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## She can run, jump and throw

Stacy Doornbos improves her heptathlon school record and locks in a spot at the national championships.

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## Digging through W&L's past

Students in one spring term class are spending their afternoons sifting through a site next to Newcomb Hall that used to be a student dormitory.

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# Grisham's advice

*Author urges graduates to aid the weak and poor*

By Joel Poelhuis  
STAFF WRITER

Bestselling author John Grisham reminded graduating law students of the social and moral duties the legal profession entails at their commencement Saturday morning.

"Legal aid is the last line of defense for poor people and those who are weak," Grisham said. "When that last line of defense is breached we are all diminished."

The graduates entered the ceremony to the strains of bagpipes as friends and relatives scrambled to take pictures.

The air was heavy with humidity from the previous night's storm, and attendees fanned themselves with the programs left on the seats.

Law dean Brian Murchison introduced Grisham, who practiced law in a small Mississippi town before writing best-selling legal thrillers such as *The Pelican Brief*, *The Firm*, and *The Brethren*.

Rather than drawing on material from his books, Grisham emphasized the real-life prob-

lems facing many in the legal system today.

lem after commencement, said Grisham spoke about real problems.

"What I liked best was how he didn't just say to be a good person," said Castleman. "He gave examples of things to do."

Adam Hull, President of the Student Bar Association, described the speech as a kind of "call to arms" for those pursuing the legal profession.

Hull said that Class of 2007 President Allison Langston and Vice President Becca Stafford started working early to get a good speaker this year.

Langston said the process began with an email sent out to the student body asking for suggestions about the speaker. Grisham's name just kept coming up.

"He was definitely our number one choice," Langston said. A group consisting of Langston, Stafford, Murchison, and Dean Sidney Evans wrote a letter asking Grisham to speak at commencement.

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**JOHN GRISHAM, bestselling author**

lems facing many in the legal system today.

He spoke of the poor, the homeless, and the wrongfully convicted. He spoke of public service legal projects that are "underfunded, understaffed, and incredibly in need of young people to volunteer."

To illustrate his point, Grisham told the story of a homeless man named Cleveland who was stuck in a kind of legal limbo. His lawyer, who took his case pro bono, tried to wade through the bureaucracy to settle Cleveland's claim. The advocate requested some documents and was getting nowhere with the claim until he mentioned that he was a lawyer. Suddenly, the bureaucracy functioned without problem.

"When used properly, your license to practice law is a powerful tool," Grisham said.

Grisham went on to speak about his own pro bono work. He recalled that many of it wasn't intended as community service at first, but impoverished clients could not pay.

"Looking back, those are the cases I remember," Grisham claimed. "Those are the moments in my career that I truly felt needed."

Charles Castleman, who plans to practice in Las Ve-

Langston emphasized the role the deans and Stafford played in helping with the process.

Grisham almost wasn't the commencement speaker, according to Langston. After a long period with no response, they were about to move on to the second choice speaker when they received a letter from Grisham. Langston was overjoyed.

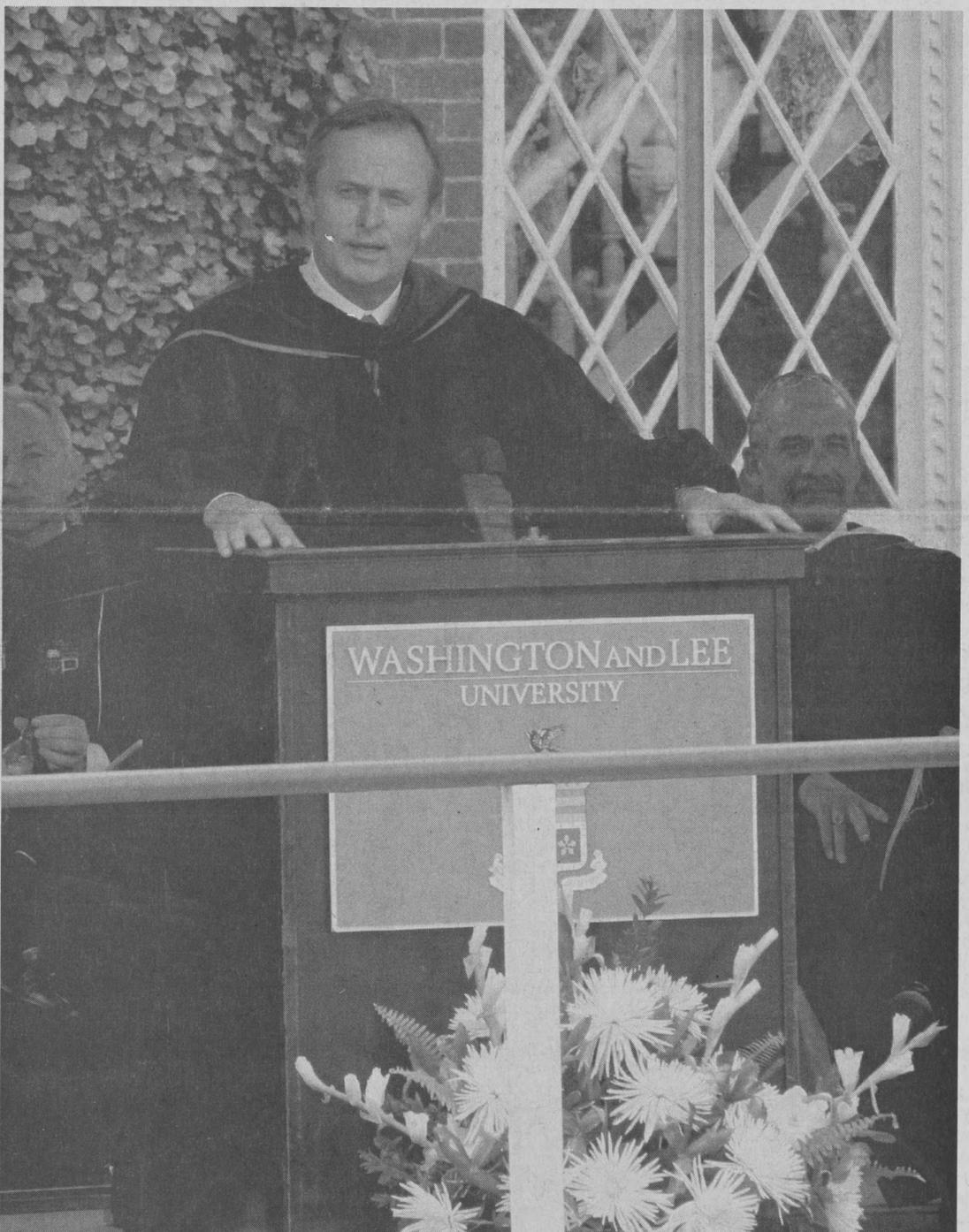
"The threads of integrity and justice [in Grisham's work] match up with what Washington and Lee is all about," Langston said.

