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End-of-term publication schedule

The Phi will not publish next week so staff members can travel for the Easter holiday. Our final issue of the term will be on March 31. The first issue of Spring Term will appear on May 1.

Prepare to miss class: March Madness is here

Neill Thupari has waited all week for the brackets to come out. Now he's breaking down the best first round matchups and giving you a look at who can make a run to the Final Four.

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Organizations work to eradicate racist, homophobic language

By Allison Chopin and Wes O'Dell
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

A law school student organization is asking the university to ban 'hate speech.'

The group, Outlaw, works to promote awareness and acceptance of Gay-Lesbian-Bigendered-Transsexual (GLBT) individuals.

Executive Chair John Martin recently went before the Student Affairs Committee (SAC), an organization of students, administrators and faculty, to lay out his plan.

Said Martin in a prepared statement: "Basically, I have asked SAC to create a policy that would prohibit a narrow class of extremely degrading and dangerous verbal conduct at the University."

Martin calls these terms "hate speech," and his proposal would ban "the use of slurs, epithets, and clearly derogatory and degrading language" that can be considered harassment on the basis of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

His proposal as it stands would

include a ban on using "the n-word for African-Americans or the c-word in reference to women, among other things," he said, calling this only "a working definition."

Martin added that he and the SAC will likely "tighten up" the definition to specify what exactly qualifies as hate speech.

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THERESA DOUGHERTY, Gay-Straight Alliance Treasurer

"The final policy will probably implicitly take context into account as well," he said.

Martin characterizes his proposal as a way to "close the gap" in W&L's harassment policy by "prohibiting hate speech even if it is not directed at a particular individual."

The genesis for the plan was what Martin describes as the "almost ca-

sual" use of homophobic and racial slurs on campus.

"[The common use of slurs] has created an environment at W&L where in the past harassment and even violence have taken place," said Martin.

According to Martin, "an environment pervaded by hate speech"

to support the policy should SAC adopt it.

"People don't understand the connotations of [certain 'hate speech'] words," said GSA Treasurer Theresa Dougherty. "We live in a very conservative and homophobic campus."

Martin agrees: "There may be some students who oppose the policy because they often use hate speech... The policy aims to end this kind of behavior, and these students will have to face the reality that hate speech is not acceptable here."

While he concedes student reaction is hard to predict, Martin is confident his plan will garner the support of the campus.

He also warns against inaction, stating that the refusal to create such a policy "could set the stage for a slow erosion of existing policies that could set the University back ten years in terms of public image, recruiting, and campus climate."

Martin predicts that nothing will change unless a rule is enacted. Simply educating students with the traditions of honor and civility has not been effective.

"We must address this issue

through policy because students are not ending this behavior on their own, and education is valuable but has begun to reach the limits of its audience and its efficacy," he said.

Dougherty, however, believes that the students themselves are capable of making a difference, with or without a policy in place.

While SAC's deliberations continue, she encourages students to make hate speech socially unacceptable.

"You can discourage your friends from using homophobic speech. If someone makes a joke about someone else being a 'fag' or something being 'gay'...the association is that 'gay' is bad. That's something we're working to eliminate," she said.

Dougherty also encourages student to participate in GSA's upcoming "Gay? Fine by me" campaign. The GSA will be handing out free t-shirts bearing the slogan in late April to promote tolerance on campus.

Said Dougherty: "That's kind of putting yourself out there as a supporter of the GLBT community—and showing that 'gay' is not a derogatory word."

Journalism majors, do not despair!

NPR Managing Editor envisions future of news, broadcasts hope

By Robert Wason
STAFF WRITER

While journalists around the country are despairing over the future of journalism, National Public Radio Managing Editor Brian Duffy isn't buying into the doom and gloom.

If Duffy is correct, the comments will surely come as a relief to the student journalists who spend each spring fretting over whether they'll be able to find a job after graduation.

Duffy delivered the keynote speech for Washington and Lee's 45th Institute of Ethics in Journalism on Friday.

He spoke to students, professors, and media professionals about "Divining a Brighter Future for News."

Duffy, who took over at NPR in October, spent nearly 20 years at U.S. News and World Report. He was the magazine's editor from 2000 until October. He has also worked at the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal as investigations editor.

Following a humorous introduction from Professor Edward Wasserman, Duffy presented his opinion on the present and future conditions of the

news industry.

Duffy began his lecture by addressing the "changes that have been wreaking havoc in newsrooms."

While denying the widespread belief that today's younger generation "just does not read," Duffy explained that the age group "is reading in different ways."

The Internet, which has had a tremendous impact on the process of mass communication, is forcing major news programs to re-examine their strategies for producing high quality material that is also engaging.

Duffy reassured the audience in saying, "We shouldn't despair. There is an interest; we just need to be more creative."

Although admitting that "[the industry] does not know what is going to happen next," Duffy emphasized his belief that the fate of the news will ultimately be determined by the Internet.

Although he dismissed the idea that "the New York Times will be completely electronic in five years" as an exaggeration, Duffy asserted that "in-

teresting web strategies" will be vital for the success of modern news programs.

Because of the convergence of print and broadcast media with the Internet, websites often incorporate writing, audio, and video segments, and the role of the journalist has become much more complex.

Duffy suggested that above all, it is important for journalists to "think

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BRIAN DUFFY, National Public Radio Managing Editor

about the story," ask "what does the story require," and then "tell the story in that way," rather than insisting on incorporating multimedia elements that might not fit with the story.

According to Professor Brian Richardson, head of the journalism department, the rise of the Internet has

had a profound effect on the process of journalism education. He shared that Washington and Lee developed a "fully multimedia" program ten years ago in order to meet the demands of the changing field.

Richardson emphasized the influence that the Internet has on the current state of the news. "A fair number of [W&L] grads are headed to news programs with websites," he said.

In relation to journalism education, Duffy said that is necessary to "teach journalists to think about what the story requires, and then put it in a place where it is accessible and entertaining."

"The Internet [presents] many possibilities," he said in response to where

journalism students will work in the future.

However, Duffy expressed mixed feelings about the Internet, calling it "the social media genie [that] is out of the bottle."

He ultimately suggested that, if properly monitored, the web could become the dominant source for news information that is both accurate and entertaining. He lamented that most of the content found on the Internet is inferior and unreliable when compared to that of a "good newspaper." He said that the public, however, is willing to sacrifice quality in favor of a free, fast, and interactive media experience.

