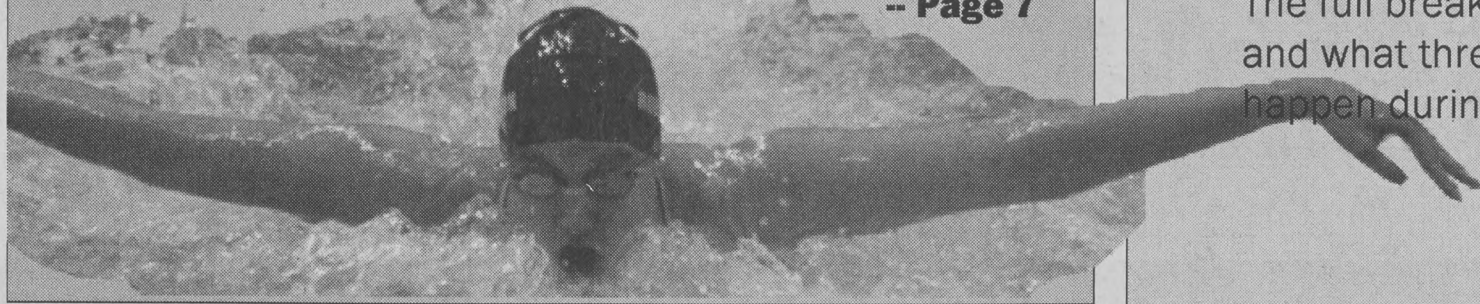


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## Swimmers make a big splash

Men undefeated against ODAC competition while women's team splits versus ODAC foes.

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## Elections end at last

The full breakdown of how local citizens voted and what three W&L politics professors think will happen during the next Congress.

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# Playoff time for football

Despite Saturday's loss to Case Western Reserve, football will face undefeated Wilkes University in the D-III playoffs

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

In the best Washington & Lee football season since 1981, the boys in blue have won a conference title.

The Generals football team capitalized on their chance to win the ODAC, beating Emory and Henry 24-6 in front of a standing-room only Parents' Weekend crowd of 6275 at Wilson Field.

The championship carries with it an automatic berth in the Division III postseason, the Generals' first appearance since 1951. The blue-and-white are the number eight seed in the East region and will travel to Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on Nov. 18. Their opponent posted a 10-0 record in the regular season, winning the Middle Atlantic Conference championship.

Freshman quarterback R. J. Varner wasn't even born the last



**FRANK MIRIELLO,**  
Head Coach

In his 12th season as the head coach at Washington and Lee University, Miriello has led the Generals to a .500 or better record in nine of the last 12 years.

Miriello has also been named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year three times. He is also second all-time at W&L in career wins, producing a 61-57-1 overall record.

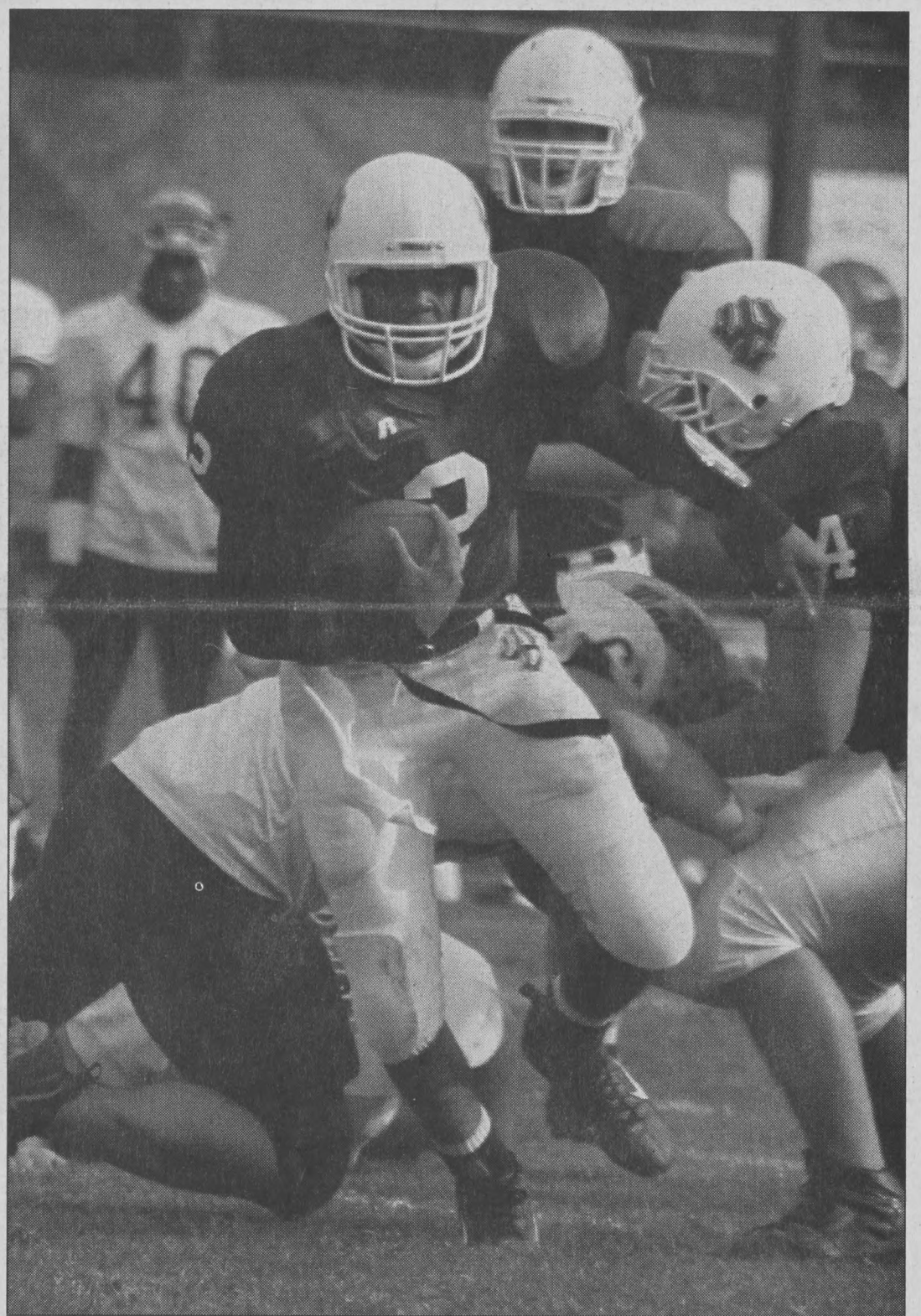
time W&L won an ODAC crown, but it was largely due to his steady play that the Generals swatted away the Wasps. Varner went 7 for 12 with one touchdown and also ran for 20 yards.

When asked about the influences on his play this year, Varner responded, "The coaches did a

great job in helping me develop, but ... [injured starter] Hunter Dawkins did a great job in teaching me from all his experience and telling me the things I need to know all season long."

Dawkins was expected to lead

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MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Freshman quarterback R.J. Varner tucks in the ball and runs through Emory and Henry's defense. Varner has filled in admirably for injured senior Hunter Dawkins.

## W&L's last postseason berth:

Winning the ODAC is something special for the Generals, beyond the automatic postseason berth it carries. This championship is an outright title, something that Washington and Lee has done only once in the ODAC, in 1981. Coach Frank Miriello was a defensive coordinator on the 1985 squad under former head coach Gary Fallon, the school's all time leader in victories. The university continues to honor Fallon through an annual award in his

name, given this year to senior offensive guard Hunter Whitfield.

Fallon is unmatched at W&L for longtime success, but as single seasons go, the program was best in 1950. That year, the squad lost only to Virginia and Tennessee in the regular season and was awarded a spot in the Gator Bowl on New Year's Day 1951. Without future NFL All-Pro fullback Walt Michaels (later the coach of the New York Jets), who missed

the game with appendicitis, the Generals fell to the University of Wyoming 20-7.

The Generals would never again match the success of the 1950 outfit because, four years later, the university stopped awarding athletic scholarships in the wake of a cheating scandal.

Since then, the Generals have played the small-college circuit, joining the Old Dominion Athletic Conference upon its formation in 1975.

# Traveller overwhelmed by riders

Students say they are frustrated by long lines for Traveller Express system and are turning instead to the dispatch drivers

By Cody Beauchamp  
STAFF WRITER

Those involved in running Traveller, Washington and Lee University's safe ride program, are looking for answers to increasing demand being put on the program by students.

Increased ridership has left Traveller Express, the shuttle bus service that runs Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, facing long lines of students for which they do not have room. Traveller Dispatch, the student-run car and van service, has been under increasing pressure to help carry the rides the Express service can't handle.

"The Traveller committee is aware of the frustration students

have," said Kaylee Hartung, student chair for Traveller. Hartung said that the program's resources are already being "pushed to the limit" in an effort to accommodate as many students as possible.

Still, students are finding it difficult to cope.

Overcrowding on the Traveller Express system is causing many students to resort to either calling Traveller Dispatch system or walking even when drunk rather than try to get on the buses on busy party nights.

As one sophomore student, who wished to remain anonymous so as not to be implicated in underage drinking said, "It's ridiculous how long you have to wait sometimes."

Frustrations came to a head

"But just because most of us are drunk at the time doesn't mean we're stupid. We know full buses mean you won't be getting on for a while."

ANONYMOUS STUDENT, Class of 2009

during Homecoming weekend when angry and drunk alumni attacked several Express drivers.

Mila Sugovic, a dispatcher for the Traveller Dispatch, said that a good deal of calls from students asking for a ride come as a result of the students thinking they would not be able to be served by the Express buses.

Sugovic said most students who call do so either when a bus

is full passes by or when they notice a large crowd at the Express stops and don't believe they will be able to get on the next few buses.

"We know that the drivers really enforce the bus capacity rules," said the sophomore.

"But just because most of us are drunk at the time doesn't mean we're stupid. We know full buses mean you won't be getting on for

a while," said the sophomore.

She said her solution is usually to call Traveller Dispatch and hope they can handle her.

Relying on the Dispatch when Express buses are full puts a strain on the system.

During the month of October alone, Dispatch reported transporting 1,454 students.

Hartung said the Traveller committee is aware that the service is under pressure.

She said the program wants to expand capacity by adding a third car -- along with the accompanying driver and gas money.

"I think it would be possible for that to happen by next year," Hartung said.

She said that expanding Traveller's services "is a matter of dol-

lars."

"Right now we are doing everything in our power to save up the funds to make that happen," said Hartung.

