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**Homecoming Weekend** 

# General revelry



Students and alums support the football team at last Saturday's homecoming game.

#### By the numbers 1937

Year when Dick Stuart, this year's oldest General, graduated from Washington and Lee. Stuart crowned senior Quiana McKenzie homecoming queen.

28-21

Final score for W&L's Homecoming victory against Catholic University. The Generals are now 3-1 overall and 1-1 in ODAC play.

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The high temperature in Lexington Saturday, reached around 3:30 p.m. The normal high temperature for October 6 is 73 degrees.

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### . Quadrennial convention

#### Alums recount significant Mock Con experiences

By Jacob Geiger MANAGING EDITOR

When Sam Syme remembers Washington and Lee's famous 1956 convention, he remembers the front row seat he had for all the action.

"I was Secretary of the Student Body, which made me secretary of the convention," Syme, a member of the Class of 1956, said.

"Mainly that meant I called the roll of states: Alabama, etc."

Syme, who also served as editor of The Ring-tum Phi, was sitting on the podium when Sen. Alben W. Barkley, a former Vice President who had returned to the Senate as Kentucky's junior member, came up to speak.

Such a prominent Democratic speaker had attracted huge crowds to

Doremus Gymnasium. Syme remembers that the students

were joined by local residents and a revival." large press delegation. The governor of Virginia was in the audience as are well known.

Barkley's next – and final – words

As he described his 50 years of "Barkley got up to make his government service to the cheering speech, and he was using lots of crowd, he said, "I would rather be a

"Barkley got up to make his speech, and he was using lots of biblical quotes, being very folksy. He was working himself up, and he sort of spoke like a revival preacher. You didn't know if you were at a convention or a Baptist revival."

SAM SYME, Class of 1956

Biblical quotes, being very folksy," Syme said. "He was working himself up, and he sort of spoke like a revival preacher. You didn't know if you were at a convention or a Baptist

servant in the land of the Lord than sit in the seats of power.'

As the crowd cheered, Barkley suddenly collapsed.

"He staggered, caught himself

and then hit me in the knee as he fell down," Syme said.

Doctors hurried out of the crowd, but Barkley was pronounced dead at

The next morning Lexington appeared on the front pages of newspapers across America. The press corps covering the convention raced to call in their stories.

Barkley's body was taken to Washington, D.C., where it would lay in state at the Capitol. Syme and several other students traveled to D.C. as an informal escort for the late Sena-

"There were four W&L students and four VMI students" Syme said. "It was good because the cadets knew what to do with these sorts of things."

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### Beta offers 12 bids to former Kappa Sigs

Frat alum expresses enthusiasm, support for recolonization of Alpha Rho chapter

By Sarah Kientz STAFF WRITER

Adam Porter Price, Beta Theta Pi's Senior Leadership Consultant, has no problem closing chapters.

"We enjoy closing chapters," Price said. "We're not willing to accept mediocrity and we stand for the things we believe in. It helps us live up to our standards."

Recolonization of Beta chapters under this philosophy has been occurring around the country. Price said that in the last five years, Beta has closed 60 chapters and done "expansions," or recolonizations, in 40.

Bill Kientz, a 1976 alumnus of Alpha Rho chapter who spoke with Ring-tum Phi Managing Editor Jacob Geiger, was in Lexington for a reunion at the time Beta was dismissed from W&L

He said, "I don't think anybody was incensed by it. Some of us were told why. As adults, you scratch your head and go, 'Geez guys...'

Kientz sympathizes with the freshmen pledging Beta at the time of dismissal. He said, "The [freshmen] probably didn't have a lot to do with it and then lost their chapter."

Currently, Price is looking to fill the new chapter with both freshmen and upperclassmen who are either independent or have disaffiliated.

Kappa Sigma was removed from campus this past year, creating an entire fraternity-worth of potential

Betas. Price has already extended 14 for is much different than what that bids to upperclassmen, 12 of whom fraternity was," Price said, comparare former Kappa Sigs.

"We enjoy closing chapters. We're not willing to accept mediocrity ... It helps us live

**ADAM PRICE, Beta representative** 

up to our standards."

"We're looking for guys who are in tune with the experience of fraternity life, but the experience we're looking

ing Beta to Kappa Sig. "While we're not going to be necessarily better than any other fraternity, it'll be different and unique and not like the former Kappa Sig chapter and certainly not like the former Beta chapter."

Junior Rogers Crain, a former Kappa Sig, has accepted his bid to become one of Beta's Refounding Fathers.

He is excited to create a new fraternity. "I chose to join Beta because I thought it would be a very unique opportunity that I would never have been able to do otherwise," Crain said. "The chance to build a fraternity

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#### LexPo cracks national theft

Internet sites like eBay used as unconventional tools for criminal investigations

By Wes O'Dell STAFF WRITER

This summer, Sgt. Mark Riley of the Lexington Police Department solved a national crime using eBay.

Riley said that while browsing eBay for leads was not standard procedure before, he'll be "checking it regularly" from now on.

Following a trail that threatened to go cold, local officers helped bring to justice a William and Mary student who is now charged with the theft of somewhere between \$300,000 and \$500,000 worth of property.

The student, Curtis White, is accused of masterminding a crime spree that stretched from Maine to Mississippi and affected between six and eight separate colleges, including Washington and Lee.

W&L's involvement began on July 17, when eight overhead projectors valued at nearly \$45,000 were stolen from several locked 200-and 300-level Huntley Hall classrooms. Flash Floyd, who oversees the projectors, was shocked.

"It's just old fashioned police work ... I'm most happy to just get the equipment back ... It makes you proud to be from Lexington.

MARK RILEY, Sargeant at Lexington Police Department

"You simply don't expect something on this scale to happen on our campus," Floyd said. The police were similarly baffled.

"We had no leads, no suspects, no witnesses," said Riley, the investigator in charge.

The case remained stalled until July 31, when Riley decided to check the internet auction site, eBay.com, to "cover his bases" and see if the missing projectors had turned up there.

Sure enough, Riley found several projectors up for auction that matched the description of those stolen from Huntley Hall.

They also lacked remote controls, an oddity that quickly drew the investigator's attention.

Riley proceeded to contact the seller of the items, who had purchased them from a second party and knew nothing of their origins. According to eBay's website, it strictly prohibits

the sale of stolen property and "strongly supports law enforcement efforts" to recover such items. In this case, the seller confirmed that the ID num-

bers of the projectors matched those stolen from W&L and then turned them over. The case was far from closed, however, as the po-

lice proceeded to track the check that the seller had written to pay for the projectors; it led them to Curtis White, a resident of Stafford, Va. and a student at William and Mary. Using both evidence obtained from the seller and

security camera footage from George Mason University, which also suffered a break-in earlier in the year, police obtained a warrant and searched White's home. There, they found a lock core from Huntley Hall.

According to Riley, White employed the same scheme at many colleges: he would scope out the facility a few days beforehand and remove a lock core from

He would then make a key that would allow him to infiltrate classrooms with ease and make off with the valuable technology inside.

Further investigation revealed that White had accomplices, and that he may have even hacked the W&M computer network to raise his grades. White himself was arrested in Philadelphia not long after and is currently in the Fairfax jail awaiting trial.

For defense, White has hired Peter Greenspun, a prominent attorney whose past clients include sportscaster Marv Albert and John Allen Muhammad, the D. C.-area sniper.

However, between the lock core and evidence recovered at George Mason, Riley said he is confident that there is a "real strong case" against him.

