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As the junior senator from Illinois gets ready to run, Dylan Merrill discusses why America needs Obama.

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Anew Traveller

Country express and new stops in town are popular with both undergrad and law students

By Jacob Geiger MANAGING EDITOR

t is tough to keep 2100 students and a whole county happy, but Traveller Chair Kaylee Hartung is trying her hardest.

Hartung recently announced several changes to stops for the service's express bus system.

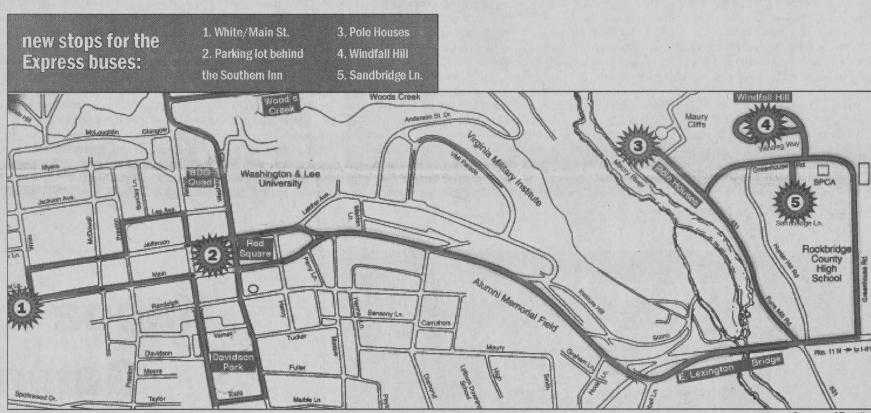
The biggest change is a new Country Express that-at the discretion of the lead bus driver-will run between Red Square and the country from midnight until 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Saturday, and

"The [country] Express is the most practical step to make sure people can get home from the country," Hartung said.

The changes were announced after lengthy discussions between Hartung, local police officials, members of the law school, and county residents.

The County Seat stop has been replaced with a stop at the Pole Houses, and buses will now only stop at the top of Windfall Hill instead of both at the top and along Greenhouse Road. A stop was also added at Sandbridge Lane (the area sometimes known as Kappa Hill).

"County residents are so happy the stop is moving away from the bottom of Windfall,"



Hartung said.

The stop at the Pole Houses was added after the landlord allowed a second driveway to be cut from the road into the Pole Houses' parking lot.

The new driveway was built during Christmas break.

Fred Massey, who lives in the Maury Cliffs neighborhood, said neighbors had been concerned with the students who were congregating at the bottom of Windfall Hill. Aside from the noise created by stu-

"County residents are so happy the stop is moving away from the bottom of Windfall." **KAYLEE HARTUNG, Traveller Chair**

was also a problem. "Trash is more of an issue than the noise." Massey said. "The trash bothers everyone be-

cause they all have to see it."

dents and buses, he said trash stop from County Seat to the Pole Houses should also help reduce noise and trash at that

intersection. The stop was removed after the students living at County Massey said that moving the Seat asked Traveller to move its

on trash and traffic at that busy intersection. Gus Stewart, a Traveller

Massey also said moving

the stop from County Seat to

the Pole Houses had cut down

Express driver who works for stop elsewhere. The students Golf Transportation, said the were tired of people waiting on Country Express will definitely their porch for Traveller. They help improve the system. Stewtold Hartung that people would art said he had been working at sit on the their cars, leave trash Golf for nine months and that scattered around the area, and he had driven the W&L routes sometimes even bang on the about eight times. doors and windows of the

"Oh yeah, it was a problem [getting students home]," Stewart said. "I think it's a good thing that they're going down to the Pole Houses too.'

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Top diplomat coming to campus

Former ambassador and Peace Corp director will lead discussions at Institute for Honor

By Wes O'Dell STAFF WRITER

Ambassador Richard Holbrooke will be on campus later this month to participate in a forum exploring the extent to which shared values such as truth, honor and integrity cross national and cultural boundaries.

Holbrooke, a former U.S. representative to the United Nations, is considered to be a top contender for the post of Secretary of State in any future Democratic admin-

In addition to serving as dimagazine editor and as an investment banker, Holbrooke has been Assistant Secretary of State for

only person to ever hold such a position for two different world regions. He served as an advisor to Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign in 2004.

Holbrooke also served as chairman of the 1995 Dayton peace conference that ended a three year war in Bosnia and Her-

Sponsoring these discussions is the Alumni College's Institute for Honor. Endowed in 2000 by the Class of 1960, the Institute's mission is "to promote the understanding and practice of honor as rector of the Peace Corps, as a an indispensable element of soci-

> Its seminars enroll a maximum of 150 alumni, students, and

both Europe and Asia. He is the faculty in a program of lectures, readings, and small group discus-

This year's topic is aimed toward discovering how "differing nations identify and embrace common values" and what role the United States can play in establishing "a value-based code of conduct in international rela-

Law school Prof. Mark Drumbl, Director of the Transnational Law Institute, is slated to join Ambassador Holbrooke in leading the events on Jan. 26-27. He will be delivering a keynote address entitled "Exporting American Norms: Values, Honor, and Controversy in U.S. Foreign

While he asserts there are many features of honor common the world over, Drumbl points out that "many salutary values are deeply rooted in local practices and cultures. The role of international law, which is my area of study, is to preserve the local while building shared values, order, and regulation.'

Drumbl takes particular note of how America's own values have "informed world order," and maintains that "it is essential for [the U.S.] to stick with positive values in changing times—for us not to deviate from them even in difficult periods.'

"The U.S. was central to the edification of institutions such as the Nuremberg Tribunals and

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MARK DRUMBL, Director of the Transnational Law Institute

the United Nations," he said, and now "it is incumbent upon us to preserve those same honorable values and apply them, in good

faith, to changing times." The Institute for Honor, now entering its seventh year, has managed to avoid the notice of much of the student body. A survey conducted of several upperclassmen found virtually no recognition of

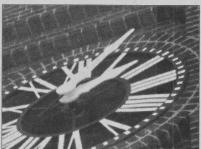
the Institute's mission or even its

The students did agree, however, that different nations and cultures can find common ground upon certain shared ideals.

Sophomore Will Covington said, "It's important that we look at these issues so we can find values in other cultures that reflect

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Speech calls for action

Episcopalian missionary calls upon students to speak out and end the conflict in Sudan

By Melissa Caron STAFF WRITER

everend Lauren Stanley finished her talk on bringing hope to Sudan by calling for the audience to do one thing-to be Sudan's voice.

"We need you to do this," Stanely said. "We in Sudan are expecting you in the United States to stomp your feet because no one pays attention to us."

Stanley, the only full-time Episcopalian missionary in Sudan, was forced to return to the United States recently because of escalating tensions in the region, concluding her 18-month stay.

Robert E. Lee Episcopal Church and Washington and Lee's Young Life brought Stanley to speak last week about her experiences and how faith affected the community she was in.

Sudan has experienced internal conflict since the 1970s, in which ethnic warfare and genocide has taken place between the north and south.

Stanley's speech came one week after the second anniversary of signed peace treaty, which she said did not actually bring peace

She described how, at 46-years-

genocides-Cambodia, Rawanda, Kosovo, and now Darfur-and still nothing has changed.

"We're not doing anything," Stanley said. "My question for you is when we say never again, when do we mean this?"

Stanley described a grim situation where opposing troops lay in wait for war on either side of the community she works and lives in. She spoke of a government that does not allow medicine into the country to help prevent curable but deadly illnesses, like malaria.

"I don't think anyone in the audience wasn't touched," said Burr Datz, Coordinator of Religious life and the Director of Leadership Development at

According to Stanley, collegeaged students wield immense power to bring about change through awareness.

"You are the most tolerant and accepting generation," Stanley said, "and we are depending on you to teach us."

This past year, W&L students have answered this call through the efforts of organizations such as Student Association for International Learning (SAIL) and Amnesty International.

