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Matching up with a group of D-I runners from around the country, junior Vance Berry shattered W&L's 5,000 meter record by five seconds.

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Ladies, don't hold your breath this Thursday... Crighton Allen is here to explain why the boys on campus won't live up to your romantic dreams on Valentine's Day.

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## Wild weekend

Bus catches fire, wind topples trees in Lexington



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Safety workers clear remains of a large tree knocked down on Jackson Avenue. Lexington residents experienced sporadic power outages Sunday morning and afternoon (above). Firetrucks respond to a call that a bus carrying the women's swim team caught fire upon return to campus (left).

## Love Your Body Week to kick off today

Organizations address women's health and body image issues

By Grace Wang  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It will not be long before eerie mannequins appear around campus holding large signs with statistics and bold statements. Magazine cut-outs of supermodels will adorn mirrors in the Commons, and normally put-together female students will forgo make-up, traveling to class in their pajamas. Surprisingly, these odd occurrences share a common theme, serving as in-your-face reminders to W&L women to respect and cherish their God-given bodies. They are merely a sample of events to educate and shock W&L students during the first-ever celebration of Love Your Body Week. Love Your Body Day is a campaign started by the National Organization for Women (NOW), which aims to shed light on crucial issues plaguing young women such as eating disorders, body loathing, sexual health, and addiction to drugs and alcohol. By using real statistics, images, and videos, Love Your Body Day hopes to educate women and men and convey that self-esteem is critical to those living in a society of unrealistic expectations fueled by Hollywood and the fashion, cosmetics and diet industries. W&L chose to expand Love Your Body Day into a week-long event. As a high school student, Jackie Burns, current treasurer of Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders (KEWL), experienced an event broadcasting similar themes of female empowerment. She was moved and inspired. Upon learning that body image problems affect a greater percentage of women on the W&L campus than on other college campuses in the nation, Burns suggested that W&L start acknowledging this sobering statistic. She said, "It doesn't take long for a new student on campus to realize W&L has a culture all its own - dressing up for classes and football games, etc. Not that tradition or presentation is a bad thing, but when W&L has significantly higher rates of eating disorders than the average college campus, then I believe the issue deserves closer attention." She broached the idea during a KEWL meeting, suggesting that W&L celebrate natural femininity in an entire week of events and activities. In December 2007, initial planning for Love Your Body Week event began. Enthusiasm was abundant among KEWL members, leading to numerous ideas about how best to spread the message at W&L. Prepared to address issues ranging from reproductive health to eating disorders, KEWL enlisted additional help from Lifestyle Information for Everyone (LIFE), and W&L Students for Choice. Love Your Body Week is now a collaborative effort among the three organizations. Love Your Body Week will kick off today with a fundraising drive of cosmetic and personal hygiene items to benefit women receiving aid and shelter from Project Horizon, a local organization for victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence. Organized by sophomore Brooke Reidy, the drive will take place all week in the Commons. In addition, a table with information regarding NOW, the Love Your Body campaign, and other related topics

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## Gender relations: Students speak up

Day of Dialogue fuels discussion, creates steps of action for change on campus

By Allison Chopin  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Saturday's "Day of Dialogue," presented by the Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council, gave students a chance to voice their opinions and create steps of action to improve an issue pertinent to the student body: gender relations. New sorority and fraternity members were present at the event, as were several upperclassmen. Incoming Panhellenic president Jackie DiBiasie opened the day with a speech in Lee Chapel. She said that the topic was chosen based on surveys from last year's Day of Dialogue. "It's easy to see that gender relations, at least on our campus, is a problem," DiBiasie informed students gathered in Lee Chapel. Dr. Jennifer Sayre of University Counseling also addressed the students, initiating an open discussion on the subject of "hooking up." While some students

applauded Sayre's efforts, others did not take the discussion seriously. "I think Dr. Sayre was really brave to put up with the people yelling out comments," said Yinghao Long, a senior member of Pi Beta Phi. "Some of the students were less respectful than they should have been." Senior Nelson Bunn also addressed the crowd. He believes that gender relations constitute the day-to-day life of every college student across the nation. Thus, more attention should be dedicated to forming healthy relations. "We have come a long way, but we have a very long way to go," Bunn said. "I thought he was direct," said senior Bryant Fulk, a member of Pi Kappa Phi, in response to Bunn's speech. "[What he said] is something both genders should be concerned about." The speeches were followed by small group discussions, in which students discussed various

gender-related scenarios. Students also brainstormed to create potential action plans to improve the status of gender relations at W&L in the future. "I thought the dialogue in the discussions was very good. A lot of good ideas came from it," said junior Sarah Morris, a member of Pi Beta Phi. Several students shared their thoughts on what steps should be taken. Many suggested that the dining options for Greek students should be altered to allow Greek men and women to eat together.

"The best possible thing the school could do is to build a new, larger dining hall and allow the upperclassmen to eat together like the freshmen do," said Marshall Olszewski, a freshman independent. Some people also suggested that the sororities and fraternities could share occasional meals with each other, such as Friday night dinners at the houses. Others, however, disagreed and feel that further changes will need to be made. "It doesn't have to do with where people eat and

sleep. It's how they interact," said Robert Wason, a freshman and new member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Still, other students believe the problem lies even deeper. Some believe that the problem rests in the structure of the Greek system and the social pressures it entails. "The fraternities are more in control of the social scene than I realized," said freshman Michele Farquharson, a new member of Kappa Alpha Theta. "I didn't even think about the fact that we only go to parties hosted by guys. The guys don't want to leave their comfort zone, but they ask the girls to do that every weekend." The issues caused by alcohol only seem to exacerbate the problem. "Real relationships can't be based on people you only talk to when you're drunk," said freshman Katie Blackburn, a new member of Chi Omega. Unfortunately, although some students believe the Day of Dialogue carried a noble message,

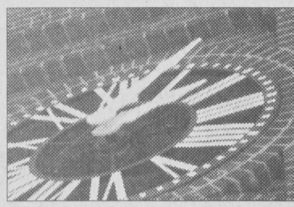
they highly doubt that students will be motivated enough to make changes. "People are getting worked up and passionate about this cause, but tonight they will go out and perpetuate the cycle by refusing to interact [with the opposite sex] unless they're drunk," said Wason. Olszewski pointed out that the issue rests on the shoulders of both genders. "I hear girls saying they want to go out and hook up with someone as much as I hear guys say it," he said. Another male student said, "All white males are accused of being predators, and that's unfair to guys." Most students seem to recognize that the students themselves are at the heart of this issue. "I don't think it's just the responsibility of the Greek community," said sophomore Chi Omega Clara McClenon. "It is up to individuals to create more respectful friendships."

