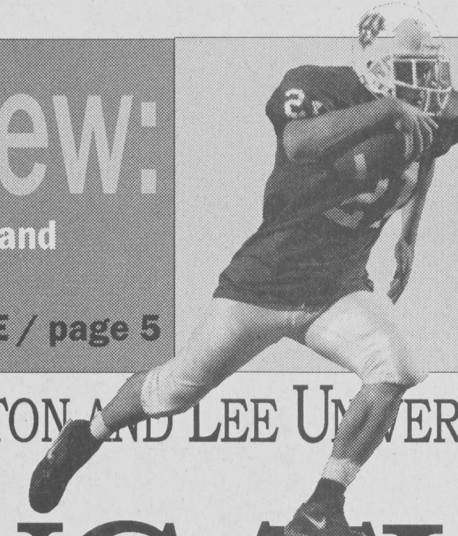


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## Prof's lecture attracts crowd

Scholar speaks on effects of the South on hearts of African-American writers

By John Henderson  
STAFF WRITER

Professor Trudier Harris, this year's Shannon-Clark guest lecturer, spoke last Thursday to a packed house in Northern Auditorium.

As she began her presentation on her latest book, "The Scary Mason-Dixon Line", it was clear that she did not need prepared jokes to captivate her audience or a microphone to make herself heard.

"There is this great, vast, brooding, welcoming and bloodstained land, beautiful enough to massage and break the heart," said Harris. With these words she captured the subject of her lecture, the American South, and the effect that it has had on the hearts of black writers.

She made her case like a courtroom lawyer, systematically and persuasively presenting the knowledge attained from a lifetime of scholarship.

Harris attended Stillman College in Alabama and earned her Ph.D. at Ohio State University in 1973. She taught at the College of William and Mary until 1979 and went on to teach at the University of North Carolina. She is now the J. Carlyle Sitterson Professor of English at UNC.

In the field of black literature, Harris is a leading scholar.

She has written seven books on authors like Toni Morrison and James Baldwin, and she has edited numerous anthologies.

She has seen black literature from Northern and Southern perspectives.

But more impressive than her resumé was the complete ease with which she drew on the literature, dissected it and made it accessible to the audience.

Students and faculty were attentive as Harris spoke of the fear that black writers have of the South and their simultaneous attraction to it.

She called the American South a "rite of passage"—a terrifying, compelling subject to be attacked and overcome.

She spoke rapidly and energetically as she ranged over these themes.

After her 45-minute lecture, a reception was attended by more than 120 audience members.

As professors and students munched on their cheese and crackers, they chatted in small groups and waited for their chance to speak to Harris.

Every reaction to her talk was enthusiastic. French professor Mohamed Kamara described it as "very exiting" and "amazing."

Senior English major Dane Boston said, "I thought it was very engaging and also very insightful."

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# Can Ruscio save Spring Term?

President's proposal draws both criticism and praise

By Jessica Shaw  
NEWS EDITOR

President Ken Ruscio's academic proposal aimed at making Washington and Lee a national leader in liberal arts education has elicited diverse responses from students and faculty.

The plan, if approved, would go into effect at the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic year. Under the new proposal, Spring Term would decrease from six weeks to four weeks, and the graduation requirements would drop from 38 to 36 courses. Additionally, faculty would teach an average of 5.5 courses per year, down from six.

"It's going to have a momentary dramatic impact," Ruscio said.

Compared with 24 of its peer institutions, W&L has the highest faculty course load and the second highest course graduation requirement. Ruscio said in order for W&L to establish itself as a leader for liberal arts, these constraints, along with the current structure of Spring Term, need to be modified.

"I've been thinking about it almost from the moment I walked in the door," he said.

In decreasing the length of Spring

Term to four weeks, Ruscio said students would take a single course that is more focused and intensive instead of two courses. When Ruscio came into office a year ago, he said he did not understand the current Spring Term system. Now that he has a grasp of it, he said he has little confidence that it will succeed.

*"It would be irresponsible of me to wait for the chaos and pick up the dead bodies."*

**KEN RUSCIO, W&L President**

"It probably is only a matter of time before it collapses on its own," he said. "If I'm really seeing that, it would be irresponsible of me to wait for the chaos and pick up the dead bodies."

In the past two weeks, Ruscio presented the proposal first to the department heads, then to the faculty and finally to the Executive Committee, comprised of students.

Though a general respect and appreciation for the proposal's intentions seems universal, several faculty members and students have expressed doubts and concerns.

Junior Representative for the EC, Rich Cleary, said he values the current length of Spring Term, because there is more time to develop relationships with professors.

"It's the professor-student relationships that has been one of the most outstanding parts of my W&L experience," he said. "One of my worries is that [a shorter Spring Term] will reduce and dilute and cheapen the academic experience."

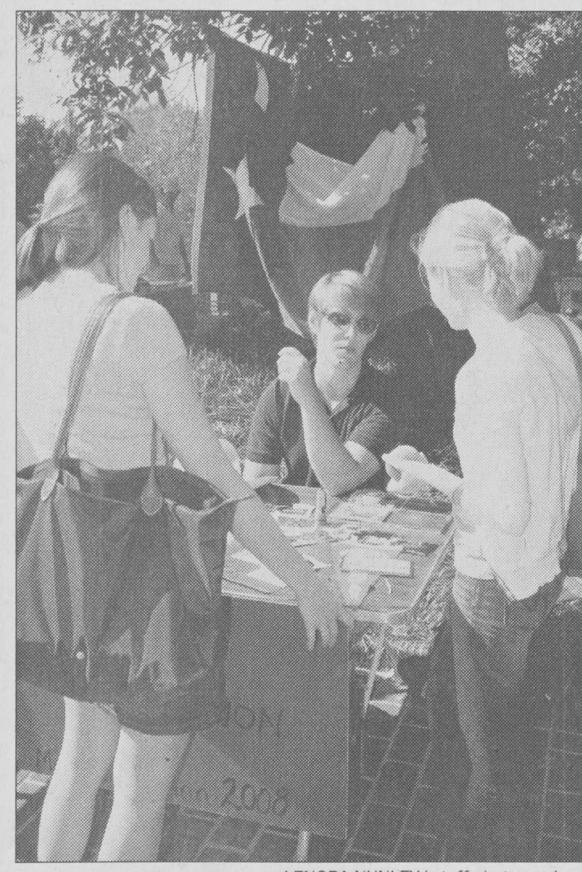
Professor Kenneth Van Ness, head of the Physics and Engineering department, said the new plan will affect his discipline, because there are required major courses during the spring. The proposal mandates a four-week intensive course, but in the Sciences, he said there is not a lot of flexibility.

"We still need to teach courses for the major, or they're not going to learn what they need to learn," he said. "The six weeks is pushing it. I don't think you could compress it any

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## Changes

- Decrease faculty course load from six to 5.5 classes
- Decrease graduation requirements from 38 to 36 credits
- Decrease length of Spring Term from six to four weeks
- Students would take one, intensive course during Spring Term
- Current Spring Term options like Washington Term and study abroad programs would be "grandfathered" in to the new plan



Riley Barnes, the Texas State Chair, working to sign students up for his delegation.

## Mock Con gains momentum

Delegate fair sparks enthusiastic campus participation

By Allison Chopin  
STAFF WRITER

Students swarmed into Stemons Plaza last Wednesday, greeted by an overwhelming array of banners, chocolate chip cookies and loud music. Student-manned booths were decorated with signs, and students could peruse dozens of tables.

The Mock Convention Delegate Fair was the last chance for students to become participants in Washington and Lee's Mock Convention for 2008.

