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## Another sweep for W&L tennis teams

Both the men's and women's tennis teams won their ODAC tournaments and head now for the NCAA tournament. Both are nationally ranked. — Page 6

## Women's lax wins ODACs

For the fifth year in a row, the women's lax team has won the ODAC title and qualified for NCAA play in Coach Jan Hathorn's last home game. — Page 6

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# Campus reacts to Virginia Tech shootings

*Police, administrators urge vigilance and communication*

By Wes O'Dell  
STAFF WRITER

The tragic shootings at Virginia Tech over Washington and Lee's spring break produced shock and horror throughout the Lexington community.

Amidst the confusion of the tragedy's aftermath, faculty, students, and staff were left to deal with their grief and wonder if such an event could happen here.

With most students off campus, the administration nonetheless acted quickly in response to the news. Immediately following the shootings, President Ruscio contacted Tech officials to offer condolences and whatever support W&L could provide.

Law students organized a vigil that same day outside Lee Chapel, and members of the University community awoke the next morning to find an e-mail from Ruscio announcing a campus-wide moment of silence commemorating the victims.

University officials expressed "shock" at the brutality displayed so close to home. Said William C. "Burr" Datz, Coordinator of Religious Life, "it was hard to believe that this was taking place in a place where I had walked."

Datz immediately began preparations for a vigil the following week that would allow undergraduate students to "grieve and support one another" as well as to express solidarity with the

Tech community.

"An attack on any campus is an attack on all campuses," he added.

For Dean of Students Dawn Watkins, an alumna of Virginia Tech's undergraduate and Masters programs, the tragedy had a distinctly personal dimension. In Italy when the story broke, she struggled to get the latest news coming out of Blacksburg. Upon returning home, she found a Red Cross emergency response center set up in the Roanoke airport. The airport was decorated in Tech's colors.

"It was at that point that I realized it was considered a national tragedy... it's comforting to know how much people care, and it also makes the pain much more real," she said. "I'm still trying to get my mind around it."

The tragedy has sparked renewed examination of current campus security plans. The administration maintains a Campus Crisis Management Plan (CCMP), which Dean Watkins says is always being revisited.

"It's a living document," she said.

There are subsections of the plan dealing with specific subject areas, such as student affairs. Portions of the plan are reflected in other university programs such as Dorm Counselor training.

According to a statement issued by Ruscio, the CCMP was recently revised and updated with a specific section dealing with "Violent Persons on Cam-

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Steve Crowder  
Lexington Chief of Police

pus." It stresses communication as key during any crisis. There are plans to install a siren system that would project a lockdown alert throughout campus.

In a lockdown, Director of Public Safety Mike Young advises all students, faculty, and staff to "remain where they are...until ordered to move by public safety personnel. We are developing a warning plan for all community members that will provide guidance on what to do in these cases." Discussions about a possible text-messaging system that would alert students to a crisis are also ongoing.

All parties agree that crisis response cannot be the whole of the community's efforts. Police Chief Steve Crowder stated that there is "absolutely nothing" the police can do to prevent a shooter from inflicting harm on the campus.

Burr Datz concurred, saying that "it could happen anywhere; if somebody methodically wants to inflict damage, and they're that sick, ill, diseased—

they're going to do it."

Chief Crowder instead called for vigilance, communication, and cooperation among the members of the community—including students, campus security, VMI, townspeople, and the Lexington police—to identify troublesome signs early. "It takes more than the police department to keep people safe," he said. "It takes the community. Never think you're bothering the police by reporting suspicious behavior."

Campus security maintains a close relationship with the police department. W&L's Public Safety Department is automatically notified about all 911 calls from the campus. They police and public safety departments also have a shared radio frequency.

Administrators praise W&L's community as exactly the kind of safety net needed to protect the campus. "I doubt [something like Virginia Tech] would happen here...we've got this culture of care, we're small enough, we appear to

look out for each other," said Datz.

Dean Watkins concurs.

"It's a small and caring community...where we watch out for one another. Whether it's Peer Counselors or Dorm Counselors or faculty or house directors or chapter presidents or campus ministry, those are all areas we all stay tapped into to try to understand if someone needs help."

"It's important for us all to remember that we are a community that needs to look out for one another, that we need to support one another, and if we think a friend—or even not a friend—is in trouble, then we all need to be doing something about it," she added.

Watkins also ensures the community that the university has the tools necessary to deal with students that are a potential threat to self or others. Under current educational privacy laws, administrators are allowed to involve parents in cases dealing with such anti-social behavior. "We do so and continue to do so," she remarked, in the "rare instances" it is necessary.

The trials of the past week had little effect on this year's Accepted Students' Day; record-breaking crowds expressed confidence in the W&L community to provide a safe environment for the Class of 2011.

Dean Watkins received just a single question all day long regarding W&L's security preparations in the wake of the tragedy.

## Vigil honors victims of Tech tragedy

*W&L community pauses to reflect on the lives lost in shootings at Virginia Tech*

By Grace Wang  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee students, faculty, and administration gathered last Monday to remember the victims of the shooting at Virginia Tech.