Grace Andrews, co-chair of old, she had already seen four SAIL, said that Sudan was the or-

"We need you to do this. We in Sudan are expecting you in the United States to stomp your feet because no one pays attention to us."

REV. LAUREN STANLEY, only Episcopalian Missionary in Sudan

ganization's main issue this year and that they have done a lot to try to create awareness and raise money for the relief effort.

"The goal is to get awareness out there and to let people know that they are not helpless," Andrews said. "They do have pow-

Last term, the organization teamed up with Amnesty International to put on a talent show and did a fundraiser called "Say What Karaoke-Faculty Edition," in which people could vote for the faculty member they wanted to sing by putting money in cups labeled with his or her name.

Dean Dawn Watkins was chosen and had to sing "Stand by Your Man" at halftime of the Parents' Weekend football game. SAIL also went through the crowd at the game accepting donations.

In all, they were able to send \$2,400 to CARE, a non-profit organization that Andrews described as important to SAIL's efforts since all the money goes directly to Sudan.

Andrews said that SAIL has planned a lot of events for this term, such as bringing a spoken word group called "Road to Darfur" to W&L.

SAIL has called on other student organizations in part to help fund the performance and also to get more people involved in helping the Sudan effort.

"We don't want to say 'Hey, look what SAIL brought' but rather 'Look what Washington and Lee brought'," Andrews said.

She said groups have been generous and even willing to help out through manpower if they did not have the funds.

Many of SAIL's efforts have focused on creating awareness rather than just asking for donations. Andrews said that letting people swipe home donations, while helpful, does not always educate the individual about the cause to which they are giving.

Other possible events include a letter-writing campaign and another "Say What Karaoke," this time with the winner singing at a basketball game. Andrews said that SAIL will also be looking to start a program called "Darfur Initiative Awareness." They will be setting up computers in the Commons with access to a website that ranks Congressmen on how they vote for initiatives dealing with Sudan.

Andrews hopes that since it only takes a couple of minutes to look up a state, many more people will become aware of the condition of Sudanese policy and contact their Congressmen.

Datz agreed that it was this kind of awareness campaigns that make a difference.

"When one voice brings in four more then a ripple becomes a wave," Datz said. "Then we have a tsunami that brings in change."

Stanley, while stressing the need for hope within communities in Sudan, called upon the rest of the world to help bring change for the war-torn nation.

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School works · to halt viruses

New Safe Computing Initiative will attempt to stop viruses and help university protect student computers from damage

By Dane Davis STAFF WRITER

In an effort to fight the everpresent threat of computer viruses and worms, University Computing has launched a new initiative to protect students' computers

Initiative, the project is a new plan to stop viruses from spreading once they are in the university's networks.

The plan, which is in its first phase, will require students to can all result from contaminadownload and install a series of virus protection software before connecting to the university network from a residence hall.

The initiative will not immediately be implemented campuswide. Instead, the students of Gilliam dorm will test out the new software starting on Jan. 23.

If successful there, the new software will be required for all dorms, campus residence halls, and the sorority houses.

The main reason for this new initiative is the tremendous amount of damage each year viruses and other malware (software that is bad for your computer) cause W&L's and students' computers.

Despite the small size of the student body, more than 300 students came to the computing help desk last year to get assistance with a computer infected by viruses or malware. Homework assignments, résumés, personal data, graduate school and job ap-Dubbed the Safe Computing plications are all at risk from a virus infection.

Aside from data deletion, malware can wreak havoc on one's computer in other ways. Popups, advertisements, and slow-downs

The infected computer isn't the only thing harmed by malware. Jeff Overholtzer, acting head of the Technology Integration Group, said "W&L staff time [spent] combating the problems and a loss of network availability" are just two symptoms of unprotected computers.

All of the risks associated with unprotected computers have given W&L a special impetus to secure its networks.

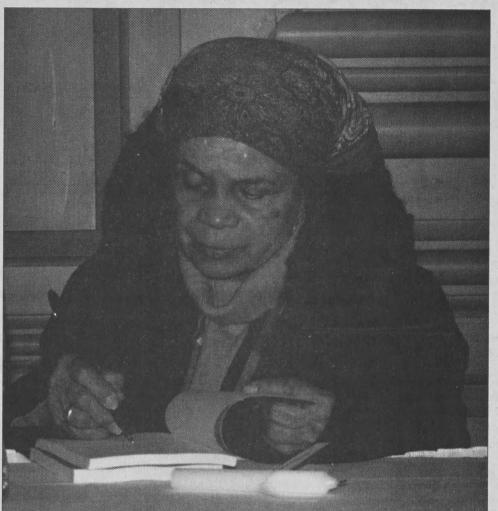
Students worried about the dangers of malicious software can download the new software standards before it is mandated by going to http://computing.wlu. edu/services/safe.html.

How to update your computer:

1. Registration: Students will be led through an online process to register their computer. This allows the hardware to be associated with the name of a student.

2. Screening: Students will be prompted to download a piece of software that will ensure that recommended patches, anti-virus software and other recommended programs are installed.

3. Updating: Until students install any missing software that the school recommends, they will not be able to use their personal computers to access the Internet. including e-mail, the Web and W&L fileservers, except to access the recommended security software.



Poet speaks about King

Sonia Sanchez writes a note during a book signing and reception in Evans Hall last Monday night. Sanchez concluded the university's Martin Luther King Day celebrations with a speech in Lee Chapel. After the speech there was a candlelight march from the Chapel over to Evans Hall.

Traveller:

. Neighbors pleased with changes

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Inside Lexington the Express system has added stops at the Palms restaurant and at the intersection of White and Main Streets. Those stops were added to help the large numbers of law students living along or near South Main

Adam Hull, president of the

Student Bar Association, said Hartung had been very willing to help law students benefit more from the sober ride system.

"I think the feeling is that every student's money-both undergraduate and law-goes into Traveller, but the system mostly serves undergraduates," Hull said. "Kaylee has worked like crazy to accommodate everyone and to see if a small change could have a big impact."

Hull said law students don't like to walk home along Jefferson and Main Streets because the area is heavily patrolled by police. He also said the new Country Express should help reduce demand for the dispatch system, hopefully allowing more law students to use that service.

The new stops in town should help keep law students off the street, but Lexington Police Chief Steve Crowder said all students need to be careful when they wait

for Traveller. He said students should remember that it is against the law to be drinking at the stops and that police can stop and enforce possession laws.

While the Country Express system is just getting started, Julia Garrett has already noticed a difference. Garrett lives directly across the Greenhouse Road from the driveway up Windfall Hill. She said the area has been much

"It's definitely helped," she said. "I noticed [Wednesday] night that the buses went in and on up the hill."

quieter after midnight.

Garrett is pleased that the noise has diminished late at night, but she is still bothered by trash that is left around the driveway that goes up Windfall Hill. In recent weeks, however, Garrett said the trash has mostly been unopened newspapers instead of cups and beer cans.

Garrett said she and other neighbors have been pleased with the continuing response from the students who live in the area.

Hartung says Traveller is work-

ing to improve its relationships with residents in the county.

"Traveller has to shake its reputation of a party bus or drunk bus," she said. "We are trying to explain to people that the focus is getting students home safely, not out to parties."

Though Homecoming Weekend this fall was marred by several instances of students verbally abusing drivers and even throwing beer bottles at the buses, Hartung said the problems have not reoccurred. She said students sometimes think Traveller is an entitlement.

"I hope students have gained a better understanding of what Traveller is," she said.

Stewart-the Express driversaid he has never had problems with students on his buses.

"I love them," he said. "They treat me excellent. I've never had a problem with them."