Mock Con is held at W&L during every presidential election year. Its purpose is to predict the non-incumbent party's presidential candidate. Students participating in this year's convention will select the nominee for the Democratic Party.

Oberlin College in Ohio was the first college in the United States to

hold a presidential mock convention. The first was held in 1860. Other schools with similar conventions include Westminster in Pennsylvania and Loyola College in Maryland. However, W&L's Mock Con has been praised by "Time", "Newsweek", the U.S. Senate and others as being the biggest and most accurate convention of this type on college campuses. Out of 23 predictions, the convention has been correct 18 times. Recent years have been extremely successful—only one incorrect prediction has been made since 1948.

The 2008 Mock Con will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first convention, held in 1908.

The convention is a campus-wide event. At Mock Con 2004, over 90 percent of the student body was involved in some way. This year, the numbers look even better.

"We are definitely well over 1500

students and looking to be on par with the traditional 92 percent of students involved," said senior Tri-Chair Sara Mueller.

*"This is the last chance for students to get involved with Mock Con. We just want as many students to participate as possible."*

**KATE CHIASSON, Wisconsin chair**

Wednesday's Fair gave students an opportunity to join the convention as delegates. Senior Kate Chiasson, the state chair for Wisconsin, explained the importance of the fair.

"This is the last chance for students to get involved with Mock Con.

We just want as many students to participate as possible," she said.

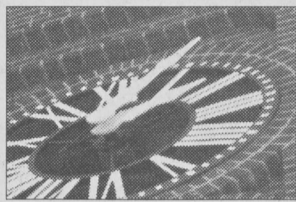
At any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, crowds of students gathered around tables in the plaza to join the delegation for their favorite state.

The chairpersons for each state had assembled enticing displays to advertise their delegations, complete with state flags, music and posters proclaiming state mottos, history and interesting facts. For example, Maine's delegation sported the motto "Maine-iacs," and the accompanying poster featured a peculiar state law: after January 14 of the new year, citizens can be charged with a fine if they have not taken down their Christmas decorations. What better reason could one need to join the state of Maine?

Many students chose to join the

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## Mock Convention

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delegations of their home states, or they signed up with friends or chose a state that interested them. The more adventurous would-be delegates could also sign up for U.S. territories, such as Guam, the American Samoa and the Virgin Islands. Students could also join the Democrats Abroad if they did not wish to join a state or territory.

"I wanted to be part of a more southern state," said freshman Katherine Gould. She is from Kentucky and decided to join Georgia.

A number of international students chose to participate. Freshman Wendy Shang, who is from China, signed up as a delegate for Texas.

"I will spend this Christmas in Texas, and I hear that it is an awesome state," she said.

Junior Grace Andrews, who was born in Ghana, Africa and grew up in Tennessee, chose to serve as the state chair for Hawaii.

"I chose to represent Hawaii, because I knew that I didn't know much about their political background. I saw being the state chair as a chance to learn about the islands besides what I've always seen on TV, while having fun," she said.

New delegates can find many ways to get involved with their delegations. They can take up positions such as vice chair or treasurer, or they can assist in designing a t-shirt or float or performing research. Students can also choose to simply attend the convention and cheer on their respective delegations.

"They can be as involved as they want to. It's up to them as to how they want to participate," said junior Michael Gretchen, the state chair for Louisiana.

Junior Riley Barnes, the chair for Texas, explained some of the responsibilities of being a chair.

Chairs are in charge of supervising the delegation. One of these tasks is conducting research on the state or territory so that accurate votes will be cast.

W&L's Mock Con will be Jan. 25-26, 2008. "I'm excited, because it is something unique to W&L," Gould said.

## Prof's lecture

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Marc Conner, an English professor who teaches African-American literature, was greatly impressed by Harris.

"The lecture was fantastic--so much energy and then such knowledge," he said. "I mean, she mentioned about 30 different writers in 45 minutes. That's hard to do."

Conner was responsible for coordinating this year's Shannon-Clark lecture and gave the introductory remarks for Harris.

When asked why she was chosen to be the speaker, Conner said, "Particularly since this is the third year of the African-American studies program, and literature is a big part of that, we really wanted to bring an African-American literary scholar."

Conner also said, "She is easily one of the top 10 [scholars in black literature] in the world, and I would say one of the top five."

Art professor Pamela Simpson said she hopes she inspires lecture attendees to read the books she references.

However, she said Harris far exceeded normal expectations.

"It's also just the intellectual enterprise of encouraging people to think about the world and the environment they live in," said Simpson.

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Journalism Department Head Brian Richardson said his program runs into problems when faced with the requirements of being a nationally accredited program. The accreditation insists that students take a certain number of credits outside the major, and with less courses now offered, it leaves little room for flexibility within the department.

"It is a squeeze," he said. "It doesn't leave any room left to take electives in our department."

Spring Term has become known for certain courses like the Archaeology Department's Dig. Archaeology Professor Laura Galke said the Dig has been around since the 1970s. She said it might now have to be offered in the fall.

"Compressing a full excavation... into a four week term would be challenging," Galke said.

Though the course may no longer be offered in the Spring, Galke said the department is committed to continuing the program. She also said the shorter Spring Term would still be a prime opportunity for studies in fieldwork.

Other faculty view this abbreviated term as an opportunity to be creative with course offerings.

"Teaching can be really fun in this regard," said History department head Ted DeLaney. "It's a real privilege to be able to totally immerse students in a single course for four weeks -- that's not to say that creating such a course will be easy for everyone."

DeLaney said this term would lend itself beautifully to something like an oral history project.

"In a discipline like history, creating a four-week long course takes a lot more

creativity and imagination," he said.

Although it will not affect senior EC Vice President Jordan Campbell, he said he likes the proposal and Ruscio's motivation. The idea of a four-week intensive class to enhance the liberal arts education makes sense to him.

"That's kind of what the heart of Spring Term was originally supposed to be about," he said.

Ruscio plans to let the ideas sink in during Fall term, and then he wants to take a vote at the end of December.

"It's going to have to be supported by the faculty," he said.

Richardson said he thinks faculty response has been positive.

"As far as individual faculty go, I sense a fair amount of broad support," he said. "Whatever we do now, we're going to leave it the hell alone for 10

years."

Clearly said he hopes the proposal will spark discussion within the entire W&L community. He also said at the moment, he does not think there is a full awareness of the proposal within the student body.

Ruscio stressed, however, that student feedback is very valuable to him.

"What I hope this spurs is a real conversation about academic life," he said. "I would welcome those kinds of conversations with students."

With this proposal, Ruscio said he hopes to first shape the local conversation about liberal arts education and then begin to affect the national conversation.

"That is the bread and butter of liberal arts teaching," he said. "I am convinced that we have all of the ingredients."

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## Reuse, Renew, Recycle

*It's a vicious cycle, but someone's gotta do it. Namely every major television network*

By Kathie Scott  
COLUMNIST

You're in the process of setting up your fall schedule, but there's definitely one thing missing: your weekly dose of reality and dramatic television.

That's right, it's time for the fall television lineup.

This week, the ABC and NBC networks will begin the premieres of this fall's new shows, as well as some popular returning shows. Now don't get too excited. This is your official disclaimer: I will not guarantee that any of these shows will be worth watching.

But sometimes it's that train-wreck TV show that just draws you in. It's ok! Everyone has a guilty pleasure.

One season highlight is NBC's fourth season of "The Biggest Loser." This show airs on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. as Days of Our Lives star Alison Sweeney guides 18 overweight contestants through a competition to lose weight.

