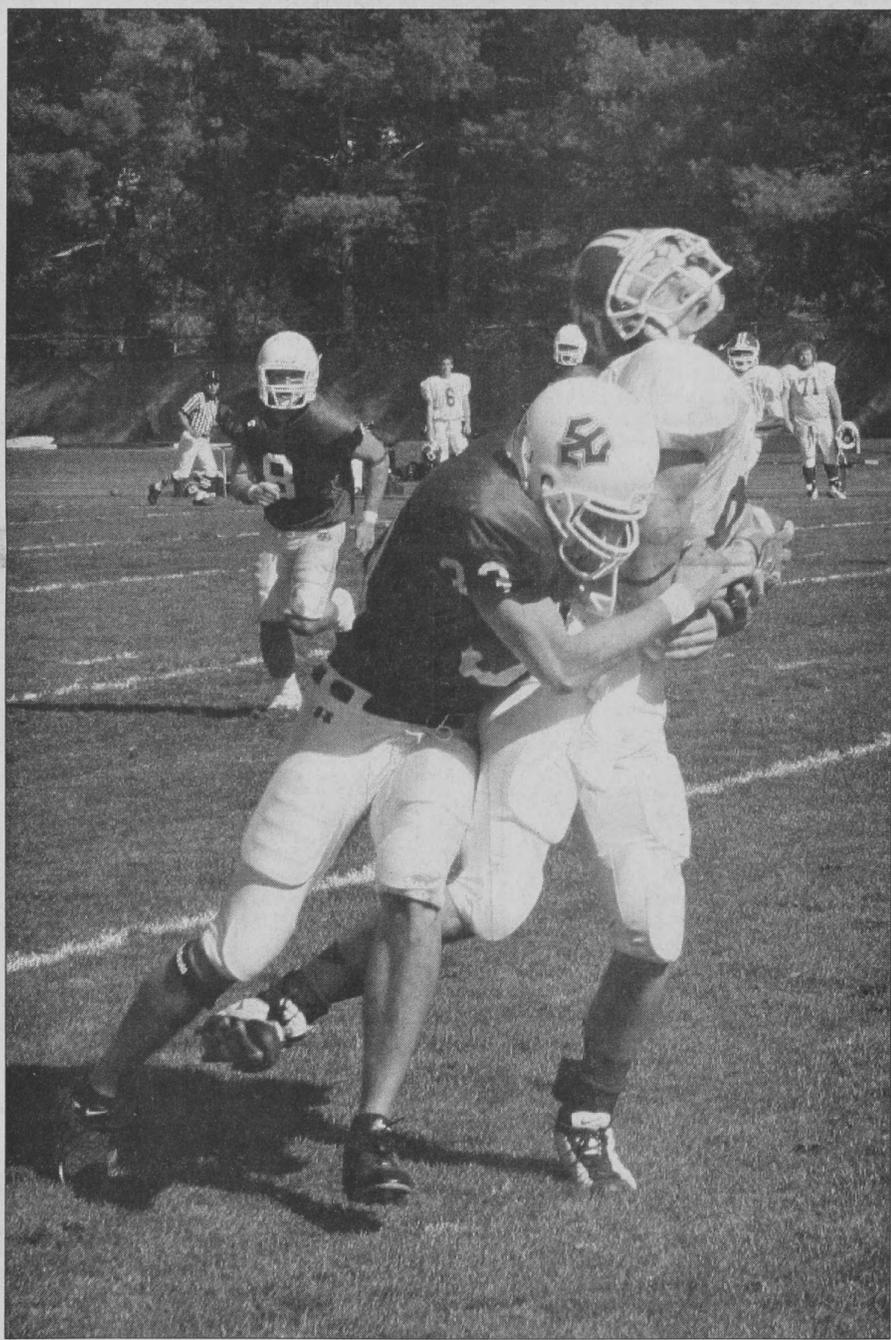
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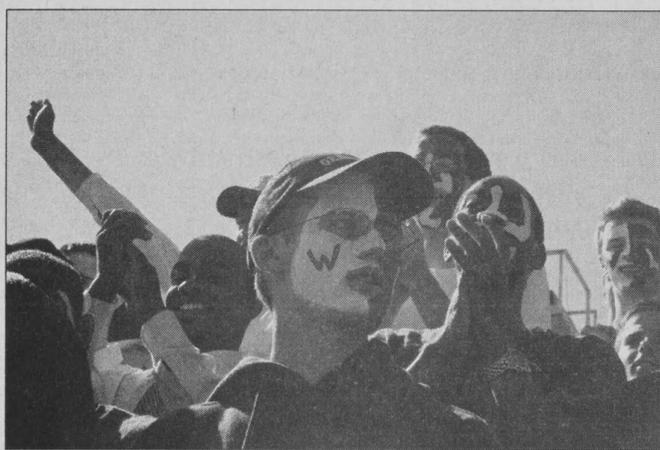
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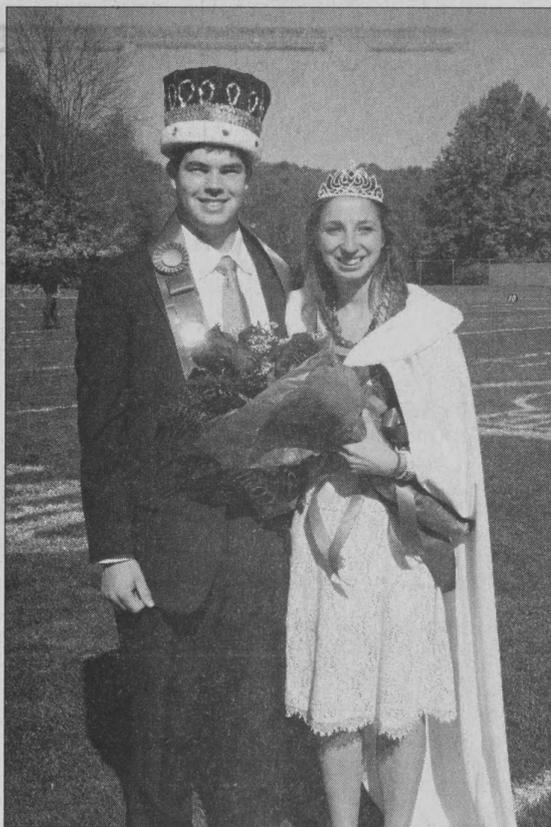
*Alumni return to campus, celebrate traditions in style*



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### Sharing sentiments

Staff writer Julie von Sternberg interviews various alumni about their experiences back on campus. Some offer nostalgic emotions while others speak of how the college traditions have changed since their years at the university.

