

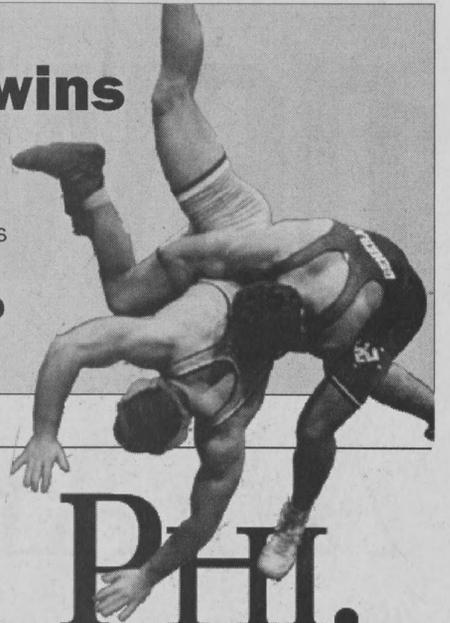
Arch  
#378.755  
R552  
V.110  
40.13  
C-2

## Oscar and Felix: W&L's oddest couple on stage

Whether you missed the show or just want to see the pictures again, look inside for a full review of this weekend's play. -- Page 5

## Wrestling wins again

Team gets ready for Saturday's Centennial Conference Championships. -- Page 10



WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

# THE RING-TUM PH.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007 BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS SINCE 1897 VOLUME CX, NUMBER 13

## State debates smoking ban

Virginia Senate passes bill to ban smoking in public buildings, but decision will rest with the House

By Wes O'Dell  
STAFF WRITER

Waffle House may soon lose one of its defining characteristics: the smoke. As will the Palms, Malones and virtually every other "enclosed space frequented by the public" if a bill making its way through the Virginia General Assembly musters the votes it needs to become law.

On Feb. 5, the Virginia State Senate approved SB 1161—The Smoke Free Air Act. Sponsored by J. Brandon Bell II (R), the act aims to forbid smoking in any building used by the public.

According to the General Assembly's Legislative Information System, the bill would exempt privately owned homes, residences and automobiles as well as certain hotel rooms and tobacco-related business. The bill will now go to the House for consideration.

Sen. Bell represents the 22nd Senate District, which is south of Lexington and includes all of Botetourt County, all of the Cities of Radford and Salem and parts of Montgomery and Roanoke Counties.

According to his website, the senator believes "all workers have the right to breathe clean air. Secondhand smoke is not just an annoyance. It is dangerous... While I respect the right of pri-

vate business to make their own choices, the public health concerns are substantial and must be addressed."

Bell is no stranger to public health issues; according to vapap.org, a website tracking money in Virginia politics, the healthcare industry has contributed more money than any other industry to the "Bell for Senate" campaign in the current cycle.

If passed, this bill could have a significant effect on commerce at the local level, as it would effectively outlaw smoking sections in restaurants and bars.

Cindy Campbell, President and General Manager of The Palms restaurant, would actually welcome the change. "I'd love for it to pass," she said.

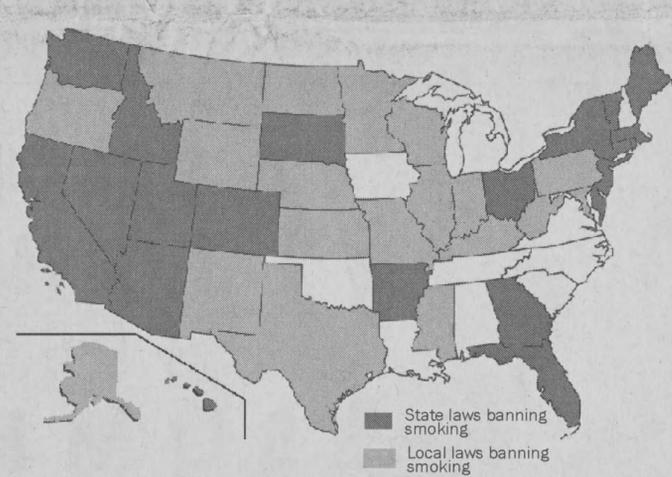
She pointed out that the majority of The Palms is non-smoking already (70 percent non-smoking), and that the restaurant often has a full non-smoking section and an empty smoking section.

Campbell attributes this in large part to a decrease in the number of students that smoke, particularly law students.

She also believes the bill's passage would allow her to ensure a healthy atmosphere for her staff, customers and herself while providing a "level playing field" so The Palms would not be at a competitive disadvantage by going smoke-free.

### Virginia considers joining other states with smoking bans :

smoking laws across the nation:



### proposed smoking ban:

- Would forbid smoking in buildings or enclosed areas used by the public.
- Exceptions would be made for private homes, residences, automobiles and home-based businesses.
- Specialty tobacco stores and tobacco manufacturers would also be exempt.
- Smoking in a prohibited area is punishable by a \$100 fine for a first offense and a \$250 fine for subsequent offenses.

The ban would likely change little at W&L; university tobacco policies already forbid smoking indoors. As for fraternity houses, University General Counsel Leanne Shank indicated the "private residences" exemption seems to exclude them.

Of course, the bill must still overcome a long history of oppo-

sition in the House from commercial interests such as the Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association and the Virginia tobacco industry. A similar bill in the previous session died in a House subcommittee after achieving Senate approval. The bill received two additional votes this year.

The Lexington-Rockbridge

Chamber of Commerce declined to take a position on the issue and indicated that the State Chamber has not taken a stance either.

Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine (D) has expressed opposition to the bill, citing its provisions as overly broad.

He instead supports a narrower ban for restaurants and other

public facilities. Kaine himself recently signed an order prohibiting smoking in all state government offices, common areas and vehicles occupied by the executive branch.

The bill is currently awaiting hearings in a House subcommittee dealing with alcohol and gambling.

## Mock Trial preps for nationals

Two squads from W&L's three-year-old team will compete in March at nationals in Minneapolis

By Sacha Raab  
STAFF WRITER

While most of the Washington and Lee community is preparing for midterms and trying to make it through the long and dreary winter term, the Mock Trial team is intensifying its practices in preparation for Nationals, its largest competition thus far.

The weekend of March 17, while fraternities and sororities are organizing St. Patrick's Day parties, two of W&L's Mock Trial teams will be heading to Minneapolis, Minn. to compete against some of the best teams in the nation. Team A, captained by David Mitchell, is comprised of Eugina Huang, Thadeous Larkin, Pearse Davidson, Sarah Atkinson, Erin

Coltrera and Bill Larson.

Walker Humphrey is captain of Team B, which includes Christine Giordano, Emily Lurie, Andy Budzinski, Dane Davis, Emily DeVoe, Alex Caritis and Kelly Bundy.

At the start of fall term, the teams laid the groundwork for the case of the year and practiced about two times per week. Each practice lasts approximately two hours and takes place at the Law School.

After going over the case, theories and themes, the team decided on witnesses and began practicing cross-examinations and direct questioning. Finally, the teams rehearsed the actual case.

The teams now focus on one or two aspects of the trial, choosing from openings, closings, di-

*"The greatest difference between National and Regional competition is that there are no bad teams there. The deadwood's been cut away."*

DAVID GREENE, Mock Trial Assistant Coach

rect questioning or cross-examinations. By this point in the year, they are primarily fine-tuning their work and increasing the depth of their cross-examinations.

With Nationals looming ahead, their practices are becoming more intense and focused. The coach and assistant coaches work with the team on improving their adaptability to a more sophisticated case, which they will likely see during the competition

in Minneapolis.

David Greene, an assistant coach who graduated from the University of Tennessee and is in his third year at the W&L law school, said, "The greatest difference between National and Regional competition is that there are no bad teams there. The deadwood's been cut away."

Sophomore Allie Zeger, who attended Nationals last year, talked about competing.

"My favorite part of competition is seeing how well the team works together," Zeger said. "Everybody is very excited and works very hard. People really step up their performances and come through for the team."

The greatest challenge the teams will face at Nationals concerns case changes. One or two witnesses will be added to the case, which will result in more facts. These could either slightly or greatly affect the case.

There are two levels within Nationals. The top two or three teams in regional competition go straight to Gold Nationals, which takes place in St. Petersburg, Florida in early April.

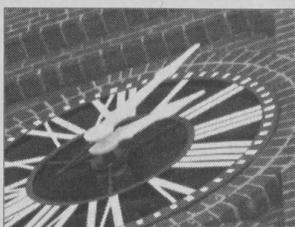
The top six or so teams go to Silver Nationals. Silver Nationals takes place in Minneapolis

and in Chicago in March. The highest placing teams in Silver Nationals will then go on to Gold Nationals.

Mitchell and Greene discussed their goals for the competition in Minneapolis. They plan on attempting to qualify for Gold Nationals. While qualifying for Silver Nationals is impressive, making it to St. Petersburg would greatly raise the team's stature.

Greene said about the teams: "I'm pretty proud of them. I'm optimistic for the upcoming competition, because we have a lot of people on the teams who have been doing this for the past three years. I'm even more optimistic for the future, because the team is heavily populated by freshmen and sophomores, and we have some very bright people."

# news



## An American in China.

Washington Post reporter John Pomfret will discuss China and his time there as a reporter

By Dane Davis  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee community will host distinguished author and Washington Post reporter John Pomfret on Feb. 27. His scheduled talk is titled "Chinese Lessons" and will detail his seven years as a reporter working in China.

Pomfret will explore and discuss themes presented in his recently published book "Chinese Lessons: An American, Five Classmates and the Story of the New China."

The book is an account of his lengthy stay in China and the intimate relationships he formed with individuals from almost every section of Chinese society.

"Chinese Lessons" has earned widespread acclaim from the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and other major reviewers.

Pomfret has long-standing experience with journalism and Chi-

*"[Modern China] is all money oriented. People can get houses; they can virtually get anything here."*

**HONGCHU FU, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Literature**

na. Aside from being Los Angeles Bureau Chief for The Washington Post, Pomfret has over fifteen years of journalistic experience. He has covered the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests and conflicts in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Congo, Sri Lanka, Iraq, southwestern Turkey and northeastern Iran.

The talk will relate his experiences in China to the country's changing role in the world of economics and politics.

Hongchu Fu, Associate Professor of East Asian Languages and Literature, said that China today has overwhelmingly embraced capitalism and Western culture.

Fu goes said that modern China "is all money oriented. People can get houses; they can virtually get anything here."

This is a radical change from the widespread poverty that entrenched China for most of the twentieth century. During the 1900s China fought a long and bloody war with Japan before and during World War II.

The country then fought a civil war that led to the communist takeover in 1949.

The government has allowed more freedom in recent years, but the press is still tightly regulated.

Fu said, "Everywhere you go, you can see traditional Chinese

architecture being replaced by Western buildings."

This radical transformation of China from a developing country to an emerging world power has created conflicts between Chinese culture and Western culture. Fu cites the example of the Forbidden City, preserved and off-limits to the general public for hundreds of years. Now the palace complex is open to tourists and is the home of a Starbucks.

It is within this context Pomfret wrote "Chinese Lessons." The story begins with his years as a student at Nanjing University in the early 1980s. While at Nanjing University, he met and befriended people that later became Red Guards, villagers, businessmen, and dissidents.

Characters in Pomfret's book include "Idiot Zhou, the widow Little Guan, the sad sack Old Wu, the feckless dissident Daybreak Song, and Party apparatchik Big Bluffer Ye."

Mr. Pomfret will also visit classes during his stay.

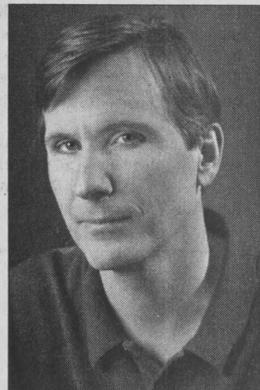
### coming to campus:

**Who:** John Pomfret, the Los Angeles Bureau Chief for The Washington Post and author of the recently published book "Chinese Lessons: An American, Five Classmates and the Story of the New China."

**When:** February 27 at 4:30 P.M.

**Where:** Stackhouse Theater of the John W. Elrod University Commons

**What:** China's new society and its role in today's world



# ASPIRE HIGHER THIS SUMMER

[HTTP://SUMMERSCHOOL.GEORGETOWN.EDU](http://summerschool.georgetown.edu)

## SUMMER AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Get ahead by enrolling in Summer School 2007 at Georgetown University. Choose from over 300 courses and learn from the world's foremost faculty. Network and enjoy exclusive Washington access available only to Georgetown University students.