Hartung also said that Traveller coordinators and Goff Transportation, the company chartered to run the Express buses, are talking about the challenges currently facing the sober ride system, especially the large buses.

Hartung said that ways to improve service for the school's 300 law students is also a priority.

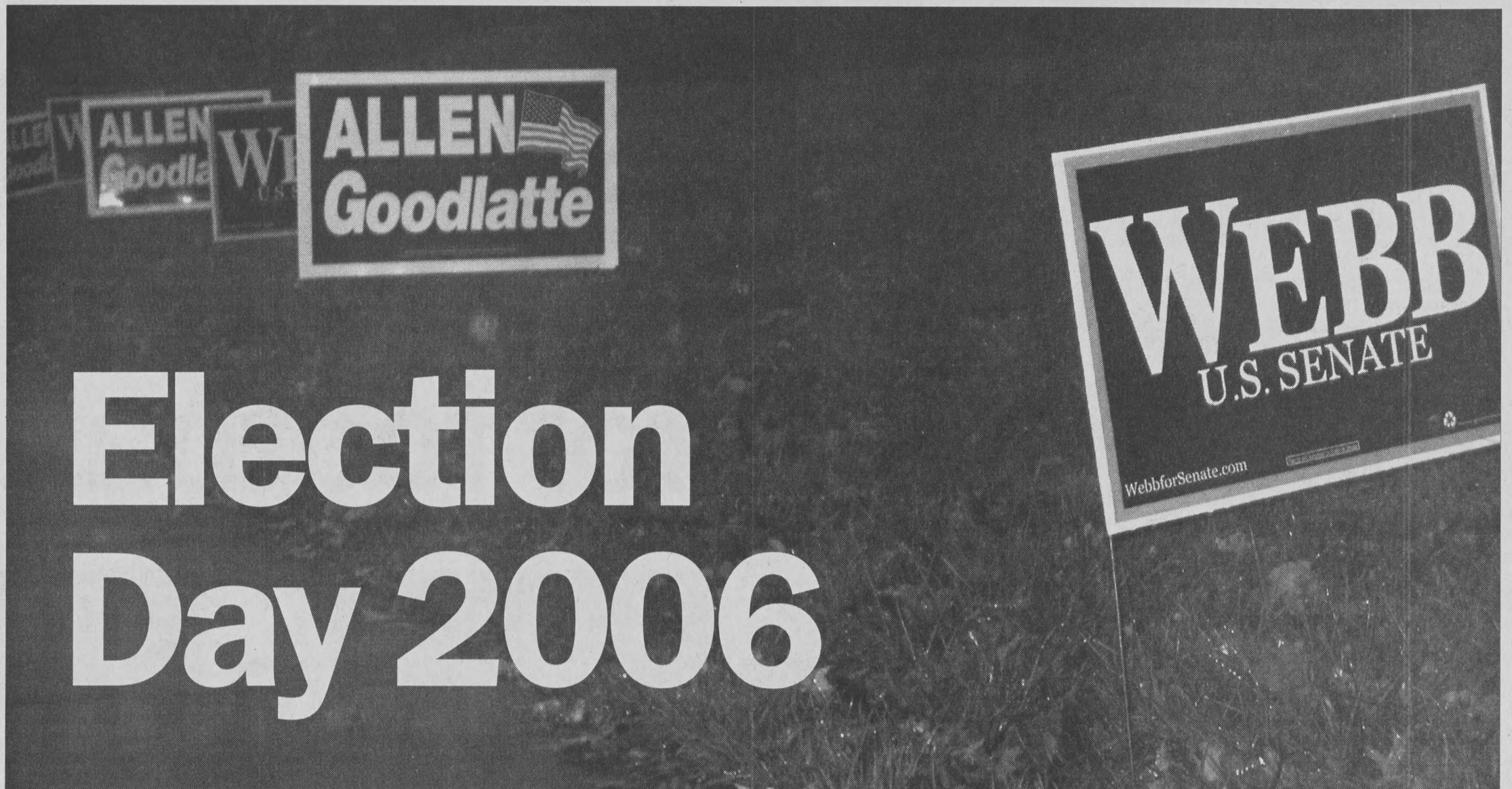
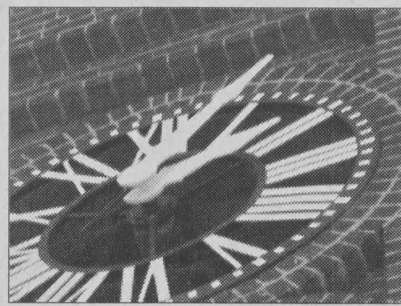
Traveller also wants to cut wait times for the Express and Dispatch sections of the organization.

She did mention that this year

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# news



Hundreds of Jim Webb and George Allen signs line the sidewalk in front of Lexington's only voting place. Webb defeated the incumbent Allen by about 9000 votes statewide. JACOB GEIGER / News Editor

## Election Day 2006

### Locals vote in large numbers

Residents in Lexington help Webb win a tight election, but citizens in the county turn out to vote for Sen. George Allen

By Jacob Geiger and Dane Davis  
NEWS EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

Voters turned out in large numbers Tuesday across Rockbridge County, easily trouncing turnout numbers from previous mid-term elections.

A highly contested senatorial election and a controversial marriage amendment to the state constitution drew the most interest.

"I am more interested this year," Lexington resident Nellie Reynolds said. "It is much more crowded. Last year I was just in and out."

Mary Tabbut also said the polling station was unusually busy.

"I always vote," she said. "I started with Roosevelt in the 1940s when I was living in Massachusetts."

The amendment to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman passed easily. The Senate race, however, was far more competitive.

Incumbent George Allen finally conceded the race on Thursday to challenger Jim Webb, a former secretary of the Navy. Since he was only trailing by 9128 votes out of more than 2.3 million cast, Allen could have demanded a state-wide recount.

Voters in Lexington braved the rain and long lines at the city's rescue squad building. Nearly 55 percent of the city's registered voters came to the polls. Two in three of the voters supported Webb and voted against the proposed marriage amendment.

Voters in the county and Buena Vista strongly supported Allen and voted for the amendment.

At the Lexington polling station, there was a steady stream of voters throughout the day. Though lines occasionally stretched out of the room and into the hallway, voting was moving smoothly and

quickly.

"I have been working about 15 years," poll worker Pree Ray said, "and this is by far the busiest [I have seen]. It is bigger even than 2004."

The 2004 presidential election had a national voter turnout of about 55 percent. In Lexington and Rockbridge County, however, nearly seven in ten voters went to the polls.

Ray and fellow worker Lynda Gordon said crowds have also increased since the city switched from two polling places down to just one. The city's current polling station has five electronic voting machines on hand.

During last fall's governor's election, slightly more than half of the voters in Lexington and Rockbridge County came to the polls.

During that election, the city voted heavily for Democrat Tim Kaine, while the county narrowly supported Republican Jerry Kilgore.

Kaine defeated Kilgore by more than 100,000 votes statewide.

D.J. Nick, an election page, said he and other seniors at Rockbridge County High School were helping voters understand the machines, which were first used in the 2005 gubernatorial election. Nick and the other election pages are A.P. Government students at Rockbridge County high school.

"We explain how to work the ballots," Nick said. "We have to be pretty non-partisan. We cannot explain the amendments - we just hand out the pamphlet that explains them."

Poll worker Lenwood H. Johnson said voting ran smoothly throughout the day.

"We have been very busy, with a good turnout today. It seems similar to 2004. First thing this morning was busy, but it has been

steady all day."

This year's turnout easily eclipsed turnout from the 2002 elections, when Sen. John Warner was handily re-elected. That year about 1.5 million voters - or 40 percent of those registered - came to the polls.

The only recent elections to beat this year were 2000 and 2004, both presidential elections. Voter turnout is traditionally far stronger during those years.

Webb's victory marked a stunning turnaround in a campaign that three months ago seemed to be finished.

Then on Aug. 11, 2006, Allen called one of Webb's campaign workers a "macaca." In some parts of Africa, the word is a racial slur that means monkey. Allen said he simply made the word up and did not intend to insult Webb's staffer.

S.R. Sidarth, the man to whom Allen was referring, is a American citizen of Indian ancestry.

From that point forward, the Allen campaign lost its momentum and gradually sunk lower in the polls. During the final weeks of the campaign, most polls said the candidates were at a dead heat.

When the national press was not busy rehashing Allen's comments, it focused on each man's footwear.

Allen has long been known for wearing cowboy boots. Webb countered by wearing the combat boots his son - a Marine - wore before going to Iraq.

Webb's victory cemented Democratic control of the Senate by a 51-49 margin. The upcoming session will be the first time since 1994 that Democrats have controlled both chambers of Congress.

### what will change in Congress:

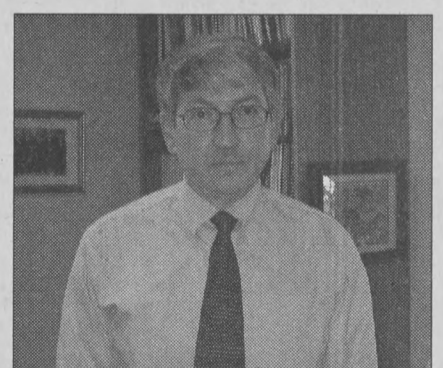
Now that the Democratic Party will control both the House and the Senate for the first time since 1994, The Ring-Tum Phi asked three W&L politics professors to tell us how they think last week's election will shape the 110th Congress when it takes office in January. Our question: **What will the biggest change in Congress be over the next two years?**



Lucas Morel, Associate Politics Professor

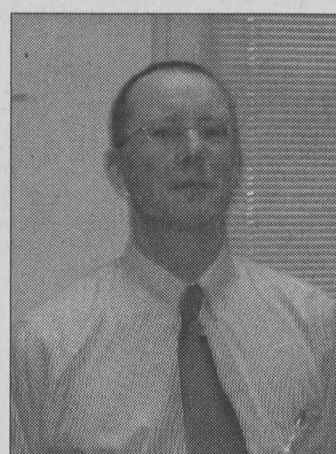
"I am not sure how much Democrats can do to force Bush's hand on foreign policy. Most discretionary power flows from the President, especially during a war, and they cannot really twist his arm to pull out of Iraq much earlier than he wants to. Bush still has a free hand, because we cannot punish him by not re-electing him. I'm wondering how much the Democrats can actually do over the next two years. There may not be drastic changes."