She also saw common themes between Grisham's commencement speech and recent projects at the law school.

The law school recently started doing casework for the Innocence Project, which Grisham mentioned several times in his speech. The Innocence Project is a non-profit organization devoted to freeing the wrongfully convicted.

Langston says her own experiences and Grisham's novels have helped her realize the power and responsibility that can be a part of the legal profession.

"You can turn it around for someone who otherwise wouldn't get help."



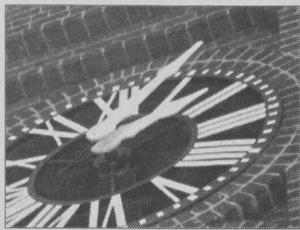
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Author John Grisham, who practiced law in a small Mississippi town before becoming a famous author of legal thrillers, spoke Saturday to the Law school's Class of 2007 in front of Lee Chapel (above). Before he retired from law to focus on his writing, Grisham specialized in criminal defense and personal injury litigation. He has published 18 novels since his first book was published in 1988, and nine of those books have been adapted and made into movies.

Members of the law class of 2007 gather on the lawn in front of family and friends to receive their diplomas (left).

# NEWS



## Digging up W&L



### Spring dig look for clues about past students

By Dane Davls and Grace Wang  
STAFF WRITERS

Relics of Washington and Lee's long-standing history are currently being unearthed by students of Anthropology 377, Field Techniques in Archaeology, right outside of Newcomb Hall. Led by Professors Bernard Means and Laura Galke, students have discovered exciting artifacts that illuminate early W&L's students' day-to-day lives.

"Our first and primary objective of the dig is to teach students the entire process of archaeological excavation, from working in the field, through processing of artifacts, to producing a report on their work," said Means, a Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology.

The class is investigating one of the first structures built on the Hill after Liberty Hall Academy, a precursor of W&L located near the current soccer fields, burned in 1803.

Two academic buildings, Graham and Union Halls, were built on either side of what is now Robinson and Payne Halls on the Colonnade, and were eventually replaced by two brick dormitories. Today, Tucker and Newcomb Halls stand in these locations.

In excavating this site outside of Newcomb Hall, both faculty and students hope to shed light on past student life.

"As part of our research, we are trying to locate exactly where Union Hall was and we are looking especially for artifacts associated with student life -- since student life is not mentioned in detail in official campus records," explained Means.

The anthropology class has been digging Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during spring term, and has just finished its third week.

Artifacts found during the week are processed on Thursdays and Fridays in the Anthropology Laboratory, which is located on the back campus.

In addition, the class has engaged in lectures led by experts in the field,

such as Eliot Balazs, a general construction contractor, Lisa Young, a specialist in archaeological conservation, and Dr. Michael Gregory, a W&L alumnus.

This collaborative effort between faculty and students began in 2005 and has continued this year.

Means said, "We first dug here in 2005 and returned in 2007, since much of the area was actually untouched, even though our dig has a big footprint!"

Students play a major role in the excavation, incorporating both information they have learned in their classroom lectures and hands-on experience.

Students were surprised to discover animal bones, ceramic remnants, glass, as well as an abundance of bricks.

The animal bones and ceramics were particularly interesting to the students because it was thought that cooking within student dorms was prohibited.

Galke, W&L's Staff Archaeologist and co-instructor of the class, said, "This was a little unexpected, since Lexington had dining establishments and the college provided a 'Steward's House' or dining hall."

Also fascinating to the researchers was the presence of a pile of bricks arranged in a diagonal line. This arrangement of bricks challenged previous thought about the location of Union Hall.

Means believes this was the most challenging aspect of the excavation thus far.

He said, "The foundations we are looking for are not quite where we expected them based on historical records, but we do seem to be finding them now. We also may have found the base of a chimney used to heat the dormitory."

Galke also believes the diversity of majors and undergraduate levels in the class has been a challenge, but she that she has learned to streamline how

she teaches archaeology to students.

Despite this, Means and Galke have immensely enjoyed the opportunity to work with their students.

Means said, "Student response has been great. I think at least one more student has decided to declare an Anthropology/Archaeology degree than we started with, and several want to take more Anthropology classes in the future."

In addition, one of the dig students, Elisa Turner, has obtained a Robert E. Lee Grant with the help of Means, enabling her to build a website based on this year's spring dig.

Galke said, "I most enjoy the process of discovering new aspects of the University's history alongside the students. Together, we are excavating an actual archaeological site that has proven to contain information about the daily lives of the students who went here during the 1800s that was previously unknown. None of us really know what the next bucket full of soil will reveal."