As for the projectors, the University quickly filed an insurance claim and had them replaced.

According to Treasurer and Vice President for

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### news



#### Stolen projectors

eBay helps LexPo crack the case

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Finance Steve McAllister, the recovered projectors are thus the property of the insurance company and will soon be transferred.

According to Floyd, security upgrades are already underway to prevent future thefts. He also praised the investigators for the unlikely recovery.

"I don't think anyone thought there was a chance of recovering the projectors," Floyd said.

"Our Public Safety Office and the Lexington Police Department did a tremendous job in investigating this incident."

Riley is taking particular pride in the leading role the Lexington Police took in this multi-state investigation and in the fact that W&L's projectors were the only stolen property recovered.

"It's just old fashioned police work ... I'm most happy to just get the equipment back," Riley said.

The investigation is soon to be featured on "America's Most Want-

Riley added: "It makes you proud to be from Lexington."

#### **Mock Con** memories

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Syme and the other students spent the night at the house of Edith Wilson, the widow of President Woodrow Wilson.

Fifty-one years later, Syme remembers the entire spring vividly. Later that spring, at Mrs. Barkley's urging, the convention finally reconvened, eventually selecting Adlai

Fifty years after graduation, Syme still comes back to campus twice a year.

He's enjoyed watching the campus change.

"I like seeing how the university has been able to accommodate change but still maintain a thread of continuity [to the past]."

#### **Beta returns**

14 bids handed out

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from the ground up was just too good to pass up."

He added, "The experience will be unique because the undergraduate members will be in the driver's seat. [It] will allow us to build exactly the kind of organization that we want without any negative qualities."

Kientz is similarly optimistic. He believes that the current recolonization of Beta at W&L has been successful thus far and is moving in the right direction. He said, "[Price] seems like a nice guy and is doing it the right way. I think all the alums affiliated with a fraternity want to see their chapter on campus."

Most importantly, Kientz wants current students to have the same experiences as he and his brothers. "Fraternities were great places to get together. It was an interesting group of people," he said.

Like Price, Crain said that Beta is looking for individuals who are "leaders, scholars and gentlemen" but that the upperclassmen, who will be initiated in December, will not have the final decision on the freshmen pledge class that will be initiated in March.

"The upperclassmen will have some say in who is chosen, but ultimately Adam Price will be making all decisions on who gets a bid,"

Crain said. Price said that the chapter will be satisfied with 20 new members, but will not be disappointed if they receive less than quota.

"We're focused on finding the right men, not a certain amount of men," Price said. "We're more concerned with quality than quantity."

#### Defining Lee's place in history Scholars gather to consider Lee as a general, leader and teacher

**By Alexandra Scaggs** 

STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee will continue its celebration of Robert E. Lee's 200th birthday today with a full-day symposium at Lee Cha-

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with keynote speaker Peter S. Carmichael, editor of "Audacity Personified: Essays on the Generalship of Robert E. Lee."

His speech, entitled "Truth is Mighty and Will Eventually Prevail: Why Americans Disagree about the Historical Legacy of Robert E. Lee," will discuss the

representation of Robert E. Lee Lee Chapel included.

Carmichael is the Eberly Professor of Civil War Studies at West Virginia University. Since Lee's 200th birthday on January 19, the university has hosted numerous panels and discussions to consider Lee's legacy.

The rest of the day will be a discussion of Lee's three most important roles: a general, a leader, and a teacher. At 11:15 a.m., A. Wilson Greene and Gordon Rhea will speak on "General Lee's Overland Campaign."

Greene has written six books an, and Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean, fallout from Lee's loss in the at museums and historical sites, and over two dozen articles on Civil War and Southern history. He also worked as a historian for the National Park Service for 16 years. His most recent book focused on Petersburg, site of a nine month siege in 1864-1865.

> Rhea is a co-author of "In the Footsteps of Grant and Lee: The Wilderness Through Cold Har-

At 2 p.m., Lee's leadership abilities will be the subject in "General Lee and the Rank and File," presented by Dr. J. Tracy Power, a South Carolina histori-

a history professor at University of North Florida. There will be a short Q&A session after the two historians speak.

The author of "Robert E. Society representative John Mc-Clure will speak last, with "Lee and Education."

They will give insight into Lee's identity as an educator and his relationships with the students and faculty of then-named Washington College.

They will also discuss the

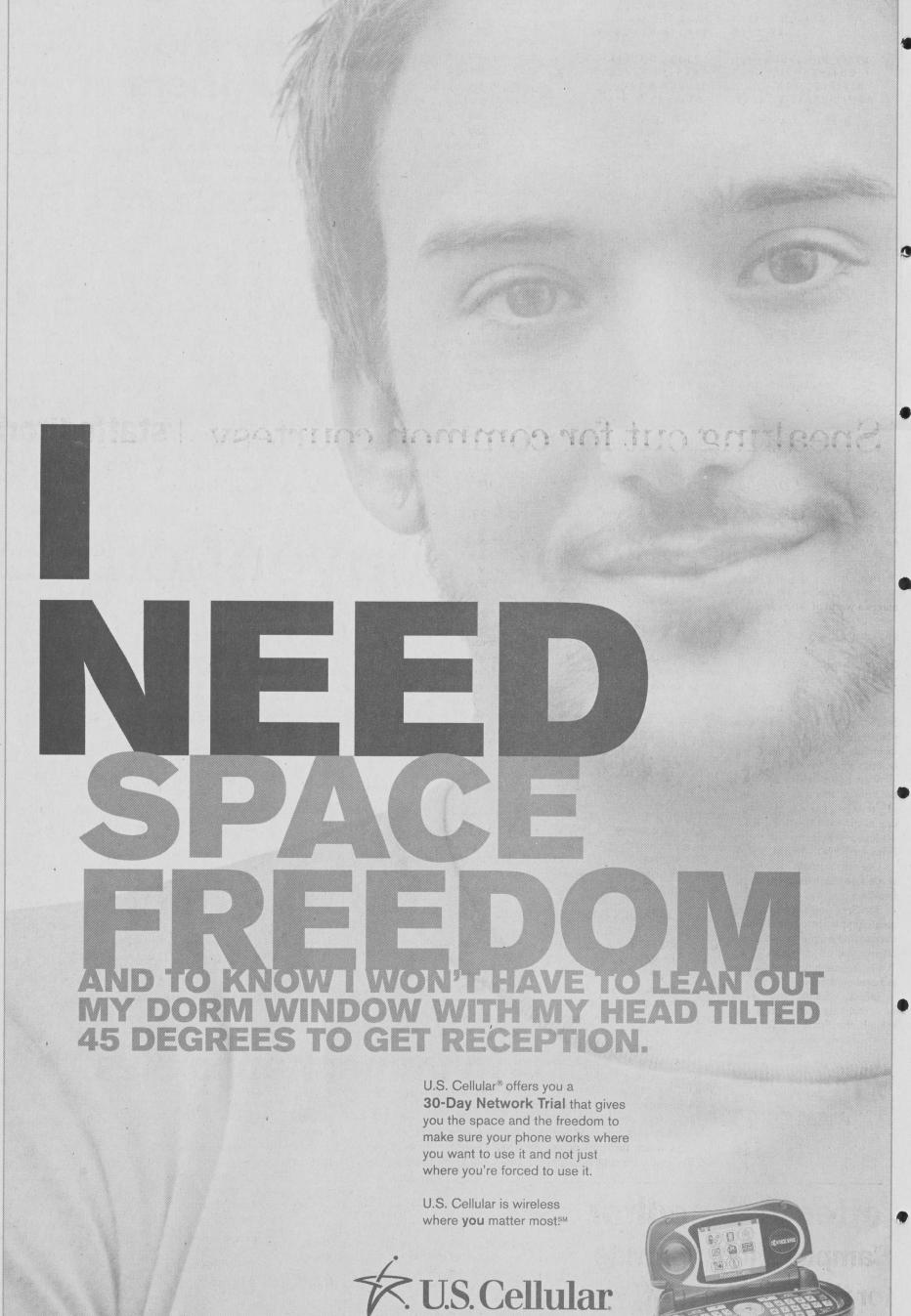
Civil War and the seizure of his plantation for the Freedman Bureau's village, a settlement for freed slaves.

