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Students hit it rich

Williams Investment Society continues to outperform professionals and add money to endowment

WIS holdings:

The student investors currently own stock in 27 companies across several industries

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By Hillary Craig
STAFF WRITER

Over the past five years, the Williams Investment Society (WIS) has outperformed approximately 85 percent of professional fund managers and generated close to \$1 million for Washington and Lee University.

"The group has consistently beaten the standard benchmark, the S&P 500, which is really remarkable," said Executive Director of WIS Peter Lawrence. "It's something that most head fund-managers can't do."

The Williams Investment Society is a student-run organization that invests a portion of the university's endowment. When the group began in February 1998, it started out with \$1 million. At its lowest point, the endowment was valued at \$662,000.

But, in just over four years, the value of the money invested has reached \$1.6 million. Last year, the group performed in the 98th percentile of professional managers, which faculty advisor and Business Administration professor Scott Hoover called "down-right astounding."

Hoover credits the group's long-term success to their willingness to take risks. "They have a lack of bias that you see in a lot of fund managers," he said. "They don't particularly care if they lose the money. It's not their money and it's not going to make or break the university, which allows them to invest in things that may be riskier."

The society's choice to invest in Sealed Air Corporation is a prime example. The corporation had a lawsuit against it, which would have prevented most fund managers from even thinking about buying stock in the company. However, after investigating the claims against the company, the W&L students decided that the lawsuit had no merit and bought stock in the company. The gamble paid off.

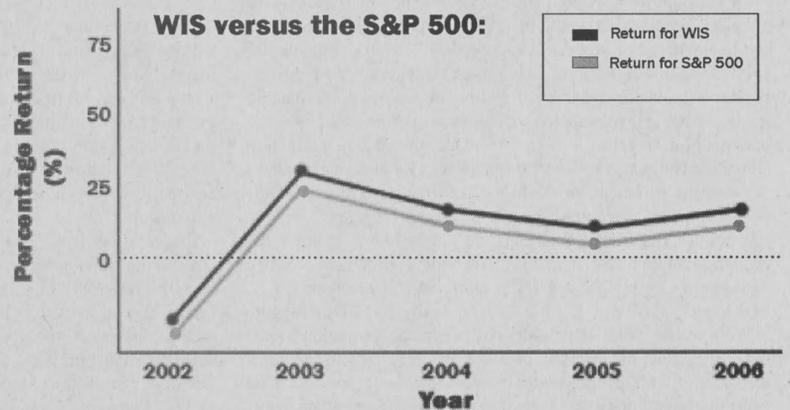
"The group doubled their money in a month," said Hoover. "But the reason they were able to do that was because there were no repercussions if they were wrong."

Lawrence also praised the group's remarkable success, but he attributed their success rate to two factors: the members' ability to remain detached from specific stocks as well as sheer luck.

"One problem portfolio managers have is that they get attached to stocks," said Lawrence. "The high rate of member turnover means that you have a fresh pair of eyes to look at the stocks and decide if it's time to sell."

Just last week, WIS selected 18 new members. These 18 were chosen out of 64 applicants. As part of the application, candidates have to complete a buy-sell presentation, where they say "this is what we want to buy" and "this is what we want to sell."

"The application itself serves as a screening process," said Associate Director Paul Cobuzzi. "We look at the amount of research, time, and thought they put into it."



The Williams Investment Society has annually outperformed the S&P 500, the standard industry benchmark

Out of the 64 applications, a little over half were chosen to be interviewed. In the interview, applicants were questioned about recent financial news, teamwork and what they wrote on their application. Not only were they expected to know about the current financial markets, but they were expected to have attended previous WIS meetings and be willing to make a big time commitment.

"The most important thing for us was enthusiasm," said Lawrence. "You have to be willing to devote a lot of time to the group outside of your other organizations."

Out of the 64 applicants, only 10 were women. Because they received so few female applications, the directors are making an

effort to generate more interest among females as well as other minorities on campus.

"We've recently emailed the presidents of sororities and the head of MSA [Multicultural Student Association] and are trying to reach out to other areas on campus that are not told enough about it," said Cobuzzi. "We want them to know that women are a part of WIS and certainly contribute."

Associate Director Lauren Morea is planning a WIS Women's Night, which is aimed at women who haven't come to WIS meetings but might be interested.

"The group would be stronger if there was a more diverse set of people," said Hoover. "You want a set of different people and you don't just want C-School ma-

jors." While the society is--from both the faculty and students' perspectives--educational, the WIS offers many other benefits.

"It provides intangible experience," said Lawrence. "It's a great source of education and satisfaction as well as a source of attracting students to the school."

The countless hours that the members spend each week researching stocks to buy and sell seem to pay off. According to Hoover, several members of the society will go on to jobs at some of the country's best investment firms.

"[The Williams Investment Society] is interview training 101 for finance jobs," said Hoover. "It really pays off in the job market."

Holbrooke offers ideas on Iraq

Former diplomat shares his analysis on Iraq and other issues during Institute for Honor

By Jacob Geiger
MANAGING EDITOR

Distinguished diplomat Richard Holbrooke told the sixth Institute for Honor that the United States must work to understand and solve the clear cultural clash between extreme Islam and the rest of the world.

Speaking in Lee Chapel on Friday morning, Holbrooke outlined his understanding of America's post-Cold War foreign policy and extensively discussed the ongoing war in Iraq.

"This is a worse situation than Vietnam," Holbrooke told the crowd of students, alumni and members of the Lexington community. "The post-Cold War world is full of dozens of long submerged problems that were always there but stayed buried during the Cold War."

Holbrooke said far more people live in free nations than in 1988, but he noted that formerly

hidden feuds and problems were now erupting.

A career diplomat, Holbrooke started his Foreign Service career in Vietnam. The journalism major and former editor of Brown University's newspaper said he joined the State Department almost by accident.

"My best friend growing up was David Rusk," Holbrooke said. "His father was appointed Secretary of State by Kennedy, and suddenly I knew a famous person. He'd talked to us about joining the Foreign Service during a career day during high school."

Holbrooke returned home from a State Department post in Vietnam and became Jimmy Carter's Assistant Secretary of State for the Far East. During Bill Clinton's first term Holbrooke served as Assistant Secretary of State for Europe, and Clinton later named him the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

While discussing the situation in Iraq, Holbrooke said the rein-

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RICHARD HOLBROOKE, U.S. diplomat



forcements being sent into Baghdad would not end the war.

"Iraq is the great crisis of our times," he said. "I worry that an Iraq backlash will cause us to pull back from our international obligations, and we've seen this cycle before in U.S. history."

As W&L prepares for the 2008 Mock Convention, Holbrooke said the war will dramatically shape the coming elections.

"Iraq will be the dominant issue as both parties choose candidates," the diplomat said. "[John]

McCain's decision to support the war is costing him popularity. McCain decided to support Bush even though he hates him. [Nebraska Senator] Chuck Hagel is old friends with McCain. They are both decorated Vietnam veterans, and now they are barely talking to each other because of the war."

Holbrooke said that Hillary Clinton has been the Democrat least willing to attack Bush, while John Edwards was calling for an immediate withdrawal, and

Barack Obama is taking a position somewhere between the two of them.

"We'll know the nominees in 13 months," Holbrooke said. "Iraq will determine everything... if it improves people will pull back and say we should stick with it. But if it gets worse, things will depend on which nominees win."

Emeritus professor John Gunn said Holbrooke provided an excellent introduction for the conference's later discussions.

"What matters most is not military or economic power, but the values and ideals ... of what we believe make a stable and just society," Gunn said. "[We need a] recognition of diversity and acceptance of different values."

Bob Feagin, a member of the class of 1960 who helped organize the Institute for Honor, said the Institute chose Holbrooke because it wanted a speaker who would attract attention to the program and its values.

"His topic is something that

is on the table today. We want to discuss values that we think have relevance," Feagin said.

After concluding his speech, Holbrooke said W&L students should consider a career in the Foreign Service.

"It's a great career," he said, "but I'd encourage you to start young...too many people start at the age of 30."

Holbrooke said the current generation of college students was not matching the involvement of his baby boom contemporaries.

"My generation was much more involved in public affairs. The baby boomers were engaged much more than your generations."

As Feagin left Friday's luncheon and headed to his first seminar, he explained what his classmates hoped to achieve at the Institute.

"We wanted to take W&L ideals beyond here and into the world...into the corporate boardroom and diplomatic discussion."

opinions

Raising America's respect for teachers

If teachers are so influential, why are they treated badly?

By Jess Steinmetz
COLUMNIST

Why would you want to waste all your schooling and potential on a job like that?

After hearing such criticism from family and friends over Christmas break about my chosen career path, one might think I decided to be a cashier at Wal-Mart or a hairdresser.

While nothing is wrong with either of those jobs, it would be fair to say that four years of essay writing and test taking at a reputable university would not greatly improve my competency at either of these jobs.

On the contrary, since I want to teach government to high school students after I graduate, my politics major and teacher education training here at Washington and Lee will be a great help to me.

You would think that with the current state of education in the United States, people would want highly qualified individuals teaching adolescents about our government so they would have the background to make well-informed decisions on Election Day. Instead, people have told me time and time again that if I wanted to be a teacher I should have just gone to a community college.