#### Homecoming Football Game

On Saturday afternoon, alumni cheered on another General's victory. The Washington and Lee Generals crushed the Gilford Quakers 34-12, making them six and one for the season. During halftime, Kathekon members Jordan Wesley and Palmer Dobbs conducted the traditional homecoming presentation. Before announcing homecoming queen, W&L's oldest alums, including 89-year-old Charles Luther Guthrie Jr., were honored by fans. Guthrie presented the homecoming envelope that revealed Shari Boyce as third runner up, Camille Allen as second runner up, Katy Kingsbury as first runner up and Meghan Joss as queen. Jim Fernald, of the class of 1973, named several things that have changed about the game since he was a student. "First of all, everyone didn't leave during halftime. That is quite different. Also, the presentation has changed. When I was here, chemistry professor Shilington always presented the homecoming queen envelope. His eccentric personality made him perfect for the job," says Fernald.

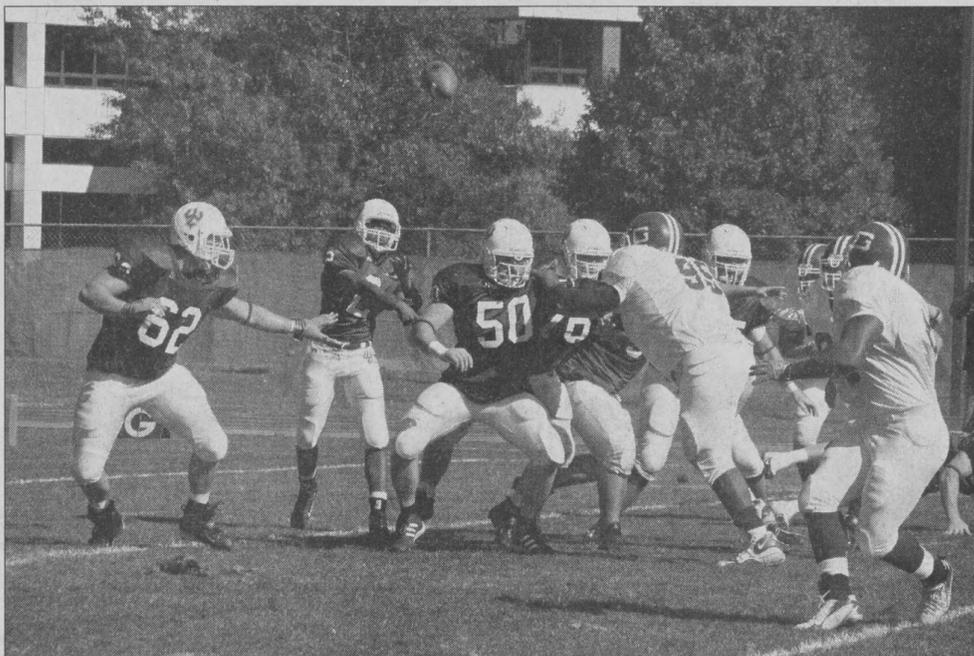


#### Seeing Old Friends



For most alumni, being reunited with old classmates is the best part about coming back to Washington and Lee. A variety of activities such as the Inaugural Lunch and the Five Star General Reception gave alumni the opportunity to come together in celebration of their time here. During these gatherings, classmates were able to reflect on old times as well as learn about each other's lives after graduation. Mark Grobmyer, who graduated last year, appreciates the chance to see his old classmates. "The best thing about being back is the atmosphere," said Grobmyer. "It's great to be in a care-free environment and with 50 of your best friends. That doesn't happen very much now that we've graduated."

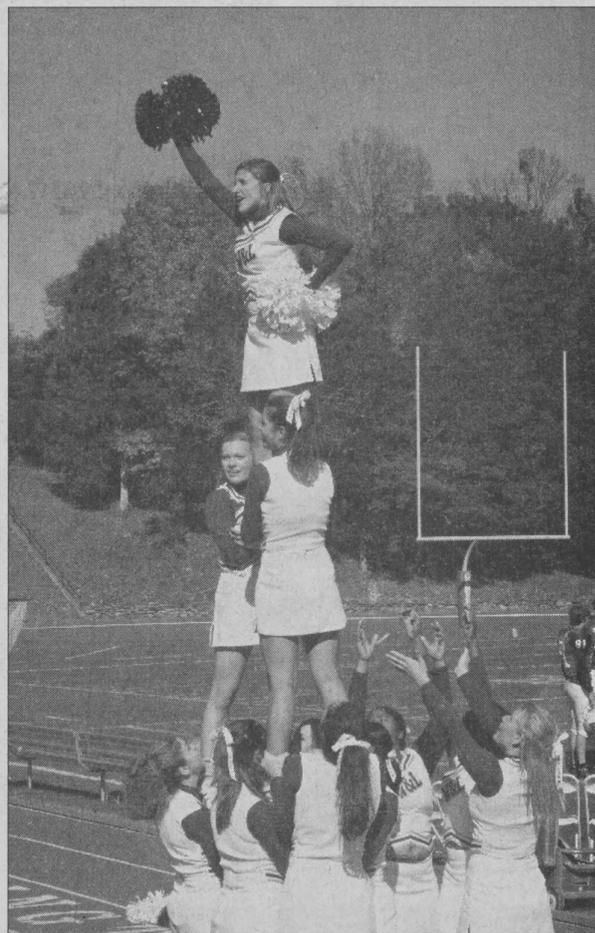
The Generals football team demolished the Quakers 34-12 this homecoming weekend to a spirited crowd of students and alumni. Junior defensive back Mark Snoddy (33) shuts down a Guilford player (left). Junior Dane Boston and other students display their enthusiasm decked out in full face paint (top left center). Homecoming queen recipient Meghan Joss accepts her crown and flowers with her escort, Chi Psi president Padrick Dennis (bottom left center). The winning Chi Psi banner is displayed for the crowd at halftime (bottom right center). Freshman quarterback R.J. Varner (2) throws a pass while senior offensive lineman Hunter Whitfield (50) helps block the Guilford defense (top right). Cheerleaders fire up a lively crowd (bottom right).



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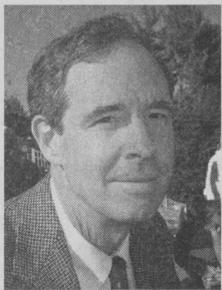


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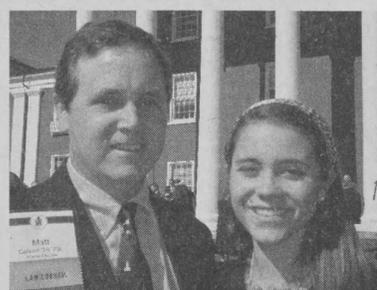
### Change



been here except the speaking tradition," said Roberts. "It definitely isn't as important anymore. When I was a student they would kick us out of school for not following it. We even had an assimilation committee that regulated our behavior and dress."