"We will definitely see more hearings and more oversight. I hope it is done in a productive fashion. I hope the subpoena power does not just dig up Abu Garib and other things in the past. What we need is a serious discussion on the next step in Iraq. Bush wants to do something about immigration, and he may be in a better position to get a compromise on that with a Democratic House and Senate than with his own party."



Robert Strong, Politics Professor

"All of a sudden you need bipartisanship or you will have gridlock. Removing Rumsfeld means a change of course in Iraq - but in what direction? Robert Gates [the new nominee for Secretary of Defense] was part of the Iraq study group, so their report may affect the course in Iraq. The real bombshell could be the Supreme Court if [John Paul] Stevens or [Ruth Bader] Ginsberg retire. With Democratic control of the Senate Judiciary Committee, it might limit who Bush can nominate."



Mark Rush, Politics Professor



# NPR ethics man kicks off forum

Department of journalism brings in Jeffrey Dvorkin to kick off school's 42nd Institute of Ethics in

By Jacob Gelger  
NEWS EDITOR

Former National Public Radio ombudsman Jeffrey Dvorkin told an audience of journalists on Friday that their profession has work to do if it wants to regain the trust of Americans.

"Only by being completely honest with our audience will we regain their trust," Dvorkin said.

During his time as NPR's ombudsman, Dvorkin was responsible for monitoring things like accuracy and fairness in the company's broadcasts. He had previously served as vice president of NPR's news division.

Dvorkin left NPR in June to take a position as the executive director for the Committee of Concerned Journalists. In his final post as ombudsman, Dvorkin said his job was to "mediate between listeners and journalists in the interests of good journalism."

When Dvorkin accepted NPR

President Kevin Klose's offer to become the organization's first ombudsman, NPR became the first major broadcast news organization to hire someone in that role. Many major newspapers also employ ombudsmen.

When he created the ombudsman post in 2000, Klose — a former writer and editor at The Washington Post — said he had liked the idea of an ombudsman when he was working for the Post.

As ombudsman, Dvorkin received calls, letters, and e-mails from thousands of listeners each week. He estimated on Friday that during his six year term he heard from more than 750,000 listeners.

Dvorkin, who was born in Calgary, worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation before moving over to NPR.

Dvorkin discussed how journalism has changed during the last century and how journalists can cope with those changes.

*We have at our disposal a vast array of facts... but fewer journalists working in the newsrooms to make sense of those facts.*

**JEFFERY DVORKIN, Former NPR Ombudsman**

"When my grandfather was living in Vienna between World War I and World War II, he read 12 newspapers a day," Dvorkin said. "In a city of about 3 million people, there were 26 newspapers."

He also discussed the changing trends in reporting. Whereas CBS had 38 foreign correspondents in the late 1980s, Dvorkin said, today they have only five. He worried that the repeated downsizing of most news organizations makes it harder for journalists to do thorough reporting.

"We have at our disposal a vast

array of facts...but fewer journalists working in the newsrooms to make sense of those facts."

He said journalists face several issues as they continue to move forward. Some of those issues focus on the reporting side of the business, like determining how reliable sources are and separating rumor from fact.

Dvorkin also said journalists must decide how to handle allegations from the public about bias.

He asked if journalists owed allegiance to the public or to the parent organizations that hire and pay the reporters.

The former ombudsman also spent some time discussing the media's coverage of terrorism and the war in Iraq. He said that he worries journalists will be labeled unpatriotic when they choose to air disturbing or graphic footage from the war-zone.

As an example, he mentioned footage of Iraqi insurgents that CNN had obtained. The footage shows insurgents sitting in a car, waiting to shoot American soldiers. The video fades to black when the insurgents open fire, but over the audio feed the men can be heard praising Allah.

When CNN ran that footage, Congressman Duncan Hunter, the outgoing Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, accused the network as serving as a "publicist for the insurgents."

Dvorkin said he thinks the network was just showing Americans the unvarnished truth about the war.

"Americans have a right to

know what the troops are enduring in Iraq," Dvorkin said. My fear is that in the event of another terrorist attack, the opinions of [Hunter] would become [more prominent]."

He said that journalists, like most Americans, were shocked by the events of Sept. 11 and have struggled since then to figure out how they should cover the ongoing wars.

"Frequently journalists were asked by other journalists if they were Americans first or journalists first," Dvorkin said.

Dvorkin said journalists need to remember two important things as their profession continued to move forward.

"We need to remind ourselves and our audience that journalism is not stenography, [and] we need to tell our audiences how we know what we know."

Staff writer Cody Beauchamp contributed to this article.

## Sober rides tough to find

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the Express service has increased its capacity by upgrading from four buses that carry 10-12 passengers to 3 buses that carry 10-12 and a fourth that can carry 24-25 people.

Hartung hoped to have two 24-25 passenger busses by next year.

Sugovic had another idea, saying that it would be nice for the Dispatch service if they could contact Express drivers.

"Sometimes we don't know what's going on," said Sugovic.

Another suggestion made by both students and drivers to address overcrowding problems would be a change in the way the Express buses run.

Many students complain

*"All I want to do is go from the Pole Houses to Windfall, but the bus would go the entire route back through town."*

**ANONYMOUS FRESHMAN, Class of 2010**

that on a night when parties are only being held in one or two areas, the buses still run through their full circuit.

"All I want to do is go from the Pole Houses to Windfall, but the bus would go the entire route back through town," said one freshman girl, who declined to be named. She did not want to publicly criticize a program she otherwise "loved and appreciated."

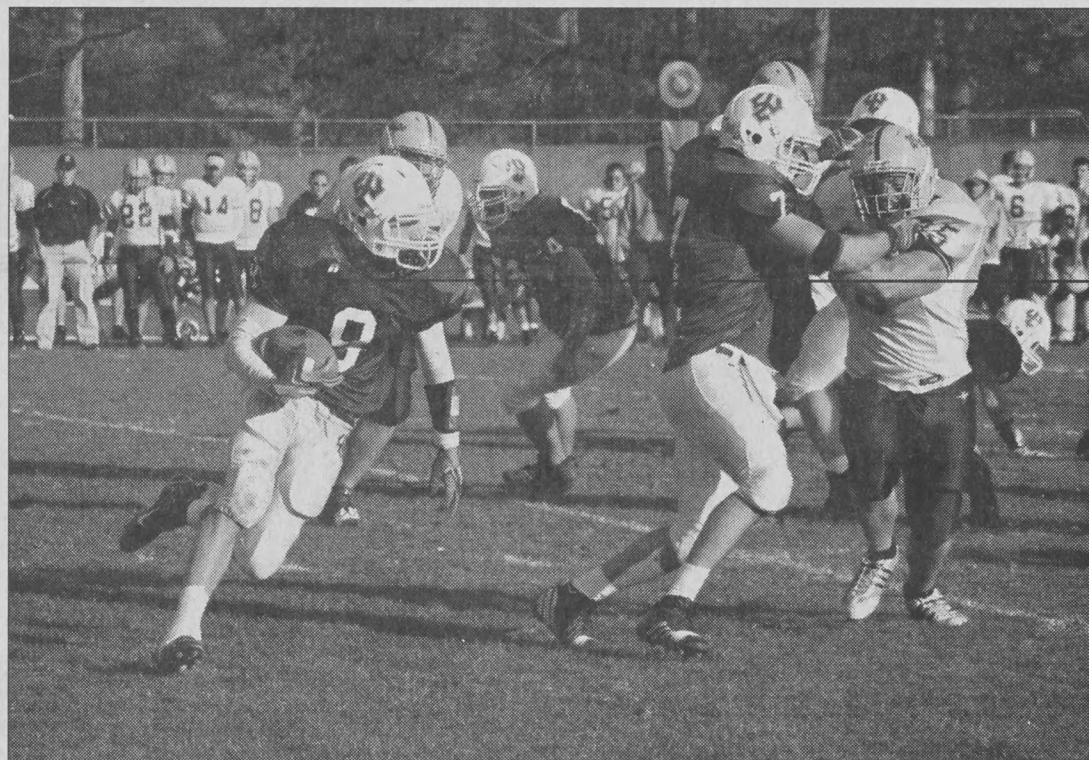
Sugovic had a similar line of thought, saying she be-

lieved it would be more efficient for Goff to take into consideration where the big parties are on a given night.

Sugovic said that way crowds of students looking to go to similar destinations would not have to wait as long.

Hartung said a variety of changes are definitely being considered.

Said Hartung, "the bottom line is we want to get everyone home."



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Running back Stuart Sitterson heads up the field during the Emory and Henry Game.

## Football looks for playoff win

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the team from the quarterback position before a sickening tackle against Randolph-Macon on Sept. 30 left him with a broken collarbone and a senior season cut short.

With Dawkins graduating, the reins of the program are squarely in the hands of the freshman from Birmingham.

Varner will have the continued help of Stuart Sitterson, a sophomore who returned from injury against Emory and Henry to run for 98 yards and gain 44 yards on returns after missing all of the previous game against Bridgewater.

That game, where the Generals also missed do-everything senior Colton Ward, was the team's only conference loss. Ward and Sitterson have been essential to the team's success, not only against Emory and Henry, but all season long.

Varner said the two are "not only great players but ... also great leaders."

Sitterson's statistics have been indicative of his team's achieve-

ments. In the Generals' three losses this season, Sitterson has gained an average of 13 yards per game. In their seven victories, he rushed for 53 yards per game.

W&L's game plan depends on solid running from Sitterson and Ward to set up receiver Jack Martin, who has over 500 yards receiving on the season, including 59 yards in the title-clinching victory over Emory and Henry.

Often lost in the shuffle among such offensive talents as Martin and Ward is the Generals' stellar defense, 20<sup>th</sup> in the nation in points allowed and the conference's best in turnover margin.

Generals cornerback Mark Snoddy has nine interceptions on the season, one away from the school record. The Generals were the only ODAC team to shut down Guilford's top-ranked passing offense and played well in the loss to Case Western Reserve, where 17 of the Spartans' 29 points were scored directly off turnovers.

The Generals' loss on Saturday, in a non-conference game with no bearing on the postseason, was due mainly to the play of Case Western senior Brian Calde-

rone. He returned a fumble for a touchdown, sacked Varner four times, and converted two field goals.

Despite the loss to Case Western, which players described as "sloppy" and "miserable," the Generals are in the postseason for the first time since New Year's Day 1951, where W&L lost to Wyoming in the Gator Bowl. Conference championships did not always carry an automatic berth in the postseason. This season's squad, a talented bunch but a far cry from the legendary 1950 outfit, learned their fate on Sunday afternoon, when the NCAA revealed the Division III playoff bracket.