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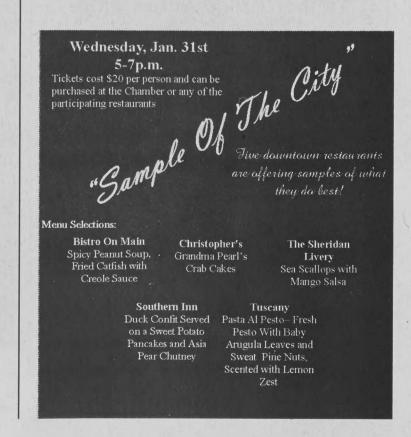
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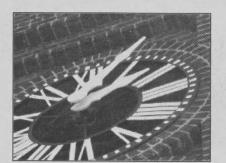
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Class focuses on getting involved

Poverty 102 class builds on introductory class with a hands-on approach to get students out of the classroom and invovled with local groups in the community

By Sacha Raab STAFF WRITER

Students in the Shepherd Poverty Program are used to surpris-

They know that that many people around the area are surprised to discover that a school with such a reputation for money has such a large poverty program.

However, this program, which began ten years ago, is now partially endowed and quite popular among the W&L student body. The Poverty 101 course is used as both a general education fulfillment and as a factor in deciding a possible concentration in Poverty Studies.

The Poverty 102 course, however, acts as a complement to the 101 course and is meant to be taken concurrently so as to increase the value of the introduction to

Poverty 102 takes a hands-on approach to get students introduced to poverty. It helps students see a connection in their readings and coursework from the 101 course and the real world.

The class includes a single one-hour class per week and at least two hours of voluntary work per week. Students often perform after finishing the 102 course.

Professor Harlan Beckley believes that a lot of students want to get out of the W&L bubble and do community service, work with other teenagers and adults, and meet members in the local com-

Beckley started teaching religion at W&L in 1974 and served as acting president last year.

Eugina Huang, a sophomore who has just begun taking the 102 course, is looking forward to the experience. She said that Poverty 101 was the best class she has taken at W&L.

Huang said that the 102 course has been an eye-opening experience and brings the 101 class to life through applying the concepts that she learned in the readings. The introductory courses have solidified Huang's interest and passion in Poverty studies.

Beckley said that the goal of the Shepherd Poverty Program is not to graduate students who plan on going into anti-poverty work, but rather to graduate students who will apply their knowledge of poverty to a variety of profes-

Huang is a good example of this goal, as she plans to major in Politics and possibly Philosophy an eight-week summer internship and go to law school after gradu-

ating from W&L. Ultimately, she plans on applying her knowledge of poverty to whatever profession

The Shepherd Poverty Program, as the only undergraduate program with sustained academics and internships in the United States, is moving in a very strong direction.

W&L, along with ten other colleges and universities, is proposing a demonstration grant from the government for Undergraduate Poverty Programs in

The other ten schools are Berea College, Spelman College, Morehouse College, Vanderbilt University, Middlebury College, the University of Notre Dame, Morgan State University, the University of Richmond, Georgetown University, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The poverty classes are highly recommended by students and professors alike.

Huang said, "Everyone here should take them before graduating good classes, not just for general education, but for life."

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Final frat numbers

Since last week's preliminary numbers were published, several pledge classes have changed in size. Here are the updated numbers. Phi Kap has the largest pledge class. Pi Phi and Sigma Nu have the smallest.

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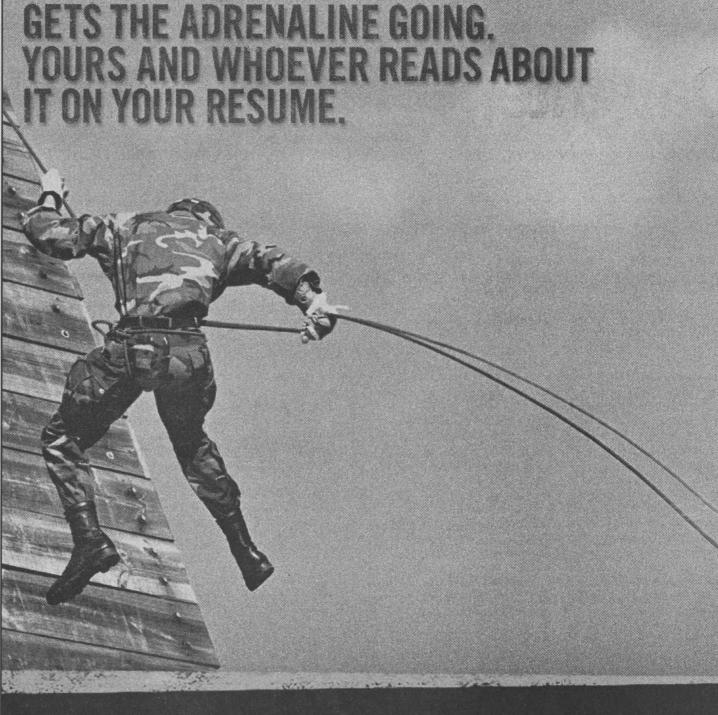
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Opinions &

JFK-like Obama could heal the US

Moderate goat-herder's son is a threat to the Republicans

By Dylan Merrill COLUMNIST

Barack Obama is a god. By this, I mean to say that he

does have supernatural abilities, chief amongst them the power of flight. Republicans, beware!

In fact, there are many reasons conservatives should fear the almighty senator from Illinois.

First of all, Obama's charisma, coupled with his undeniable intelligence, elevates him above the generally low-set bar of Democratic mediocrity.

Comparisons to Bill Clinton are common, and many have even placed him in JFK territory.

Given the diversity of their backgrounds, is a Kenyan Jack Kennedy possible?

Can a black first-generation politician with the middle name of Hussein possibly penetrate into the world of Fitzgeralds and Jef-

Republicans are skeptical, hopefully so. Pundits on both sides of the aisle remain unconvinced that Obama is presidential enough to run the country effectively. Their main concern is that he lacks the necessary experience, having served only a few years in man. the U.S. Senate.

The facts, though, support a different conclusion.

Obama's time in Congress has been very productive; the senator has had success in passing important and generally bipartisan legislation. His service on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee especially gives weight to his

Not so inviting is the prospect of a torn nation backing the unifying candidacy of Barack Obama.

media-hungry politician.

Even if Barack Obama is overly anxious for attention, this does not discredit his abilities as a leader and policymaker, because he is made of stuff more solid

I saw Obama speak at a Democratic rally last fall, and his calm demeanor and patience surprised the crowd. Much fist-pumping and Bushwhacking preceded his speech, but he calmed the boisterous audience with thoughtful words on the future of the coun-

Obama even drew a few boos from the crowd when he said that he personally does not dislike the president, and that he believes George Bush really does believe he is helping the country.

Such responsible reflection is uncommon amongst politicians and is the mark of a true states-

Oh, and did I mention Barack's father was a Kenyan goat-herder? Yeah. Late-night talk show hosts will become top contributors to his campaign just for the opportunity to pun on that little tidbit.

We must also recognize that this junior senator from Illinois is currently in the center of his 15 minutes of fame. Obama knows cusations that he is a high-profile, last another six years; a presidentry together again. Amen!

tial exploratory committee was established this week to gauge public support and begin fund-

Hillary Clinton and the Republicans must be dismayed. Obviously, Hillary feels a threat in the young senator; his eloquence and charisma have boosted him into second place after Clinton, whose image is quite tarnished, even among Democrats like me.

This threat to her front-runner status is definitely cause for concern in the Clinton camp.

John McCain and Rudy Giuliani also feel threatened by Obama, particularly in his ability to get the moderate vote. It's safe to assume that both Republicans are not looking forward to competing against Obama to see which one can be the purplest.

As a whole, Republicans have been looking forward to seeing Hillary's Dean-a-saurus emotional breakdown as she gets hammered in the polls in 2008.

Not so inviting is the prospect of a torn nation backing the unifying candidacy of Barack Obama.

It is a matter of fact that one day soon we can elect a leader that really is a "uniter" and not a

Barack Obama is moving closexperience, regardless of the ac- that his quarter hour surge cannot er every day to bringing our coun-

staffeditorial

American Dream and our election

Issues, not skin color, should dominate election

Every American child grows up learning about the so-called American Dream. We all learn that this is the land of opportunity, the place where anyone, through hard work, can grow up to be fa-

For a long time, of course, the American Dream was nothing but a dream. Only white males were actually

But with the recent announcements that Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Bill Richardson will seek the Democratic nomination, the dream is becoming more of a reality.