For recent graduates, the campus and atmosphere of W&L might seem the same. For members of the class of 1950, however, it might feel like an entirely new place. Washington and Lee has changed socially with the admittance of women in 1986 and physically with the resurrection of new buildings such as Wilson Hall. However, alumni believe the values and strong character shared by students and faculty remain. Five Star General Littleton Roberts can only point out one aspect that is different. "I don't think that much has changed since I've

### Inauguration Ceremony



On Saturday morning, thousands of alumni watched as President Ruscio was sworn into office in front of Lee Chapel. Guest speakers at the ceremony included Provost of the University of Richmond, Dr. June R. Aprille and the honorable Michael Luttig. Both spoke highly of Ruscio's character and expressed confidence in his leadership ability. After Ruscio's address, alumnus Matt Calvert, class of 1975, joined in on the praise. "I thought President Ruscio's words were inspiring and appropriate for the occasion," he said. "He spoke about our history and future by laying out challenges we will face as well as our mission of developing character and scholarship. It's nice to see that over the years the fundamental values of the school have been preserved and both women and men can benefit." Graduate of 2006, Will Baugher, agrees with Calvert's remarks. "It is really good to have an alum in office, because he's familiar with the school and knows what's going on," said Baugher. "I think we have needed that for a long time. It's great to come back and see that the school is still going in the right direction."

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## Up 'til Dawn funds research

Students write letters, organize fundraisers to earn money to support children's cancer research at St. Jude Hospital

By Queenie Wong  
STAFF WRITER

Every year, the campus organization Up 'til Dawn conducts a series of fundraisers to encourage cancer research at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

The organization, currently headed by Executive Director Erin Vaughn, plans to raise \$35,000 by the end of this year.

Up 'til Dawn, according to stjude.org, is a student-led fundraiser hosted by over 150 colleges and universities nationwide. Since its creation in 1998, the program has generated close to \$3 million.

Amanda Eysert, a Washington and Lee graduate, established the campus chapter last year. Despite its late start, the organization successfully raised \$20,170, said Vaughn.

The funds were donated to the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC), the primary fundraising group for St. Jude.

The organization is comprised of 10 or 11 executive board members, who recruit volunteers from

W&L's Greek community. The volunteers are then organized into different fundraising teams. These teams are given the opportunity to conduct their own activities.

Sophomore and former team leader Rosemary Boyle helped raise approximately \$1,000 last year by selling raffle tickets. With the help of 25 W&L students, participants in the fundraisers won dates, said Boyle.

Although a similar fundraiser has yet to be scheduled, Boyle said that it will probably occur sometime after Thanksgiving break.

Another one of Up 'til Dawn's major fundraisers is a letter-writing night. During the event, students write letters to their friends and relatives, encouraging them to make a donation to ALSAC.

Sophomore Jennifer Lysenko, who spoke about her cousin's battle with cancer last year, was pleased with the huge number of participants that attended.

The event will be held this Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in Evans Dining Hall. All students are welcome to participate, said Vaughn.

Nonetheless, in order to ensure attendance, students are also asked to register prior to the scheduled date. Students may register by e-mailing Vaughn or simply showing up on Tuesday.

According to Assistant Director Kelly Harvey, Up 'til Dawn is expecting approximately 100 students to attend this function.

The organization is thinking of instituting a second letter-writing event in January.

With funding from the Executive Committee, the organization is able to conduct other fundraisers as well, said Harvey. These include selling baked goods and \$15 on campus. All proceeds go directly to ALSAC, she said.

During spring term, Up 'til Dawn ends their fundraising year by literally staying up until dawn, said Boyle.

Last year, the event, which celebrates the organization's

achievements, was held at the school gym and included a band among other activities. This tradition is celebrated nationwide and is where the organization's name arose from, states the website.

In addition to its fundraising aspects, the organization strives to promote cancer awareness throughout campus.

"It's about bringing the W&L community together and letting [the students] know that there are bigger problems out there," Vaughn said.

Harvey stressed the leadership aspect of the organization in her interview, stating that Up 'til Dawn "allows students to take on small leadership roles."

St. Jude, according to its website, is unlike any other hospital because it treats admitted patients regardless of their ability to pay. This makes St. Jude the third largest health care charity in the

United States.

"During the past five years, 83.7 percent of every dollar received by ALSAC/St. Jude has gone to the current or future needs of St. Jude," states the site.

According to Vaughn, the campus chapter of Up 'til Dawn is continuing to grow.

This year, the organization, which consists of 20 fundraising teams, plans to host a total of five fundraisers, she said.

Said Harvey, "We know that the money is going to good hands."

### how to get involved:

- **October 24:** Letter-Writing Party I at Evans Dining Hall; 7-10 p.m.
- **January 23:** Letter-Writing Party II
- **March 28:** Final Event (stay up until dawn)

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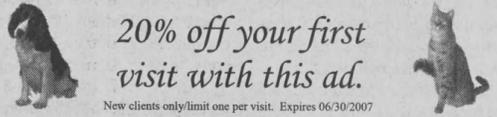


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# Senior exhibits rare talent

Abbie Jackson spends summer months researching university archaeology, revamping previous exhibition

By Jessica Shaw  
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

Over the summer, some students embarked on various internships, and others held down numerous jobs. Some worked with children at summer camps, while still others studied abroad.

For senior Abbie Jackson, last summer was not spent at a typical summer job or a doctor's office. For two months, Jackson remained on campus to conduct archaeological research involving the history and development of Washington and Lee.

"Coming to college, I wanted to work in a museum, so this was the perfect combination of interests," Jackson said.

Under the guidance and supervision of Archaeology professor Laura Galke, Jackson completely revamped the previous archaeology exhibit located in the Anthropology Lab by the Liberty Ruins. Jackson's exhibit opened to the public last Friday.

"It's definitely a great opportunity that everyone should look into," Jackson said.

"The goal was to have it designed so that in the future it could be implemented by a professional, but the fact that it's in is kind of surprising. It was nice to see my work complete—to see

the panels life-size."

According to Jackson, the mission of the project was to refurbish the old research and artifact layout as well as complement it with subsequent research and findings from the spring Archaeology Dig she participated in in 2005.

"We were redoing the exhibit which focused on the Liberty Hall excavations of the 1970s," she said. "The goal was to incorporate the Newcomb excavations of 2005 to show that campus archaeology is not dead."

Jackson began her work in late June and finished in mid-August. She said there was no strict outline for her project.

"We had a general plan for the summer, and I just went at it," she said. "I did historical research on the college using the Board of Trustees records, the Lexington Gazette [and] the old Phi article."

