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## C-School announces plan to buy the Colonade

Professors at the Williams School announced Monday that they hope to expand the business school into the old liberal arts buildings during the next 10 years. The buyout is pending approval of the board of trustees.

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## Coming next week:

### The First Annual Phi bracket

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Be sure to tune in as we unveil our bracket and pick the lamest incoming freshman. Call the editors today to place your votes. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

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## Class of 2012 wants to buy Greek system and shut down fraternities

*Administration's master plan finally complete; incoming class ready to kill fun at W&L*

By Hadley Burgoyne  
STAFF WRITER

They may be prone to bouts of excessive drinking and possible drug use while visiting, but the Washington and Lee Class of 2012 is already making a name for itself.

The entering class announced on its Facebook group yesterday that it had successfully created a cure for most common cancers.

The project is expected to generate enormous revenue, and the entering class says it plans to use the money to buy Davidson Park and Red Square away from the school and the fraternities.

"We think that the Greek system is outdated," one member of the incoming class said. "We would instead like to make Red Square a sober activity center where everyone goes home by midnight, so they can get plenty of rest for class the next day."

Plans for Davidson Park are still a bit shaky, but the class will probably demolish the fraternity houses and build a scientific research center where the houses

once stood.

"I mean, what's the point of Davidson Park anymore?" the student asked. You've already got the Kappa Sig house empty, and SAE is going to be empty next year. Building a center for global warming research and letting Al Gore move in to Lexington just makes more sense. Come on, we all know that the most important thing here is making lots of money and giving the school another excuse to raise tuition prices again."

Dean of Admissions William Hartog said he was proud of the accomplishments of the incoming class.

"As you know, Washington and Lee received a record number of applications, and this is the most competitive class yet. So what I'm basically trying to say is that all the people we've let in before are stupid idiots who drink too much and can't hold a candle to the new class."

When asked for his reaction to Hartog's comments, history professor H.P. Porter, Jr. just shook his head and walked away with-

out saying anything. His actions spoke far louder than words.

Greek residents of Davidson Park refused to comment about the hostile takeover, but several fraternities were being surround-

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Member of Class of 2012

ed by sandbags, signaling that the Class of 2012 may be resisted by force. All members contacted said they wanted to talk but would be kicked out of their fraternity by the school/nationals/the housing corps if they dared to break the vow of silence around the latest hazing investigation.

The destruction of Phi Kappa Psi's Davidson Park house will leave the fraternity, Washington and Lee's oldest, off campus for the first time in its 152 year his-

tory. There was speculation, however, that the fraternity was already trying to end that streak last month when it hosted a tequila party for the 17- and 18-year-old Johnson Scholars who were

visiting campus.

Faculty members of the Student Affairs Committee is ecstatic about the new plan.

"It's no secret that we hate the Greek scene," one faculty member said. "All you students do is get drunk and go hook up with each other. Then you skip my 9 a.m. class or show up so hung-over that you have to put your head down on the desk or run out every 10 minutes to puke. I'm happy that I'll finally have stu-

dents who are more interested in having deep, philosophical discussions with me."

The SAC has also been busy punishing fraternities, so the end of the Greek system will relieve their workload.

"With Davidson Park out of the way, the only fraternities left are FIJI and Chi Psi," said SAC chair and Dean of Students Dawn Watkins. "It's just a matter of time before the FIJIs do something that we can frame them for, and I'm sure we can build a case against Chi Psi by arguing that dancing on the bar at late night is highly dangerous. This should be a piece of cake."

Alumni could not be reached for comment, mainly because all of them dropped dead of a heart attack when they heard the news. A loud humming noise was also heard in the basement of Lee Chapel. The source of the noise could not be immediately verified, but paranormal experts think it was probably Robert E. Lee spinning in his grave.

**Greek students will disaffiliate – or else.**

**The Class of 2012 is smarter than you – deal with it. You all are now the stupid members of a great school.**

**The administration wants everyone on their best behavior so we go up in the rankings.**



This once beautiful fraternity house will be destroyed to make way for a sober activity location sponsored by the Class of 2012.

## Is something in the campus water?

*Ruscio goes crazy and flees after the Bracket and DTF list make him hate his new job*

By Dan Thomas Farragut  
STAFF WRITER

Two years after Lexington's water treatment plant failed its annual health inspection, city and university officials are worried that the water is unsafe once again.

The concerns came after a strange wave of mental problems swept over the Washington and Lee campus this winter. The normal cries of civility, diversity and honorability have been replaced by the screaming catty girls arguing over who really are Down To F\*\*\*.

Dana Smith, the normally placid director of sorority life, was seen wandering around muttering, "I thought this sort of stuff only happened in fraternities. I don't understand what happened."

It is currently unknown if the list's author drank bottled water or had been using the

city water supply. Since she has left town, health department officials are struggling to complete the necessary testing.

President and chief broadcast mail writer Ken Ruscio was unavailable for comment. There were unsubstantiated ru-

*"I came to Lexington to run a college, not a f\*\*\*ing middle school. This is absurd."*

University President Ken Ruscio

scio that he had read the list, thrown his hands up in disgust and simply fled for Richmond. Students on the University of Richmond campus report that an unshaven man with a rumpled suit had been seen wandering the campus over the weekend, but it was not immediately clear if this was Ruscio.