The fact that an African-American, a woman, and a Hispanic are all seeking the nation's highest office means that this country is moving closer and closer to the equality it claimed to believe in.

dates win the general elec-

Perhaps not, but there is an excellent chance that one

of them will at least be the Democratic nominee.

Obama, who burst onto the scene two years ago, has a chance to become this generation's Kennedy.

Clinton, who has transformed herself from an unpopular first lady to a highly respected senator, leads some of the early polls.

And while Richardson is more of a long shot, his Hispanic heritage could mobilize a group that rarely turns out to vote in large numbers.

The Democratic primary and general election are going to force the nation to address continuing issues with race and gender discrimination head-on. Will Americans elect a woman? A black man? A Hispanic?

As the nation addresses these questions, W&L must continue to examine them Can any of these candi- on our own campus. Are we truly committed to providing a diverse environment, or are we simply giving the idea lip service?

We saw this debate play out on our opinions pages last year when an anonymous parent said W&L was playing favorites in the admissions process. While that particular debate does not need to be replayed, the general discussion needs to continue.

Here is the disturbing part of these discussions: Instead of considering the relative merits of people-whether they are presidential candidates or admissions candidates-too much of the talk still centers around gender and race.

Does it matter that Barack Obama's father is from Kenya? Does his skin tone alter his ability to balance the budget or solve the war in Iraq?

The same applies for Clinton and Richardson.

They deserve to be considered on their political merits, not on their race or gender.

As we watch to see if America will truly vote like a melting pot, our community should try to see if we measure up.

Daughter, 9, frozen in time

Parents remove breasts, uterus from dependent brain-damaged daughter

By Grace Andrews COLUMNIST

Want a topic that not only sets precedent but is also controver-The discussion of life and the

control in which parents can exercise in a child's life stirs up emotions and elicits strong reactions. Ashley, a 9-year-old with static

encephalopathy, a form of severe brain damage, will be forever young; unlike the Neil Diamond song, however, this may not be such a joyous event.

Ashley is not choosing this life of preadolescence for herself - her parents are.

Ashley's brain damage results in a continuous near-catatonic state, leaving her unable to sit up, communicate, or eat; Ashley is completely dependent on her caregivers, who are her parents.

What her parents have decided to do has rocked and surprised both the medical and non-medical community.

Ashley's parents have had her uterus removed to offset menstruation and prevent pregnancy in the case of rape. They have also removed her breast tissue in order to prevent a family history of cancer from infecting her small and fragile body. Ashley has also undergone high-dose estrogen therapy, which will keep her petite and light for the remainder of her life.

Weighing 65 pounds and being 4 foot 5 inches makes the concept of "remaining small" a daunting feat that doctors have achieved.

The question now is, "Is it ethical or humane to keep a child as a child forever?"

For Ashley, remaining 9 years old could turn out to be the best decision her parents ever made for her.

There are those who upon hearing this story automatically judge the parents and criticize the doctors, but I want you to stop and think for a moment.

If you had the inability to eat, roll over, or even keep your head up, wouldn't you want for your caregivers to always be able to care for you? That is the argument that Ashley's parents raise.

They support their decision to let Ashley undergo this treatment by saying on their blog, "A fundamental and universal misconception about the treatment is that it is intended to convenience the caregiver; rather, the central purpose is to improve Ashley's quality of life.

"Ashley's biggest challenges are discomfort and boredom; all other considerations in this discussion take a back seat to these central challenges.

"The 'Ashley Treatment' goes right to the heart of these challenges and we strongly believe that it will mitigate them in a significant way and provide Ashley with lifelong benefits.

"Ashley will be a lot more physically comfortable: free of menstrual cramps, free of the discomfort associated with large and fully-developed breasts, and with a smaller, lighter body that is better suited to constant lying down and is easier to be moved around "

In the past few days, I have read several articles and even explored the blog myself to see if I could develop a well-informed

I am not going to lie-when I first read some of the news stories, my heart was heavy. Yes, Ashley is mentally and physically handicapped, but does that mean she doesn't deserve the chance to experience the one thing that is as defining as the journey into adult-

Many of Ashley's physicians, although reluctant at first, support the surgery,

Dr. Daniel Gunther states, "some disability advocates have suggested that this course of treatment is an abuse of Ashley's rights' and an affront to her dignity.' This is a mystery to me.

"Is there more dignity in having to hoist a full-grown body in harness and chains from bed to bath to wheelchair? Ashley will always have the mind of an infant, and now she will able to stay where she belongs—in the arms of the family that loves her."

Gunther and other doctors maintain that they are still uneasy about Ashley's case. They want to wait until a few more years have passed, to see the side effects of the treatment, if there are any.

I still have not reached a decision about Ashley's situation. I definitely understand what the difficulties of caring for a grown woman and all the physical developments that come with that burden can be in contrast to a small girl, but is this the right thing?

Many fear that Ashley's precedence could forever change the medical landscape for disabled

children and their parents. Every day, there are countless mentally handicapped people whose parents send them to group homes because they are no longer able to care for a child that now has the strength and size of an adult. In Florida, there are over 16,000 people who are on a waiting list for home services in caring for their disabled child or

"Faced with Ashley's medical reality, as her deeply loving parents, we worked with her doctors to do all we could to provide Ashley with the best possible quality of life. The result is the "Ashley Treatment."

This quote for me, along with many others I found on the blog, helped me see the story in con-

By itself, this story seems like one void of love and full of obligation, but it is more than that. Ashley's parent really do love her, and for Ashley, remaining 9 years old could turn out to be the best decision her parents ever made for her.

Ashley's story is not one from Peter Pan's Lost Boys, but maybe they had the right idea-being young is sometimes the best op-

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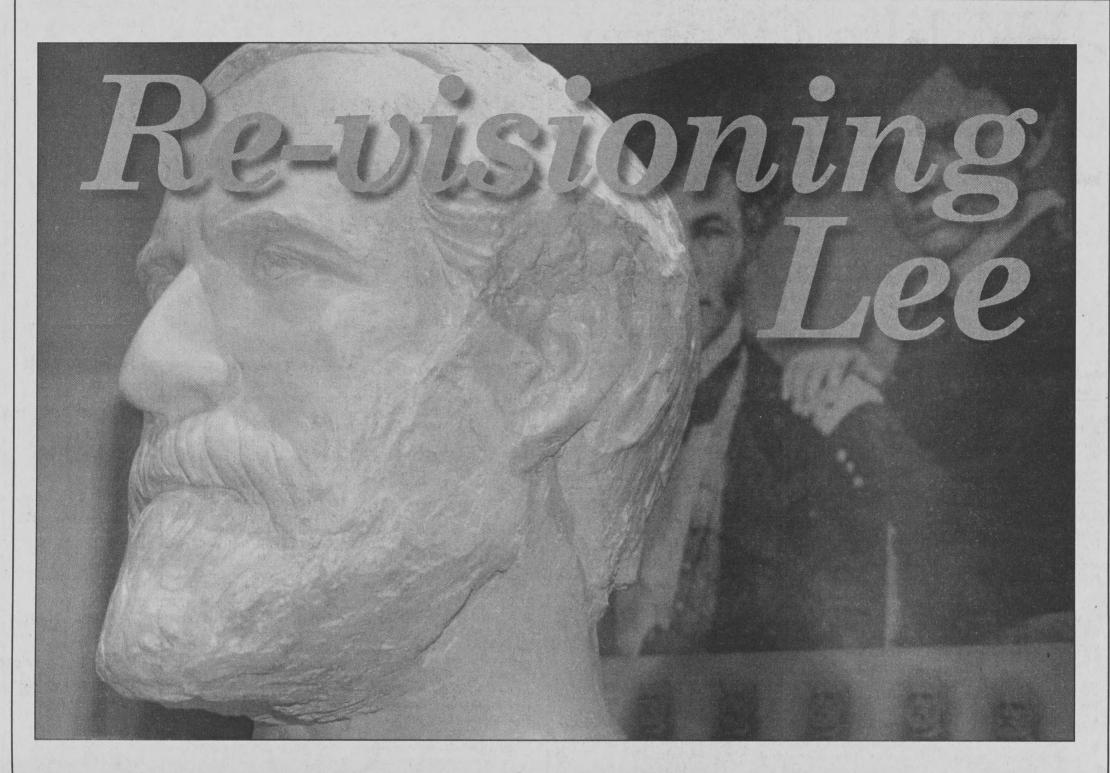
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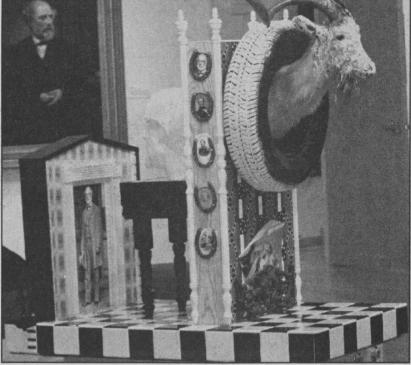
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Washington and Lee's design department head, Larry Stene, created the piece "Fearless and Faultless." W&L commissioned this piece to celebrate Lee's 200th birthday (top and middle right). The piece is a play on Lee through the lens of modern art. It celebrates his life while commemorating his legacy. The actual piece depicts Lee's last train ride through the South during his presidency. A contrast from the other classic pieces in the exhibit, Stene's work adds an additional dimension to the exhibit. As student curator Madeline Gent sald, "It's sweet."