Wilkes finished the season seventh in the country, and quarterback Al Karaffa will represent the Generals' most formidable opponent this season. W&L faces a serious uphill battle as Sitterson is listed as questionable for the game after re-injuring the right ankle that caused him to miss the loss at Bridgewater. Without him, a season for the ages may end on the banks of the Susquehanna River on Nov. 18 at Ralston Field.

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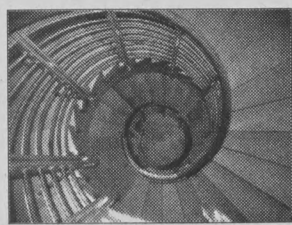
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# opinions



## Be thankful for your dining staff

*Picking up after students not responsibility of employees*

By Grace Andrews  
COLUMNIST

Today's topic is one that is near and dear to my heart: giving thanks!

As we all prepare ourselves to have a week of vacation in which we do nothing but eat, I think we should not forget what the holiday is about.

No, it's not just about Granny's homemade dressing and gravy, or mom's old family recipe for sweet potato pie, and it's not even about that scrumptious (*fill in the blank*) turkey, ham, or random fowl that you will have the pleasure of eating.

It's about being thankful for the small things in life that are sometimes taken for granted.

In my opinion, I think that the security, maintenance and dining services are some of the things we never stop to be thankful for.

These wonderful people work hard to make sure that the Commons is safe, clean, and full of food.

Now, I have always stated that anyone who feeds me is my friend and that goes for the staff in D-hall and Café '77.

I do not get to eat in D-hall as often as would like, but I had the rare pleasure of eating there four or five times in the past two weeks.

Each time I ate there, I was disgusted.

No, it was not the food. It was the people, or more importantly what the people did after eating

*The people who work in D-hall are not paid to put away your dishes for you. It's not in their job description.*

the food.

To my horror, people left their dirty plates, cups, and utensils on the table!

I was shocked and repulsed to see that it was not just one person at a table committing this D-hall offense. There were many plates at multiple tables.

Now, why in grilled burgers and turkey wraps would someone leave their trash for someone else to clean up?

The men and women who work in D-hall are not paid to put your dishes away for you.

Frankly, it's not in their job descriptions.

When is the last time that you gladly cleaned up after hundreds of college students?

No, seriously, put yourself in the well-pressed blue shirts of dining service and imagine how it would feel if every day you had the pleasure of putting away napkins and dishes and then wiping down the tables.

I mean, who does not love extra work that is entirely unnecessary?

I know I do! (sarcasm intended)

Nevertheless, for a campus that prides ourselves on respect,

integrity, and all those other great attributes that build a strong character, we are not practicing what we preach.

I was not supposed to write an article this week, but in the spirit of giving thanks, I wanted to thank some people on campus.

As I stated before, the dining and cleaning services staff are my friends.

I am fiercely loyal to those who I give such a title, enough so that I must speak out against such atrocious displays of good manners.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I implore you to be thankful for the people who work so hard for us with little recognition and appreciation.

Let us do this by cleaning up after ourselves and making their jobs a little easier.

The moral of the story is: clean up after yourself, do not leave your mess for others, and do not let me catch you doing so.

I would hate to write another article and have to name a few perpetrators of crimes against cleanliness, e-mail addresses included!

Have a great break, and bon appetit!

## staffeditorial

# Elect me baby, one more time

*The never-ending election cycle has got to stop*

Election day is almost here, again.

Six days after wrapping up another nasty year of political mudslinging, everyone in Washington D.C. is talking about elections again.

This time, the subject is 2008. Even though that election is one year and 51 weeks away, Wisconsin Sen. Russ Feingold announced yesterday that he would not seek the Democratic presidential nomination.

Hmm. Let's take a count. Two years from now, who will care who said they might run?

This week, both politicians and pundits are taking stock of the new Democratic majority in both chambers of Congress. Why bother? All 435 representatives and 33 senators are getting ready for the 2008 elections.

Democrats liked to complain that the old Republican controlled Congress was a "do-nothing Congress." But we would be shocked if the new party in power suddenly becomes a beacon of efficiency.

Let's face it. When Congress opens its 110<sup>th</sup> Session

in January, it will be business as usual.

Politicians from both parties will get up and make pompous, posturing speeches that rip into their opponents. Then those supposed opponents will turn around and help each other secure earmarks for their home states and districts.

Even when the two parties cannot find a consensus on issues like Iraq, immigration, or the Patriot Act, they all manage to agree on the spending bills. Pork barrel projects, it seems, are the last bastion of bipartisanship.

And even when the Senate can tear its attention away from sending record windfalls back to their home states, they will have plenty of campaigning to worry about.

The following Senators have either already announced they will run for President in 2008 or are thinking about running: John McCain, John Kerry, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Evan Bayh, Christopher Dodd, Joe Biden, and Sam Brownback.

That means eight Senators are going to be focusing on the Presidency instead of

listening to their constituents. Those Senators come from both parties, so both Republicans and Democrats are putting their own interests ahead of the people they were elected to serve.

Several governors and a few representatives may also jump into the campaign. You can bet on each of them ignoring their constituents to focus on campaigning.

Heck, some of those people have been thinking about the Presidential election since the final tallies from the 2004 race were announced.

Since political analysts are estimating that serious candidates will need an initial bank account of \$60 million to mount a serious primary campaign, most of these potential candidates have already begun raising money.

And since you cannot raise \$60 million overnight, those candidates will be focusing on fundraising instead of legislating.

Maybe the new Congress will surprise us. Maybe something will actually get done during the next two years.

We'll believe it when we see it.

## Win not exactly success

*Allen's moral inadequacy led to his fall, and Webb should never forget it*

By Dylan Merrill  
COLUMNIST

Virginia is proof that democracy still exists in America.

Here's why:

Most of us paid attention to the U.S. Senate race between incumbent Republican George Allen and his "capital-D" Democratic challenger Jim Webb, or at least know of its existence.

These guys have been the subject of a media blitz, in which every aspect of their campaigns has been inspected and probed.

If you've watched CNN in the past weeks, you couldn't have missed Allen's faded glory pigskin passes and the ubiquitous "I'm Jim Webb, and I wear army boots" segment.

A few months ago, most Beltway pundits had chalked up Sen. Allen as the winner, giving Jim Webb only a nominal chance for the upset.

Allen's famous football coach dad and native son persona have helped him find notoriety and popularity within Virginia politics.

In fact, many Democrats expressed disapproval when Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) of New York authorized party assistance for Webb's campaign against the popular congressman and ex-governor.

Some racially questionable comments made by Allen, though, proved to be the end of

*Some say that their vote doesn't matter; what's one person's vote amongst many?*

his campaign. Apparently, he was unaware that calling a young man of Indian descent "Macaca" was an insult.

The ever-attentive media caught Allen's mistake and turned it into a full-scale scandal. I wonder if Sen. Allen's father was watching as his son's fumble cost his party the game.

The expressions on the Republicans' faces were grim as they lowered their Gatorade cooler and walked away from the sideline.

But then again, the fact that Macaca-gate occurred in the first place is not that surprising.

Washington insiders are notoriously bad at grasping simple moral values (see Mark Foley's naptime niceness and William Jefferson's frozen assets).

I'm not insinuating that George Allen is a pedophile or a crook, only that it is appropriate that a notoriously narrow-minded congressman was ousted because of his poorly veiled bigotry.

Some might say that the closeness of the Virginia Senate race shows the unfairness of our electoral process.

How is it reasonable to believe that the smear tactics of an overblown political scandal justly determines the outcome of an important election?

That's a fair point, but you must still understand that the loss was ultimately instigated by George Allen's mistakes.

If more people thought that Allen was still the best candidate, then he obviously would have won. Many people had strong convictions and were concerned with the issues at stake, but they still did not vote.

Some say that their vote doesn't matter; what's one person's vote amongst many?

The journalist Hunter S. Thompson struggled to deal with this feeling of voter apathy. Thompson, however, realized the danger of such disillusionment. "No one is stealing our freedoms," he noted, "we're dealing them away."

Still, to some, the threat of losing liberty is less pressing than their lack of motivation. The uselessness of adding one vote to millions others, to them is an ex-

ercise in futility.

But that's the exhilarating thing about voting. My vote was one of more than 2 million, but Jim Webb's margin of victory was about 7,000 votes, roughly equivalent to the number of people at a poorly attended rodeo.

Not only did my vote contribute to the narrow success of Virginia's next senator, but it also tipped the scales of majority power in the Senate towards the Democrats.

With a 15-minute trip to the voting center on a rainy Tuesday, I and millions of others earned the right to criticize our government and fulfilled our duty to participate in the operation of our government.

The people of Virginia decided that George Allen no longer represents their interests.

In an election whose outcome could hardly be closer, Jim Webb can't assume that he has won a treasure chest of political capital.

Politicians tend to translate victory at the polls into a certificate of divine right.

However, electoral success is not a permission slip that allows congressmen to graffiti the halls of Congress.

Politicians should always consider themselves the lesser of two evils.

If they can't, they will eventually become the greater of two evils, and they will be voted out.

That's democracy.

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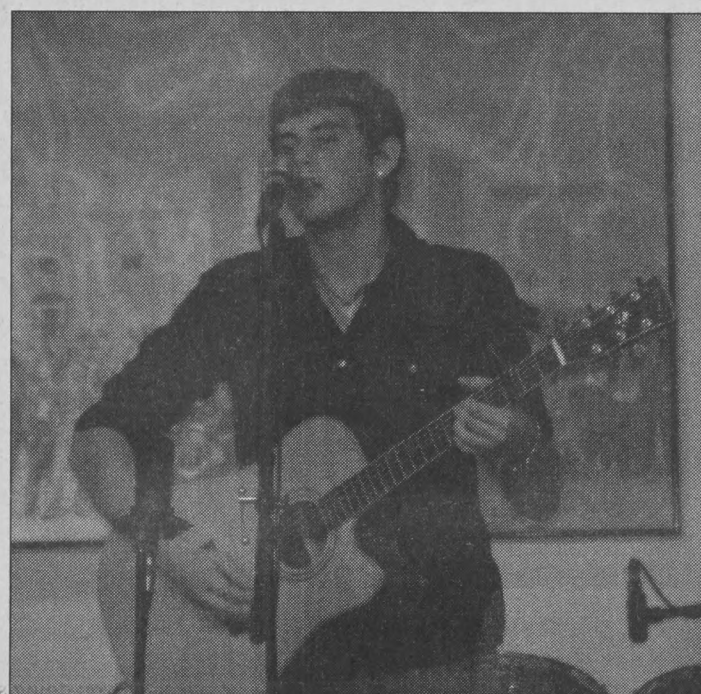


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## Acting for Sudan



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Last Saturday, the Student Association for International Learning (SAIL) sponsored a talent show to raise money for the crisis in Sudan. International Development and Relief Groups (IDRG) co-chair Grace Andrews hosted the show, creating a comical environment for spectators. Her partner in organizing the showcase, IDRG co-chair Liza Njuguna, assisted with the technical aspects. According to Andrews, SAIL raised over \$500 from the talent show alone, but they are still waiting for the totals from the business office.