As he left his office, Ruscio had the following statement for a Phi reporter who was on the scene: "I came to Lexington to run a college, not a f\*\*\*ing middle school. This is absurd."

Provost June Aprille was reported to have fled as well,

following Ruscio back to Richmond just nine months after she followed him to Lexington.

During Ruscio's absence, the school is under the leadership of history professor Jefferson Davis Futch.

"I think there's a simple solution to this," Futch told a group of male history majors.

"If we went back to being all male, we could send these lists out about Sweet Briar and Hollins girls without anyone ever knowing. I'm telling you, all these problems started when we let in those girls."

Phi Kap members said they had been bewildered to receive the list.

"I don't get it," said one Phi Kap senior. "Did this girl think we were really too stupid to figure out which girls want to hang out with us?"

The Geology department reported that there was a 4.2 magnitude earthquake last week. The seismic activity was attributed to the force of 1700 jaws hitting the ground as students read the infamous list.

W&L doctor Jane Horton urged students to use caution

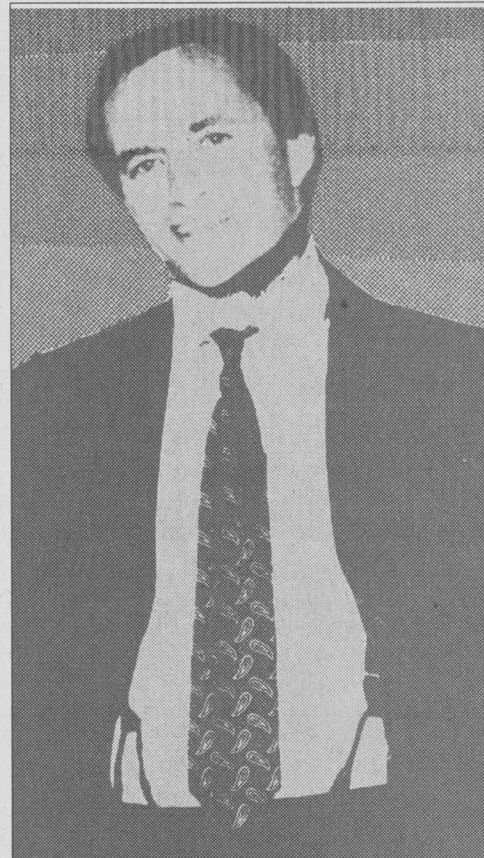
**Have you seen this man? he may have fled to Richmond after W&L students continued to act like 12-year-olds on a daily basis.**

until tests of the city's water supply are finished.

"Obviously something is in the water, so please just drink bottled products over the next few days," Horton said. "We're very committed to the health and safety of students, so please be assured that we'll get this bizarre illness figured out. Of course, there is one solution to this whole issue. You all could quit being mean babies and learn to get along with one another."

Faced with Horton's suggestion, students shrugged their shoulders.

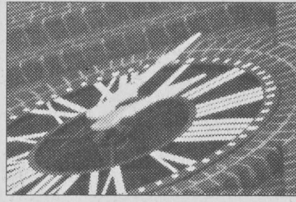
"Why shouldn't we know who's DTF," one junior male asked. "It makes things easier when I go out. Besides, guys like seeing girls fight with each other. It's fun to watch."





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## news



# Baner quits W&L to take job as new Lexington police officer

By David Van Patten  
STAFF WRITER

Tired of having to jump the dead batteries of fancy student cars, long-time Washington and Lee security guard Thomas "Baner" Bane announced yesterday that he is resigning from the W&L security force and taking an immediate job as a patrol officer with the Lexington Police Department.

"The decision was really simple," Baner said. "As a Lexington officer, I can carry a gun, which Mike [Young, Director of Public Safety] would never let me

do around campus. I'm going to have a great time firing warning shots when I get a noise complaint down in Red Square."

Baner said he was also excited to stop driving around a silly, grey SUV.

"I mean, the security jeeps weren't terrible, but they don't have any sirens. How on Earth can I zoom around the parking garage when I don't even have lights or a siren on top of my W&L security vehicle?"

Baner, a long-time student favorite, faces an uncertain reception when he comes back

onto campus wearing the blue uniforms of Lexington's (not-so) finest. Some students say they'll be happy to have a familiar face on the police force, while others worry that he'll be corrupted by the mean members of the police force.

"I don't know what to think," one senior said. "On the one hand, it's hard to see Baner flipping out and charging everyone who talks back to him with assault on a police officer. But on the other hand, something about the badge and gun in this town makes people go crazy."

Members of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity have such a close relationship with Baner that they made him an honorary member several years ago. Now, the fraternity is unsure of what to do with the man they thought of as almost a father figure.

"He sold out, no question about it," one Phi Kap told the Phi. "We are just totally blown away by this move; we never saw it coming."

Police Chief Steve Crowder said he was excited by the newest addition to his staff.