Junior Drew Prasse admires a piece of art at the "Re-Visioning Lee" reception held last Friday afternoon (middle left).

"Cigar Store Robert E. Lee" watches over the exhibit's visitors in the corner (bottom right).

Often cigar stores advertised using figures of Indians. However, a few were made depicting famous historical figures. For instance, this sculpture (bottom) of Lee was recently given as a gift to W&L.

Photos by Lenora Nunnley

Annual Founder's Day celebrations honor Lee's contributions to campus

By Abri Nelson STAFF WRITER

His memory permeates the air wherever you walk-past every portrait and building, every sign bearing the name of the university, even every napkin in the dining hall. Lee.

General Robert E. Lee: president of Washington College from 1865 to 1870, founder of the school's traditions and commander of the Confederate Army.

It is the last point that often causes people to stumble over the honor of this man who seems to have touched every brick walkway and stood under every white column on the campus grounds.

The world remembers Lee for his actions against the Union. Washington and Lee remembers him as a man of virtue and schol-

Last Friday marked the 200th anniversary of Lee's birth. W&L honors Lee's birthday as Founder's Day every year with a short-

ened class schedule and midday convocation.

This year, events ranging from art exhibits to poetry readings to guest speakers will span the entire year as the campus community reflects on his role as an educator

and benefactor of the school. During the fall term, three students enrolled in the art internship class and assisted curator Pamela Smith in assembling an Staniar Gallery in Wilson Hall. The exhibit, entitled "Re-Visioning Lee," opened Friday afternoon and will be in the gallery until Feb. 2.

Junior Madeline Gent and seniors Kathryn Heaberg and Anne Taylor Tipton each spoke about how they contributed their skills to researching Lee and how his legacy affects our campus today.

"The honor system is unquestionably Lee's most lasting contribution," said Tipton, a senior art history major. "But his example overall, as a gentleman

who strove to lead by example, even in the face of the greatest changes of the century, I think is even more important."

As president, Lee turned then Washington College into a modern university. Only 40 students and four professors remained at the school after the Civil War. By Lee's death in 1870, the school boasted more than 400 students.

Lee added 10 new departments exhibit featuring Lee for the new and faculty positions to staff them, including what became our journalism school and the first international studies program. He also conceptualized a business school, introduced the elective system and built a dining hall, a house for the president and Lee Chapel. He invited a law school in Lexington to incorporate with Washington College.

Other contributions were less tangible. Lee began the honor system on the basis that every man must be a gentleman.

Today, this system allows students to schedule their own finals, take un-proctored exams and leave their belongings unat-

tended in campus buildings. "I almost feel like I should stop and thank Lee every time I throw my bag down in the Commons," Heaberg said.

He also added the speaking tradition to campus life, encouraging students by example to

Lee himself never forgot the name of a student. According to Gent's research, he took a personal interest in the education of every scholar, receiving weekly reports of their studies and contacting parents directly if the need arose.

Heaberg and Gent, both from Pennsylvania, confessed that all they knew about Lee before coming to W&L was that he was the general of the Confederate Army.

"Lee is a symbol of something more," Heaberg said. "It is W&L students who are charged with carrying on Lee's vision today and in the future."



Student organizations choreograph acts to raise money for hunger

By Sarah Kientz STAFF WRITER

The annual Lip Sync competition will make its much-anticipated return this Friday at the

Pavilion. Although the competition is often associated with hilarious performances and drunken debauchery, senior Chris Lalli, president of Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger (SARAH), explained how the event is in the name of a good cause.

All proceeds from Lip Sync will go to SARAH.

Money will be raised through ticket and t-shirt sales, in addition to the \$350 entry fee for each performance.

This year, SARAH's steering committee has encouraged the W&L community to make online donations by sending an e-mail

to onnenf@wlu.edu with a name, student ID number and the amount the individual wishes to donate.

After Lip Sync, Lalli said SARAH will donate the money to all the food pantries in the Rockbridge area.

Lip Sync 2006 raised enough money to purchase over 20 tons of are too intoxicated on stage, and food, and the group is hoping to for that reason acts can be reraise more money this year.

Lalli said one reason why SARAH is able to raise so much money through the Lip Sync competition is the "party atmosphere" of the event.

However, this can also take away from the seriousness of hunger in the Rockbridge area.

"I think the party atmosphere can both hurt and help the experience," Lalli said.

"There are times when people moved from the stage. On a positive note, the party atmosphere gives us a great audience that is excited to see a great show, thus raising money for a great cause."

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CHRIS LALLI, president of SARAH

Larry Stane, preated the place "Fearless and

The acts will be judged by well-known individuals on campus such as Executive Committee President Rob Rain, Director of Campus Activities Margo Mc-

Clinton and several professors. Lalli said the judges will name the three best groups at the end of

"Winners are picked based on the quality of their Lip Sync, dance, costume and how appropriate the act is," Lalli said.

Last year, Phi Kappa Psi earned first place with its creatively choreographed dance to the beat of Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

A Multicultural Students Association group and a Kappa Alpha Theta group captured econd and

"We have begun to use a gong similar to the Gong Show where an act can be gonged off the stage if they are terrible," Lalli said.

Last year, several acts involving thongs and inappropriate dancing were "gonged" off.

Any organization or group of individuals can enter, but typically each fraternity and sorority enters a group of new pledges to perform in the event.

Lalli said this is one reason why the event is so successful.

"Pledgeship definitely helps the event, because people have an excuse to make fools of themselves," Lalli said.

Although students will joke about Lip Sync next week around campus, the event will ultimately make a difference in the community surrounding W&L.