Although Duffy stated that there are no good examples of news organizations that are currently "getting it right," he did express optimism. "All the industries are trying to go to the same place," he said.

According to Duffy, while the future of news is uncertain, creative experimentation and dedication to the responsibilities of journalism will yield the best results.

opinions

..... letters to the editor

Don't force apology

Forgive the "Bracket" writers but don't forget

To the university community,

I write in response to "The Bracket," a recent column in the Distractions section of The Trident, and the community's response to it.

First, I applaud the response by senior administrators to the column. While they justly excoriated the authors and their editor, they do not call for external control or sanction of The Trident. In refraining from doing so, they recognize the necessity for a free, vigorous and unfettered press in any community, even when its practitioners indulge in wretched excess and pointlessly hurtful behavior.

If ever there were an occasion for senior administrators to be tempted to exert external control over student media, it would be in the face of a column that, at the least, flirts with the legal torts of libel, invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress. That our president, provost and deans have responded by appealing to conscience rather than control is laudable.

Second, while a free press and free expression are the cornerstones of democracy both nationally and on an intensely local level, whether what happened is either legally defensible by those who wrote and edited, or legally actionable by those they harmed, are both beside the point. There is a difference, recognized by practically all working journalists, between what we can do and what we ought to do. That is a first

principle of our teaching in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications; like others in this community, we live in hope that Washington and Lee's independent student media will honor it.

From the First Amendment arises a professional obligation for journalists to monitor our institutions of power, to provide a forum for those who speak truth to power and to provide the truthful information that is the lifeblood of democratic self-determination.

In doing so, journalists frequently cause harm to those they monitor. In the service of their audiences, journalists employ a calculus that measures the harm they do against the necessary information they provide. In their obligation to those about whom they write, they attempt to determine how vital information can be published and harm minimized. Such reasoning presupposes the freedom to exercise judgment as moral actors rather than constraint by powerful external forces.

As journalists we are not in the business of defending the indefensible. It is easy to defend the sanctity of free expression; it is impossible to defend The Trident column.

By any measure of public necessity, it fails. By the calculus of harm versus benefit, it fails. By the moral obligation to minimize damage, it fails. As careful reporting, it fails. As satire, it fails. (That its few defenders have variously tried to argue that it is both factual reporting and satire negates

either claim.)

It clearly is not journalism. But, unfortunately, to say that such work sprang parentless from some fertile sophomoric imagination is inaccurate. Our airwaves and the internet are full of so-called professionalized food fights passed off as journalism; sadly, the authors of The Trident piece can readily find a kind of role model among those grown-up practitioners. That does not excuse their behavior; they should have known better than to emulate such dreck.

Finally, I offer an observation on the heart and soul of this wonderful but bruised community. In response to the column, many have cited President Lee's values of civility and honor, and wonder where in this incident those values can be recognized.

I submit that honor lies in our belief as a community that those who caused the hurt should be trusted now to do the right thing, rather than be forced to. I submit that civility lies in our embracing the value of redemption.

I believe President Lee would agree; he was allowed to set our course as a community only because those who sat in judgment of him believed that redemption was appropriate.

Sincerely,
Brian Richardson, Department Head
Journalism and Mass Communications

Speak, fight rape

End sexual assault with EC trials

To the Washington and Lee community,

We would like to support the recent statement made by the Student Executive Committee regarding the adjudication of sexual assault on the Washington and Lee campus.

We are encouraged that this statement indicates significant progress on the issue of sexual assault and that it reiterates there is zero tolerance for perpetrators of sexual violence within our community of honor and trust.

We hope that the student body knows the range of resources available on our campus for victims of sexual assault.

Numerous women and men have been sexually assaulted over the past few years, but no survivors have brought cases to the EC or SFHB (Student-Faculty Hearing Board) for adjudication.

Students who wish to move forward to a formal proceeding should know that both the EC and SFHB have jurisdiction over sexual assault cases, and both bodies hold the power to dismiss a student found guilty of committing sexual

assault.

The decision to go to a formal proceeding is an incredibly difficult one, and there are other ways to achieve informal resolution (i.e., speaking with a CAIR).

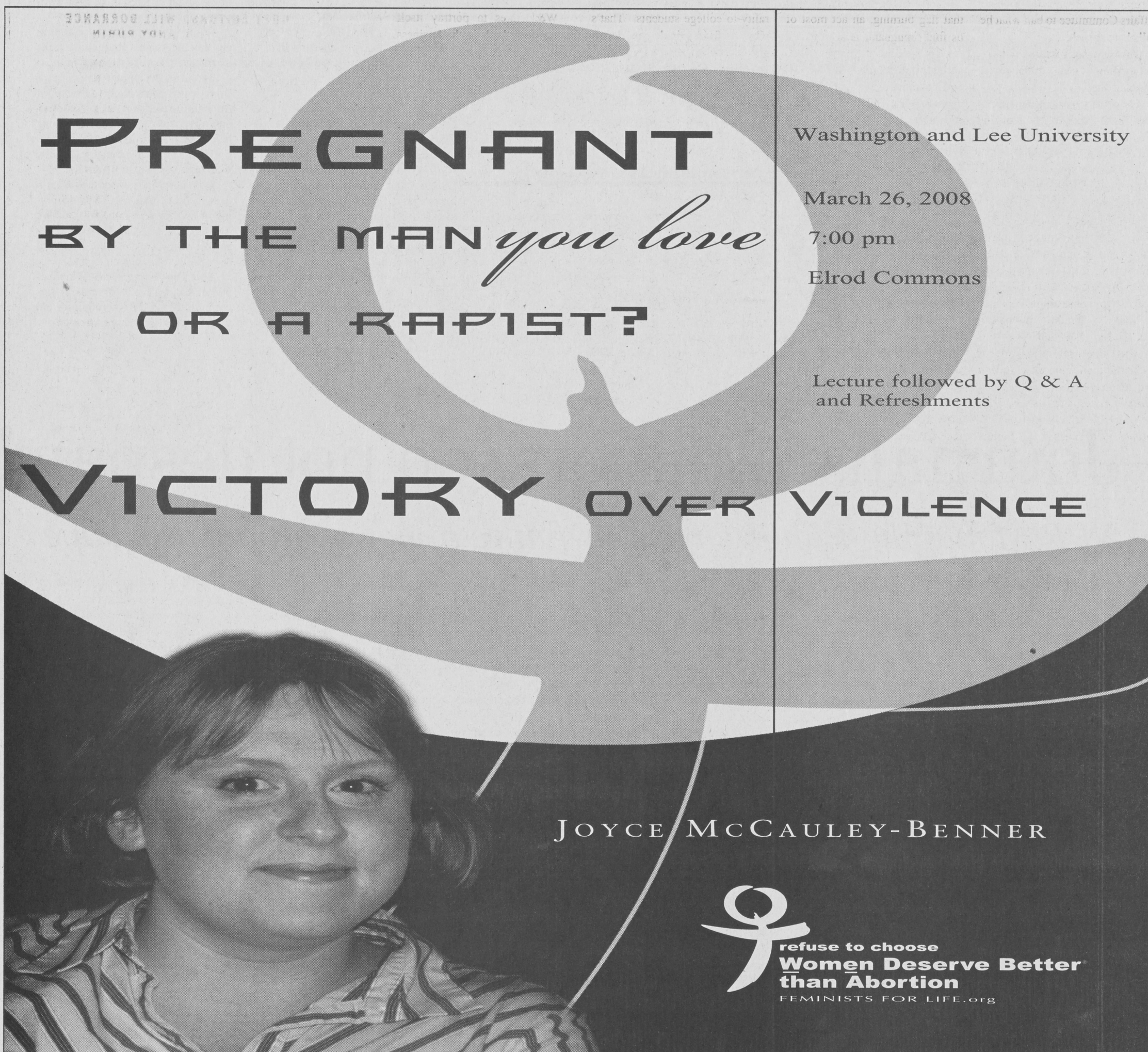
It is our sincere wish that we continue to move forward and grow into a community where women and men do not feel silenced on speaking out about sexual assault.