"Baner has been around this

town forever," Crowder said. "He knows where all the parties are, where all the drugs are hidden on campus. You name it, he knows about it. I'm hoping that this will really help us increase our arrests of students, and that revenue will help us get more shiny equipment like the tasers we got to shoot W&L students with."

The tasers, purchased last year, were given to officers so they could shock drunk and unruly students around town. Crowder told his officers that tasers are preferable to real guns because they "aren't as messy, and prob-

ably lead to fewer lawsuits."

Baner said that even though he's wearing a new uniform, driving a new car and finally carrying a gun, he'll be the same security-minded person he always is.

"I think I'll keep my old W&L ticket book," he said. "That way, if I see you parked in the wrong W&L parking lot, I can give you a city ticket and a W&L ticket at the same time. And because I've got a gun on my hip, students are probably going to argue a lot less with me about the extra charges."

## I'm quitting *Student says he can't save W&L's reputation*

By Paul Allen  
STAFF WRITER

A senior member of the powerful Student Recruitment Committee resigned from the committee Monday, creating a media flurry outside the Admissions Office House.

The former SRC member, Skip Hockenpayne (R-Alabama), cited the recent wave of scandals that have been rocking Washington & Lee as his reason for stepping down.

"After Bracketgate, I was determined to push on and continue the important job of recruiting students to this extremely prestigious institution," said a teary-eyed Hockensmith, his Sweet Briar import-girlfriend standing next to him.

"But after the recent events of DTGate, I've lost faith in the legitimacy of this committee and being a W&L student in general," said Hockensmith. "I mean, how can we as SRC members allow ourselves to perpetuate this lie that Washington and Lee is a place of civility? I can't bring myself to lie to another high school pros-

pect, and I won't."

Hockensmith said that in the wake of his resignation, he intends to spend some more time with his family, frat brothers, and keg-a-rator.

Hockensmith's resignation is the only the latest in a recent wave of trouble for Washington & Lee students.

In recent months there have been numerous calls for the resignations of various students by the pundits and public alike.

The student body has also seen its approval ratings plummet, meanwhile, while only one or two of the scandal-plagued student body members have stepped down.

Among the student committees hit the most hard by the wave of scandals are the Trident, fraternities, and sororities. There have also been rumblings of an independent counsel investigation into the drinkers, smokers, and tokers.

"I think there is definitely a sentiment right now that the student body isn't being very responsible," said student Hannah-Elizabeth-Sarah-Jessica Albridge (R-Mississippi).

"I'll admit that if you look at what we've accomplished this last term, and it's not very promising."

Albridge cited the recent 100th Mock Convention as the key achievement of the 259th Student Body so far this year.

"But even that seemed like a temporary fix to our college's sliding reputation," said Albridge, pointing out that the student body still hasn't shown any of the promised leadership it gained admission on in the areas of academic achievement, character development, or athletic prowess.

"And I think a lot of my peers across the Hill will agree that you don't want to begin the discussion on how badly we're doing on the diversity issue," said Albridge.

With sliding approval numbers for the more senior members of the Student Body, many analysts are predicting nearly a fourth of the current student body won't return to the Hill in the fall.

"There's definitely a strong crop of challengers looking to knock the incumbent seniors

out of their seats," said Admissions Dean William Hartog. Hartog predicted that only a few of the incumbent seniors would be able to retain their seats going into the new year, but that even these would have little chance of doing much more than serving out the year in obscurity.

"It's a culture of corruption," said one unnamed-student body insider.

"You hear all the time about people going to the Hill with all these ambitions and dreams. But it doesn't last. I'd say that almost all of them are into drinking and drugs and God-knows what else by the time they leave."

"I think that's why you see the public losing faith in the people up on the Hill. When you've got so many alcoholics it's bad enough. But throw in stuff like Bracketgate and DTGate? It's too much."

The latest Gallup poll shows public approval of Student Body behavior is at 23%, with no margin of error.

## Letter from a member of the class of 2012

Dear Washington and Lee Community,

I would like to introduce myself and my class to you the students of our new school. We are very excited to come here and become your best friends. I am sure they we can all hang out together and have a great time and perhaps you all can learn how to party hard from us. Also I am really excited to rush Phi Kap, I heard those are really good guys who have a strong brotherhood and that I will fit in there the best.

When I was here on my campus visit I went to River house one night and a bunch of fun there playing beer pong with them. I was not very good, so I am now practicing by myself at home. I really want to impress you guys so you will be friends with me.

I think Phi Kap is also the best place for because I heard a lot of the lacrosse guys join there. I have been playing lacrosse since I was 10 and I have continued to play in high school. Next year I would really like to join the lac team here. All

this summer I am going to running around my yard with my lax wand.

I really am looking forward to the speaking tradition. I hope to be able to say hi to all of you within my first days on campus. I want to be friends with everybody.

Now I don't want to brag or anything, but I have heard my class is the smartest ever at Washington and Lee. We are really excited to take up that mantle and make this school even better than it was before. Next year we are really going to make this school more competitive, but we are really going to try to not make you guys feel inferior.

I think the honor system is a really great thing. I am going to make sure to report anyone who I know cheated or stole to the Executive Committee. In fact I think I am going to take this time to announce my candidacy to the EC.