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Robert Wason, Sigma Phi Epsilon new member

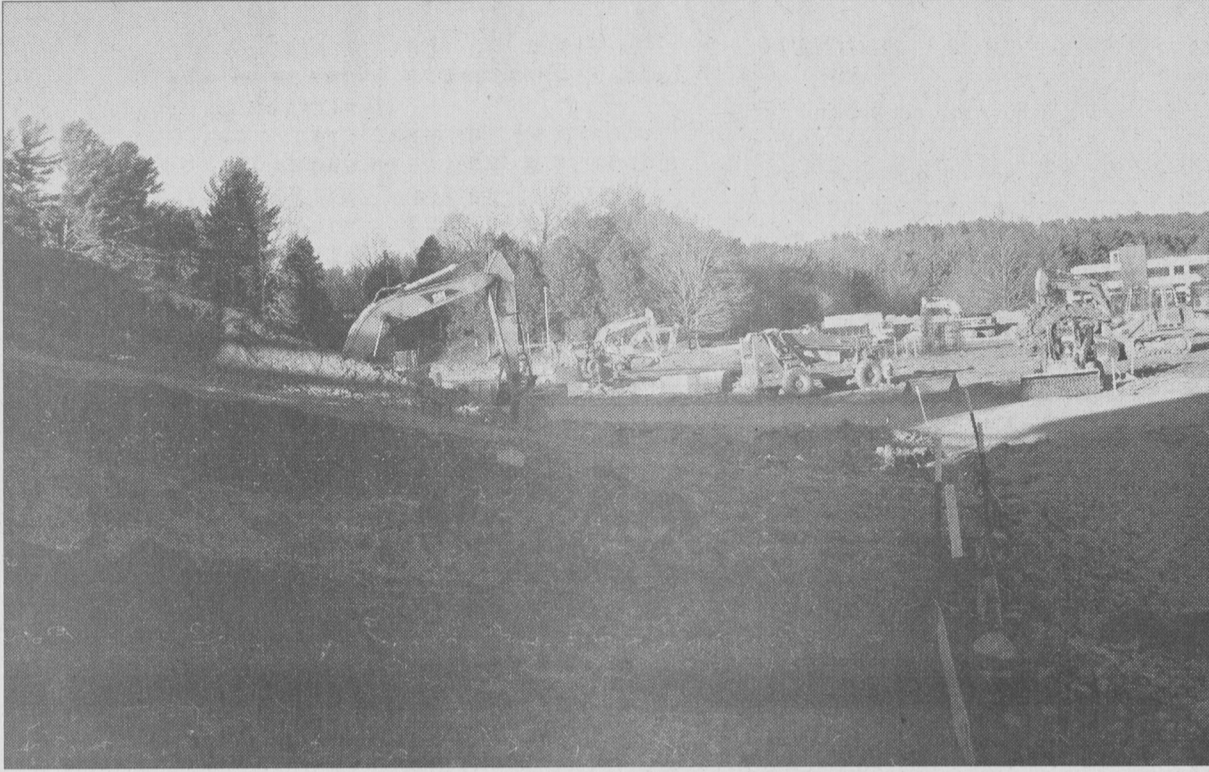
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# Renovations to transform campus

Work begins on Wilson Field and campus buildings as part of Strategic Plan to keep W&L competitive



JACOB GEIGER/MANAGING EDITOR

Construction work on Wilson Field begins to transform campus and constitutes part of W&L's strategic plan to prepare W&L for the 21st century. Other notable changes will include a renovation of the Colonnade, a transformation of Leyburn Library, an expansion and rebuilding of underclassmen housing, and the building of a center for Jewish life.

By Dane Davis  
STAFF WRITER

The future look of the University is beginning to take hold at Wilson Field. As students are well aware, over the last few months Wilson Field, the University's cherished football stadium, has started to receive a major facelift. Beginning at the end of the 2007 football season, Wilson Field is undergoing a three phase redevelopment.

Phase I of the project includes new home stands for roughly 3,000 spectators and a new press box. Phase II includes the installation of field turf, lights and a new track. Phase III will include landscaping and visitor seating for 500 spectators.

The field is expected to reopen by the 2008 football season.

Initially consisting of a main athletic field and a small set of bleachers, Wilson Field was later renovated in 1924 to include a 3,000 seat stadium. Expanded in 1929, Wilson Field is one of the largest stadiums in Division III football.

The renovations are just the first part of the University's Strategic Plan. Unveiled last year, the Strategic Plan's goal is to prepare Washington and Lee University for the 21st century by improving academics, student life, and the buildings on campus. The work on Wilson Field is the first among many renovations planned for the physical plan of the university. Other improvements and refurbishments planned include:

- Renovation of the Colonnade, including DuPont Hall
- Reconfiguration of Lewis Hall (law school)
- Transformation of Leyburn Library
- Expansion and rebuilding of underclassmen housing
- Building of a center for Jewish Life
- Renovation of Doremus Gym

Students have had to cope with the closing of the Cadaver Bridge, but with construction occurring around the frequently walked pathway to the sorority houses, safety was an issue. With the planned construction, this will likely be the first of many adjustments made to students' daily lives.

## "Little Rock Nine" Civil Rights activist to speak today

Roberts and eight others faced rioters at integrated school in AR

By Wes O'Dell  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Terrence Roberts, a participant in one of the Civil Rights Movement's most important historical events, will speak in Lee Chapel tonight at 7:00.

Roberts, a member of the "Little Rock Nine," was one of nine black students that crossed the color line to attend a newly desegregated high school in Arkansas in 1959. They did so under the protection of the 101<sup>st</sup>

*"Nine brave African-American students demonstrated the importance of equal opportunity by becoming the central focus of the 1957 attempt to desegregate public schools in Little Rock... We admire [Dr. Roberts] because he was part of that team. The circumstances that the students experienced were bizarre and mean."*

Dr. Ted DeLaney, History Department chair

Airborne Division of the United States Army, a federal unit sent in by then-President Dwight Eisenhower to defend the students from violent rioters.

Arkansas's governor at the time, segregationist Orval Faubus, had previously deployed his own National Guard troops to keep the students out.