You've had enough ordinary summer breaks.  
**This year, aspire higher.**

Enroll in Summer School 2007 at Georgetown University.  
Visit [summerschool.georgetown.edu](http://summerschool.georgetown.edu) or call 202.687.8700

# Looking for a new view

*A local resident encourages the university to restore downtown Lexington's view of the Colonnade*

By Jacob Geiger  
MANAGING EDITOR

As Washington and Lee prepares its new Master Plan, at least one local resident wants the plan to improve views of the historic Colonnade.

William de Laat moved to Lexington six months ago after he retired from a job at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. He first learned about the master plan during a presentation by Joe Grasso, W&L's Vice President for Administration and one of the principal designers of the proposed plans.

"As an outsider I probably see things differently than someone who has lived here for a long time," de Laat said.

*Some people feel the wall is a nice border to the campus; other people think it means 'keep out.'*

**JOE GRASSO, Vice-President of Administration**

De Laat's main concern with the plan was an initial proposal to build new buildings at the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets.

Grasso said W&L has backed away from any plan to build on that corner, but de Laat still hopes the university will find a way to partially clear the views from that corner and make the Colonnade visible from downtown Lexington.

Grasso said the current version of the master plan calls for the corral parking lot to remain in place.

"As a newcomer – a prospective student, parents or tourists – you come into town and there

is really no formal entrance to the campus," de Laat said.

"While the Lee Chapel Memorial entrance is attractive, it doesn't draw one's eyes to the Colonnade and great lawn," de Laat said in an open letter to Grasso and President Ken Ruscio.

In his letter, de Laat outlined several other suggestions that he said would make the campus more accessible to visitors as well as create a dramatic view of the Colonnade. His first proposal is to remove the red brick wall currently running along Jefferson and Washington streets.

De Laat also suggested that the school remove the Red House, which currently houses most of the East Asian Studies department, as well as some of the trees and parking lots around the corner in question.

He suggested replacing the lost parking with an underground garage at the corner of Washington and Jefferson.

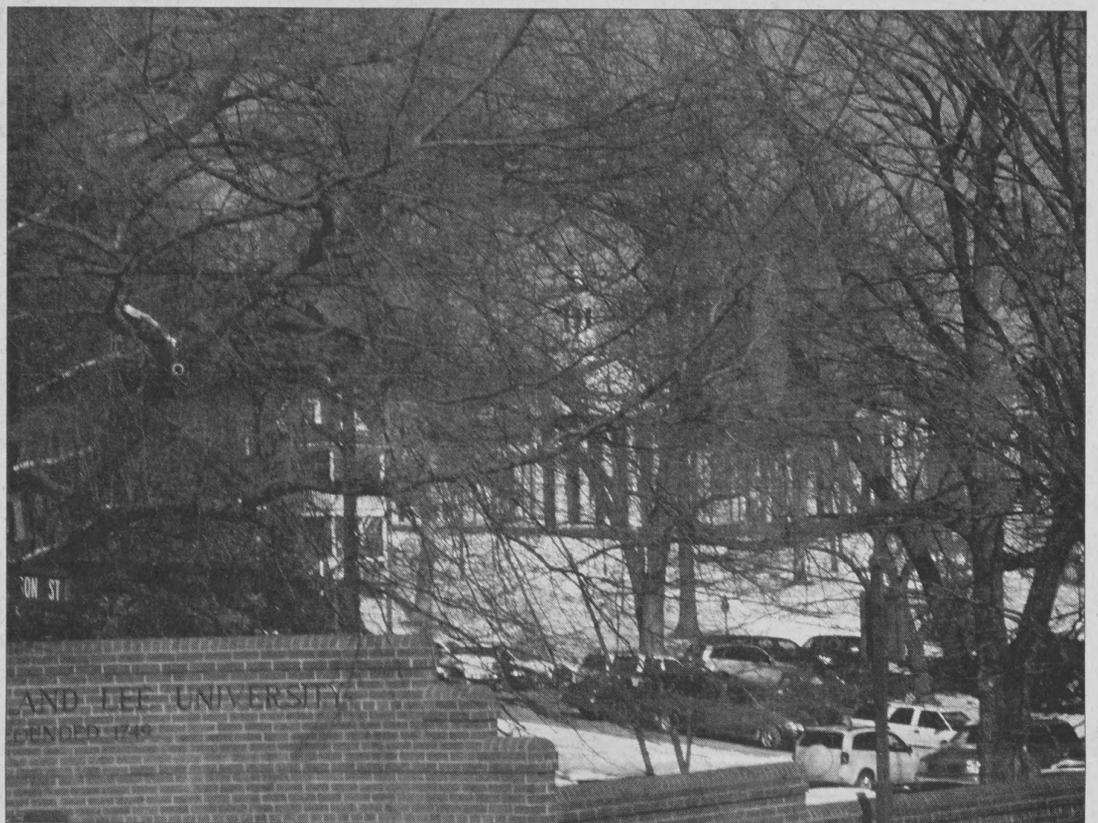
That garage, he said in his letter, could then have an open park or plaza built on top that would help create a sweeping view of the Colonnade from downtown Lexington.

"The general idea is that this be open and accessible to the city instead of walled off, because it is walled off now," de Laat said. "To preserve not just those buildings but the view of them would be great."

Grasso said the Board of Trustees just approved the proposed location for a new Center for Jewish Life. That building will be built on Washington Street right next to R.E. Lee Episcopal Church. Fundraising will begin soon for that project.

While Grasso said the board has approved some parts of the plan, the entire proposal will not be approved until the May board meeting. He did say that the school was continuing to study proposals along Jefferson Street and for the corner in question.

"We don't know what we should do with the [brick] wall,"



JACOB GEIGER / Managing Editor

**Though downtown Lexington used to have a sweeping view of the Colonnade, that view is now largely blocked by trees in the corral parking lot. The brick wall at the corner of Washington and Jefferson was built in the 1990s.**

Grasso said. "Some people feel the wall is a nice border to the campus; other people think it means 'keep out.'"

Grasso said he believes the brick wall was built during the early 1990s, when John Wilson was president of W&L.

In a letter that will run in the Rockbridge Weekly, Grasso agreed with de Laat's suggestion that the school work with Lexington to improve the views along Jefferson Street. Grasso's letter said that placing utilities underground and improving surrounding sidewalks would "be long

term investments in the attractiveness of downtown Lexington."

De Laat said that while much of the master plan is still under consideration, he wanted the school to at least consider the concept of a formal entrance to the school.

"People, when they think about the school's mission, rightly thing of the academic requirements of the university," de Laat said. "But when you're in a small city and custodians of a National Historic Site, it's incumbent on you to consider other factors – and I know that the school does."

## what the Master Plan calls for:

**Here is what W&L is considering for the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets:**

- A new Center for Jewish Life (the Hillel House) on Washington Street next to R.E. Lee Episcopal Church. The Board of Trustees has approved the site for the building and fundraising will begin soon.
- Preserve the current parking lot that is located behind the brick wall.
- A new admissions building on the current site of the Red House. This proposal, even if approved, would probably not happen for several years.

### "ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE" SERIES

#### *Psychology in the Workplace*

*Explore your dream job(s):*

- Clinical psychologist*
- FBI agent*
- Forensic psychologist*
- CSI extra*

**Bernie Lewis, PhD**

**Clinical and Forensic Psychologist**  
W&L Psychology Graduate

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007**

**Individual Meetings with Students**  
10:00 a.m. – Noon

**Informal Lunch and Conversation**  
12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Commons 206

**Sign up required**  
**Contact Career Services, x8595**

*Sponsored by W&L Career Services and the Psychology Department  
With support from the Class of '65 Endowment  
for Excellence in Teaching*

## If It Ain't Broke, Don't Fix It.

*The best-loved Valentine's Day gifts are  
waiting for you at The Jefferson.*



Sorority Pillows, Ribbons, Key chains, Coozies,  
Fresh Flowers, Gift Baskets, Live Plants and  
Great Gift Ideas—Under one Roof.

Call, Click, or Come in and see us today  
**540.463.9841**

603 North Lee Highway, Lexington, VA 24450  
email: thejefferson@adelphia.net

[www.thejeffersonfloristandgarden.com](http://www.thejeffersonfloristandgarden.com)

## \$\$\$\$ EASY MONEY \$\$\$\$

I will pay \$40 for your phone book

Call Lee Ramsey toll free

1-866-577-7237



**Honeydew  
Panties**  
**Buy 2-Get 1 Free**  
*reg. \$12-\$14 each*

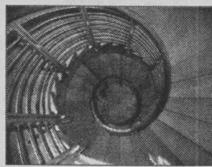
**21 W. Nelson St.**  
**463-6963**

Mon - Fri 10-5:30  
Sat 10-5

*"semper ubi sub ubi"*

**Welcome  
Back**

# opinions



## letter to the editor

# Venezuela article lacks some context

*Arguments against Venezuela's leader poor, unbalanced*

I just thought I'd offer a few comments and concerns about Abel Delgado's article "The Demise of Democracy."

First let me begin by saying that, in general, I felt that the article was in some ways vague, at one point unfair/incorrect and overall tended to misrepresent and misunderstand a large portion of many of Venezuela's issues.

A few points:

1. In reference to the line, "giving the dictator, I mean president", Chavez is the democratically elected leader of his country.

He was elected in what were deemed to be fair elections, which represented the majority will of the people.

Yes, his actions have made the form of government more authoritarian, but he is not a dictator.

2. The classification of Venezuela as "the birthplace of the new and improved militant left" is incorrect, mostly because Chavez's government is not a military regime.

The military does have a role in carrying out social programs but the government itself is independent of the military and in no way involves itself in governmental or political affairs.

2.5 A few small points on the paragraph about nationalizing the entire energy sector.

How does this paragraph at all present evidence that the policy itself is not meant to help the poor. Bringing industries under state

control is usually done as some part of a larger redistribution of wealth across the country, largely intended to help the poor.

Despite this point, yes, Chavez's policies have done little to help the poor, but the overall argument made as to why is poor.

3. With respect to the following: "He has continually meddled in other Latin American elections."

This is referring to exactly what election, when, where?

Is it referring to Chavez been a vocal supporting of other leftist leaders or candidates in the region, much the same way a President here might throw his weight behind his preferred candidate?

Or is it possible referring to the Nicaraguan election where former leftist Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega was fairly and freely elected by the people of his country, and whom Chavez congratulated on the victory.

4. I would like to see where the author got his information on Chavez calling for "a unified Latin American military similar to NATO, only under his control."

What I do know is that [the following is taken from the website [www.cfr.org/publication/11285/hugo\\_chavez\\_world\\_tour.html](http://www.cfr.org/publication/11285/hugo_chavez_world_tour.html)] Chavez has called for the spread of what he calls a "Bolivarian Revolution."

This would be the uniting of Latin America under a unified system similar to that of the European Union.

That union however, is found-

ed more so on the basis of economic power and not on military alliances or groups.

In order to conclude I would like to add another point or two.

The proportion to which the Venezuelan "threat" is expounded and presented in this article is flawed and unbalanced.

And finally, if you are going to examine Chavez's influence in or threat to region, you have to look at his actions and policies within a broader Latin American context.

The leftist movements are split into two.

To quote Jorge G. Castaneda "One is modern, open-minded, reformist, and internationalist, and it springs, paradoxically, from the hard-core left of the past.

The other, born of the great tradition of Latin American populism, is nationalist, strident, and close-minded."

([www.foreignaffairs.org/20060501faessay85302/jorge-g-castaneda/latin-america-s-left-turn.html](http://www.foreignaffairs.org/20060501faessay85302/jorge-g-castaneda/latin-america-s-left-turn.html)).

It is to this second group that Chavez belongs, but understanding the affects inside and outside of Venezuela would be hard without a deeper understanding of the roots of his and other leftist movements in Latin America.

I appreciate you listening to my comments and concerns and please feel free to contact me if you wish.

Joshua Gonzalez

## staff editorial

# IFC must silence rumors with facts

*Public disclosure can put a stop to wild rumors*

It has been another busy week for the W&L rumor mill.

As the Inter-Fraternity Council launches another investigation of pledgedship – or New Member Education, as the school would like it to be called – rumors are flying.