Next year is going to be great! I am so excited to meet everyone. I really hope we will all be friends.

Your friend,  
Patrick Bateman

# Generals upset Harvard Rowing

*The unheralded Washington and Lee Boat Club orchestrates what is called "the greatest upsets in sports, Ever"*



By Craig McDermott  
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend the members of the Washington and Lee Rowing team traveled for their first duel race in 50 years. Quietly under the cover of night they departed on Friday morning with their dilapidated boat strapped down to their rusting hulk of a truck. The destination was Cambridge, Mass. They arrived at the Harvard's Newell Boat House, late Friday, where two weeks before the coach Harry Parker dispatched a challenge.

Defending National Champion Harvard ranked number one in the nation preseason, has already disposed of Princeton, Cal and Wisconsin, this season, presented a huge opponent for the generals. The men of the Washington and Lee team have been practicing constantly on the Maury since early December, in hopes of this being their break out year.

For Harvard this race was seen as a joke, a tune up before gearing up for a final push to Olympic preparation. According to Harvard stroke, Smithe Mos-

ingly Doosheington VI, "we wanted to race the little sisters of the poor for once. Occasionally we like to see how the other 99.99% of the nation lives. I expect this will be quite the show, and I will be sitting in my ascot at the Fly Club before they even finish."

The Harvard Coach said, "Occasionally I like to just beat up little kids in order to feel superior about myself. That is why I invited them this weekend, we just want to beat up on some hillbillies and rednecks."

This view was surely not enhanced by Generals piling up to the boathouse in their rusted truck, which promptly died in the parking lot.

Lacking money to stay in a hotel, the W&L men slept on the floor of the boathouse. Yesterday morning the two teams took to the water is what was supposed to be a one sided drubbing. But off the start the Harvard Men were shocked.

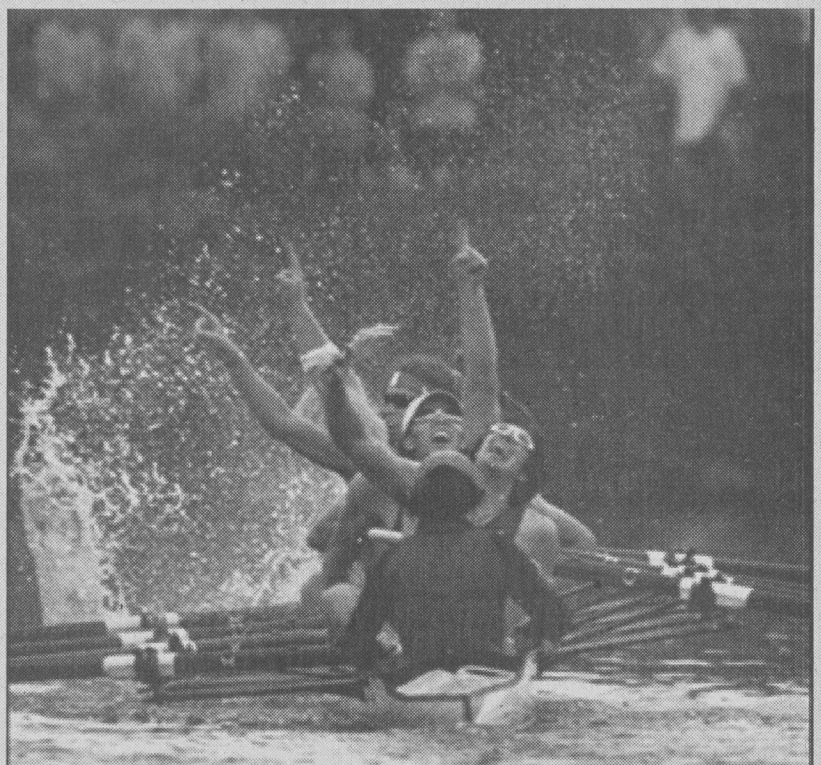
Over the 2000 meter course, the W&L team surged out to an incredible lead. By the half way point of the race the W&L team held a commanding lead of over 10 boat lengths and a lead

of over a minute. Coming into the last 400m of the race the W&L men did not even raise their game for a sprint since they had lost sight of Harvard. The final margin of victory for the Generals was 2:32 and a margin of 30 lengths, as a desponded Harvard Coach announced was, "the curvature of the earth".

Not even stopping to celebrate of rest the W&L men rowed back to the boathouse and in true W&L fashion changed into their blazers and went down to the dock to greet their opponents.

According to one former Olympian who watched the race, it was "perhaps one of the greatest upsets in the history of sports!"

The team returned to Lexington quietly last night to begin preparation for their next big test, the Olympics. Last week the team received notice from the International Olympic Committee that they would not be allowed to represent the Confederate States of America in the next Olympiad. The team is now weighing their option of whether to represent the United States or not. Trials are scheduled to begin this Friday.



The Harvard crew team (left) entered the competition confident



# April Fools'. Now for the real Phi.

It's time to move the EC out of the newspaper's business

The Bracket is finally behind us. The Trident has promised to institute a code of ethics. And now it's time for the Executive Committee to surrender its censorial power.