The values of honor and civility that our community holds dear should apply to all arenas of life as a student at W&L: all students within this community of trust deserve to feel as if they can speak out against a sexual assault without risk of social consequences.

May this step encourage discussion and awareness in our community so that one day there is an end to sexual assault at W&L.

Please email us with any questions or concerns (larsonw@wlu.edu and hughesl@wlu.edu).

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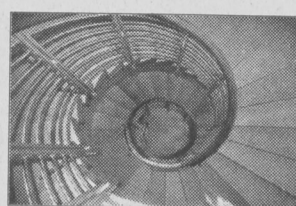
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Beware the company you keep

People assume your friends (or political advisors) represent your feelings, ideas

By Grace Andrews
STAFF WRITER

For those of you who do not know, it was recently revealed that Sen. Barack Obama's preacher, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, gave a questionable sermon the Sunday after Sept. 11 that suggested Americas had brought terrorist attacks upon themselves by acting as terrorists in other nations and supporting injustice (i.e. Hiroshima and apartheid South Africa.)

Wright has also given other sermons in which he has condemned the U.S. for treating minorities as second-class citizens. More recently, he compared Obama to Jesus and criticized Sen. Hillary Clinton.

As a result of the public outcry concerning these teachings, Obama has openly criticized Wright's statements and removed him from his presidential campaign.

Despite the fact that Wright is no longer a part of Obama's campaign, Obama states that Wright

remains a close family friend whose opinions aren't representative of how he [Obama] feels. He stressed Wright's championing against homophobia and sexism in the black community and focus on community service.

Sadly, this same situation has occurred before. Geraldine Ferraro, a speaker at this year's Mock Con, was criticized for making a statement that said Obama would not be ahead in the race for the White House if he were not black. As a result, she stepped down and is no longer an aide to Clinton because of a fear that she would bring bad publicity to the campaign trail.

The fact the Ferraro herself was a trailblazer and advocate for minorities in politics has been quickly forgotten and replaced with a new "racist" image, regardless of her attempts to dispel such ideas. Ferraro's dismissal was requested by many in the party and came after Obama expelled unpaid foreign policy advisor Samantha Power after she was quoted by Scotland's nation-

al newspaper, calling Clinton "a monster".

To be quite fair, I'm almost sure that every single one of the statements I've discussed has to be heard in its proper context to accurately understand what the speaker was trying to say.

While that is not a luxury afforded to those who play the

candidates at all, it's important to see the roles that friends, advisors and aides can play. Now, the question is, "Do they truly represent the ideas and feelings of the presidential candidates?"

Let's put it into practice here at W&L. How many of us have that friend who is always saying the wrong things to anything and

teeth sitting at one of those delightfully small grade school desks that elementary schools have. Now, imagine some other Baby (insert the name of grade school here) talking to Baby Grace (BG), instead of doing his/her work.

All of a sudden, the teacher asks Baby Grace to go to time-out for talking. The only problem is that BG wasn't talking, only sitting close to 'Ol Baby Big Mouth (BBM) and slightly listening.

Is it really fair for BG to get punished for what BBM did? I think not. Maybe BG should have told BBM to shut the heck up before she pushed him off of the monkey bars during recess.

To be quite honest, I have a few friends that I may need to "dismiss" from the campaign known as my life or even fire them as social advisors and keep them as personal advisors. Doesn't that sound a bit laughable?

Honestly, I'm not quite sure what my stance on the issue is, but I think that we may want to scrutinize our own lives as closely

as we do the lives of the presidential candidates. If it's unacceptable for them to have individuals around them making questionable comments, then maybe the same should apply to us.

I completely recognize that politicians operate in a bigger forum and have a greater range of influence, but are such double standards fair?

We're all humans and make mistakes, but maybe the saying "birds of a feather flock together" is true, and, then again, maybe it should be "birds of different and similar feathers sometimes flock together but aren't actually representative of individual birds in the flock or even the flock as a collective unit."

So maybe that would be too long to actually become a saying, but I implore all of my readers to ponder the questions that I have raised.

Maybe the old adage of "beware the company you keep" is still applicable in today's world; then again, maybe it needs a modern interpretation.

staffeditorial

University cannot force-feed tolerance

Students should engage in dialogue to change campus values on hate speech

John Martin, president of the Washington and Lee Law School group, Outlaw, wants the Student Affairs Committee to ban what he calls hate speech.

The proposed ban would make it illegal for students to use racial or sexist slurs.

The words are certainly offensive in the extreme. No student should ever be on the receiving end of such hateful language.

The words are also protected under the First Amendment.

W&L, as a private university, is not obligated to extend free speech rights to students, but if the university wishes to be taken seriously in the academic world, this proposed ban will never become law on our campus.