"Then, I moved onto my interest analysis, which was between the Ruins and the Newcomb excavations, because both buildings had similar uses."

Galke, who is in her fourth year at W&L, said that after the Dig, she knew Jackson would be a great student for such a project.

"During the Dig, I had identified her as a student I wanted to work with," Galke said. "She was a hard worker. She was intel-

ligent. She had the right attitude. She's critical and skeptical, [and] she doesn't accept things at face value."

The Robert E. Lee grant that funded Jackson for her research and efforts this summer was supplemented by the generous assistance of Leyburn funds.

"A lot of people helped us," Galke said. "We could not have done it alone."

Galke also said that the commitment of Anthropology professor Dr. Bernard Means was critical to get the exhibit renovations underway.

"He helped supervise the dig beside Newcomb in 2005," she said. "He already was familiar with the collection, and he was familiar with my work. His dedication [was crucial in] translating Abbie's files into a format that they could be manufactured."

Jackson said another goal of this project is illustrating how the archaeological evidence collected affects the validity of historical documents. She is also eager for others to get a true understanding for the campus and its history.

Galke said she hopes that "visitors that come here take away an appreciation for how important the university's history is and how much the university cares about preserving it."



LAURA GALKE / Contributing photographer

Senior Abbie Jackson observes her display of information panels and artifacts in the Anthropology Lab last summer. Jackson spent the summer updating the 1998 version of the archaeology exhibit funded by a Robert E. Lee scholarship.

# Students take 48-hour plunge

Nine volunteers spend weekend in D.C. to be immersed in homelessness, try to gain fresh perspective on poverty

By Jessica Shaw  
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

Every morning, John rises early to board a bus from D.C. for an hour and a half to his job at Bob Evans in Northern Virginia. In a starched, collared shirt and neatly combed hair, John waits tables and cleans dishes all day. After work, he returns to his home on the street by 10 p.m. Before bed, he collects the blankets he keeps hidden in the bushes in the median of a city street in a futile effort to stifle the wind and freezing temperatures.

Over reading days, nine Washington and Lee students spent the night with John in an empty space

*"I can't even imagine that being your way of life—with no indication if or when you will ever get out of it."*

KASEY BOLLES, participant

between two buildings. For two nights, these young people were thrust into devastating poverty and forced to cope with many of its elements. This national program termed the Urban Plunge made its debut this fall at W&L.

"I wanted to get a deeper understanding of homelessness from the perspective of a homeless person," sophomore participant Rosemary Boyle said. "Homelessness is the extreme case of poverty where the basic needs of shelter and food are a day-to-day concern."

Sophomore Michaela Coffey was in charge of this opportunity and split the team up into pairs for their stay in D.C. These students left campus the Thursday of reading days at 8:30 a.m. with nothing but a set of ragged clothes.

Sophomore participant David

Vaught said that he and his partner, sophomore Alden Wicker, found some piles of ashes around the Georgetown campus and used them to rub over their faces and skin and improve the credibility of their outfit.

"Alden and I spent a good bit of time the first afternoon going 'we're still not dirty enough yet,'" Vaught said. "We kept improving our costume. There was one point where we pulled out a knife, and I cut some holes in the ankles of my pants to make them look older."

During the day, the pairs stood on corners in D.C. with cardboard signs, panhandling for money. Some groups also sold the homeless magazine, Street Sense, to passersby.

"Being homeless is almost like a full time job," junior participant Woodrow Friend said. "I didn't really expect that. Panhandling all day long was not anything that was easy. A lot of people give you nasty looks or stare. One person said something like, 'I don't give money to street trash.'"

Vaught said the only time he almost broke character was in response to some boys while panhandling.

"I saw these two guys that didn't look much older than me," he said. "I just got mad by the way they ignored me. They would look at me and see no obligation to do something. For some reason, that really bothered me."

Later in the afternoon, Boyle and her partner, Friend, gathered on a street corner with a small crowd to wait for McKenna's Wagon, which serves dinner to the homeless.

Boyle noted the parting remarks from the delivery man that seemed to accentuate the cycle of poverty.

"When he was packing up to leave, he said, 'see you all tomorrow.' He knows that everybody is going to be back," she said.

When asked about their own situations, each pair had to invent some sort of response.

"I basically tried to avoid the question," Friend said. "I usually

did that by asking another question. I kind of thought the simplest thing I could think of was best. I thought being more distant about your situation being homeless was more in character."

After dinner, the group of nine divided into two groups for the evening. One group spent the night with a homeless couple in the woods on the outskirts of town while the other convened with John to sleep on the street. The two groups rotated for the second night.

Vaught's group spent the night with John the first night.

"He looked really clean for a homeless man," Vaught said. "The way he was dressed and the way he was clean, he could have passed for a lower-middle class citizen—someone who had been wearing the same clothes for a day or two and a little dirty. You didn't look at him and think 'homeless' for sure."

Both nights, the temperatures dropped to levels that bordered on freezing. Vaught said he slept the first night with an oversized piece of cardboard positioned over him to block the wind.

"I put newspaper in my shoes, and I put my feet in a trash bag I had been carrying around all day," he said.

Sophomore participant Kasey Bolles said John's situation had arisen from excessive misfortune.

"He used to live in North or South Carolina, and one night his house burned down to the ground, and he lost everything," she said. "He can't afford the cost of living where he is, but he can't afford to go anywhere else, so he's just stuck."

Boyle said that she noticed John had a strong desire to rise out of poverty.

"He was having a tough week," she said. "To hold down a job, he is facing a huge amount of obstacles daily. He hopes soon that he will be able to get somewhere to live."

The other location, out of town, had to be reached via the Metro. The homeless couple that

the groups stayed with, Michelle and Zoe, slept in tents in a wooded area.

Vaught described the arrangement saying, "they had palates on the ground to put tents on and had a campfire and a few egg crates with a board across it to sit on."

Vaught said the couple had bought some marijuana and alcohol that day, and Zoe had alcoholic tendencies.

"He slept until 11 o'clock the next day and got up and went to the liquor store to get something," Vaught said.

Referring to homeless people, Vaught said, "They do have a life to live with struggles to go through, and while some definitely do drugs, I came away thinking I don't want to judge that in the first place."

Vaught said he believed the plight of the homeless was much deeper than an addiction.

"I didn't feel like drugs was the root of the issue—maybe part of it," he said. "It's not that people who don't do drugs are better at getting out of homelessness; it's the people who want to get out of homelessness that don't do drugs."

According to Boyle, D.C. has a lot of organizations that help fix the symptoms of homelessness but few that actually work to cure it permanently.