Why do teachers have such a lack of respect in today's society? Aren't teachers the ones

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Don't they help develop the minds of the people who will soon be running our nation? Aren't teachers the ones responsible for training individuals for all future professions?

Does the general public have such a gross lack of knowledge about what teaching high school students encompasses?

Contrary to popular belief, teaching is not the easy 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. job with summers off.

Instead, it involves devoting extra time and attention to plan lessons relevant to students' lives that will interest them enough to truly motivate them.

Good teaching requires holding high expectations for students and putting in the extra work so they can reach their potential.

It involves devoting numerous hours after the school day officially ends to write college recommendation letters, edit college admission essays, grade papers, and give advice to students who come to ask for help.

In this day and age, it also involves balancing between the thin line of preparing students to pass high-stakes tests (such as the SOL tests here in Virginia) without falling into the trap of simply teaching to the test.

It is bad enough that teachers are paid next to nothing for all the hard work they put into their jobs. Why can't people wholeheartedly support those who go into teaching?

I accept that I will make far less money than many of my peers in the years to come, but I look forward to spending days in the classroom teaching my students about the basic structure of government in American society. I personally cannot see any better way to make a difference than to teach young people how to critically think about abortion, gay marriage, terrorism, international involvement, education policy and the various issues of our day.

If I can deal with the struggles of motivating my students day after day, why can't others deal with my motivation to be a teacher?

staff editorial

Schools crack down on press

Dialogue key for First Amendment protection

Student newspapers and college administrators seldom agree about everything, but at most schools they learn to live with each other.

This year, however, that hasn't always been the case.

Last week Provost Robert Dixon at Grambling State University in Monroe, La. announced that the university's student run paper was "suspended" until the end of January.

Dixon said that the paper's performance during the fall had been poor and that no more editions should come out until the quality improved.

But Darryl Smith, student editor of The Gramblinite, said his paper is going to keep coming out.

That's exactly the action he should take.

In Dixon's defense, The Gramblinite has had its problems in the past months. One of the paper's sports writers plagiarized materials from another local newspaper. Dixon also claims The Gramblinite has not done a good job checking its facts on some articles.

Smith has a simple re-

sponse to the fact-checking allegations. He said his paper cannot check their facts if administrators will not talk to his reporters.

Though the paper has made mistakes, suspending publication is the wrong course of action. How does Dixon expect improvement if the paper isn't publishing?

Student journalists learn by trial and error. If Dixon stops the presses after each error, no improvements will be made.

Thankfully, Washington and Lee administrators have taken a far different course than their counterparts at Grambling State. Though they do not always see eye-to-eye with the Phi and Trident on every issue, they respect each paper's first amendment rights.

All they ask for in return is fair and thorough reporting. That is a request we at the Phi consider more than reasonable.

We are committed to getting all the facts, asking all the necessary questions, and presenting all sides of each story. And the administration has

responded in kind by opening up and letting our reporters in the door.

When we wanted to learn more about the proposed Master Plan, Vice President for Administration Joe Grasso was more than happy to answer questions. When we wanted a preview of Inauguration Weekend, President Ruscio took time out of his hectic schedule and gave us a Saturday morning interview.

This commitment to cooperation has not gone unnoticed. It is obvious that the dialogue at W&L is far more frank and open than the conversation at Grambling State. When the student press and administration disagree, we sit down to discuss the issue. When the same disagreement occurs at Grambling, the provost tries to shut down the paper.

If W&L's administrators keep holding open and honest conversations with reporters from student publications, we will not face a situation similar to Grambling's.

So long as both sides keep talking, everyone keeps winning.

The demise of democracy

Hugo Chavez's rule by decree for 18 months won't help poor as promised

By Abel Delgado
COLUMNIST

If ever there has been a time when a democracy committed suicide, it's now in Venezuela.

Hugo Chavez has done just about everything within his power to turn what was once one of the few stable countries in Latin America to the birthplace of the new and improved militant left.

The former military officer, who decided to run for president only after his coup failed and he was somehow pardoned, has truly revolutionized Venezuela.

Chavez has done everything from changing the country's name to rewriting its constitution. Now he gets to rule by decree.

Yes, the joke of a National Assembly, filled with Chavez supporters after opposition parties refused to take part in fraudulent elections, unanimously approved giving the dictator, I mean "president", the authority to make laws by decree for the next 18 months.

Whoever believes the period is going to last only 18 months is kidding themselves.

Everybody should know by now that Chavez would like nothing more than to rule for as long as and in the same style as his mentor Fidel Castro.

If you think Chavez might

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use his newly granted powers to help the poor, as he has repeatedly promised, just take a look at his current objectives.

He plans a government takeover of the national telecom company, which he accuses of spying on him, and shut down networks which have been friendly to the opposition.

He also plans to nationalize the entire energy sector and forcibly buy at least 51 percent of all stock in foreign oil companies operating in Venezuela.

Chavez and his "brother" (a term they often use to describe themselves) Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad are also planning to push OPEC to cut oil production, raising oil prices across the world and making sure their ridiculous government programs will be well-funded.

Right after winning the past election, Chavez decided it was okay to fire his vice president and consolidate all his "allied" parties into one party under his sole control.

He has proclaimed only his most ardent supporters could serve in the military or work for the Venezuelan oil company.

His current term lasts until 2013 but in his weekly five-hour long speeches on national television, he has more than alluded to the idea of ruling for a lot longer, possibly for life.

On the foreign front, Chavez has built strong alliances with the aforementioned Iran, China, and Syria, three of the most repressive regimes in the world.

He has continually meddled in other Latin American elections, sometimes causing his allies to lose and is now calling for a unified Latin American military similar to NATO, only

under his control.

He continually threatens to boot out the U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela and has already had to sever relations with a few Latin American countries.

Anyone who believes all this is justified by the help Chavez has given Venezuela's poor should know that, until the oil boom three years ago, Venezuela was actually getting poorer under Chavez.

He has used his windfall oil profits to buy votes right before elections, fund socialist candidates and visit dictators across the world.

He has even allegedly funded the leftist terrorist guerrillas in neighboring Colombia.

Yes, Chavez did win this past election, no matter how much its legitimacy could understandably be questioned, but the election Venezuela has paradoxically brought the end of democracy in Venezuela.

If we are not careful, Chavez could usher in a terrible age for the entire hemisphere.

CORRECTION:

A photo caption in last week's issue incorrectly said Matt Harrison finished first among W&L runners in the 500m dash. Brian Bondurant was the first W&L runner to finish.

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Seniors saluted for feats

Meghan Joss and Kelly Evans received national award for accomplishments and campus involvement

By Abri Nelson
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This fall, two Washington and Lee seniors reached into their mailboxes and pulled out an acceptance letter that they were not expecting.

The letter detailed an award for which they had not applied. It informed them that they had been selected to be featured in the annual "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" book.

Meghan Joss turned immediately to the Internet to find out about the award.

Kelly Evans thought that it was a joke and threw the letter away, only to get another from Dean Dawn Watkins several months later confirming the fact that it was a legitimate organization.

The Who's Who Among Students program was conceptualized in 1933 by Pettus Randall, then an undergraduate student at the University of Alabama.

Randall had been invited to join numerous academic honors programs and societies, but

he could not commit to any of them because of membership dues and initiation fees. Randall designed an honors program that would accept students based on their achievements and allow them membership for free.

Students would be featured in a book detailing their biographical information which would be sent to potential employers around the country.

The program was expanded in 1966 to include junior colleges and still publishes a book about exceptional college students each year.

Campus-nominating committees select 50 students each fall and send their information to the organization for final selection.

Serving to Stay Healthy

Joss is involved in a seemingly endless list of campus organizations. She is a Dorm Counselor, Peer Counselor, member of Kathekon, sister in Chi Omega, Bible study leader with Generals Christian Fellowship, chair of the Student Re-

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KELLY EVANS, Class of 2007

ruitment Committee and she has been the president of LIFE since her sophomore year.

"I think they just call me for a lot of things," she said. "It's just something I do naturally. I like to be involved."

As a high school student, Joss said that she had a checkered social life, because she had to repeat tenth grade as a result of severe health issues from an eating disorder.

"The only way I could stay healthy was to serve other people," she said.

"I felt that if I didn't share [my experiences], I could easily fall into old patterns."

Joss gravitated toward the activities at W&L which would

best allow her to share what she had learned and ensure that she would stay healthy.

She found that she did better academically when she was involved as well.

"I don't feel like I do so much, because I love it so much," she said about her busy schedule.

She chose to be a psychology and philosophy major and hoped for a long time to go to graduate school for clinical psychology, but plans changed.

Now, she is engaged to Virginia Military Institute cadet Tyler Freeman.

"I never in my wildest dreams could have imagined that," she said.

She said she is hoping to go

to a professional school so that she is able to move around with Freeman after he commissions with the Marine Corps in May.

Doing Everything, and Loving It

Evans, a native of Lexington, was recruited at W&L to play lacrosse. She came with plans to get involved in much more.

She especially wanted to be a member of the University Chorus, participate in the theater department and be involved in the planning committees for Fancy Dress or Mock Convention. But plans changed for her, too.