Martin should remember that the Supreme Court has long frowned upon laws that restrict unpleasant or unpopular speech and actions. In *National Socialist Party of America v. Skokie* (1978), the court ruled that a small Illinois village could not ban the Ameri-

can Nazi Party from holding a march through the town.

Texas v. Johnson (1989) said that flag burning, an act most of us find repugnant, is a protected form of speech.

Unfortunately for Martin, racial and ethnic slurs – unless they directly incite violent action – are also protected speech.

The proposal ignores a valuable lesson: you can't dictate morality to college students.

That's why curfews, single-sex dorms and other old-fashioned traditions have died out.

Again, W&L does not have to grant students full First Amendment protection. But the university should realize that an outright prohibition, even on obscene and offensive words, will not create the change in attitude that Martin

hopes to see.

The proposal ignores a valuable lesson: you can't dictate morality to college students. That's why curfews, single-sex dorms and other old-fashioned traditions have been left by the wayside.

It's our hope that this campus can also leave offensive and insulting language by the wayside

everything that has breath and can be offended? Do these individuals represent you in every capacity? If so, how much of what they say should affect you?

Let me take you back a few years. Imagine a Baby Grace, just as sassy, but a little lighter and shorter with pigtails and miss-

Few students are willing to confront a peer and say that something is offensive. W&L likes to portray itself as a school that's in the business of developing well-rounded students, people who do well in the classroom but also embody virtues like tolerance, honesty and courtesy.

That's a fine goal, but the university should realize that those values cannot be force-fed to students. The values can only emerge if the entire community stands behind them.

Martin's right. We do have a culture of homophobia and intolerance on this campus. We salute his efforts to change that culture.

We cannot, however, support a regulation that will stifle student speech, no matter how offensive the speech. Change will come through honest and open discourse, not another restriction that the Student Affairs Committee sends down from above.

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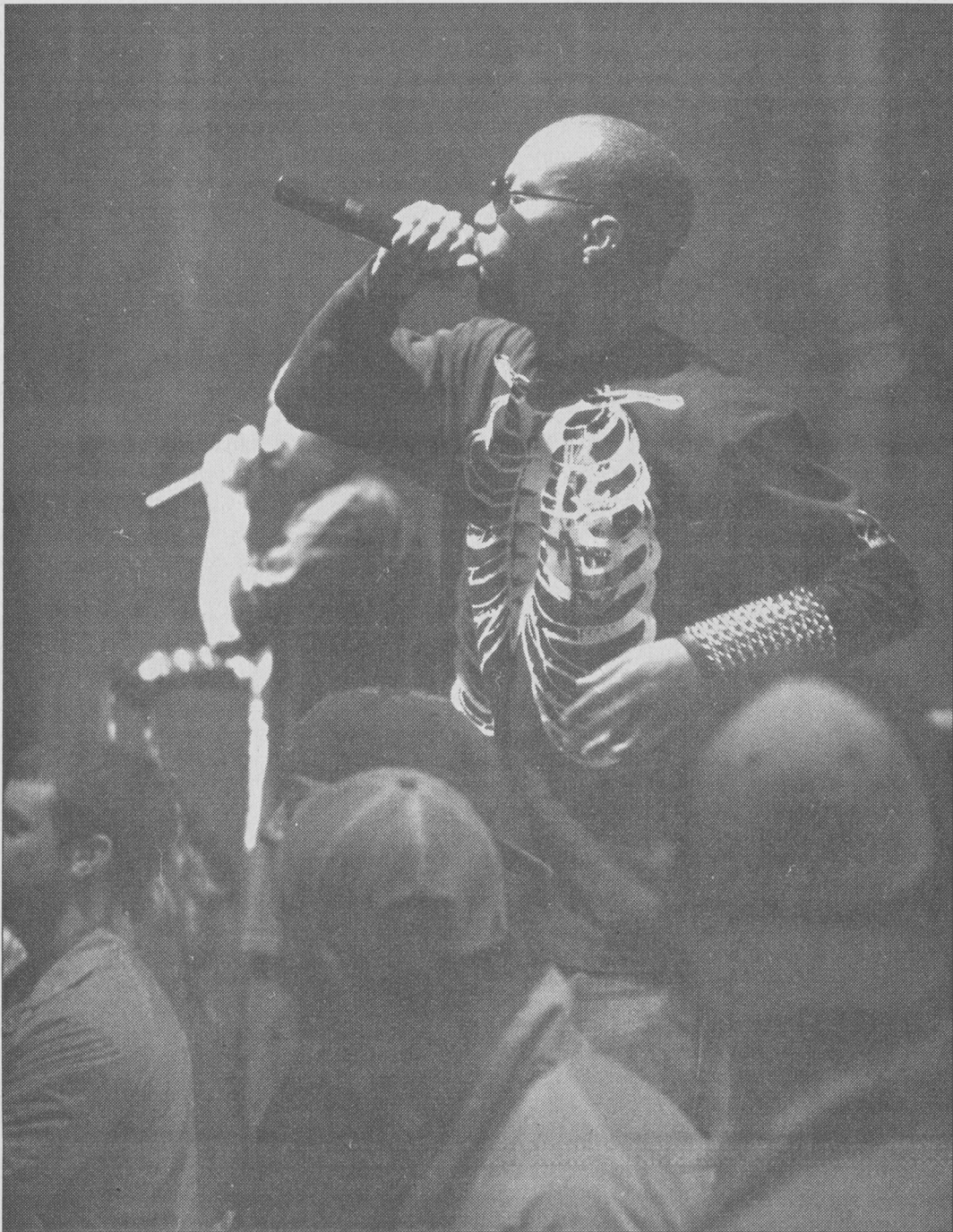
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W&L taken over by the Mafia

Students flocked to pavillion to see popular Three 6 Mafia



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DJ Paul and Juicy J rocked a crowd of W&L students, as well as local Rockbridge highschool students, Wednesday night. The popular hip hop/rap group from Memphis, Tennessee, has won both Grammy and Academy awards and has released 11 albums, two including guests, since 1994. They have a new album coming out June 1. They even have their own television show, "Adventures in Hollywood." Many students joined the singers on stage, dancing in the background and showing their enjoyment. Happily, Three 6 Mafia managed to get our name correct this year, as opposed to Busta Rhymes' "William and Lee!" The group definitely received an enthusiastic welcome from the students who attended.

Correction

Last week's article about the Chi Omega Chili cook-off reported that the event raised \$12,000. The event raised \$1,200. The Phi regrets the error.