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With these teams,  
W&L can't lose

It's an embarrassment of riches on the athletic fields this spring as the women's tennis and lacrosse teams sweep to the top of the rankings. In the pool, senior Alex Sweet closed out his career by setting a D-III record in the 50 m free. Junior track star Stacy Doonbos tallied the best D-III heptathlon score of the year. Finally, the unheard-of club rugby team went to the elite eight before falling in a 13-9 defeat. **SPORTS / page 10**

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## SAC issues frat verdicts

Phi Psi and KA placed on critical probation for Johnson Scholar controversy and hazing

By Robert Wason  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Affairs Committee recently concluded its investigations of Phi Kappa Psi and Kappa Alpha Order and issued its verdicts in a hearing last Wednesday. These punishments were handed out in response to hazing violations committed by KA and for the Johnson scholar candidate controversy surrounding Phi Psi.

According to the Washington and Lee University website, which enables students to view the final decisions of the SAC, Phi Psi has been placed on "Critical Social Probation" for one calendar year. This is a punishment that normally coincides with "a second offense under the University initiatives of alcohol and other drugs."

Phi Psi has also been asked to provide the SAC with a "revised organization reform proposal" by Thursday.

KA, which was recently found guilty of hazing violations, is now on "Critical Probation," meaning that the fraternity will be considered for suspension if any other major violations are committed before the end of the next calendar year.

*"The proactive responses by KA and Phi Psi leadership exemplify the ideals of student self-governance at W&L. It is an indication that students are willing to take responsibility for their actions and learn from their mistakes."*

CHRIS WORNOM, IFC President

During this time, KA will be closely monitored by both the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the SAC to ensure its compliance with the rules and policies of Kappa Alpha Order's National Administrative Office, the standards of W&L and Virginia state laws.

SAC members were unable to divulge further information concerning the proceedings of their hearing.

The university website speaks highly of KA's cooperation, commending it as an ideal model of "collaboration between the national organization, the local chapter, the Interfraternity Council and the University."

IFC President and SAC member Chris Wornom emphasized the importance of this productive group effort.

"The proactive responses by KA and Phi Psi leadership exemplify the ideals of student self-governance at W&L," he said. He added, "It is an indication that students are willing to take responsibility for their actions and learn from their mistakes."

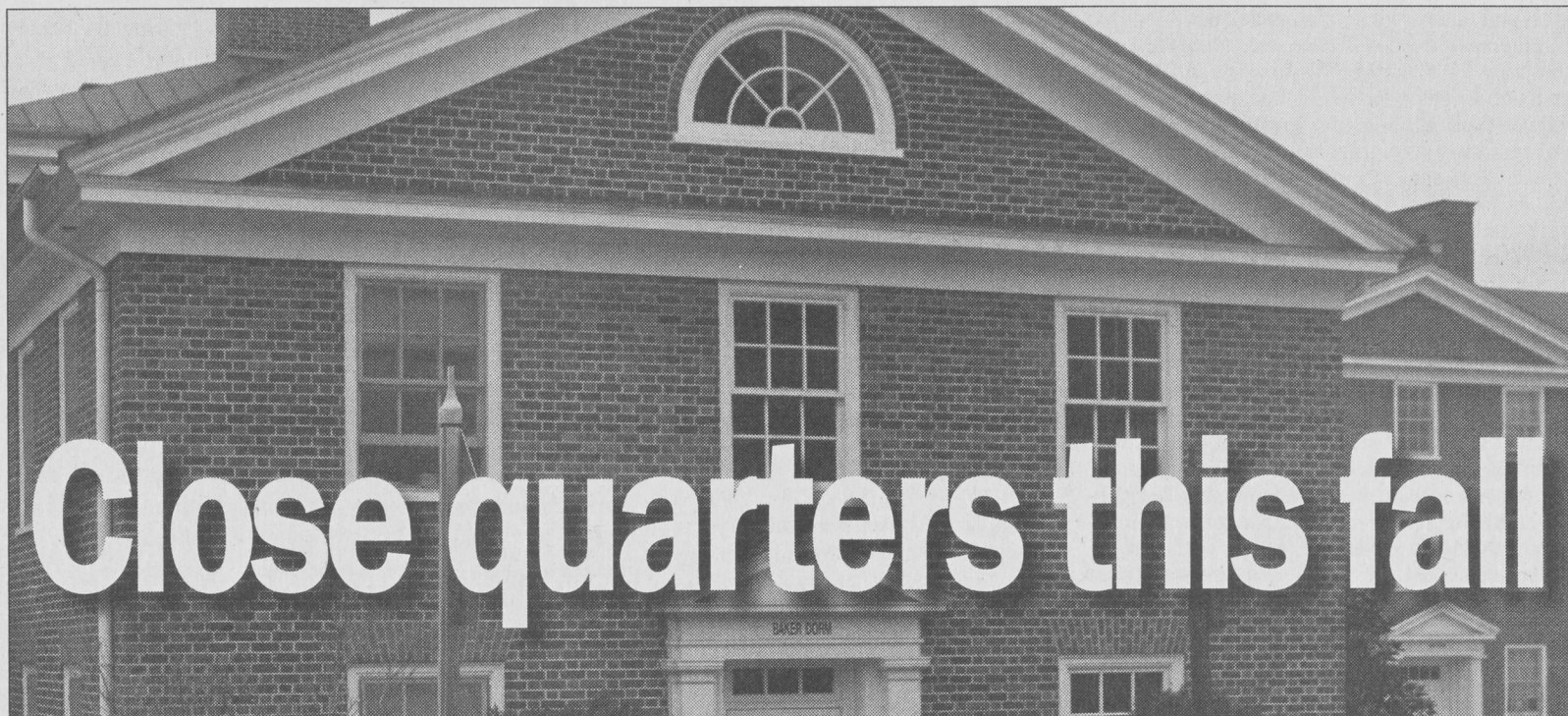
Phi Psi President Carson Bruno responded to the SAC decision in an e-mail statement.