She found that between her lacrosse schedule, studying abroad for a year and her major in business journalism that she was unable to fit many things into her schedule that did not coincide with her major or her sport.

"It's almost like it all happened by accident," she said. "I'm definitely one of those people who wants to do everything, and I always end up biting off more than I can chew."

She tried to write for The Trident for most of her first two years of school, but was not very involved until this year when she was named co-editor with junior Will Chamberlain.

She has also served as an ESOL tutor, the chair of the Freshman Orientation Committee, a tour guide and participated in W&L Student Consulting.

"I feel like I've gotten so much out of this place that it's nice to give something in return," Evans said. "I feel an obligation to hold up my end of the bargain and give back."

Evans was able to attend W&L as a George Washington Honors Scholar.

W&L also helped her to get a coveted internship with the Wall Street Journal this summer and one with Reuters last summer.

She was also inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa society on Founder's Day.

"Too many people don't do things because they think they aren't qualified," Evans said.

"It's nice to be able to look back fondly. I had a blast, and it's time to move on."

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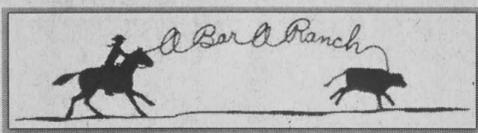
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Sophomore Chris Rucker, senior Frank Lee III and freshmen Joseph Roane, Kenneth Hopkins and Zaq Lawal clinch the first place trophy last Friday night during Lip Sync.

MSA brings it on

Students choreograph acts to raise \$14,000 for local charity working to alleviate hunger

By Sarah Klentz
STAFF WRITER

In addition to being an extremely successful charity event, the annual Lip Sync competition, which took place on Friday night, is often thought to be one of the most entertaining nights of the year. The audience saw that anything goes when fraternities and sororities have their pledges perform. However, the winning group this year was not from a Greek house, but from the Multicultural Students Association.

Though fellow members attribute the choreography of MSA's dance to freshman Zaq Lawal, he said it was a group effort.

"Everyone put in an equal amount of work and came up with choreography," Lawal said with a smile. "Jumping over four other guys—not my idea."

Lawal said he and the other members of the group, freshmen Kenneth Hopkins and Joseph Roane, senior Frank Lee III and sophomore Chris Rucker, practiced the dance for about an hour and a half each day starting the Sunday before the performance.

The group decided to use a medley of songs the crowd would love.

Lawal said that classics like 'NSYNC's "Bye Bye Bye" and Sisqó's "Thong Song" were two crowd favorites the group knew the audience would react to.

Lawal added that MSA already has some ideas for next year's Lip Sync, but they are waiting for new songs to come up before they make any final decisions.

Runner-up was awarded to one of Kappa Alpha Theta's groups of freshmen pledges. According

"I know people are there to see friends act like idiots on stage, but at the end of the day, if that's what raises \$14,000, the end justifies the means."

TRIPP ONNEN, Advisor to SARAH

to freshman Elizabeth Micci, the group also began working on its performance the Sunday before Lip Sync, and put in over two hours each night thereafter.

"The reason it took so long was that there were so many steps we had to get just right," Micci said. "When Friday came we were ready and everyone was excited. I don't think anyone was nervous."

Micci added that each of the seven girls in the group had some dance or cheerleading experience.

Overall, Micci said she felt the event was more organized than she had anticipated.

"Compared to stories I'd heard [about past Lip Syncs], it seemed pretty under control," Micci said. "There were not too many people up there walking around, doing nothing. Everyone had a plan. There was so much excitement associated with all the different acts. The energy and creativity made it so much fun."

Freshman Kelsey Wright performed with fellow Chi Omegas to win third place. Like the first and second place performances, Chi O's group also compiled a medley of songs.

"Overall, I was very impressed with the caliber of the competition," Wright said. "There were many acts that deserved to win."

Referring to the \$350 entry

fee, raised from \$150 in previous years, Wright said, "I think the increased fees encouraged everyone to practice and perform their very best."

Performances were judged based on the following criteria: choreography, lip synching ability, costumes, timing (acts were supposed to be capped at five minutes) and the crowd's reaction. Each judge ranked performances from one to ten in each category, and the judges' scores were combined to give each group a score out of 300. Tripp Onnen, advisor for Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger, said MSA received a score of 288.

Onnen also said groups that were too inappropriate were "gonged" off the stage. As for the threat of a \$500 fine for being gonged, Onnen said from the beginning the judges knew "that just wasn't going to happen."

"The \$500 threat was meant to scare [students] out of doing something too gratuitous," Onnen said.

He added that the staff never had an intention of actually fining groups for inappropriate behavior, though Onnen said if something extremely outlandish had occurred, he would have been willing to fine a group. Instead, he said, "we were just trying to put the fear of God into them, so

to speak."

Onnen said there was only one group he was "pretty upset with, but other than that, I think it was done very well."

Margo McClinton, Director of Campus Activities, was one of the judges for the event. She said criteria for being gonged included acts that were "just not very good or crude." Overall, McClinton said acts were "more appropriate" this year.

"There were some really good acts this year," McClinton said. "I could tell people took time to choreograph."

EC President Rob Rain said he enjoyed judging the event for the first time this year, and like McClinton, he "did not feel that very many of the acts were too inappropriate—at least no more inappropriate than in years past."

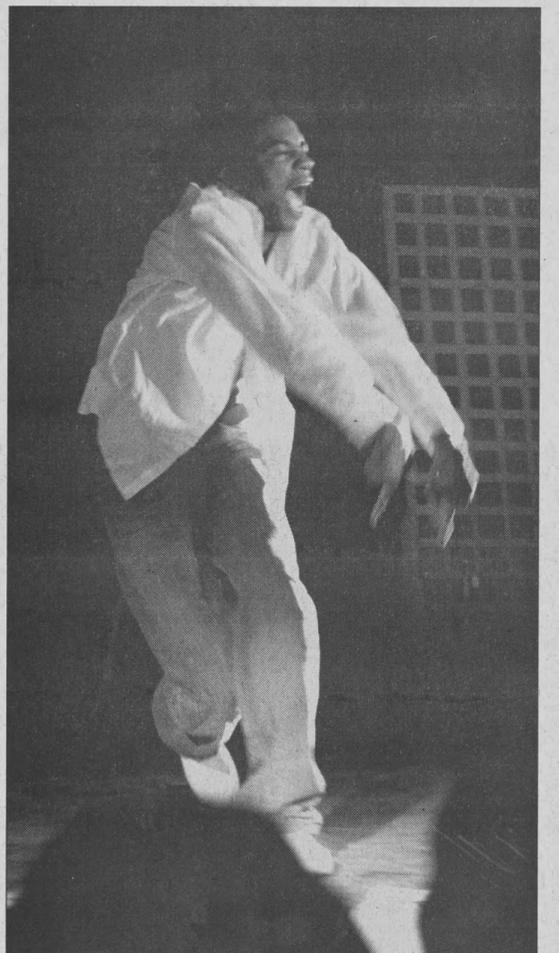
According to Onnen, the event raised about \$14,000 to be donated to local food pantries.

Onnen said there is no denying that students attend Lip Sync for the entertainment, but the money raised is the most important part of the experience.

"I know people are there to see friends act like idiots on stage, but at the end of the day if that's what raises \$14,000, the end justifies the means," Onnen said.

He also added that it is important for students to be aware of the world outside campus.

"A lot of people blow through here in four years and don't think about the people you see at Wal-Mart or Stop-In who live here their whole lives," Onnen said. "[Lip Sync] is a great way to give back to the community that becomes your second home for four years."

