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## Winter teams wrap up, spring seasons begin

While some W&L students were enjoying sun and sand, athletes from a variety of teams were finishing up their post-season tournaments or getting new seasons off to a roaring start.

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## Things change but stay the same

Fidel Castro may have stepped down from the Cuban presidency after forty years in power. But Abel Delgado says that nothing will really change until both Castro brothers are out of the picture.

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## Scholarship candidate hospitalized

*Fraternity hosting tequila party now faces heat in ongoing investigation*



By Jacob Gelger  
MANAGING EDITOR

A candidate for the prestigious Johnson Scholarship was hospitalized Tuesday night after attending an off-campus party hosted by Phi Kappa Psi at Fallout, a house some of their members rent on Washington Street.

The student was staying with a freshman new member of the fraternity.

Erin Hutchinson, the senior assistant director of admissions and the coordinator of the Johnson Scholarship program, refused to comment on what she said was an ongoing investigation. Before the candidates arrived on campus, Hutchinson had told current students that candidates could lose their offers of admission if they got into trouble while in Lexington. She would not say whether or not this particular student would be admitted.

The high school senior was considering swimming for Washington and Lee. Men's swimming coach Joel Shinofield confirmed that the student was staying with a freshman member of the swim team during his visit.

According to one team member, Shinofield — a W&L alumnus who graduated in 1994 — has told members of his team that they are allowed to take recruits out to parties during their visits. However, Shinofield has told his team that it is unacceptable for students to give the recruits the impression that they are allowed to drink while visiting campus.

The party, billed by one member as the fraternity's annual honor scholar tequila party, has been occurring during scholarship visits for several years.

Chris Wornom, President of the Interfraternity Council, said he and other members of the group would be looking into the party in the near future. He said that off-campus parties lie on the border of the council's jurisdiction.

"It's outside our jurisdiction if we want it to be, but we can take action," Wornom said. "We could do it or someone else will."

Wornom said it was too early to tell if the investigation would center on individual members or the entire fraternity.

# Sixth sorority coming to W&L

*Alpha Delta Pi wins over Greek community, will begin recruitment next January*

By Allison Chopin and Grace Wang  
NEWS EDITORS

After years of research, planning and discussion, Washington and Lee will finally welcome a sixth sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, to campus. Receiving the greatest number of votes from current sorority women, ADPi trumped Phi Mu and Delta Delta Delta, two other candidate sororities chosen by W&L for their solid national reputations and strong values.

The first sorority extension in 2005 was unsuccessful. It is now being implemented as part of the W&L Strategic Plan, which was approved with the inclusion of a sixth sorority house, the previous cause for contention.

Dana Smith, the assistant director of student activities and Greek life, said, "ADPi showed values congruent with W&L: a commitment to compliment the current sorority community, local alumni and collegiate support and a thorough plan for colonization."

Starting this fall, ADPi will make a presence at major Greek events in hopes of building a successful new member class come recruitment time. Smith said ADPi will have a leadership consultant visit the campus throughout the fall to ensure that information about the organization is present at all major Greek Life events including Meet the Greeks events, Homecoming and philanthropy events.

Tiffany Eisenbise, the Campus Services Manager of ADPi's Nationals, said, "We are eager to start the colonization process, where a supportive combination

of dedicated alumnae, collegians and Alpha Delta Pi staff will educate students about the unique opportunity to be a founding member of a well-respected international organization and recruit female students who exemplify our core values of excellence in scholarship, leadership, service to others and sisterhood."

In January 2009, ADPi will join

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LAUREN OTTAWAY, former Panhellenic Extension Chair

the existing five sororities during formal recruitment.

Smith added, "Representatives from [ADPi's] national organization and potentially local collegians will host recruitment events in the same manner as the chapters on campus. They will work with Panhellenic to determine the most suitable location for hosting these events — a space on campus comparable to the size of the rooms in the chapter houses."

During formal recruitment ADPi will have the opportunity to offer up to 70 bids to establish its colony on campus. As a result, the other chapters' quotas will be decreased from previous years in an effort to support ADPi. Of course, this is appropriate since the driving force behind extension has been to

create smaller, more cohesive new member classes and chapter bodies.

The University is committed to building a sorority house of similar design and square footage for ADPi, which will be located to the left of Kappa Kappa Gamma on sorority row. This construction is anticipated for completion no later than Fall 2011, although a definite construction time line has yet to be established.

While identical on the outside, ADPi's house will feature slight changes to the layout of the third floor, which will accommodate a more strategically-located laundry room and provide residential space for 20 women. In addition, the projected completion date will allow the founding members to personalize the interior space and experience life in the house before graduation.

Until then, new members of ADPi will work with the Panhellenic Council and the University in finding a suitable solution for meetings, meal plan administration and housing. It has been proposed that new members could meet regularly in one of the rooms in the Commons and live in groups in either Gaines Hall or the Woods Creek Apartments.

Smith emphasized that the playing field for recruitment will be equalized as much as possible.

"Panhellenic will continue to work closely with ADPi and the sororities on campus throughout the spring and fall to ensure fairness and understanding of the extension process," Smith said.

Lauren Ottaway, former extension chair of the Panhellenic Council,

was responsible for sending out the notice to all National Panhellenic organizations advertising that W&L was open for extension in July 2007. She also worked with the three candidate sororities throughout their presentations to the University and facilitated the voting process.

"Panhellenic is very pleased with the results," she said. "We had three strong sororities and three strong choices, so the result could not have been problematic. We are all very excited and hopeful that ADPi will be successful and have a good recruitment."

Moreover, Ottaway believes the addition of ADPi will benefit W&L's Greek community immensely. She said, "The new sorority will provide another option for women who did not feel that any of the existing sororities fit exactly what they were looking for. Also, it will reduce the sizes of the chapters, which is crucial."

Currently, the average chapter size is greater than 100 women. This puts stress on dining and meeting spaces within the sorority houses, which were built for 80-90 members. In addition, the large chapter sizes are also not reflective of the small, community atmosphere that many students enjoy at W&L. It is hoped that the addition of ADPi will ameliorate this situation.

Smith is similarly optimistic. She said, "This is a very exciting opportunity for the sorority community to expand and grow. We look forward to welcoming Alpha Delta Pi to Washington and Lee."

## Retired general to speak on conflicts in Middle East

*Anthony Zinni will share his experience dealing with foreign policy in Lee Chapel Thursday*

By Wes O'Dell  
STAFF WRITER

Former four-Star Marine General and CENTCOM Commander Anthony Zinni will speak in Lee Chapel on Thursday, March 6 at 7:30.

Zinni, a decorated officer who at one time commanded all U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, was invited by the Contact Committee to be the fourth and final speaker in their Spotlight on the Middle East series.

According to Contact Co-Chair Neil Sheaffer, "At the beginning of the year, the committee decided to put together a series of speakers about the Middle East, which is obviously a very relevant topic these days, and has been for a number of years now. We have had speakers about diplomacy, culture, and religion—and we wanted to touch upon the current military issues in the region as well."

General Zinni's career has taken him to over 70 different countries, including combat service in Vietnam, Somalia and Iraq.

The general has received a great deal of media attention for his early opposi-

tion to the Iraq War, particularly the post-battle occupation strategy. Said Sheaffer: "He should also bring an interesting perspective as he has been a vocal critic of the Bush administration and the decision to invade Iraq."