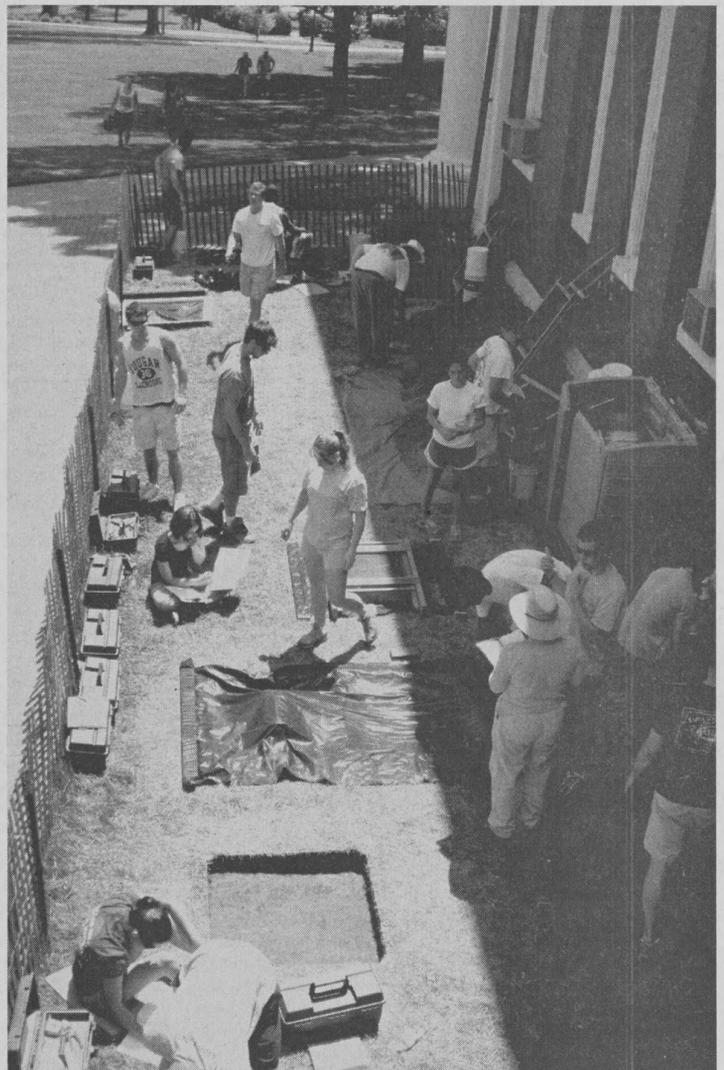
Excited by the prospect of unearthing the lives of W&L students from another era, current students have exhibited similar enthusiasm.

Edward Rider, a junior, said, "I took the class because I heard great things about it. Plus, it's outside!"

When asked about what she will take home from this class, both Brea Phillips and Turner, Archaeology/Anthropology majors, believe this class holds practical applications for their future careers.

Phillips said, "I've learned how to excavate and work in labs, which will be helpful after school."

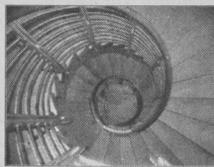
Turner believes the field work has been a good reality check. She said, "I am pretty sure I want to practice archaeology in some capacity in my future career, so it's very interesting to be excavating for the first time. There is a lot more technical work involved than I think most people realize goes into it...it's also a very fun spring term class."



MICHAEL KEENAN / SPORTS EDITOR

Students in Anthropology 377 uncover artifacts that may illuminate the past lives of W&L students. The dig is taking place next to Newcomb Hall, which now stands on the site of Union Hall and an old student dormitory that was torn down to make way for the current building. The dig has uncovered ceramics, glass, bricks and even animal bones.

# opinions



## Reevaluate political labels *Even pro-life makes no sense. No sane person is against life.*

By Abel Delgado  
COLUMNIST

Nicolas Sarkozy won the French election by promising sweeping, almost radical changes to the French economy and way of life. They call him a "conservative." What exactly is he trying to conserve?

Political labels "liberal" and "conservative" are far from useful in the new world of politics and downright misleading. We use them because they're easy. Labels portray certain images, and we seem not to care whether or not those images are wrong.

When the term liberal first arose, it was used to describe people who wanted more freedom and for government to have as little power as possible. But now that sounds like what a traditional conservative would want.

What those on the "right" would

label a "tax-and-spend liberal" is actually closer to a socialist than an actual "liberal." Europe actually has us beat on this; socialists there aren't afraid to describe themselves as such instead of using vague terms like "the left" or inaccurate ones like "liberal."

Another word for what we'd call a "liberal" today is what should be called a "progressive," which would be the opposite of a "conservative," who would want things to stay as they are. But "progressive" is rarely used because you can find many people in both major political parties who would fall under that label, so it gets too complicated for pundits to understand and explain.

Going back to "the right" and labeling, why are those who favor outlawing abortion automatically put into the category of "the right?" The left-right spectrum of labeling is supposed to be based on economic principals, not

when you think life ends and begin. Religious beliefs should have little effect on economic ones. If people are religious wouldn't you expect them to favor economic programs that help the poor? Not in this country.

If there are any labels we need to retire, they are the "pro-life" and "pro-choice" labels. No sane person is actually against life, they just have a different idea of what life means. Nor is any reasonable person against women "choosing"; they just don't think that certain things are up to choice. Using either of these labels to describe yourself implies that those who believe differently than you are against what you are "pro." That, as has been proven time again, leads to absolutely no possible resolution.

The "neo-con" is my favorite misnomer. I have no idea how radically new thinking individuals can be considered "conservative" just because

their economic views are almost to the right of Adam Smith. These people want to completely change the world, for better or worse, and yet they're "conservative." This would only make sense to the pundits who get paid to talk about politics on TV and radio.

Mislabeling is an international trend apparently. People call the Venezuelan government "populist" while it's pushing the country's workers and students to spend an hour a day studying Trotsky. President Chavez for his part calls his socialist ideas a "Bolivarian Revolution," naming it after a rich noble who had nothing to do with socialism or the lower class. How about we call a spade a spade and a communist a communist?

Politicians should start labeling themselves correctly and demanding they be labeled more accurately. Who knows, maybe that way we could actually know who we are voting for.

## Global communication a simulation

*A.k.a. the global village idiot who doesn't know if anything is truly happening*

By Daniel Mesonero Kromand  
COLUMNIST

When you have two articles left in your illustrious career as a spring term Phi writer, you are faced with a choice: what theorist is suitable to deliver the final bang, and – far worse – which ones do you cut out.

Should you describe your first love affair with radical theory and German anarchism in the form of Max Stirner, or perhaps choose the power-couple of Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe, whose main work is titled something as un-American as *Hegemony and Socialist Strategy*?