Dr. Roberts's visit is sponsored by the Multicultural Student Association, Contact Committee, Campus Activities, the African-American Studies Program and

the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"We chose to invite Dr. Roberts to W&L because this past September was the 50-year anniversary of when he and eight other students integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas," said senior Melissa Poorman, president of Onyx.

She added, "We believed that someone like Dr. Roberts, a member of the Little Rock Nine, would surely share great insight into race relations today."

Onyx, "the all-inclusive black student organization," is designed to provide "support and a network for the exchange of ideas pertinent to the black/African-American community," said Poorman.

The Little Rock Nine played a notable and influential role in the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. Ted DeLaney, chairman of the History Department, said, "Nine brave African-American students demonstrated the importance of equal opportunity by becoming the central focus of the 1957 attempt to desegregate public schools in Little Rock."

"The black students endured violence even while under the protection of federal troops sent in by President Eisenhower," he added.

DeLaney cautions us, however, to remember the other eight students along with Dr. Roberts, all specially chosen for this historic attempt to desegregate.

"[The Little Rock Nine] must be viewed as a unit. They were a team. We admire [Dr. Roberts] because he was part of that team. The circumstances that the students experienced were bizarre and mean."

Most of the Little Rock Nine never graduated from the high school they attended under guard, as the Little Rock School Board shut down its three high schools the following year in a last-ditch effort to fight desegregation efforts.

Dr. Roberts went on to earn a Ph.D. in Psychology and is now the chair of the Masters program in psychology at Antioch University in Los Angeles.

Poorman hopes students will come out to hear the talk. She said, "He is literally a part of the history that we read about in class. We've learned about the struggles during the Civil Rights Era, and I think this is a great opportunity to learn from someone who helped shape history."

## Reinventing body image at W&L

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Body Image in the Media Day, chaired by sophomore Hillary Strasser, will fall on Tuesday and employ a multimedia approach in depicting the media's negative and unrealistic portrayal of women.

Real-life advertisements with words and images derogatory to women will be post-

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Jackie Burns, KEWL treasurer

ed around campus. Phrases such as "super skinny" used merely to advertise a bottle of shampoo will be emphasized in order to illustrate our society's obsession with weight and the "ideal body." Magazine cut-outs of the "ideal woman" will cover mirrors around the Commons to receive maximum viewership. Lastly, a screen in the Commons will play videos such as the Dove commercial, "Transformation," which shows the alarming degree to which Photoshop is used to reduce women to their body parts and flaws. The

commercial offers food for thought, saying, "No wonder our perception of beauty is distorted."

"Hump" Day, scheduled for Wednesday, will focus on sexual health and well-being. Chaired by junior Lisa Reppell, President of W&L Students for Choice, Hump Day will feature informative pamphlets on how to maintain reproductive health and a talk by campus physician Dr. Jane Horton.

Reppell said, "Part of loving your body is taking care of your reproductive health. With that in mind Students for Choice will be co-hosting Wednesday of Love Your Body Week and focusing on safe sex — including contraceptive access, sexual assault prevention and more."

The other days of Love Your Body Week include "Indulgence Day," chaired by senior Georgia Gilroy, during which female students are encouraged to enjoy ice cream sundaes in the Commons without counting calories or worrying about dieting. In addition, female students can help to make a statement by going to class without their usual layers of make-up.

Overall, Regina Mills, President of KEWL, believes Love Your Body Week will be a great success. She is particularly proud of the enthusiastic and generous involvement of KEWL, LIFE, and W&L Students for Choice.

She said, "I think Love Your Body Week could be an annual event that can focus on more than just the topics that we have chosen for this year. At the very least, it will open peoples' eyes to the pressure that women are under [at W&L] and around the country."

Burns agrees. "Bottom line, enjoy yourself and treat your body well. Size, after all, is trivial in the grand scheme of things. There are much more important and fulfilling things to occupy yourself with -- your waist is a terrible thing to mind."

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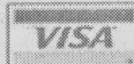
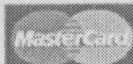
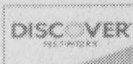
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# arts & life

## Inspiring Art

Bill White exhibit brings Italy to Lexington

By Celeste Cruz-Carandang  
STAFF WRITER

Truth be told, I have an unexplainable infatuation with Italy. Understandably, I love its food, but I find that my obsession goes somewhat deeper than culinary appreciation. I find its culture and history fascinating and its landscapes incredible. However, the art is, in my opinion, the most exquisite and poignant aspect of Italian culture. Taking this into consideration, one can only imagine my excitement when I discovered that an exhibit entitled "In the Light of Italy," by Bill White, was being shown in Hokekamp Gallery.

White is a professor of painting, drawing and contemporary art history at Hollins University. Always conscious of his artistic ambitions,

He attended the Philadelphia College of Art for his undergraduate study and earned his M.F.A. from the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. As his work makes evident, White adores color and utilizes it in unexpected ways. His paintings can be found in both private and public collections.

His art has been shown in upwards of twenty solo exhibits and has been selected for over seventy-five juried shows. One of his oil paintings, "Studio Light Suite," is owned by the Art Museum of Western Virginia.

As the title of the exhibition reveals, the works were done in Italy. White, the artist, ventured there in 2006. While on sabbatical from his position at Hollins University, White traveled to explore the Umbrian region of Italy. Here, he found the inspiration for the collection of works currently on display. During August 2006, White painted scenes from the small towns of Todi and Monte Castello de Vibio.

The exhibit consists of wash drawings and casein paintings. The eight drawings in the gallery were done with a black roller ball pen. White added washes of color with walnut ink.

The four paintings were done with casein, a milk-based paint that can be buffed to look like oils or left to dry with a matte finish. All of the works were done plain air, or al fresco as the Italians say.

Each of the White's works depicts a different part of Italian architecture. He paints everything from piazzas to courtyards, churches to tree lines, and schools to houses.

His interpretation of the culture is present in every stroke of his brush and every line of his pen. He pays special attention to capturing the intensity of the summer light in Italy.

White found that the atmosphere in Europe provided a startling contrast to the hazy-light of Virginia. He chose to portray this intensity in the shadows and patterns of the architecture depicted in his work.

As I left the gallery, I took a glance at the guestbook. Besides the usual space for names, there was an entire column devoted to thoughts. Page after page of compliments and enthusiasm for this exhibit. Words such as "moving," "exuberant," and even "snazzy" were used. I thought for a moment, wondering how snazzy could be used to describe a piece of art, and then came to a realization. I understood that White achieved what every artist seeks to achieve: for his work to inspire people who see it.