The Lip Sync competition will take place on Friday at 8 p.m. in the Pavilion.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, beginning on Wednesday, or \$12 at

Lip Sync FYI:

- · when: Friday, Jan.
- 26; 9-11 p.m.
- · where: The
- Pavilion
- cost: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door

To make online donation, email onnenf@wlu.edu

LipSync 2006 raised money to buy over 20 tons of food

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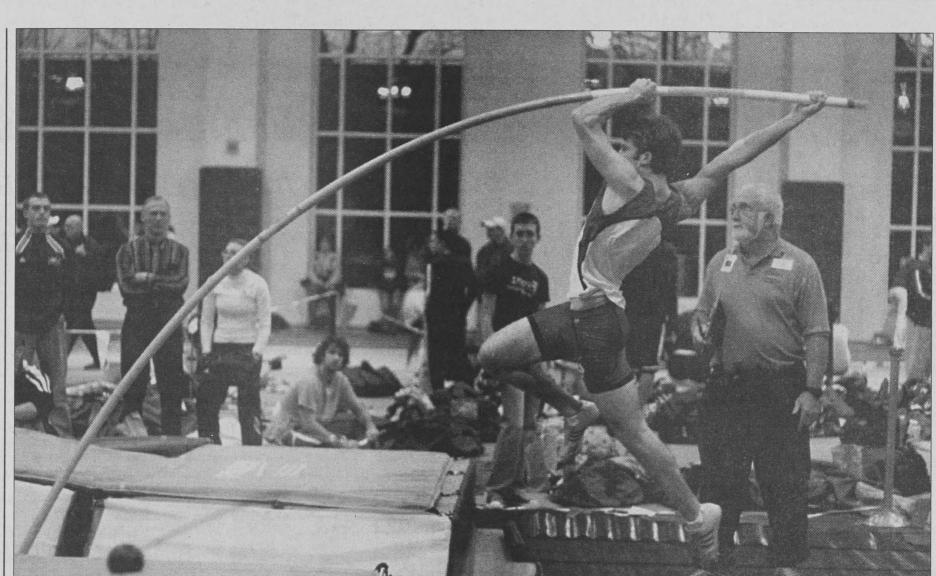
Men's basketball The men's basketball team got its week off to a thrilling start on Wednesday night when they squeaked by Emory and Henry 98-96. After keeping up with Emory and Henry's frantic fullcourt style of play for 40 minutes, the Generals got the victory when sophomore forward Kirk Jones tipped in a lay-up with 2.2 seconds left. With the score tied at 96, W&L guard Chris Halkitis tried a three-pointer with 11 seconds left. Greg Bienemann grabbed the offensive rebound and missed a lay-up, and then Femi Kusimo missed a tip-in attempt with three seconds on the clock. Finally, on the Generals fourth attempt of the possession, Jones managed to put the ball in the hoop. Bienemann scored 30 points to lead W&L. Kusimo added 16 while missing only one shot. Relying on a steady diet of lay-ups and short jumpers, the Generals shot a blistering 68 percent from the floor. The Generals split a pair of road games over the weekend, losing on Saturday to Hampden-Sydney and winning on Sunday at Lynchburg. On Saturday the Generals could not overcome poor play during the middle part of the game. The Tigers went on a 16-2 run late in the first half to take a 13 point lead. During the first 10 minutes of the second half Hampden-Sydney only allowed four points as they marched out to an 18 point lead. Bienemann again led the Generals, scoring 17 points. Freshman Zac White scored a career high 14 points for the losing side. W&L finished up its week by stomping Lynchburg 84-67 on Sunday afternoon. After shooting a blistering 60 percent in the first half, the Generals took a 42-31 lead into the locker room. Bienemann tied his career-high by scoring 33 points. He also added six rebounds and three assists. Jones and forward Alex White each added 10. The Generals ended the week with a 9-5 overall record and a 4-4 record in ODAC play. They play at Eastern Mennonite on Wednesday and host Roanoke College at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday

Track and field

night.

Stacy Doornbos defeated a field of Division I, II and III runners to win the 300 meter dash at Saturday's Marietta Open. Doornbos, a sophomore, also finished first among Division III runners in the 500. Freshman Kat Telfeyan finished first overall in the mile and also set a school record by finishing in 5:26.02. Elizabeth Webb led all Division III runners in the 800 with a time of 2:29.56. The women's medley relay team also finished first overall, running the event in a school-record time of 13:11.24. On the men's side Drew Martin led the team by finishing second among D-III athletes in the pole vault. Martin cleared a height of 14 and a half feet. The men's long distance relay team led all Division III teams and finished with a time of 11:02.33.

The men's and women's teams set three new school records and finished first in six events. Both teams will be back in action on Friday at the Liberty Open.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff P Drew Martin launches himself into the air at this weekend's Marietta Invitational. Martin cleared 14'6" for a second place finish among all of DIII

Generals race past opponents

Generals capture six first-place finishes and set three new school records against D-I foes

By Mike Fahey SPORTS EDITOR

It's always difficult when a Division III track team has to compete against Division I and II opponents in a meet. However, the Washington and Lee men's and women's indoor track and field teams rose to the challenge this past week. The teams competed at the Marietta Invitational Open held on Saturday in Marietta, Ohio. They set three new school records, while registering six first places and 17 top-five finishes. Sophomore sensation Stacy Doornbos led the charge, placing first overall in the 300 meters and first among all D-III competitors in the 500 meters.

Freshman Kat Telfeyan took first overall in the mile, and sophomore Elizabeth Webb was the

first D-III runner to cross the finish line in the 800 meters

On the men's side, sophomore Drew Martin led W&L men by placing second among all Division III athletes in the pole vault. Freshman Ryan Castle placed fourth among D-III competitors in the long jump.

This was a great experience for the Generals. As Martin said, "It gave us a chance to finally see how we stack up against some other really good track teams."

Castle agreed, saying, "Since it's so early in the season, these types of meets are great to just run against a little competition to see where you're at and what you need to adjust in the weeks to

The teams have many strengths, ranging from coaching

"The team's greatest strength

is our coaching. You can't find a better coaching staff anywhere, and I swear by that," Castle said. "Coach Hoey would have and should have been the coach of the year every year since he's been here, except for the fact that we haven't won conference. That will change.'

The Generals benefit by having a very young team.

Doornbos said, "The girls team has really gained some depth in a bunch of events. We have some new sophomore throwers on the team that really add to the strength of the girls team too."

As the indoor season continues on, the team has high expectations.

"With Hoey's coaching and recruiting skills combined with our current athletes ability and growth potential, I think the sky is the limit," Castle said.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Matt Harrison competes in last weekend's Marietta Open. Harrison led all W&L runners in the 500 meter dash with a time of 1:11.70.

Women's **Basketball:**

Women squash Fighting Squirrels

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After W&L went into the locker room at half-time with a 29-28 lead, the Eagles stormed out quickly in the second half, eventually taking a nine point lead with about fourteen minutes remaining. The Generals eventually closed the gap and tied the game with about eight minutes remaining.

Emily Wolff eventually put W&L ahead for good when she hit a lay-up with 1:33 left to play, and the team hit four free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

W&L kicked off the three game home stand on Tuesday night against two-time defending conference champion Randolph-

Though the Yellow Jackets no

longer have All-American guard Megan Silva, they still managed to defeat Washington and Lee 75-64. The Generals simply could not find a way to stop sophomore Lindsay Riesbeck as she piled up 26 points. Riesbeck scored Macon's first eight points and helped the Yellow Jackets jump out to a quick lead that they would never

relinguish. During the second half W&L twice got the deficit down to five points, but both times costly turnovers hurt the team. With the score 43-38 in Macon's favor, W&L missed an easy transition lay-up and then surrendered a quick basket on defense.

The loss was the Generals' twelfth in a row at the hands of the Yellow Jackets and it snapped a two game winning streak for

W&L.

After several quiet games, Hunsinger turned in a sterling performance for the losing side. She led W&L with 19 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds. Most impressive of all, Hunsinger scored her points by hitting eight of the 10 shots she took.

The nine blocks Hunsinger tallied on Thursday night were just one part of a dominating box score. She also scored 18 points while grabbing a season-high 15 rebounds.

Her points, along with 24 from junior forward Kristen Krouchick, helped the Generals withstand the 28 point night from Baldwin guard Jessica Carter.

Carter used a variety of moves and some deadly outside shooting to help her team stay in the game.

She entered the contest averaging nearly 18 points per appearance.