As attendants filed in, sporting Virginia Tech gear and orange and maroon ribbons, Burr Datz and Logan Gibson played soothing, mournful music.

Dean Watkins, an alumna of Tech, started the evening with a recount of where she was when she first heard the tragic news, a story that left her in tears.

As the vigil progressed, this emotional intensity amplified as President Ruscio, a VMI cadet, local religious leaders, and others, shared their reactions from the tragedy.

Several of the speakers led prayers with the group and honored the deceased

by name.

Gradually, the Cohen Amphitheater was illuminated by hundreds of candles, each blowing in the wind and held in W&L's support for Tech.

Student at the candlelight vigil came for varying reasons. Many have friends or high school classmates who now go to school at Virginia Tech.

Stephanie Marks, a freshman from Frederick, Md., was not personally affected by the shooting but had friends at Tech whose friends were injured or killed.

She felt compelled to attend the vigil, explaining that it was "a day of support." "It's absolutely shocking to think that this would occur on a college campus," said Marks. "For a college student, it really hits close to home."

Annie Blakey, a freshman from Norfolk, Va., has a best friend from high

school currently at Tech.

She recalls watching the news at home during spring break.

Blakey said, "I have a lot of friends at Tech, and I felt helpless at home because I couldn't do anything to help them."

Blakey also added that attending the W&L vigil helped her come to terms with the shooting and gave her a sense of closure.

She said, "Going to the vigil helped me to face it on my own and not from the perspective of being concerned about friends."

Casidhe Horan, a sophomore from Richmond, Va., has attended everything from elementary, middle, and high school to basketball games to Girl Scouts with one of her best friends, Allison Cook.

A Tech sophomore, Cook suffered three gunshot wounds the day of the shooting.

When the shootings began, Cook was in French class in Norris Hall, the academic building that suffered the greatest number of casualties.

The students' attempt to blockade the door failed as the gunman pushed his way into the classroom and began firing at the first row.

Amazingly, with three bullets lodged into her right side, Allison was only one of three or four individuals to walk out of the class of 22.

Horan said, "I truly believe it was nothing short of a miracle in the midst of evil that she survived."

Horan attended a vigil in Richmond during spring break, but she admits that she needed W&L's candlelight vigil.

She said, "I needed to hug all of my friends here because I found out firsthand that day that only a few millimeters can be the difference between life and

death. I found out how easy it can be to lose someone you love forever...I needed to talk about it in Lexington. I needed to grieve at my university."

Unfortunately, Rosemary Kelley, a freshman from West Springfield, Va., was a high school classmate, teammate, and close friend of one of the victims, Leslie Sherman.

Kelley and Sherman ran cross-country and track for three years together and were both members of the French Club, History Honor Society, and National Honor Society.

In attending the vigil, Kelley wanted to remember her good friend Leslie.

She said, "Leslie has had a tremendous impact on my life...she was charismatic, smiling, funny, respectful, intelligent, and genuine. The loss of such a beautiful and valued life is difficult, and by going to the vigil, I wanted to remember her."



# Opinions

## Community heals wounds

*The sense of togetherness can help prevent another tragedy*

By Abel Delgado  
COLUMNIST

An old, ignorant man makes a racially insensitive comment. A has-been pop star exits rehab with a new wig. The paternity test for the child of a deceased drug addict is released in the Bahamas. This is what we call news.

Then, a deranged 23-year-old English major spills the blood of 33, including his own, on the Virginia Tech campus. This is what we call tragedy.

Suddenly, we put everything in perspective. Suddenly, we once again realize how fragile life is. Suddenly, we're horrified, angry, and asking questions.

The events on the morning of April 16 will undoubtedly bring more ques-

tions than answers. Everything from the violence in our movies, to our gun laws, to our policy on foreign nationals in American universities, will be questioned, re-examined, and criticized.

Fingers will be pointed at officials from Virginia Tech for not advising students or asking police for help immediately after the dorm attack. The counselors and professors who noticed Cho Seung-Hui's violent writing will also take some unnecessary blame. The students who saw him as a loner will wonder why they didn't do enough.

None of this will help.

None of this will bring back the 32 innocent victims. No media coverage in the world will stop this from happening again.

That's the truly frightening part.

No matter what we do, nothing will make a repeat of that horrific morning an impossibility.

We can and should restrict access to guns for those who pose a threat to others, but the disgustingly determined individuals like this one will still find a way.

We cannot put airport-like security in every dorm building, classroom, and library in the United States. For that matter, we can't put it in every movie theater and park either.

We cannot constantly watch over everyone who is on anti-depressants, considered to have "stalker" tendencies, or writes violent plays. All the dots connect when it's too late and that's part of the problem.

So what can we do?

What type of society do we live in

when something like this is apparently inevitable? What on earth can we possibly do about the Cho Seung-Hui of the world? All we can do is come together, mourn, grieve, and hopefully unite in a community, in a society, where tragedies like this just do not happen.

We should have every conversation about the aspects of our society that we need to change, the aspects that this terror has brought to light.

But if there is one thing we cannot afford to lose after this tragedy, it is the feeling of community we always have after something like this happens. Unfortunately, that feeling is the first thing we lose after a while.