Hollins professor Bill White spent his sabbatical in Italy.

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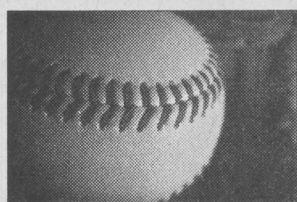
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# sports



## Rough road trip for men's bball

Team plays some close games but goes 1-3 against s top teams; they'll look to bounce back at home on Wednesday

By Hank Nathan  
STAFF WRITER

After defeating arch-rival Roanoke College in overtime, the Generals traveled to face No. 16 Guilford in a battle for supremacy of the ODAC. This was the second of four road games against the four best teams in the conference, not including Washington and Lee. Ben Strong of Guilford, the defending Division III player of the year, and Greg Bienneman are the two leading scorers in the conference respectively. Strong averages 25.4 and Bienneman averages 23.2 points per game. The Blue and White lead the conference in field goal shooting at 50.1 percent while the Quakers lead the conference in field goal defense at 36.1 percent. This game had all the markings of a

game. With 16 minutes left to play, junior Chris McHugh sank a three to cut the deficit to 10. One minute later, Bienneman scored his first two points of the game on two free throws. Bienneman then hit his first shot from the floor on the next possession, but W&L remained down by 10.

With 12:10 remaining, freshman point guard Jason Cimino drilled a 3 pointer on the offensive end and then drew a charge on the defensive end to give W&L some momentum in an effort to come back. Guilford was called for a technical foul after arguing the call and Cimino netted a foul shot to bring the team within 4, 44-40.

Junior captain Isaiah Goodman credited the ability to come back to the maturity of the team.

"We knew we were going to come

responded by converting on two shots from the charity stripe to deadlock the game at 60-60. The comeback ultimately ended as Strong scored the next four points in the game from the foul line to give the Quakers a 64-60 victory.

This lost snapped W&L's six game winning streak, but showed that the team is ready to compete with anyone, said Goodman.

"It's like were playing in the ACC or the Big East of Division III," said Goodman. "Everyone in the country knows that the ODAC means business, and to be one of those teams that everyone is talking about is cool. I think the past few games show that we are serious contenders not only in the ODAC, but in the region, and country."

Coach Adam Hutchinson said the schedule down the stretch will show how good this team is and the Guilford game exemplifies how far this team has come.

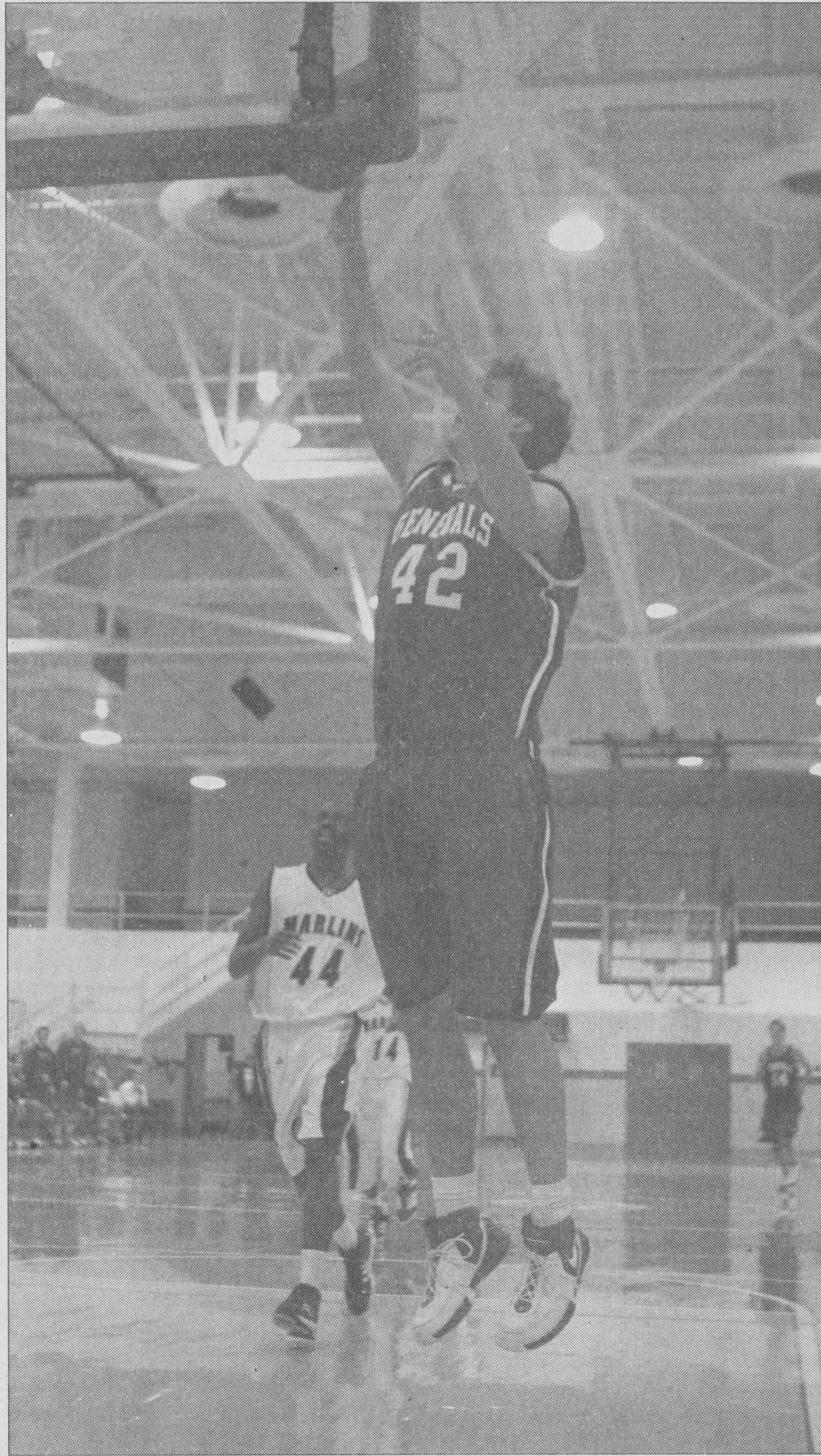
"We have a chance over the remainder of the schedule to measure ourselves against the rest of the ODAC," said Hutchinson. "Our ability to erase such a deficit on the road speaks to how much this team has matured and how much poise we have when facing adversity."