Monday's panel coincides Lee: A Biography," Dr. Emory with last week's reopening of the Thomas, and Virginia Historical chapel's museum. Lee's basement office is once again open to

> The crypt where Lee, his wife, children and other family members are buried is also open again for public viewing.

> The program is free and open to the public. Donations are encouraged.

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### Your God-given right to sag

Beware: The idea of a fashion police is no longer a silly notion, it's a reality

**By Kathle Scott** COLUMNIST

A fashion "faux pas" refers to a social blunder. And within the fashion world this term can be defined as wearing chocolate brown with black, white after Labor Day, or cropped pants with boots.

Some fashion experts claim that rules were meant to be broken. After all, sometimes brown and black don't look so bad together.

However, some cities in the U.S. feel one fashion faux pas that should be avoided is that of visible undergarments, usually paired with baggy pants. In Delcambre, La., wearing anything that allows your underwear to be visible is punished with a fine of up to \$500 or six months in jail.

The baggy pants tradition began in jails when prisoners were not permitted to wear belts for fear of injury. The trend shifted to the community, spread nationwide, and became a fashion trend. They're concerned that if criminals wear baggy pants, then those who wear baggy pants must be criminals. Supporters of the ban fear that the baggy pants phenomenon will carry down to small children, thus introducing a life of crime and violence early on.

In my opinion, I think baggy pants are ridiculous. I won't lie, I can definitely appreciate a guy who wears a natural sag, which falls just around the hips (Note: Since the idea of sagging might be a foreign concept to some readers on this campus please tions. note that "sagging" is the verb for producing baggy jeans. "Baggy" is merely the adjective involved in describing this final product. "Sag" can be used as a noun as well as an adjective).

In fact, I enjoy the natural sag. This natural sag usually involves a little boxer visibility; I can deal with a little.

However, there are more extreme methods of sagging. This sagging usually involves a lot of underwear visibility and you can usually tell how bad the sagging is by checking the alignment of the back pockets with the person's body. For instance, back pockets aligning with the back of one's knees equals too much sagging. Pretty much anything that goes below mid-butt range is too much

All opinions aside, how ridiculous is this law? Does anybody else feel this might infringe on First Amendment rights? Granted it's the right to look stupid, but everybody should have that right! Previous generations had the right to look stupid when legwarmers, tie dye shirts, and shoulder pads

Let's think about this logically with regards to the Constitution. America guarantees freedom. Issues only arise when person A's freedom infringes upon person B's freedom. Maybe showing underwear infringes upon the rights of others. But if we're to be sensitive to those rights, this brings about an entirely new set of ques-

If others feel it is unbearable to witness the exposure of some underwear (namely, boxers which are really just shorts anyways) then maybe I shouldn't have to go to the beach and shield my eyes from the inappropriate bathing suits worn by those who didn't prepare/tone up for the season. Should I have to witness bad highlights, bad makeup, and outfits consisting of polka dot prints AND stripes?

If others feel it's unbearable to witness the exposure of boxers, maybe I shouldn't have to shield my eyes from inappropriate bathing suits.

Well, hell, let's all just wear the same thing. That would make things easier.

I'll wait for the government to send me a list of appropriate clothing. Who knows, maybe they'll also be kind enough to tell me who I should marry and how many kids I should have! Weird how that reminds me a lot of that one form of government, oh yeah, COMMUNISM!

If anti-baggy pants supporters will make the huge jump in correlating baggy pants with criminal

activity, I too would like to make a jump in saying that regulations of this nature will only escalate until the government is involved in every aspect of our lives. What's next?!

As for baggy pants spreading to the wardrobe of small children, instead of asking the government to create rules concerning dress, why not act like a parent and enforce these rules in your own household? As a parent, you know what your child is wearing and will not have to be concerned that the minute you turn your back, your 7-year-old son will whip off his belt and pull down his pants.

Teenage rebellion usually starts during the teenage years. If you cannot exhibit control in your home regarding what your child is wearing before those rebellious years hit, maybe you should join Britney in a parenting class or

I understand that crime is an issue in this country. I also understand that one of the best places to start is within youth. However, I don't understand how, after close analysis of the nature of crime in this country, the first appropriate place to start is pants. If baggy pants began in jail and the punishment for wearing baggy pants in public can be jail time, isn't this just an infinite loop? I suggest someone re-assess the elements involved in creating a criminal and realize that people who don't wear baggy pants can commit

#### Speaking out for common courtesy

Don't greet others simply because it's tradition but because it's the right thing

By Celeste Cruz-Caradang and Joan Oguntimein COLUMNISTS

Two letters.

Just two, making a word that makes a world of difference. "Hi." One syllable made in

one breath. Yet people on this campus find it so hard to say this simple

word. "Hi." We're not really sure. May-

be they're talking on their cell phone, running and therefore out of breath, detached, spaced out, or simply just don't care. Washington and Lee holds

not only an academic reputation of greatness, but also possesses one of the most coveted historical legacies in the nation, which is immersed in traditions.

One such tradition has become less precious to our com-

The Speaking Tradition, as its name implies, is a time honored custom that simply speaks of the civility that all members of the W&L community possess, or rather should possess.

Indeed, despite the sense of community that it gives our school, the Speaking Tradition has gone unpracticed, unnoticed, and undervalued.

Our late president John W. Elrod said it best in his 1995 inaugural address: "The Speaking Tradition calls for the ordinary courtesy of greeting each other in our daily commerce. It is a simple act but one whose meaning and value we should not underestimate."

So if the Speaking Tradition calls for common courtesy of greeting, why do people find it so hard to practice it?

Why do students find it so easy to practice the Honor System, our other major tradition here at W&L, but not the Speaking Tradition? They both boil down to the same thing; respect for each other.

I think we all have to realize that the phrase "common courtesy" is a rather curious oxymoron. Courtesy is not as simple as the preceding adjective implies. In fact, it is what makes a person different and noticeable in today's society.

But despite the lack of good manners in the "real world," at W&L it is common courtesy that makes this student body have such a pleasantly refreshing ambience of welcome and commu-

This school has only 1700 students, a much smaller population that that of the high schools many of us attended. You've probably met, seen, or know almost everyone on this tiny campus. To refuse to greet someone as they pass you by is purely rude and quite frankly, it shows a serious deficiency in character.

Now, please don't misunderstand us. We're not asking you to walk around like an annoying happy machine, getting in everyone's face for a chance to say hi.

We know everyone has their bad days where they just don't feel like being around people or engaging in a conversation with

However, greeting someone or at least acknowledging his or her presence with a simple head nod, hand wave, or slight upward curl of your lips, won't make your day any worse.

In fact, their possible kind and polite response to your civil gesture might be exactly what you need to make your day a little brighter.