That community may be the one thing that can save us from it happening again.

staff editorial

## VT needs its space

*While national press dramatizes tragedy, the Hokies try to heal*

When tragedy struck Virginia Tech earlier this month, one news organization led the way with its coverage.

It wasn't CNN, NBC, or the Washington Post who provided the best coverage.

Brian Williams, Anderson Cooper, and Nancy Grace weren't the people who got the story right.

The best coverage came from the Collegiate Times, Tech's student-run newspaper. The Times, working with a staff of about 35 people, turned out an amazing succession of newspapers in the days after the shooting.

Their work is proof that the best press coverage is sometimes the least sensational. While the national press was competing for big headlines and dramatic footage, the journalists at Virginia Tech were just quietly doing their job.

The paper's website got so many hits that they had to move over to a bigger server. Using the web, the Times was reporting on the story by 9:45 a.m., just two hours after the initial shooting.

Throughout the past two weeks, the student journalists at Virginia Tech have been consistently scooping news organizations with multi-million dollar budgets. Their coverage has been poignant, but the paper has also not shied away from serious investigative reporting.

One day after the shooting, the paper ran a story that said the school had been slow to order a lockdown of West Ambler-Johnson Hall, where gunman Cho Seung-Hui killed two students nearly two hours before he shot and killed 30 more people in Norris Hall.

Along the way, the paper has managed to provide comprehensive coverage while still respecting the privacy of 33 families who are grieving from this tragedy. The paper's photographers and reporters have provided coverage that students have embraced.

Students at Tech were frustrated—and at times furious—with how the national media covered the events of Monday, April 16. But while they tried to keep national reporters out, students turned around and were willing to speak with their fellow students.

There's no great secret to why Tech students would speak with the Collegiate Times but wanted to shut out the national press. While the national press was sensationalizing the tragedy and blanketing Blacksburg with cameras, the Times was providing coverage that mattered.

One minute, these Tech students were shoving past TV cameras so they could make it to class. The next minute they were giving the Times interviews describing what they went through on April 16.

The staffers at the Collegiate Times weren't worried about television ratings or newspaper sales. Instead of trying to draw the most readers or make the biggest splash, these students covered the story thoroughly, accurately, and respectfully.

Their work was a spectacular success. Media sensationalism is nothing new. It's been going on in American journalism since the 1800s. But the Collegiate Times has showed us this month that the best reporting is sometimes the quietest.

The coverage even has some journalists saying that the paper deserves a Pulitzer Prize, journalism's highest honor.

The Pulitzer judges could not recall a student organization ever winning that award. That should change next spring when the Pulitzer awards for 2007 are announced.

The Washington Post might win Pulitzers for its coverage of the Army's Walter Reed Medical Center. Perhaps the New York Times will win awards. But both of those organizations are run by professionals, not students.

Whether or not the Collegiate Times wins that award, during the last two weeks that small collegiate paper has shown journalism at its finest.

## Games extend beyond field

*Work hard, play hard ethic involves the power of simulation*

By Daniel Mesonero Kromand  
COLUMNIST

In my search for an ever-larger group of victims of my rambling ego, I have decided to use this excellent platform to write about various theorists. This week's topic is the work of Roger Caillois: *Man, Play and Games*.

In the book, Caillois analyzes the four basic elements of play and how the games are influenced by the surrounding society. The four basic types are competition (*agon*), chance (*alea*), simulation (*mimicry*), and vertigo (*ilinx*).

Most games include several of these four. In football, for example, the teams are subject to rules that ensure fair competition (same amount of players on the field), but at the same time, luck plays a role (the way the ball bounces).

Other games involve simulation, such as playing doctor, where there is no way to win (although this particular one does have a desirable outcome...). The final type of play is vertigo,

where the participants momentarily lose bodily control and feel a thrill of helplessness, as experienced on roller coasters.

Caillois examines how most modern societies mainly focus on games of chance and competition, and only rarely allow the two other forms.

Primitive societies, on the other hand, use games of simulation and vertigo in order to connect with the gods and to retell myths and legends.

Caillois tracks the chance in games to Athens in ancient Greece, where the rationalistic democracy could not allow its citizens to indulge in the frenzied festivals of the Dionysus cult.

So instead, games that promoted the individual body and mind were preferred and included in the Olympic games.

This, of course, all seems very long-winded and useless, but by broadening the definition of a game to various non-productive pastime events, Caillois opens a discussion of what attributes are perceived as admirable.

In the entire Western world, sports are all individualized, even team sports.

You are never a better player than the abilities your body have and the strategies that your mind can come up with.

For the professional player, society treats him as an individual, but what about the fans?

They all trade in a part of their personality by putting on the team colors, and thereby gain a share in the communal identity and whole.

For a brief moment the audience is filled with a feeling of connectivity and belonging, so even though they are watching a game, they themselves participate in a game of simulation.

Even at W&L, we all participate in games all the time, aside from the obvious sport events.

Mixers and Halloween provide the participants an opportunity to assume different roles and positions, and alcohol and drugs provide the feeling of vertigo (even though Caillois calls the use of drugs for false vertigo, it stills knocks people off their feet every weekend).