W&L coach Mandy King said Carter is always a tough player to "You just cannot guard her

one-on-one," King said. "You rely on help defense and deny her the ball as much as possible." Krouchick and King both said

they were excited by Hunsinger's performance.

"The blocks by Jessica give us momentum, which helps us when we're not hitting shots," Krouchick said.

King said Hunsinger has recently faced some of the league's toughest defenses, and she predicted that the senior would finish

strong down the stretch. If Hunsinger plays like this down the stretch, she'll be very

tough to stop," King said.

The Generals – as they often have this year - struggled to protect the ball in both games. They had 24 turnovers against the Yellow Jackets and 21 against the Fighting Squirrels.

Carter had six steals against W&L during Thursday night's

"[Mary Baldwin] brings great pressure," King said. "I think there was a brief lack of focus on our part, but once we adjusted we were able to get good looks in transition."

The Generals will be on the road this weekend traveling to Guilford College on Tuesday night before heading just a few miles down Route 60 Thursday evening for a 7:00 p.m. tip-off at Southern Virginia.

Training trip unites team

Swimming team travels to Florida over break and gets tips from two Olympic champions

By Mike Fahey SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee University men's and women's swimming teams faced a different opponent in the pool over holiday break, a 10-time Olympic cham-

Gary Hall Jr. helped the Generals train as part of their training to Key Largo, Fla. and even agreed to race against some of the men on the swimming team in a 50 meter race.

Hall Jr. and five-time Olympic medal Jon Olsen helped to coach the Generals in two practices during the week-long trip.

During one of the practice sessions, Hall Jr. agreed to race against senior All-American Mike Ginder and juniors Tim Mc-Glaston and Alex Sweet. Ginder won the 50 meter freestyle race, and McGlaston also beat the

Olympian. Sweet and Hall Jr. touched the wall in a tie.

Senior captain Abbie Sauter said, "It was incredibly interesting to hear what they valued about swimming and their take on racing, competition, practice, etc."

And while some people spent their holiday breaks relaxing, the Generals were hard at work.

Sophomore Susan Mahoney said, "The training trip is physically demanding. The practices are tough, but having such great teammates helps me get through

"Everyone on the team supports each other. We have a good time together," Mahoney contin-

The fact that the team was practicing in Florida made the week a bit more enjoyable.

"The practices are very intense, but the nice location helps us keep positive attitudes," soph-

"As the sole senior woman on the team, I will rivalry with Randolph Macon this bite off my own arms and beat Randy Mac to death with them before I will lose our 13 year long ODAC winning streak."

ABBIE SAUTER, Senior Captain

omore Lindsey Strachan said. Sauter said, "Not only were

we swimming for four hours a day on some days, we were also tinues, they have one goal, a fourdoing dryland workouts in 80 degree weather."

The team headed to Florida to focus on their training in order to prepare for the later half of the season and conference champion-

"The purpose of the training trip is to get us in really good shape for the conference meet somewhere we can focus on swimming and nothing else for a

few weeks," junior Amy Rober-

As the women's season conteenth consecutive ODAC championship. But before the ODAC championships, they will have three dual meets against Hopkins, Marymount, and Hollins.

Sauter said, "Hopkins is an extremely competitive team that will be fun to race against, but we have the ability to dominate both Marymount and Hollins and I am excited to see the team rise to the occasion and get that done."

The Generals have developed a season. After the Generals were defeated by the Yellow Jackets at a dual-meet earlier in the season, the team has trained hard in preparation of the ODAC championships where they will again get to face off against R-MC.

Sauter said, "As the sole senior woman on the team, I will bite off my own arms and beat Randy Mac to death with them before I will lose our 13 year long ODAC winning streak."

After the dual meet between RMC earlier in the season, a swimmer from RMC posted a quote on one of her teammate's facebook walls about "breaking the tradition" that the Generals have held at the ODAC champi-

"A newly added pump up routine we have is to smack the quote before each practice since it hangs inside the door of our

locker room," Sauter said. "Seeing that sign daily reminds all of us how excited we need to get about [maintaining] the tradition of winning at ODAC's."

Overall, the women's swimming team is a tight-knit group of swimmers who are truly united as a team, and the training trip only brought the team closer together.

Freshman Sarah Simpson said, "It was awesome to be able to hang out with a group of people that I like so much without having to worry about school work and all the other things that are usually stressing us out.

Sauter added, "The entire team gets so much out of a little over a week of training and it also brings the team so much closer because we all have to get through it to-

Simpson said, "[The goals are] to win ODAC's, reset all the school-record relay records, and qualify for Nationals."

Men's **Basketball:**

Generals playing best ball of season

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to taking positions of leadership, often under unexpected situations. In high school in Chatham, New Jersey, Bienemann stepped in as the goalie on the varsity soccer team with little prior experi-

He also starred on the lacrosse team and was named third team all-state basketball in New Jersey, notching 500 points his senior

Bienemann is also a leader off the court. An economics major, Phi Kap, and ODAC Scholar Athlete, Bienemann was also a member of the Dean's List Fall Term.

Bienemann has always shown intensity on the court. A quiet fist pump after hitting a last-second shot during the first half of the game against Emory and Henry shows the focus that he carries to every game.

However, the problem has sometimes been harnessing that intensity for the good of the

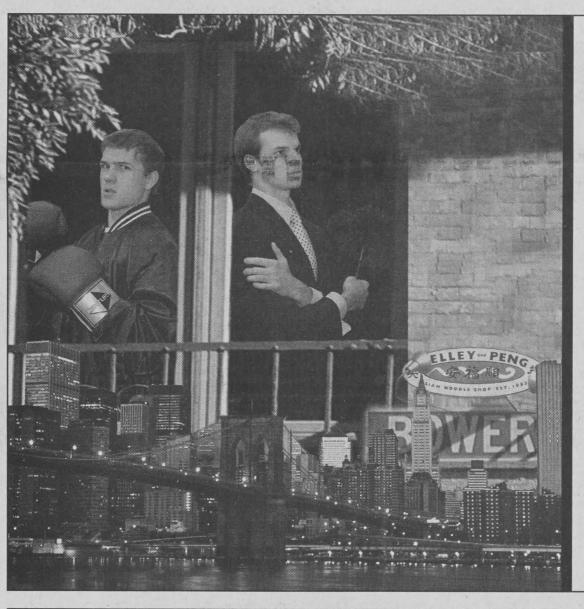
Said Coach Anderson, "We always knew he could play, scoring was never a problem, but the challenge was getting him to cut turnovers and creating opportunities for teammates."

This season, it seems that this challenge is beginning to be overcome. "Guys have been willing to sacrifice some of their numbers to get the ball to Greg," said Anderson. "It's a group effort, and because of him, everyone is doing the little things better... As good of a player he is, he's an even better teammate."

Yesterday afternoon, Bienemann tied his career-high for point scored in a game when he added 33 points in the Generals 84-67 victory over Lynchburg.

Bienemann is now averaging 22 points per game and 6.7 rebounds per game. He's putting himself into strong contention for ODAC player of the year.

The Generals face Eastern Mennonite on the road on Wednesday. Their next home game is Saturday night versus Roanoke.