Now I know that this can be a tiresome task. We will be the first to admit that we do not always behave courteously and actively practice the Speaking Tradition.

It does take a small amount of courage to start that awkward sidelong eye contact, continue into the instinct of looking down as the other person approaches, and the progress somewhat reluctantly into gazing upward and giving the salutation of choice.

The latter portion in itself is difficult. After all, there are the head nod friends, the high-five group, and then the regular old vocal hello students.

Yet, as heart-wrenching as this second long process is, maybe all we have to do is take a step back and realize that hi is just hi. If the other person does not reciprocate our reception, social suicide is not inevitable.

If we want W&L to continue to be the tight-knit community that it aspires to be, we must each do our part to uphold this tradition.

The Speaking Tradition and the Honor System give W&L its singularity and superiority.

We visit and experience a community in which we are welcomed, accepted for our individuality, appreciated for our integrity and valued for our intellect and creativity.

Yes, academic prestige did contribute a lot to our college decision, but it was this aforementioned sense of comfort that made W&L more of a home than a large state school or larger private schools.

In short, we were all drawn to this school because from the minute we walked on campus and saw the sweeping white antebellum columns and red clay buildings, complete strangers greeted us,

As much as the architecture may make it seem, W&L is not simple a place of history and tra-

The founding date of our university does not define our sense of honor or our sense of cour-

Therefore, do not feel compelled to great that fellow student because of that trident on your flip flops or the Generals emblem on your polo.

Say hello because it is the right thing to do. We appeal to you: Please

don't let the Speaking Tradition

Revive it once again.

Let it awake from its defunct depths of dormancy to show the world its power and potential to inflict change.

Let us practice civility.

#### staffeditorial **Cracking the case**

Local police officer solves school thefts

In the past few years we've police up and down the East taken our fair share of shots at the Lexington Police Department. From a student perspective, there are weekends when it seems like the entire department has nothing better to do than sit outside the most popular off-campus houses.

There are few things that look as strange as three young police officers doing a field sobriety test on a 22-year-old driver who then blows a .018 BAC.

Hopefully Chief Steve Crowder will eventually help his new officers learn to avoid the heavyhandedness that has plagued so many interactions with students this year. Many of the force's veteran officers could teach the young bucks a few things about building trust and good will with the people you serve and protect.

But for all the criticism we've leveled at the police, we know how to give credit when it's due.

Sgt. Mark Riley has already been lauded in the Richmond Times-Dispatch and other daily newspapers. But we don't have a problem with repeating the praise.

Working from his office behind City Hall, Riley is proof that the internet lets small-town detectives solve crimes they might never have resolved in the past.

It was Riley, not an officer from a larger, more prestigious department, who went online to look for the stolen projectors.

Riley's smart use of Ebay cracked a sophisticated, multistate crime ring that had stumped police really do make Lex safe.

This type of difficult investigative work is exactly what Crowder and his predecessor, Bruce Beard, want from Lexington police.

The department has state accreditation, making it one of the smallest accredited departments in Virginia. And as Washington and Lee officials will tell you while they prepare for our accreditation process, earning that status in any line of work is nothing to sneer at.

It's an oft-repeated cliché that students forget they're not always safe on and around our campus. The dorm intrusions last month and the break-in at Pi Kappa Alpha this summer were certainly stark reminders of that. And students living off campus forget that the late-night police patrols help keep their houses safe, especially during the long breaks when some neighborhoods are half-empty.

Most of this work goes unnoticed. Students and police will probably never get along perfectly. We simply have very different goals and opinions. Many of us choose to drink alcohol, even though we know the age is 21. Police are charged with enforcing Virginia's laws, even the ones we break on a regular basis.

Maybe we're never going to get along well with the Lexington police. Maybe the newer officers won't be willing to change their

Mark Riley reminds us that the

#### letter to the editor

#### **Campus should provide** for the possibility of pregnant student

Students for Life should push for options for a pregnant student, such as continuing classes

Reading last week's article on the Student's For Life vigil made me wonder if they had a point - this issue does need to be brought to our cam-

Now personally, I am pro-choice, and I respect that everyone has a right to their own beliefs, but wouldn't it be more constructive to their cause to open options and resources to help someone who might be in that situation on this campus rather than eliminating other options that are safe, but controversial?

No student, at least in my experience, has ever been visibly pregnant on this campus, so it's hard to gauge what it would be like. Not many can deny the extreme difficulty of handling the stress of classes and being pregnant, while also still being a part of the W&L community.

The most loved characteristic of W&L is its culture and campus life. The education combined with its social traditions is what makes this school what it is, what makes it unique. But currently, we have no support system for a student to continue her education on this campus and be pregnant.

So, what is she to do? Drop out? Leave behind the experience and benefits of going to college at a place like W&L?

Then what happens to the child with a mother who does not have a college education or is struggling to finish it? That child's quality of life is

But if that child had a mother who was supported by her university's community and finished her top notch education, then the quality of life

would be greatly improved. W&L offers us so much already for our futures, and maybe efforts should be redirected so that W&L could also offer a female student in the position of being pregnant during her four years, something for her child's

Katie Hager

# arts&life!

#### Concert Guild prepares for a season of world-class art

The University Concert Guild brings talented musicians to campus

By Michele Farqueharson
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Concert Guild brings in internationally recognized classical musicians to campus and makes their concerts available to Washington and Lee students.

Professor Tim Gaylard, the adviser to the Concert Guild, answered some questions concerning the Guild, how students can get involved and what we can expect this year:

**Q:** What kind of music does the Concert Guild bring to campus?

A: [It is] always mainstream classical from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Modern periods.

**Q:** How do students get involved in the Concert

A: Music majors and students interested in music [such as] performers and students who have taken a lot of musical classes are invited onto the Board

**Q:** What do we have to look forward to over this Concert's season?

**A:** There are three events this season: Pianist Marc-André Hamelin on Tuesday, October 9th, the a cappella group, King's Singers, on Sunday, February 10th, and the Brentano String Quartet on Tuesday, March, 18th.

Professor Gaylard's role on the Board is to meet with the students periodically throughout the year to suggest artists to hire for the next season, to organize hosting the artists, and to find support for their performances. This is where the student body can get involved. Ushers and people to work back-stage are needed to produce the shows and, as Professor Gaylard pointed out, "The concerts are of very high quality and provide a wonderful opportunity for all the W&L community to enjoy fine musical performances."

The Concert Guild is bringing some amazing artists to campus this year. Marc-André Hamelin was born in Montreal and is an internationally renowned French-Canadian pianist. He has toured all over the globe from Germany to New York to Japan and has played with the BBC Symphony, Royal Concertbouw, Australian Chamber Orchestra and Les Violons du Roy. *International Piano Quarterly* claimed him as "one of the most adventurous and certainly the most courageous pianist of recent times."

If you missed Marc-André, have no fear! You have plenty of time to prepare yourself for the a cappella group, King's Singers, in February. It is a group of six men who graduated from King's College in Cambridge and who during their time there were honored as choral scholars. While the founders of the group are no longer performing, the tradition has been upheld and the group has been on tour for over thirty years. They have performed with groups and artists such as Placido Domingo, The Boston Pops Orchestra, and Paul McCartney. Currently, the members include David Hurley, Robin Tyson, Paul Phoenix, Philip Lawson and Chris Gabbitas.