"The SAC's decision to uphold the IFC's recommendation of Critical Social Probation was fair and understandable," Bruno said in his e-mail. "This was not what I had expected to have to deal with when I became president, but now, I think this will help us become a stronger house as we make changes."

Dean of Freshman David Leonard also emphasized the importance of creating a hazing-free model of New Member Education. When asked to comment on the current state of Greek Life, he said that "the 'beyond-the-classroom' experience is improving at Washington and Lee."

Although he expressed satisfaction concerning the efficiency of student self-governance that was demonstrated by the SAC trials of Phi Psi and KA, Leonard offered a word of caution to the Greek Community.

"Washington and Lee University is very serious about ensuring the health and safety of its students, and when individuals and organizations do things that are not congruent with University standards, they will be held accountable," he said.



## Close quarters this fall

Baker Dorm to house faculty offices, additional housing offered in Gaines and Woods Creek East

By Allison Chopin  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As students are finalizing their living arrangements for next year and, in some cases, lamenting the results of the lottery for on-campus housing, there has been a lot of buzz surrounding the recent changes that have been made to the housing scene.

David Leonard, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Dean of Freshmen, explained in detail the specific adjustments students can expect in the coming academic year. He made it clear that while there have been several shifts in the housing plans, there is no reason to worry.

"There's not a shortage," Leonard said. "It's not as if we have to triple [roommates] or find overflow housing."

Due to upcoming renovations to buildings on the Colonnade,

Baker Hall, currently a freshman residence hall, will be transformed into offices for displaced faculty members. Consequently, the entire ground floor of Gaines Hall and some additional space on the second floor will be devoted to first-year student housing. Leonard predicts that about one fifth of next year's freshman class will live in Gaines.

To combat the stress that these changes could cause in providing housing for upper-division students, a "small scattering of suites" in Woods Creek East, formerly reserved entirely for law students, has been opened to undergraduates. The building will still, however, be predominantly assigned to law students.

"Some students had less of a chance to live in their No. 1 choice," said Leonard, explaining that there has been "a little bit of dissatisfaction" following the re-

sults of the recent housing lottery.

Also to be noted is the fact that several students who would otherwise be living in a fraternity house next year have had to seek housing elsewhere.

Residential life "will be a little more snug this academic year," said Leonard. He explained that there will be much less opportunity to make room changes after moving in and advised that students will have to solve any roommate problems on their own.

"When there's not a lot of space to [switch rooms], it's amazing how people learn to get along," he said.

Leonard also shared his optimistic plans for greatly improving residential life in other areas, particularly for freshmen.

"Twenty to 30 freshmen students are typically housed in Gaines, and most of them feel rather lonely," he said. Next year

the residence hall will be home to 80-90 freshmen, and this will help to "create more of a first-year community in Gaines."

He noted enthusiastically that plans are being made to renovate Gaines, including the Gatehouse, which will create a refurbished common area for residents and visitors. The weight room will also be improved, and Leonard hopes this will become "one of the primary social spaces" for residents. Input for these upcoming projects was sought from the Residential Life staff and the Freshman Leadership Council.

Leonard said he would also like to facilitate the creation of better programming and planned activities for all aspects of on-campus housing. This would create a better "feel of community" across residential life, he said.

## Suspected mumps case isolated

Health care professionals urge W&L community to monitor personal health, practice good hygiene

By Grace Wang  
NEWS EDITOR

The Student Health Center warned the W&L community Friday by e-mail to be wary of a possible case of mumps after an undergraduate began experiencing symptoms. Although the Health Center immediately isolated the student, campus physician Jane Horton said they did not test for the disease. She attributes this to the inaccuracy of mumps testing in Lexington.

Dr. John Sheridan, a physician in the Emergency Department at Stonewall Jackson Hospital, said that he has not encountered a mumps case since the 1980s.

Dr. Horton confirmed that the student has now left campus and no longer poses a threat. She said it is unlikely that additional cases will emerge.

According to the Health Center, the student adhered to university policy and was fully vaccinated for mumps, measles and rubella (MMR) prior to experiencing symptoms. However, Dr. Horton said that the MMR vaccination does not always provide full coverage.

"There's something about this strain that has emerged in the past couple years... Two to five percent [of those vaccinated] may still be

susceptible."

Dr. Sheridan hypothesized that this individual was unable to produce the correct antibodies in response to the MMR vaccination.