Logan Gibson, Contact's other Co-Chair, said Zinni has also been mentioned as a possible Vice Presidential candidate for Illinois Sen. Barack Obama.

"There are few topics that are more relevant to all Americans right now than the war," he added.

Zinni also has a Lexington connection: he has lectured at over 80 universities, including a period as a professor of International Studies at VMI.

Sheaffer believes Zinni will be a "perfect speaker...he is very knowledgeable about the topic and the region."

The general will also address the Weapons of Mass Destruction class at 4 p.m. Thursday. The talk will be in Commons room 345.

The Lee Chapel talk will be followed by a reception at the Alumni House.

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## news



# W&L gathers to 'Take Back the Night'

*Sexual assault victim shares her experience in hopes of spreading awareness*

By Dane Davis  
STAFF WRITER

In order to raise awareness about sexual assault victimizing women on campus and throughout the world, W&L held a 'Take Back the Night' rally last Thursday in Cohen Amphitheater. The vigil, organized by SPEAK and Dr. Jennifer Sayre of University Counseling Service, included a speaker in Stackhouse Theater and personal testimonies of sexual violence.

The night began with a talk by Dr. Michael Kimmel in Stackhouse Theater, entitled "'Mars and Venus,' or Planet Earth: Women and Men on Campus in a New Millennium." As an expert on masculinity, Dr. Kimmel explained the complex social interactions that characterize college campuses across the country. Highlighting the rapidly-changing state of gender relations around the world, Dr. Kimmel described how numerous problems and issues facing the sexes can be resolved through dialogue and cooperation.

The event then moved outside to the Cohen Amphitheater, where a candlelight vigil was held to shed light on sexual as-

sault. Dr. Jennifer Sayre, one of the main event organizers, opened with statistics about sexual assault on college campuses nationally. The facts alone, however, were unable to convey the immense personal and psychological effects resulting from sexual victimization.

One W&L student gave her account of being sexual assault-

ress."

'Take Back the Night' is a nationally-recognized event, originating in 1977. The term "Take Back the Night" began as a memorial read by Anne Pride at an anti-violence rally. Since then, thousands of marches and vigils have been held in the United States and across the world. While each rally is

Lee's above-average rankings in sexual assault and rape, the rally was especially relevant. The rally brought diverse elements of the community together in order to break the silence on the problems facing women here on campus. As the school engages in frank discussions about its culture and the interactions between men and women on campus, 'Take Back the Night' helped students and faculty explore and understand the complex and troubling issue of sexual assault.

Charles Heaps III, a sophomore and attendee said, "I found the event moving and eye-opening on the trouble and problems that plague our campus. As a student, the speaker brought into focus the disheartening reality of sexual assault on this campus. However, being a part of such a moving event with students and faculty gives me hope that change will come."

"I was excited about how it went," said Hughes. "I was impressed with the turnout."

'Take Back the Night' will likely be one event among many as the university continues to find solutions for the problems on campus.

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**Charles Heaps III, Class of 2010**

ed, forcing attendees to reflect on the grave state of gender relations at the university. Attendees then lit candles and marched through campus as a visible sign of support for victims of sexual assault.

"It is important for our campus," said senior Paten Hughes, president of SPEAK. "It used to be that you couldn't talk about sexual assault in a safe way... but now we are making prog-

unique to the community hosting it, most share accounts by individuals who have been victims of sexual violence. According to the organization that initiated 'Take Back the Night,' the common theme is "the assertion that all human beings have the right to be free from violence, the right to be heard, and the right to reclaim those rights if they are violated.

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## Resources for victims of sexual assault

Confidential and Impartial Resolution Resources (CAIR)  
Dorm counselors  
Health Center  
Lifestyle Information for Everyone (LIFE) peer educators  
Peer counselors  
University Counseling

## Who is Michael Kimmel?

Dr. Michael Kimmel is a leading researcher, author and speaker on gender relations and masculinity in the United States. He has written or edited a wide variety of books, including 1996's *Manhood in America: A Cultural History*. Kimmel is a professor of sociology at State University of New York - Stony Brook. When Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel were under pressure from the federal government to become co-ed, Kimmel served as an expert witness for the Department of Justice.

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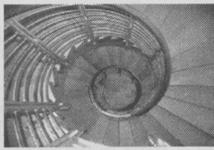
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# Through The Looking Glass



# opinions

## Castro as the ultimate puppeteer

*A Castro by any other name is still a Castro; out of sight but not out of mind*

By Abel Delgado  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't supposed to end this way. The cruel dictator who outlasted nine U.S. presidents was supposed to be deposed, rot in a Hague prison, or at least die in power, leaving his hypocrisy of a revolution in shambles.

Instead, Fidel Castro once again outwitted us all, resigning as President of the Cold War relic and tropical gulag we call Cuba and paving the way for his brother and others to cement their power before his death.

No one thought Castro would ever voluntarily give up power. Few realize he still hasn't.

Castro fooled the entire world yet again. His resignation as the Cuban Head of State is seen as a chance for change in a country that has been under his control for

nearly 50 years.

World leaders expressed hope that Raul Castro, Fidel's purportedly more practical and less adored younger brother, would loosen up the archaic economic policies that have left Cuba in poverty.

While some on the left made sure to compliment the older Castro's rule, leaders from all over the political spectrum suggested now would be a good time for Cuba to release its political prisoners. Many Cubans on the island were expecting a new generation of government leaders to take over.

All wondered what a Raul Castro Regime would mean. We won't find out soon.

While Fidel Castro did resign from two of his three posts, the one he didn't resign from, Head of the Communist Party, is the most powerful and influential, ac-

ording to the Communist Constitution.

Raul Castro's first act as the nation's "leader" was to ask the rubber stamp of a parliament permission to consult with his older

brother on all decisions involving "defense, foreign policy, and socioeconomic development," meaning basically anything that matters. Of course, the parliament agreed.

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Instead of choosing Carlos Lague Davila, a prominent younger politician who was partly responsible for the economic reforms that saved the Cuban economy from utter obliteration once the Soviet Union fell, Raul

and Parliament chose José Ramón Machado Ventura, a 76-year-old member of the old guard known as "Communist Hardliner" to be First Vice President.

The decision even dismayed young Castro supporters who

were told their generation would begin to have a say.

The vice presidential choice discredits any hope of economic reform on the island, and those who think Human Rights would begin to be respected under Raul Castro are either grossly unaware of his record as Defense Minister or just plain fooling themselves.

Just ask the men, women and children of the Cambio Movement (Spanish for change) who have been arrested, interrogated and beaten simply for wearing white wristbands that say "change" on them.

In Raul Castro's Cuba a wristband is reason enough to be beat by state police while in a local church. So what's the change between Raul and Fidel's Cuba? Nothing.

There is no change because it is still Fidel's Cuba. Raul is unbe-

lievably loyal to his brother and knows full well that he is nothing without him.

The Communist Party knows that without Fidel's charisma and appeal to ignorant "cappuccino-communists," they have no standing both abroad and at home.

And we all should have been wise enough to know the Fidel Castro's ego is much too large to be hampered by a life-threatening disease.

So they played a game with us.

They led us to believe someone else was pulling the strings.