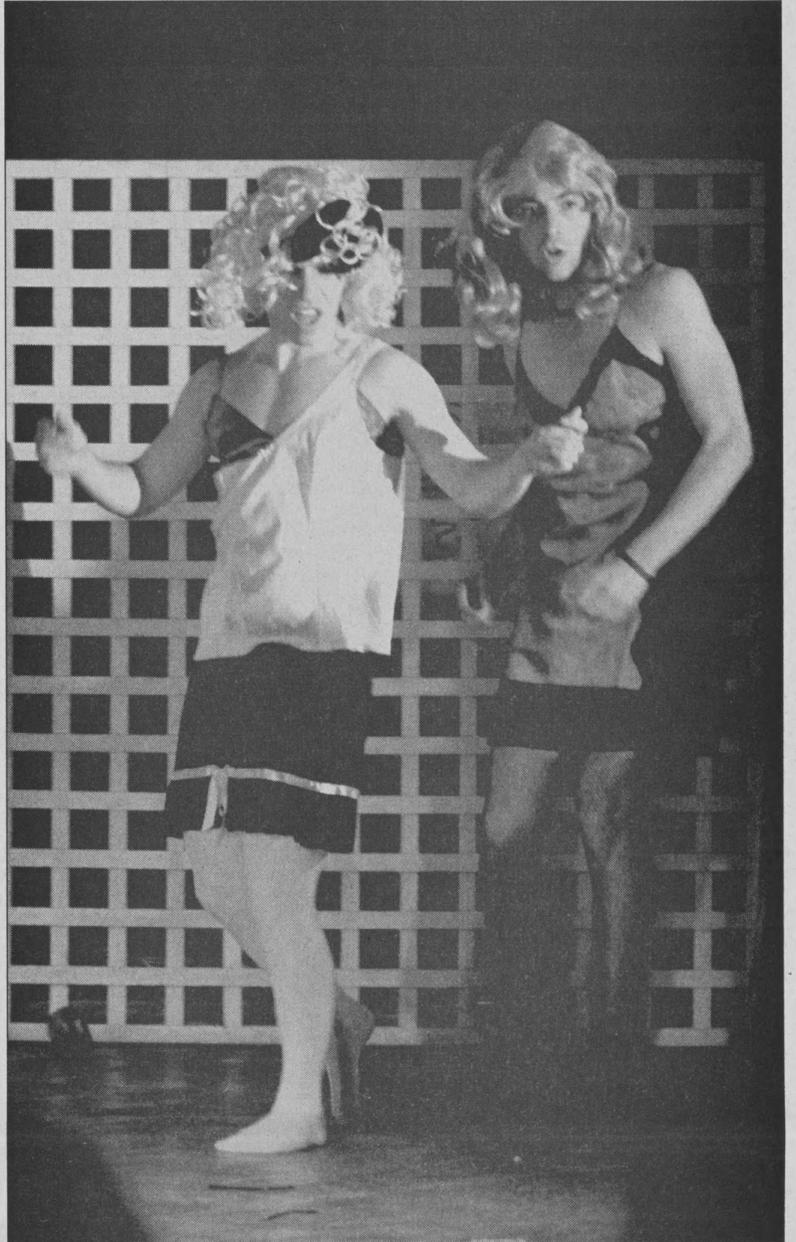


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Sophomore Chris Rucker breaks it down with the other members in his MSA group to a mix of pop and rap clips. MSA won first place at the Lip Sync competition.



Freshman Mary Frances Weatherly dances with her Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters (top left). Freshmen Strook Moore and Adam Lewis bring the Moulin Rouge to the stage. Their act was gonged off (top right).



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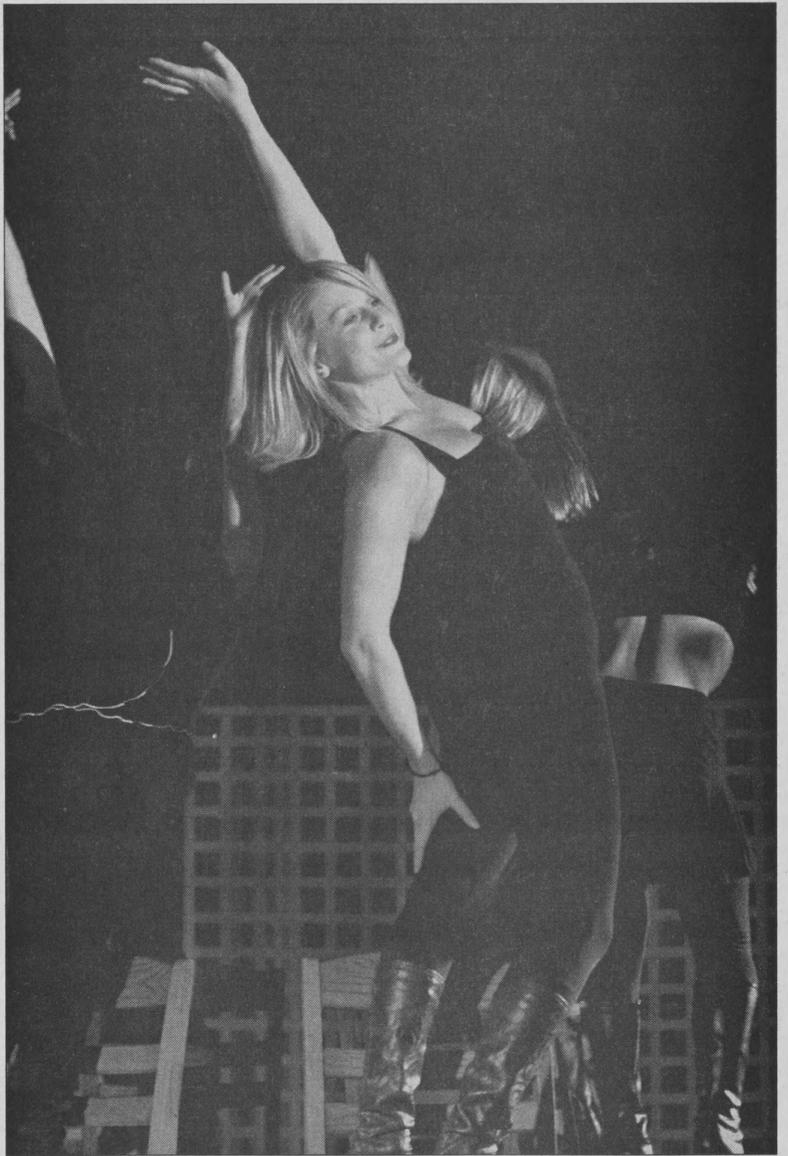
MSA's The Hotness, medley of songs

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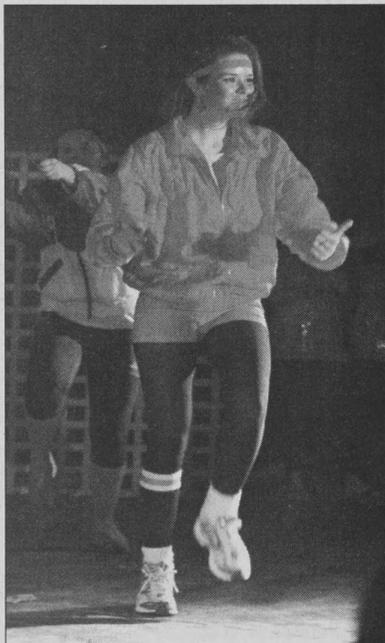
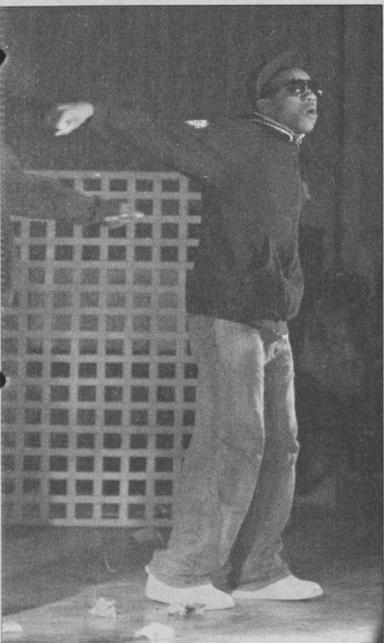
Kappa Alpha Theta, medley of hot songs

Second Runner up:

Chi Omega's Red Hot Hooties, medley of songs



Freshman Reagan Kerr busts a move with her Kappa Kappa Gamma group (above). Sophomore Chris Rucker performs with the MSA group that captured first place (left). Freshman Hillary Grosser and her Kappa Delta sisters groove in 80s aerobic gear (middle).



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Women's Basketball

The Washington and Lee women's basketball team went undefeated last week, defeating Southern Virginia on Thursday evening and Guilford College on Tuesday night. The Generals defeated SVU by a score of 66-62. The Generals were led by junior forward Amanda Kane who scored a season-high 13 points. Kane also hit three three-pointers. Senior center Jessica Hunsinger scored 12 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Hunsinger also got three blocks. Sophomore guard Bethany Ridenhour posted 12 points and three assists. Junior forward Kristen Krouchick added in 11 points and six rebounds. The W&L women's basketball team managed to pull off a 49-46 win over Guilford despite shooting just 29.2 percent from the field. The Generals carried a one-point advantage over their ODAC foe into the half, and Hunsinger went on to score six straight points to open the second stanza, giving W&L a seven-point lead. Guilford then went on a 12-1 run to take back the lead. Sophomore forward Kara Nadeau responded by hitting a jumper to cut Guilford's lead to a slim two points. Back-to-back layups Krouchick gave the Generals a 47-45 lead with 25 seconds remaining. Guilford's Jasmine Wood converted on 1-of-2 foul shots with 18 seconds left to cut the lead to 47-46, but W&L sophomore guard Bethany Ridenhour hit a pair of free throws with 12 seconds left to clinch victory for the Generals. The Generals were led by Hunsinger's 16 points, 12 of which came in the second half, and 11 rebounds. Ridenhour tallied seven points, nine rebounds and four assists. On Tuesday evening, the women's basketball team tied a program record by winning their fifth consecutive game, defeating Emory & Henry 62-44. The Generals improved their record to 10-8, equaling their record in the 2001-2002 season.

Track and Field

The Washington and Lee men's and women's indoor track & field teams competed against Division I, II and III schools at the Liberty On Track Open on Friday and Saturday. Over the two-day contest, the Generals captured four first-place finishes, 25 top-five finishes and set one school-record. The women were led by freshman Kat Telfeyan, who took first among Division III competitors in the 3000 meters. Sophomore Becca Taylor crossed the finish line first among D-III opponents in the mile. Junior Lil Brandler was the top D-III competitor in the pole vault clearing a height of 2.90 meters. Freshman Maggie Sutherland scored the Generals' lone school record with her 5'3" performance in the high jump. The men were led by sophomore Drew Martin and freshman Billy Billington. Each placed second among Division III athletes in their respective events. Martin registered a 14'3" performance in the pole vault, while Billington recorded 12.10 meters in the shot put. Washington and Lee returns to action on Friday as it competes at the VMI Winter Relays in Lexington.