Freshman Rasaan Lawal sang "Ordinary People" by John Legend (top left). Lawal was accompanied by freshman Daniel Thornton, and the duo captured first place.

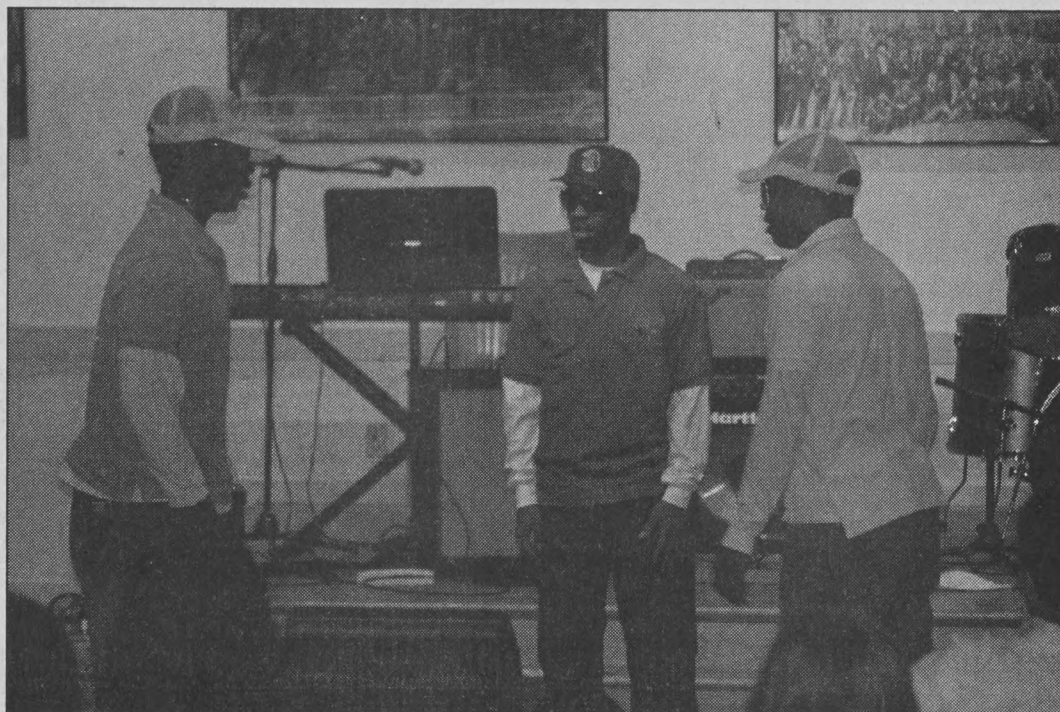
The band Dr. Kenneth and the Googleplex (top right), comprised of sophomores Morgan Harris (bass), Hunter Branstetter (drums/percussion), Matt Amling (vocals) and Keith Friend (drums/percussion) and freshman Alex Sherban (guitar) were the judges pick for "best style."

Sophomore Eric Reitz (right center) performed two solos on the guitar, one by Ryan Adams and the other an original. Reitz also performed a duet by U2 with sophomore Jamila Seaton that earned the pair third place.

Lawal teamed up with senior Frank Lee III and freshman Chris Washington to execute a hip-hop medley which won second place.

When the judges were tallying the score, Andrews presented a brief slide show and summary of the events in Sudan.

"It's hard to look at it and not be moved," Andrews said. "The pictures were striking and painful, but they were shown to remind people of how severe a crisis is occurring and remind them that it is vital that they do what they can to help."



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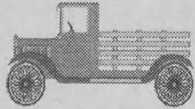
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## Opportunities overseas

International education drawing large crowds, offering numerous expeditions abroad during six-week Spring term

By Sarah Klentz  
STAFF WRITER

Spring term is often coveted by Washington and Lee students as a time to relax outside, enjoy warm Lexington weather and float down the Maury River while still taking classes.

However, many students are taking advantage of W&L's wide range of Spring term abroad opportunities.

This spring, students will travel to a wide variety of loca-

tions, including Italy, China, New Zealand, India and Brazil. In addition, a range of departments are giving students the opportunity to study a range of subjects such as art, language, politics, business and science overseas.

English professor Marc Conner is leading a trip to Ireland for the fourth time this spring.

He said one concern that students have with traveling during Spring term is that six weeks is not be enough time to fully immerse oneself in the culture.

"[The program] is so intensive; students will be in the field 50-60 hours a week," Conner said.

"It really is an immersion into the culture. Spending more time doesn't always mean having a better experience."

Conner said another advantage of going abroad during Spring term is the ability to use the W&L professors' knowledge to the fullest.

"For six weeks students are traveling with an absolute expert in the field," Conner said.

"They're not in a tour group setting. They're with an academic guide who knows the students and the university. Other programs can't match that."

Sophomore Galina Yudovich will be traveling with Conner and 19 other students to Ireland this spring. She said the program will give her a new perspective on literature.

"It's a way for students to study literature where it was originally written," Yudovich said.

"We can understand the physical and cultural surroundings the author saw and experienced."

Yudovich said it is especially important for W&L students to experience the world beyond Lexington.

"A lot of students here are from an environment a lot like W&L, and a lot are going into business or economics," Yudovich said.

"Going abroad and seeing how

other people live culturally and economically will broaden their understanding of the concepts they're learning here."

Journalism professor Pam Luecke is leading students to China with business professor Kip Pirkle.

Luecke spoke of the importance of taking journalism and business students to China.

"We're convinced that China will be such a force in these students' lives and careers that they'll need to see it first hand," Luecke said.

"It seemed like a logical decision to show students China's business and economic growth and how the news media is covering it."

Luecke said an experience in China will broaden students' views of international relations.

"Students will be working and living in a truly international community," Luecke said.

"Until you look outside our country, you can't understand how we're viewed by the rest of the world. This trip could be life-changing and open their eyes to careers in other parts of the world."

Sophomore Emily Deddens will be traveling to Italy with the art department.

She said she is excited about traveling with other students.

"I'd been to Italy before with my family, and I loved the art-

work," Deddens said.

"I wanted the experience of traveling throughout the country with my peers."

Deddens said W&L should take advantage of abroad programs in order to "experience something outside of our campus bubble."

"We're not in an urban area, so we don't get to experience a lot outside our campus community," Deddens said.

Another new trip this spring is to the American West to study the Lakota Sioux American Indian tribe.

The trip will be led by religion professor Harvey Markowitz, who said the trip will be a unique opportunity to study the religion, culture and history of these Native Americans.

"Indians are so far back in the consciousness of Americans," Markowitz said.

"The U.S. government has defined them as domestic dependent sovereigns in this Indian community, so it's like visiting a different country. You don't find that with any other ethnic group."

Markowitz said experiencing other cultures is essential not only to students but to all Americans.

"It's fundamental in terms of testing and questioning assumptions we take for granted," Markowitz said.

"There's a lot of fruit to be gathered by seeing the world."

### 2007 Spring term ventures

This spring, the university is offering a number of trips abroad. Below is a list of departments and locations.

**Art:** Italy

**Business/Journalism:**

China

**Chemistry/Art:**

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# Students aid impoverished

## NSL events raise awareness:

**Mon. Nov. 13**  
**Urban Plunge Panel**  
7:30 p.m., Commons  
Room 214

**Tues. Nov. 14**  
**Oxfam Hunger**  
**Banquet:** 6-8 p.m.,  
Evans Dining Hall

**Wed. Nov. 15**  
**Fair Trade Coffee**  
**and Chocolate:**  
7 p.m.-9 p.m.,  
Commons Living Room

**Thurs. Nov. 16**  
**NSL Art Show/**  
**Reception:** Commons  
Living Room 10 a.m.-  
10 p.m.

**Homeless Panel:**  
6:30-8 p.m., Commons  
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*Service programs teach students about poverty, inspire young minds to change economic state of nation*

By Catherine Carlock  
COPY EDITOR

Red bricks, white columns and an overwhelming mob of pink polos: Welcome to Washington and Lee University.

With tuition and fees above \$40,000 and a per student endowment of over \$200,000, W&L doesn't seem like it would be the venue to study poverty.

Enter Harlan Beckley, former acting President of W&L. A former Religion professor with a doctorate in Christian Theological Ethics, Beckley's main focus these days is the Shepherd Poverty Program.

It was with Beckley's insistence and the support of Nancy and Tom Shepherd that the Poverty Program was founded at W&L.

The Shepherd Program has been nationally recognized as one of the most groundbreaking undergraduate college programs in the United States.

The Shepherd Program also works in conjunction with the Nabors Service League, which sponsors the Nabors Service Day and numerous other projects.

The popularity of Nabors Service Day, the Shepherd Program, and other service programs like the Campus Kitchen Project show that W&L students are ready and willing to give back to the community.

Nabors' next event is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

It is nationally co-sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH) and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger & Homelessness (NSCAHH).

NCH, a not-for-profit program, sponsors numerous other events each year.

NSCAHH is another not-for-profit organization whose goal is to educate and train students about hunger and homelessness in America.

The campaign is also focusing on a grassroots-level movement to help put an end to poverty and hunger.

"We really want to make [the] Washington and Lee students and community more aware of the issues that surround them, and this week in particular about hunger and homelessness," NSL general chair Sonia Siu said.

*"We really want to make [the] Washington and Lee students and community more aware of the issues that surround them."*

Sonia Siu, Nabors Service League General Chair

"Nabors Service League is also seen as a tool through which Washington and Lee students can find volunteer opportunities," she said.

W&L is privileged enough to have a program on campus that educates students about the dangerous problems of poverty in the United States.

This upcoming week, students will have the opportunity to be involved with not only Nabors Service League, but NCH as well.