In the span of one or two hours, fraternities have been convicted then exonerated, kicked off campus and then rehabilitated.

The IFC and school administration probably can't work that fast, but the rumor mill can. Which fraternities were under investigation? All of them? Just a few?

The rumor mill keeps trying to answer these questions, but a different answer comes around every hour.

Everyone claims to have heard – directly from a reliable friend on the IFC, of course – exactly who will be punished and who is in the clear.

But instead of keeping students informed of the developing events, the IFC sent out yet another broadcast e-mail that essentially says nothing other than "everyone be good and behave yourselves."

W&L's hazing policies seem relatively straightforward, but their enforcement is anything but clear. Who does handle enforcement and disciplinary issues? The IFC or the Student Affairs Committee?

During our last issue we used this same space to discuss how the school could build and maintain strong relationships with the student media. We said that the administration usually does a good job of maintaining open lines of communication.

And while what we said is still true, it is disappointing that the school has not chosen to be more open about the ongoing investigations.

The recent IFC investigations are far more important than school-press relations. These recent meetings could decide the fate of entire fraternities and the people – both brothers and pledges – who belong to them.

They could decide if sophomores will stay in their houses or be forced to move out. They will determine if freshmen have been going through a legitimate new member education or inap-

propriate hazing.

When the stakes are this high, should the rumor mill be allowed to rule?

The IFC is wielding considerable power right now, and with that power comes a responsibility to provide information about the ongoing cases. The council does not need to release its preliminary investigations, but it should move quickly to release its ultimate findings.

In a perfect world the IFC would have more time to conduct its investigations before taking action, but W&L is not always a perfect world. Since rumors are going to keep swirling, the IFC must provide some facts to the entire community.

If sanctions are going to be handed out, they should be publicly announced, not simply delivered to the president of a house. If a house is investigated and found innocent, that should also be announced.

With a few simple e-mails, the IFC can push the rumor mill into the background and let facts rule the discussion.

Enough whispering. Share the facts.

# Critics: vaccine pushes sex

*Texas governor has mandated the HPV vaccine for female sixth-graders*

By Cody Beauchamp  
COLUMNIST

On Feb. 3, Texas Governor Rick Perry issued an executive order that will require Texas schoolgirls to get vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually-transmitted virus that has been shown to cause cervical cancer.

Perry, Bush's hand-picked successor as governor of Texas—and one of the staunchest of conservatives—sidestepped the Republican-controlled legislature with the use of the executive order.

In doing so, he sidestepped conservative religious and parenting groups that would have certainly protested had the issue been given a chance to be debated on the floor of the statehouse.

In other words, Perry decided to ignore powerful religious conservatives and implement a law that will greatly reduce a deadly STI's prevalence in the second most populated state in America. Attaboy, Rick!

Let me say this—normally I'm not much of a Perry fan. As much as I abhor the man as president, I'll admit that Perry's predecessor (a little-known "decider" named George Bush) really was a good governor. No, really.

Perry, on the other hand, is another story.

On his watch, multiple special sessions of the Texas legislature have failed to reach any good solution to a critically important school finance debate (namely, for all you non-Texans, "how the

heck are we going to pay for our schools?").

He has used his veto power a record number of times for a Texas governor. He has been criticized nonstop in the state for being very partisan. He is not, normally, the kind of guy who disagrees with Texas' (many, many, many) religious conservatives.

Yet, in a bold move, Perry ordered the HPV vaccinations.

What's bold is he did it by way of executive order, meaning that the powerful religious conservative groups that would have torpedoed any bill mandating vaccinations had it gone through the legislature had no say in the process.

Thanks, Rick.

The arguments of the religious conservatives against the vaccinations are pretty lackluster to begin with. Supposedly, according to critics, immunizing Texas girls against STIs will somehow increase promiscuity and the likelihood they will have sex.

However, the vaccinations as Perry ordered them will be given predominantly to 11- and 12-year-old girls. I highly doubt that most 11- or 12-year old girls are thinking seriously about sex.

If they are (I can't really ascertain that information without asking some Christopher Walken-level creepy questions), I can promise you very, very, few boys their age are. So, while the vaccines may put the thought into their heads, most won't be able act on it until another few years, by which time sex is on the mind anyway.

Another argument critics of the HPV vaccination have is that ordering the vaccine eliminates parents from the picture, takes away a choice they have in how to raise their children.

Fine, I'll concede that mandatory vaccination does that. But, why then is no one crying foul over mandatory polio shots? How about whooping cough vaccines? Measles? Mumps?

There's a battery of vaccinations that most parents are willing to allow their children to receive because they know that getting the vaccinations will protect their children against horrible diseases.

When they were mandated, the vaccines fought what were very real threats to public health, and the vaccination campaigns have put real dents in the prevalence of

all the illnesses.

Why, then, are we so scared to fight an STI in the same way we've fought any of the above diseases?

The answer can be broken down into three letters – "s," "e," and "x." Texas religious conservatives don't like talking openly about sex.

They don't want their children to know anything about it, other than that it's one of the most horrible decisions you can make, unless you're making it with a ring on your finger and to the love of your life.

As a Methodist by birth, a Baptist by faith, and the native of a pretty zealously religious town, I understand that argument.

I don't entirely agree, but I understand.

But for the good of society, I'm glad that Perry—another religiously-raised, small-town Texan—decided to grow up and face the music.

Much to the dismay of faithful Christians, people have sex out of wedlock; girls having sex can contract a life-threatening virus; there is a vaccine available that could prevent almost all girls from contracting HPV.

Perry, as governor of Texas, went against his staunchest political supporters and even his own extremely conservative personal faith.

He did the practical and pragmatic thing, and likely will save many Texas girls from HPV.

Maybe he's not so bad after all.

## THE RING-TUM PHI.

EXECUTIVE EDITOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

KATHERINE GREENE  
JACOB GEIGER

OPINIONS EDITOR  
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR  
SPORTS EDITOR  
COPY EDITOR

STACEY GRIJALVA  
JESSICA SHAW  
MIKE FAHEY  
CATHERINE CARLOCK

STAFF WRITERS

CODY BEAUCHAMP  
DANE DAVIS  
BRIAN DEVINE  
MADELINE GENT  
MICHAEL HUNTRESS  
MICHAEL KEENAN  
ADAM LEWIS  
ABRI NELSON  
WES O'DELL  
EMILY PECK  
SACHA RAAB  
RUSS WEEMS  
QUEENIE WONG

DESIGN EDITOR

MELISSA CARON

STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS

MICHAEL KEENAN  
MORGAN HARRIS

BUSINESS MANAGER

DAVID SHUBICK

MISSION STATEMENT: It is the mission of THE RING-TUM PHI to accurately, truthfully, and thoroughly report news affecting the Washington and Lee community for students, faculty, parents and alumni. Our goal is to look deeper into news affecting campus life and hold leaders accountable. Through our reporting, we aspire to spark discussions that lead to discovering information that prompts change.

THE RING-TUM PHI is published Mondays during the undergraduate school year. THE RING-TUM PHI is a member of The Media Board, which can be reached at [mediaboard@wlu.edu](mailto:mediaboard@wlu.edu), but is otherwise independent. THE RING-TUM PHI welcomes all letters. We reserve the right to edit submissions for content and length. Letters and advertising do not necessarily reflect the opinion of THE RING-TUM PHI staff. This newspaper observes current court definitions of libel and obscenity.

THE RING-TUM PHI  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS ROOM, 341  
WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY  
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA 24450  
TELEPHONE: (540) 458-4060  
FAX: (540) 458-4059  
EMAIL: [PHI@WLU.EDU](mailto:PHI@WLU.EDU)  
SUBSCRIPTION RATE \$45

# arts&life



Senior Lauren Kampf and sophomore Tabitha King shower junior William Holliday with affection in W&L's performance of Neil Simon's classic comedy last weekend. MORGAN HARRIS / Staff Photographer

## Oscar & Felix

*Performers dazzle audiences in Lenfest Center with comical presentation of Simon classic*



Oscar Madison, played by junior William Holliday, and Felix Unger, played by junior Charles Barbour, engage in comical dialogue (left). Sophomore Tabitha King captures her audience with her dramatic expressions (above). This theater department production of Oscar and Felix was performed last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Photos by Morgan Harris

By Emily Peck  
STAFF WRITER

"Oscar and Felix" presented a delightful version of Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" last weekend in the Lenfest Center. The play successfully captured the hilarity of two opposites forced to live under the same roof, keeping the audience laughing until the last applause.

The cast portrayed the timeless characters of Simon's comic genius well. Noticeable among the performances was senior Lauren Kampf's Ynez, the Sexy Spaniard who flirts with Oscar and Felix. Everything in Kampf's delivery was top notch, from her Spanish accent to her over-the-top boisterous behavior.

The highlight of the evening undoubtedly was junior William Holliday's portrayal of neat freak Felix Unger set against junior Charles Barbour's depiction of slob Oscar Madison.

Holliday superbly embodied the prim and prissy Felix, never breaking form and delivering his lines with a humor and believability that would have done Simon proud. Barbour played the gruff, good-for-nothing Oscar with a charisma and comedy that really made his character come to life.

According to Barbour, the best thing about being part of a cast of such timeless characters is Neil Simon's hilarity. The play also excelled in highlighting the subtle themes of Simon's

work. The "new look" at the Odd Couple drew attention to issues of sexuality and society's notions about them. This added to the comedy while also questioning the themes of Simon's play.

The actors did a good job of layering their roles, adding a meaningful tone to the humor of Oscar and Felix's dysfunctional relationship. Attention to these details of the comedy made the show truly satisfying.

Such a fantastic production of a classic speaks to the quality of Washington and Lee's theater program, a program which often gets overlooked in the myriad of other disciplines offered at W&L.

"The W&L theater department has grown tremendously. More and more people are getting involved, and the faculty treats you like family," Barbour said.

"It's an unusual experience because the department sees every side of you - not just the good tidy student go-to-class smile and drink coffee side - but also the messed up hair, pissed off and I'm about to go mental side. But they still put up with you. It's a beautiful thing," Barbour continued.

The beauty of the students' commitment to theater and their talents was indeed evidenced in their outstanding production of the play. Overall, the show was received well by the crowd and was a pleasure to watch the whole way through. What a way to spend a Friday evening.

# arts&life

## Clubs venture nationwide

Several students will spend Feb. break serving impoverished or exploring exotic wildlife

By Queenie Wong  
STAFF WRITER

For one week, members of the Nabors Service League, Bonner Leaders Program and Outing Club will venture into different worlds. Away from the familiar Lacoste polo shirts and blue blazers of this campus, each club will kick off its Washington Break by tackling issues ranging from homelessness to surviving in the wilderness. The NSL will travel to Houston, Texas; the Bonner Leaders Program to Immokalee, Florida; and the Outing Club to Everglades, Florida.

The NSL started organizing its trip after a Washington and Lee alumnus working for Teach for America in New Orleans moved to Houston, said Micaela Coffey, NSL's Alternative Breaks Chair. Following Hurricane Katrina, the alum asked for help on the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP) school that was granted an emergency charter after the hurricane.

NSL, which is sending 15 students on the trip, will work with SEARCH, a nonprofit organization helping 14,000 of Houston's homeless, Coffey said. The Houston Alumni Association is sponsoring the trip.

"It's so comforting, as a student, to see how generous the W&L alums are," Coffey said. "That they care so much about current students means a lot to me and is yet another reason that I'm proud to be a W&L student."

NSL is holding a fundraiser this Thursday at Frank's from 5-10 p.m. 20 percent of the restaurant's profits will go towards the \$100 fee for the Houston trip, said Sonia Siu, NSL's General Chair.

While the NSL helps the homeless, 11 first-year Bonner leaders will be tackling a different issue: rural poverty. Immokalee, Florida is an agricultural district which functions as a hub for low wage workers, said Bonner Leader Program Director Sandra Hayslette.

"This trip humanizes the issue of poverty and low wages by coming face to face with these problems," she said.

According to Hayslette, the trip contains both a community service and educational aspect. The leaders will perform services ranging from helping Harvest for Humanity create affordable housing to talking to the Rural Legal Service and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Hayslette estimates that Bonner leaders will accomplish at least eight hours of community service each day. She

also hopes, following the trip, that leaders will be able to analyze and compare their lives to the lives of Immokalee residents.