Instead I have chosen something that has a slight chance of resonating with you, my dear reader: the recently deceased Jean Baudrillard.

Coming out of the tradition of Émile Durkheim and Georges Bataille, Baudrillard has written a number of books on the subject of mass communication

and simulation of human interaction, with titles such as *Symbolic Exchange and Death*, *In the Shadow of the Silent Majority*, and *The Gulf War didn't take place*.

According to Baudrillard the modern society has lost the reciprocal human relation, mainly through the spread of mass communication.

Where humans used to relate physically to all aspects of their lives, we have now become individualized and detached.

We receive our news completely alone.

The mundane world has completely conquered the spectacle and the "sacred" and instead replaced them with the non-event.

The "sacred" is the events where a group of humans transcend the profane world and perform a ritual, as in religious gatherings.

According to Baudrillard these don't exist anymore as everything

is reproduced in the media and then communicated to individuals as a simulation.

We don't truly know if anything is really happening, but are left to the non-events of the news.

Baudrillard calls it "the explosion of information, and the implosion of knowledge" because everyday we are bombarded with developing stories on CNN that are empty of meaning.

The world becomes hyper-real in the sense that we can see and experience things that are impossible and is described as "obscene".

Everything becomes pornography as we get close-ups and resolutions that are beyond reality. We are permitted into societies and situations in which we have nothing invested.

I, for example, have experienced a hundred divorces already through movies and all of us first lost our virginity on the screen.

Technological fascination keeps

us captivated, as Earth is presented in HD and reveals details of places we'll never be.

Baudrillard got especially in the spot light when he claimed the 9/11 attacks were the return of the event, of the "sacred". This was a singularity that suddenly meant something and a complete reversal of the Western Power.

Needless to say, Baudrillard wasn't the most popular man around, for a variety of reasons:

First of all, his style is excessive and poetic, which doesn't fit in well with the academics. Second, all of his statement are unbacked and exaggerated, a strategy on his part.

Baudrillard believed that theory is meant to challenge reality, not describe it, for once a theory is generally accepted is disappears and is now a part of contemporary society.

Pushing reality to the extreme is the job of the theorist.

### lettertotheeditor

## Professor corrects himself

*Credits cut from the humanities were incorrectly listed but are still disproportionate*

I wish to commend staff writer Grace Wang for her comprehensive and balanced article on FDR requirements in the revised curriculum, which was published in the May 7 issue of the Phi.

I need, however, to correct information that I furnished to Ms. Wang for the article.

In backing up the assertion that the reduction in the number of credits in FDRs was disproportionately large, I stated erroneously that they were to be cut by twelve from the current general-education requirements. The correct number is nine. Required credits in the combined areas of literature, fine arts, history, philosophy, and religion (plus a few courses from other disciplines) will be reduced by six; required credits in the social sciences lowered by three.

This mistake on my part does not alter the fact that the cuts were disproportionate (especially in the humanities) because the total number of credits needed to graduate was cut by only six, and FDR credits account for less than half of the total. In light of the fact that the required "core curriculum" will shrink for members of the incoming class of 2011, I do hope that they and those who follow them will use their electives to broaden their horizons and acquire a diverse, well rounded education.

Sincerely,  
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## Sorting out the Democratic candidates

*The Democratic Presidential race heats up with eight candidates in the ring, but the big three's popularity is apparent in polls and fundraising contributions*

By Wes Little  
COLUMNIST

*\*Editor's note: Wes Little is the political chairman for the 2008 Mock Convention.\**

With Spring Kickoff coming soon, I would like to give you a clearer picture of what is happening in the Democratic Presidential race our Convention will focus on correctly forecasting.

I will be back soon with an analysis of the Republican race, and I appreciate any questions/comments you might have on my views.

These past few weeks have been busy ones in the race for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination.

The diverse group of seven Democratic contenders has been traveling across the nation to raise funds and build support for their candidacies.

These efforts are being reflected by the many changes we have seen in each candidate's standings in the polls and the amount of money they were able to raise in the first quarter of this year.

These two pieces of information have given us new insight into the current status of the Democratic race.

Using these statistics and gauging each candidate's independent momentum in the important states of Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada, the "standings" of the Democratic race become clearer.

1. Sen. Hillary Clinton  
The former First Lady and current senator from New York pos-

*Senators Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John Edwards lead in the big three while others try to thrust themselves into the Democratic presidential spotlight.*

sesses several huge advantages in this race: an experienced team of loyal advisors, a huge and dedicated fund-raising base, and the support of one of the most popular Democrats alive, her husband.

Clinton is currently leading most national polls with about 34 percent and led all Democratic candidates by raising \$26 million in the first quarter of this year.

2. Sen. Barack Obama  
What this young Illinois senator lacks in experience and campaign infrastructure is far exceeded by his phenomenal speaking gifts, personal dynamism and ability to connect with voters across the political and economic spectrum.

He proved his draw from diverse people with his surprisingly large \$25 million fund-raising haul in the first quarter of this year from an incredible 83,000 contributors.

Obama is presently polling slightly behind Clinton nationally, with about a 28 percent share of the Democratic electorate.

3. Sen. John Edwards  
Rounding out the "big three" candidates, Edwards has succeeded in gaining the support of many Democrats through his populist

message, which will likely play well in Iowa, a state where many polls find him ahead of the competition.

Edwards' popularity is evidenced by his healthy poll numbers in the low teens and his successful efforts in raising \$14 million this quarter.

4. Gov. Bill Richardson  
The former ambassador to the U.N. and current governor of New Mexico has the best resume in the race and needs to perform well in the upcoming debates in order to move into the "first tier" and increase his chances of becoming the nation's first Hispanic president.

Despite Gov. Richardson's struggles to find any traction in national polls (usually receiving only 2-4 percent), he led the "second tier" in fund-raising with \$6 million and is seen as the strongest challenger to Clinton, Obama and Edwards.

5. Sen. Joe Biden  
If this veteran senator from Delaware can avoid his seemingly constant gaffes and political missteps, his extensive national security credentials might gain him attention in this race.