Greatest player ever?

Federer wins tenth Grand Slam tournament at Australian Open without dropping a set

By Adam Lewis
COLUMNIST

The Swiss may be known for their banks, knives, and cheese, but I think it's time to add one more thing to that list: tennis.



The world of tennis is currently being taken over by a Swiss man named Roger Federer. Federer just notched his third Australian Open championship, all the while shedding about three drops of sweat. He won the tournament without losing a single set, something that has not been done in a Grand Slam event since 1980! And if you have trouble realizing the magnitude of that, think of a NFL team winning the Super Bowl after not giving up a single touchdown throughout the

With his overpowering serve, silky-smooth groundstrokes, and composed playing style, he is the most graceful sight on the tennis court since Anna Kournikova stretching.

whole playoffs. It's that amazing. Instead of shaking hands after losing, his opponents may as well have gotten on their knees, bowed, and said "We're not worthy," because honestly, they're not.

And if you watch him play, you will see why. With his overpowering serve, silky-smooth groundstrokes, and composed playing style, he is the most graceful sight on the tennis court since Anna Kournikova stretching. And I think that is saying a lot. Just this past Australian Open finals, Federer faced Fernando Gonzalez, who was coming off victories against number 5-seeded James Blake and

number 2-seeded Rafael Nadal. Not only did Roger take down Gonzalez in straight sets, but in a string of ten service games, he lost only four points. Can you say total domination?

He goes through tournaments like an overweight child goes through a box of cookies—devouring each cookie (opponent) one by one, rarely dropping a crumb (set), until there is nothing left except the box (trophy). And, like watching this child complete his tremendous feat, all you can do while watching Federer is gape in awe. He's that good.

But how does he match up with the sport's all-time greats?

Well, in three years of holding the number one world ranking, Federer has a 247-15 record, which is fifteen wins more than second place's Ivan Lendl, who is regarded by some as the best player of all time. Additionally, in those three years, he has 34 titles, which is more than Lendl, Pete Sampras, Bjorn Borg, Andre Agassi, and Jimmy Connors.

That's averaging over eleven wins a season, for three straight years, something that none of the afore-mentioned players has ever accomplished. So those scrubs can start bowing as well.

And to continue rambling off career achievements, Federer is less than a month away from holding the longest consecutive streak at Number 1.

Moreover, he is the three-time defending champion at Wimbledon and the US Open, something that has never been done before. If there was ever a dynasty in tennis, I think now would be the time.

And tennis isn't the only

thing in which this Swiss man sits at the top. In 2006, he was named the Goodwill Ambassador to UNICEF, an organization that assists impoverished children around the world. Through UNICEF and his personal charity, the Roger Federer foundation, Federer has helped fund the recovery of tsunami victims, made trips to South Asia, and participated in various charitable events which raise money for his causes.

With all of these charity efforts, as well as his media appeal to all people (he speaks three languages), and oh yeah, his tennis ability, it is no wonder why Roger Federer is constantly being awarded honors such as the European Sportsman of the Year, the United States Sports Academy's Most Outstanding Athlete of the Year, and the Laureus World Sportsman of the Year.

So whether you're into sports betting or charity, your money is far safer with this Swiss asset than in those stupid banks.

Swimming:

Teams ready for grudge matches

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you may have taken us out in the dual meet but you have no idea what you are facing at ODACs," Sauter warned.

"All the strength that we've built up for the past couple of months will become evident when we beat Randy-Mac again, and swim the best we ever have," said Miata.

"We have gained so much from racing bigger and better teams. Racing mediocre teams does nothing but boost the ego; swimming against the teams that we have swum with this year has helped us in every respect of the game. While we may not come out on top against ranked D-III teams, the most important part is that we have gained racing experience that will most definitely help us going into another ODACs," said Sauter.

The women return to action next Saturday against Hollins and host Randolph-Macon Women's College in a double dual meet. They will then begin preparing for the ODAC Championships.

On Friday, several underclassmen were called upon to lead the men against Marymount. Sophomores Chris Diebold and Brett Tatman touched first in the 200 free and 100 breast and freshman Winston Stagg won the 100 back.

Particularly impressive was Kevin Com's 4:57 in the 500 free because he had switched from breaststroke to distance freestyle halfway through the season.

"It was a very strong race for someone who is inexperienced at the 500, and it's a promising sign for what he'll be able to do at Bluegrass. He's one of the hardest workers in practice," said Tim McGlaston.

However, the men were more focused on Saturday's meet against Johns Hopkins University. Coming into the meet, the men boasted a 9-0 record in dual meets and were ranked 14th in the country. Johns Hopkins was ranked 13th nationally and some have picked them to finish as

high as third at nationals this year. Though Shinofield predicted the Generals would "need to swim the perfect meet to win," he knew "the guys had the ability to pull it together."

Shinofield's optimism came up short on Saturday as the men suffered their first dual meet defeat of the season by score of 146-110.

"Now we know what it takes to win against really good competition. It puts our prior success this season in perspective, and it will help us focus on where we need to improve before the championships," said Tim McGlaston.

Though the result was disappointing, there were several bright spots for the men. Tim McGlaston won the 50 free against one of the best Division III sprinters in the country, Hopkins' Brad Test.

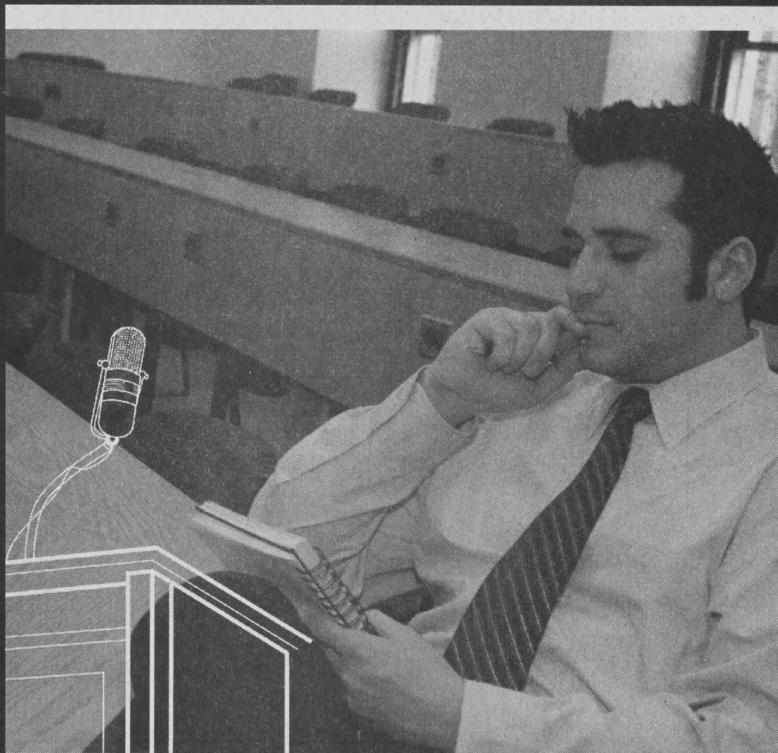
In the final event, the 400 free relay, anchor Mike Ginder made up a half second on Hopkin's Test to give the Generals the victory by less than two tenths of a second.

"Ginder finished amazingly strong and out-touched the Hopkins relay. Despite not having one of the best meets of our season, this was a great way to end the meet and prove that we are capable of competing with the best teams in the nation," said Kevin Corn.

The men appear to have put the loss behind them as they prepare for their next meet in Blacksburg, Va., against VMI and host Virginia Tech.

"I don't think we need to do anything [differently]," said Alex Sweet. "I think that we are going to be so frustrated, not so much because of the loss, but because we didn't even make it close. Everyone should be focused next week and looking to bounce back and put some fear into a fully funded D-1 team [Virginia Tech]. I think the loss to Hopkins is only going to make us want to beat them more when we swim them at nationals," Sweet added. "It would be easy to gain back all that was lost this weekend with a few good swims at nationals."

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Hopkins pins Generals

Wrestlers lose one-point decision to Johns Hopkins on Saturday

By Madeline Gent
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee Wrestling had a very busy last week. During last Wednesday's match with Southern Virginia University the Generals completely dominated the mats with a 48-6 victory. With eight individual victories, the dual-meet triumph was a much needed confidence booster going into Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon, the Generals hosted John Hopkins in a Centennial Conference dual meet. The Generals walked away with four individual victories in the one point team loss. Freshman Sammy Brusca got much needed back points towards the end of his match, allowing him to secure a tech fall over Hopkin's Michael Summer in the 125 weight class. Within the last minute and a half, Brusca turned his opponent twice, giving the Generals five team

points.