"I think one thing students will get from this trip is a lot of food for thought—no pun intended," she said.

Because the trip is fully sponsored by the Bonner Foundation, participants will be staying at the Immokalee Friendship House, a homeless shelter, where they will share meals and converse with residents.

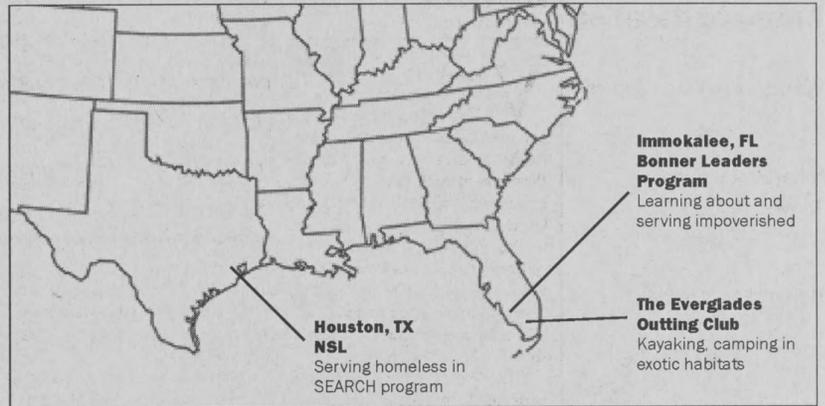
This is the first time the Bonner Leaders Program created a trip for first-year members.

In another part of Florida, the Everglades, 13 Outing Club members will find themselves kayaking through mangrove islands and camping on beaches, Outing Club Director James Dick said. This is the 13th year the Outing Club has participated in this trip.

"I figured it's a chance to learn something new and get away from all the cliché trips and vacations," said sophomore Allison Gionta, who is attending the trip.

According to Dick, the participants will cook their own meals and carry their own kayak gear. They will also have a former park ranger and a commercial fisherman guiding them throughout the

### alternative break trips:



MELISSA CARON / Design Editor

See where your fellow classmates are headed for Washington Break.

Everglades National Park. The trip, which costs \$550 per member, will include low tide walks and beach bonfires.

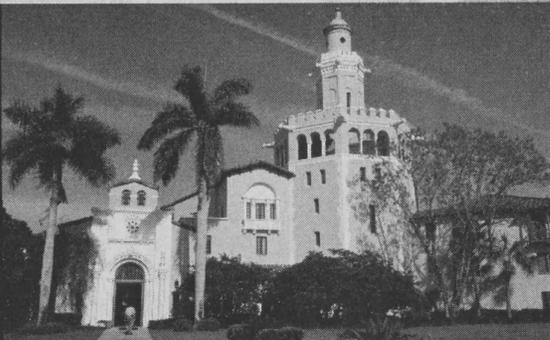
Students will come face to face with a variety of sea life and endangered bird species such as the white pelican and osprey. Dick also said that Catarina Passidomo, a 2004 W&L alumnus, will

host the group in Naples Friday night of the break. For the majority of the trip, however, students will camp out.

As students learn about the history of the Everglades, Dick hopes they will see the benefits of having national parks and natural areas. The development in Florida has changed the ecosystem in

such a way that it may not survive, he said.

"It is a very special place for sunsets, exploring hidden mangrove tunnels—most students have not been this far away from civilization before. The bonds that are created far from campus stick with the participants for years," Dick said.



America's #1 law school  
for trial advocacy is in sunny  
Tampa Bay, Florida.

Call Stetson toll-free today at  
(877) LAW-STET or e-mail us at  
lawadmissions@law.stetson.edu.

**STETSON**  
UNIVERSITY  
College of Law



STAY AND SKI FREE PACKAGE  
STARTING AT \$59.00\*

- Two FREE all-day lift tickets for Winterplace Ski Resort
- Access to the new leisure center, including indoor pool and 10-lane bowling alley\*\*
- FREE shuttle to Winterplace

State your school name when making a reservation.

1.800.634.5233  
WWW.GLADESPRINGS.COM

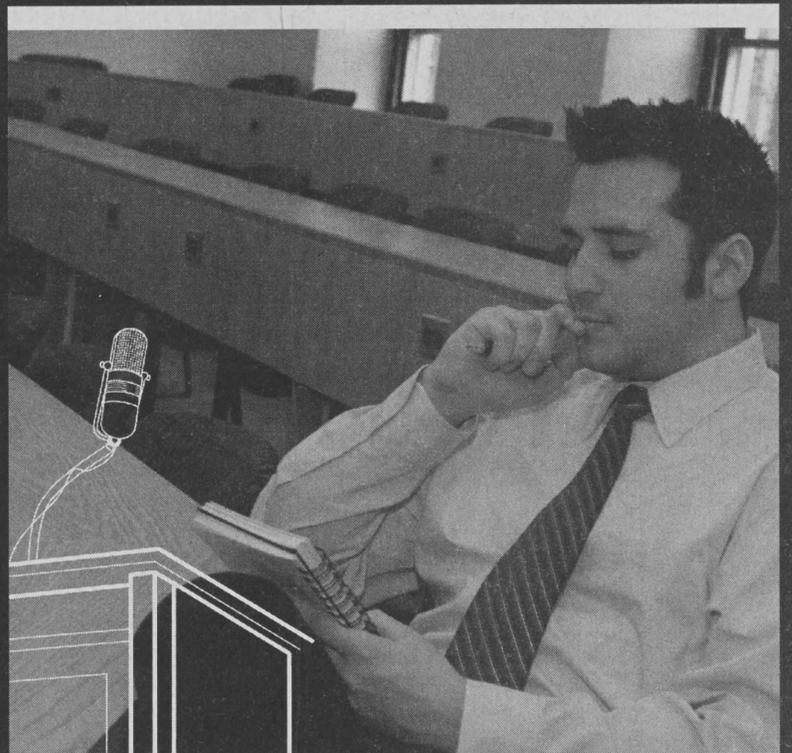
  
THE RESORT AT  
GLADE SPRINGS

255 Resort Drive • Daniels, WV 25832

\*Per person, per night, based upon double occupancy. Taxes not included. Excludes holidays. Subject to availability. Certain restrictions apply. \*\*Additional fee for bowling.

**West Virginia**  
Wild and Wonderful

## Georgetown University



TAKE YOUR CAREER FURTHER, FASTER.

### MASTER'S DEGREES IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

JOURNALISM AND PUBLIC RELATIONS/CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Earn the part-time master's degree that combines a Georgetown University learning experience with the opportunity to gain experience through an industry sponsored capstone project. Gain the confidence and credibility you need to advance your career.



VISIT [CPD.GEORGETOWN.EDU/MP5](http://CPD.GEORGETOWN.EDU/MP5)  
OR CALL (202) 687-9100.

1789

# Women raise awareness

*Vagina Monologues return to campus this week, provide outlet for females to address controversy*

## Intimate details:

**What?** Vagina Monologues



**Where?** Troubadour Theater



**When?** Feb. 15 and 16; 7 p.m.



**Why?** To raise awareness about violence against women in times of war



**Tickets:** \$12 in advance, \$15 at door



By Abri Nelson  
STAFF WRITER

Vaginas are for lovers. Or so the t-shirts say. The Vagina Monologues are back. This is the third performance of the monologues at Washington and Lee, sponsored by the Women's Law Students Organization.

Previously, the organization sponsored the show every other year, but the leadership decided to try an annual performance after the success of the last year's show.

The Vagina Monologues are performed on college campuses every year around Valentine's Day to raise awareness about women's issues, from sexual misconduct and violence against women worldwide, to everyday things like going to the gynecologist.

"It's a really good way to get things on the table," said Crystal Teed, a first-year law student and one of over twenty women from the law school, undergraduate

*"The heart of the production is real women's voices being heard. I get to bring out the superstar in me. It's for any woman who has ever felt uncomfortable."*

**YVONNE COKER, Junior participant**

school, and the faculty at W&L performing this year. "It breaks down barriers in a really constructive way."

Teed did not know much about the monologues before she saw an advertisement for auditions in the law school. Coming from a performing arts family, she wanted a creative outlet to offset her schoolwork. After the first read through of the script with the other actors, she was hooked.

"It's a very introspective process," she said. "The play really tries to tap into every woman."

Each monologue focuses on a different aspect of being a wom-

an, often exploring transitive periods in life and sensitive aspects of relationships.

The value of the monologues also creates the controversy surrounding them, because they are written in a way that is very up front and edgy.

E'Lon Cohen, an undergraduate senior, knew exactly what she was getting into.

She has seen the monologues on stage twice and decided to audition this year after she was convinced to by a friend.

"It gives me a way to show me," she said about her piece.

She said that women tend to

freeze up when asked about controversial issues, and this was a chance for her to step out of her comfort zone and be able to show an aspect of herself that most people might not see.

Yvonne Coker, an undergraduate junior, also decided to audition after seeing the show last year.

She was attracted by the idea that the actresses did not need to have prior experience in order to get involved.

"The heart of the production is real women's voices being heard," she said.

"I get to bring out the superstar in me. It's for any woman who has ever felt uncomfortable."

Each year a new monologue is written to spotlight a different issue around the world.

Last year, the monologue was about the plight of the Vietnamese "comfort women" exploited as prostitutes by the Japanese military during World War II.

This year, due to the increase in violence against women and girls that occurs in time of war, the spotlight issue is women in

conflict zones.

The campaign is motivated by recent conflicts in Sudan, Congo, and Iraq. It is aimed at making sure the issue of sexual violence remains in the media even though the conflicts at hand might seem commonplace because of their frequency.

For the women involved in the production at W&L, it is about carrying that message but also about raising awareness here.

"Lexington is a small town," Teed said.

"We don't always talk about certain things. Hopefully, this will give people an opportunity to feel connected and everyone will come away with something different."

"It's fun and difficult," said Coker about her acting experience so far. "But the fact that I want to be excellent motivates me."

The Vagina Monologues will be performed this Thursday and Friday in the Troubadour Theater.

Tickets will be available in advance or at the door.

ADVERTISEMENT

## STUDENT SUCCESS WINNERS 2006-2007



**Lauren Sapikowski '08**  
Performing Arts



**Katherine Greene '08**  
Media/Publications



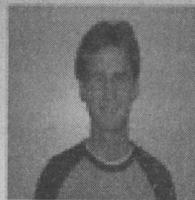
**Matt Krieg '07**  
Student Government



**Matt Loar '07**  
Environmental/General



**Erin Tainer '07**  
Recreation



**Dane Boston '07**  
Community Service



**Katie Long '07**  
Programming



**Madeline Gent '08**  
Religious Life



**Kathryn Heaberg '07**  
Greek Life

### Celebrating Student Success Awards Gala

Wednesday, March 21st @ 6:30 PM

Lee Chapel

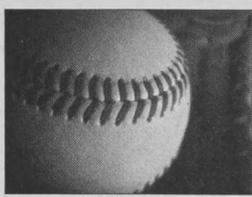
Reception will follow in the Elrod Commons Living Room

Keynote Speaker: Kelly Jo Larsen '05

Many Awards such as the UnSung Hero and Decade Award will be presented. Everyone is welcome to attend. All Student organizations are welcome to present awards. Email [mmeclinton@wlu.edu](mailto:mmeclinton@wlu.edu) to confirm.

Submit your votes for the UnSung Hero Award @ [http://studentaffairs.wlu.edu/student\\_success.htm](http://studentaffairs.wlu.edu/student_success.htm) Voting Ends March 2, 2007

# sports



## sportsbriefs

### Wrestling

The Washington and Lee wrestling team has been unstoppable in recent weeks, posting a 3-0 record and defeating the top two teams in the Centennial Conference. Saturday morning, the Generals defeated Newport News Apprentice School, 21-15. With the victory, the Generals improve to 8-3, which is the most wins that the team has posted in a season since the 1986-1987 campaign, when it went 9-5. Juniors David Shubick and Jesse Sataloff and freshman Sammy Brusca all registered wins in the meet. Two weekends ago, W&L posted a pair of huge upsets over the top two teams in the Centennial Conference. The Generals captured a 21-17 decision over previously-undefeated 30th ranked Ursinus and then claimed a 18-16 triumph over Muhlenberg. With the win, the Generals also snapped Ursinus' 27-match unbeaten streak in conference action. Both of the victories were not decided until the heavyweight bout. Against Muhlenberg, the Generals were trailing by a point when sophomore John Christopher defeated his opponent 3-2 to clinch the victory for the Generals. In the Ursinus match, the teams were tied going into the final match, but Christopher defeated his opponent 6-5 to give W&L a victory. Peter Lawrence, Sataloff and Anthony Boniello were also undefeated on the day. The Generals return to the mat on Saturday when they compete in the Centennial Conference Championships hosted by Gettysburg College at 11 a.m.