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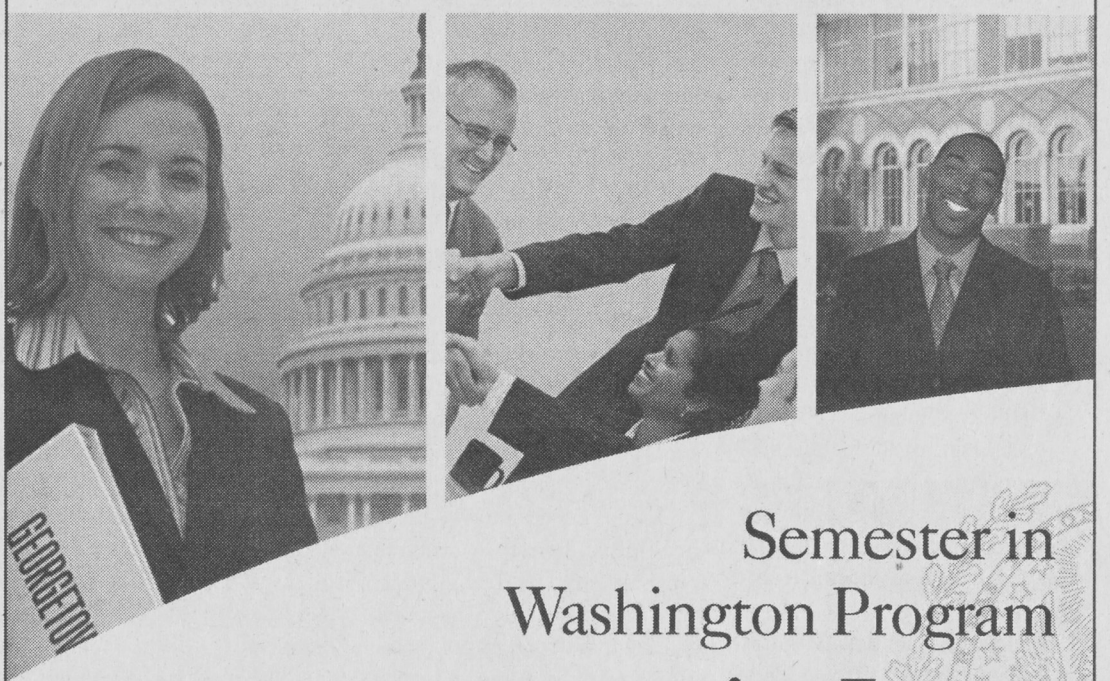
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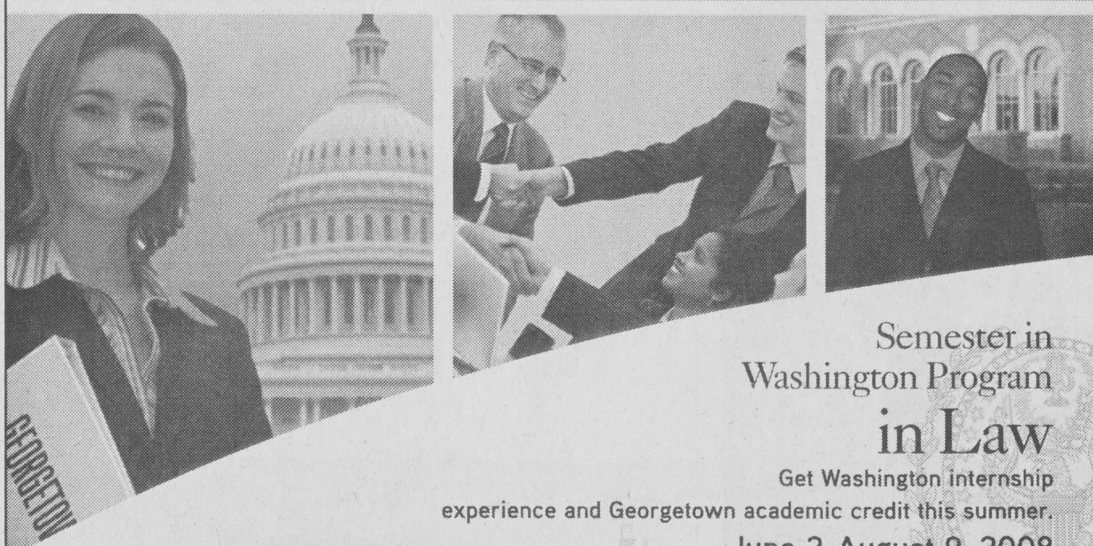
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sports

Umpires are heroes amidst corruption

Though negativity pervades sports and politics, baseball referees provide glimmer of hope for disadvantaged children

By Adam Lewis
COLUMNIST

As good as the Daytona 500 and the Kentucky Derby are, they don't come close to matching the race that has taken over American news in the past several months: "Sports figures vs. Politicians: Who can cheat more?" Recently, these two American realms have boasted the most corrupt people since Enron's last board meeting. Between Roger Clemens, the Patriots and Kelvin Sampson in sports, and Mark Foley, James West and now Eliot Spitzer in politics, news headlines are clogged with corruption, and it's almost become a race to see who will cheat next. "Right now, it looks like politics has just nudged

its way into first with the old 'Eliot Spitzer sex scandal' technique coming around the turn, but sports is right on its tail, just waiting for the final-stretch push of a future Congress investigation. It could be a photo-finish!"

Anyway, what I'm driving at is that sports and politics (particularly sports, being that this is a sports article) have been poisoned with negative media to the point where the "good" stories, when they exist, are overshadowed by the aforementioned corruption-centered ones. It is for this reason that I am taking the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of a group of people who make a living by arbitrating cheating, and who have painted the concept of

purity with a "BLUE" stroke. Last Wednesday, "BLUE for Kids," a charity organization founded by Major League Baseball umpires, hosted the 2008 World Series of Bowling in Tampa, Fla. This event featured various celebrities, umpires and other baseball people as bowlers, in an effort to provide 1,000 at-risk or seriously ill children with a once-in-a-lifetime baseball experience, in which they would have the opportunity to attend a baseball game, meet players, take pictures and receive autographs.

In general, BLUE, which stands for "Big League Umpiring Experience," operates as an experience-based charity organization, much like a "Make-A-

Wish" foundation, for baseball. During the season, participating umpires host groups of typically ill, underprivileged or orphaned children for a behind-the-scenes look at the job of an umpire (obviously neglecting the occasional spit or profane action). And for kids who may be unable to enjoy a game first-hand, these umpires travel to nearby hospitals visiting children, often providing them with specially-made gifts. Overall, BLUE combines the help of numerous umpires and baseball-affiliated people to enhance the lives of kids in need, if just for one day, through baseball.