Similar mumps cases surfaced about two years ago and resulted in outbreaks at several colleges, including nearby University of Virginia and the University of Iowa.

The Health Center immediately notified close contacts of the symptomatic student, advising them to monitor their own health in upcoming weeks. Typical symptoms of the illness include fever, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, and loss of appetite.

According to Dr. Horton's e-mail, the infected individual can transmit mumps to an uninfected person from three days before symptoms appear to about five days after symptoms begin. A person who is exposed to the virus may not exhibit symptoms until 16 to 18 days later. However, this incubation time could be as long as three weeks.

MMR documentation was then verified for these high-risk individuals as well as for those lacking both doses of the vaccine.

Mumps is a viral infection transmitted through shared respiratory secretions. This can occur readily when people share food and drink.

Moreover, it is airborne and spread through skin contact, said Dr. Sheridan.

"The best thing to do is to practice good hand washing," he said. Dr. Horton also recommends covering coughs and sneezes.

The infection is often characterized by swelling of one or more of the salivary glands, usually of the parotid glands located within the cheek and near the jaw line. This gives infected individuals an appearance of "chipmunk cheeks."

However, one third of infections do not cause apparent salivary gland swelling and appear as respiratory tract infections. Severe complica-

tions of the illness are also possible but rare. Dr. Sheridan cited an important example. "Lymphatic involvement can spread over the entire body and cause orchitis, or swollenness of the testes, in young men."

Because mumps is a viral infection, antibiotic treatment is not useful. Thus, prevention and good hygiene are of the utmost importance.

Dr. Horton advises individuals experiencing any suspicious symptoms to seek medical help immediately. Booster shots for the MMR vaccination are available through the Lexington-Rockbridge Health Department.

## Viral mumps factsheet

### Symptoms

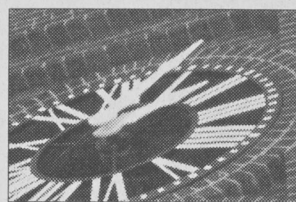
- Painful swelling of the salivary glands, especially of the parotid glands located within the cheek and across the jaw line
- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Loss of appetite
- Sore throat

### Available resources

- Get booster shots of the MMR vaccination at Lexington-Rockbridge Health Department. Contact: (540) 332-7830.
- If you are symptomatic, seek medical help immediately either at the W&L Student Health Center or Stonewall Jackson Hospital.



# news



## 'Reporting back' to journalism's roots

W&L hosts spring regional Society of Professional Journalists conference

By Joel Poelhuis  
STAFF WRITER

Journalists from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Washington D.C. descended on campus Friday and Saturday for the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Region II Conference.

SPJ was founded at DePauw University in 1909. It works to advocate free speech and public information laws as well as to promote dialogue about relevant issues within the profession.

The conference included panel discussions, the Region II Mark of Excellence awards luncheon and a speech by Democracy Now! journalist Amy Goodman. Washington and Lee won two Mark of Excellence Awards, one for the Rockbridge Report website, and one for inGeneral magazine.

The theme of the conference was "Report Back," emphasizing the history of Washington and Lee and journalism. In 1869, Robert E. Lee decided to offer 50 scholarships to students interested in the profession of printing and journalism. This is cited as the first journalism program in higher education in the world.

According to junior Melissa Caron, the treasurer for the W&L SPJ chapter, it is unusual for a student chapter to host a regional conference.

"We started planning for it about a year ago," Caron said.

At the conference, W&L journalism professor Edward Wasserman unveiled OnPoverty.org, a website created by students and faculty of the journalism department to provide resources for journalists who cover issues of poverty, class and economic justice.

Goodman's speech, which was open to the public, covered the failure of mainstream, corporate-owned media to challenge the powers that be. Goodman criticized the major news networks for complicity in the build-up to the war in Iraq. She also related a story from her own past in which she and a colleague were beaten by the Indonesian military during a protest in East Timor as an example of how journalists are treated in other parts of the world.

A silent auction held during the conference raised about \$450 for the society's Legal Defense Fund, which provides financial assistance to journalists facing legal action. Shops in town, area media, and the W&L bookstore all donated items to the auction.

Next year's SPJ conference will be organized by the professional chapters of Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

## Surviving the aftermath of rape

Two women share emotional stories, discuss resources available for recovery

By Victoria Taylor  
STAFF WRITER

Two speakers visited Washington and Lee last week to address the topic of sexual assault, specifically rape, and its consequences.

Andrea Cooper gave her presentation on Tuesday entitled "Kristin's Story" in which she spoke about her 20-year-old daughter who committed suicide in 1995 after being victimized by acquaintance rape.

On Wednesday night, Joyce McCauley-Benner presented "Victory Over Violence" as part of the Feminists for Life College Outreach Program. McCauley-Benner became pregnant at the age of 20 and, although she did not know whether the unborn child was the result of rape or of her loving relationship, she decided not to have an abortion.

Cooper believed that her daughter suffered from childhood depression but said that Kristin was happy during her teenage years, earning her high school's performing arts award. She began at Baker University, a liberal arts school in Baldwin City, Kansas with fewer than 1,000 students in the fall of 1994, where she became a member of the sorority Alpha Chi Omega.