Personally, my saddest experience was at the Fancy Dress Ball, where the masks could have been the tools for an enormous game of simulation, but instead, people quickly lost interest and deflated the event of any power it could have had.

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# arts&life

## Tech fair promotes hidden resources

*Experts show off new technology*

By Emily Peck  
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Technology experts gathered Friday to show off the latest tools available to students and faculty at Washington and Lee.

The event featured poster sessions and presentations on technology tools available to students and faculty.

Leyburn Library and University Computing staff members discussed topics covering everything from simple web skills (for technologically challenged individuals) to slightly more complicated software like Refworks, a program designed to automatically produce a bibliography.

Students and faculty who stopped by the fair were even eligible for prizes, including an 80GB video iPod and an Epson laser printer. Turnout was low, however, despite the giveaways.

The prizes were purchased with funds from University Computing and Leyburn Library in the hope that students would be encouraged to attend, said John White, one of the organizers of the fair and head of the University Help Desk. "The fair was designed to generate interest in technologies," said White.

The small number of students who wandered in and out of the fair throughout the day would seem to indicate that interest in technology is far from high among students.

Fellow organizer and Reference Librarian John Tombarge, said that the event wasn't just intended for students but for members of the faculty as well.

W&L spends a good deal of money each year on giving students and professors access to technologies and online databases like J-STOR. J-STOR contains millions of articles from

scholarly journals. These journals are also printed, but the online database give students and faculty access to all of the articles in one convenient location.

Despite the availability of these tools, "people don't make as much use out of them as they might," said Tombarge.

While the librarians were helping explain research technology, students who work at the help desk had a poster session discussing the perils of social software. With the explosion of sites like MySpace and Facebook and the extensive use of programs like instant messenger,

students are not always careful about what sort of information they are showing the world.

The fair's purpose was to inform the W&L community of just how many resources are at their disposal and to provide instruction on how to access these tools.

The technology may not be glamorous, but it can come in handy the next time a professor assigns a 30-page term paper. Further questions about the goods on display can be referred to Tombarge at Leyburn Library or to White at the computing help desk.

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# sports

## Track records fall

Elizabeth Webb becomes the first athlete in ODAC history to win the 800, 1500 and 5000 meter races in the championship meet as women's team finishes second and men finish fourth

By Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Track Team was in Lynchburg on Saturday for the ODAC Conference Meet.

Going into the meet, Coach Nate Hoey commented on how the team was approaching the conference meet this year: "We are very excited for the ODAC Championship meet. We steer everything towards both meets (indoors and outdoors). Track & Field is unique, no matter how well you have performed all year...you have to get it done on that day. Its all about who brings it when it counts! So everything we do all season long is in preparation for the championship meet."

There were several notable performances in the women's meet. Freshman Kat Telfeyan

finished third in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:58.18, while fellow freshman Maggie Sutherland took third in the 100 meters with a time of 16.04. Also, freshman Sallie Armstrong finished the 400 meter hurdles in a time of 1:10.13 to win fourth in that event.

One of the largest accomplishments was made by sophomore Elizabeth Webb who became the first woman in ODAC history to win the 800 meters, with a time of 2:21.76, the 1500 meters, with a time of 4:43.85, and the 5000 meters, with a time of 19:13.96, races all in the same day.

After winning her third race, Webb commented with excitement that "the pace felt easy."

Webb's efforts also earned her First Team All-ODAC honors along with sophomore Alysen Kuck, who placed first

in both the high jump and the javelin. Her winning toss in the javelin went 33.52 meters.

Junior Liz Brandler, and sophomores Becca Taylor and Stacy Doornbos each won Second Team All-ODAC accolades for their individual performances.

Brandler was runner-up in the pole vault after soaring 2.75 meters, while Taylor finished second in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:53.55.

Doornbos earned ODAC honors for her second-place finish in the 400 meter hurdles. She also took third in the long jump at a distance of 5.39 meters and fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 10.54 meters.

Overall, the women's team finished second with 113.5 points. Roanoke won first with 217 points. Behind the Generals were Lynchburg, Bridgewater

and Virginia Wesleyan.

On the men's side, Lynchburg won the title with 239.5 points, followed by Bridgewater with 130.5. Roanoke took third, while the Generals finished fourth, scoring 54 points.

In the men's javelin, junior Michael Keenan took 5<sup>th</sup> with a throw of 43.22 meters, while senior Andrew Fischer took second with a throw of 50.53 meters. This throw also happened to break the Washington and Lee school record, which Fischer had beaten in practice but had not yet surpassed during a meet. Fischer commented afterwards about his performance: "It felt really good. It's a big relief to finally break the school record my senior year at my last meet."

Fischer was made a Second-Team All-ODAC honoree along with freshmen Billy Billington

and Ben Goetsch. Billington finished second in the discus throw with a distance of 40.29 meters, and Goetsch finished second in the high jump with a height of 1.88 meters.

Other notable performances came from sophomore Chip McCoy, who finished third in the 400 meter hurdles, and Ben Wilson who was fourth in the shot put with a 13.22 m throw.

On Thursday the Generals will again be in action at Lynchburg for the Liberty Twilight Invitational.