The Generals rough times continued this weekend when the lost to Randolph-Macon on Saturday and were easily defeated by Virginia Wesleyan on Sunday.

Randolph-Macon came out on fire from behind the arc, shooting 66.7 percent from three point range in the first half en route to a 41-32 lead at the break. The Generals failed to chip away at the lead in the second half, getting no closer than nine with four minutes to go as the Yellow Jackets cruised to a 78-66 victory. Bienneman led the Generals with 22 points.

On Sunday, it was the Generals who jumped out to an early lead, scoring the first six points of the game at Virginia Wesleyan. However, that was the last time the Generals would have a lead as the Marlins took control and extended their lead to 14 at the half. In the second half, the Marlins used a 13-0 run to go up by 25 with seven minutes to play. Bienneman was the only General in double figures with 16 points.

The Generals will look to rebound when they host Emory and Henry on Wednesday night.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Senior Greg Biennemann battled foul trouble against Guilford Wednesday as he matched up with Ben Strong, the defending player of the year in Division III. Biennemann led the Generals in scoring in their other two games last week.

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### Isalah Goodman, Junlor guard

close contest.

Both teams started out of rhythm, missing their first three attempts until Guilford hit a shot nearly two and a half minutes into the game. W&L continued its cold streak when junior Kirk Jones nailed a three-pointer a minute and a half later. The Quakers then proceeded on a 9-0 run to make the score 11-3. Jones sank his second three of the game to thwart the run with more than 13 minutes left in the half, but the Generals remained out of sync.

W&L was plagued by uncharacteristically poor shooting and foul trouble in the first half. Both Bienneman and co-captain Femi Kusimo got two early fouls and were forced to sit on the bench. Because of the foul trouble, Bienneman did not score a single point in the first 20 minutes while Strong had eight. The score at half was 30-20 in favor of the Quakers.

Guilford came out hot in the second half, knocking down two three-pointers to give the team a 16-point advantage. Jones, undeterred, opened up the second stanza the same as the first by hitting his third three of the

back," said Goodman. "It just shows how much we've grown. We weren't worried about the deficit, and we found a way to come back. The tough part is that they [Guilford] were No. 16, so they were good enough to hold us off."

McHugh narrowed the score to twoon another three-pointer with seven minutes to play. Strong subsequently hit a layup and received a foul call a few trips later, but Bienneman countered with a two to cut the lead to threeer. However, on the next possession, Strong, matched up against Bienneman, drew a foul on Bienneman which was his fifth and he was out of the game with 5:48 left.

The teams traded baskets until Kusimo scored three of the next four points from the foul line to decrease Guilford's lead to one. After a defensive stop by the Generals, Jones cashed in his fifth three-pointer of the game with 2:51 remaining, giving W&L its first lead since the early portion of the game, 58-56. Guilford answered immediately to knot the game and then scored again to regain a two point advantage. This time, McHugh

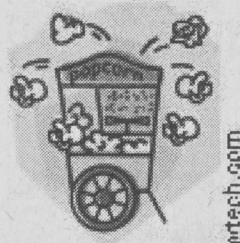
## Win streak snapped

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and built up a six-point lead at halftime. W&L came out strong after half and obtained a 35-34 lead with 13:32 left. After this point, the Generals went cold. They went scoreless for nearly eight minutes as Roanoke went on a 19-0 run. The game stayed at a wide margin until the end. The Maroons came out on top 60-44. The very things that helped the Generals to their last few wins hurt them in this game. The Generals made 23 turnovers and were out-rebounded by eight. Krouchick led W&L with 16 points and eight rebounds. She moved up to fourth all-time in scoring at W&L. Bethany Ridenhour also added a double digit point total.

The Generals will return to action on Tuesday when they travel to Guilford at 7 p.m.

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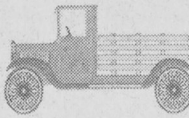
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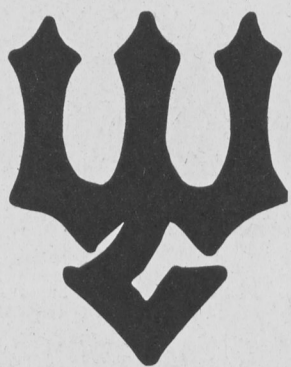


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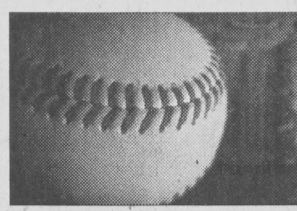
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# sports

## Golfers bug Tiger at their own peril

*Talking trash about the best golfer in the world is a sure way to make him mad*

By Adam Lewis  
COLUMNIST

Would you ever be quoted saying that Albert Einstein's accomplishments in the field of physics were "just alright"? That given the right circumstances, you could have come up with ideas comparable or better than his Theory of Relativity? That his intelligence is beatable? That his awards, you know the ones he won for making earth-shattering discoveries, don't really mean anything? Probably not, right?

Well let's liken physics to golf, awards to tournaments, intelligence to athletic prowess, and finally, Albert Einstein to Tiger Woods. See where I'm going with this?

It seems preposterous to challenge the intelligence of arguably the smartest man ever, so why do golfers constantly call into question the skill of the best golfer in the world? Of course, I am referring to the recent remarks of Ian Poulter, and the ensuing results on the golf course. But before I get to Coulter, I mean Poulter (sorry, I often confuse idiots), let's look at some other highly intelligent individuals who have called out Tiger.

Stephen Ames. In 2006, just prior to the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship, Ames, who only made it into the 64-person tournament because of another player's withdrawal, decided to call out Tiger, his first round opponent: "Anything can happen, especially where he's hitting the ball." He then went on to tell the Golf Channel, "As bad as he [Tiger] hits it, he still manages to win golf tournaments."

Oh Stephen. Tisk, tisk, tisk. You want to know why this was a bad idea? Well, Tiger went on to win the matches nine and eight, which means he was up nine strokes with eight holes to play, the earliest a player can declare victory in match play. Further, aware of the downside to ignorantly running your mouth, Tiger responded simply by stating his reaction to Ames' comments in three words: "nine and eight."