The National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week starts Nov. 13 and will last through Nov. 17.

NCH co-sponsors the event exactly one week before Thanksgiving each year.

The week is dependent on school and community involve-

ment.

There are no set events or programs; each separate community is responsible for coordinating the event.

Nabors has several events throughout the week that will hopefully raise awareness concerning poverty and hunger.

The first of these events is the Oxfam Hunger Banquet, held Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6-8 p.m. in Evans Dining Hall.

Tickets are \$5 and may be swiped home or purchased at the door.

The Hunger Banquet is a nationally sponsored event that offers an interesting perspective on hunger throughout the world.

Each person attending the banquet is randomly assigned a role in a high-income group, a middle-

income group, or a low-income group.

The high-income group sits at a table and eats a three-course meal. The middle-income group consumes rice and beans while sitting in chairs. The group representing low incomes sits on the floor and receives rice and water.

The keynote speaker at this year's Oxfam Hunger Banquet will be Beckley.

On Nov. 16, Nabors will host an Art Show with a reception and a Homeless Panel. The panel will be comprised of two people who have experienced homelessness and one staffer on the NCH.

"By going to these events, [every person is] going to learn about ways they can take individual steps to help some of the people that are suffering through some of these issues," Siu said.

Also this week, the Campus Kitchen Project is sponsoring a "5 for 5" event, where W&L students can donate to the Project.

For every dollar donated, CKP will be matched \$5. W&L students will also receive five cookies per dollar contributed.

NCH or the NSL do not sponsor the event, but it is another opportunity to help out CKP.

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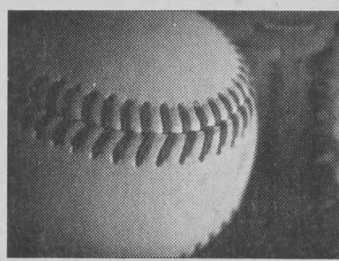
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# sports



## sportsbriefs

### Men's Cross Country

The Washington and Lee men's cross country team finished seventh overall at the NCAA regional championships on Saturday afternoon at Emory University. W&L was led by sophomore Vance Berry, who finished 18th overall in a time of 26:15.3. Sophomore Michael Welsh and junior Tom Brower also paced the Generals, finishing 21st and 33rd overall, respectively. Berry, Welsh, and Brower all received all-regional accolades. Former W&L star Alex Mahoney, who transferred to Rhodes College this season, won the race in a time of 25:41.6. Mahoney, who ran side-by-side with his former teammates, will next compete at the NCAA national championships. The regional championships was the Generals' last race of the season, ending a very successful 2006 campaign.

### Men's Swimming

The Washington and Lee men's swimming team continued its winning ways on Sunday afternoon when they downed Gettysburg College by a score of 153-49. Seniors Kevin Hayes and Mike Ginder each won a pair of individual events and swam on the winning 400 medley relay team. Hayes won the 200 IM and won the 200 breaststroke, while Ginder won the 200 free and the 200 back. The two were joined on the victorious 400 medley relay team by junior Alex Sweet and freshman Winston Stagg. The men return to action on Saturday when they travel to Franklin & Marshall for a tri-meet against the host and Carnegie Mellon. The meet is set to begin at 1 p.m.

### Women's Swimming

The Washington and Lee women's swimming team had one win and two losses this past weekend. In ODAC competition, the Generals defeated Guilford College 224-32 but lost to Randolph-Macon 135-126. On Sunday, the Generals lost to Gettysburg 134-71. In the Gettysburg meet, W&L women had a pair of individual winners as sophomore Lindsey Strachan won the 200 backstroke and freshman Jenna Worsham won the 200 IM. In the ODAC tri-meet, the Generals were paced by strong performances from Worsham, who captured the 200 free and the 200 breast, and also was a member of the winning 200 free relay. Strachan won the 200 back and captured second in the 500 free, while Susan Mahoney touched the wall first in the 200 IM and second in the 100 free. The women return to action on Saturday when they travel to Franklin & Marshall for a tri-meet against the host and Carnegie Mellon.



Freshman Jonathan Giesen swims the butterfly in the Generals' meet against Gettysburg College on Sunday afternoon. Giesen has been one of the freshmen standouts for W&L this season.

MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

# Swimmers split meet

*Men swim to a victory over Gettysburg, while women come up short on Sunday*

By Lara Jordan  
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's swim teams begin their seasons with a positive outlook, as well as a strong record, having some of the fastest individual and relay times in the nation.

"Individually, Tim McGlaston has the best 50 free time in the country, Mike Ginder has the fastest 200 freestyle time in the nation, and Paul Crook has been ranked top ten in the 500 freestyle," said senior Kevin Hayes.

Hayes also said W&L's team is swimming significantly faster and is comparable to other "highly regarded teams."

With these successes, the team has high expectations for the rest of the season.

"We have set the bar very high for ourselves this season," said senior Mike Ginder. "This year

we want to really make a name for ourselves on the national level."

In order to accomplish this goal, Ginder says the team needs to accomplish two things: have an undefeated dual meet record (which means beating Johns Hopkins) and finish in the top-five at the NCAA Division III Championships.

The women have similar goals.

"Our goal as a team is to be undefeated against the ODAC teams," said senior captain Abbie Sauter. "We also want to win ODACs for the 14th straight year. Another goal is to break every single relay record."

Part of the reason for the teams' achievements is their workouts.

"This year's training regimen has been significantly more difficult than last year, but everyone has been able to meet the challenge," said Hayes. "It has been

showing with our times."

One new difference in the teams' workouts is the addition of dryland practices.

According to freshman Jonathan Giesen, they include more technical aspects, including lifting.

"We have more intense workouts all week long and we are also doing dryland workouts three days a week that will help us in the pool," said Giesen.

These intensified practices make up for their disadvantage of having only one practice a day.

"We are one of the few teams in the country that practices only once a day," said senior Dave Croushore. "This all means that we have to work harder and smarter than other teams to achieve the same results."

Also, the incoming freshmen have contributed to the team's overall triumph.

"The incoming freshmen have been an asset to the team from the outset," said Hayes. "We have some very impressive swimmers strengthening some weak spots from last year or adding depth to the lineup. The incoming freshmen are keeping the sophomores and upperclassmen working hard to keep their positions in the lineup, which only makes us better collectively."

However, the seniors continue to be the heart of the team.

"The seniors are the leadership core of this team," said Croushore. "Not only are three of the five seniors strong candidates for All-America honors, the five of us have been with the team as long as Joel [Shinofield, head coach]. We have been through three years and seen this team through many different times. We want to leave this program on top."

For the women, the team has to overcome the disadvantage of losing 11 members from last year's team.

"I'd say maybe the fact that we are a young team could be viewed [as a disadvantage]," said Sauter. "However, we have all grown tremendously this season already, and I think the fact that the team is so young and already so good is a great thing, because next year the team will still be just as strong, if not stronger."

The team also attributes their success to their coach Shinofield.

"He knows exactly what it takes to accomplish our goals for the end of the season," said Ginder. "He spends the time and effort necessary to make this program a success."

The team competes against Franklin & Marshall this Saturday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 19 against Rowan.

# Men's soccer loses to Lynchburg

*Generals' season comes to an end after a tough 1-0 defeat in ODAC semifinals*

By Kevin Trempe  
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in three games, the Washington and Lee men's soccer team fell victim to a disappointing defeat at the hands of a familiar foe.

With a 1-0 loss to Lynchburg College in the semifinals of the ODAC Championship, the Generals finished the season 12-3-2 and saw their chances at an NCAA tournament bid disappear.

The defeat came on the heels of a 2-0 loss to Lynchburg in the season finale two weeks ago.

The semifinal game, played at Roanoke College's Elizabethtown Campus, was a defensive struggle for the first 45 minute period, seeing no goals from either side.

However, in the 65th minute of regulation, Lynchburg senior midfielder Casey Zambor broke through the W&L defensive front and notched what would become the game-winning goal.

Thanks in part to two saves by Lynchburg goalkeeper Marcus Jordan, the Generals were unable to respond.

Lynchburg would go on to defeat Virginia Wesleyan College in the ODAC championship game, eventually falling to North Carolina Wesleyan in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

W & L learned on last Sunday that they would not receive an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Despite the disappointing fin-

ish, the season was widely viewed as a success.

The 12-3-2 finish marked the Generals' best record since 2000. The team began the season undefeated for their first ten games, and outscored their opponents 42-9 for the season.

The 2006 campaign also saw the 250th win for Head Coach Rolf Piranian, who garnered much success in his 31<sup>st</sup> season at Washington and Lee.

Another mark of success were the individual accolades acquired by players.

Two Generals were recently named to the CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine College Division III Academic All-District Team. The award, presented to seniors Scott Pittman and Rhett McCraw,

honors starting athletes who earn a 3.2 or higher GPA and contribute significantly to their team's success. For many, though, the season meant more than awards, milestones, and victories.

The successes of this year built a foundation for teams to come. Freshman midfielder Drew Crowley said that the season "was a great experience," and that "a lot of it should be owed to the leadership on the team."

"I am extremely excited for next season and hope to continue the legacy left behind by the seniors of this year's team. They will definitely be missed, and we will need to fill their shoes next year."

The Generals will lose six seniors next season, including cap-

tains and leading defensemen J.D. McDermott, Alex Phillips, and Scott Pittman.

However, returning players will include leading goal scorers Jack Palmer and Josh Dodds, both expected to make significant contributions to the team's success as seniors. Also returning will be starting goalkeeper Ted Sheedy, who picked up eight shutouts this season, allowing a total of seven goals in 15 games.

W & L will advance into the 2007 season with each of their top five scorers from this year.

Despite losing starters from the defense that played a large role in this season's victories, all indications point to continued success and heightened expectations for next fall.



# Bittersweet 16 ends

Record season led by senior captains

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a record run in the NCAA championships, the Washington and Lee volleyball team fell to Stevens Institute of Technology on Saturday evening in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

The Generals also beat out top-seeded NYU in a surprising upset.

Making it to the Sweet 16 was the best result in the program's history.

Senior captain Ashley Hurt said, "It was thrilling to make it to the Sweet 16 for the first time ever, and I am so proud to be a part of this team. Unfortunately, the crowd was tough, which worked for the other team and against us."

The crowd was very tough as the Generals played Stevens Institute on their home court, as the men's soccer team had just won the regional championship.

Hurt said, "Everyone was rowdy. It will be interesting to see how their team does without their fans."