### Women's Indoor Track

The Washington and Lee men's and women's indoor track and field teams had eight first-place finishes, set six school records and had two athletes qualify for nationals against Division I, II and III opponents this past weekend at the Bucknell Winter Classic. The W&L women broke a school record three times over in the same event when sophomore Jackie Burns finished third overall and first among D-III runners in the mile. Burns shaved over seven seconds off the previous school record. In that same race, sophomores Becca Taylor and Elizabeth Webb also broke the same school record, finishing fourth and fifth overall, respectively. Webb also crossed the finish line first overall in the 800-meters. Freshman Maggie Sutherland broke two school records single-handedly and finished first overall in the high jump. She broke her own school record with a leap of 5'5.0." Sutherland's height was also an NCAA Provisional Qualifying Standard. She also broke her own school record in the 55-meter hurdles and finished third among D-III runners. Sophomore Stacy Doornbos finished first overall in the long jump, also breaking her own school record. With a jump of 17'9.75", Doornbos' performance was also an NCAA Provisional Qualifying Standard. Additionally, Doornbos set a new school record in the 200-meters, finishing first among D-III athletes. The Generals return to action on Saturday when they participate in the Virginia Tech Challenge.

# Hunsinger sets record

*Jessica Hunsinger sets a school record for rebounds, but record winning streak ends for Generals*

By Madeline Gent  
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, Washington and Lee women's basketball achieved a feat it has never before reached.

In the Warner Center, senior Jessica Hunsinger became the first ever General to have pulled down a thousand rebounds. Even though the team lost to visiting Guilford in a 72-66 overtime decision, Hunsinger, the team's captain, had good reason to be proud of her athletic performance at W&L.

In fact, all of W&L has good reason to be proud of Hunsinger, as well as the entire women's team.

With a recent school-record winning streak, or seven games and an overall 12-10 record (8-9 in ODAC play), this season has proved to be one of the most promising in recent memory for the blue and white.

"The record is a nice thing to brag about in front of the men's team," said Hunsinger, "but I am more excited about how well we have been playing."

Team effort aside, Hunsinger has made herself a force to be dealt with on the basketball court. The three year letter-winner started off her season ranked second in school history with 168 career blocks, third all-time with 779 rebounds and sixth in scoring with 1,118 points.

In the past 22 games, all of which Hunsinger has started, she has scored 276 points, making her second in scoring to fellow teammate junior Kristen Krouchick, leads the team in rebounding with 229 boards and has 76 blocks under her belt — breaking her own school record of 74.

Going into Tuesday night's game, Hunsinger said, "I wasn't anxious about [the thousand rebounds] mostly because people told me I could do it. I don't

really keep track of how many rebounds I had or have. I didn't realize until I actually had it, but I felt confident that this would happen eventually."

The officials stopped the clock when Hunsinger hit her mark for a brief moment of celebration.

"I was aware that Jess was getting pretty close to the record, although when they announced it during the game, it was somewhat of a surprise," said junior teammate Emily Wolff.

"During the game, when she pulled the thousandth rebound, we stopped playing, and it was announced that she had broken the record. We all gave her hugs and congratulations, but then continued playing."

Hunsinger added, "They were all very excited for me and they've all been there all along the way — four years of rebounding...so much of it depends on what my teammates were doing — whether or not they were boxing out. It was definitely a team effort."

As for the celebration, she said "it would have been better if we won."

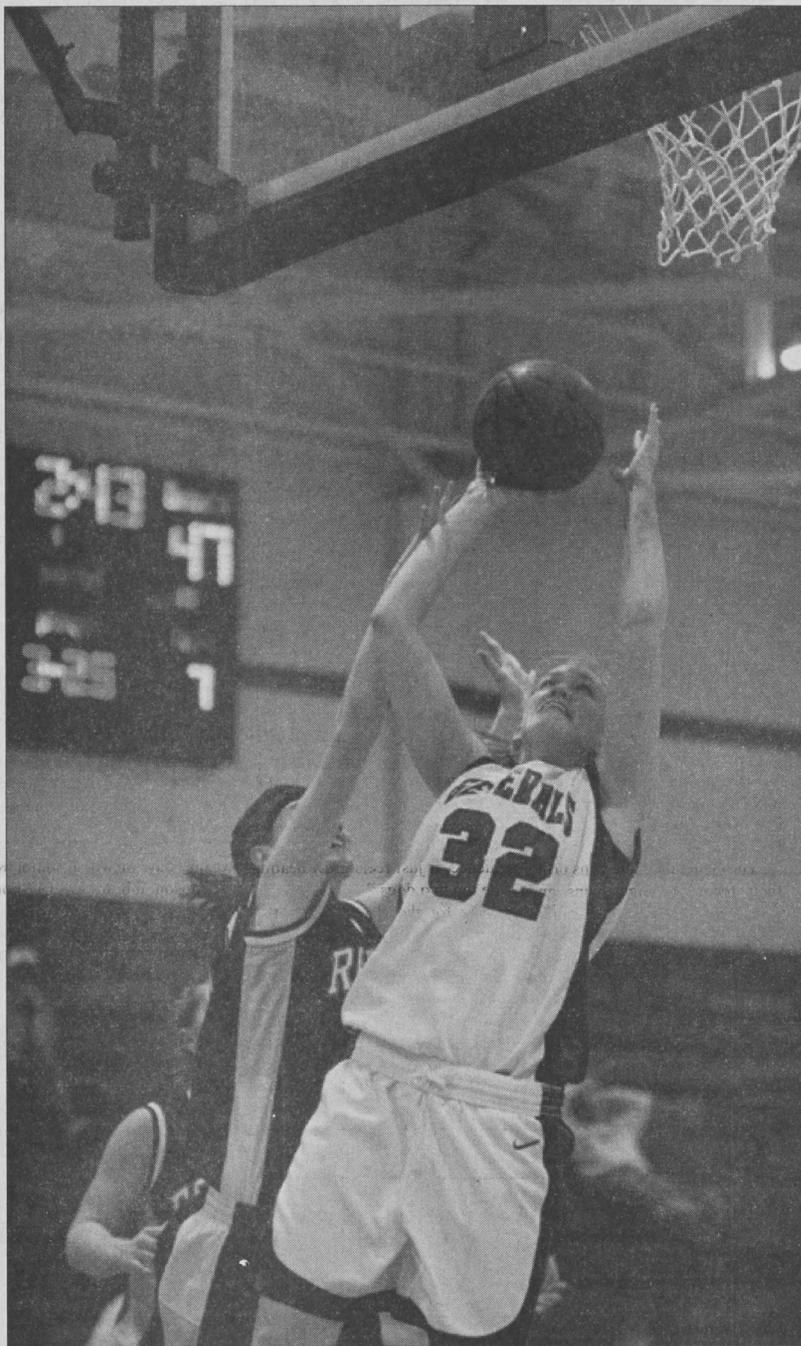
With the season coming to an end, Hunsinger's achievement proves the women still have some fight left to take to the ODAC tournament.

"Not only is Jessica breaking records, but the team is as well... the record for most consecutive wins," said Wolff.

"It just shows that this year we are determined to take it to the next level and not settle for mediocrity."

On Tuesday, the women will head to Hollins. Even with one feat down, Hunsinger is just 14 rebounds away from another one — the ODAC record for most rebounds in a career.

Whether you're just going to see history happen or just to cheer on the women, the next few games for W&L's women's basketball team will be exciting to follow.



Center Jessica Hunsinger fights through a defender and gets off a shot. She is the program's all-time leading rebounder and the first W&L player to grab 1,000 boards.

# Pros look intolerant again

*Some NBA stars look boorish and backwards as they criticize openly gay player*

By Adam Lewis  
COLUMNIST

Alright, it's time to tackle this issue once and for all. Former NBA center Joe Amaechi announced this week that he is gay, surprising teammates, coaches and fans, all of whom had little if any suspicion regarding his sexual orientation.

Following his "coming out," players and coaches from around the league began making comments, ranging from the respectful understanding of Amaechi's position to the resentment of his "secret," which he had kept quiet throughout his career. My question is: Why the hell does it matter?

1. Just because he happens to be attracted to the male gender does not mean that he is suddenly going to hit on every

man he sees.

For some reason, this is a common occurrence in our society, and is especially prevalent in all-male organizations, such as the army and the NBA. Regarding this issue, NBA player Shavlik Randolph (who, by the way, was Duke-educated), made his viewpoint clear: "As long as you don't bring your gayness on me I'm fine...I'm sure I could play with him. But I think it would create a little awkwardness in the locker room." Now tell me something, Mr. Randolph. Do you have such a high opinion of yourself that you think anyone who likes men will have the uncontrollable urge to approach you in the locker room with the intentions of asking you on a date or touching you? Don't flatter yourself; you don't even start on one of the worst teams in the NBA. People need to understand that being gay does not entail the inappropriate attraction to all men. It's that simple.

2. Statistics show that homosexuality (estimated to be

NBA commissioner David Stern said it best:

"We have a very diverse league. The question at the NBA is always: 'Have you got game?'"

around 10 percent of the adult population) is about as common as being left-handed (estimated to be around 8-15 percent of the adult population).

Why then does society require homosexuals to reveal this personal attribute to everyone, and then shun them for having kept it a secret? You don't see lefties going around declaring that they write with their left hand, nor do you see people gossiping about the "lefty that came out of the closet." To me, this is just mind-boggling. And I would like to use a comment from the face of the NBA, LeBron James, to further my point: "With teammates you have to be trustworthy, and if you're gay and you're not admit-

ting that you are, then you are not trustworthy." I'm sorry, LeBron. Did Joe Amaechi offend you by not letting you in on his personal life? Wow, I can't imagine what it would be like if one of your teammates tells you he is a lefty. Wouldn't want to be that guy—he would be so untrustworthy.

3. Being gay may imply many things, but athletic ability is not one of them.

As shown by Martina Navratilova and Sheryl Swoopes, both of whom are regarded as some of the best players in their respective sports, homosexuality does not inhibit one's athletic performance. What really matters? As far as I know, sports are about competition, entertainment and nowa-

days, money. If an athlete is able to compete, entertain and make money, why is sexual preference even an issue? If he scores on the court, why does it matter who he scores with after the game? It doesn't. NBA commissioner David Stern said it best: "We have a very diverse league. The question at the NBA is always: 'Have you got game?'"

As great as American sports are, this is definitely something that has got to change. There have been only a handful of professional athletes to publicly come out, and with the struggle they have had to deal with, who can blame those who haven't? I commend Joe Amaechi for taking the step that he did, and I can only hope that in years to come, the world of sports changes and learns to acknowledge an athlete's performance, not his orientation. To use the words of the great Jerry Seinfeld: Joe Amaechi is gay, "Not that there's anything wrong with that"—because there most definitely isn't.

**Wrestling:**

# Blue and White slam opponents

Continued from page 12

The winning streak was not to survive to 28 as the Generals, behind the strength of sophomore heavyweight John Christopher.

Christopher's bouts were the deciding factor in both matches. The Blue and White trailed Muhlenberg 15-16 before the Fort Lauderdale man took the mat and topped the Mules' Joe Tartar; likewise, W&L was tied with nationally-ranked Ursinus before Christopher's win over Matt Williams.

Both victories were by a single point, and both handed the win to the home side.

Generals wrestlers Peter Lawrence and Anthony Boniello also deserve a heavy dose of credit for pins in the Ursinus match.

Lawrence, at 157 pounds, took only two minutes and 13 seconds to pin his opponent.

He, Boniello and Sataloff were undefeated on the day, losing neither against the Mules nor the Bears.

The Generals' three wins bring their record to eight wins and three losses (5-2 in Centennial Conference play).

This is W&L's best record since they posted nine wins and five losses in the 1986-1987 season.

The team will try to continue its wave of recent success at the Centennial Conference champi-

*"Everyone is asking, 'Who are these guys?' We've placed dead last for six years in a row, but now everyone is looking at us wondering what we can do. We have a lot of confidence."*

**ANTHONY BONIELLO, Junior**

onships next Saturday at Gettysburg College.