Meanwhile, the puppet master lies in bed, in pain but with a smile on his face, knowing full well he has tricked the world into thinking his reign is over, and knowing full well that couldn't be further from the truth.

## Secret to success: whatever it takes

*Nabor's Alternative Feb Break trip to a prep school focuses on minority students entering college*

By Jess Stelmets  
STAFF WRITER

While most Washington and Lee students were going to Florida or hanging out with high school friends at home over February break, 12 students volunteered at YES Prep in Houston.

We had the opportunity to work with students in three different campuses and see why so many in Houston rave about YES Prep.

YES Prep is a charter school that primarily serves minority 6-12 grade students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Eighty-eight of the students are first-generation college-bound and nearly all are at least one grade level behind.

The typical YES Prep student is one that most public schools

fail to properly educate.

The success of YES Prep is astounding. YES Prep's goal is for all graduating seniors to be accepted to a four-year college.

The statistics of their alumni show that YES Prep is clearly on the right track: 90 percent of YES alumni have either graduated or are still enrolled in college.

This can be compared to the national average of 50 percent for all ethnic groups and a discouraging 22 percent for low-income students.

How is YES Prep so successful? After a week at one of the campuses, my best summary is their motto: "Whatever It Takes."

At the beginning of each year, all teachers, parents and staff sign a contract that they will do whatever it takes to meet the YES mis-

sion of collegiate success.

The staff holds high expectations for their students and gives them every opportunity to be successful.

Not only is the school day longer than normal, but there is

*Every day I volunteered at YES Prep at least a dozen middle school students would come up to me, shake my hand and introduce themselves.*

Saturday school every month that focuses on service.

Teachers stay at school for long hours and are required to be available for phone calls from students

who need help with homework.

The entire YES experience focuses on college.

All homerooms are named after colleges attended by the teachers. Teachers regularly discuss college life in their classrooms

and students are clearly energized by the thought of selecting a college.

Every spring there are week-long trips to visit colleges in dif-

ferent parts of the country. The typical YES Prep graduate visits colleges in California, Washington, D.C., West Texas and the Midwest.

The students at YES Prep are very privileged in that they are given countless opportunities that they would never otherwise even dream of if they attended their district school.

Every day I volunteered at YES Prep East End, at least a dozen middle school students would come up to me, shake my hand and introduce themselves.

While I love my 6th graders that I teach here in Lexington and think the world of them, I would be completely shocked if this happened to our volunteers.

YES Prep not only focuses on academics but also on building

positive relationships and achieving social justice.

YES stands for "Youth Engaged in Service". YES students complete monthly service projects and log hundreds of service hours throughout their seven years.

In a country where schools have continually failed minority and economically disadvantaged students, YES Prep is diminishing the achievement gap and giving its students an opportunity to be truly successful.

As the staff members continuously remind their students, any student, regardless of the color of his or her skin or his or her family's educational or economic background, can be successful and graduate not only high school but also college.

## Evil root of steroid abuse? \$ Money \$

*Baseball is a business; fans wanting a cleaner sport can boycott for changes*

By Crighton Allen  
STAFF WRITER

I have read, discussed, and heard far more about steroids in baseball in the last few weeks of my sports writing class than is reasonable. It is my hope that this, my final opinion on the subject for quite a while, will be cathartic, purging me of the sick taste this scandal has left in my mouth.

The crux of this discussion rests on the question: why do Roger Clemens and company risk their careers and reputations by cheating?

On a superficial level, it is because they thought they would never be found out. This belief is a chief reason most people commit illegal or unethical acts.

Do you think Bill Clinton would have spent half his political career playing footsie (and other games) with interns if he knew it would all blow up in his face and land him on Capitol Hill in front of a hostile Congressional Committee?

Of course not, and the same is true with professional athletes who use steroids.

Caught up in a desperate race to make it in the league and prolong playing careers that their bodies tell them are past their prime, players turn to steroids and HGH to give them a leg up on the competition.

Make no mistake about it, for the 25 roster spots on every Major League Baseball team, there are

literally hundreds of players capable of filling them out.

Think sorority rush is competitive? That's a Girl Scout meeting compared to making it to the show; several miles an hour difference on a fastball or ten feet traveling distance on a long flyball can mean the difference between strikeouts and homeruns and a roster spot, or meatballs and flyouts and posting your résumé on Monster.com.

But blind arrogance and sheer stupidity in thinking they won't

*The game will not clean itself up because baseball, when played at the professional level, is no longer the quaint Great American Pastime; it is a business and everything that goes with it.*

get caught can't be the ultimate reason athletes use steroids.

The main culprit behind the cheating is the almighty dollar.

The last several generations of young Americans have been taught by mass media to worship money and glorify its accumulation.

The MLB league minimum for a player on a roster for 2008 is \$390,000. In comparison, the average American worker makes only \$46,201.

Would the difference between the two salaries, \$343,799, be

hard to pass up if you knew a way to bridge that gap? Yeah, I thought so.

Really, isn't this same scenario why some college students use prescription drugs such as Adderall (without prescription) to help them study during exam time? It is really an easy conclusion to reach: good grades= nice job offer=fat salary.

Regardless of how many ball players are dragged before Congress to testify or players suspended or how many times a for-

lorn-looking Commissioner Bud Selig appears before the press and reaffirms MLB's commitment to reform, baseball will not come clean from steroids.

No, the game will not clean itself up because baseball, when played at the professional level, is no longer the quaint Great American Pastime; it is a business and everything that goes with it.

Owners of professional baseball clubs are not financing a team to provide the fans with entertainment out of generosity; they treat it as another business venture from

which to make a profit. Owners make most of their money from ticket sales and there lies the key to cleaning up the game.

Fans, by their refusal to go watch baseball games in protest of steroid abuse, can be an effective force of change. We can effectively hold MLB hostage. Without butts in seats, baseball can generate little revenue and will be forced to bow to our demands and clean itself up.

It pains me to say so, but as effective as a fan boycott can be, fans are not going to totally clean up an institution as massive as MLB baseball.

Ultimately, every man must make the choice of whether or not to cheat in his own heart and live the consequences. We can, however, play a large part in restoring some of the lost luster to a game that once helped give America its national identity.

My little brother is ten years old and plays baseball for a youth team in our hometown and idolizes the Atlanta Braves' players, especially Chipper Jones. Yet, maybe it should be the other way around.

For baseball in its purest form, the way it was meant to be played, is found nowhere near any professional stadium; it is found on rec league ball fields in Thomasville, GA and other small towns across America, in the hearts of kids like my brother, the future and hope of professional baseball.

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## Wake-up call

Lecture discusses youth drinking

By Queenie Wong  
STAFF WRITER

Young drinkers are more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol and drugs than adults, a Duke University neuropsychologist said to a packed Stackhouse Theater Tuesday.

Dr. Scott Swartzwelder, who wrote more than 100 scientific papers and four books on the topic, discussed research findings in rats and humans that showed alcohol causes more damage to the developing brains of adolescents.

"Our behavior has a lot to do with those critical final years of brain development," Swartzwelder said in a Powerpoint presentation.

Young drinkers are more sensitive to memory impairment but less sensitive to the sedative effects of alcohol, he said. This makes it easier for adolescents to drink excessively to the point of harm.

Swartzwelder's study compared how alcohol consumption affected the hippocampus of adolescent and adult rats, a structure in the brain critical for learning and memorization.