Maybe February isn't a good month for you? The final performance coming to W&L is the Brentano String Quartet. The group has performed all over the world in venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Library of Congress, the Concertgebouw, the Konzerthaus and the Sydney Opera House. The current members are Mark Steinberg, Serena Canin, Misha Amory and Nina Lee. All four members have degrees from the prestigious music school, Julliard, and have taught at institutions such as Princeton, Harvard, and Columbia Universities. The New York Times remarked, "The Brentano String Quartet is something special...their music making is private, delicate and fresh, but by its very intimacy and importance it seizes attention."

As you can see, these performances are of the highest quality and provide Washington and Lee students with an amazing chance to hear some of the most well-known musicians in the world. Most small universities do not have this kind of opportunity, so please take advantage of what your school has to offer. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the music!

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# Alums hit town for party-time



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Dick Stuart, class of 1937, was the oldest General at this year's Homecoming. He crowns Homecoming Queen, Quiana McKenzie, with King Kevin Corn.

#### Washington and Lee gives a huge welcome home to both young and old alumni

By Kimber Wiggs
STAFF WRITER

This weekend W&L welcomed back some of our long-lost compatriots. Our fallen comrades-in-arms returned from the graduation grave to grace us with their presence once more. Their homecoming began with the usual display of enthusiasm and revelry, so now it is time to look back on the days leading up the actual events.

Homecoming is an interesting time on campus. Seniors finally got to partake in the Alumni Wine Tasting, while freshmen scrambled for dates and tried to decide which frats they like the most at this moment. For those in-between, Homecoming was, at the least, an opportunity to look at some banners and see a pretty good, if inadequately attended, concert in the Pavilion.

The Homecoming banners went up Tuesday, amid a wave of anti-Catholic sentiment. Last week was certainly a good time to be a Protestant on this campus.

Robert Randolph and the Family Band played Wednesday night. The turnout for the opener, Rose Hill Drive, was less than encouraging; though the band played a great set and deserved more attention. Happily, when Robert Randolph took the stage, an enthusiastic crowd had gathered and was ready to bring in both the noise and the funk.

Robert Randolph got the crowd going with their perennial favorite, "I Need More Love." Everyone appeared to be having a good time, because when Robert Randolph's little sister asked if they were, they all replied in the affirmative.

As for the weekend festivities, inital attitudes varied from sheer euphoric excitement to anxious apprehension. Sophomore Meghan Keane was "pumped to see her old friends and excited for the freshmen to attend a classy W&L function that doesn't involve beer in basements." Not to begin with, at least.

All in all, Homecoming was a good experience for the freshmen and pretty much business as usual for everyone else. Now it's time for the cocktail dresses to go back into hibernation until Christmas Weekend rolls around.



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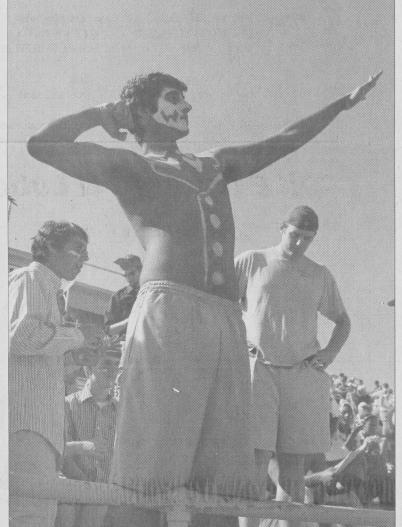
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W&L beat Catholic University 28-21 in Saturday's Homecom-ing game.

Right: Skip Wood (No. 64), Chad Austin(No. 32), and Jason Zelesnik (No. 40) watch the game.

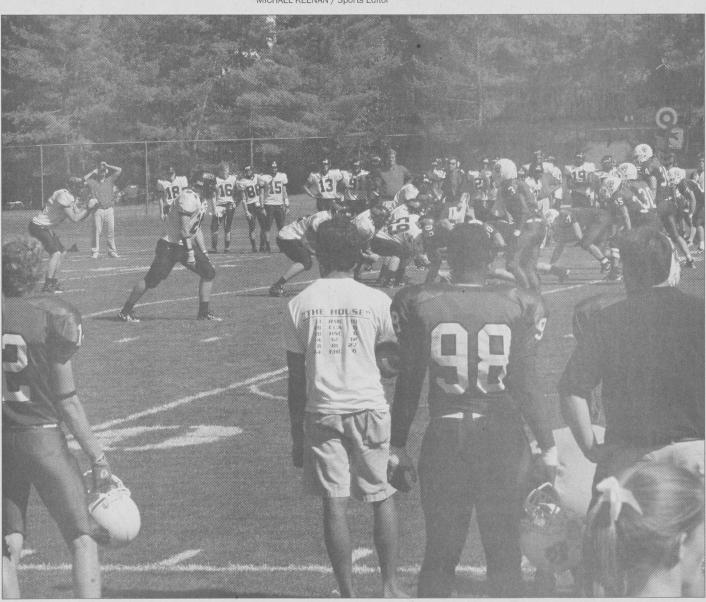
Mid-left: an enthusi-astic Abhinav Kapur gives a new meaning to coat and tie.

Bottom right: Fans watch the men's soccer team defeat Roanoke 1-0.

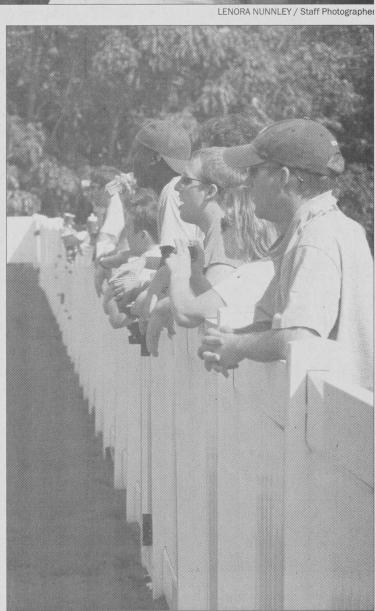


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# Sports



### EMU remains unbeaten



Sophomore Stephanie Mansey dribbles around a Roanoke defender during the first half of Friday night's 4-2 victory.

#### Field Hockey rebounds from tough loss with scoring outburst against Roanoke

By Michael Keenan SPORTS EDITOR

This week posed two tough ODAC matches for the Washington and Lee field hockey team. had a chance on Tuesday, but we After suffering a tough 2-1 loss to played with too much anxiety and the Royals of Eastern Mennonite were so nervous to lose that we University on Tuesday evening, didn't play together as a team." the Generals returned home to take out their frustration on the Maroons of Roanoke.

On Tuesday evening the Generals took on EMU in an ODAC showdown between the two unbeaten teams in conference play.

Twenty-five minutes into the first half, sophomore Alyssa Derstine scored her first goal of the game on a penalty stroke to give the Royals a 1-0 lead. Less than ten minutes into the second half, Derstine struck again to extend the lead to 2-0.

The Generals refused to quit. Less than four minutes later, sophomore Stephanie Mansey scored an unassisted goal to bring the Generals within one. However, that was as close as they would

"We need to play the entire 70 minutes to beat EMU," said sophomore Sallie Armstrong. "We

The Royals improved to 3-0 in ODAC play, 4-5 overall, to lead the conference while W&I fell to 1-1 in the conference.

It didn't take long for the Generals to shake off Tuesday night's loss. Just 70 seconds into the game, Armstrong broke free down the right side, ripped a shot to the far post, and found the back of the net to give the Generals a

"It was great to set the tone of the game with a shot in the first two minutes," said Armstrong. "It utes to go, the Generals were is also one of our team goals to score in the first seven minutes of the game."