Not to discredit all the other charities associated with sports, because there are a number of

excellent ones, but I find BLUE to be the most unique. In an age when athletes are making more money than ever, it is the umpires who step into the forefront to support this noble cause. In an age when athletes are given as many advantages in life as the President of the United States, it is the umpires who use their limited leverage in sports to provide these kids with a life-enhancing experience. And in an age when athletes are regarded as gods and goddesses to young children, it is the umpires who emerge as the true heroes.

I am not blaming every sports figure for lack of commendable action, because many are involved in ways that are extremely respectable. And I'm not blaming

media sources for seemingly covering only the negatives of sports when clearly positive aspects exist, because let's face it, big news is often bad news. But I am writing to expose the great accomplishments of people in sports, hoping that by chance, news organizations will do the same.

I think it is very fitting that in a world filled with cheaters, those who regulate fairness in sports are the ones who are taking action. And to properly recognize this, I think we all should take our masks off, walk three feet in front of home plate and twirl our pointer fingers around twice, indicating that the effort of these umpires is undoubtedly a "home run."

The real bracket: a quick look at the 2008 NCAA tournament

By Neill Thupari
COLUMNIST

I'm going to be honest, we cut it extremely close to press time given the 6:00pm start to CBS's Selection Show on Sunday night; nevertheless, in the following few paragraphs I hope to give you a brief glimpse of what to expect in the 2008 Men's NCAA Division-I Basketball Tournament, an event that year-in and year-out proves itself as one of the most captivatingly special sporting events in the world. No one can argue about the pure passion, raw excitement, and unadulterated human emotion that are annually exhibited in the NCAA Tournament. With that being said, let's take a look at some contenders, Cinderellas and intriguing matchups to look forward to in the Big Dance: The Contenders:

1. Each No. 1 seed: These teams each earned a No. 1 seed for a

reason. Each team won its conference tournament and possesses the talent and depth to make a legitimate run for the National Championship. Taking a look at the bracket, East No. 1 UNC shouldn't have trouble until at least the Elite Eight with either Louisville or Tennessee, but either way the Heels should have more than enough firepower to win. In the South, Memphis should quickly run through teams, including a weaker than normal, but always Izzo-prepared Michigan State squad. Texas, in a "neutral" location of Houston, poses a big threat, but Memphis has beaten big time opponents before. Ben Howland's UCLA team looks prime for a third consecutive Final Four coming from the West bracket, and I'm not so sure Duke, Xavier, Drake, or any other team can match the Bruins on both ends of the floor. Big 12 win-

ner Kansas headlines the Midwest bracket and really shouldn't get tested until fairly deep in the tournament by a seasoned Georgetown team, plus Coach Bill Self will once again be looking to get the March Madness monkey off his back.

2. Louisville: Pitino's boys are back in top form after finally getting healthy* and bringing back David Padgett and Terrence Williams into the lineup. You can't underestimate how good the Cardinals are, winners of nine out of their last 11, including wins over Pitt, Notre Dame, Villanova, and Georgetown. Assuming they can beat a tough Tennessee team in the Sweet 16, the numbers say they could run with the Tar Heels and at least give them a good fight for a spot in San Antonio

3. Texas: No Durant? No problem. Say hello to arguably the best scoring point guard in the

nation, D.J. Augustine. Between him and his supporting cast of Connor Atchley and A.J. Abrams, the fans in Austin are excited about the prospects of a Final Four. Big wins away from home include dominating performances at UCLA and on a neutral court against Tennessee, meaning that they are battle tested if Memphis comes calling later on. Potential Cinderellas you may see on the second weekend:

1. Winthrop: After shocking Notre Dame in the first round of last year's tourney, the Big South Champs return once again to a familiar spot, matched up against a major conference stalwart and No. 4 seed Wash. St. The Eagles return veterans Michael Jenkins and Taj McCullough, who have plenty of tournament experience, so don't be too surprised if they shock Wazzu and then beat the winner of Notre Dame/George

Mason. 2. Drake: I know they're a No. 5 seed, but they still have to run through potentially UCONN, UCLA, and Duke in order to make their first ever trip to the Final Four. The Bulldogs play extremely disciplined basketball under guard Adam Emmenecker, and they would love to get a chance to prove themselves against the big guns of college basketball

Unfortunately due to lack of time, I'm only going to have to mention other potential glass slipper candidates in St. Joseph's (No. 11 in the East), St. Mary's (No. 10 in the South), and my bracketologist Mike Daly's special: West Virginia (No. 7 in the West). Intriguing First Round Matchups: 1. No. 6 USC vs. No. 11 Kansas St.: O.J. Mayo vs. Michael Beasley. Two dynamic freshmen leading their overwhelmed coaches into the Big Dance. Maybe we

should just ask to see 40 minutes of One-on-One between the two of them. The winner would have a tough test against a relentless Wisconsin team in the next round.

2. No. 5 Clemson vs. No. 12 Villanova: Two big time schools from big time conferences. There will most definitely be conference pride on the line. Each team could spark a deep tournament run with a hot start here; so beware.

Once again, due to time constraints, a few probable and likely matchups to look forward to down the road: No. 3 Louisville vs. No. 2 Tennessee vs. No. 1 Kansas, and just for the heck of it, No. 3 Xavier vs. No. 1 UCLA.

I'm sorry I couldn't be more in depth in my glance at the tournament, but rest assured I'll be back to discuss the tournament in coming weeks. Enjoy the Madness.