Alcohol damages the brain by disrupting synaptic plasticity, the ability of two neurons to change in strength, largely in the hippocampus, he said.

Researchers found that alcohol, which Swartzwelder characterized as a "powerful drug," impaired the ability of younger rats to memorize maze patterns more severely than adult rats.

Submerged in a tub of water, the rats were required to locate a platform and swim to it. Researchers found that adolescent rats under the influence of alcohol had more trouble locating the platform than adult rats.

In another experiment at Duke University, Swartzwelder studied the effect of alcohol on 20 to 29-year-old students. With a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08, students in their early 20s had more difficulty memorizing patterns than students in their late 20s.

Researchers found similar results in marijuana use, but Swartzwelder did not discuss drug use as thoroughly because of the limited time of the lecture.

The audience also watched video clips from the comedy "Dude, Where's my car?" and a commercial for Spanish sparkling water, which showed a man waking up with multiple piercings after a blackout.

"We make a joke out of a very serious neurological event" he said.

Despite lecturing to a college campus for the fifth time known for its heavy alcohol use, Swartzwelder emphasized at the beginning of the presentation that he was a scientist not a motivational speaker.

The point of the lecture was to provide students with the information they need to make informed decisions about alcohol and drug use, he said.

Residential Assistant Aaron Albert said that he thought the speaker's method was effective.

"I like that he presented the facts, as he said he was a man of science not a man of agenda, which is good. If [students] hear someone say don't do drugs, drugs are bad, [students] are not going to want to hear that message."

Junior Erika Rost, a neuroscience major, agreed. She said that the information was presented in a way that the average student could understand.

"The lecture gave people more information that they typically wouldn't come across and it was definitely more objective than what alcohol classes would give you, but he didn't specifically say not to do these drugs except for ecstasy."

The Office of Health Promotion, Phi Delta Theta, the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Association sponsored the event, Director of Health Promotion Jan Kaufman said.

## Student musicians show their stuff

Battle of the Bands brings W&L musicians into the spotlight

By Michael Morella  
STAFF WRITER

Funk-rock band, the Lalai Damas, beat out four other student bands to win Washington and Lee's annual Battle of the Bands in Doremus Gymnasium Friday night.

The winning group, composed of juniors Keith Friend and Spencer McElroy, sophomore Malcolm Hines, and freshman Robert Wason, took home the \$1,000 top prize for this year's event.

"I think everyone did an awesome job," McElroy, the band's guitarist, said of all the evening's performers. "Quality over quantity."

He was particularly impressed by the original songs each band brought to their sets and that the musicians were "bold enough" to perform them.

"I think there should be more stuff like this on campus," he said.

Hard rockers Agent Flynn and folk-rock band Velva Bar Lights each left with the second and third place prizes, \$500 and \$250, respectively. The other two groups, the Southern-rock infused Two Dirt Road and six-piece folk troop Rikki Tikki Tavi, complete with mandolin and harmonica, gave strong performances.

"It was just really great to be singing in front of a crowd," said Julie Slonecki, singer, guitarist, and pianist for Rikki Tikki Tavi. "It was probably my biggest per-

formance." Slonecki was the lone woman amidst a host of male performers at the battle.

Bands performed sets of three songs each, covering a vast array of music from the more recent Red Hot Chili Peppers and Outkast to classic rock standards by the Rolling Stones and the Jimi Hendrix Experience.

Performers were split onto stages at either end of the gym, alternating their sets as fans shuffled back and forth to get the best stage-side spots.

"It's really impressive that we

Stage presence also made a difference in the quality of this year's battle. Fans were treated to a wealth of jokes, epic guitar solos, and even a little bit of cowbell. An elaborately designed banner reading "Two Dirt Road" fell as the band struck their first guitar chord. But the Lalai Damas had their own key to success: matching outfits.

Bands were judged on their on-stage charisma, as well as a combination of musicianship, originality, and the overall impression they left on the crowd.

"If they're all going to be pretty good, it's really hard," Lubin said. "It was really close." Compared to past battles he has seen at the high school level, according to Lubin, judges can typically eliminate one or more bands before deciding on the final winner.

"I don't think that was really possible tonight."

The evening's other judges included Kelli Austin, Assistant Director for Engagement in Alumni Affairs, and Jenny Ratzel, Admissions Counselor, both alumni of the university.

As for Professor Lubin's favorite moment of the evening: "Well, that was a pretty fabulous drum display," he said of freshman Luke Ellis' performance during runner-up Agent Flynn's set. Ellis took command of the stage with an extended drum solo before the band launched into their final song, an original composition that left the crowd calling for more.

"Regardless of placing, I'm just happy that everyone seemed to have a great time," said Jamie Goodin, lead guitarist for Agent Flynn. He called the event a success in terms of the stiff competition and musicianship, as well as its bringing together members of the Washington and Lee campus and community in attendance.

"I feel like it just builds the event once again for next year."

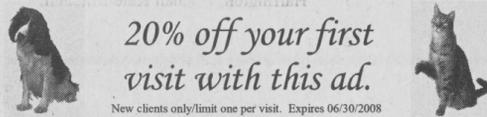
*"It's really impressive that we have that talent at this school...I really like the energy that the performers brought to [the event]."*

Briana Gapsis, Class of 2009

have that talent at this school...I really like the energy that the performers brought to [the event]," said junior Briana Gapsis, who was in attendance.

The event was co-sponsored by the General Activities Board and the Office of Student Activities and Greek Life. Dana Smith, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, said that despite fewer contenders this year, she was excited about the experience each group brought to the event.

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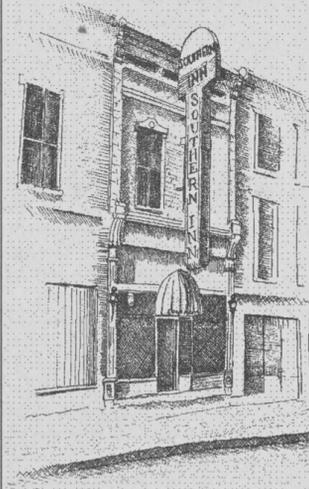
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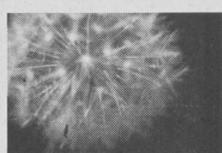
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# arts & life

## W&L dancers impress

*Student group full of passion and talent*

By Celeste Cruz-Carandang  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Repertory Dance Company put on a glittering performance last Friday night. Full of unique choreography and daring artistic risks, the entire program was a prime sample of several different dancing styles. The audience enthusiastically applauded each segment of the performance and expressed its delight in the playful surprises of the company. Even under the pressure of opening night, the Repertory Dance Company successfully put together a refined and moving recital.

During the course of two years, the Repertory Dance Company has flourished and thrived.

Through the nurturing attitudes of both the administration and the artists, the company now boasts a company of 35 highly talented members.

Since its founding, the program has expanded to include classes in ballet, modern dance, dance composition and the analysis and history of dance.

The variety of classes facilitated the creation of a versatile dance company. Partnered with the classically trained dancers is a myriad of modern, tap and praise dancers. Each company member lends his or her own talent and refreshing point of view to the program.

The performance consisted of 15 individual segments. The students of the company choreographed several of these acts. Nicole Carter, A'rese Emokpa, Molly Harrington, Hannah Kate Mitchell,

Julia Pleasants, Emily Wallace and Sophie Xiong acted as the student choreographers for the recital.