Ten minutes later Roanoke had one of their best opportunities to tie the score when they were

come as the Royals defense held awarded a free hit just outside the on for the 2-1 victory.

rected just wide of the net and the expanding the lead to 3-0 if not score remained unchanged. The for a Roanoke defender swatting

The Generals continued to finished for her second goal of the circle. The ensuing shot was redi- pressure the Maroons, almost Generals had an opportunity on the ball out of midair to deny the

We have always had a huge rivalry with [Lynchburg], and both of our teams have the skill to win, so we need to get our team mentally prepared to play the best game that we can.

**Christina Merchant, junior forward** 

the counterattack but Armstrong's centering pass rolled harmlessly across the goal mouth.

With just over seventeen minawarded a free pass of their own just outside the circle. Senior Kendall Korte found freshman Poppy Hall in front of the net for the score, extending the Generals'

Generals another goal. The pressure led Roanoke to use its timeout with 11:09 remaining in the

Though the Maroons were able to stall the Generals attack temporarily, the Generals wouldn't have to wait until the second half to score again. On a set play from a penalty corner, junior Christina Merchant found Armstrong who

Women tally six victories during the week including a 4-0 showing at Averett Invite

half with 2:20 to play in the half.

The Generals weren't finished. With time winding down, Korte found sophomore Stephanie Mansey just inside the circle. It took a kick save by Roanoke goalie Lindsey Paz as time expired to prevent another W&L goal. Though giving up four goals, Paz would finish with fourteen saves.

The Generals came out ready to play in the second half, scoring almost as fast as they had in the first half. Just over three minutes in, sophomore Alex Caritis assisted junior Guada Suarez to extend the Generals' lead to 4-0.

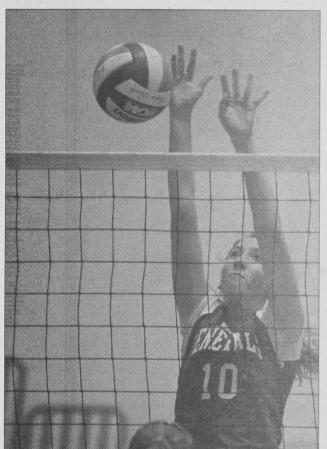
The Maroons refused to roll over and die. With eighteen minutes to play, Roanoke was awarded a penalty corner and nearly scored but sophomore goalie Caroline Habliston made a kick to prolong the shutout. However, the Maroons would find the net twice in the final eight minutes to erase the shutout and close the lead to two. They would get no closer, though, and the final score

"Tuesday's loss made us want to really beat Roanoke and really come together as a team to beat them," said Armstrong. "Our passing was the best it has been all season, and it looks like we are really coming together and know where our teammates are at all

With the win, the Generals improve to 5-3 overall. The Generals return to action at home against preseason favorite Lynchburg on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

"Tuesday's game against Lynchburg is definitely going to be one of the toughest games of our season," said Merchant. "We have always had a huge rivalry with them, and both of our teams have the skill to win, so we need to get our team mentally prepared to play the best game that we can. I think for us, we need to find a balance between being overly confident and being too nervous in order to play to the best of our

### Volleyball extends win streak to 10



Senior Jess Hudock blocks an attack against **Guilford during Wednesday night's victory.** 

By Michael Keenan SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee University women's volleyball team 27. won all six matches it played this week to run its winning streak to ten matches. After traveling to Ferrum on Tuesday, the Generals took on ODAC foe Guilford at home on Wednesday evening and then traveled to Danville, VA, to participate in the Averett Invitational, where they swept all four matches.

On Tuesday evening the Generals took on Ferrum. Without much trouble, the Generals corralled the Panthers, sweeping them in the games: 30-24, 30-15, 30-27. The Generals were led by junior Abbey Wilson's six kills and five blocks and sophomore Kristi Stevens' 20 assists and 12 digs.

Wednesday evening the Generals returned home to face Guilford in their fifth conference match of the season. The match got off to a rough start as Guilford quickly opened a sizeable lead, but the Generals re-

Generals won a side out and junior steal the first game for W&L, 30-

Guilford stayed close early in game two, but with the score tied 4-4, the Generals opened up an eight point lead with a 9-1 run and then finished the game 30-16. In game three, the Generals jumped out to an early 9-4 lead but Guilford closed to within two points at 10-8. The Generals responded with a 9-3 run to go up 19-11 and were never threatened again, winning the final game 30-21. The Generals were led by junior Laura Maurer's 13 kills and Stevens' 25 assists.

On Friday and Saturday, the team participated in the Averett Invitational, taking on ODAC rival Randolph-Macon, host Averett, Queens, and Greensboro.

On Friday evening, the Generals opened with a quick 3-0 sweep of the Yellow Jackets of Randolph-Macon. The Generals became progressively more dominant, winning

mained unfazed. Down 27-19, the by a score of 30-24, 30-23, 30-17. Sophomore Rachael Phillips led the Jess Ulrich served ten in a row to way with 16 kills and eight digs and Maurer chipped in 18 digs in addition to six kills.

The Generals would be glad their first match was only three games because the nightcap against Averett would go the distance. The match was back and forth throughout. After dropping the first game 27-30, the Generals fought back to take the second game 30-21, the only game of the match decided by more than three points.

However, the Cougars refused to roll over and die, clawing their way to a 30-28 win in the third game to put them just one away from the victory. However, the Generals dug in and won the fourth game by the same score and then sealed the win with a 16-14 fifth game victory.

Splitting time at setter, Stevens and senior Lauren Rudolph combined for 56 assists and 35 digs. Phillips and Maurer continued their strong play, tallying 20 and 16 kills, respectively. Senior Jess Hudock

also added five aces to go along with 14 kills and 17 digs.

In the morning, the Generals awoke to take on Queens and Greensboro. In the morning matchup, the Generals downed the Royals of Queens in three games. After a relatively easy first game win, 30-14, the Royals awoke but came up short, losing the second game, 31-29. Their spirits crushed, the Generals cruised to a 30-17 win in game three, sealing the 3-0 victory.

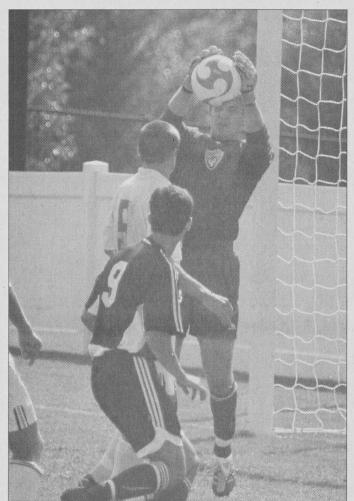
The Generals carried the momentum into the second match of the day against the Pride of Greensboro, downing them in three straight: 30-23, 30-19, 30-23.

On Saturday, offensively the Generals were led by Maurer's 22 kills and Hudock's 19 kills while Rudolph and Stevens amassed 37 and 36 assists, respectively. Defensively, Maurer's 19 digs were tops for the Generals.

The Generals return to action this Tuesday at the Warner Center when they take on ODAC rival Roanoke



## Defensive Domination The Neil(1)s break down the



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Senior Ted Sheedy makes a save in the first half against Roanoke. The win gave Sheedy his 13th career shutout.