Despite their loss, Ursinus is considered the favorite to add a fifth consecutive title to their impressive trophy case.

But also, the Generals cannot be counted out. After their two big wins over Ursinus and Muhlenberg, they have momentum in their favor as they enter into the Centennial Conference championships.

Boniello said, "Everyone is asking, 'Who are these guys?' We've placed dead last for six years in a row, but now everyone is looking at us wondering what we can do. We have a lot of confidence. It just feels great beating the top two dogs."

As for the team as a whole, there are very high expectations for everyone.

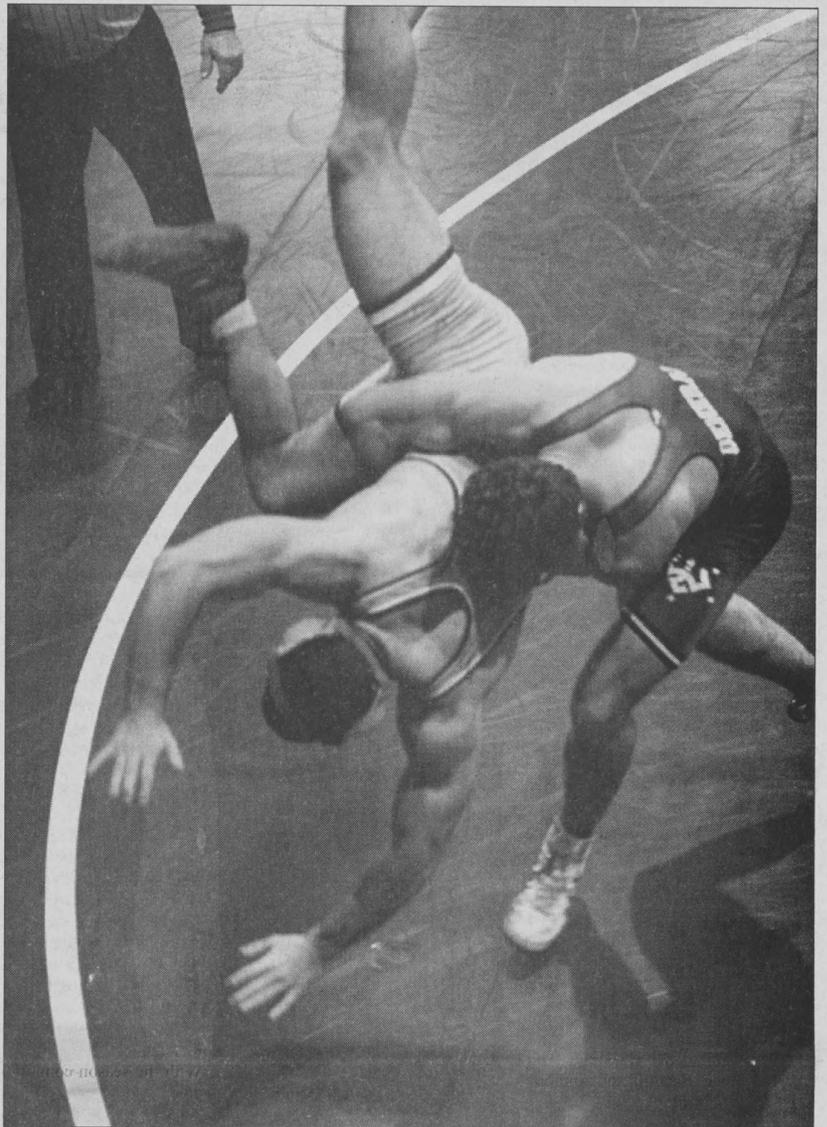
Boniello said, "Across the board we have a lot of kids who can perform very well. We're hoping for at least four kids to get in the finals."

One of the major things that

has played a role in the Generals' success this season has been their intensity and their experience.

Boniello said, "The intensity in the practice room - you can tell the difference between last year and this year. Last year we were dragging at this point. Now, we have some new kids on this team, and our sophomores from last year have become experienced juniors."

The conference championship will also bring back W&L's rival, Johns Hopkins. Earlier in the season, the Generals fell to Hopkins by a slim, one-point margin, 18-17. In that match, W&L had the lead going into the final match of the day, in which junior Kirk Adamson fell in the 197-pound weight class. In the match, the Generals did well against the light and middle weight classes but struggled against Hopkins in the upper weight classes.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Junior Anthony Boniello slams his opponent to the mat. Boniello is 18-7 this year.

## Timber Ridge Auto Center

1619 Valley Pike  
Lexington, VA 24450  
(540) 464-1997



ASE CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS

### Foreign and Domestic Repairs

Oil change and Lube, A/C, Computer Diagnostics, Minor and Major Engine Repair, Brakes, Fuel Injection Service, Transmission Service, Coolant Flush, Minor and Major Tune-ups.

We can provide factory authorized maintenance without voiding your manufacture's warranty.

Major Credit Cards Accepted



## Berky's Restaurant

PEDAL CAR DINER & TIN TOY CAFÉ

Order from our complete menu

Or Join us for one of our ALL YOU CAN EAT Buffets!

- ~ Friday Night Seafood Buffet with Crab Legs 5pm-10pm
- ~ Saturday Night Buffet 5pm-10pm
- ~ Sunday Baked Chicken, Pork Loin, & Pot Roast 11am-9pm
- ~ Breakfast Bar 7 Days a Week 6am-11am
- ~ Daily Hot Country Bar 11am-10pm
- ~ Daily Soup, Salad, & Fruit Bar 11am-10pm

Home Cooked Meals & Southern Hospitality!

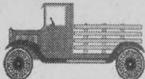
Order Breakfast 24 Hours a Day, Seven days a week!

Located at

LEE HI Travel Plaza

I-81 & I-64, EXIT 195, 2516 NORTH LEE HWY, LEXINGTON, VA  
540-463-3478

Great Food & a great collection of  
Antique Pedal Cars & Tin Toys!



# GETS THE ADRENALINE GOING. YOURS AND WHOEVER READS ABOUT IT ON YOUR RESUME.



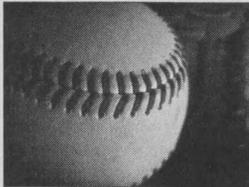
The Army ROTC Leader's Training Course is a paid 4-week summer experience that marks the beginning of your career as an Officer, a leader of the U.S. Army.

**ENROLL IN ARMY ROTC**  
BECOME AN ARMY OFFICER



ASK ABOUT OUR SUMMER LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!  
For details, contact Captain Brandon Bissell at 540-464-7187 or [bissellba@vmi.edu](mailto:bissellba@vmi.edu)

# sports



## Track sprints to finish

Generals win 8 events, sets 3 school records and have 2 qualify for NCAA championships

By Mike Huntress  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee's indoor track team returned from the Bucknell Winter Classic this Saturday with a host of accolades.

Against competition from all levels, W&L's Division III team managed to claim two national qualifiers, set six school records, and fielded eight winners between the men's and women's teams.

It's an impressive feat for a program draws from a student body which is a fraction of some of the programs W&L competed against Saturday.

The event which typified W&L's success was the women's mile. In that one event, the former school record of 5:26.23 was broken by three different women.

Elizabeth Webb would have had the new mark at 5:25.71 (she finished eighth overall in the event) had she not been eclipsed by two team mates.

Sophomore Becca Taylor finished fourth overall (third among Div III athletes) with a time of 5:19.52 and sophomore Jackie Burns finished third overall (first among Div. III athletes) with a time that now stands as W&L's benchmark mile time at 5:18.97.

Sophomore Stacy Doornbos took home two school records herself on Saturday. The first was in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.88 seconds, which put her first among D-III athletes.

She later outdid her own school record in the long jump with a leap of 17'9.75", which stands as an NCAA Provisional Qualifying Standard.

Freshman Maggie Sutherland was W&L's other significant female jumper on Saturday, finishing first overall in the high jump,

*"It was a group effort. There were so many people in our heat that we wanted to stick together as much as possible."*

**JACKIE BURNS, sophomore distance runner**

with a jump of 5'5.0".

It beat what was previously her own school record, and also was an NCAA Provisional Qualifying Standard.

Sutherland also broke her own school record in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.95 seconds, good for third among D-III runners.

The W&L men's performance was highlighted by the efforts of sophomores Drew Martin and Michael Welsh.

Martin's pole vault of 13'9.25" placed him first among D-III athletes and Welsh's time of 9:04.32 in the 3000-meters also put him at the top of the D-III time sheet.

Other W&L runners did well on Saturday. Sophomore Alan Jackson was second among D-III runners in the 5,000-meters, junior Steve Rivoir placed third among D-III runners with a mile time of 4:34.84.

The 4x400-meter relay team finished second among D-III teams. Sophomore Chip McCoy, junior Matt Harrison, freshman Rob Saliers, and junior Marshall French crossed the finish line in a time of 3:34.16.

Throwers Billy Billington and Ben Wilson also had solid performances.

Billington, a freshman, put up a weight throw distance of 41'4.25" (good for third among Div III throwers).

Sophomore Ben Wilson put up

a distance of 41'4.25", good for second among D-III shot putters.

W&L's men and women track teams proved their mettle at Bucknell against stiff competition, performing admirably.

Burns, who was competing in her face race of the season, was modest about setting her school record: "I'm a little out of practice so I had to get used to it pretty fast. It was a group effort. There were so many people in our heat that we wanted to stick together as much as possible."

Burns said that herself, Telfeyan, Taylor and Webb all took turns leading the pack of W&L women.

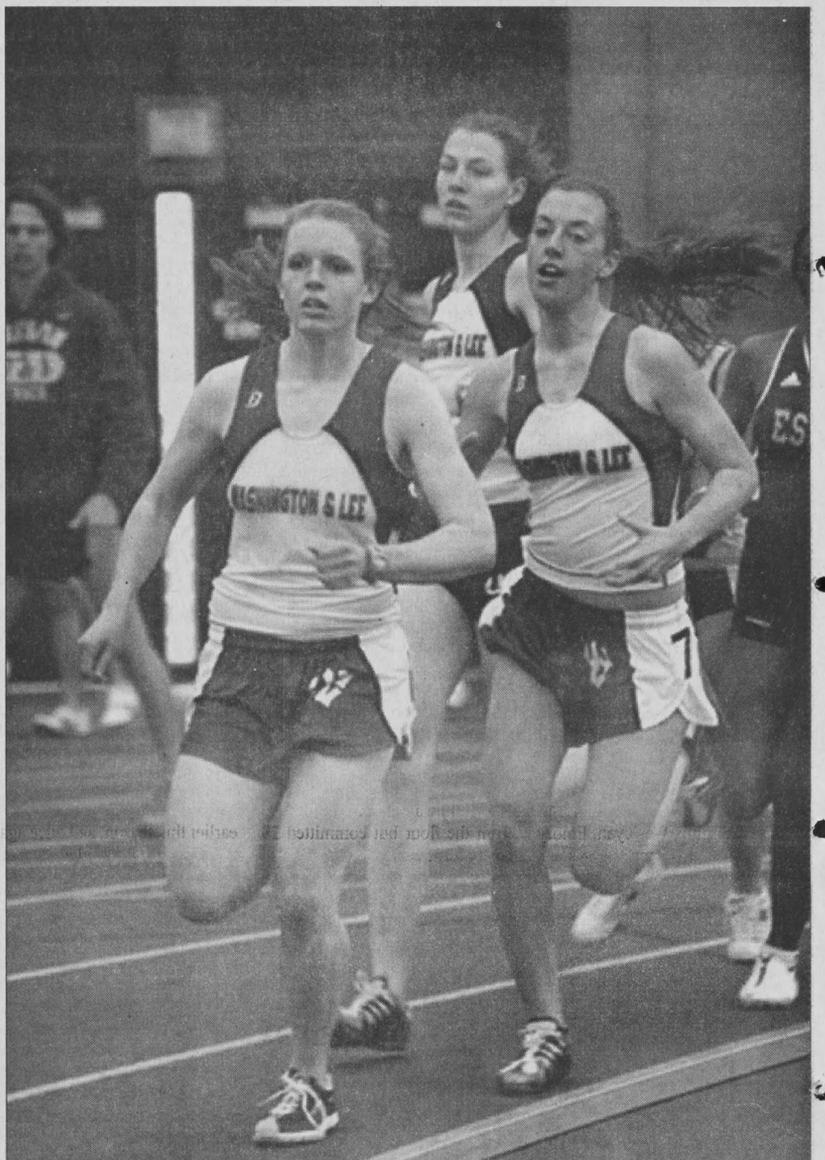
In the end, Burns led the way to the finish with two of her teammates crossing the line immediately after her.