However, Biden raised a rath-

er unimpressive \$3 million and usually manages only 1 percent in polls.

6. Sen. Chris Dodd  
This Connecticut senator desperately needs a string of good press or strong fund-raising to keep his campaign from becoming irrelevant.

While Dodd raised a respectable \$4 million, he is virtually unknown to the American people and will most likely stay that way.

7 & 8. Rep. Dennis Kucinich and Sen. Mike Grave

Both this liberal Ohio representative and former Alaska senator have already become irrelevant and both failed to raise any significant amount of campaign cash.

### Spring Kickoff Schedule

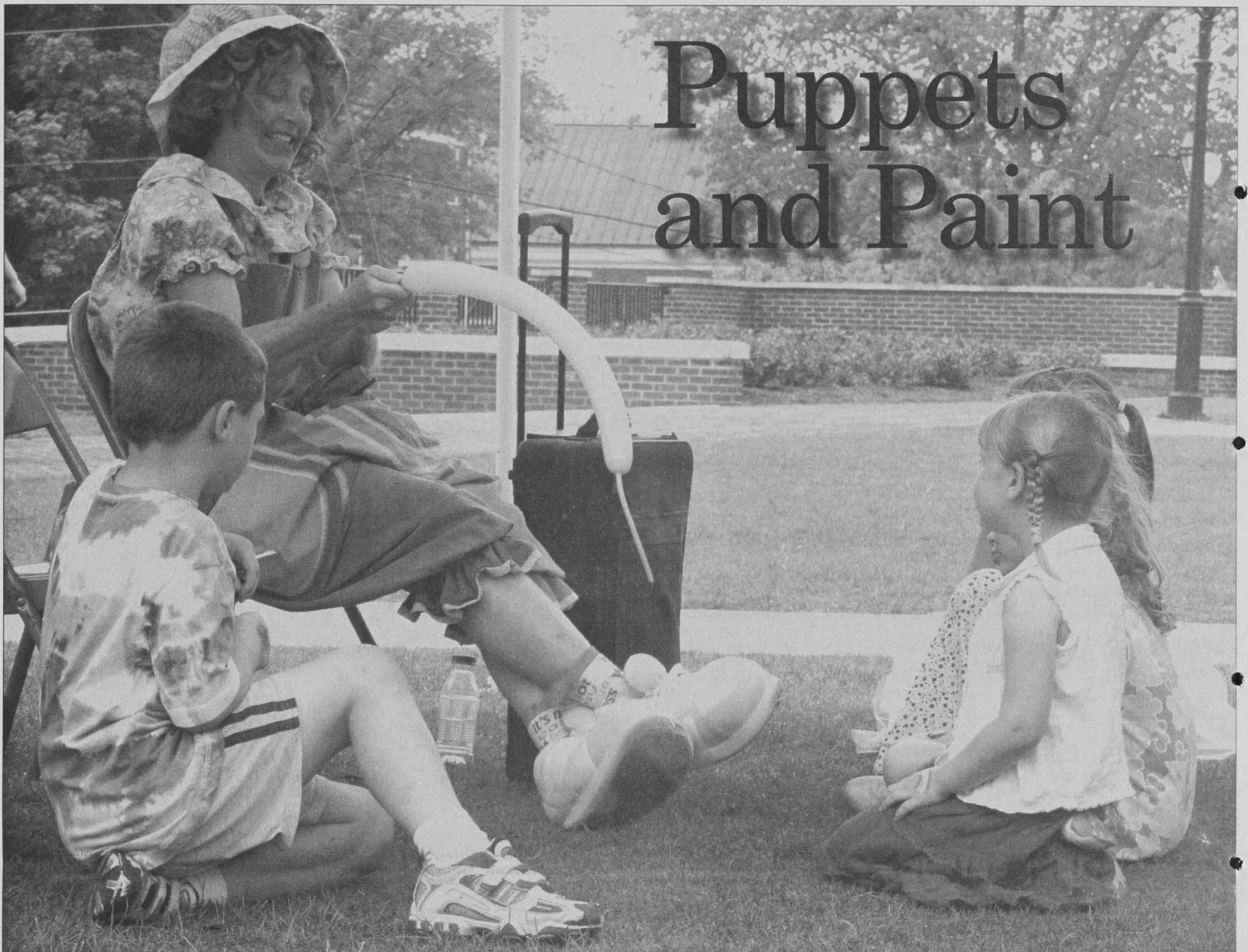
Wednesday, May 23- College Republicans/Young Democrats Debate, Commons Theatre 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 24- Presidential Issues Panel, Lee Chapel, 7:30 PM

Friday, May 25 - Keynote Speech by Gen. Wesley Clark, Lee Chapel Lawn, 5:00 PM followed by a celebration with free food and music in Red Square.

Saturday, May 26- Gov't Mule, Pavilion, 8:00 PM

# arts & life



LENORA NUNNLEY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Children gather around a clown making balloons on Canaan Green during Saturday's Puppet Festival Fundraiser for Woods Creek Montessori School (above). A boy carries a paper plate animal mask from the arts and crafts table of the festival past puppet booths on the Canaan Green (right).

## Student volunteers excite the montessori school children with afternoon puppet festival

By Jess Ramos  
STAFF WRITER

Colorful puppets and children's smiles shone bright at the Children's Puppet Festival held at Washington and Lee University last Saturday.

Woods Creek Montessori sponsored the puppet festival as a fundraiser and part of its ongoing 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Following Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy, Woods Creek Montessori seeks to recognize and respect the human personality in each child.

Since 1992, the Montessori school has provided an alternative source of early education for Rockbridge-area children.

The festival featured a range of activities for children between the ages of two and eight, from making their own puppets to face painting.

Brightly colored tents and balloons amidst children's laughter on Canaan Green created a fun and whimsical atmosphere for the participants.

Stackhouse Theater became an African jungle for the afternoon when Barefoot Puppets, a Richmond-based puppet company, performed adaptations of West-African folktales.

Children and parents enjoyed puppet performances of two

Ashanti folktales, "Tug-of-War" and "A Story, A Story." Using humorous puns and rod puppets, Barefoot Puppets entertained the audience members.