While the team was busy competing, the Generals' coach, Kris Hoey, gave birth to her first child on Saturday. Since she could not be at the meet, Hoey was reported to have made her husband, Coach Nate Hoey, go to the meet to make sure the distance runners were reminded of how to pace their events.

## Another title for tennis

Men get their 12th ODAC title in a row with 9-0 win

By Michael Keenan  
STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team has performed strongly over the last few weeks, claiming the ODAC championship in dominating fashion. The team handily beat Roanoke and Hampden-Sydney 9-0 to win the ODAC tournament. They also knocked off fourteenth ranked Carnegie Mellon 6-3. The Generals are currently 20-2 and ranked 17th nationally.

First, the Generals went up against the Tartans of Carnegie Mellon. This tough out of conference opponent came in at 17-4 and ranked 14th in the country. W&L split the singles matches 3-3. The Generals had wins from Jon Malooly, Stuart Sanford, and Nelson Bunn. Number two Malooly defeated Ravi Raghavan in three sets (6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 11-9). Junior Stuart Sanford also pitched in with a three set victory over CMU's Yiran Liu (6-1, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3). After a tough first set, junior Nelson Bunn finished the match strongly, beating Jordan Koslosky 3-6, 6-0, 6-0. W&L was too good for CMU in the doubles, winning all three matches. Tim Ross and Stuart Sanford defeated Ravi Raghavan and Jordan Koslosky 8-2. Generals Jamie McCardell and Jon Malooly came out victorious over James Muliawan and Jon Spero 9-8. Seth Feibelman and Alex Brooke then finished off Andrew Clearfield and Yiran Liu 8-6. These doubles matches were the difference as the Generals upset the Tartans. This win tied a school record for wins set over 30 years ago.

The team next faced the Hampden-Sydney Tigers in the semifinals of the ODAC tournament. W&L proved to be the far superior team winning 9-0. None of the matches were very close. Number one Tim Ross defeated William Moss by default followed by a 6-1, 6-0 win by Jon Malooly. Seth Feibelman kept the streak going, defeating James Labrot. Stuart Sanford scored an impressive victory 6-0, 6-0 against Jenks Snyder. The closest matches of the day was Jamie McCardell's and Nelson Bunn's 6-1, 6-1 victories for the Generals. W&L also showed their doubles skill, winning all three matches handily. W&L moved to 19-2 and earned a trip to the ODAC championship.

In the championship match, W&L played 15-7 Roanoke. The Generals came in and left undefeated in ODAC competition, notching another 9-0 victory. Tim Ross came out with another victory over Kyle Allen 6-4, 6-2. Jon Malooly, Stuart Sanford, and Jamie McCardell also won in two sets. Seth Feibelman defeated Sam Sherill 4-6, 7-5, 10-5. Nelson Bunn rounded out the singles play with another comeback victory 1-6, 6-4, 10-8 over Greg Oliff. The doubles play was not much closer as the Generals won two matches 8-4 and one by a score of 8-3. The Generals showed they deserved to win the championship and were the best team in the ODAC.

The Generals will continue there record-breaking season at the Division III national championship first round May 4<sup>th</sup>.

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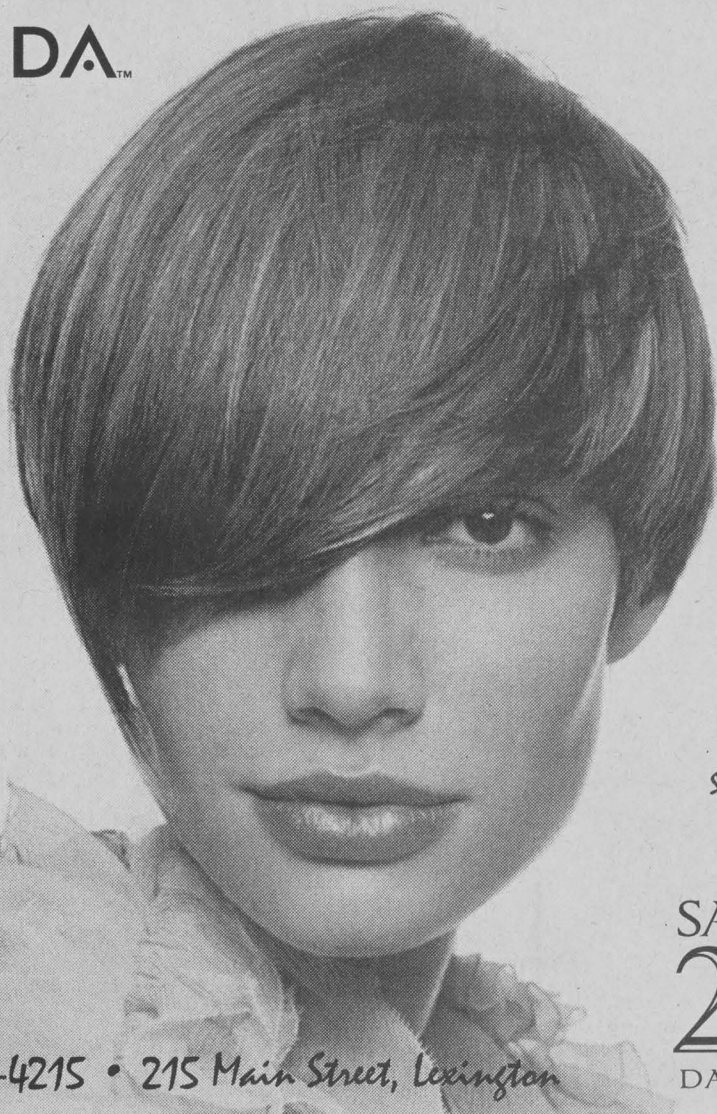
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# Men's Golf Drives for Nationals