Rory Sabbatini. This past spring, Sabbatini drew media attention when he took a lead at the Wachovia Championship into the final round, only to lose by four strokes to Woods. Subsequently, this South African brainiac decided to speak out after getting destroyed by Tiger, stating that "he [Tiger] is more beatable than ever."

What happened next? Well, just a few tournaments later, Tiger trailed Sabbatini by one stroke after three rounds at the Bridgestone Invitational, then shot a final round 65 to beat Sabbatini by eight. Not exactly beatable, huh Rory? Comments like this make John Daly seem like an obese Stephen Hawking.

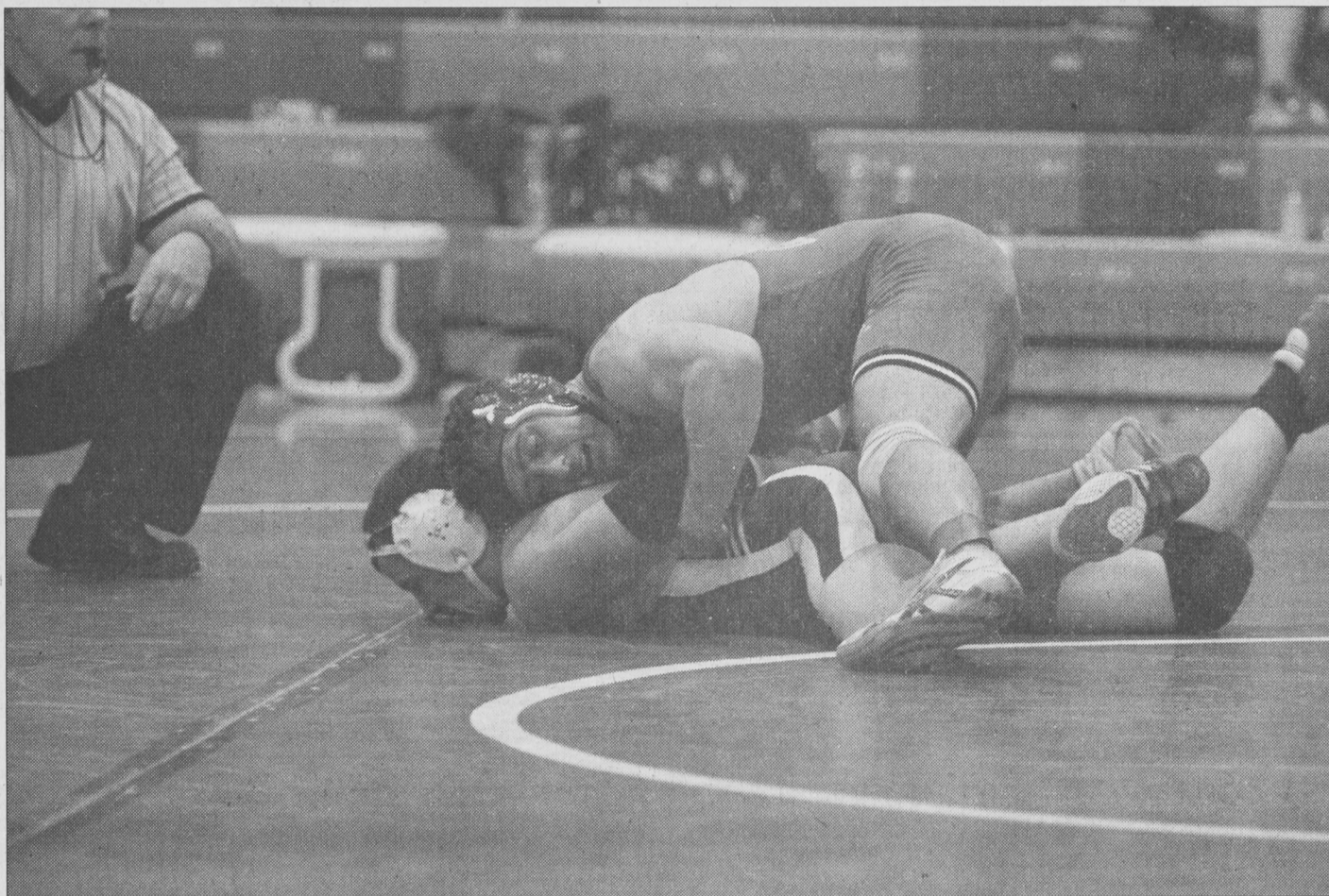
Now, we come to Ian Poulter. With zero PGA victories under his belt, this Englishman thought it intelligent to preface his play at the Dubai Classic with comments directed toward the field and Woods. Confident in his improving play, Poulter asserted that "I haven't played to my full potential yet. And when that happens it will just be me and Tiger." He even predicted a victory at the US Open. I bet you can all guess what happened next.

Tiger took the tournament with a masterful Sunday round, birdying five of his last seven holes to finish at 14 under par. But, like Poulter said, it was just him and Tiger at the top of the scoreboard. The only problem was that there were 38 players between them, as Poulter finished one under.

Now, don't get me wrong. I am not saying that the aforementioned remarks by Ames, Sabbatini and Poulter were all that harsh. In fact, they were relatively subtle. And let's face it, trash talking is a very big part of sports nowadays. But there is a trend when it comes to talking smack to the best player in the world.

Tiger Woods has won more than eight times as many PGA tournaments as Ames, Sabbatini, and Poulter combined. He has 13 major titles, as compared to zero between the three other players. In other words, he's hotter than his wife and her twin doing a swim suit advertisement in the Caribbean. He is not only the best current player, but he may very well be the best player of all time.

This being said, if people refuse to challenge Einstein's theories, then there is no reason why players should challenge Tiger's game. The only possible difference I can find is that Einstein dealt with theories of physics, while challenging and beating Tiger is against the laws of physics.