The first performance, "Tug-of-War," is about a hippopotamus and an elephant engaged in a battle of wits. "A Story, A Story" follows the spider Anansi as he obtained a box of stories from the Sky-God.

*"It's been exciting. All the kids have been interesting. ... It's for a good cause."*

**GOZI EGBUONU, Class of 2010**

Though the festival was originally for young children, plenty of W&L students who are young at heart came out as well.

Jessica Sullivan, Woods Creek Montessori Administrative Assistant, was grateful for W&L's involvement in the Children's Puppet Festival. "It's so great to have [W&L] students helping out."

Sullivan highlighted W&L's continuing partnership with Woods Creek Montessori. According to Sullivan, many W&L faculty enroll their young children at the school.

Also, W&L journalism students previously created a pro-

motional video for the school, intended for potential applicants. "It's a good connection too—a lot of the students do work with us," said Sullivan.

Recently, on Nabors' Spring Service Day, members of the Nabors Service League made puppets that were used in the festival.

In addition to hosting the festival, W&L students helped coordi-

nate outdoor craft and facepainting stations and then helped clean up afterwards.

Freshman Gozi Egbuonu operated the face painting station. "It's been exciting," she said. "All the kids have been interesting."

Woods Creek Montessori contacted her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, about volunteering, and Egbuonu decided to volunteer. "It's for a good cause," she said.

The Children's Puppet Festival was a success, according to Sullivan and Egbuonu. "It's a good way to raise money—it lets the kids have fun while helping the school," said Egbuonu.



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# sports



## Women's Tennis three wins from title

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If the Generals defeat Middlebury on Tuesday, they will take on the winner of the Pomona-Pitzer/Williams quarterfinal. W&L faced both schools at the Fab Five Tournament in San Antonio earlier in the season, but with drastically different results. After defeating Pomona-Pitzer 8-0 on the first day of the tournament, the Generals suffered their only defeat of the season to the Ephs of Williams, 5-4. Last season, the Generals defeated Williams 5-0 in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

Of the teams on the other side of the bracket that the Generals could face in the finals, W&L has played half. The Generals defeated Denison 8-1 at home early in the season and won on the road against Sewanee 6-3 in the middle of April. The Generals did not play Amherst or Gustavus Adolphus this season. Perennial rival, Emory University, lost in the third round to Sewanee, and No. 1 DePauw lost to Denison, also in the third round.

If the Generals are able to win three more matches, they would join the 1988 men's tennis team as just the second W&L team to bring home a national title.

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The Phi will not publish next week so that several editors may travel for family commitments. We will return on Monday, May 28 for our final issue of the year. Look for full coverage of the Mock Convention Kickoff and how W&L athletes fared at nationals.

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## Athletes prepare for trips to NCAA nationals

### Despite heptathlon inexperience, Doornbos is leaving her mark

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore Stacy Doornbos won the May Day Multi Heptathlon held at VMI and improved her national qualifying score this weekend.

In just her third heptathlon ever, Doornbos scored 4448 points, which, pending other results from the weekend, would be the eighth-highest Division III score this year.

"Coach Hoey and I talked about me doing the Hep[thlathlon] last year, but since there were a lot of events I had to learn, we just didn't really have time to practice all of them," Doornbos

said.

"This year we started earlier with new events like the 100 hurdles, javelin, and the shot. Since I have always done so many different events, I always thought it would be fun to try."

In addition to improving in every event from her decathlon at Liberty, Doornbos set heptathlon personal records in all four of the first day events.

She ran the 100m hurdles in 16.24 seconds, cleared 5'1" in the high jump, threw the shot put just over 31 feet, and finished the 200m dash in 26.17 seconds.

On day two, Doornbos long jumped over 17 feet and threw the javelin over 84 feet, which

gave her a chance to jump up the national performance list if she could run a fast 800. Several teammates came out to cheer her on as she ran the 800m in 2:22.22.

"I really am enjoying all of the events and don't really have a least favorite," said Doornbos. "I am really enjoying the 800, 100 hurdles, shot put, and javelin, since they are all new events for me, so each time I am getting more experienced and better at them. Then the long jump, high jump, and 200 are events I have always done, so I really enjoy those as well."

Though the official selections will not be announced until Sun-

day, May 20, at 1 p.m., Doornbos' score all but guarantees her a spot in the heptathlon field at the National Championships.

"My goal at the national meet is to do the best I can do and make sure to be ready to compete the day of the meet," said Doornbos.

"I would love to be in the top eight and make all-American, but mainly my goal is to bring it the day of the meet, because all the past meets don't matter when you get there. It is all about how you do that day."

The meet will be held May 24-26 in Titan Stadium at the University of Wisconsin-Osh Kosh.

## James represents W&L at NCAA golf nationals for the second year in a row

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

After just missing winning the ODAC Championship, the men's golf team still held out hope that they would receive an at-large bid to the national tournament. When the selections were released on May 7, the team was left on the outside looking in. However, junior Nathaniel James was one of five players selected as an individual to compete at the tournament.

In order to determine the field, the selection committee first determines which teams will compete. Twenty-four teams of the 35 team field are automatically chosen based on winning a conference championship. The next eight spots are reserved for teams that are either true independents or playing in a

conference that does not receive automatic bid. That leaves only three spots for teams who did not win their conference title. This year those spots were taken by Oglethorpe, McMurray, and Illinois Wesleyan.

Only after completing the selection of the teams does the committee look at individual players.

"The selection process for Nationals is pretty complicated as far as I can tell," said James.

"They chose the best five individuals whose teams had not been chosen. I think they look primarily at scoring average and head to head records against other players."

Joining James as an individual will be ODAC rival Bob Boykin of Hampden-Sydney.

The national tournament is different because there is a

much larger field than any of the regular season events. With 180 players, the event is about twice the size of the average regular season tournament. Even though the tournament is similar in format to the regular season because it uses four rounds of stroke play, there is a cut after round two which reduces the field to the top 17 teams and five individuals.