#### Men extend unbeaten streak to eight

By Michael Keenan SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's men's soccer team chalked up victories over in-town rival D-I Virginia Military Institute and ODAC rival Roanoke.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Generals welcomed VMI to Watt field for the 35th meeting

between the two teams. The Generals struck quickly. Less than five minutes into the contest, junior Tommy Pignatelli's shot was deflected to senior Jack Palmer, who finished the close range opportunity. The Generals kept up the pressure through the first half, firing 15 more shots, but failing to add a second goal.

Just three minutes into the second half, the Generals struck again when Pignatelli scored a goal of his own off another deflection to extend the lead to

In the 73rd minute, Pignatelli's corner kick was finished by senior Travis Short to extend the lead for the final time to 3-

The win gave W&L their first victory over VMI since 2001 and improved their headto-head record to 17-14-4.

On Saturday, the Generals took on the Maroons of Roanoke in a battle of two top ODAC teams.

Roanoke's Michael Rouhana was shown a red card in the 32nd minute, forcing his team to play down a man for the remainder of the match. However, the best chance of the first half still belonged to Roanoke when a shot clanked off the inside of

It wasn't until the 57th minute that senior Jack Palmer scored an unassisted goal to give the Generals a 1-0 advantage, which they clung to for the rest of the game.

The loss was Roanoke's first in conference play this seaon, while the Generals improved to 7-1-2., 4-0-1 in ODAC.

The Generals return to action on Wednesday when they travel to play Ferrum at 4:00



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Junior Kiki Moreo makes a save with six seconds remaining in the game to preserve the win. The shutout was her 31st, making Moreo the all-time leader in shutout wins at W&L.

#### Women tally two more shutout wins over Guilford and CNU

By Michael Keenan

SPORTS EDITOR

The defense of the Washington and Lee women's soccer team once again led the way as the Generals tallied victories over Guilford and Christopher Newport this week.

On Wednesday evening, the Generals travelled to Greensboro, NC, to take on the Quakers in an

ODAC match. Though the Quakers were able to hold the score to 0-0 at the end of the first half, the second saw a flurry of goals for the Generals. Junior Kate Corr started the scoring less than five minutes into the half.

Within fifteen minutes, junior Anne Van Devender and freshman Taylor Garrett also found the back of the net to extend the lead to 3-0. With just under fifteen minutes

to play, junior Marisa Van Brunt headed home a Katie Kern corner kick to make the final score 4-0.

On Saturday; the women struck quickly when Van Devender passed to Kern, who found the back of the net less than six minutes into the game.

The rest of the game proved to be a defensive struggle, with neither team scoring in the remainder of the game.

Junior Kiki Moreo played the entirety of both games, tallying six saves and was credited with the two shutout wins. The two victories gave Moreo her 30th and 31st shutout wins of her career, which moved her into first all-time at W&L in that category.

The Generals return to action on Tuesday when they take on Sweet Briar at 4:00 p.m. at Watt

### first four weeks of the NFL Season

By Neill Thupari and Neil Sheaffer STAFF WRITER AND GUEST WRITER

What are the best and worst surprises thus far in

NT: Best surprise this year for me has got to be the revival of the Green Bay Packers. For anyone who has seen Brett Favre in the mid 90's during his prime, it is absolutely invigorating to see him leading a contender once again. I only hope that they can continue their success and find a running game to complement Favre's gunslinger mentality. Being from Baltimore and having to hear the non-stop commentary from Ravens fans with Super-Bowl aspirations, I have to mention them as being one of, if not the, worst surprise this year. Highly overrated, the Ravens are 2-2 coming off a loss to Cleveland; and if they do not right the ship in the upcoming weeks, Brian Billick will immediately be placed on the hot seat after failing to build on the success of last year's AFC North Champion squad.

NS: I've been pretty negative about the NFL this year, so it's tough for me to think of a pleasant surprise, so I'm going to start negative. Worst surprise: the San Diego Chargers. They absolutely stink, and this is coming with someone who would take multiple bullets for LaDainian. I think plenty [read: all] of the blame should fall on the coaching staff because they were working with almost the complete roster from last year's team that went 14-2. There are reasons that Ted Cottrell and Norv Turner were unemployed last season. Okay, now for my best surprise. I haven't ever really liked Tony Romo, maybe because he plays for the Cowboys and maybe because he made the Pro Bowl roster after only playing half a season, but the guy is legitimately good. And that's a surprise to me. I always find it odd that a guy like him can fly so far under the radar for a while and then suddenly be an upper tier player. How does this happen? It's not like he got that much better while sending in the signals to Drew Bledsoe.

Which teams' record doesn't accurately reflect their overall performance?

NT: I feel that something has to be said here for your Chargers, Neil. Yes, San Diego is 1-3, and yes, they don't appear to have the hunger they did last year, but this is still the Chargers team that was an absolute juggernaut last year on their way to a 14-2 record. They are insanely talented on both sides of the ball, and if the coaching staff can get it together and make the players believe in the Norv Turner and his assistants they can still turn it around. Phillip Rivers at QB. Reigning MVP LaDainian Tomlinson. Antonio Gates as the best downfield tight end in the league. A defensive attack led by Shawne Merriman that possesses the ability to play physical and shut down any offense that comes its way. These don't sound like the ingredients to a 1-3 team, and I don't think it has to stay that way.

NS: I think it will stay that way. With Norv Turner as their coach the Chargers will not win more than 6 games. As for a team whose record is nowhere near where it should be: Tampa Bay. They are awful. Or at least they should be awful. If I were a fan/ coach/teammate, I would not want my team's destiny in Jeff Garcia's hands. Yes, the guy tends to win, but I still don't know how. I think he's the quarterback that we all saw in Detroit a couple years ago. They definitely aren't going to stick around at 3-1. The Cadillac is out of commission for the year and their starting left tackle Luke Petitgout is also on the injured reserve list.

Who is the league MVP thus far?

NS: Randy Moss. In my mind, this is a very simple pick. He and the Patriots are playing at a whole different level than any team in the NFL, and he is the primary reason. True, they've won a few SuperBowls without any deep receiving threat. True, Tom Brady makes almost anybody he plays with a lot better, but in this case it is Randy Moss that is making Brady better. This is the best Patriots team that I've ever seen, and I think they have a legitimate shot to go undefeated. I'm going to quickly touch on Moss' stats before I turn this over to Neill for his round of Moss bashing. He has 505 yards and 7 touchdowns. He is going to threaten or break every major, single season receiving record. Moss is a player that a quarterback can put complete faith in as he is still one of the fastest receivers in the league and his hands are unparalleled. If they win the Super Bowl this year, most of the credit needs to go to Moss...and this is coming from a Michigan fan that basically worships Tom Brady...so there.

NT: I cannot believe you actually think Randy Moss is this year's MVP. I suppose the fact that he has been an absolute headcase for the majority of his career and all of a sudden buckles down and appears disciplined has nothing to do with the fact that Brady is his quarterback. Tom Brady has already built a dynasty in New England with three Super Bowls and two Super Bowl MVPs, and at the end of his career when all is said and done, he may be the best quarterback to have ever played the game. If you take out Tom Brady and put an average or mediocre QB in the Patriots scheme, what's their record right now? 2-2? 3-1, at best, with no real shot at the Super Bowl without Brady at the helm? Would Randy Moss even be able to play for another QB? Now, let's take Randy Moss out of the equation and let's substitute Wide Receiver Vincent Jackson from the San Diego Chargers. The Patriots would still be 4-0, Vincent Jackson's stats would be through the roof as well, catapulting him into the top 5 for wide receivers, and the Patriots would be on their way to another Super Bowl with Tom Brady as their leader. As quarterback, Brady has to take care of every single aspect of his offense when they're on the field and he must make the according decisions to lead his team to victory. Without Brady, there is no Moss. Without Moss, Brady is still the premier quarterback in the NFL. Tom Brady is the MVP right now; to even consider someone else is sheer lunacy.