The biggest loser implies the person losing the most weight. Clever, huh?

These contestants work out on a consistent basis and are then tested using cardiovascular activities. At the end of each test the

losing team eliminates someone; the winning team is rewarded with typical prizes, things like letters from home.

Didn't you know that limiting contact with family members creates a better atmosphere for losing weight? Yeah, weird. Well, I guess that's why I'm not a producer. I wouldn't be able to choose the correct type of bait.

However, this season there's a new twist! Maybe they'll get video phone calls from their family members since we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. So there's a synopsis of "The Biggest Loser" in case you're like myself and have never managed to see an episode before. How did we live?

A new series that does show some promise is "Journeyman," airing at 10 p.m. on Mondays. Main character Dan Vassar changes the past for the better when caught in a whirlwind of time travel.

This may seem reminiscent of the late 80s show "Quantum Leap," but don't write it off just because it's a remake. After all, the basis of American pop culture and television entertainment is the recycling of old ideas.

As a matter of fact, recycling is a key ingredient for some of

*The winning team is rewarded with typical prizes, things like letters from home. Didn't you know that limiting contact with family members creates a better atmosphere for losing weight? Yeah, weird.*

the other shows premiering this week on NBC. But recycling in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has taken on a new form. It's called the "if we come up with something good let's run with it until it dies" theory.

The immense popularity of "Law & Order" yielded to its re-creation through newer versions such as "Criminal Intent." Entering its 17<sup>th</sup> season, it's obvious that though a great show, the "run with it" theory has definitely been applied. It makes you wonder how many crime scenarios they can come up with.

Don't be fooled into thinking that the "run with it" theory only applies to an original show that provides good ratings, such as "ER" and "Scrubs," both of which premiere Thursday starting with "Scrubs" at 9:30 p.m. and "ER" following at 10 p.m.

This theory also lends itself to shows based on once popular movies - "Friday Night Lights" and the very popular show "The Office" will debut their first episodes of the season as well. I guess the theory holds some water. If people liked it the first time, surely a re-creation of the original film in different scenarios should also prove successful. I wouldn't have thought sob but I guess this is another reason why I don't produce shows.

Bottom line, NBC comes through with a re-manipulation of old shows, movies, and reality TV, much like what every other network is offering.

ABC is running with the notion that has-been stars (and some successful ones) prove to be great dancing partners. Encouraged by the planned Spice Girls reunion tour, the former Scary Spice will

show us her dance moves along with Cheetah girl Sabrina Bryan.

Another "run with it" product is the new series "Cavemen," following the popular run of the Geico cavemen commercials. I would anticipate a poor excuse for a show but expectations are high. Checking out an episode or two probably wouldn't kill you.

However it premieres Oct. 2 and will coincide with "The Biggest Loser" at 8 p.m. Decisions, decisions!

ABC actually has a pretty good lineup returning with Seattle's favorite sex-crazed hospital in "Grey's Anatomy" and the spin off "Private Practice."

Back-stabbing housewives reappear with "Desperate Housewives" as it premieres at its usual spot on Sunday night at 9.

All in all I would lean towards ABC this fall for a consistent presentation of entertainment.

But in this age of reuse and recycle (usually a good thing), the options are limited; I would advise giving everything a try. You can only end up very satisfied with a new obsession or horribly disappointed with a new topic to vent about. Win-win situation!

Good luck.

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## Reviving Russia's glory days

*Powerful bombs, Cold War-like spying, and assassinations add up for attempt to reclaim power*

By Abel Delgado  
COLUMNIST

It may not be a "Cold War" but things are definitely chilly between the United States and Russia.

What was once a friendly relationship between President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin has warped into a tension-filled stare down between former foes and supposed allies.

Once again arms are a major issue. While Americans were pausing to reflect this past September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Russians introduced the world to the "Father of All Bombs."

The bomb is meant to rival the U.S.'s "Mother of All Bombs" as the most powerful non-nuclear bomb in the world.

According to the Russian De-

fense Industry, the volume-detonation bomb does not contradict a single international treaty.

Some in the US are already calling for the creation of a "Grandfather of All Bombs", potentially leading to a non-nuclear arms race.

The U.S. would probably not be as wary of Russia having such a powerful bomb if it were not for the amount of spying that Russia is taking part in.

National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell remarked that Russia and China have increased their espionage activities in the U.S. to "Cold War levels."

"China and Russia's foreign intelligence services are among the most aggressive in collecting against sensitive and protected U.S. systems, facilities and development projects," McConnell

wrote to the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee.

*If arms and espionage are not enough cause for concern, how about political assassination?*

If arms and espionage are not enough cause for concern, how about political assassination?

President Putin's government has long been accused of being involved in the death of Alexander Litvinenko, a Russian dissident who was poisoned in Britain in November 2006.

Not only has the Russian government impeded the investigation, but the man accused of plotting the murder is now the head of the Russian Nationalist Party and running for parliament with Putin's approval.

This doesn't even cover all the disputes.

Add restrictions on the press, a weakening democracy, some support for Iran, a vehement stand against a U.S. missile defense plan for Easter European countries and you get a Russia that is much more than a thorn in the America's backside.

Is Russia preparing for war with the United States? Chances of that are close to nil.

But is Russia trying to reclaim its spot as the second superpower by once again positioning itself as "pole" to the U.S.? That is

much more likely.

Russians may long for the influence they once had over the world.

Being seen as the alternative to U.S. hegemony gives them that sense of national importance and patriotic pride they've been lacking since the days before Boris Yeltsin.

They may not want to fight, but they want to show they can.

What does this mean for the U.S.? It means an uncomfortable and delicate relationship with the largest country in the world.

It means a veto-holding member of the United Nations Security Council is out to make sure the U.S. does not achieve its foreign policy goals.

It does not mean war, but it does mean relations are down right frosty.

## letter to the editor Honorable man

To the Editor:

Honor is not dead at W&L.

Last Saturday I lost my pocketknife somewhere between the parking garage and the Commons—not just any old knife but my father's own, given to me and of considerable sentimental value (yes, philosophers do have sentiments!).

Monday I went to Agnes Gilmore at the Commons desk to inquire if it had been found and turned in. She said "wait a minute, there's something in the campus notices."

Sure enough, someone had found a knife and taken the time to post a notice. So I emailed, and eventually we found a time when he could bring it by my office: the lost was found.

Now all of this may seem like a small matter (though the knife means much to me), but I wish there were some way of taking note of such honesty—routine here, perhaps, but unexpected in the wider world. The student's name is Bobby Ray Martin.

Cheers.

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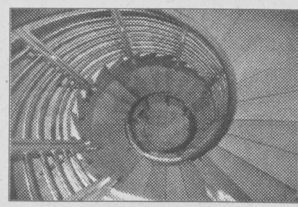
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### staffeditorial

# Ruscio's grand plan

*Plan to shorten Spring Term may threaten C- and J-schools, needs input from both students and faculty*

We'll say this for President Ken Ruscio. When he has a new idea, he certainly knows how to make a splash.

Last week Ruscio proposed several changes to the university's academic schedule, including a proposal that would shorten Spring Term to four weeks.

With students taking just one class in the spring, along with a cut in graduation requirements from 38 courses to 36, Ruscio hopes to lighten the teaching load of W&L's professors.

We're not sure yet if Ruscio's plan is the best option for W&L's future. But there seems to be a definite need to revise the current Spring Term if it is going to survive.

As Ruscio has said, students don't understand the current Spring Option.

And even if we did understand it, most of us would rather be enjoying Lexington or studying abroad.