A collection of faculty and guest artists also afforded their talents for dance composition. Assistant Professor, Jenefer Davies, and dance instructor, Sandra Meythaler, both choreographed dances which made their respective viewpoints concerning the arts evident.

The artistic contributions of ShaLeigh Comerford, Liza Deck, Robin Harris, Plasticmusik, Kevin Remington and Claire Tunkel added a refreshing interpretation of the music choices.

The skills of the dancers were astonishing. The youth of the program did not take away from the professional attitudes of the performers. However, it seems that the jitters of opening night did take their toll on some aspects of the show. Although obviously talented, some dancers were not completely synchronized with the rest of their company. The pieces never seemed unorganized, merely unpolished. The technical difficulties also took away from the audience's experience of the concert itself. At several points, the lights turned on when they were not meant to. Music also cued at the wrong times and threw off some dancers for a few seconds.

Despite some minor mishaps, the show was a success because of the talent of the dancers, as well as their evident passion for their art. The performers were eager to take risks and were fully committed to their characters. At one point, beach balls with smiley faces were

thrown into the crowd as the dancers yelled and screamed.

A screen and photographer was the only prop for Claire Tunkel as she danced an evocative piece.

As she danced, she was photographed and the pictures were projected to the audience by an overhead screen.

Sophie Xiong demonstrated her own meticulous and beautiful interpretation of a peacock in a dance named after the bird itself.

Guest artists ShaLeigh Comerford and Claire Tunkel danced to excerpts from "The History of Love." Their striking choreography and genuine commitment to such a raw piece elicited both sadness and inspiration from the audience.

The favorites of the night included PlasticOrganics which included contributions from the Plasticmusik percussion group, Some Kind of Ship, a quirky piece involving a colorful array of ladies' shoes, and Phobias, which featured the smiling beach balls being thrown into the audience.

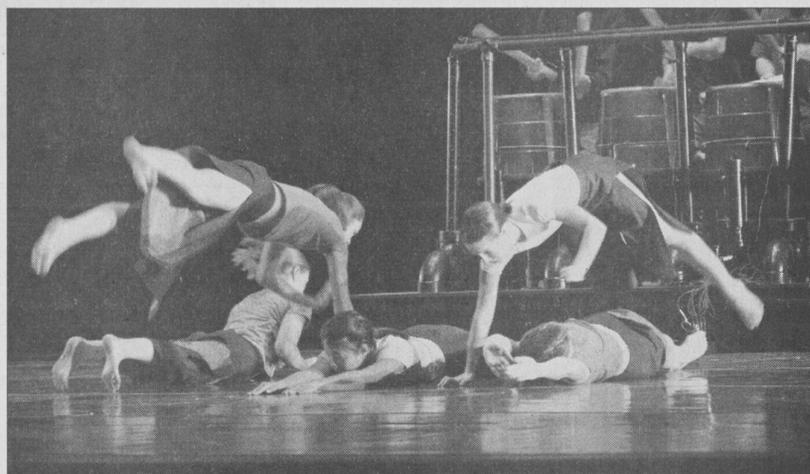
The Repertory Dance Company performed a stunning recital. Although hindered by a few difficulties, the audience was moved and fascinated by the talents of the dancers as well as the unexpected artistic direction.

As the curtain fell on the stage of Keller Theatre, the audience rose in appreciation for the lucky opportunity to watch their peers transform.



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Hannah Kate Mitchell and Timothy Kirby strike a pose during a sensual tango piece. They were directed by a professional tango instructor.





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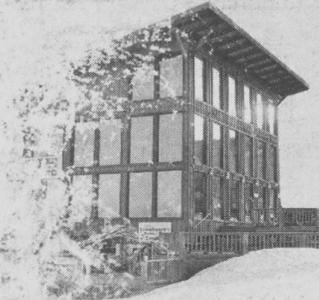
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# sports

## Generals reprimand Captains

Women's lacrosse improves to 3-0 with 13-6 win over Christopher Newport



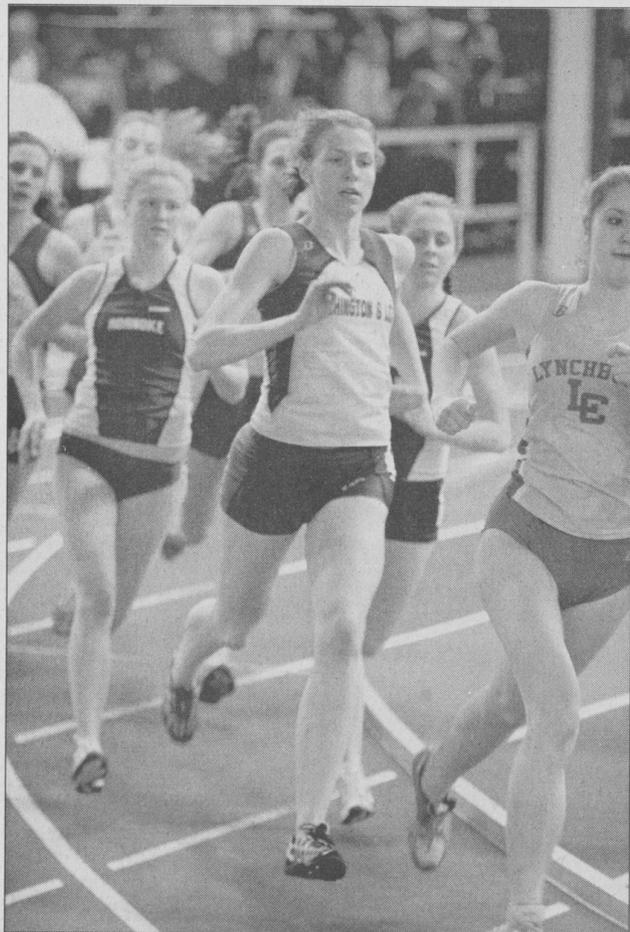
MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Senior goalie Sarah Tilbor makes one of her 11 saves during the contest against Christopher Newport. On the offensive end, the Generals were led by senior attacker Christine Bender who tallied three goals. Also contributing were junior midfielder Collen Evans, who added two goals and an assist, and senior midfielder Megan Slosson, freshman midfielder Wilton Megargel, and junior attacker Katie Flippen who added two goals a piece. The Generals are now 3-0 and are ranked 9th in the country. They return to action on Tuesday afternoon when they travel to Hollins for a 4 p.m. contest.

## Future bright for both track teams

Giordano wins Rookie of the Year award, women return entire roster next year

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MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Junior Elizabeth Webb en route to her victory in the 800m run. Webb also won the 1500m, both in conference meet record times

For the men, sophomore Billy Billington set a school record and a meet record, and his throw was also good enough for a NCAA provisional qualifying mark in the weight toss. As a result, he took 1st in the event with his final throw being 16.75 meters. Billington also took second in the shot put with a throw of 47 feet, 6 inches.

"I was happy with my 1st place finish in the weight throw and 2nd place finish in the shot put," said Billington. "It's always a great meet when you set personal records in all of your events."

Sophomore Ryan Castle was first in the high jump with a leap of 1.93 meters despite the meet being his first in weeks after recovering from an injury.