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Women's Soccer		vs Sweet Briar 4:00 p.m.				at Methodist 2:00 p.m.	
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### in the numbers

Washington and Lee University's football team's record when senior Abhinav Kapur shows up in body paint.

195

Rushing yards against Catholic by junior tailback Tom Pacicco, a new career high. Pacicco also had two touchdowns in the win.

Current win streak for the volleyball team. The team has not lost since facing No. 4 Emory University on Sept. 21.

Games dropped by the Generals during their streak. Eight of the 10 matches have been 3-0 sweeps.

#### soapbox

"The problem was, by the time they finally located a place that had the game, I was back on the bench. So they'd get there, sit down, and it would be time to go back home. I mean, I was mostly just playing on the special teams units."

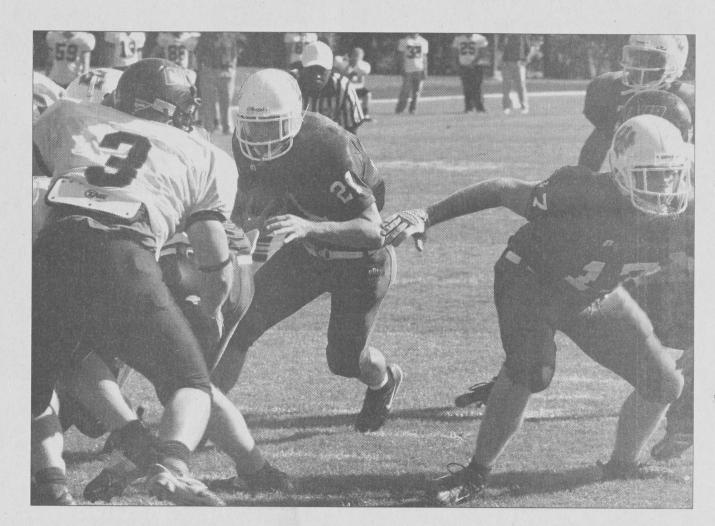
Tampa Bay Bucs middle linebacker Barrett Ruud on how his college friends from Nebraska would scurry to find a place that showed the Tampa Bay game whenever he entered on special teams. Now Ruud is starting and being considered for a spot in the Pro Bowl.

"[Marion Jones] will be remembered as one of the biggest frauds in sporting history... A lot of people believed in the achievements of Marion Jones and this confession leaves a bitter taste, and tarnishes the image of a sport in which a majority of Lamine Diack, president of track and field's governing body, after Jones plead guilty to steroid use.

"When you're 0-5, everyone in the country is laughing at you. The only thing you can do is do something about it on the field."

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis. Notre Dame finally got its first win of the season on Saturday.

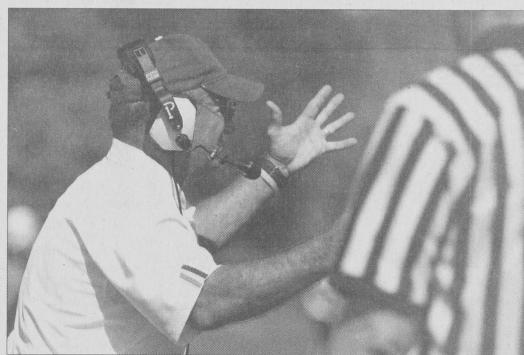
# Generals struggle but best Catholic



**Above: Junior tailback** Tom Pacicco rumbles for one of his two touchdowns while sophomore tight end Daniel Kohn (No. 17) looks to set a block. Pacicco had 35 carries in Saturday's victory and is averaging almost 150 yards per season. **Right: Head Coach** Frank Miriello wants some questions answered by the referees during the

MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Generals victory over



#### Catholic's last second prayer falls incomplete

By Brian Devine SPORTS WRITER

Washington and Lee football was picked second in the ODAC preseason poll primarily based on the strength of its defense. The first two games of the 2007 season showed why.

The Boys in Blue gave up 122 yards to Franklin and Marshall, then an outstanding 79 yards to a highly touted Averett squad. Last week's 322-yard, 42-point drubbing at the hands of Randolph-Macon had fans wondering, was this an aberration or the defense's true colors?

On homecoming weekend, in front of another loud and supportive crowd at Wilson Field, the Generals sent a clear message.

The Blue Menace is back and open for

The visiting Catholic University Cardinals gained just 45 yards rushing, and the Generals got their first conference win of the year, 28-21. The visitors went three-and-out on eleven of their twenty total drives of the game and were shut out until 1:20 left in the second quarter. In the second half Cardinal quarterback Keith Ricca began to find the holes in the Generals' zone, defense and finished with 227 yards passing. Ricca was unable to pull his team to victory though he came

Down two touchdowns with 33 seconds to go, Ricca led his team 65 yards on five plays for a 27-yard touchdown pass to Miles Sabrick. Just five seconds

down just seven points. The ensuing onside kick was successful and Ricca had jaws of defeat, but his Hail Mary pass was knocked down in the end zone.

victory, referee Jeff Shears threw a flag for a questionable late hit on Ricca. This gave the visitors one last untimed play to score from the hosts' 39-yard line. Ricca was hit by Britt Jamison and dropped the football. Catholic offensive lineman Rich Brennan picked it up and began rumbling toward the end zone. He was stopped by Bryant Fulk just 22 yards from pay dirt, and the win was preserved by one touch-

Catholic's late-game heroics aside, the Blue Menace defense was near-perfect. Catholic's first two touchdowns came off short drives after two successive R.J. Varner interceptions late in the first half. Those interceptions helped Catholic turn a 10-0 deficit into a 14-10 halftime lead.

When the visitors were not gifted with field position, they were mostly unable to gain yards against Fulk (9 tackles), Scott Russell (9 tackles, 1 sack) and Mark Snoddy, who finally caught an interception after recording nine last season.

Varner's consecutive interceptions were the only taint on an excellent performance by the Generals' offense. Tailback Tom "Chico" Pacicco, fresh off three 100-yard games in a row, set a career best with 195 yards and one touchdown on

remained on the clock, the Cardinals now 35 carries. "Chico" has improved every game this season and has quickly become a fan favorite after spending most of last the chance to snatch victory from the season as a backup to the now-graduated Colton Ward.

Because of the consistent powerful As fans started to celebrate the narrow running of his backfield partner, Varner was called on to pass only 19 times all game. He completed seven of those passes for 104 yards and one touchdown, to backup tight end Jason Bacaj, but threw multiple interceptions for the second game in a row. Cardinals cornerback Achille Kolla shut down W&L's Jack Martin, limiting the star wideout to just three catches and 65 yards and snapping his streak of consecutive games with a touchdown at three.

So the "J-Mart" chants from the crowd were replaced with "Chico" for this game, and the Generals players and coaches again acknowledged the loud, standing section at the 50-yard line at the conclusion of the game. Most of the capacity crowd again left at halftime, but most of the alumni seemed to stick around even after the halftime festivities. The vast majority of students missed out on the most exciting finish to any game this year. In two weeks, the Boys in Blue will host their biggest ODAC rival, the Bridgewater Eagles, on Parents Weekend. This will undoubtedly be the most important game of the year for the Generals, and hopefully students will stick around for the finish as a loud and enthusiastic crowd never goes amiss.