"There is a little more pressure associated with a tournament of this size," said James. "However, for me anyway, most of the pressure comes during the regular season as we are trying to make it to the NCAA's. Now that I'm in, I am freed up to just go play."

James also made the national tournament as an individual last season where he was +24 over the four rounds, good enough for 34th.

"I feel much better prepared this year than I did last year," said James. "I was a little too caught up in the excitement of being at Nationals last year. I'm very excited this year as well, but since I know what it is like to compete in that environment I should be better able to handle the mental side of playing on that stage. I've also done well in other large tournaments since last year's NCAA's, so that adds some confidence as well."

"The first goal is to make the cut," said James when asked about his goals for the tournament. "If I can't do that, all the other goals aren't worth much. The main plan, however, is to win. Not quite sure how that goal is going to pan out just yet."

For anyone wishing to follow the tournament, there will be live scoring at [Golfstat.com](http://Golfstat.com).

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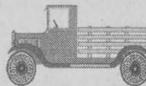
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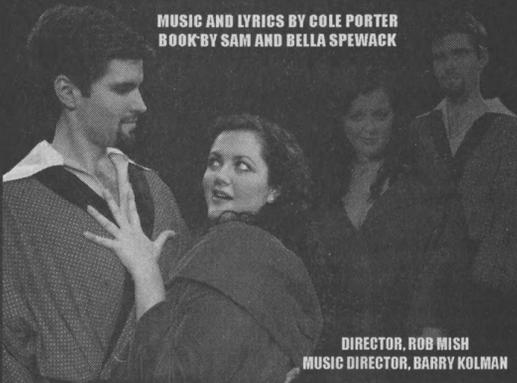


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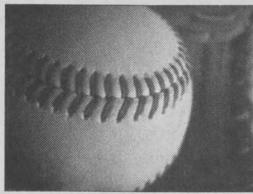
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## in the numbers

### 4,448

Number of points scored by Spohomore Stacy Doornbos in the heptathlon. Doornbos' score bettered her own school record and is currently the eighth best Division III score this season.

### 15

Shots allowed by the women's lacrosse team against Wooster College in the first round of the NCAA playoffs. W&L took 33 shots. Fifteen is also the final win total for the team, tying the second-most wins in a season.

### 1543

Shots played over 21 rounds of golf by junior Nathaniel James giving him a 73.5 scoring average. James was selected to compete as an individual at the national championships.

### 4.82

Goals per game allowed by the women's lacrosse team. The team only allowed 91 goals over the course of the season.

## soapbox

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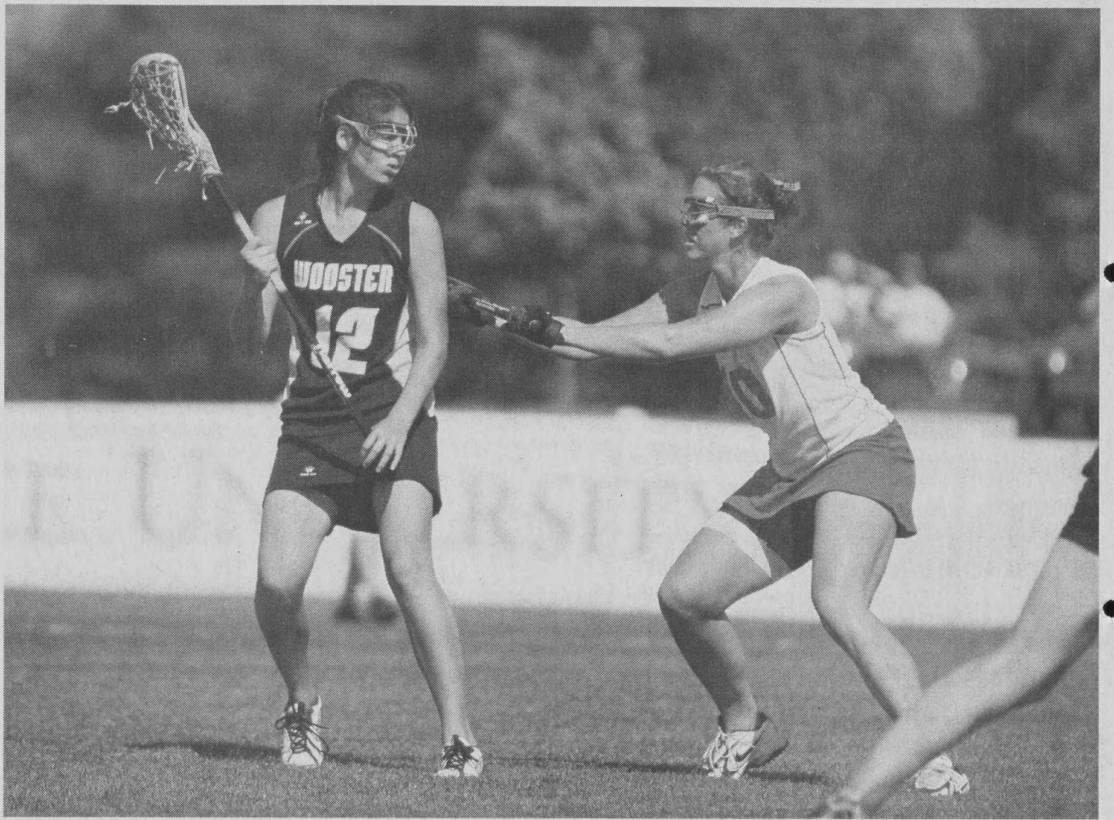
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- Junior Nathaniel James on his goals for the NCAA golf tournament to be held May 15-18 at Hawthorns Golf and Country Club and Prairie View Golf Club in Fishers and Carmel, IN.

*"Regardless of the results this year, win or lose, we played the best we could, we fought until the end, and we had a lot of fun together. That's what really makes our season a success."*

- Sophomore Katie Tabb on the women's tennis team's goals for the NCAA tournament.



Senior Karina Schless defends against Wooster's Hillary Darragh in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Schless tallied two goals and an assist in the contest, which was coach Jan Hathorn's final home game.