## Places second at ODACs

By Michael Keenan  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's golf team completed its regular season this past weekend by placing second at the ODAC Championship held at Poplar Grove Golf Course in Amherst, Va. The only team to card a lower score than the Generals was Guilford, who is ranked second in the country.

The Generals were led by junior Nathaniel James who tied for third overall, carding an even par 216.

After round one, the Generals were in third place with a team score of 297, 14 shots behind leader Guilford and just four shots behind second place Bridgewater. On day two, the Generals came out firing, shooting a 287 as a team and cutting Guilford's lead in half to just seven strokes.

"Our second day 287 was also really gratifying because we proved we can keep up with anyone and that we are a team to fear," said senior Matthew Leisman.

However, day three slowed the momentum as difficult playing conditions precluded the Generals making a final push towards winning the tournament.

"The pins weren't necessarily harder, but as we approached the back nine the wind picked up a lot and the greens became extremely hard to the point where holding the greens with the wind was nearly impossible," said Leisman. "The scores reflected the harder conditions."

Still, as a team the Generals posted a 306, the third-lowest score of any team that round, and James managed an even-par 72.

Despite placing second to a highly ranked team, some golfers were not satisfied with their finish.

"I think as a team we were a little disappointed with our finish. Despite the fact that Guilford is ranked number two in the country, we really felt that we had a chance to play well and beat them as we never really played to our potential earlier in the season," said Leisman. "However, we were beat by a very good team so we are not totally disappointed. My teammates and I approach every tournament with the intent to win, especially with a guy like Nathaniel [James] on our team."

In addition to recording the best score for the Generals, James took home the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, was named to the all-tournament team and First All-ODAC Team. Teammate Leisman made Second Team All-ODAC and Anthony Zappin was dubbed Honorable Mention All-ODAC.

The team also enjoyed their time together off the field.

"I think we really just enjoy each others company and have grown very close as a group so every minute is a treat," said Leisman. "We like messing around in the hotel by playing hall mini golf, and sometimes we're lucky enough to get our parents to take us out for free food at nice restaurants."

Though the team did not receive the ODAC's automatic bid to the national tournament, the team was optimistic about their chances at an at large bid. In the case the team does not receive a bid, James is likely to be invited to compete as an individual.

"[James] is one of, if not the, top player in the nation," said Leisman. As for the team, Leisman said, "We do however feel justified in getting a bid, and we would certainly compete."

If selected, the Generals would compete on May 15-18 in Mt. Carmel, Indiana.

# Baseball

## "Neutral" site aids Hornets in victory

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hits. W&L's offense left 10 men on base.

Clayton Edwards struck out six HSC batters but was saddled with the loss, allowing 10 hits and all 7 runs in five innings.

In the second round, the Generals drew the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets, a team they had faced twice in the regular season in a split doubleheader. The squad answered the call that day, defeating the Jackets 12-5 behind the strong batting of designated hitter Richard Garland, who was 4-for-5 on the day with 4 RBI. The Generals scored four in

their opening at-bat, but shortly thereafter RMC took the lead with a five-run third. The Generals scored eight unanswered runs, beginning with six in the bottom of the fourth, to win the day. W&L's Brendan Clark pitched only 3.1 innings but allowed no earned runs and was credited with the win. The game was closed out by junior Jeff Pharis and freshman Jim Plantholt.

Having escaped the Yellow Jackets, the Generals faced a more formidable opponent with the same do-or-die situation. On Saturday the squad faced third-seed

Lynchburg. The Generals had beaten the Hornets in both games of their doubleheader in March. Those games were in Lexington, however, and the proximity of the tournament's supposedly neutral venue to the Lynchburg campus played a role in Lynchburg's 14-2 win, which knocked the Generals out of the tournament.

The Generals never really stood a chance as LC jumped to a five-run lead in the first inning against W&L freshman Chuck Davidson, who lasted only 0.2 innings before surrendering to the bullpen.

The tournament left the squad with an 18-14 overall record, including pre-season and post-season matches. In a year many regarded as a time to rebuild following the graduation of two of W&L's all time best - Taylor McConnell and Peter Dean. Last year, the first since their graduation, the squad was 18-15-1. This year's strong freshman class could be the next golden generation for the illustrious program and for manager Stickley, three-time ODAC coach of the year and the winningest baseball skipper in school history.