Freshman Jeff Giordano took home the bronze after finishing the 55 meters in a time of 6.55, and set a school record after completing the 200 meters in a time of 22.89. Giordano was also named ODAC Rookie of the Year.

"Being named the ODAC Rookie of the Year was a

*"I'm just grateful that my best times came at the championship meet. Our coaching staff did a tremendous job in preparing us for this big meet."*

**JEFF GIORDANO, sprinter**

great honor," commented Giordano. "I'm just grateful that my best times came at the championship meet. Our coaching staff did a tremendous job in preparing us for this big meet," he added.

"We have a great team with a ton of potential and coaches that know how to get the best out of us," commented Castle on the teams finish. "I think in the future, as our young team develops more, actually winning these meets will be a viable goal."

Hildenbrand continued, "I was really happy with the way that we ran. All our training has paid off and everyone peaked at the right time," she said. "We are in a great position to make a serious run at the outdoor title."

One thing that both teams attribute their success to is the closeness of their teams and the support of their coaches. With these qualities, they are looking forward to what should be an exciting and successful outdoor season.

## Bienemann wins all-league honors

Hutchinson named coach of the year after team goes 15-11

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Five and a half minutes later, after the Generals went down by five, Bienemann wound up on a fast break and converted on a layup while being fouled which could have cut the lead to two. However, one official signaled it was an intentional foul while the other foul while the other called it a travel; the controversial ruling was a travel and resulted in the turning point of the game. W&L was never able to decrease the 5-point deficit from then on and ultimately lost 76-66.

The Blue and White finished the game with four players in double figures. McHugh tallied a career high 17 points, 14 of which came in the second half. White chipped in 10 points off of the bench. Goodman added in 11. Bienemann finished by tying the game high with 17 points which was a fitting ending to his tremendous career. Additionally, Bienemann became the Generals' sixth all-time leading scorer. Kusimo was saddled with foul trouble the entire game, but still managed 13 rebounds, a testament to the perseverance that exemplified his career.

In Bienemann and Kusimo's four years, the Generals have gone from 2 and 23 overall and 0 and 18 in the conference to 15 and 11 overall and 11 and 8 in the conference, a remarkable turn around. Coach Hutchinson reaffirmed their importance to the program by saying how far the program has come with them at the helm.

"I feel a tremendous sense of connection with this entire team, but with Greg and Femi in particular," said Coach Hutchinson. "We struggled together through that 2-23 season, and we have been growing together ever since. Their tenacity is really what made all of the improvement possible."

Even though the team did not reach its goal of an ODAC title, the season was still a success and another step in the right direction.

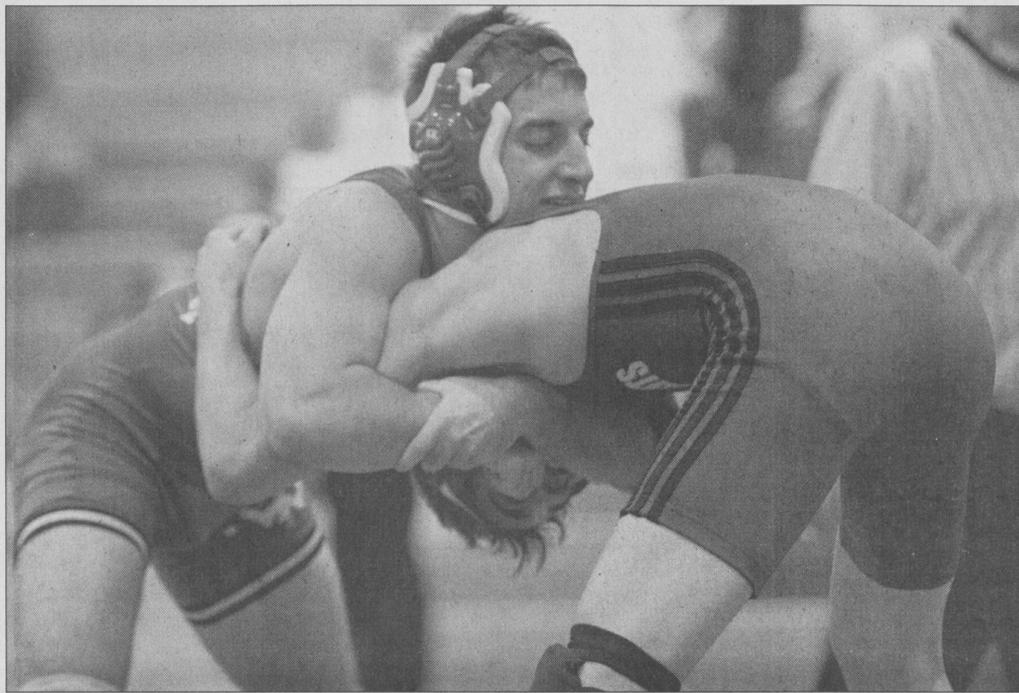
"I think that I share with the guys a real sense of accomplishment about this season," said Coach Hutchinson. "To have a winning record in basketball in this league is no easy thing. My hope is that we can continue to build on this season."

Goodman said the goal for next year is not only to ascend to the next level and bring home an ODAC championship, but also to make Washington & Lee Men's Basketball history.

"Our goal for next year is to win the ODAC championship," said Goodman. "Another big goal is to have the best all-time record at W&L. We know that those goals will take a lot of effort, but double digit wins was supposed to be hard to get, and we got that. A plus .500 season was supposed to be hard to get, and we got that too."



# sports



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

## Wrestling wraps up

*Individual efforts aid Generals at conference*

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee wrestling team ended its regular season by defeating the Newport News Apprentice School 27-9 and Longwood 51-0 on Saturday, February 16, before finishing eighth with 25.5 points at the Centennial Conference Championships on Saturday, February 23, to end the season.

Against the Newport News Apprentice School, the Generals dropped only two matches. Senior David Shubick started the match by pinning Jeff Jiron. Fellow seniors Peter Lawrence and Kirk Adamson recorded a major decision and a technical fall against their opponents as the Generals cruised to a 27-9 victory.

The Generals were even more dominant against Longwood, winning 51-0. Lawrence and junior Robert Ter-

rin led the way as both pinned their opponents. Sophomore Sammy Brusca and senior Tim Manson also picked up wins to go 2-0 for the evening.

At the Centennial Conference Championships hosted by Ursinus College, the Generals had several strong individual performances. Senior Anthony Boniello led the way with a second place finish in the 165-pound weight class for the Generals. Boniello defeated Stevens Tech's Jordan Chacon and Ursinus' Mike Schwaher before falling to Paul Stanley of Johns Hopkins in the finals. Placing third for the Generals were Shubick and Lawrence in the 133- and 149-pound weight classes. Adamson added a fourth place finish in the 184-pound division.

The Generals finished with a 7-5 overall record.

**Senior David Shubick placed third at the Centennial Conference Championships held over February break.**

## Women cruise to ODAC title

*Strachan gets NCAA provisional cut in 200 backstroke*

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's swimming team reclaimed the ODAC Championship title in dominant fashion over February break, scoring 937 over the three day meet and outscoring second place Randolph-Macon by over 300 points.