## Wrestling's rough day

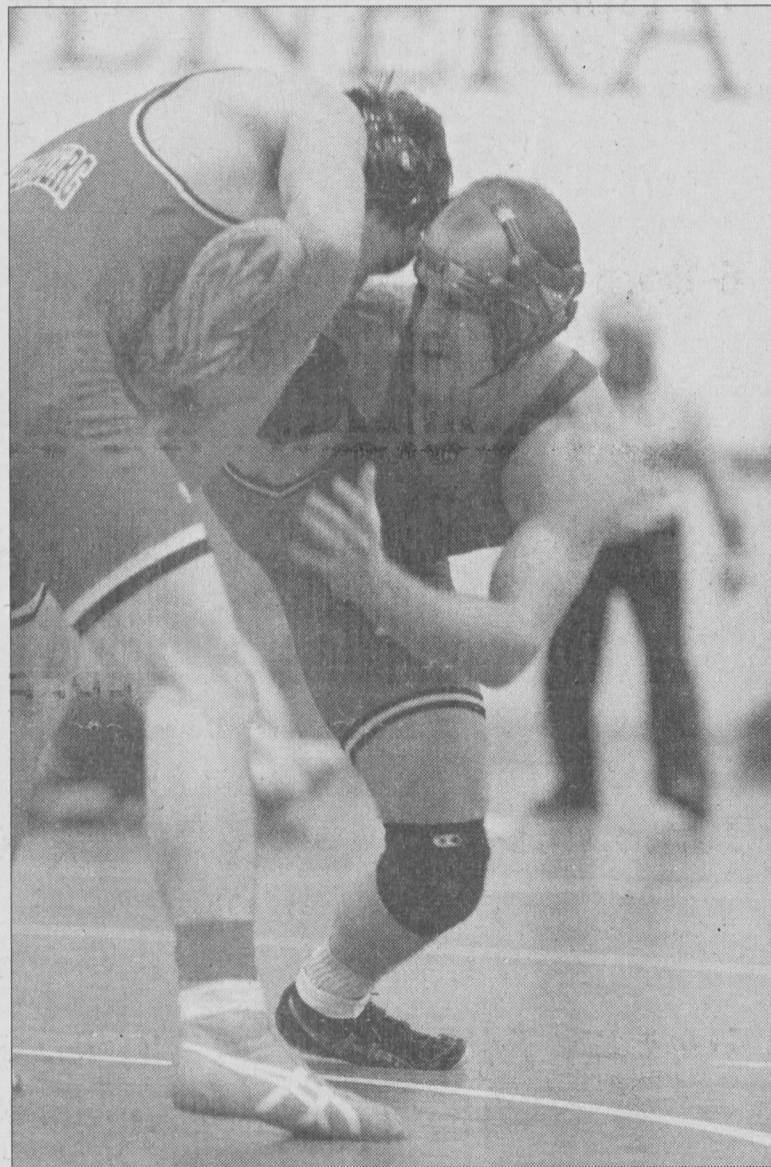
*Team goes 1-2 in meet*

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The wrestling team won its opening match at the Ursinus Double-Duel but dropped its next two in Collegeville, Pa. on Saturday. The Generals knocked off McDaniel 22-21, but fell to Centennial Conference foes Ursinus and Muhlenburg 28-9 and 25-15, respectively. The Generals won the first three matches against McDaniel and had clinched the victory before the last match. Seniors Anthony Boniello and Peter Lawrence led the way for the Generals, tallying three victories. Boniello defeated McDaniel's Corey Beall 4-0, Ursinus's Michael Schwager 4-3, and Muhlenburg's David Lavin 4-0 in the 165 pound weight class while Lawrence tallied a 17-6 major decision against Randy Neaton of McDaniel and then pulled out close victories against Chris Springer of Ursinus, 8-7, and Joseph DeCampo of Muhlenburg, 9-7. Senior Kirk Adamson nearly went 3-0, winning an 11-0 major victory and a 7-6 win but fell 7-6 to Nate Murren of Ursinus. The Generals will return to action this Saturday when they travel to Newport News, Va. To take on the Apprentice School.

**Seniors Anthony Boniello (top) and Peter Lawrence (right) have been stalwarts on the mat for the Generals this season. They'll lead the team into its conference tournament at Ursinus on Feb. 23.**

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**The women are favored to regain the ODAC crown in next week's conference meet.**

## An ODAC sweep

*Team 7-0 vs. conference*

The women's swimming team took home two victories in its final tune-up before the ODAC Championships, defeating host Hollins University 77-21 and Guilford College 68-27 on Saturday. It was a strong performance for the Generals, who won seven of the nine individual events, four times finishing first and second, and both relays. The entire team contributed as seven different women tallied individual wins. Freshman Tess Hayden won the 200 free, sophomore Sarah Simpson touched first in the 100 fly, sophomore Tara O'Neil took first in the 1000 free, junior Susan Mahoney won the 400 IM, freshman Rosie Purdy took home to 100 back, junior Lindsey Strachan touched first in the 500 free and sophomore Jenna Worsham won the 100 breast. Simpson teamed with junior Jessica Shaw, sophomore Lynn Bazzel, and senior Amy Roberson to win the 400 medley relay and Hayden teamed with junior Julianne Miata and seniors Danielle Cardone and Collette Moryan to take the final event of the meet, the 400 free relay. The Generals return to the pool this Friday for day one of the ODAC Championships at Radford.

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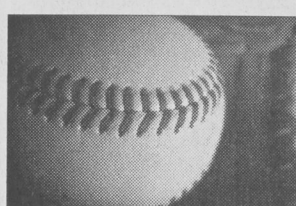
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<b>Women's Basketball</b>		at Guilford 7:00 p.m.					
<b>Men's Swimming</b>				at Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships Thursday - Saturday			
<b>Women's Swimming</b>					at ODAC Championships Friday - Sunday		
<b>Wrestling</b>					at Newport News Apprentice 6:30 p.m.		
<b>Track</b>					at Lafayette Invitational		

## in the numbers

15:30.19

Junior Vance Berry's 5,000m time in Friday's Virginia Tech's Elite Meet. Berry broke Nathan Johnson's old school record of 15:35.93. Berry was the only non-Division I runner in the race, joined by eight runners from Miami (FL), Ohio, Georgia, Georgia Tech, and Clemson.

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Number of losses the women's swimming team has against ODAC opponents this year. The women completed an undefeated conference season this Saturday with victories over Hollins and Guilford and will attempt to win their 18th ODAC Championship this weekend.

21st

National ranking of the women's track and field team according to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Division III National Poll. This is the highest the team has ever been ranked.

7th

National ranking of the men's swimming team according to Colleg-eswimming.com's Division III poll.

## soapbox

"Predictably, I started out in last. Three laps into the race, I could hear people giving me the 'pity clap'. 'C'mon man, you can do it.' I appreciated the support, but, as far as I was concerned, everything was going fine. ... I finished 6th of 9 runners, better than I ever could have hoped in such a strong field. It was a time and a race that never would have happened without the support of my coaches, family, and teammates. Honestly, they deserve the credit."