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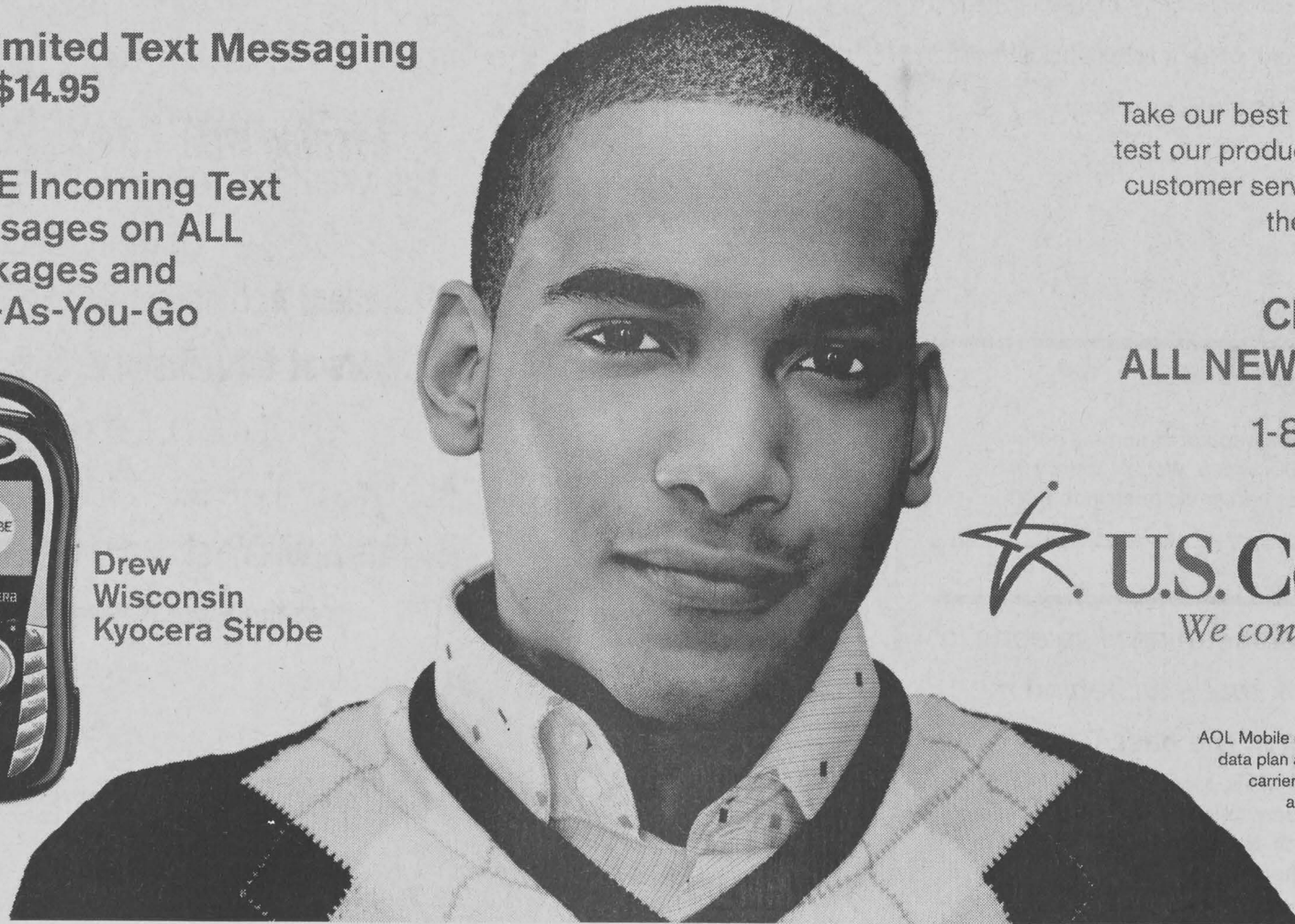


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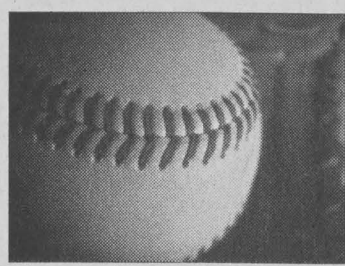


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# sports



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Women's Lacrosse				Off this week.			
				NCAA tournament next week			
Men's Tennis						NCAA tournament TBA	
Women's Tennis						NCAA tournament TBA	
Track				at Liberty 4:00pm			

## in the numbers

### 26:19.57

The combined times (in minutes and seconds) run by Elizabeth Webb on Saturday in the 800, 1500 and 5000 meter races at the ODAC championships. Webb became the first athlete in ODAC history to win all three events at the title meet.

### 0

The number of sets lost by the women's tennis team during the ODAC tournament. The women, ranked number four nationally, went undefeated in ODAC play this year and are now preparing for the NCAA tournament.

### 216

Golfer Nathaniel James's score for the ODAC golf tournament. James finished with a score of even par as the Generals took second place behind Guilford College.

### 3

The number of ODAC championships won this week by W&L teams. Both the men's and women's tennis teams took home conference titles, and the women's lacrosse team with their fifth consecutive title.

### 6

The number of athletic directors in W&L's history. Women's lacrosse coach Jan Hathorn will become the new athletic director on July 1.