Above all, students and faculty don't want another exhausting, drawn-out fight over the future of Spring Term. We did that, we fought those battles, and none of us want to hear the same tired arguments again.

Ruscio understands that, and that's why he's hoping for a quick decision.

If, as he claims, the current Spring Term system can't survive, then a quick decision is exactly what we need.

Students say they don't want to lose two weeks of Spring Term. But four weeks of fun in Goshen sounds a lot better than no Spring

Term at all.

And faculty members are worried about how they can fit important classes into an even tighter time-period.

Still, with students taking only one class each term, professors will have the ability to schedule classes any way they'd like.

Maybe you'll want to have a two or three hour block each day. Or maybe it would work better to meet three times a week for five hours.

That's one of the best parts of Ruscio's

If professors in the Williams School decide that they don't like the changes, should we still go ahead?

W&L is no longer just a liberal arts college.

Our journalism and business schools are well-known and well-liked in their respective fields. As more students pursue majors in those schools each year, the college and its leaders must keep the needs of those schools in mind.

This much, at least, is clear. Ruscio's pro-

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plan. There is room for flexibility.

Multi-day field trips are suddenly possible. Art students could spend several days in D.C. or New York without worrying about missing other classes.

But as Ruscio and the faculty consider these changes, the concerns of various departments should not be brushed aside.

If these changes will hurt W&L's ability to maintain an accredited journalism school, are the changes worth it?

posal has sparked a broad debate that should continue around the campus this fall.

Ruscio and the faculty need to pay close attention to the opinions of students while considering these changes.

The president really gets the best of both worlds. If his proposal is approved, he'll be happy.

But even if it fails, he's managed to kick-start the debate on how Spring Term should look in coming years.



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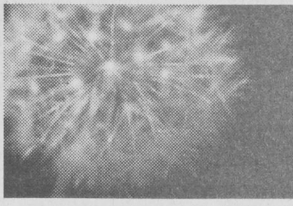
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Pianist Josh Harvey accompanies Matt Amling '09 and Marquita Robinson '10 in Friday's dress rehearsal for the Student Showcase, which will take place Sept. 28-29 in the Lenfest Center for the Arts. Twenty-five students will be showing off their talent in 15 performances.

## Student Showcase 2007

*Students prepare to wow audience with their talent in Showcase '07*

By Sarah Hagan  
STAFF WRITER

"Quiet in the house!" calls Helen Coupe, Washington and Lee junior and director of the theater department's third annual Student Showcase. As performers rush in and out of rehearsal, Coupe reviews the intended bill for this weekend's event. One thing is for certain: The 2007 Student Showcase is something that students will not want to miss.

Returning to the stage for yet another round as Master of Ceremonies is sophomore Markheavens Tshuma. Tshuma will also be performing two acts in the Student Showcase, one of which includes a rendition of "Big, Blonde and Beautiful" from the musical "Hairspray."

"I like to think of this as the

Markheavens show," said Tshuma.

This year's bill has fifteen engaging acts that range from

Reitz on guitar and a fun hip-hop piece including sophomores Sophie Xiong, Kenneth Hopkins and Rasaan Lawal.

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**Matt Amling, class of 2009**

monologues to arias and from stand-up comedy routines to choreographed dance pieces. The line-up is also sprinkled with a few student favorites like the vocal stylings of Matt Amling, Eric

"With try-outs being held so much earlier this year, I feel incredibly lucky that so many very talented students came out to audition," said Coupe. "As a director, it makes my job so much

easier."

The 2007 Student Showcase will also be significant for the theater department since it serves as Technical Director, Shawn Paul Evans's first event.

"He has just been incredible so far; we are so glad to have him, and of course he will be working on Othello and other productions to come, as well," said Coupe.

Coupe hopes that directing this year's Student Showcase will pave the road for directing larger productions in the coming years.

"I really want to prove myself with the showcase so that I can direct one of the three larger productions for my senior directing thesis," said Coupe.

The Student Showcase will be held in the Johnson Theatre on Sept. 28th and 29th at 8 p.m. Tickets will be sold for \$3 each,

and students who hope to attend should call ahead to purchase tickets since the show is expected to sell out.

"Last year we held the showcase in the Keller Theatre and it was almost full, so this year we have two nights instead of one; however, the Johnson Theatre is substantially smaller, so students really should call ahead to get tickets," said Coupe.

While there are many opportunities for W&L students to get involved in the arts on campus, the Student Showcase truly is a unique as well as a new tradition.

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### Highlights

- Tshuma and A'rese Emokpae sing "I Should Tell You"
- Julia Pleasants and Molly Harrington tap to "Surprise!"
- Sophie Xiong, Kenneth Hopkins and Rasaan Lawal dance to "Bills"
- Matt Amling, Marquita Robinson and cast sing "You Are the Music in Me"

## I'll take "victory" for \$100, Alex

*Neville Fogarty discusses the trials and tribulations of the game show world*

By Kimber Wiggs  
STAFF WRITER

A few weeks ago, I found myself enthralled by the most exciting game show I have ever watched, including the first episode of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" and any episode of "Jeopardy" featuring Ken Jennings. The show was Merv Griffin's "Crosswords," and the contestant was none other than Washington and Lee sophomore Neville Fogarty. Commons 345 was packed, as people from all over campus came to watch our compatriot in action. The show did not disappoint.

The rules of "Crosswords" are simple: answer clues to fill in a giant crossword puzzle and win money. The show is a synthesis of Merv Griffin's other two gems: "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune." The twist is that halfway through the game, three new people join with the objective of usurping the original contestants' podiums. Time and again the Commons audience booed and hissed as Fogarty was unfairly ousted from his winning position by Pam and the "evil Scott." I admit I was nervous for our hero,

but Fogarty calmly revealed that he was not worried.

"I started playing a more risky game," Fogarty said. "I had my A game in the front podium but my A+ game in the back."

Ultimately, the less worthy contestants fell to the wayside as Fogarty emerged victorious and moved on to the equally exciting bonus round. All in all he won \$3,450 in cash and a trip for 2 to Antigua; not bad for an hour's work.

Fogarty's road to game show stardom began at the tender age of 12 when he appeared on an episode of "Jeopardy's" Back to School Week. A few months later, in the spring of 2001, Fogarty appeared on an episode of Nickelodeon's "Slimetime Live." Just last fall, Fogarty competed against his mother and another man for a chance at \$100,000 in gold for a show called "Gold Rush."

Most people watching game shows on TV think, "I'm smarter than those people. I could do that." Smarter, yes, but are you also as personable, available, and compatible with the interviewers' needs? First, Fogarty had to pass

one of three written exams. Of thirty people taking the test, seven moved on, while the rest went home with "nothing but two hours wasted and tears in their eyes," Fogarty said.

Next, Fogarty sat for two personality interviews to make sure he was not too shy or too crazy, like the people who appear on

*"If they asked me to do ["Jeopardy"] again but without any pay if I win, I still would."*

**Neville Fogarty, class of 2010**

"Deal or No Deal."

After passing all the tests, Fogarty was put into the contestant pool for "later", but he managed to get himself put on an episode the very next day: the fastest turnaround the show has ever had. Another thing that worked to his advantage, Fogarty explained,

was that he was from out-of-town. Because game shows often have only one audition city, the majority of people who appear on them live in LA; failing actors who need money, perhaps?

Coming from somewhere else adds a little flavor for the contestant pool and is a good bargaining chip if you want to be on a show soon, because you need to go home in a few days.

Fogarty has been making quite a name for himself in the game show industry. He even started a W&L Quiz Bowl team with Suzanne Hange last year, bringing his game show prowess straight to campus.