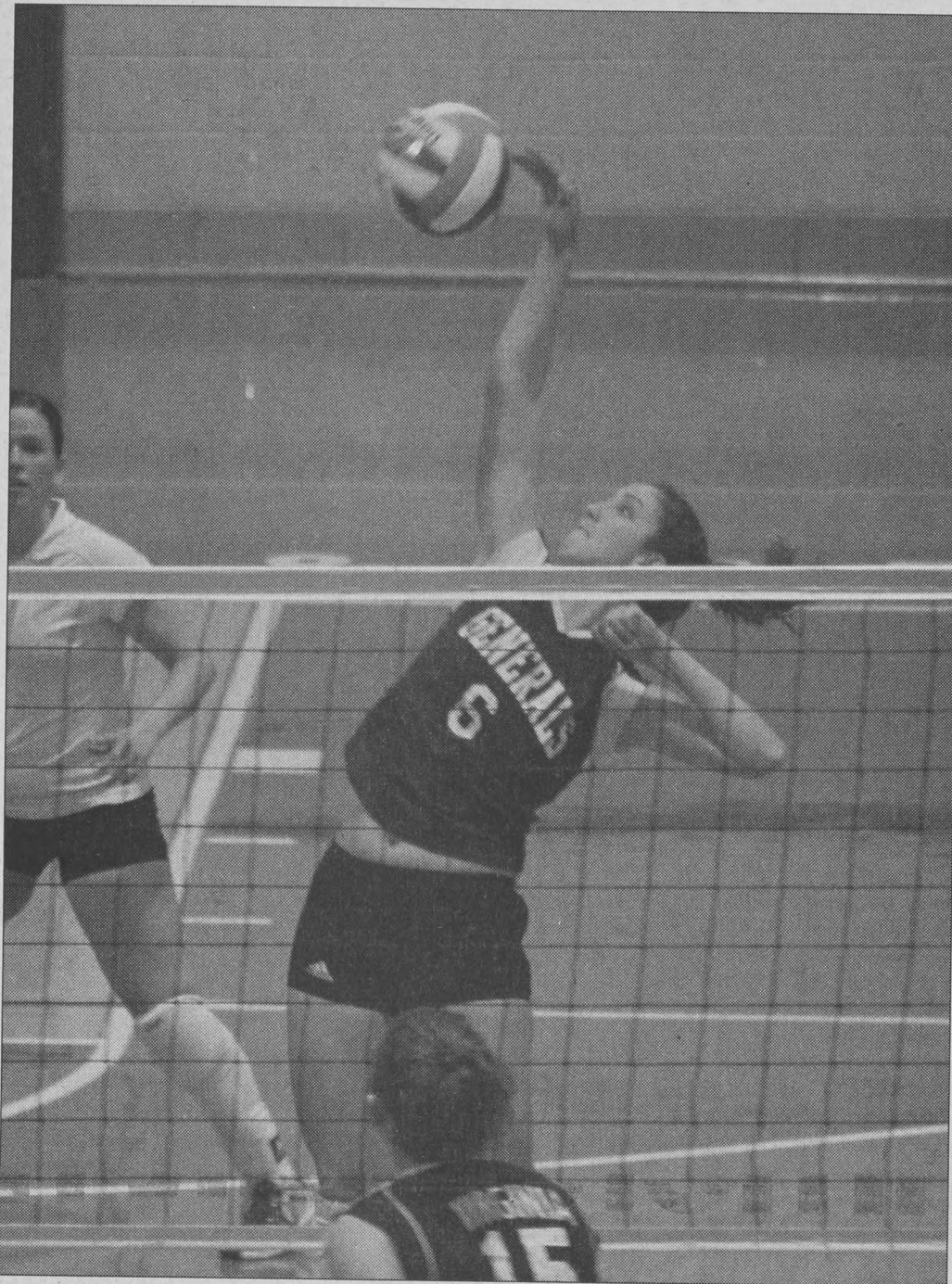
The fifth-seed in their section of the tournament, the Generals lost to second-seeded Stevens Tech 26-30, 38-40, 30-22, 22-30.

In the game, the Generals were led by junior right side Jess Hudock's 13 kills and three service aces, while sophomore outside hitter Laura Maurer made 11 kills. Freshman setter Kristi Stevens tallied 22 assists, and senior libero Lauren Edmonson added 16 digs and three service aces.

The Generals' biggest victory of the season came on Friday, when they defeated top-seeded and 16th-ranked NYU in a five-game battle, 25-30, 30-28, 30-19, 29-31, 15-13.

In the game, Edmonson led the Generals with a school-record 11 service aces and a team-high 25 digs.

Sophomore middle blocker Kassie Bagley tallied 12 kills and eight blocks, while Maurer added 11 kills and 16 digs. Hudock racked up nine kills and 18 digs and junior setter Lauren



Senior captain Ashley Hurt helped bring together a young team in the Sweet 16 tournament in Hoboken, N.J. on Saturday. The record season ended against SIT.

Rudolph totaled 29 assists. Rudolph said, "Beating NYU was the biggest accomplishment for the W&L volleyball program."

"It was an amazing feeling, coming out and beating the number one seed in the region when no one expects you to win."

On the season as a whole, the Generals were aided by their strong leadership, behind captains Hurt and Edmonson.

Rudolph praised Hurt, saying, "[She] was amazing this year, and was often underrated and her talents weren't acknowledged nearly enough."

"She was out for practically

the whole season last year and came back to be a huge part of our tournament run."

Hurt led the team in kills against Vassar and blocked solidly against NYU, which played a huge factor in their victory.

Hurt played through a lot of pain this year, and yet still came through to make 227 kills.

The leadership of the Generals played a large role in their success this season.

Senior libero Lauren Edmonson set a school record for most digs in a season, breaking her own record.

Hudock added, "With such a young team it can be hard to set the right example, but [Edmon-

son and Hurt] really gave us a great model for playing with consistency, a positive attitude, and a lot of heart."

As Rudolph put it, "These two ladies were wonderful captains, fantastic teammates, and reliable players this entire season."

With their 2006 season over, the Generals exceeded all expectations that had been set for them.

Hudock said, "It was very surreal to be playing in the Sweet 16—the concept of it was really hard to grasp, but it felt like a huge validation of all the hard work our team has accomplished this season."

# Wrestling with hunger

Team works to make weight as they prepare for season with young players

By Joel Poelhuis  
STAFF WRITER

In wrestling, the hunger for victory must overcome the hunger for food.

Long runs and skipped meals are necessities for those trying to make weight requirements, and an integral part of the sport is maintaining the body to exact specifications of weight and body fat index.

"Nobody enjoys losing weight, it's just something you have to do," said freshman Jamie Goodin.

"Cutting weight is definitely the part that makes wrestling different from other sports," senior captain Max Courtney said. "It really teaches you self-discipline."

The Generals are coming off their first meet of the season last week at the Southern Virginia

*"We're shooting for a top-four team finish at conference."*

MAX COURTNEY, captain

University Knight Open. Courtney, juniors Kirk Adamson, Anthony Boniello, David Shubick, Erick Gagne and sophomore Rob Terrin all won in their weight classes. The team returns nine starters from last year and has solid players spread throughout the weight classes rather than one or two stars. Having depth especially helps the team in dual meets, where every point counts.

The Generals are led by Head Coach Gary Franke, Assistant Coach Rolf Piranian, and team captains Courtney and junior Jesse Sataloff. Sataloff is currently recovering from a shoulder injury, and freshman Zak Colangelo is prepared to take over the 174-pound slot until his return.

"Your teammates are really important, not just for putting up points for the team, but for pushing each other to succeed in the practice room," Courtney said.

Last season the team posted a 5-5 record (3-4 in the conference)

and was ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the National Coaches Wrestling Association Division III Scholar All-American Team poll.

"Coach Franke definitely puts a lot of emphasis on balance between the mat and the classroom," Courtney said.

Franke has coached the wrestling team for 34 years, and boasts three conference titles.

"He's really mellow and knowledgeable, which makes it really easy to learn new things in practice," Goodin explained.

Courtney, the lone senior on the team, described the program's development. He said, "When I was a freshman, we only had four active guys on the roster. Coach Franke went out and recruited and brought in three solid classes behind us. We've gone from being the laughingstock of the conference to being able to field a full team and be competitive. Our program has come a long way," Courtney said.

In wrestling, Washington and Lee is now a member of the Centennial Conference rather than the Old Dominion, because no other Old Dominion schools have wrestling programs.

Most of them dropped wrestling as a sport after the Title IX amendment to the Civil Rights Act. Title IX, which regulates the equality of men's and women's sports, has hit wrestling especially hard because it is an all-male sport that does not produce a lot of revenue.

W & L is the only D-III school in Virginia to maintain a wrestling program. The top competition in the Centennial Conference is Ursinus and McDaniel, both of which were nationally ranked last year.

"We're shooting for a top four team finish at conference," Courtney said. This would involve four individuals placing in the tournament.

The Generals' next meet will be away at Ursinus on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Courtney said despite the hunger and pain, the level of competition makes it all worthwhile. "There's no better feeling in the world than getting your hand raised after a match, knowing that you beat that guy."

# Athletes who play nice play well

Well-mannered athletes show that showboating jerks don't have the stats to support their wicked ways

By Adam Lewis  
COLUMNIST

If you have seen any episode of Sportscenter in the past few months, then you probably have noticed that players like Terrell Owens and Chad Johnson can't go a day without an outlandish



comment or a controversial act.

And when the terribly unfortunate event occurs that they do not make headlines, they make sure to redeem themselves in the eyes of America by providing our country with its favorite form of absurd entertainment.

But while T.O. and Ocho Cinco are making fools of themselves and helping their team go .500,

*Sure, Peyton Manning had a ton to do with those stats, but guess what? Peyton Manning is a class act, too...*

players like Marvin Harrison and Tiki Barber are not only quietly compiling league-leading statistics, but they are leading their respective teams to division leads and possibly the Super Bowl.

I don't know about you, but I prefer good football over good smack talk and celebrations. Now, I'm not denying that the antics of players like Owens and Johnson make the game entertaining, but when it comes down to it, you could have the dance moves of Emmitt Smith on "Dancing with the Stars" and still miss the playoffs.

So essentially it's up to you. Do you prefer Chad's guarantees for touchdowns and victory or Marvin's actual touchdowns and actual victories? Terrell's team-bashing or Tiki's linebacker-smashing? Here's what I think:

Over the past five seasons, no one has caught more touchdowns than Marvin Harrison.