### 50.53m

Andrew Fischer's new school record in the javelin. He broke the previous record, which was 50.24m, during this weekend's ODAC track championships.

## soapbox

*"The pace felt easy."*

— W&L sophomore Elizabeth Webb commenting on the speed of the women's 5000m race. Webb's victory in the 5000m went along with her earlier victories in the 800m and 1500m races.

*"I know there are some things I've done in the past, but I think that's all behind me."*

*"I'm really not living in the past."*

— NFL wide receiver Randy Moss. Moss was traded on Sunday from the Oakland Raiders to the New England Patriots for a fourth round draft pick. He has a long history of misbehavior during his time in the NFL, from SI.com



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team won their fifth consecutive ODAC title by defeating Roanoke 10-4 in Coach Jan Hathorn's final home game. Junior Megan Slosson led the Generals with five goals, and junior Sarah Tibbor recorded 13 saves. The Generals now await the release of the Division III playoff matchups, which will be released

## Season ends for baseball

Team beats Randolph-Macon but falls to Lynchburg in a 14-2 defeat

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

When a team enters a six-team tournament as the number five seed, most outside observers would expect it to go out early, defeated quietly in the early rounds. For the Washington and Lee baseball team, simply reach-

ing the end-of-season conference tournament, held April 26-29 in Lynchburg, was an accomplishment.

Before the season, manager Jeff Stickley stated that "our expectation is always to make the ODAC Tournament field." Despite reaching Stickley's basic goal with a record of 18-14, the

team won only against sixth-seeded Randolph-Macon and lost two games to exit the tournament on Saturday.

On Thursday, the squad opened with a 7-3 loss to second-seeded Hampden-Sydney. A three-run third inning and a three-run fourth gave the Tigers a 7-2 lead, and their pitching staff

never let the Generals back in. In the tournament first round on April 26<sup>th</sup>, HSC's Larry Greene allowed seven hits in seven innings, getting his fifth win of the season. John Hobart and Bryan Breedlove finished the final two innings, allowing only two more

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## Women sweep ODAC tennis

Fourth-ranked team and 2006 runner-up prepares for a run at NCAA title

By Kevin Corn  
STAFF WRITER

The women's tennis team was very busy over spring break with matches against rivals Emory University and Sewanee.

### Scores

W&L 9  
ODAC 0

Later, the women were back in Lexington for the ODAC Championships.

Considering Washington and Lee finished second to Emory at NCAAs last year, this was an exciting match with quite a bit on the line.

The Generals traveled to Atlanta with confidence. This confidence showed as number 1 and 2 doubles teams consisting of Emily Applegate and Kristen McClung, and Katie Tabb and Ginny Wortham won their games 8-4 and 8-1 respectively.

Emory was able to defeat freshmen Katie Bouret and Lauren Caire 8-3.

In the singles games, the Generals took four of the six games.

These were won by Applegate, Wortham, McClung, and Caire. As a result, the women won overall 6-3.

Senior Wortham commented, "It is always great to beat Emory, especially on their courts. They are always a good team and we have to come out ready to play. I think everyone really focused on their respective matches in doubles and singles and we were able to walk away with a great win."

The Generals also played against Sewanee over the break, taking an extremely important win over the Tigers.

In doubles, Applegate and McClung, and Tabb and Wortham won 8-1. The number 3 doubles consisting of Bouret and Leah Weston fell short to the Tigers.

In singles matches, the Generals won four of the six contests. Applegate, Wortham, Kelly Will, and Caire all won in two sets. McClung barely lost in a tie-breaker during her singles match.

The following weekend, the Generals were back at home for

the ODAC Championships. During the tournament, the women did not lose one match.

First to fall to the Generals was Sweet Briar College. Every doubles game ended in a score of either 8-0 or 8-1. The singles games were all won in two straight sets — most 6-0, 6-0.

The next day, the Generals took on Hollins and again notched a 9-0 win.

Applegate and McClung won their doubles match with a score of 8-2. The other two doubles teams of Tabb and Wortham, and Weston and Will defeated their opponents by a score of 8-0.

In the singles matches, the women again won almost every game to end the day with a 9-0

victory.

The last day of the tournament, the women played against Virginia Wesleyan.

All three doubles teams won in convincing fashion.

In singles, Virginia Wesleyan was also swept with victories from Applegate (6-0, 6-0), Wortham (6-0, 6-0), Tabb (6-2, 6-0), McClung (6-0, 6-0), Will (6-0, 6-1), and Caire (6-0, 6-0).

As a result, the Generals won ODACs and automatically received a bid to the D-III NCAA Tournament.

After this win, Wortham reflected, "I think our goals for ODACs is to win at every position, and we made sure that we accomplished this goal. Winning

ODACs was a good end to our spring break and a good way to kick off our post-season."

As the Generals look ahead to NCAAs, they continue to diligently practice in hopes of winning the national title this May.

"I think we all know what we need to do in order to be successful" said Wortham.

"Since tennis is a team sport that focuses on the results of individuals, we are all working on various aspects of our singles and doubles games so that we can start off strong at regionals," Wortham said. "I think we're trying to just take it a match at a time and trying to make sure that we come out playing our very best tennis and peak at the appropriate time."

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