Burns said she felt great after taking a break from competition: "I needed to take a mental break from the cross country team, and I wanted time to build up a big mileage base. It was a mental and a physical break."

It has been a very strong indoor season for the Generals, and the team has a great deal of momentum going into the ODAC championships.

"We're a stronger team than we were last year," Burns said.

The Generals are back in action this coming Saturday when they take to the track at the Virginia Tech Challenge.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Sophomore Jackie Burns takes the lead ahead of sophomore Becca Taylor and Elizabeth Webb. All three runners bested the previous school record in the one-mile, but Burns finished in a time of 5:18.97. The former record was 5:26.23.

## Swimmers prep for ODACs

Women's swim team looks to carry on thirteen-year winning streak heading into the ODAC championships

By Michael Keenan  
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 3 the women's swim team concluded its regular season with ODAC victories over Hollins and Randolph-Macon Woman's College to improve their overall record to 7-9 and 5-1 against ODAC opponents.

The women defeated Hollins 180-61 and Randolph-Macon Woman's 154-86.

They have now won three of their last four meets, with the only loss coming to tenth ranked Johns Hopkins.

The Generals were led by sophomore Susan Mahoney, who registered wins in the 200 backstroke and 1000 freestyle.

Junior Allison Rogers and senior Abbie Sauter also contributed first place finishes. Rogers won the 50 free and Sauter touched first in the 100 free.

This season has been different for the women, because for the first time in fifteen years, a new coach took over the program.

Over the summer, Kiki Jacobs ended her fifteen-year run as Women's Head Swim Coach

*"Our record this year does not show how much Joel has done for this team, but he has been tremendous."*

**ABBIE SAUTER, senior captain**

at Washington and Lee when she accepted the Associate Athletic Director position at Oberlin College.

During her tenure the team compiled a 121-79 record and has a current streak of thirteen consecutive ODAC Championships. Jacobs was named ODAC/Atlantic States Coach of the Year ten times.

Men's Head Coach Joel Shinofield was named interim head coach while a search began for a new women's coach.

The women's team has responded extremely well to the coaching change. Susan Mahoney called Shinofield "one of the best coaches" she's ever had.

"We handled the coaching change this year very well. Since Joel was the coach for the boys'

team last year, we had some idea of how practices would be run and the work that would be performed outside of the pool," sophomore-Julianne Miata said.

"Although Kiki was amazing and we were sad to see her go, Joel has really given us something to be excited for."

"Our record this year does not show how much Joel has done for this team, but he has been tremendous," said Sauter. "Not only is everyone on the team finally swimming to their potential, but Joel gives every one of his swimmers the confidence to dive in and leave everything we have in the pool with every single race."

Shinofield has brought new dimensions to the women's training program, including dry land training, lifting and running.

"Joel has brought a more intense training program to the team," Miata said. "Not only do we have more pool time, but we do dry land two times a week all together as a team, and then we have running or weightlifting two times a week that we do in our spare time."

Shinofield's impact has extended beyond swimming technique and training regimens.

"To me, the ideal coach is someone who knows his swimmers on a personal level and can tell what each and every one of his swimmers needs, and Joel does an excellent job of that," said Sauter.

New Assistant Coach Kelli Austin, a recent W&L graduate, has also helped the women improve this season.

"Our assistant Kelli is great too, because she graduated only a short time ago, so she knows exactly what we're going through, even academically," said Miata.

The women return to action this Friday as they attempt to win their fourteenth consecutive ODAC Championship at Radford College.

### the other side of the pool:

The men's swimming team is gearing up to win their fourth straight Bluegrass Mountain Conference championship this weekend in Charlotte. The men are coming off a meet on Feb. 3 against two Division I opponents. W&L stomped Lexington rival VMI by a blowout score of 156-48 but then fell to Virginia Tech 121-71. The men are currently ranked 14th nationally, right behind archrival Johns Hopkins. Hopkins is the only D-III team to defeat W&L in a dual meet this season. Hopkins won the meet, held in Baltimore, by a score of 147-113.

Senior Mike Ginder won

the 200 yd. freestyle and recorded an NCAA "B" cut time. Ginder touched the wall with a time of 1:42.09.

Tim McGlaston won the 50 yd. freestyle in 21.02 seconds, a time also good enough for a "B" cut.

Ginder and McGlaston teamed up with Dave Croushore and Alex Sweet to defeat their D-I opponents in the 200 yd. freestyle relay. The team finished with a time of 1:24.01.

After the conference meet is finished, some of the team's top swimmers will begin preparing for the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Houston on March 15-17.

# Generals snap 6-game slide

Team end 6-game losing streak in dominating fashion with 74-56 win over Lynchburg College

By Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITER

A tough slide continued for the men's basketball team last week as their losing streak stretched to six games.

But the Generals finally got back into the win column last night with an important win over Lynchburg.

The win moved W&L's record back to 11-11. The team has not won that many games since the 1990-1991 squad went 12-14.

Senior captain Chris Halkitis led W&L Sunday with 17 points on 5-for-8 shooting. Halkitis led the team in scoring his freshman year but this year has spent less time shooting and more time feeding the ball to W&L's talented big men, juniors Greg Bienemann and Femi Kusimo.

Though Bienemann struggled during the losing streak against frequent double teams, he managed to notch twelve points during Sunday night's win. Kusimo chipped in nine.

Sophomore forward Kirk Jones grabbed nine rebounds and helped the Generals dominate the glass by a 39-28 margin.

Earlier in the week W&L played Virginia Wesleyan, Emory and Henry, and Hampden-Sydney, all teams with winning records and high standings in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. W&L lost three close games to

some of the most talented teams in the conference.

W&L went up against their best opponent to date, the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins, last Sunday. The reigning NCAA Division III national champions have a 19-3 overall record with only one loss in the ODAC. Midway through the first half, Virginia Wesleyan only led by one point as the Generals proved they could play with one of the premier teams in the country.

The Marlins went on a run to claim an 11 point lead, but the determined Generals regrouped and cut the lead to five points. W&L closed the half down ten and could not get closer than nine in the second half. Brandon Adair, the Marlin's star player, proved to be a tough task for the Generals as he scored 29 points.

W&L was led by freshman Zac White, who scored a career-high 17 points on 6 for 9 shooting. The Generals kept fighting, and the game remained close, but Wesleyan ended up with a 61-49 victory.

The Generals faced the Emory and Henry Wasps Wednesday, losing another close one 100-95. W&L shot a school-record 73% from the floor but committed 29 costly turnovers. The Wasps also stung the Generals at the line, going 26-36 from the stripe.

The game was relatively even until 6:31 in the first half, when

Emory and Henry went on an 18-5 run to close the half. The Wasps stretched their lead to 20 in the second half.

W&L mounted a gutsy comeback, closing the gap to as close as two, but Emory and Henry hit some crucial free-throws down the stretch to seal the game. Six Generals scored in double figures for the first time in a decade, led by Bienemann's 18 point performance.

Saturday W&L took on the Tigers of Hampden Sydney. Kusimo and Bienemann combined for 30 points in the General's 71-60 defeat. W&L had a 5 point lead near the end of the half, but another late first half run hurt the Generals.

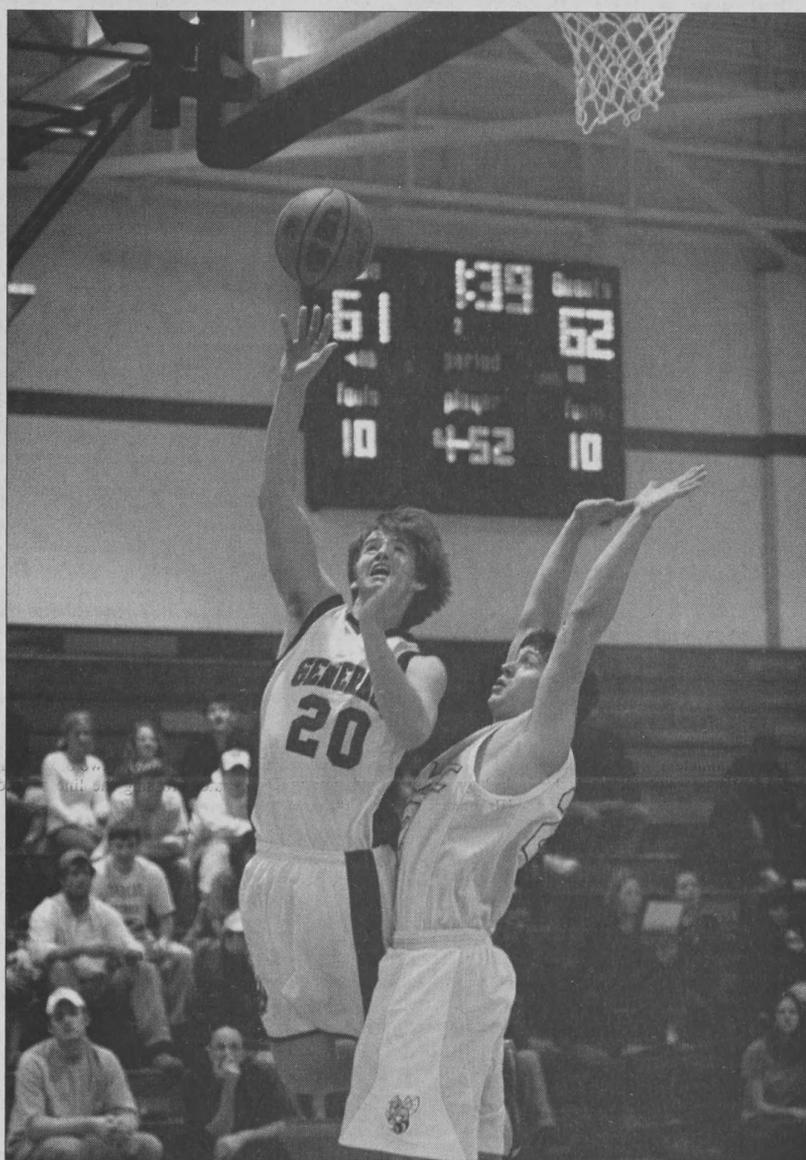
Hampden-Sydney scored 15 of the last 16 points in the half to take a nine point advantage to the locker room. The Generals got as close as seven in the second half, but when the final whistle sounded the Tigers had a victory by 11.

W&L's offense was working smoothly early in the game, but midway through the first half coach Bubba Smith of H-SC had his team switch to a stifling 2-3 zone. The zone was effective when the teams met in Farmville earlier this season, and once again the Generals struggled to break through.

With W&L's guards unable to find the big men down in the post, the team was forced to rain three pointers over the zone. Unfortunately, W&L shot only 24 percent from behind the arc.

Though the Generals have been struggling down the stretch, they still have a chance to make some noise in the ODAC tournament. The team will travel to Guilford on Wednesday before concluding the regular season with a home game against Bridgewater next Saturday.

The ODAC tournament begins on Thursday, Feb. 22 and ends the following Sunday.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Kirk Jones takes it to the basket during the final moments of W&L's game against Randolph-Macon. Two shots rimmed out in the final seconds and W&L lost 64-63.

	<b>Greg Bienemann, Junior</b>
	<b>Lynchburg:</b>
	12 points and 5 rebounds.
	<b>Emory and Henry:</b>
	18 points and 12 rebounds

## Spring Sports Preview:

# Women's tennis hopes to win it all

Continued from page 12

son. The Generals also look forward to their home opener against St. Mary's.

Lovejoy said, "The seniors have also taken it upon themselves to motivate the team to win our game against St. Mary's, a team we haven't beaten while I've been at W&L."

### Baseball

The Generals, who had an 18-15-1 overall record last season, return with a strong lineup including junior outfielder James Madden, who hit .435 with a team-best seven homeruns in his first season as a starter. Madden has been sidelined with a wrist injury but will be expected to make a big contribution when he is able to return to action.

In the ODAC preseason poll, the Generals were ranked third out of 10 teams.