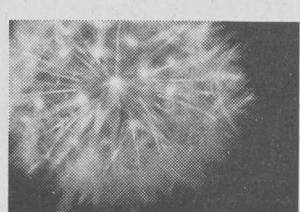
Fogarty plans to audition for more shows in the future. I asked him why he does so many. One would think the chance to win big and be on TV would be a massive draw. But he doesn't do it for the fame and fortune.

"It's just fun," Fogarty said. "If they asked me to do ["Jeopardy"] again but without any pay if I win, I still would."

He said he loves the thrill of the game, and he doesn't plan on stopping anytime soon.

### How to enter the game show world

- The game "Crosswords" is a combination of Merv Griffin's two games: "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune"
- Fogarty participated in "Jeopardy's" Back to School Week at age 12
- He competed against his mother in a show called Gold Rush
- To compete on game shows, one has to pass three written exams and two personality interviews
- Most game shows only have one audition city
- Fogarty began the W&L Quiz Bowl team with sophomore Suzanne Hange



# arts & life



photo courtesy of Claire Spadafora

## HFH lends a helping hand.

*Habitat for Humanity brings students and townies together through service*

By Andrew Connelly  
STAFF WRITER

As an international organization devoted to building "simple, decent, and affordable" housing that is celebrated throughout America and the world, Habitat for Humanity (HFH) is a name you would expect to hear more often around the Washington and Lee campus.

Founded in 1976 in Americus, Georgia by Millard and Linda Fuller as a non-governmental and non-profit organization, HFH seeks to provide "a hand up, not a hand out" and helps low income families build and own homes in their local area.

Built using a mixture of volunteer labor and 'sweat equity' whereby the family itself works on site, the homes are sold to the families at no profit, with no interest charged on the mortgage. It has been such a successful formula that HFH recently celebrated its 225,000th house.

students from taking an active role in the hands-on work.

"Any new members this year will be able to find their niche," she said.

In terms of new members, "we would love anyone who is positive and able to get involved," Spadafora said.

On-site contributions can be made whenever possible, ranging from several hours per week to an hour or two per month.

As far as technical skills are concerned, Spadafora makes it clear that enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are the prime prerequisites.

"Just being able to hold a paintbrush or lay grass seed is great," she said. "We always have experienced locals on hand to provide guidance."

Some incoming W&L students have already been given a taste of the work HFH does and of the rewards that work can bring.

For the last six years, HFH has coordinated the Lexington section of Volunteer Venture, the freshman pre-orientation activities program that affords incoming students the opportunity to take part in charitable work in several areas in and around Virginia.

For the week before normal freshman orientation, fifteen freshman participants and six upperclassmen leaders stayed on campus and drove out daily to work on four homes in the nearby town of Glasgow. Their work mainly consisted of outdoor landscaping improvements, the bulk of the construction work already having been completed.

By all accounts, this "turning a house into a home," as Spadafora put it, was something enjoyed by all involved.

Junior leader Dana Statton spoke about her freshman experience. "It was a great feeling to look back on the week and see all that we accomplished," she said.

This year, W&L HFH hopes to construct four homes in the area and raise funds to help local families realize their dream of home ownership.

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**Claire Spadafora, class of 2010**

The W&L chapter was formed in 1995 and works in partnership with the Lexington/Rockbridge chapter, helping to "educate and advocate" and get as many people involved as possible.

This goal has developed into a rough delineation of responsibility between the two sides, with the students taking on a large part of the fund raising duties and the townspeople leading the construction efforts.

W&L raises approximately \$25,000 every year to fund the construction of one of the project homes in the county, which cost \$53,000 on average. This year's publicity chair, sophomore Claire Spadafora, is eager to point out that this does not preclude the

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Monday showings at 7:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday showings at 9:30 pm

Friday showings at 10:00 pm

Midnight Movies show Thursday - Saturday at 12:00 am

**September 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: Spider-Man 3

Midnight Movie: Big Trouble in Little China

**September 10<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: Knocked Up

Midnight Movie: Reno 911: Miami

**September 17<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Evening Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End

Midnight Movie: Thank You for Smoking

**September 20<sup>th</sup>**

\*Family Movie at 5:00 pm: Surf's Up

**September 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: Ocean's 13

Midnight Movie: Xmen: The Last Stand

**October 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> (Homecoming)**

Evening Movie: Evan Almighty

Midnight Movie: Live Free or Die Hard

**October 8<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> (Reading Days)**

Evening Movie: Transformers

**October 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

Midnight Movie: Dodgeball

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry

Midnight Movie: Little Miss Sunshine

**October 29<sup>th</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Evening Movie: Hairspray

Midnight Movie: Borat

**November 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: The Bourne Ultimatum

Midnight Movie: Kingdom of Heaven

**November 12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: Superbad

Midnight Movie: The Omen

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

\*Family Movie at 5:00 pm: Ratatouille

**November 26<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Evening Movie: The Invasion

Midnight Movie: My Super Ex-Girlfriend

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

Evening Movie: Balls of Fury

Midnight Movie: Night at the Museum

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**

\*Family Movie at 5:00 pm: Santa Clause 2

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**

\*Family Movie at 5:00 pm: Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street

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## Habitat by the numbers

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- W&L raises about \$25,000 per year which goes towards constructing one house in the U.S.
- HFH coordinates the Volunteer Venture program in Lexington for incoming freshmen to meet new freshmen while doing good in the community



photo courtesy of Claire Spadafora

Last August, W&L students participating in Volunteer Venture work with Habitat for Humanity on one of its many projects.

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# sports



## Marlins escape again



Top: Senior forward Martha Caulkins tries to move the ball as a Virginia Wesleyan defender dives in to stop her.  
Above: Freshmen Taylor Garrett (No. 2) and Karen Lambdin (No. 18) look on in dismay as time expires and Virginia Wesleyan celebrates its 2-1 victory. W&L has not beat the Marlins since 2004, and last year the Marlins beat W&L in the ODAC Tournament and the NCAA Tournament.

MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

## Wesleyan's second half comeback hands W&L a heartbreaking loss

By Hank Nathan  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee Women's Soccer team was 2-1 this week, defeating Greensboro College and Hollins University, while losing to rival Virginia Wesleyan College in a battle of two closely ranked top 25 teams.

Over the past three years, W&L and Virginia Wesleyan have engaged in five games; all but one have been decided by one goal or less. The Generals are 0-3-2 over that stretch. Furthermore, Virginia Wesleyan ended W&L's season last year in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament on penalty kicks.

Once again, the two teams treated fans to an intense game. The teams went back and forth until the Generals asserted themselves. At 26:26, junior Anne Van Devender broke free from her defender, but did not have a good angle for her shot. Instead, she set up Erica Girodano who managed to strike the ball just past the Marlins' goalie, Lindsey Williams.

For the next 30 minutes, neither team was able to take advantage of the few opportunities. Then at 57:53, Virginia Wesleyan's Laura Jackson stalemated the game at 1-1 after receiving a pass from Missy Kuhns. Just 15 minutes later (72:10), Jackson found the net again for her second goal and the eventual game winner. W&L continued its attack in the waning moments of the game, but it did not translate into a goal. The final score was 2-1.

For the second time all year, W&L was out-shot during the match and the result was the same: a loss. The Generals had 12 shots, compared to the 16 by the Marlins. However, the biggest disparity was in corner kicks; W&L had 4 compared to 10 by VW. Also, junior goalie Kiki Moreo made 4 saves in the effort.