Junior Anthony Boniello added a victory at 165 pounds over JHU's Kyle Keane. The biggest win of the day would have to go to junior Peter Lawrence in the 157 pound weight class. He defeated Hopkin's James Crumlish in an 8-6 win. Lawrence lost to Crumlish earlier in the year, but by dominating the mat on his feet he secured some much needed take downs.

Junior wrestling teammate Adam Hockensmith thought it was quite the match. "It was just so sick," he said.

Junior Dave Shubick also won his 133 pound match by forfeit.

Junior Jesse Sataloff and sophomore Rob Terrin had close bouts in the 141 and 174 weight classes respectively. Terrin's loss was a tight decision the entire way through, and Sataloff's loss was by an one point escape by JHU's David Kraus.

"We're going up against some conference leaders. It's going to be real tight. If we win a few key matches we can get it."

ANTHONY BONIELLO, W&L wrestler

Sataloff and Kraus had wrestled previously and both knew their opponent well. There were no take downs or reversals throughout their entire match.

"I thought it was a team effort," said Lawrence. "We had a lot of kids wrestle well. It was really close because we lost two matches by just three, and with a point or two from any other matches it would have gone our way."

Collecting six individual victories, Hopkins left campus with an 18-17 victory over the blue and white.

The Generals will return to the mat this Saturday afternoon when they host McDaniel, Muhlenberg, and Ursinus starting at 11 a.m.

"We're going up against some conference leaders," said Boniello. "It's going to be real tight. If we win a few key matches we can get it."

With two opposing wrestlers ranked within the top eight of the country in their weight classes, Saturday's match will be an exciting one for the Generals.

"We're trying to keep up a high intensity and finish up the season strong," said junior Eric Gagne.

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Super Bowl: Student recalls a wacky weekend

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When we got into Jacksonville, downtown had been closed off. There were food and beer stands set up all along the road and masses of people milled around the city. We hung out in downtown Jacksonville for a while and then drove back to our hotel.

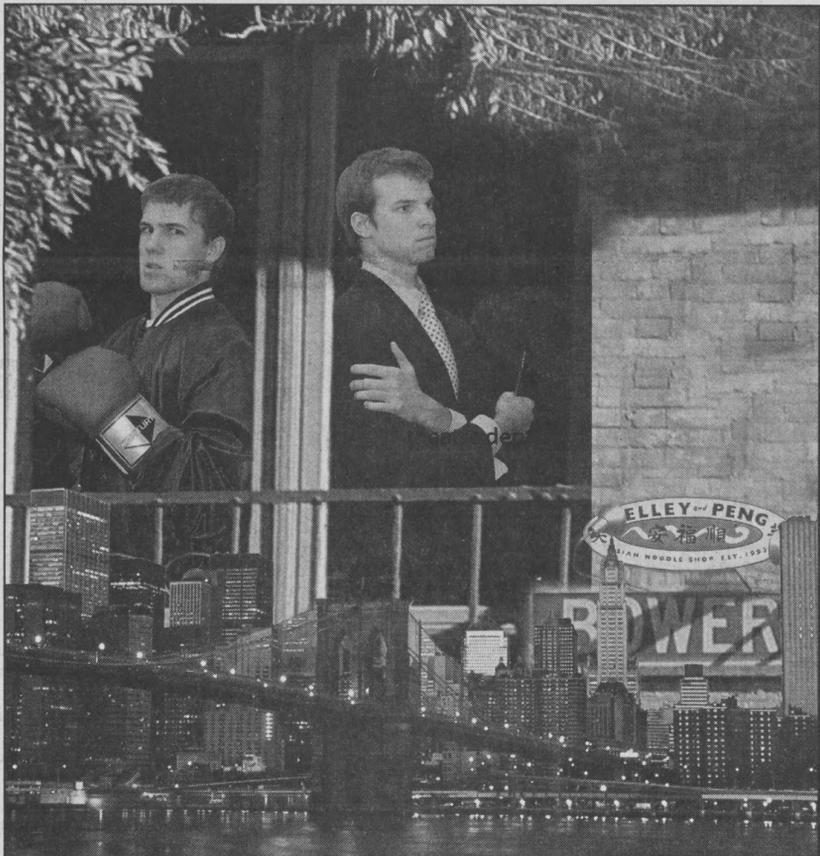
My hair had gotten long while I was away at school, and my older brother and dad had been bugging me to cut it since we got on the plane to head down. In the morning, before I woke up, my dad and older brother went out and got an electric razor. When I woke up, I agreed to let them cut my hair. My dad decided to try and make the sides shorter than the middle, but the plan fell apart when he cut the two sides very unevenly. We finally decided to cut bait and leave the haircut as it was.

Afterwards, we drove into Jacksonville for the game. The NFL had a big pre-party going outside Alltel Stadium. There was a huge tent with several buffet tables and open bars inside as well as several football video game demos. Outside the tent was a live band, an area when you could meet current and former NFL players, several shops for Super Bowl memorabilia and a few live TV broadcasts. We hung out at the party for a while and then went into the game.

There was a seat cushion with a package of souvenirs attached to it on every seat. One of the things in the souvenir pouch was a white cardboard sheet that we were supposed to hold up during halftime for a special effects part of the light show.

P Diddy, or whatever he goes by now, was about twenty rows in front of us on the left.

After we watched the Patriots beat the Eagles, we went back outside for the post-party. In the same tent as the pre-party, they had again set up several open bars and had stocked the buffet tables with desserts. After hanging around the post party for a while, we drove back out to our hotel and got up early in the morning to fly back to school before class.



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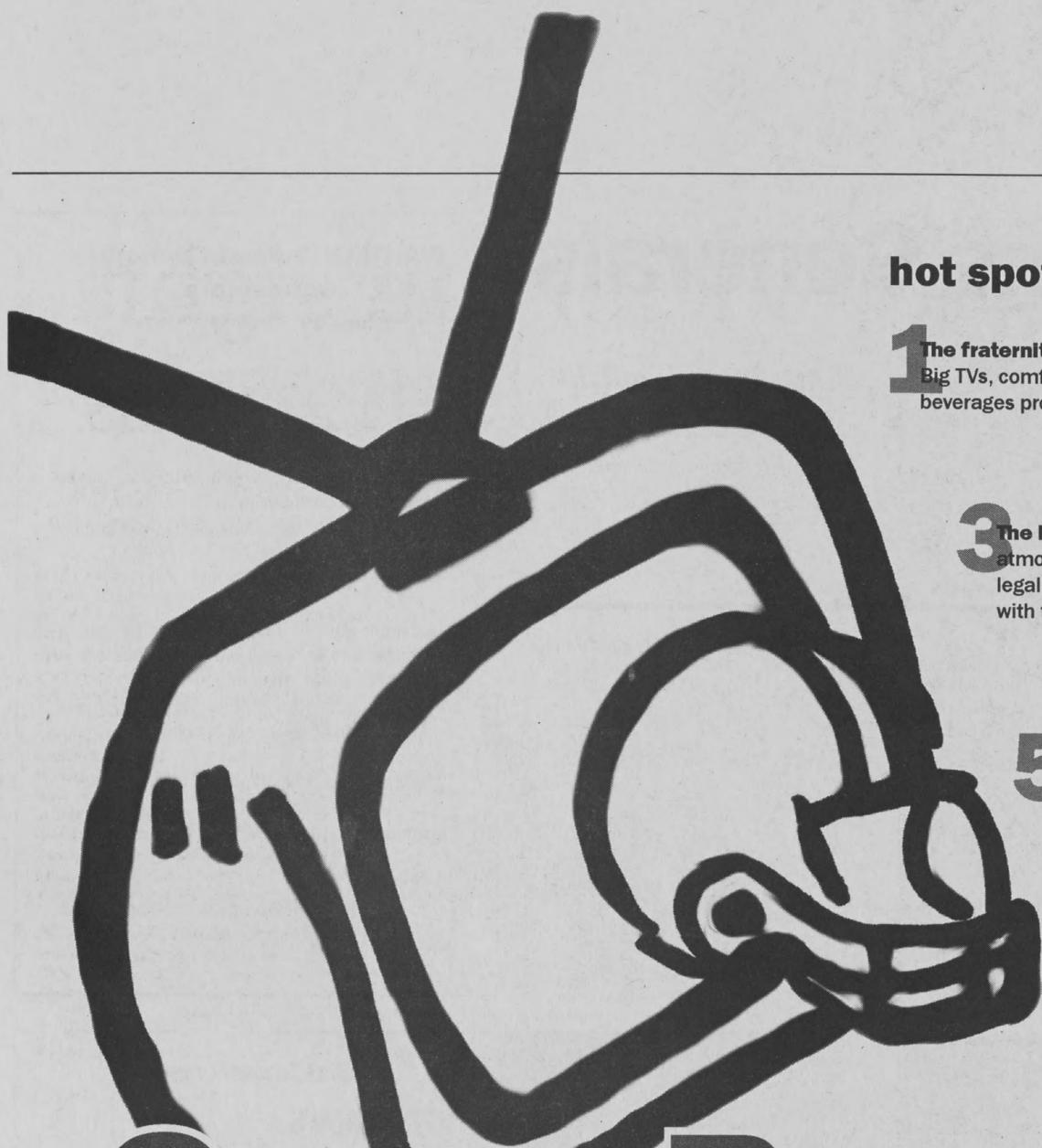


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Super Bowl XLI

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Bears ready to pounce

Professor of philosophy defends Chicago's ability to secure a championship

By Bernard Jackson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I must make a confession: I'm a huge fan of both Peyton Manning and Tony Dungy. Peyton Manning works as hard as anyone in sport. His work ethic rivals that of the hardest working man in football history—another Payton: The great, and unfortunately late, Walter Payton, and he exudes personality. Those commercials in which he roots for the “Everyperson” should win Emmys. Actually, can one win an Emmy by starring in a commercial?