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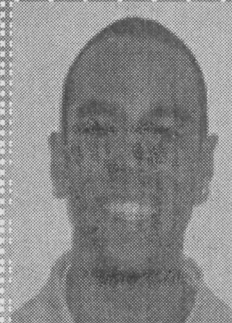
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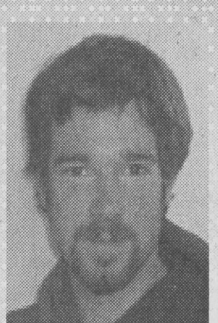
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Awards Gala

Wednesday, March 19th @ 6:30 PM

Lee Chapel

Reception & Music will follow in the Elrod Commons Living Room

Many Awards such as the UnSung Hero and Decade Award will be presented.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

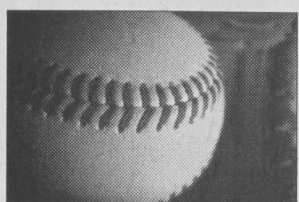
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Submit your votes for the UnSung Hero Award @ <http://www.wlu.edu/x9924.xml>

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Baseball			vs. SVU 3:00 p.m.			at Roanoke (DH) 12:00 p.m.	
Men's Tennis		at Randolph 4:00 p.m.	vs. Roanoke 4:00 p.m.	vs. Macon 4:00 p.m.	at Hampden-Sydney 3:30 p.m.	vs. Carnegie Mellon 10:00	
Women's Tennis			vs. Randolph/Mary Wash 4:00 p.m.	vs. Macon/SBC 4:00 p.m.			
Women's Lacrosse			vs. Roanoke 4:00 p.m.			vs. Mary Wash 2:00 p.m.	
Men's Lacrosse			in C'Ville vs. Wooster 7:00 p.m.			at Greensboro 12:00 p.m.	
Golf					Friday - Sunday Jekyll Island Collegiate		
Track						at Emory Invitational	
Swimming				March 20-22 NCAA D-III meet			

in the numbers

61

Points scored by Austin Carr of Notre Dame against Ohio in the 1970 NCAA tournament, the most ever by a player in a NCAA tournament game.

41

Personal fouls committed by Dayton against Illinois in the 1952 tournament, the most ever by a team in a NCAA tournament game.

29

Number of players used by Arizona State and Loyola Marymount in their 1980 NCAA tournament game, the most ever by two teams in the tournament.

3

Number of Utah State players who scored against San Francisco in their 1964 NCAA tournament game, the fewest players to score in a tournament game for a single team ever.

2

The number of games the University of Georgia won Saturday during the SEC tournament after a tornado hit the Georgia Dome Friday. The Bulldogs beat Arkansas Sunday to win a spot in the NCAA tournament.

soapbox

"I obviously did not expect to take that shot or any other shot at the end of the game. It came to me, and I knew time was running out. I put it up and it went in."

Arkansas Razorbacks' center Steven Hill on his game-winning shot against Tennessee. The basket was Hill's only score of the game, from espn.com.

"If you can't get the ball, you can't score."

Wisconsin guard Michael Flowers on his defense of Michigan State's Drew Neitzel, from espn.com.

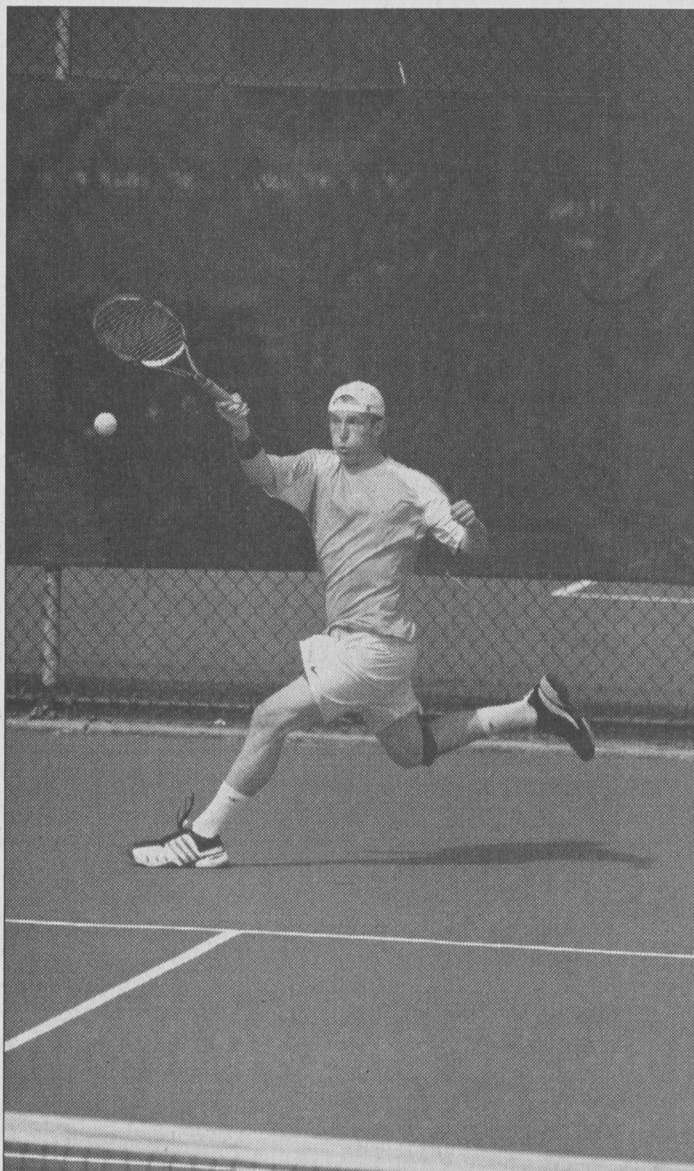
"I don't know. I'm not in the room. I'm not on the committee. Wherever we're seeded, we'll go play."

Tennessee Volunteers' men's basketball coach Bruce Pearl on how his team's semi-final loss in the SEC tournament will affect their seeding, from espn.com.

Smashing successes

Men's tennis stays undefeated in ODAC, notches first non-conference win

By Michael Keenan
SPORTS EDITOR



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Senior Nat Estes returns a shot against Mary Washington's Randy Loden on Saturday.

Women crush No. 9 Denison, sweep ODAC opponents

By Michael Keenan
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team improved to 8-0 this week with victories over ODAC opponents Hollins University and Lynchburg College as well as 9th-ranked Denison University, its first non-conference foe of the spring season.

The Generals posted two victories on Wednesday, defeating Hollins, who is currently tied for 2nd in the ODAC and Lynchburg. Neither team posed much of a threat as the Generals swept both matches 9-0.

Four seniors — Kelly Will, Leah Weston, Rebecca Timmis and Katie Duncan — and two juniors — Katie Tabb and Meg Spalitta — traveled to Roanoke to down Hollins. All won in straight sets, with four winning 6-0, 6-0.