On day one, sophomore Sarah Simpson placed second in the 50 free and contributed to two school record setting victories in the 400 medley relay and 200 free relay. Simpson teamed with senior Amy Roberson, freshman Tess Hayden, and sophomore Jenna Worsham to win the 200 free relay in a time of 1:41.58. Later on, Simpson and Roberson teamed with juniors Lindsey Strachan and

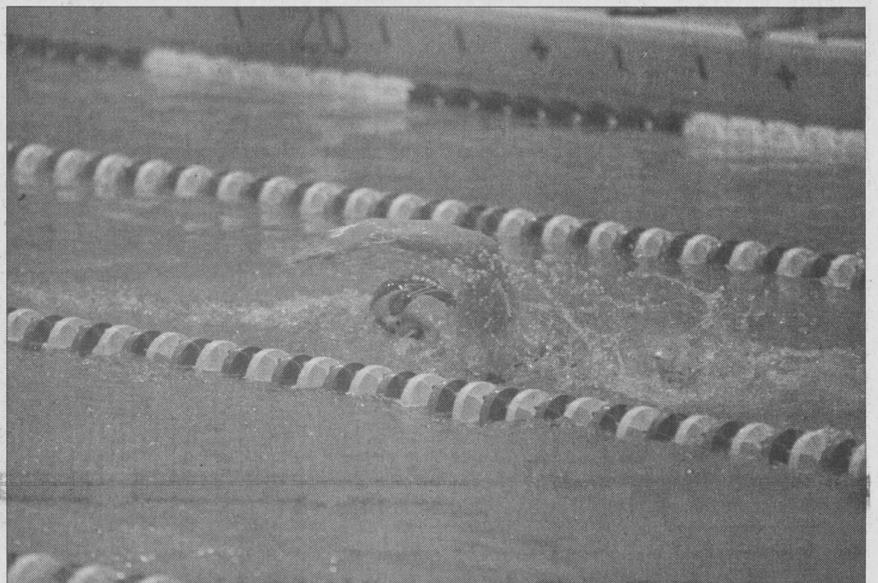
Susan Mahoney to take gold in the 400 medley relay in 4:06.38. Freshman Tess Hayden provided the Generals' first individual victory, winning the 500 free.

On day two, the Generals continued their dominance in the relay events, taking both the 200 medley relay and the 800 free relay. Strachan, Worsham, Roberson, and Hayden won the 200 medley in a time of 1:52.42. Later, Hayden, Worsham, Simpson, and freshman Jackie Smith won the 800 free relay in a time of 8:09.96. Individual victories for the Generals on day two included Hayden winning the 200 free, Roberson taking the 100 fly, and Worsham touching first in the 100 breast.

On the final day of compe-

tion, the Generals sealed their 18th ODAC Championship by winning the 400 free relay, completing their sweep of the relay events, and tallying two more individual gold medals. Hayden won the 1650 free in a time of 18:21.26 and Strachan notched a victory with a provisional cut in the 200 back.

At a last chance meet at St. Mary's on February 23, Strachan bettered her provisional 200 back time to 2:07.41 and reset the school record. However, the time was not quite fast enough to earn a trip to nationals. The Generals finished their season with a 13-6 dual meet record and a perfect 7-0 record in the ODAC.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

**Sophomore Sarah Simpson placed in several individual events in addition to contributing to four winning relays as the Generals claimed their 18th ODAC swimming crown.**

## Men look toward nationals

*Strong swims come up short at BMC championship*

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's swimming team swam well but came up short in its bid for another Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championship as Wingate tallied 821 points to the Generals' 638.

Sophomore Jonathon Giesen provided a 2nd place finish in the first day's only event, the 1000 free. On day two, the 200 free relay of seniors Tim McGlaston and Alex Sweet, junior Brett Tatman, and sophomore Brandon Barnds finished with an NCAA D-III automatic qualifying time of 1:22.41 but still placed 2nd. Sweet and McGlaston finished 4th and 5th in the 50 free, both tallying automatic cuts for nationals and Sweet reset his school record. The General's best event of the day was the 500 free. Junior Paul Crook won the event in a provisional cut time of 4:36.58. He was followed by Giesen in 2nd place, junior Chris Diebold in 5th place and sophomore Dan Austin in 7th.

On day three, the Generals were led by the 800 free relay of Sweet, McGlaston, Crook and Diebold which finished 2nd in a time of 6:52.85. The best individual event for the team was the 200 free. Sweet and Crook finished with provisional qualifying times, good enough for 3rd and 4th, and McGlaston was sixth. At a last chance meet at St. Mary's on February 23, the same 800 free relay improved their time to 6:49.60. On the final day, Tatman took 2nd in the 200 backstroke with a provisional cut of 1:53.79.

Several members of the men's team will continue their season at the national championships March 20-22, in Miami, OH.

## Pitching getting the job done

*Generals firing on all cylinders as they start the season 9-2*

By Jacob Gelger  
MANAGING EDITOR

Returning a talented core of position players but looking to replace long-time ace Clayton Edwards, Washington and Lee has raced out to an impressive 9-2 start on the year. Returning outfielders Tim Livingston and Terrence McKelvey have gotten off to another hot start, but the biggest surprise has been freshman leftfielder Anthony Cardona. Though the Generals outfield looked set with Livingston, McKelvey and James Madden, the same group who started last season, Cardona has won himself a regular spot in the lineup by getting 18 hits in his first 30 at bats.

To accommodate Cardona, Madden has been getting some time at Designated Hitter, and Cardona has also been starting whenever Livingston pitches.

McKelvey, aside from posting a .421 average, second highest among the team's starters, also has hit three home runs while hitting in the lead-off spot. Madden, a senior, and sophomore Hunter Serenbetz lead the team with 13 RBIs.

One lingering question coming into this year was the team's starting rotation. Clayton Edwards, who led the team in wins and innings pitched over the last two years, graduated last May. But Livingston, who spent his first two years in the rotation before splitting time last year between the outfield and pitching mound, has helped provide stability by opening the year 3-0 with a 2.57 ERA. Chuck Davidson, a sophomore who saw significant action last year, is also 3-0 and has a sterling 2.00 ERA.

The Generals have also enjoyed plenty of offense, scoring nine or more runs five times in the season's first two weeks.

The team's only losses came to No. 5 Emory University and Piedmont University. Both games were played in Atlanta. Against Emory the Generals rallied from an early deficit to tie the score at six before Emory got two unearned runs in the ninth inning.

On Saturday the Generals stomped Emory and Henry 12-0 and 18-0 to open conference play. The victories also gave long-time Coach Jeff Stickley 300 wins. Stickley, in his 22nd season coaching W&L, has been the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year three times.

## Lax opens season

*Teams ranked 15th as play begins*

By Jacob Gelger  
MANAGING EDITOR

In Coach Tyler McCabe's second season, the men's lacrosse team has returned to the national rankings and is set to compete in what will once again be one of America's strongest lacrosse conferences. Last year's team went 9-6, with four of the losses coming to nationally ranked opponents.

This year's squad, ranked No. 15 in the latest Division III poll, is off to a 2-1 start. They opened the season by stomping Savannah College of Art and Design before defeating York College in Lexington. The team suffered its first loss Saturday in Colorado Springs, losing to Colorado College by a 15-

11 score.

Sophomore Will Kiegler has led the team in the early games, notching six goals and assisting on eight others. Senior Will Englehart is second on the team in scoring with seven goals, while junior Harry St. John has six.