"There are plenty of organizations that provide food, but as far as equipping the person with the ability to escape homelessness, I didn't encounter any," she said.

Vaught said that this trip had changed his view of poverty.

"I don't ever want to overlook a homeless person sitting there panhandling," he said. "These people are poor and needy. It's a chance to notice somebody—they get overlooked their whole lives."

Bolles agreed that she learned a lot from her experience but acknowledged that 48 hours was not enough time to establish complete empathy for the homeless.

Said Bolles: "You don't realize how vulnerable you are until you are out there," she said. "It was enough to take the blinders off, but it was not enough to get [an] understanding [of what it is like] to live that way indefinitely. I can't even imagine that being your way of life—with no indication of if or when you will ever get out of it."

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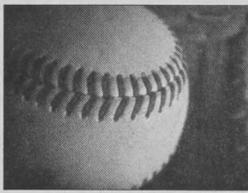
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### Volleyball

The Washington and Lee women's volleyball team clinched their ninth-straight 20-win season, improved their record to 21-6 overall and kept their perfect 9-0 record in ODAC competition. This weekend the Generals defeated Bridgewater College 30-26, 19-30, 30-25, 31-29, and Eastern Mennonite 30-20, 30-17, 30-24. In their victory over Bridgewater, the Generals were led by senior libero Lauren Edmonson, who tied her own school record with 33 digs.

### Field Hockey

The Washington and Lee field hockey team scored another big conference victory this weekend, before having their seven game winning streak snapped by sixteenth-ranked Christopher Newport. The Generals defeated ODAC powerhouse Virginia Wesleyan 2-1 on Saturday, with Liz Garson and Kay Dyt scoring goals. The Generals will take their undefeated ODAC record upon against rival Lynchburg College on Tuesday, where the conference regular season championship will be on the line.

### Men's Soccer

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team relied on a second half barrage of four goals, to shut out Randolph-Macon 4-0, improving their record to 11-1-2 and 6-1-1 in ODAC play. The Generals were led by goals from Jack Palmer, Alex Phillips, Whitt Larkin, and Travis Short. The Generals will close out their regular season on Wednesday when they take on Lynchburg College.

### Women's Soccer

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team continued their 16-game undefeated streak, knocking off Roanoke College 2-1. It was only the first goal that the Generals had allowed for the entire season. With the score tied 1-1 senior Sarah Helms scored the game winning goal in the 76th minute. The Generals will close out their regular season with a chance to capture the ODAC regular season crown on Tuesday against Eastern Mennonite at 4 p.m. on Watt Field.

### Golf

The Washington and Lee golf team finished third of 11 teams at the Transylvania Invitational, held over reading days in Lexington, Kentucky. The Generals were led by junior Nathaniel James, who shot a 150 to finish in first place as the overall medalist. The Generals were also led by Joe Gibson and Anthony Zappin, who shot a 161 and 162 respectively over the two day tournament.



Generals' leading score Anne Van Devender challenges a Roanoke defender in W&L's 2-1 victory on Saturday afternoon.

MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

# Soccer still undefeated

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as EMU is ranked fifth overall in the Adidas/NSCAA coaches poll, the Generals are 17<sup>th</sup>) to accomplish the impressive feat of not allowing a single goal in the entire regular season.

The streak is impressive in itself, but it doesn't overshadow the overall spectacular season the Generals have enjoyed. The streak just adds greater distinction for a team that has yet to lose, and

on Tuesday faces its biggest game of the season, home at Watt Field at 4 p.m.

The ODAC has come down to a triangular race between Guilford, ECU and W&L, with W&L sitting in third with 28 conference points through ten ODAC games. ECU is second with 27 points through 10 games, and Guilford sits atop the conference with 28 points, although their regular season is over and their destiny is now out of their hands. Everything hinges

on the game on Tuesday.

With a win, W&L wins the division outright with 29 points (three points are awarded for a win and one for a tie).

With a tie, W&L will finish third, and the division will be sorted out through a tie breaker between the other two. If past performances are an indication of how Tuesday will turn out, the Generals tied Guilford 0-0 on Oct. 4, and Guilford lost to EMU 3-2 on Sept. 20. EMU will not be

intimidated by the Generals' formidable defense.

W&L will rely on the same cast it has relied on all season.

Forming the backbone of the team are their eight seniors: Emily Binns, Cara Burton, Jamie Dorsey, Maggie Megear, Huntley Rodes, Blair Haws, Sarah Helms, and captain Anne Wiltshire.

That group hopes to return to the ODAC championship, a place they haven't been since their careers at W & L began as fresh-

man.

A return to prominence means stout defensive play, as has been the norm all season.

Anchoring the back is sophomore goalkeeper Kiki Moreo, who last year minded the net during the then W&L record-setting 12-shutout season.

While on Saturday the team proved it could win without blanketing their opponents, a 16th win would suit the Generals' fans just fine on Tuesday.

## outloud

# A close look at the Fall Classic

Andy, Neil discuss America's pastime and make predictions about the World Series

**Andy:** Hi, hello, and welcome to this week's OutLoud. The world of sports offers many possible topics to talk about.

Unfortunately, many of the recent events that would be worth writing about are about lowering our standards, lowering it to the lowest common denominator, rather than holding ourselves to higher expectations.

Incidents such as the Miami and Florida International fight two weekends ago are inexcusable and unacceptable, and that's all I am going to say about that.

The best spectacle in professional sports just got underway on Saturday night: the World Series.

Baseball is described as America's pastime, and rightfully so. The World Series has been held every year, with two exceptions (1904, 1994) since 1903.

Originally, it placed the team with the best record in the American League against the team with the best record in the National League.

In 1969, this changed with the institution of the league championship series, and once again

changed in 1995 with the institution of the wild card and the divisional series.

Enough talk of the history for now.

Some individuals believe that the baseball season is too long and too boring, which detracts from the World Series.

I say that is absolutely ridiculous.

Baseball and the World Series are sports at its purest. A seven-game series removes the potential for a fluke victory, as in the NCAA College Basketball Tournament, and does not hype one game at a neutral site to decide the whole outcome as in the Super Bowl.

Each game is equally as important, with both teams having to play in hostile environments in order to secure the crown.

What makes the World Series even more interesting is the stories of how the teams got there. The Tigers' return to greatness and the Cardinals' second trip in three years are just a few of the stories lines that might be heard.

The St. Louis Cardinals make their 17<sup>th</sup> appearance in a World

Series while the Tigers make their 10<sup>th</sup>.

I want to challenge all sports fans to tune in and watch it. It should be a great series, one of the better ones in recent years.

In addition, this series features two historic managers, an MVP candidate, and a team that has gone from worst to first in a matter of a few years.