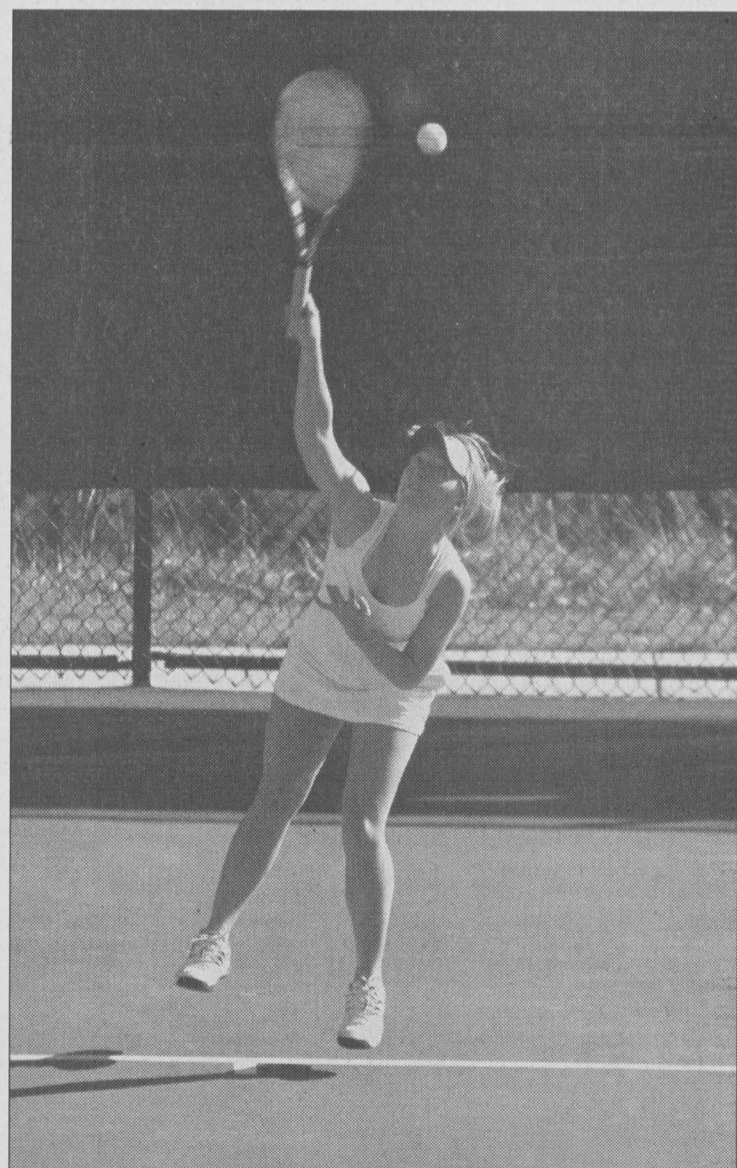
Back in Lexington, seniors Rhodes Proctor and Lauren Cook, sophomore Lyndsey Johansson, and freshmen Virginia Dickinson, Catherine Reed, Crystal Spencer and Lauren Dorsey blanked the Hornets for the team's second win of the day. The Generals surrendered only two games in the nine matches.

On Friday, the Generals faced a top 10 team for the first time this spring when they took on Denison. The Generals were more than up to the challenge, sweeping the doubles competition and then taking five of six in the singles competition.

In doubles play, the No. 1 and No. 2 matches were very close. Tabb teamed with sophomore Lauren Caire to defeat Denison's top duo of Marta Drane and Kristin Cobb, 8-6. Weston and Reed played extra to defeat Meghan Damico and Kendra Murray in a tiebreak, 9-8.

In No. 3 doubles, Will and Dickinson cruised to an 8-2 win over Erin Gorsich and Kristina Beilinson. On the singles side, Tabb won the first set convincingly before dropping the second set 6-1 but came back to take the third set 6-4, winning the match. Tabb's win was followed by straight set wins from Will, Caire, Weston and Spalitta, leading to the General's 8-1 win.

The women return to action Wednesday when they take on Mary Washington University at home and then travel to Randolph College to take on the Wildcats.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

Freshman Virginia Dickinson serves during her 6-0, 6-0 victory over Lynchburg's Elizabeth Eckert on Wednesday.

F&M steals victory with late OT goal

Men stomp Hood but drops second game to ranked opponent in overtime

By Russ Weems
STAFF WRITER

Another week, another heartbreaker for the men's lacrosse team.

The team travelled to Hood College Monday and took on Franklin and Marshall on Saturday at a neutral site.

On Monday, the Generals blew out Hood College. The game was overwhelming one siding from start to finish, with the Generals dominating nearly every facet of the game. The Generals got out to a quick 5-0 lead in the first quarter, never relinquished and ended up with a 15-1 victory. The Generals nearly completed a shutout. Hood didn't get on the scoreboard until there was 41 seconds remaining in the contest. 10 W&L players scored and three had multiple goals.

The Generals dominance was lead by a balanced attack. Will Englehart and Ned Rider paced the team with 3 goals. Seth

Fishman recorded two. Harry St. John, Drew Koeneman, Kevin Feeney, Deets Hoffman, Justin Donati, Mark Wachtmeister, and Tyler Lenczuk also found the back of the net for the Generals. Four Generals had multiple assists. Connor Locke played the first three quarters in goal in the victory, saving 10 shots and allowing 0 goals. The final period was split between Jason Lumpkin and Ned Lundvall.

The Generals faced the Diplomats on Franklin and Marshall Saturday in what turned out to be a thrilling game. The Generals started the game strong, opening up a 2-0 lead by first quarter goals by Will Keigler and Kevin Feeney. F&M responded strongly, scored 4 of the five goals in the second and third quarters, giving them a 4-3 lead going into the final period. The fourth quarter was hotly contested and exciting, featuring four ties and one lead change. Neither team led by more than one goal. For the first part of the quar-

ter, the two teams traded goals, leaving the score at 6-5 with 7:30 to play. W&L then had a big stretch, outscoring the Diplomats 2-0 in the next four minutes, leaving The Generals with a one goal advantage with 3:16 remaining in the fourth. Diplomats' attackman Mark Hild responded with a goal with 2:31 to play, sending the game to overtime. At the end of the first overtime, Hild scored again leaving the Generals with a tough 8-7 loss.

The Generals were led by some strong individual performances in the loss. Ned Rider and Will Englehart both recorded two goals. Tim Skeen and Will Keigler each had one goal and one assist, while Harry St. John added two assists. Connor Locke played the duration in goal for W&L, stopping nine shots.

W&L returns to action on Wednesday when they take on the College of Wooster at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anne's-Belfield in Charlottesville, Va.