On Sunday, Sept. 16, one day after defeating conference opponent Randolph-Macon, the women faced Greensboro at home. Greensboro, which plays in the USA South Conference, entered the match with an impressive 4-0-1 record.

At the start of the game, the Generals were not able to convert on several opportunities; the team was relentless in its attack but came up empty. Neither team scored until the second half and, in contrast to most games, it was not W&L who cracked the scoreboard first. After the Generals were thwarted by the Greensboro goalie, Shana Saganich, the

Pride quickly marched down field and, in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute, capitalized on a goal by freshman forward Cassie Sheppard.

Consequently, team captains Martha Caulkins and Anne Van Devender called for a team huddle. The team emerged rejuvenated and knotted the game at 1-1 off of an unassisted goal by Van Devender at 76:57. "It took a goal from Greensboro to make us realize that we had to take advantage of those chances we had been getting all game," said Van Devender. "In those last 14 minutes, we just wanted it more than they did."

Just eight minutes later, at 84:53, W&L received a gift when the Generals were awarded a penalty kick as a result of a hand ball in the box. Freshman Roz Klann was the recipient of the free kick, and she took advantage of the opportunity. Klann said of the kick, "I approached the ball straight on and kicked it a little left of center, and she dove for it and missed it."

Four minutes later, at 88:32, Katie Corr managed to weave through the Greensboro defense and score, putting an exclamation point on the afternoon. The final score was 3-1.

After the game, Klann commented on the pressure of taking the penalty kick. "There is no better feeling than stepping up when everything is on the line and coming up big for your team. Everybody worked incredibly hard throughout the game on Sunday, and I love to take the opportunity to come through for my team in big games. There was no doubt in my mind I wanted that kick."

After a tough home game against Greensboro, the Generals traveled to play Hollins University in nearby Roanoke on Wednesday. While the previous game was tight throughout, this match was not.

Thirty seconds into the game, freshman Laura Youngmeyer scored off of a pass from Katie Kern. This goal set the tempo for the afternoon as W&L amassed a staggering 7-0 halftime lead. In the second half, the team continued the onslaught by adding two more goals in the 9-0 victory.

In total, W&L compiled 36 shots compared to one by Hollins. In the effort, Van Devender, Caulkins and Taylor Garrett each had two goals a piece.

Washington & Lee now has a 5-2 overall record and is 3-1 in conference play. Next week, the Generals face two more conference opponents: Bridgewater College at home and Emory & Henry College on the road.





# sports



## Men stomp Guilford

*Dodd's hat trick and stifling defense lead to 5-0 victory*

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's soccer team opened ODAC play this week, traveling to Lynchburg to take on the Hornets Wednesday evening and hosting Guilford on Saturday. The Generals battled Lynchburg to a 0-0 double overtime draw and routed the Quakers 5-0.

The Generals were ranked fourth in the ODAC Coaches Preseason Poll, trailing preseason favorite Roanoke, Virginia Wesleyan and Lynchburg.

"People are going to say that we are underrated, but I feel like fourth is very fair," said senior Ted Sheedy. "We haven't earned a better ranking with our past results. We can't just sit around and wait for people to give us respect; it is up to us to show our worth on the field."

"I think that is about accurate considering the seniors we lost last year," agreed Junior John Lindsay, "but I think we have the ability to finish in the top three."

During the Wednesday night match, the Generals out shot the Lynchburg 22-19 and earned one more corner kick but couldn't find the back of the net. Sheedy played all 110 minutes and had six saves for W&L, while Lynchburg's Marcus Jordan matched those totals in goal for the Hornets.

"To get a point at Lynchburg is nice," said Sheedy. "But I am somewhat disappointed that we didn't get the win because I felt we were dangerous and had several opportunities to score."

The Generals made sure to take advantage of their opportunities during Saturday's game against Guilford. After about five minutes of play, it was clear the Generals were the dominant team.

Senior Josh Dodds found the back of the net twice in the first half and freshman James Pymm added another goal with less than ten minutes to play in the half to give the Generals a 3-0 lead at the break.

"Getting the early goals helped us relax the rest of the game," said junior John Lindsay.

The Quakers best scoring chance came with eighteen minutes to play in the first half when they managed a shot from the top of the box. However, Sheedy was in perfect position to make one of his two saves.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, junior

Tommy Pignatelli crossed the ball from the right side, junior Whitt Larkin flicked it on through the box, and Dodds shot it into the back of the net from just outside the goal box to complete his hat trick.

Several times throughout the game tempers flared. With less than fifteen minutes to play in the first half, Lynchburg defender Brandon Taylor was shown a yellow card for an aggressive tackle in the midfield.

With about thirty minutes to play in the game, Lindsay was carded for taunting after a verbal exchange with a Lynchburg defender.

The most aggressive outburst of the game, however, was by Lynchburg goalie Beau Ar-

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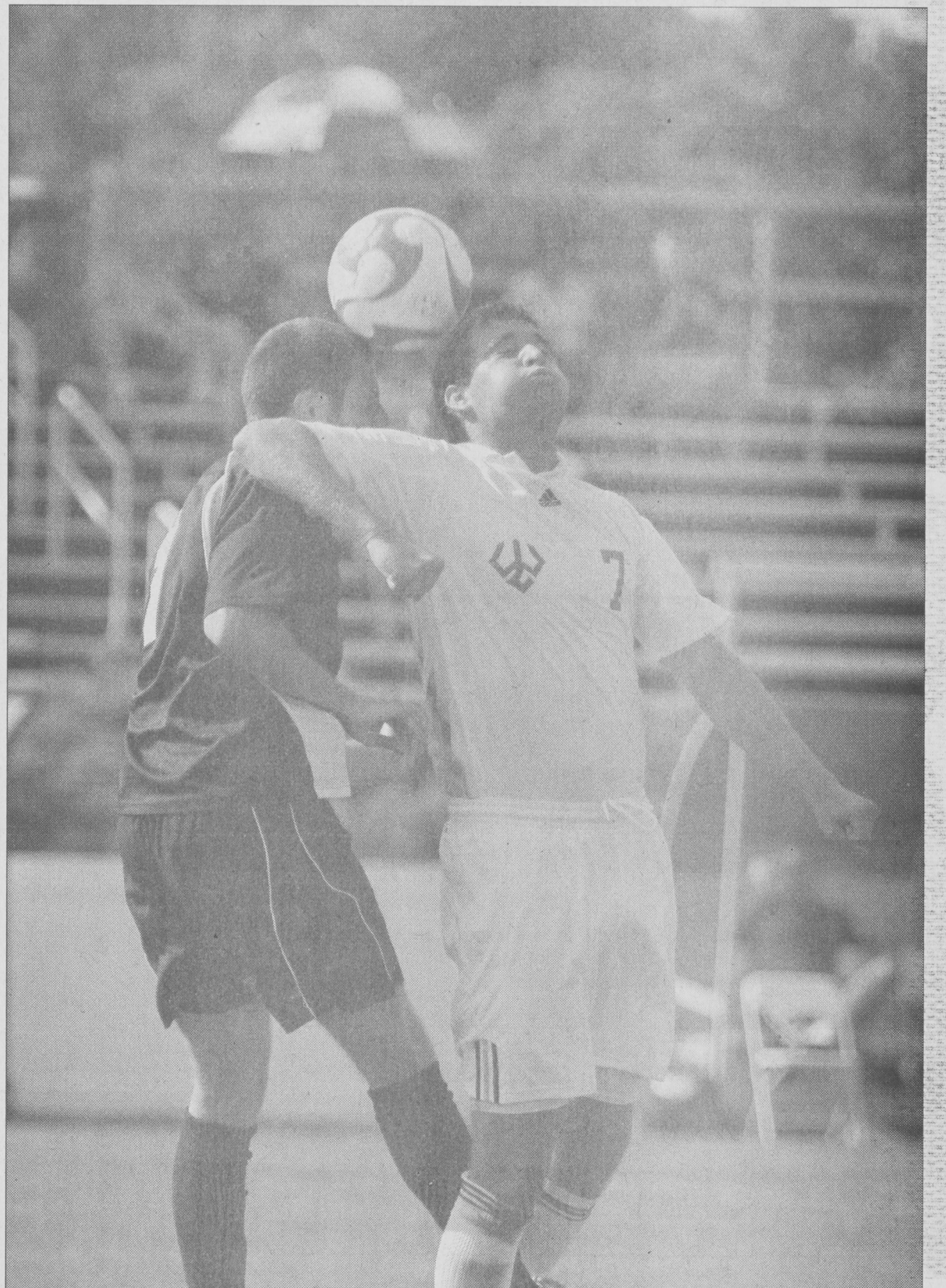
**Ted Sheedy, Goalie**