### What to Watch this Week:

- Generals Football at Bridgewater on Saturday at 1pm. (Make the trip or listen on 91.5FM WLUR.)

- The World Series on FOX

**Neil:** A Cardinals-Tigers World Series is just what the doctor ordered for baseball.

It gives people a chance to remember a time in baseball when stars shone just a bit brighter and all was just a bit better.

The Cardinals and Tigers met in the 1968 Fall Classic and, just like this year's World Series is bound to be, it was an instant

classic.

The Cardinals went into the series as the defending champions. Game one pitted Bob Gibson, one of the greatest pitchers of all time, against Denny McLain, who won 31 games in 1968.

The spotlight would be stolen from McLain. He beat Bob Gibson in the deciding game seven and ended up with three complete game victories and the MVP award. His outstanding performance in game seven brought the Tigers back from a 3-1 series deficit and handed them their first title since 1945.

Detroit next won in 1984 as Allen Trammel led the Tigers to an easy five-game win over San Diego. Can the Tigers win in 2006?

All signs point to a Tigers victory, just three years after they lost 119 games.

They are led by young, energetic players. They can hit, they can field and, most importantly, they can pitch.

Led by the Gambler, Kenny Rogers, and Justin Verlander, the Tigers' pitching staff is the key to

the Tigers' success.

Just as in 1968, no city deserves a World Series victory more than Detroit. In 1967, Detroit suffered through massive riots that were only surpassed by the Los Angeles riots in 1992. The city was torn apart, but the Tigers rallied the city and healed a lot of wounds.

Detroit is faced with other problems now.

The American auto industry is floundering and they are run by a mayor, who is probably corrupt and apparently throws some of the best parties in the country.

All Detroit has going for it these days is its sports. The Wolverines (University of Michigan) lead the way, the Pistons are great, the Red Wings are the reason Detroit is called Hockey Town.

Even the WNBA's Detroit Shock is one of the best around. Now, the Tigers are hopefully going to rise back on top, which is a spot they deserve to be.

**Their Prediction:**  
Tigers in 6

# Taking Frisbee to the next level

Two Dead Guys going strong as they enter fifth year.

By Catherine Carlock  
STAFF WRITER

The offense scores in the end zone and receives points, and the two competing teams peel off to their respective ends of the field.

Think you know what's coming next? A kickoff, right?

How about a throw-off?

That's right, a throw-off.

To many, Frisbee is a recreational sport that can be played in the BDG quad or on the Colonnade. However, to a certain group of students here on campus, Frisbee is more than just a leisure activity used to pass the time.

Welcome to Two Dead Guys (named after, ironically, Washington and Lee), one of the most established club sports at Washington and Lee.

Ultimate is "a mix between soccer and football," said junior President Adam Hoehn.

The premise is simple—get the Frisbee into your team's end zone.

Players accomplish this by passing the discs down the field, but there's a catch: Once the players catch the Frisbee, they aren't allowed to move.

Ultimate is a club sport, which leads to a "pretty positive atmosphere," said junior Annie Vliegenthart.

"You get the opportunity to play a pretty serious sport, but if you don't have time to come, they don't get mad," Vliegenthart continued.

*"The guys are really great. They just want people to come and play with them."*

AMY KARWAN, Two Dead Guys

Besides the "great team interaction," according to Vliegenthart, Ultimate offers the opportunity to make lasting friendships.

"My best friends are the people on the team," said alum Matt Kianski, who helped found Two Dead Guys with fellow alum Tim Smith in 2002.

Kianski graduated last spring and was in town for homecoming weekend.

2006 marks Two Dead Guys' fifth anniversary, and Kianski thinks "it's impressive the team has survived."

Kianski and fellow alum Tim Smith legitimized Ultimate as a club sport in 2002.

Before that, they played pickup with friends. In November 2002, W&L hosted a 4-team tournament, with local teams JMU, Radford, and Liberty.

Two months later, W&L attended their "first real tournament," with around 16 teams, according to Kianski.

W&L usually sends around 15 people to each tournament.

"Generally smaller colleges will play each other," said Hoehn.

Whoever wants to come is welcome, and Two Dead Guys are always looking for new members.

Ultimate is a coed club sport, Amy Karwan knows what it's like to be "the girl" on the team, even though Ultimate is a coed sport. She's "played two tournaments as the only girl."

"The guys are really great," said Karwan. "They just want people to come and play with them."

Two Dead Guys has already played at a tournament in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and they will head to a tournament in Guilford later on in the year.

The team practices every Tuesday and Thursday on the law school field and every Sunday in the open area next to the soccer field.

Each practice generally lasts an hour and a half and is evenly divided between drills and scrimmages.

"Frisbee is the greatest sport in the world," said Kianski. Those on the Two Dead Guys Ultimate team tend to agree.

# Volleyball keeps eyes on the prize

Generals still undefeated in ODAC play

By Lara Jordan  
STAFF WRITER

The undefeated volleyball team continues to work hard and improve, keeping their eye on the ODAC Championship.

The team boasts an overall record of 21-6 and 9-0 in the ODAC, after beating Bridgewater College on Saturday morning.

Their strong record can be attributed to continual hard work and preparation.

"We just work hard at practice every day and try to improve all aspects of our game," said sophomore Laura Maurer. "We also go into every game ready to go for every ball, because when we all do that, we usually win."

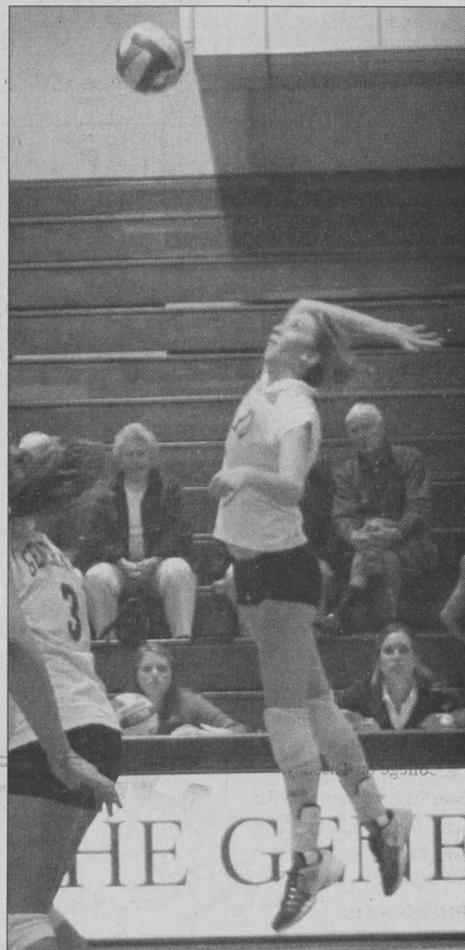
The team also persists in their effort to improve.