Manning also seems like a great son and a great brother: I like that. Dungy is all class and character. If it is true that “one’s character is one’s destiny”—as my favorite fortune cookie message attests—then Dungy’s fate is sealed. He’s a great guy leading a great team.

However, I was asked to

write this column in order to support the following thesis: The Chicago Bears will win Super Bowl XLI. In Fergie parlance, “Check it out!” The Bears will win because it is more important that they win. The Bears have more at stake. In a nutshell, the Bears will win because they must.

It may be argued that it is the Colts, not the Bears, who must win, and a number of reasons can be offered in support of this opposing thesis.

The two greatest quarterbacks in the National Football League are Peyton Manning and New England’s Tom Brady. Both players are Canton-bound, shoo-ins for the NFL Hall of Fame. Brady is 12-2 in the playoffs and has three Super Bowl rings; Manning’s personal statistics are gaudy, including the record for touchdown passes in a season.

However, it may be argued that Peyton’s legacy is incomplete; after all, he has no rings.

We all know how difficult it is for a team to get to the Super Bowl. It is even harder to get back to the big game. Like Dan Marino, another Hall-of-Famer with gaudy numbers, this may be Manning’s last shot.

Another reason may involve Tony Dungy. This may be his “last hurrah.” He reportedly had planned to resign at 50, and he’s now 51. The suicide of his son still weighs upon him. He may want to spend more time with the remaining members of his family. Without Dungy, the Colts lose their moral compass, their calm leader. Without Dungy, the Colts may degenerate into the Bengals (sorry Coach Lewis, but in “Cincinnati, we have a problem”).

These are good reasons for why the Colts must win—okay, they’re not that good—but the sense of urgency for the Bears is even greater. This sense of urgency is based upon the circumstances of two persons:

namely, Rex Grossman and Lovie Smith.

Grossman, the Bears’ starting quarterback, may be the most maligned quarterback in the history of the NFL. People seem to forget that he led his team to the Super Bowl. His teammates see him as their leader.

However, his inconsistency has condemned him. Aren’t we all to an extent inconsistent? Okay, some of us aren’t. But the fact remains that quarterbacking in the NFL may be the most difficult job in sports (not the most difficult task in sports: hitting a baseball 30 percent of the time is easily the toughest task in all of sports); the pressure is tremendous. And because there’s been more pressure put on Rex than on any quarterback in recent memory, he must win now. If he doesn’t win now, the pressure will only increase. And the increased pressure will cause him to explode.

Lovie must win as well, and not because he needs to win to be paid what he’s worth. He needs to win in order to rid Chicago of the “Ghost of Ditka.” Ditka worship remains high in my hometown, and every coach is judged by Ditka’s standard. It is time that Chicago fans move on. However, Lovie is judged by a double standard: not only is he not Ditka, but he stuck by Rex Grossman. And if he yanks Grossman for Griese, Grossman’s confidence will be forever (in Outkast parlance: “Forever, forever?”) destroyed. This destruction, like the increased pressure caused by a Super Bowl loss, will cause Rex Grossman to explode. Literally picking up the pieces of a young man is a nasty affair, one even the Cosmos can’t handle. The Bears must win. The Bears will win.

Bernard Jackson is a visiting philosophy professor, originally from Chicago.

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LOVIE SMITH, Chicago Bears

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Victory in sight for Indianapolis

Freshman fan claims Manning, along with recently inspired defense, will trample Bears to lead Colts to a Super Bowl win

By Jimmy Waddell
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

He did it. The monkey is off his back. Peyton Manning led his Indianapolis Colts to victory last Sunday over his arch-nemesis, Tom Brady and the New England Patriots. And talk about working under pressure. Manning entered the game with an overall record of 5-6 in the postseason, having lost to Brady's squad in the 2003 and 2004 playoffs.

Record-setting numbers tuned in to watch Manning and Brady battle it out for a bid to Super Bowl XLII in one of the most epic duels of sports history. With millions watching, and the fate of his career resting on his own shoulders, Manning delivered, leading his high-powered offense down the field in a game-winning drive. In doing so, he proved to countless critics that he could win the big one. Now, with Lex Luthor out of the picture, nothing can

stop SuperManning and the Colts from defeating the Chicago Bears and hoisting the Vince Lombardi Trophy into a clear Miami sky.

Let's take a look at the matchups. Rex Grossman, the Bear's twentieth starting quarterback in fifteen years, has put up less than dismal numbers this season. A passer rating of 74.1, including one game with a 0 rating, has ranked him among the league's worst. Comparing these figures to Manning's would be similar to Roger Federer playing William Hung in a tennis match. Some analysts argue, however, that the Bears' strong running game will take the pressure off "Sexy Rexy," giving him an edge over the Colts' defense.

This, along with a dominant Bears defense led by Pro Bowl linebackers Lance Briggs and Brian Urlacher, should give them a legitimate shot at victory. After all, defense wins championships,

and the Colts displayed one of the worst-run defenses in NFL history during the regular season. During the regular season. This is the playoffs, however, and in their three postseason games, the Colts have held their opponents to under 100 yards rushing in each game.

The Bears' defense, meanwhile, has not lived up to its standards from the first half of the season. If Colts' runningbacks Joseph Addai and Dominic Rhodes were able to rush for 100 yards against the Baltimore Ravens' top-ranked defense, they should have no trouble against the equal if not worse Bears' defensive front.

Looking at the numbers, it's no contest. Ignoring the numbers, it's no contest. As of Feb. 4, 2007, Peyton and the Colts will be Super Bowl Champs.

Jimmy Waddell is a freshman from Naptown, Indiana.

head-to-head:

While the oddsmakers are favoring the Colts by nearly a touchdown, we'll let you make your own choice based on these statistics from the season to date.

RECORD

Colts **12-4**
Bears **13-3**

MOST POINTS SCORED IN ONE GAME

Colts **45**
Bears **42**

OFFENSE

Colts
26.7 points/game
379.4 yards/game
Bears
26.7 points/game
324.9 yards/game

DEFENSE

Colts
22.5 points/game
332.3 yards/game
Bears
15.9 points/game
294.1 yards/game

QUARTERBACK

Colts (Manning)
4397 yards
for 31 TD's
Bears (Grossman)
3193 yards
for 23 TD's

RUNNING BACK

Colts (Addai)
1081 yards
for 7 TD's
Bears (Jones)
1210 yards
for 6 TD's

WIDE RECEIVERS

Colts (Harrison and Wayne)
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Bears (Muhammad and Berrian)
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Mid-game munchies:

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dried pineapple
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peanuts
cashews
almonds
marshmallows (any kind)
chocolate chips
peanut butter chips
butterscotch chips
white chocolate chips
(recipe may be modified to fit your preferences)

Combine ingredients in a large bowl; ready to eat immediately

Guacamole Dip:

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1/2 onion, minced
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 chopped green chile
salt and pepper

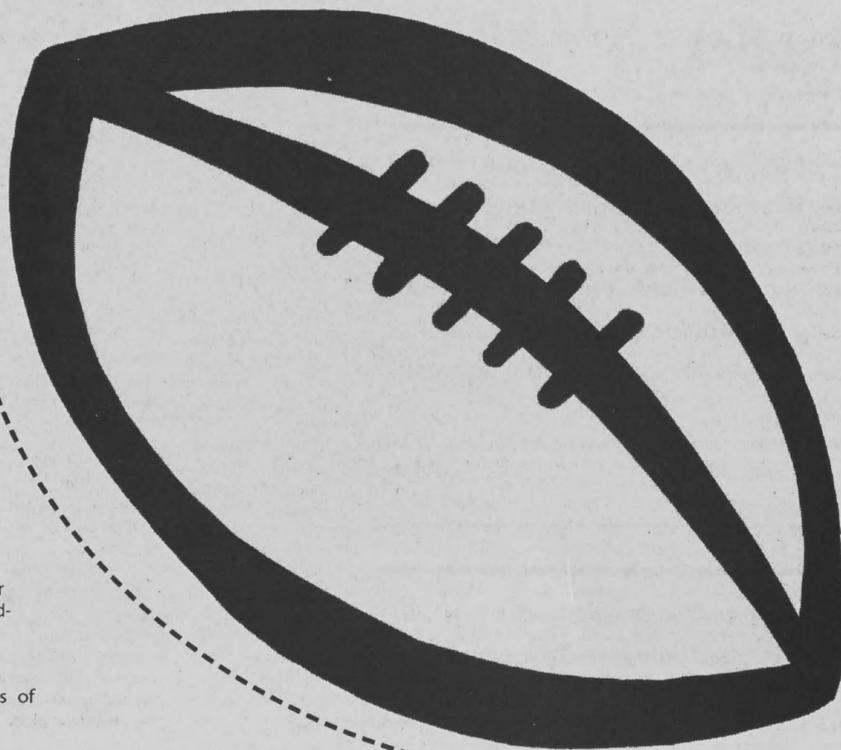
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Women's Swimming			at VA Tech 1:00pm at Hollins 3:00pm				
Track			at VMI 9:00am				

in the numbers

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Time recorded by Washington and Lee sophomore swimmer Susan Mahoney in the 200 IM in W&L's meet against Johns Hopkins. Mahoney finished first in the race.