Junior Tim Livingston said, "We deserve to have high expecta-

tations, and we're eager to fulfill those expectations."

Seniors Richard Garland, Jordan Wesley, Clayton Edwards, and Dave Miller along with sophomores Terrence McKelvey and Andrew Henderson are also expected to be big contributors for the Generals this season.

Livingston added, "The most exciting aspect of this season is that almost everyone will have a chance to contribute. We're returning our entire pitching staff, and we have a lot to prove after a mediocre 2006."

The Generals will open their 2007 campaign with a trip to Phoenix, Ariz. to compete in the Desert Classic on February 22-24.

Head Coach Jeff Strickley said, "As always our goal is to get to the conference tournament and then win it."

### Women's Tennis

After losing in the title match of the NCAA Division III championship and not graduating a single senior

*"We are always right up there at the top, and I think this year we have as good a chance as ever to win the whole thing."*

EMILY APPLGATE, NCAA D-III singles champion.

from the starting lineup, the Washington and Lee women's tennis team expect to have another great season in 2007.

The team will feature six seniors, the most in the history of women's tennis here at W&L. NCAA D-III singles champion Emily Applegate is expected to play first singles for the Generals, and senior captains Kristen McClung and Ginny Wortham are expected to play a key role for the Generals throughout the season. Sophomores Katie Tabb and Tori Christmas, juniors Kelly Will, Rebecca Timmis and Leah Weston, and freshmen Katie Bouret and Lauren Caire are expected to fight for the top singles positions.

The team has started indoor

practices and challenge matches at the Duchossois Tennis Center. Applegate said, "At this point, we are just really trying to be focused and work hard in practice. I think when matches start we need to just take it one match at a time and not look ahead too much."

Head coach Cinda Rankin has a simple goal for the Generals in the 2007 season, "To be the best team we can be."

The Generals open their season at home on February 28 against Hollins. Another squad will be on the road that day to take on Lynchburg.

The season will give the Generals a chance to compete against nationally ranked opponents, included long-time rival Emory

University. Emory was the team that finally defeated W&L during the finals of the D-III championship.

As the season begins, the Generals will be seeking another chance at the NCAA D-III title.

"We are always right up there at the top, and I think this year we have as good a chance as ever to win the whole thing," Applegate said.

### Men's Tennis

The spring season for the Washington and Lee men's tennis team will begin on Tuesday afternoon when the Generals take on Lynchburg College at the Duchossois Tennis Center. The Generals are a young team with only one returning senior. The big story for the Generals is junior Tim Ross, who spent his summer working out and playing lots of tennis and now finds himself in the number one singles spot for the Generals.

Head coach David Detwiler said, "The pre-season buzz is that we are a young team with one senior, Jon Malooly, in the top six of

the singles line-up."

The Generals played in several tournaments this fall as well.

A scoring change in NCAA rules will also change the Generals game plan for the season, as doubles matches now each count for one point a piece, as opposed to the old system where winning 2 of 3 matches resulted in one point overall.

"Doubles becomes very important this year and so we need to improve our doubles skills in order to insure victory," said Bunn.

One of the keys to success for the Generals this year will be to keep maintain a healthy, injury-free team.

Detwiler said, "We already have had some injuries that are holding some top players back. This is making it tough to establish a true line-up both in singles and doubles."

And as the season begins, Detwiler is optimistic about the possibilities.

"We are excited about defending our ODAC Championship and returning to the NCAA tournament."

# sports



## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Men's Basketball</b>			at Gullford 7:00pm			vs B'Water 7:00pm	
<b>Women's Basketball</b>		at Hollins 7:00pm			vs E&H 7:00pm	vs L'burg 5:00pm	
<b>Men's Swimming</b>				at BMC Champ. TBA			
<b>Women's Swimming</b>						at ODAC TBA	
<b>Men's Tennis</b>		vs L'burg 3:00pm					at E&H 130pm
<b>Track</b>						at VA. Tech 9:00am	
<b>Wrestling</b>						at Centennial Champ 11:00am	

## in the numbers

### 1008

Number of rebounds recorded by Washington and Lee's senior center Jessica Hunsinger. Hunsinger became the first player in the history of W&L women's basketball to record over 1,000 career rebounds during Tuesday's game against Gullford. Hunsinger is W&L's all-time leading rebounder.

### 7.26

Number of seconds that sophomore Jackie Burns knocked off the Washington and Lee women's track record in the one-mile race. Burns finished in a time of 5:18.97, while the old record was a time of 5:26.23.

### 8

Number of wins for the Washington and Lee wrestling team, the most that the team has recorded since their 1986-1987 season, when they had 9 victories. The Generals defeated conference rivals Ursinus and Muhlenberg this week, snapping Ursinus' 27-match unbeaten streak in conference action.

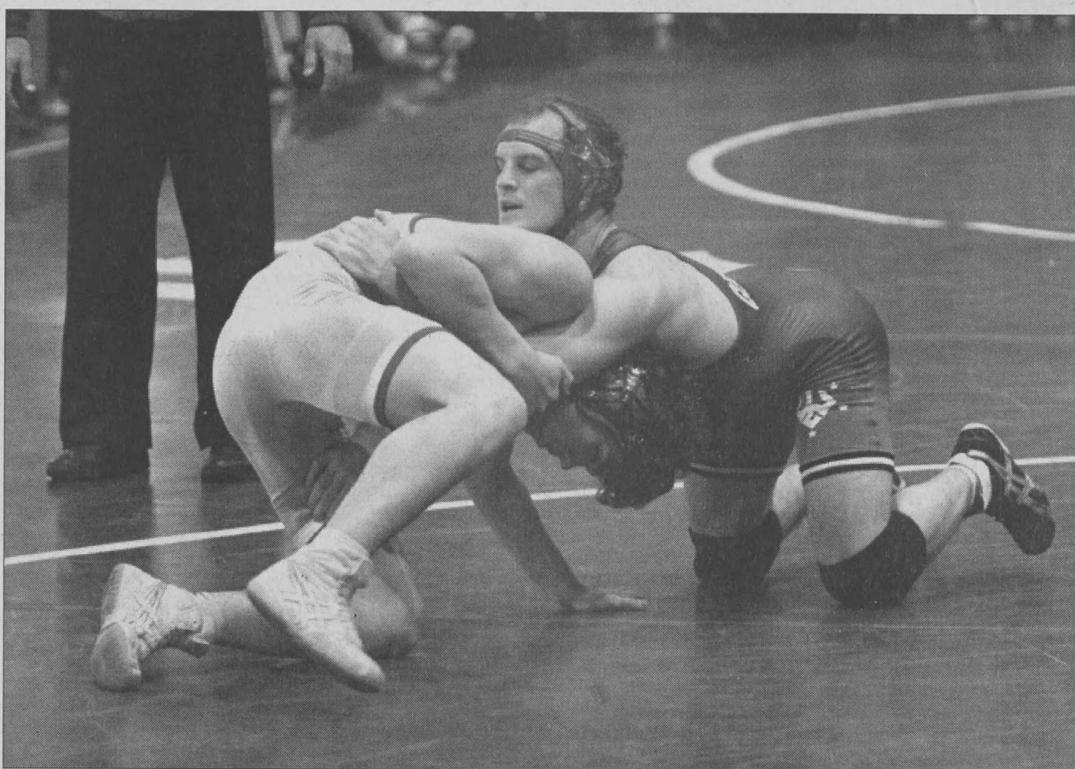
## soapbox

*"It makes women uncomfortable and it makes blokes who take their son to the football also uncomfortable."*

—Russell Crowe, part owner of an Australian rugby team, on why the club fired their cheerleaders, from SI.com

*"I mean, look, I guess I'm the best tennis player in the world. You can call me a genius because I'm outplaying many of my opponents, kind of maybe playing a bit different, you know, winning when I'm not playing my best. All of that maybe means a little bit of that. So it's nice."*

—Roger Federer after winning his third Australian Open title, from SI.com



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Junior Peter Lawrence grapples with his opponent. Lawrence lost a close match this weekend by a score of 13-11.

# Leaders of the pack

Wrestlers snap Ursinus' 28-game Centennial Conference winning streak.

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

Before this weekend, Washington and Lee wrestling was in the middle of a successful season, having defeated Ursinus and Muhlenberg on Feb. 3.

Those teams were considered the top two in the W&L 21 Centennial Conference, but both fell to NNAS 15 the Generals.

Knowing they couldn't top the satisfaction of those two victories was no impediment to their effort this weekend, however, as the Generals continued their winning ways by defeating Newport News Apprentice School 21-15.

Saturday morning's home

match featured five victories for the hosts' out of ten matches, two of them by forfeit.

Freshman sensation Sammy Brusca led the way in the 125-pound weight class with a 8-6 victory over Kevin Hill.

The win gave Brusca a 14-8 overall record, third-best on his team.

The Generals also received wins from David Shubick and Jesse Sataloff on Saturday.

The team's strong showing Saturday was unsurprising, as the Generals have been improving all winter long towards this point.

The team had stumbled early in the season but has lost only once since January 20<sup>th</sup>, and that was a one-point decision to Johns

*"Across the board we have a lot of kids who can perform very well. We're hoping for at least four kids to get in the finals."*

ANTHONY BONIELLO, junior

Hopkins decided only in the final bout of the match.

The team's growing performance was capped in the W&L Quad meet February 3<sup>rd</sup>, where the Warner Center played host to the Generals, the Mules of Muhlenberg College, located in Allentown, PA, and the Ursinus College Bears from Collegeville,

PA.

It was widely expected that the Bears would have the advantage at the meet, having won the past four Centennial Conference championships and having won 27 straight matches entering the month.

See "WRESTLING" on page 9

# Spring sports preview

Spring sports season promises to thrill W&L sports fans

February break will mark the start of the spring sports season. Going into the season, both lacrosse teams are nationally ranked, and both tennis teams are poised to make a run at an NCAA championship.

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

### Men's Lacrosse

Returning its entire starting defense and an offense that will feature two preseason All-Americans, the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team looks have a strong 2007 campaign. Sophomores Tim Skeen and Harry St. John were named as preseason All-Americans and are expected to play a large role for the Generals' offense.

After graduating two seniors and one starter from last year, the Generals have a great deal of experience going into the season. Ranked fourth in the ODAC preseason poll, the Generals have big goals to surpass preseason expectations.

Senior captain Chris Lalli said, "Our goals this year are to win the ODAC and make it to the national tournament, with the goal of a National Championship always being a motivator."

On the sidelines, head coach Gene McCabe will be in his first season for the Generals.

Lalli said, "The addition of Coach McCabe to our team this year has all of us excited to be back out on the field."

The off-season was a beneficial period for the Generals.

McCabe said, "Our guys understand the importance of staying healthy and developing skills, strength and conditioning throughout the year. They did a great job as a unit taking ownership and working hard in the off season."

As the season begins, the Gen-

erals will have high expectations for themselves, as they strive to return to the NCAA tournament.

McCabe added, "Our expectations on a daily basis focus on ourselves. We work hard to improve and play to the best of our ability each day. Success will come to us if we do that and support each other throughout the process."

McCabe is quite familiar with W&L athletics, having served as an assistant lacrosse and football coach for the Generals from 1998-2001.

McCabe said, "W&L is a special place. The people, the traditions, and the history make it special. I do not think there is a better place in the country to coach lacrosse."

### Women's Lacrosse

Having been selected to win a fourth-straight ODAC championship in a preseason poll and ranked eleventh nationally, the Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team begins their 2007 campaign over February Break with a trip to Dallas, Tx. to take on the University of Texas.

Senior captain Avery Lovejoy said, "Starting a new season is always a lot of fun and a challenge. We have to work with one another and learn the strengths and weaknesses of the new and old players."

Opening the season on the road will be a chance for the Generals to come together as a team while playing a new opponent.

Lovejoy added, "Chemistry is always a huge part of our team and we are all very excited for our trip to Dallas and the time we'll be spending together."

Head coach Jan Hathorn said, "It will be exciting to begin playing games and it is my hope that we will play hard and play together to accomplish all the goals and expectations we have set before us."

The Generals will be facing some opponents from Maine as they take on Colby and Bates. The Colby game will feature an interesting opponent for Lovejoy, who will face her younger sister on the field. Bates' lacrosse coach, Brett Allen, was also an assistant coach for the Generals in their 2005 season.

See "SPRING PREVIEW" on page 11