The team will continue its non-conference schedule throughout March before closing the year with six straight conference matches. Roanoke College and Lynchburg College are both ranked in the top 10 of several national polls, and Hampden-Sydney is also ranked in the top 20.

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## in the numbers

**54' 11"**

Distance of sophomore Billy Billington's 35-pound weight throw at the Indoor ODAC Championship meet. Billington was in 3rd place going into his final throw before setting a new school record and gaining a provisional cut to win the meet.

**7**

Current winning streak of the men's baseball team. In the past four games, the Generals have outscored their opponents 58-2.

**17:45.85**

Junior Jessica Shaw's winning time in the 5,000m run at the Indoor ODAC Championship meet. She won by over a minute twenty seconds en route to resetting the ODAC meet record.

**1,573**

Career points total for senior Greg Bienemann, who ranks 6th on the all-time scoring list.

**11-7**

Conference record for the men's basketball team, the most wins in conference play for the team since the 1981-82 season.

## soapbox

*"Red Sox Nation? What a bunch of [expletive] that is. That was a creation of the Red Sox and ESPN, which is filled with Red Sox fans."*

Yankee's Senior Vice President Hank Steinbrenner, courtesy of espn.com

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Red Sox principal owner John Henry, in response to Steinbrenner's comments, courtesy of espn.com



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Sophomore Billy Billington prepares to launch the weight. Billington won and set a school record with his provisional qualifying throw of 54' 11". Billington also placed second in the shot put with a toss of 47'6".

## Distance dominance

Women sweep distance events en route to second place; Billington's and Castle's first place finishes key men's third place finish, highest since 1999

By Kevin Corn  
STAFF WRITER

The Indoor Men's and Women's Track Teams finished a solid season with strong performances Friday at their ODAC Championships. The women comfortably took 2nd, while the men finished 3rd—their highest placement in 10 years. Overall, the Generals left the meet with 10 All-Conference citations, three school records and five conference championship meet records.

The women started off strong with the Distance Medley Relay of freshman Katherine Fenwick, junior Tara Hildenbrand, freshman Christine Baliseri and sophomore Kat Telfeyan. The women broke apart from the pack on the first leg. By the second leg, there was no question who would be winning. In the end, the relay finished 1st in a time of 13:19.36.

In the women's mile, the Generals took all three med-

als, led by junior Elizabeth Webb, who took 1st in a time of 5:11.51. Junior Becca Taylor took 2nd with a time of 5:22.85, and sophomore Doro-

*"Ever since my freshman year, I have truly longed for the indoor 800-meter title."*

ELIZABETH WEBB, Junior captain

thy Todd rounded out the three with a time of 5:27.85.

"The mile was a great race this year," commented Todd. "Sweeping 1st, through 3rd place was really exciting, and I was so happy to be a part of that team effort."

"I was thrilled to win both the mile and the 800," said Webb. "Ever since my fresh-

man year, I have truly longed for the indoor 800 meter title. I watched it slip from my grasp on the final straight-away in both 2006 and 2007, but this year, as I came down the home stretch, I knew I finally had it, and I could barely contain my excitement."

Webb took 1st in the 800 with a time of 2:21.54. Both her 800 meter and mile finish were good enough for meet records. Afterwards, the ODAC named her Scholar-Athlete of the year.

Junior Grace Andrews took 3rd in the weight throw with a toss of 13.33 meters. Sophomore Maggie Sutherland set a school record in the 55 meters with a time of 8.91. Junior Stacy Doornbos jumped a distance of 17 feet, 9 inches to finish 2nd in the long jump, while she took 3rd in the 400 meters with a time of 60.80.

Andrews commented that it felt great to finish 3rd.

"Prior to last year, I had never competed in track, so to do so well was an awesome feeling," she said. "I am so blessed to be able to do a sport that I have no background in, but totally love, and get a medal out of it."

Another notable event of the night came when junior Jess Shaw set a conference meet record in the 5000 meters with a comfortable 1st place finish in a time of 17:45.85 — just 5 seconds off of a national provisional time standard. Shaw's lead was so comfortable, in fact, she lapped the entire field twice.

"I am so blessed to have wonderful teammates who were supporting me around every turn," commented Shaw. "There are moments when you want to give up, but their support and encouraging words kept me going."

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## Maroons strand Generals

Roanoke's hot shooting keys 76-66 victory over men in ODAC quarterfinal

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The Washington and Lee Men's Basketball renaissance season ended Friday after the team fell to arch-rival Roanoke College in the first round of the ODAC tournament.

The two teams split the season series with the Generals winning on the road in overtime in the second matchup. Both teams had identical 11-7 records in conference, but the Maroons won the tie-breaker, making them the 4 seed and the Generals the 5 seed. This is the highest seed for the Blue and White since the 1990-91 season.

The night before the game, at the annual ODAC banquet, W&L came away with three prestigious conference awards. Senior captain Greg Bienemann was first team all-conference for the second straight year, the first W&L player to accomplish this feat in 25 years. Bienemann is also a finalist for the Jostens Trophy, the award for the Division III Player of the Year. Junior captain Isaiah Goodman was selected to the 10-player ODAC Sportsmanship Team. Lastly, Coach Adam Hutchinson was named the ODAC Coach of the Year, the first Generals coach to achieve this accolade since the 1988-89 season.

"The Coach of the Year award is actually a team honor," said Coach Hutchinson. "It is recognition of the commitment and effort this team displayed and the success that resulted. I am honored to have been a part of it with this special group of people."

After the six-day layoff

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from action for the Generals, the team started out slowly in the ODAC tournament game against Roanoke. AJ Dowell of the Maroons sunk the first two shots of the contest to give Roanoke a 4-0 lead. Goodman opened up the scoring for W&L with a 3-point shot two minutes into the game. Bienemann scored the team's next basket on an up-and-under layup while being fouled, just as he has done all year. A few

minutes later, both teams found their rhythm on offense as Junior Ryan Owens fed a slashing sophomore, Zac White, for the easy layup.

Roanoke then went on a mini run to open up an 8-point advantage, 20-12. Freshman Jason Cimino ended the run as he knifed through the

lane and banked in the left-handed layup. Subsequently, after Roanoke turned the ball over, White slammed the ball home on the fast break. The teams then traded baskets until Goodman knocked down two 3-pointers to knot the game at 22-22 with roughly 10 minutes left in the half.

The Maroons immediately re-gained the lead and extended it to nine. With 3.6 seconds remaining in the half, Biene-

mann muscled up another and-one to give the team some momentum right before the half. The score was 39-32 in favor of Roanoke at the break.

That momentum at the end of the half did not last as the Maroons opened up the second stanza by pushing the lead out to nine points. Senior captain Femi Kusimo answered with a two from the foul line. Junior Chris McHugh then caught fire from behind the arc by sinking three 3-pointers to deadlock the score at 43-43.

With 11:31 left in the game, Goodman dished to Bienemann for a reverse layup while being fouled. Bienemann sank in the free throw attempt and gave the Generals its first lead in the game, 51-49. Dowell countered with the next four points of the game for Roanoke to make the score 53-51. McHugh answered that with his fifth 3-pointer of the game to give W&L the one-point advantage, but the advantage quickly evaporated and Roanoke re-took the lead once and for all.

"We came back in the second half by making some crucial plays," said Goodman. "We got some stops and hit some big shots, but Roanoke found a way to pull it off."

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