ceneaux. After senior Travis Short tacked on a fifth goal with less than three minutes to play, Arceneaux, who had already having been warned twice by the referee, unleashed a profanity-laced tirade against his defenders, earning himself the game's third booking.

Sheedy was pleased with the game. "All the pieces are in place, it is just a matter of executing when it matters," said Sheedy.

The Generals return to action this week with two ODAC matches.

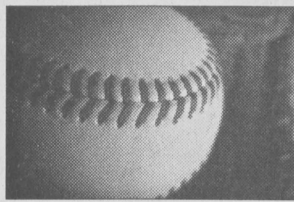
On Wednesday they travel to Randolph-Macon for a 4 p.m. contest, and on Saturday they host Eastern Mennonite at 1 p.m.



Top: Josh Dodds lines up his right leg and prepares to bury his second goal of Saturday's game against Guilford College. Dodds, who beat Tim Berke (No. 3) and Peter Deng (No. 24) of Guilford on this play, recorded a hat trick in the 5-0 victory. Above: Junior defender John Lindsay muscled up and gets his head on the ball. Through six games this season, Lindsay and the defense have recorded five shutouts.

MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

# sports



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	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Football</b>						Randolph-Macon 1:00 p.m.	
<b>Field Hockey</b>					vs. Randolph-Macon 6:00 p.m.		
<b>Men's Soccer</b>			at Randolph-Macon 4:00 p.m.			at Eastern Mennonite 1:00 p.m.	
<b>Women's Soccer</b>			vs. Bridgewater 4:00 p.m.			vs. E&H 3:00 p.m.	vs. St. Mary's 3:00 p.m.
<b>Volleyball</b>		at Emory and Henry 7:00 p.m.				vs. Virginia Wesleyan 3:00 p.m.	
<b>Women's XC</b>						William & Mary Invite 10:00 a.m.	
<b>Men's XC</b>					at Paul Short Invite		
<b>Women's Tennis</b>	at ITA Southeast Regionals						

## in the numbers

**2,403**

Career receiving yards for senior Jack Martin. Martin set a new W&L record Saturday night, surpassing J.T. Malatesta's old mark of 2,312 yards.

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Fine imposed on Formula 1 team McLaren by the International Automobile Federation (FIA) for its possession of confidential documents from F1 rival Ferrari. McLaren announced Friday that it would not appeal the fine, making it the largest ever given by the FIA.

**42**

Points put up in the first half by the previously winless Philadelphia Eagles against the previously undefeated Detroit Lions. The Eagles would go on to win the game 56-21.

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Notre Dame's record to start the season. This is the first time in ND's 119-year history the team has opened with four straight losses.

## soapbox

*"This is the time of the year you hope that your big people get hot and carry you, and that's exactly what's happening. It's coming at just the right time."*

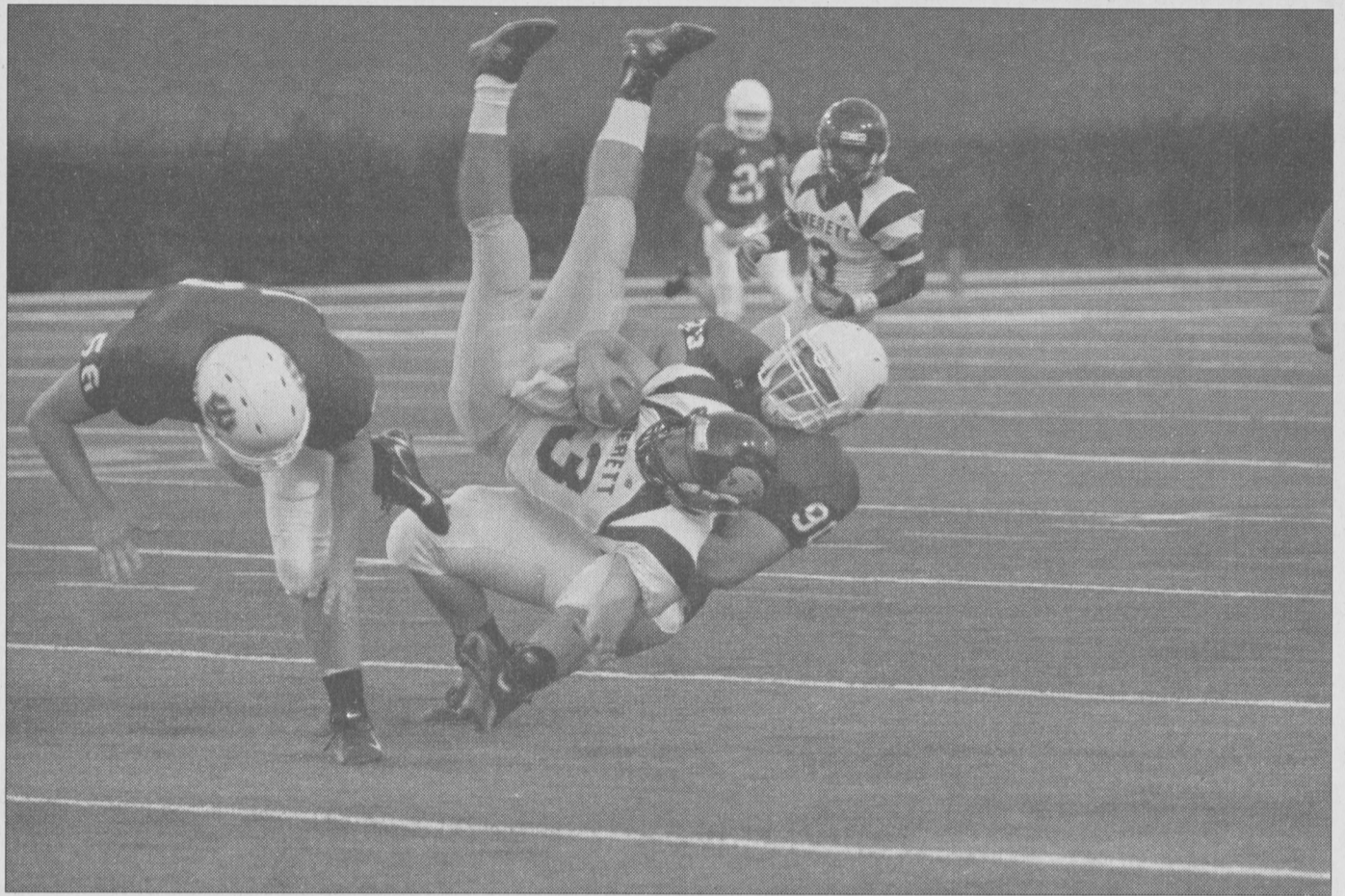
**Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella on the Cubs' recent hot streak. With Milwaukee losing to Atlanta and Chicago defeating the Pirates, the Cubs' division lead stretched to 3½ games.**