"Our ball handling skills, confidence, team dynamic and serving aggressively have all improved," said freshman Kristi Stevens.

The focus of all the effort is to win the ODAC Championship, which looks feasible having an ODAC winning streak of 60-straight matches.

"We just keep working hard in practice and stay focused on our goal of winning the ODAC," said freshman Kelly Harrison.

After clinching their ninth-consecutive 20-win season, the team will play Roanoke College on Wednesday.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer  
Junior Jess Hudock serves it up as the Generals secure their ninth-consecutive 20-win season

# Minks fight until the end

Rugby team hangs tough with Division I opponents

By Joel Poelhuis  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee Screaming Minks have made a habit of playing teams that overmatch them in division, experience, and program size. From teams in Argentina last spring to the traditional Lee-Jackson game against Division I VMI, the team seems to be a glut for punishment as far as their competition goes.

This tough schedule, however, has enabled them to go undefeated in the conference and earn a berth in the Ed Lee Invitational. It should be no surprise, then, that the Minks played up to the level of visiting Division I opponent Virginia Tech on Saturday afternoon.

The Minks scored first, but then Virginia Tech scored three times in a row—twice in the first half and once in the second.

The Minks battled back from the deficit and scored within the eight minute mark, but were unable to pull out the victory, losing by three.

"It was a game we probably should have won," freshman Christian Rimmel said. "We had a three week layover from the last game, including reading days and midterms, and the intensity wasn't quite what it could have been the

whole game."

The team is now back practicing hard for their last regular season game (away versus Longwood on Oct. 28) before the Ed Lee Invitational tournament brings a close to the fall season. Longwood is also undefeated in the conference.

Captain Tino Tovo said the team will stick to its game plan in the post-season.

"We want to keep things simple and focus on the basics," he said.

With most of the season in hindsight, Tovo was able to reflect on the improvements the team has made.

"Overall, not just this season but the last three years we have had a lot more consistency: 23 to 25 players who show up and come to practice on a regular basis," Tovo said.

"We don't have people who don't come to practice much and then show up at games," Tovo explained. "That makes a big difference."

After the fall season draws to a close, the Minks will take a break until practices for the spring start in February.

The spring season will begin in March, and at its conclusion, the team has tentative plans for a rugby tour in Europe similar to last year's trip to Argentina.

# The stories you didn't see

Lewis remembers athletes whose deaths didn't make headlines

By Adam Lewis  
COLUMNIST

Just last week, tragedy struck in Manhattan as New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and his flight instructor crashed a small plane into a New York City building, leaving both men dead.



As I am sure you all have heard or read, Lidle was known for being a great man,

both in baseball and in his small California community, and hearing of his death brings sorrow to the ears of every American.

However, not to take anything away from this terrible loss, I would, at this time, like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and honor the deaths of several athletes.

These are athletes whom you may not have heard of, who passed away last week, and who were as much a part of their small communities as Lidle was. However, they did not capture headlines or cover stories on newspapers.

Travis Davis. Travis was an honor student, All-State wrestler, and a football player at Harding High School in North Carolina, and was looking forward to attending college in the fall.

Family and friends describe Travis as a great kid with a remarkable smile, one that will never escape the minds of those who knew him.

Tragically, on his way home from a visit with his girlfriend, Travis was shot and killed, for no reason apparent to authorities.

Haris Charalambous. Haris was a University of Toledo basketball player who was known more as a person than an athlete.

Friends remember his unique friendliness and personality, as he seemed to always be in a good mood.

Nonetheless, he died this past week of a heart condition while practicing with his team.

About 750 people attended his memorial service, all of whom regarded the service as a celebration of the life of this remarkable student-athlete.

Fermin Vialpando. As a high school football player in Colorado Springs, Colo., Fermin was recognized as a well-liked kid, who was extremely easy to talk to.

His family recalls his high aspirations that extended beyond the football field.

Friends remark that Fermin had an unmatched attitude on and off the field, and coaches wished they could have had an entire team of people like him.

Yet, due to an unidentified heart condition, Fermin collapsed on the football field and eventually passed away last week, deeply affecting the lives of those who knew him.

Jamie Bliss. A junior at

*I would, at this time, like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and honor the deaths of several athletes whom you may not have heard of, yet who passed away last week.*

Caldwell High School in New Jersey, Jamie, like the previously-mentioned students, was the type of kid parents, coaches, and friends felt privileged to have known.

Jamie was a football player, and had just recently been awarded the "Hustler of the Week" for being the hardest worker during practice, something that was very special to him.

However, to the devastation of his community, Jamie randomly collapsed on the field last week, and having showed no past signs of heart problems, suffered cardiac arrest.

Each of these student-athletes was tragically taken from the world this past week, and I hereby dedicate this article to them, their families, and their communities.

Each is a hero in his own way. Corey Lidle was to the baseball community, these young men were for their respective schools and towns. They will all be missed.

And while I do apologize for the sorrowful sentiment of this article, I would just like to take a moment now to reflect on a personal hero of mine, who was

a student-athlete just like these great young men, and whose death brought grief to my community nearly eleven months ago.

David Gibson. When you think of someone with a personality, multiply that by about ten and you will get David.

In about every memory I have of him, there is a smile on his face, and an amazing smile at that, either from a joke he made, from a humorous incident that just occurred, or just simply just because.

David was a tremendous swimmer, and he planned to continue swimming in college.

However, because I never swam, my memories of David are on the soccer field, where he proudly boasted an extreme lack of skill, but enjoyed it just the same.

On Nov. 28 of last year, David was killed in a car accident, just seconds from his house, where the next day his mother received his acceptance letter to Albright College, his number one choice.

On that day, my town of Montville, N.J. lost a truly joyful person, and he will be eternally missed.

# sports



## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
•						at ODAC's 11:00am	
FM H*		at Lynchburg 4:00pm				at ODAC's TBA	
F*						at B'Water 1:00pm	
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M* Se			vs Lynchburg 4:00pm			at ODAC's TBA	
W* Se		at EMU 4:00pm				at ODAC's TBA	
R*					at RMWC/ LC Inv TBA		
•		at R'Noke 6:30pm			at Maryville Inv 6:00pm		

## in the numbers

### 1380

Number of consecutive scoreless minutes played by the Washington and Lee women's soccer team.

Led by goalies Kiki Moreo and Emily Binns, the streak ended Saturday in the 25th minute of the Generals' 2-1 victory over Roanoke College.

### 289

Number of all-purpose yards for Colton Ward in Washington and Lee's 34-12 homecoming victory over Guilford College.