## Lax surprises Salisbury

*Women take early lead but can't hold on against No. 2 team in the nation*

By Kevin Corn  
STAFF WRITER

The women's lacrosse team finished their season this past week with a 14-4 victory over the College of Wooster and a 10-7 loss to No. 2 ranked Salisbury University.

In the first round of the 2007 Division III NCAA's Women's Lacrosse Tournament, the Generals hosted the Wooster Fighting Scots. Aiding the Generals in their decisive victory were sophomore Colleen Evans with four goals and senior Kelly Evans, who scored twice and had three assists.

Seniors Karina Schless and Mallory Lobisser each recorded two goals apiece, while Britten Mathews, Kelsi Robinson and juniors Laura Henson and Christine Bender scored one point each.

Maggie Megear added a pair of assists while Schless had one. Junior Sarah Tilbor recorded five saves in goal, while sophomore Ali Hillyard made one additional stop.

During the match, W&L was first to score, jumping to a 4-0 lead in the first few minutes. Wooster started to make a comeback with two goals to cut the Generals' lead, but the Generals went on to score four unanswered points by halftime to make the score 8-2.

In the second half, the Fighting Scots were first to score, but the Generals made six goals before the final buzzer to win 14-4. After the game, Lobisser said, "We capitalized on every opportunity we were given in that game. Wooster played a zone-style defense which we easily exploited. I think they come from a weaker conference so we shocked them with our higher level of play. We played as a team and put the goal in the net every chance we got."

Saturday, the Generals traveled to Salisbury, Maryland to take on the nation's second ranked team. Washington and Lee's seven points came from Megan Slosson who scored twice, and Colleen Evans, Kelly Evans, Avery Lovejoy, Megear and Robinson,

who all scored once. Assists were made by Lovejoy, Robinson, and Slosson.

Sarah Tilbor made thirteen saves in her 56 and a half minutes of play, while Ali Hillyard played for three and a half minutes. Hillyard had to come into the game because Tilbor was hit with a yellow card.

In the first ten minutes of play, W&L grabbed a 3-1 lead over Salisbury.

But the Sea Gulls charged back as Stephanie Shores ignited a four goal run with eighteen minutes to go in the half.

With eleven minutes left in the half, the Generals were down 5-3, but they rallied to take a 5-5 tie into halftime.

During the second half, both teams scored once, and then Salisbury's Shores and Natalie Degele scored to give the Sea Gulls a 9-6 lead with almost twenty minutes left in the game.

W&L's Slosson scored once more to bring the score to 9-7. However, the Generals were un-

able to make it past the Sea Gulls' defenders for the rest of the game, leaving them with a 10-7 loss.

Lobisser said afterwards, "We played amazing against Salisbury. There was a point in the game when I thought, 'wow, we are going to beat the number 2 team in the country.' We were up by 2 goals at one point and just couldn't hold on. The Salisbury team grossly underestimated us and I think we shocked them in the first few minutes. This team, if we play smart, can beat anyone."

Lobisser went on to comment about the season as a whole: "I think we had an unbelievable season. The depth and heart of this team surpassed that of past teams and I honestly thought this was our year."

"No. 1 Franklin and Marshal has said that we were their toughest competition all season and we would have loved the opportunity to play them again. Overall, I couldn't have asked for a better senior season."

## Tennis takes aim at title

*Women look to cap an amazing season with national team championship, while Applegate and Wortham are selected to play in individual singles championship*

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

After defeating Swarthmore College and the University of Mary Washington on their home court, the Washington and Lee women's tennis team travels to the nearby Battleground Complex in Fredericksburg, Va., to take on Middlebury in the quarterfinals of the national championship.

"Being at Mary Washington, only two and a half hours away, we are hoping it will allow some people to road trip out to watch and support us during our matches," said junior Leah Weston. "We believe we have a home court advantage, and having people come support us at our matches could be beneficial in helping us step it up."

W&L has been selected to compete in the national tournament every year since 1994.

"Nationals have a completely different feel from the regular season," said sophomore Katie Tabb. "The first couple rounds of nationals that we play at home are great, but even that doesn't compare to the last rounds at another location.

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- Junior Leah Weston

"It's much more exciting to leave home and feel like you're participating in something that's a big deal. I think the added excitement of the last few rounds is really what we work for all season."

In the last 13 NCAA tournaments, the Generals have finished fourth twice, third three times, and been runners up four times, including three of the past four years, but they have yet to win it all. However, the players downplayed any pressure to finish first.

"Our goals for the team tournament are just to play our best, win as many of our matches as we can and most importantly to have fun," said Weston. "We are going to play our best if we relax and have fun and hopefully this will allow us to be successful throughout the rest of the tournament."

"It's not really about winning,

I don't think," said Tabb. "I think if we can go out there and end our season saying 'Regardless of the results this year, win or lose, we played the best we could, we fought until the end, and we had a lot of fun together.' That's what really makes our season a success."

The Generals are led by seniors Emily Applegate and Ginny Wortham. Both players were selected to compete in the 32 player individual singles championship, which will be held following the team tournament, May 18-20. Tabb was selected as an alternate and would compete should a competitor become unable to compete. On the doubles side, the team of Applegate and Kristen McClung was one of 16 pairs selected for the doubles tournament.

The team includes a range of upperclassmen and freshmen.

"I think every player on the team is experienced in their own way," said Tabb. "There are some girls who have played at nationals every year since their freshmen year, and there are others for whom this is their first year, but they have a lot of junior experience, which I actually think will end up serving them better in the pressure situations. The bottom line is, our team is very deep, and one reason is because we all know what to do when we get out there; we have a lot of drive."

Middlebury came into the tournament boasting an 11-4 record. The Panthers are led by Amy Roche, who was the NES-CAC Player of the Year and has been selected to compete in both the individual singles and doubles national tournaments. To get to the quarterfinals, the quarterfinals, Middlebury defeated Vassar College and Bowdoin College.

Like the Generals, the Panthers have yet to drop a match in the tournament. In the NCAA tournament two years ago, the Generals faced the Panthers in the national semifinals and emerged victorious by a score of 5-3.

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