*"I've been playing soccer all my life, but I also can catch footballs."*

**LSU kicker Colt David on scoring a touchdown on a fake field goal against South Carolina to give the Tigers a 21-7 lead on Saturday. The Tigers went on to win 28-16.**

*"I'm not dumb."*

**Michigan coach Lloyd Carr on why he didn't hesitate to continue feeding running back Mike Hart the ball during Michigan's 14-9 win over rival Penn State. After starting the season 0-2, the Wolverines are now 2-2 and 1-0 in Big Ten Play.**



# Cougars "Jack"-ed up

*Generals improve to 2-0 with 35-21 win over reigning USA South Conference champions Averett*

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

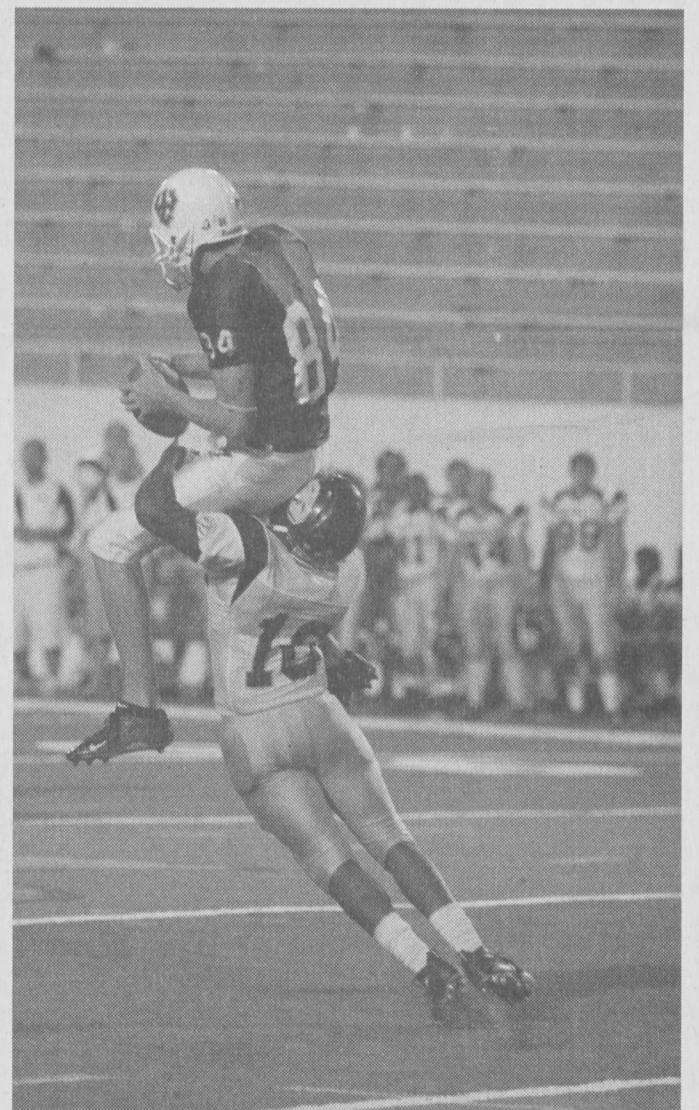
Part of the attraction of watching a football game is the heart-stopping moments when it appears that no amount of skill, strategy or determination can lead a team to victory. Close contests provide a back-and-forth thrill ride, and there is little better than watching two evenly matched opponents take and miss their chances to score up until the bitter end.

Just ask the dozens of Washington and Lee students who made the trip to Salem for the Generals' neutral-site contest against the Averett Cougars. The defending Old Dominion Athletic Conference champions eked out a 35-21 victory over their opponents, themselves the title holders in the USA South Conference. Salem Stadium, the venue for the NCAA Division III football championship game, hosted the two titans as a benefit for Habitat for Humanity. The vocal crowd watched

rushing. Luby in particular had a stellar night, with 14 tackles, several of which would be best described as "bone-crunching." Matteo sacked Averett quarterback Shan Fairbanks twice, and Fulk was his usual dominant self, credited with nine tackles but also drawing two key false start calls from the Averett offensive line.

When Fairbanks wasn't becoming acquainted with the Salem Stadium artificial turf, he played well, passing for 209 yards and one touchdown. Fairbanks was especially effective when throwing to wideout Antonio Hammond (5 catches, 45 yards). Later in the contest, the W&L secondary stepped up their coverage, and before long Fairbanks was throwing mostly short passes to his running backs. Averett's giant fullback Brian Daniels had the Cougars' final touchdown but was otherwise limited.

W&L's rushing attack, limited early on by ineffective play-calling that saw rushers



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

**Top: Junior Andrew Sims upends Cougars quarterback Shan Fairbanks in the first quarter. Above: Senior Jack Martin makes one of his six catches during the game.**

yards and an interception that was returned for the Cougars' first touchdown.

The Cougars seemed to have done their homework and rarely left the always-dangerous Martin in single coverage after the first touchdown, which came just a minute into the game.

Even with help, cornerback Calvin Hall had trouble containing Martin, who simply outjumped him to catch his second score.

The loyal and vocal W&L supporters took to chanting "Heisman" for Martin, who finished the game as the Blue-and-White's all-time career receiving leader. The record, set by J.T. Malatesta, a 1999 graduate, was 2,312 yards. Martin now has 2,403 in his college career and has seven regular-season games remaining to add to his lead.

His big-play capability, along with the sheer power of Pacicco and the hard-nosed play of Luby, enthralled the W&L supporters that made the trip to Salem. "[W&L has] some of the best fans in Division III," said linebacker Kyle Harvey after the game. "[They]

make it really fun to play."

Fan support may have been just what was needed to take the team through those heart-stopping moments and on to close victory. If the team is to reach their goals and win the conference for the second year in a row, they may need it a few more times.

## Martin's record

- Senior Jack Martin has accumulated 2,403 receiving yards at W&L.
- As a sophomore, Martin caught 70 passes for 1,353 yards.
- Martin has 28 career touchdown catches.

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a game that was much closer than the two-touchdown margin of victory indicates.

Averett had a 21-20 lead with 4:37 to go in the third quarter but failed to score again. The Generals' vaunted defense had difficulty containing the Cougars in the early stages but held them when it counted most. The game unfolded at a slower-than-usual pace, thanks to the defensive play from both sides, several injuries on both teams -- none serious -- and a refereeing crew that seemed to stop play for no reason. Safety Kyle Luby, linebacker Bryant Fulk and defensive end Tommy Matteo, the hard-hitting pillars of W&L's defense, held the Cougars' highly-touted offense to just 79 total yards

Tom Pacicco and Stuart Sitterson often swarmed at the line, changed focus in the second quarter to great effect. Instead of pulling blockers to the outside and running horizontally, Pacicco began running downfield straight from the handoff. The offensive line's run blocking was excellent, and Pacicco ended with 179 yards and 2 touchdowns on 27 attempts. Sitterson also added the Blue-and-White's go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter and caught R.J. Varner's pass on the two-point conversion to put the Generals up 28-21.

Varner had a mixed game, throwing two touchdown passes to Jack Martin but also losing two fumbles in the first quarter. He finished 11-for-23 with 193