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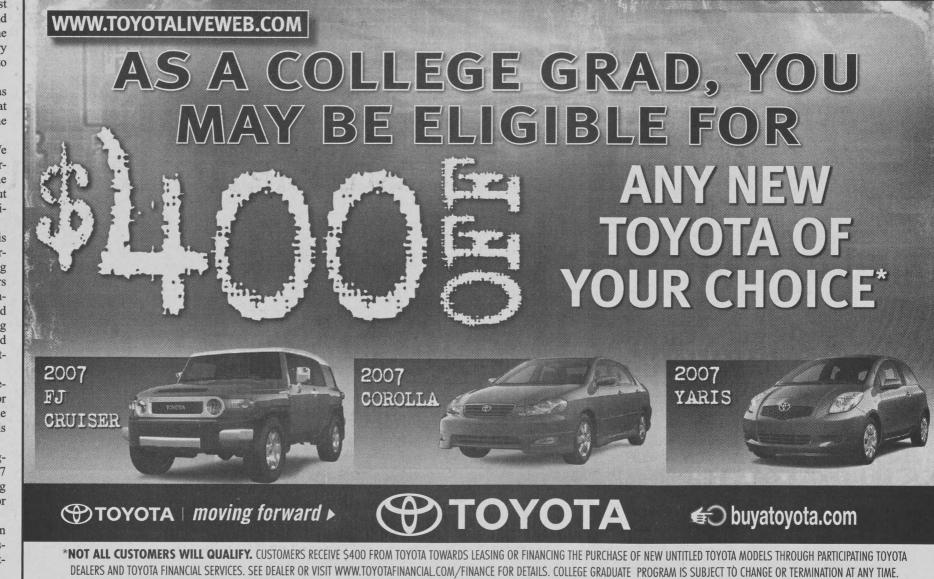
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in the numbers 1986

Last time the Bears won the Super Bowl, when it was in New Orleans. They will advance to Super Bowl XLI after yesterday's 39-14 win over the New Orleans Saints.

65-60

Final score when W&L women's basketball beat 24th ranked Bridgewater, the first time ever that they defeated a ranked opponent

Number of points by junior forward Greg Bienemann, tying his career-high, when the Generals beat the Lynchburg Hornets 84-67 yesterday

School-record setting blocks by Senior center Jessica Hunsinger in Thursday's Mary Baldwin game. She also scored 18 points and had 15 rebounds

Number of new school records by the track team; Freshman Kat Telfeyan won first overall in the mile with a school-record time of 5:26.02, Sophomores Elizabeth Webb, Stephanie Stelter, Becca Taylor, and freshman Liz Krausnick competed on the first-place finishing distance medley relay that notched a school-record time of 13:11.24.

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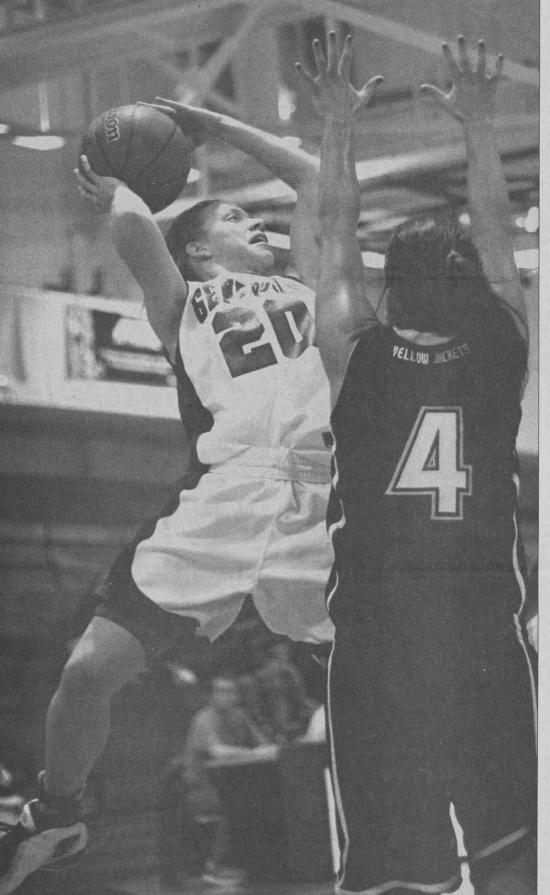
"My brain cells were restored today."

-Maria Sharapova, much happier in cooler temperatures after saying the searing heat in her first-round match at the Australian Open had made her delusional. From the AP wire

"It's a stiff penalty. Fifteen games, that's a lot for one punch. There's no place for it. This is not boxing. This is basketball. I think the league is sending a good message that they're not going to tolerate anything like that. It's not good for the fans, it's not good for us."

- Allen Iverson, speaking about the suspension given to Denver Nuggets teammate Carmelo Anthony for his role in a December brawl with the New York Knicks. From the AP wire

Upset of the year



Sophomore guard Bethany Ridenhour goes up for a shot against a Randolph Macon opponent. Ridenhour has been a leader this season for the women's basketball team.

Women's basketball team defeats a nationally ranked opponent for the first time in history

By Jacob Geiger MANAGING EDITOR

The women's basketball team made history Saturday night when they defeated No. 24 Bridgewater College 65-60. The win marked the first time that the women's team has beaten a ranked oppo-

The win came two days after Center Jessica Hunsinger tallied nine blocks against the Mary Baldwin Fighting Squirrels, just missing a triple-double but easily setting the school record for blocks. Hunsinger set the tone by blocking three shots by Baldwin center Erica Dabney during the first 30 seconds of the game.

Washington and Lee withstood a late Mary Baldwin rally and came away with a 64-54 victory.

The victory over Bridgewater was as surprising as it was important. The Eagles entered the game with a 12-2 record and a 9-1 mark in conference play. The Generals, in contrast, were 6-8 with a 3-7 conference record before playing Bridgewater.

When the two teams met earlier this year, Bridgewater handed Washington and Lee a resounding 78-56 defeat. Senior Shannan Scales, who scored a career high 25 points in the team's first meeting, was held scoreless on Saturday by W&L's relentless defense.

Kristen Krouchick led the Generals on the offensive end, scoring 22 points. Hunsinger and Amanda Kane both added eight points.

Hunsinger also pulled down a season-high 17 rebounds, and Krouchick came up with 10.

The Generals took advantage of a lopsided free throw margin, going to the line 31 times and making 19 of those attempts. Bridgewater, in contrast, only got 15 chances from the charity

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Bienemann leads W&L

Junior forward has helped propel men's basketball to a 9-5 record

By Kevin Trempe STAFF WRITER

Time was winding down, and Washington and Lee needed a change of momentum. Tied at 78 with Emory and Henry College with less than eight minutes to play, the Generals were struggling to hold off a conference opponent that had rallied from fifteen points down. An E&H guard drove past his defender, his path to the basket unobstructed. Suddenly, junior forward Greg Bienemann left the man he was guarding, stepped in front of the guard, and drew a

When asked for one moment that defined Greg Bienemann as a player and a person, Washington tion," W&L is off to its best start

Adam Hutchinson pointed to this charge, the most unselfish, selfsacrificing action in the game of basketball.

The Generals would go on to defeat Emory and Henry 98-96, spurred by 30 points and 13 rebounds from Bienemann, including an offensive board that set up the game-winning basket.

"I'd say that's how Greg is a leader," said Hutchinson. "He makes a point of taking care of his teammates on the court."

Bienemann did not respond to several requests for comment.

Through this leadership, and through what Coach Hutchinson cites as "improved team execu-

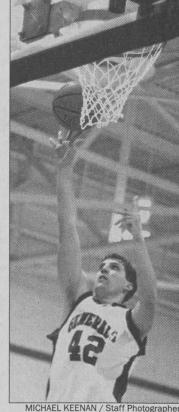
and Lee Head Basketball Coach in recent memory. Their 4-4 conference record (9-5 overall) places them fourth in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, exceeding the expectations of the coaches who picked them to finish ninth.

Freshman John Twomey credits the fast start to veteran leadership. "The older guys really know the system. It makes it a challenge to stand out as a fresh-

And much of this leadership has come from Bienemann. The numbers are impressive: his 21.5 points per game is second in the conference, but Bienemann's greatest influence on the team cannot be measured by what appears in the stat book. Whether it's taking a foul while helping out on defense, creating scoring opportunities for teammates or drawing a charge, what Coach Anderson calls the "little things."

"One of the problems Greg has had this year is foul trouble," said Anderson. "He'll step in when one of the guys up top gets beaten of the ball."

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W&L star Greg Bienemann goes up for a layup in a recent game. Bienemann has been upstoppable this season averaging over 20 points per game.



GREG BIENEMANN, Junior

Against Lynchburg:

33 points (tied career high)

On the season:

22.0 points per game

6.7 rebounds per game