And sure, Peyton Manning had a ton to do with those stats, but guess what? Peyton Manning is a class act, too. If you watch any Indianapolis Colts game, you will see touchdowns being scored at will, and what happens after

Peyton and Marvin dominate defenses?

They pump their fists, hand the ball to the ref, give some high fives, and walk off the field to prepare for their next offensive lesson.

Also, over the last five seasons, Tiki Barber leads all players in total yards from scrimmage. He is accompanied by Peyton's brother, Eli, who is also very classy. Few players have had more hype and media coverage than Eli in the last couple of years, yet you don't see Eli saying: "You can't stop #10. No one can stop Uno Cero!"

Instead, he and Tiki simply answer questions as they are asked, score touchdowns, and write children's books (well, that's just Tiki).

And now, let me take this a step further, because I know that someone wants to comment on the Colts' and Giants' inability

to win championships recently. Let's look at teams who have won Super Bowls.

The Pittsburgh Steelers. Hines Ward and Troy Polamalu, two of their star players, don't shine by wearing Lance Armstrong jerseys on the training bike because they hurt their hamstring.

Instead, they play their hearts out on each down. After either one of them makes a big play, they celebrate by making another play of similar magnitude.

And how about the Patriots? Tom Brady is one of the most tasteful players in the NFL, and I'm not just referring to his looks.

He has an astonishingly successful record in the playoffs, among the sport's best, but he doesn't have to make a chart of the cornerbacks who he has thrown touchdown passes over.

Rather, he respectfully talks to

the media, impressively leads his team to victory after victory, and needless to say, he enviably dated Tara Reid.

Who are you dating, Chad Johnson?

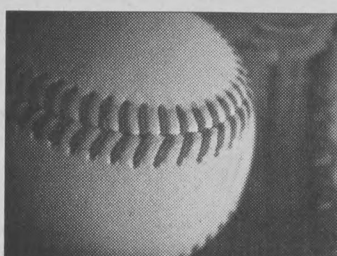
In summation, the message is clear: Chad, you don't need to propose marriage to cheerleaders to win. Nor do you have to translate your jersey number into Spanish. Terrell, you don't need to pop dozens of pills to make it on TV. But yes, in order to win, you should stay awake during team meetings.

So guys, in January when you are diligently designing touchdown celebrations and meticulously constructing methods of making headlines, use your Santa Monica/UT Chattanooga educations to read the headlines that really matter.

And then, Chad, go do something about the Mohawk.



# sports



## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Wrestling						at Ursinus 9:30am	
Cross Country						at NCAA's TBA	
Football						at NCAA's TBA	
Men's Swimming						at F&M 1:00pm	at Rowan 12:00pm
Women's Swimming						at F&M 1:00pm	at Rowan 12:00pm
Men's Basketball					hosts Tip-off Tourney		
Women's Basketball						at Swat Tourney	

## in the numbers

# 23:13.0

Time ran by sophomore Jackie Burns in the NCAA regional championships. Burns qualified for the NCAA national championships, finishing 5th overall, and receiving all-regional accolades.

# 137

Number of all-purpose yards for the Washington and Lee football team in their 27-9 loss to Case Western Reserve on Saturday. Colton Ward paced the offense with six carries for 27 yards and five catches for 24 yards. Jordan Campbell scored the Generals' lone touchdown on a four-yard carry into the end zone.

# 57

Points scored by Anne Van Devender this season, breaking the previous school record of 51 held by Karin Treese. Van Devender's hat trick led the women's soccer team to a 6-0 victory over Meredith College on Friday. She has 23 goals and 11 assists for 51 points on the season.

# 11

Aces recorded by senior libero Lauren Edmonson in the Washington and Lee volleyball team's 3-2 upset over top-ranked NYU on Friday night, setting a new school record. It is the third school record that Edmonson holds for the Generals.

## soapbox

*"It definitely wears down on your psyche. It's almost to the point where I'm like, well, I don't want to go too hard because I am going to get psyched up and get a tech."*

—Rasheed Wallace on the NBA's new no-tolerance rule, which allows referees to give technical fouls over gestures such as cursing and making body gestures, courtesy of SI.com.

*"Probably balloons, parades, a lot of signs that say, 'Welcome home.'...It'll be magical."*

—Jets coach Eric Mangini on the reception he expects Sunday when he returns to New England, where he was an assistant coach for six seasons. The Jets defeated the Patriots 17-14. , courtesy of SI.com



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

The Washington and Lee women's cross country team start their race at the NCAA regional championships.

## Next stop, nationals

Burns and Telfeyan named all-regional and qualify for NCAA national championship

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

11.11.06. That one date has had an incredible amount of significance for the women's cross country team for the past three months.

Nov. 6, 2006 was the date of the NCAA Regional championships, held at Emory University in Atlanta. After an ODAC championship, the Washington and Lee women's cross country team was focused on their goal of a strong performance at regionals.

Sophomore Jackie Burns said, "We've been wearing matching bracelets all season with the 11.11.06 etched in them to keep us focused on regionals."

The top seven runners for the Generals competed this past weekend, with Burns finishing the race fifth overall in a time of 23:13.0. Freshman Kat Telfeyan finished ninth overall with a time of 23:40.7.

With their performances, both Burns and Telfeyan received all-region accolades and automatically qualified to race at the NCAA Championships.

The Generals were also led by sophomore Becca Taylor, who finished 22nd overall, and freshman

Elizabeth Krausnick, who crossed the finish line 34th overall. Both Taylor and Krausnick were also named to the all-region team for their performances.

In the team competition, the Generals finished in a tie for third with Mary Washington. After calculations and a tie-breaker, W&L was victorious over Mary Washington and was awarded with third place honors.

Regionals have been the team's main focus since the first day of the preseason. The team hoped to perform better than they had last season, when the Generals had finished fourth overall.

Senior captain Jenny Ratzel said, "We came into the season focusing on regionals from day one. We held ourselves to higher expectations this year. After we won ODACS the past two years we thought we were ready to step it up a level, so we set our eyes on qualifying for nationals."

However, the warm Georgia weather proved to be in the Generals' favor, as cloudy, warm conditions were excellent for running.

"The course was nice and the weather in Atlanta was a lot warmer than here, so it was a nice break," Telfeyan said.

The Generals have had great support coming from all directions this season. "From cookies to cheering us on at out-of-town meets, our friends and alumni have committed a lot of time to supporting us," Ratzel said.

Burns added, "We even had a surprise visit from our captain Lindsay Erickson and track coach Nate Hoey. It's always comforting to find a familiar face in the chaos of colors and ponytails."

The team also had a close bond to each other, as Coach Kris Hoey planned many team activities to promote enthusiasm throughout the season.

"I think that our team is very close and it helped that we did a lot of things together," Krausnick said, "We had secret buddies and we went to many team dinners which made us have a strong bond."

For a season that featured an ODAC championship as well as a third place finish at regionals, the Generals have a lot to be proud of.

"We had two people instantly qualify for nationals, which is a huge deal. Everyone was really pumped about the race and tried their hardest," freshman Mary Frances Weatherly said.

Most importantly, the team placed third overall, which goes to show its depth and strength, from the first person to cross the finish line to the last.

"The girls really put themselves on the line for this race," Burns said, "You could definitely see it in their finishes."

While this race was the last meet of the season for many of the girls, other will carry on to nationals and many will compete in indoor or outdoor track.

"We're the bomb-dot-com and it's been a great senior season," Ratzel said. "The entire team put so much time, sweat and heart into this season. We wouldn't have been nearly as successful if we didn't have every single person on this team. We're not only teammates but we're friends and after spending so much time together."

Burns and Telfeyan will next compete at the NCAA national championships, which will be held on Saturday, November 17 at 12:00 pm at the Voice of America Park in West Chester, Ohio.

Burns said, "We're both very excited for nationals, but not quite sure what to expect—only that it will be a very talented and humbling field."

## Soccer scores to Sweet 16

Caulkins' second-half goals lifts women's soccer team to a 1-0 victory over Maryville

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team advanced to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament with a thrilling 1-0 win over Maryville College on Sunday night.

The 24th-ranked **Score** Generals set a program record for wins in a season, as W&L 1 their victory over Maryville 0 their victory over Maryville was their 18th of the season. This will also be only the second time in program history that the Generals have advanced to the Sweet 16.

The first half of the Maryville game was a score battle, but just 45 seconds into the second half, junior forward Martha Caulkins found the back of the net off an assist from senior captain Anne Wiltshire. It was Caulkins' tenth goal of the season and Wiltshire's

sixth assist.

The goal would be all that the Generals needed to secure the victory, as sophomore Kiki Moreo posted the Generals 19th shut-out of the season.

Caulkins said, "We tried to use the same strategy that we used in the past. We came out hard from the very beginning."

The Generals dominated play, only allowing one shot on goal. While their offense made the difference in the score, their defense was also stellar, as W&L out-shot their opponents 20-1.

While the Generals played in Maryville, Tenn. for the weekend, their fans did not forget about them. Many parents attended the game to show their support for the team, and there was even faculty support as Professor Kenneth Lambert and Associate Professor Dick Greffe made the trip to Tennessee.

After a week of hard practices

and even a 6:30 a.m. practice on Friday before making their trip to Tennessee, the Generals worked hard for their victories this past weekend.

In their first round game, the Generals crushed Meredith College in dominant fashion, 6-0.

The Generals were led by sophomore forward Anne Van Devender, who notched a hat trick. In doing so, Van Devender broke the W&L single season record for points scored, as the goals brought her season total to 57. She also tied a school record with 23 goals on the season.

Also scoring for the Generals was forward Wiltshire, who scored off an assist from senior forward Sarah Helms. Shana Oltmans scored the fifth goal of the game for the Generals off an assist from midfielder Kate Corr. Sophomore defender Marissa Van Brunt also added a goal for the Generals off a free kick from

nearly 30 yards out with minutes left in the game.

Moreo and senior goalkeeper Emily Binns both played in goal for the Generals.

The Generals relied on their strong defense and dominant offense, since it carried them through their season.

Caulkins described, "Our backs are awesome. Our defense shut them down."

The Generals will next take on Washington University in St. Louis. The location of the game is still to be determined. Wash U is the top seeded team in the Generals' section of the draw, but the Generals are going to be up to the task.

Caulkins said, "We'll all be nervous. Everyone is so fired up. We're so excited that we feel like we can take on anybody if we work hard enough. We're playing really well, and hopefully we can keep that up."