Ward scored a touchdown, caught five passes for 145 yards, rushed 10 times for 28 yards and returned three kickoffs for 116 yards for the Generals.

### 23

Number of consecutive scoreless innings thrown by Detroit Tigers' 42-year-old veteran pitcher Kenny Rogers. Rogers led the Tigers to a 3-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in game 2 of the World Series. The series is currently tied at one game apiece.

### 0

Number of total ODAC losses combined for the Washington and Lee women's soccer team, football team, volleyball team, and field hockey team.

## soapbox

*"She's such a prominent, dominant woman in the boxing field."*

— Boxer Mike Tyson on potentially returning to the ring this fall against professional women's boxer Ann Wolfe. Tyson also said that he was "very serious" about possibly fighting the women in a four round match as part of "Mike Tyson's World Tour," according to www.espn.com.

*"This is certainly embarrassing. It's disgraceful. It's amazing. I've run out of words."*

— Florida International coach Don Strock on his football team's brawl against the University of Miami, according to www.si.com



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff photographer

Senior captain Colton Ward evades a Guilford defender in Saturday's victory.

# Homecoming heroes

Football team continues six-game winning streak by crushing Guilford

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

Coming into Saturday's game against Guilford, Washington and Lee football players thought they had a pretty important incentive to win. It was, after all, the annual homecoming game, complete with the largest crowd of the season, a host of alumni returning to Wilson Field, and the eyes of the university upon them.

That was all before the Bridgewater Eagles lost to Emory and Henry, a result that was broadcast over the stadium's Public Address system at halftime, with the Generals leading the Quakers 10-3.

After that, the necessity to win on homecoming took a back seat to the opportunity to get a leg up on their primary competition for the ODAC championship. Bridgewater, the pre-season favorite to win the conference and

a team ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation at one point, had now lost two consecutive conference games.

W&L, picked by most to be the second-place team in the conference, would have zero conference losses with only two ODAC contests left in the season if they could finish off the Quakers.

The Generals led with a defense that pressured Guilford quarterback Josh Vogelbach into throwing three interceptions and dozens of forced errant passes, as well as sacking him three times: Vogelbach threw for only 218 yards, his lowest total of the season, and he completed only 25 of 56 passes. Guilford's offense had more turnovers (three) than scores (two). The secondary of Kyle Luby, Jimmy Gift, Mark Snoddy and Chris Prugar shut down the Quakers' receivers with an equal blend of knockdowns and crushing hits that caused receivers to drop easily caught passes. Nearly every pass play in the second half, Vogelbach would set up to throw,

see all of his receivers covered downfield, be pressured out of the pocket by a consistent pass rush and force a throw into a covered receiver to be knocked down. All in all, it was a solid defensive effort.

While the Generals' defense was its usual menacing self, the offense might have worried some before the game. Running back Stuart Sitterson, the workhorse of the team's rushing game, would be limited to four carries by an ankle injury. Instead, the workload fell to dependable fullback Ty Parrino and do-everything senior Colton Ward, who inspired chants of "Colton for Heisman" after a 79-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

Ward, officially listed as a V-back in the Generals' media guide, was effective as a runner (28 yards), receiver (145 yards) and return man (116 yards). While Ward's contribution was invaluable, the fans will certainly remember best a trick play run by

the Generals with 1:15 left in the first quarter. Three different players touched the ball in the backfield before freshman quarterback R.J. Varner threw a 29-yard pass to Jack Martin to take the lead. Varner had another solid outing (11 of 16 passing, 3 TD) after taking over from regular starter Hunter Dawkins (out for the season with a broken collarbone) three weeks ago.

Martin was double-covered through most of the game but still managed 71 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

With the Generals firing on all cylinders, it is within their grasp to win the conference. While most in the stands did not realize it, if the Generals beat Emory and Henry on Parents' Weekend, they will clinch the ODAC title and a berth in the Division III post-season.

Next week, the Generals will play pre-season favorites Bridgewater, who now need a small miracle to win the conference.

## Driven to succeed

Team still perfect in ODAC with win against Va. Wes

By Joel Poelhuus  
STAFF WRITER

Field hockey fell 3-0 to the visiting Christopher Newport Captains Sunday, ending their seven-game winning streak. Though the team fell to 13-4 overall, they still possess an undefeated 7-0 record in the ODAC with the tournament approaching.

Head Coach Wendy Orrison said, "I thought we showed some positive things [in regard to the postseason]. They were really fast and they used it to capitalize off some errors in our backfield... It's nice to have a hard game like this right at the end of the season to prepare you for the tournament."

CNU entered the game 9-3 and in need of a win for their own tournament bid. The Captains are ranked third in the region by the NCAA, and are 16th in the nation according to the coaches' poll.

The Generals had also just come off a comeback win against

Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday. Down 1-0 with under three minutes to play, the Generals scored two goals, first from sophomore Liz Garson and then from junior Kay Dyt to pull ahead and save their undefeated status in the conference. Va. Wes. was the only team last year to prevent the Generals from going undefeated in the conference. Last time the Generals defeated Va. Wes, it was 2002.

Sunday's game against CNU was scheduled to be the last of the regular season for the Generals, but the game against Lynchburg was delayed, setting up an interesting scenario.

Lynchburg is the other team in the ODAC with an undefeated record. On Tuesday, the Generals will travel to Lynchburg to play for the top seed in the upcoming ODAC tournament. Whichever team wins the top seed will have home-field advantage in the semifinals. This is critical since Lynchburg plays on a grass field while the Generals play on turf. The difference between these two

surfaces will play an appreciable role for teams in the tournament. The tournament begins Sat. Oct. 28.

In preparation for the tournament, Orrison says things have been "business as usual." Traditional end-of-season practices including more playing time for underclassmen or more conditioning training are not out of the ordinary.

"We've been in the top four for the last four years," Orrison explained. "The team expects to be where we are and expects to win. I think it's a good thing to get used to; it helps give everyone confidence."

Playing the bench is one of Orrison's ways both of responding to the fast paced nature of the game on turf, and of developing younger players' skills and confidence.

Throughout the regular season, the Generals have managed to post some impressive statistics. They hope to convey this success in the post-season this upcoming Saturday.

## Scoreless streak snapped

Streak ends after 16 scoreless games

By Mike Huntress  
STAFF WRITER

Any fan of Washington and Lee women's soccer must regard the teams 2-1 win over Roanoke on Friday as bittersweet. There seems little to complain about beating a team that entered the contest with a 10-4-1 record, except that the bar set by W&L's defense in its first 16 games was more than just high, it was perfection.

Had the Generals not yielded a goal to Roanoke's freshman forward Margaret Houston in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute, they would have only had to shut out Eastern Mennonite Tuesday (albeit no small task

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