The Generals fell to tenth ranked Hopkins 152-99.

5'3"

Height recorded by Washington and Lee freshman Maggie Sutherland at the Liberty On Track Open. Sutherland set the lone school-record for the Washington and Lee indoor track and field team in the meet, which resulted in 25 top-five finishes for the Generals.

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Points scored by Washington and Lee junior forward Femi Kusimo in the men's basketball team's 86-62 victory over Eastern Mennonite. Kusimo tallied a career high in points and also pulled in eight rebounds.

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Number of years since the Washington and Lee men's basketball team have recorded 10 wins. The Generals won their tenth game of the season on Tuesday against Eastern Mennonite. It is the most wins that the team has recorded since their 1997-1998 season.

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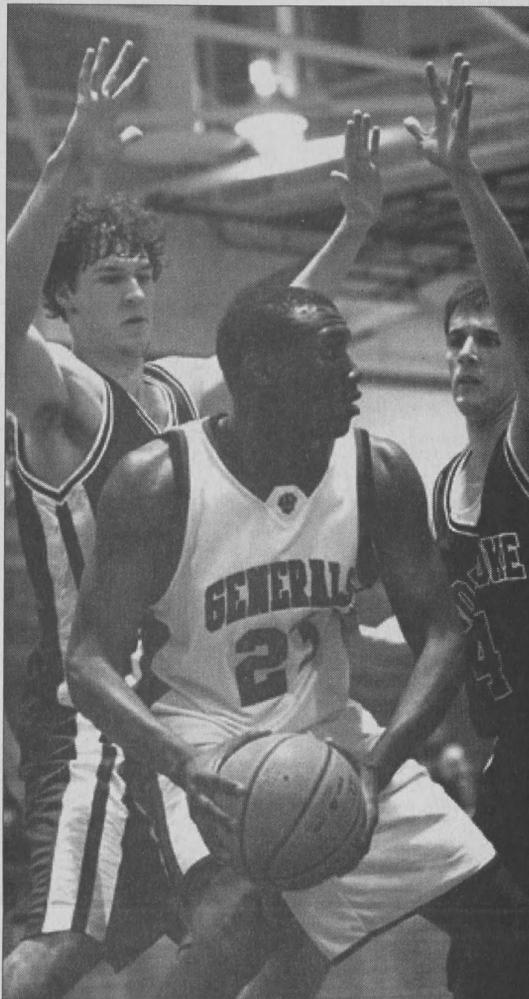
"One college game that's five fouls, right? ... 40-minute game at Duke, they got soft rims I'd probably score 84 or 85. I wouldn't pass the ball. I wouldn't even think about passing it. It would be like a NBA Live or a NBA 2K7 game, you just shoot with one person."

— Gilbert Arenas on his desire to play against Duke and coach Mike Krzyzewski, who cut Arenas from the U.S. national team last summer. From SI.com

"I still think he is a great guy. But he is like my grandmother. You love the person, but they are stuck in their old school ways."

— Terrell Owens on the retiring Bill Parcells. From SI.com

Not quite enough



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Junior forward Femi Kusimo faces a double team from Roanoke College's Josh LaPorte and Ben Shrader. Kusimo finished with nine points and 11 rebounds.

Men lose pair of heartbreakers at home in front of big crowds

By Kevin Trempe
STAFF WRITER

Plagued by missed free throws down the stretch and a defense keying on star forward Greg Bienemann, Washington and Lee's men's basketball team suffered a heartbreaking loss to 24th-ranked Guilford College on Wednesday, falling in the final second by a score of 62-61. This devastating loss was not the first for the Generals in the last week, as the team fell 70-64 to Roanoke College on Saturday night, snapping a five-game home winning streak and forcing the Generals to wait another game to clinch a spot in the ODAC playoffs.

Though the game seemed out of reach, the Generals had a chance to pull off the upset when star forward Greg Bienemann was fouled with 0.3 seconds left in the game, needing two free throws for the win. After missing the first and sitting through a Guilford timeout, Bienemann watched as his second shot rimmed out, and the final buzzer sounded.

Down eighteen points at half-time to Guilford, W&L relied on near-perfect three-point shooting in the second half to eliminate the deficit in the final minute, taking a one-point lead with 40 seconds to go. With the shot clock winding down, Guilford forward Eric Belkoski hit a three-pointer to give the Quakers a 62-61 lead. Bienemann's second miss was rebounded by a Guilford center, and W&L fell just short of knocking off its first ranked opponent this season.

The loss dropped the Generals to 10-7 on the season, with a 5-6 record against conference opponents.

The Roanoke game was never out of reach for W&L. The Generals were down a point at half-time, took a lead the first possession of the second half and again cut the deficit to one to trail 65-64 going into the final minute of the game. However, they would be held scoreless for the remainder of the contest, and solid free-throw shooting by the Maroons was enough to seal the victory. Bienemann, who had come into the game averaging over 21 points per game, was held to just nine by a Roanoke defense, who relied on double-coverage for much of the night.

Despite the losses, it is clear that basketball is back in Lexington. At the annual Lip Sync competition on Friday night, senior co-captain Alex White took the stage to thunderous applause, encouraging students to come out to the game the next evening. All week, conversation around lunch tables, classrooms and frat houses touched on the quiet success of the basketball team. And on Saturday, despite a typical night of mixers and parties around campus, 510 people showed up to watch the Generals take on Roanoke, by far the highest home attendance this season. At 10-7, the Generals are off to their best start in 17 years.

Said freshman John Twomey: "This season has really exceeded everyone's expectations."

Swimming splits weekend contests

Men and women both beat Marymount but fall to Hopkins

By Michael Keenan
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams competed twice over the weekend. They traveled to take on Marymount Friday evening before continuing on to Baltimore to swim Johns Hopkins University on Saturday.

"The Marymount meet on Friday will be a very good test for the women—they narrowly beat Marymount at the F&M invitational and this should be a very close meet. The women have really been swimming well lately and I truly feel like they will rise to the occasion and win the meet. The men should have some good races on Friday, but we are much deeper than Marymount, so it will give some of our freshmen an opportunity to lead the way," said Coach Joel Shinofield before the meet.

As Shinofield predicted, the women met the challenge and emerged victorious by a score of 109-96. The women were led by Susan Mahoney's win in the 1000 free, Jessica Shaw's first place finish in the 200 IM and Lindsey Strachan's victory in the 100 back. The 200 medley relay and 200 free relays also notched first place finishes.

"There was so much more energy between us than there's been at previous meets. We really swam as a team. You could look

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JULIANNE MIATA, sophomore swimmer

around during any race, and no one was sitting down. We were all on our feet cheering because every race mattered," said Jenna Worsham.

"The win over Marymount has come at the perfect time for the women's team," said Captain Abbie Sauter. "We have had an incredibly hard season which hasn't been easy on the team's morale, and we all knew that Marymount would be a very close meet. We had to pull together as a team in order to come out with a win, and although we have had difficulty all having great swims at once, the team finally came together to have a tremendous meet."

"The win over Marymount definitely boosted our confidence as we approach the time for the conference meet. Our schedule has been extremely difficult this season, so we haven't won a meet for some time now. This win assures us that our abilities as a team have not changed, and that we have improved over the past couple of months," said Julianne Miata.

Saturday's meet against Hop-

kins offered the women's team a chance to swim against some of the best in the country. Hopkins' women's team entered the meet ranked 10th in the country. This is the sixth meet this season against top-25 ranked teams for the women's team.

"Swimming against so many teams that are ranked in the top-25 is tough to handle. ... We actually prefer this schedule over an easier one. Swimming against more competitive teams means that we will be much more prepared for our races when we finally swim Randolph Macon in the conference championship," said Miata.

With only one dual meet remaining, the women are eagerly looking forward to the ODAC Championship Meet, in which they hope to win their 14th consecutive ODAC title.

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The odd tale of a Super Bowl trip

Peter Lawrence on visiting Super Bowl XXXIX

By Peter Lawrence
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My family had talked about going to the Super Bowl but had never been able to go because of the various sports commitments my little brother and I had. We finally figured it out so that we could go down my freshman year at Washington and Lee. After my Saturday wrestling match, my two brothers, my dad and I boarded the plane for Jacksonville.

We had to stay in a motel about an hour north of Jacksonville because everything in the city was booked. Even an hour outside the city there was a three-night minimum with premium rates for the motel rooms. After we got settled into the hotel, we drove into Jacksonville for the night. On the way into Jacksonville the Super Bowl fireworks show, which was the longest, most extravagant fireworks show any of us had ever seen, started going off. Several cars, including ours, pulled off the road to watch for over a half hour while the show went on.

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