**Junior Vance Berry on breaking the 5,000m record on Friday night at Virginia Tech.**

"It's like we're playing in the ACC or the Big East of Division III. Everyone in the country knows that the ODAC means business, and to be one of those teams that everyone is talking about is cool. I think the past few games show that we are serious contenders not only in the ODAC, but in the region, and country."

**Junior Isaiah Goodman on the men's basketball team's comeback that came up just short against #16 Guilford on Wednesday.**



## Track rolls on at CNU

### Berry sets 5k record at Va. Tech elite meet

By Kevin Corn  
STAFF WRITER

The men's and women's indoor track teams traveled to Virginia Beach Saturday for the Vince Brown Invitational hosted by Christopher Newport University. There, the teams competed against teams from D-I, D-II and D-III schools. Despite the stiff competition, the Generals pulled off strong performances.

Leading the women was sophomore Dorothy Todd, who finished 1st among D-III competitors in the 800 meters in a time of 2:28.69 and 2nd of D-III runners in the mile. In fact, Todd set a personal record in the mile after crossing the finish line with a time of 5:26.19.

Also leading the women was junior Stacy Doornbos who finished 2nd among D-III competitors in the 400 meters with a time of 60.92, and whose time of 7.66 in the 55 meters was good enough for 4th in D-III. Freshman Summer Lolie also had a strong showing, finishing 3rd among D-III competitors after landing a distance of 34'14.1" in the triple jump.

"It was a great experience to be part of such a big meet, because there were a lot of D-I schools there as well," said Doornbos. "I think it really pushed runners on the team to compete with them. I got a chance to really focus on some

events that I have not been running for a while."

On the men's side, it was junior Michael Welsh who led the team when he finished 4th among D-III participants in the mile with a personal best time of 4:33.31. Junior Alex Jackson was not far behind, running the mile in a time of 4:34.44 — good enough for 5th place.

Junior Sean Hurdiss and freshman Jeff Giordano also had great finishes. Both recorded personal bests. Hurdiss crossed the finish line in a time of 23.79 in the 200 meters. Meanwhile, Giordano finished the 55 meters in a time of 6.67.

When asked about his finish, Giordano responded, "It feels good. But ODAC is all that matters." He added, "We need to work together and stay healthy and injury-free. Nothing was changed for this meet. We just continue to improve as we compete."

"Several of the teams that we will see in a few weeks at ODACs were at the meet, so it was a great opportunity to see where everyone stands in the weeks leading up to the conference meet," said Todd. "I was really excited to pass a couple of girls from Roanoke right at the finish of the 800. The distance crew is coming off a series of really good workouts, and I know that everyone is looking forward to our meet this weekend at the Army in



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**Sophomore Dorothy Todd leans past two Roanoke women at the line to be the first D-III finisher the 800 by 0.01 seconds (top). Freshman Jeff Giordano en route to winning his 400 heat in 54.01 (bottom).**

New York City and to ODACs after Washington Break."

Friday night was also a huge night for the teams. Junior Vance Berry and junior Elizabeth Webb both competed at Virginia Tech in the 5K race. Berry finished in a time of 15:30.19, a new school record and a time fast enough to finish 6th overall. Meanwhile, Webb completed the race in 18:05.92 to capture 5th.

"Breaking the indoor 5k record was one of the highlights of my career," said Berry.

Berry's race was full of excitement as he was the only non-D-I runner in the race. He started out in last, but by maintaining his technique, he began

to knock off the runners in the pack. With a mile left, he had passed two University of Miami runners and was closing in on both the record and a runner from Georgia Tech.

"As the going got tough in the final mile, I focused hard on each lap, trying to maintain my form and squeeze out everything I had," commented Berry. "Crossing the line, I passed the Georgia Tech runner to finish 6th of nine runners, better than I ever could have hoped in such a strong field."

Both track teams will spend the first weekend of their February breaks running at the Army in New York. Indoor ODACs occur Feb. 29.

## Women defeat Wasps and Wildcats

### Three-game win streak ends after 60-44 loss to Roanoke on Sunday

By Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team had another full week of ODAC play. The Generals took on Emory & Henry University, Randolph College and Roanoke College.

Washington and Lee started the week against the Wasps of Emory & Henry Tuesday. The Generals started the game off strong, scoring 50 points and shooting 60 percent in the first half. Fifty points is the Generals' highest first-half output for the Generals since the 2000-2001 season when they scored 59 against Lesley. W&L maintained a large lead for most of the second half. Near the end of the game, the Wasps cut the lead to 11, but the Generals stayed focused and made

late free throws to seal the victory. When the final whistle sounded, the Generals were on top 82-69. W&L dominated in nearly every aspect of the game. It shot a high percentage, out-rebounding the Wasps by 10 and had a season-high of 26 assists. The Generals were paced by sophomore center Kaitlyn Kamp. She had career highs in points (19) and rebounds (17). She went 8-10 from the field and 3-4 from the line. Other W&L players also played a role in the victory. Junior guard Bethany Ridenhour tied a season-high with 19 points and tied her career-high with six assists. Senior forward Kristen Krouchick had 15 points along with five assists. Senior Amanda Kane supplied 14 points and a career-high of eight assists. The Generals won two in a row

and were building momentum. On Friday evening, W&L took on the Wildcats of Randolph. The Generals again had a strong first half, jumping out to a 32-26 advantage. The effort was led by 11 points from senior guard Emily Wolff. The Wildcats made a push as the second half started and cut the lead to two points with 10 minutes to play. The Generals responded with an 8-0 run. W&L held the advantage for the remainder of the contest and came away with an 11-point victory, 62-51. W&L again controlled the glass with 21 offensive boards and an 11 rebound advantage in total. The Generals also clamped down on the defensive end, forcing 22 turnovers and holding the Wildcats to just 27 percent shooting. Several Generals stepped up in

the victory. Freshman center Felice Herman tied her career-high with 12 points and added eight boards. Bethany Ridenhour had 10 points and four assists. Kristen Krouchick tallied 11 rebounds, five assists and five steals. The Generals had a three-game winning streak going into a big game Saturday.

On Saturday, the Generals faced the Roanoke Maroons. The Maroons are one of the top teams in the ODAC with a 10-5 conference record. This game was special, because it was part of the WBCA's Think Pink Initiative to help raise money in the fight against breast cancer. W&L and Roanoke played a hotly-contested first half that consisted of four ties and five-lead changes. Roanoke pulled away in the closing minutes

See "Win streak" on page 5