Kristin once again started showing signs of depression after her boyfriend of about a year broke up with her the following September. According to Cooper, her daughter seemed to be back to normal, "almost euphoric," when she came home for Christmas break. She made plans for New Years Eve but when Cooper and her husband returned home at two in the morning, they saw that all of the lights were on and that Kristin's car was still in the driveway. Once inside, they found their daughter lying on the floor with a gun in her hand.

"I didn't see any blood," said Cooper, "and I thank God for that every day."

It was only after reading her daughter's diary two weeks later that she learned the cause of her daughter's suicide: Kristin had been raped by a fellow lifeguard at a party that summer. Upon calling the Alpha Chi house at Baker, she found out that all of Kristin's sorority sisters knew what had happened, as did her best friend from high school. Because of these circumstances, Cooper stressed the importance of helping friends who are showing signs of depression.

"My goal is to get people to go to counseling and get professional help," said Cooper, who added that "extensive grief counseling and [her] faith" are what pulled her through. "Take advantage of the free services at Washington and Lee."

Before she began, Cooper promised the audience that her talk would not be a "total downer."

"I feel that the message I have is the legacy that Kristin left behind," said Cooper.

This was Cooper's second visit to W&L's campus. She also spoke four years ago and, according to Assistant Director of Student Activities and Greek Life Dana Smith, she was "well received by the student body."

"It is important for students to hear a different perspective about rape, depression and suicide to increase understanding of these complex topics," said Smith. "These issues affect so many college students directly or indirectly. It is, hopefully, reassuring to know they are not alone in their reactions, questions and emotions."

Cooper was a member of Delta Delta Delta at Florida State University and remains an active member of the

Greek community. "Kristin's Story" was sponsored by SPEAK, One in Four, Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Panhellenic Council and the Office of Health Promotions.

Students for Life sponsored "Victory Over Violence," a talk given by Feminists For Life of America's speaker Joyce McCauley-Benner. At the age of 20, McCauley-Benner was raped by a cook at the restaurant where she was waiting tables. She became pregnant, but until the child was born, she would not know whether the father of the child was her boyfriend or the rapist.

Living on her own and trying to support herself through college, she felt helpless. McCauley-Benner made what she called a "desperate phone call home to a friend" who gave McCauley-Benner the advice that she said helped her make up her mind to keep the baby: "No one emotion will last forever; an abortion will."

"That comment hit me like a ton of bricks," said McCauley-Benner. "While I didn't know who the father was, I did know who the mother was. It was me."

She moved back home and gave birth to a baby boy, whom she named Joshua McCauley. He is now eight years old.

After sharing her story, McCauley-Benner explained the beliefs of Feminists for Life. Contrary to the common belief that all feminists must be pro-choice, FFL is based on the teachings of the "first wave" of feminists like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton who celebrated "motherhood as womanhood" and were against abortion.

She also spoke about the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant and Parenting Students Act which would provide on-

campus support for pregnant and parenting students. McCauley-Benner, who is a college graduate, said she had a difficult time going back to school after she gave birth.

"People stared at me like 'why are you putting a damper on the party atmosphere?'" she said.

She told the audience that they had the power to "revolutionize this campus to empower women" and then take those skills into the work place because that's what is going to "revolutionize America." She stressed the importance of providing resources to college women who experience an unplanned pregnancy so that they do not have to choose abortion.

Sophomore Students for Life secretary Sarah Keckler was responsible for organizing the event, which included contacting FFL and sending out fundraising letters to local churches. She said that there were a number of speakers that they could choose.

"[McCauley-Benner's story] was the one that really stood out," said Keckler, "because sexual assault is such a problem on W&L's campus. We thought it would really hit home."

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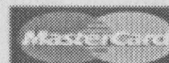
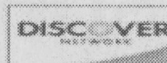
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# opinions

## China's atrocities warrant protests

*Athletes should speak out at Olympics*

By Abel Delgado  
COLUMNIST

Far too often we equate athletic feats with heroism. We idolize those who just happen to have the skills we wished we were born with, those who entertain us with the art of humane competition. Too often we pay little attention to the actual heroes.

Don't expect to find any heroes at the Beijing Olympics this summer. The host nation has a policy of silencing the people I like to call heroes that includes everything from torture to execution. In all its glory and wisdom, the International Olympic Committee chose China to host the world's most prestigious athletic and cultural gathering despite the complete lack of respect for human dignity the government has shown.

The IOC apparently wants us to forget the heroes, to forget the Buddhist Monks in Tibet who continue to be brutalized by Chinese occupiers, forget the Darfur rebels who have to watch their children starve and their women raped by Sudanese forces supported by China, to forget the reportedly 10,000 Chinese that the Beijing government executes yearly. The Olympics are no time for politics they say. Apparently they are just the time to glorify a brutal, murderous regime.

Does no one remember 1936? Any person who loves sports has to cringe when shown the pictures of Hitler's propaganda machine using the Berlin Olympics to stir up Nazi Nationalism. It's no secret that the 2008 Olympics are meant to be a coming out party for China, a country that wants to take an even greater place in the world. This was the exact intention of 1936 and we seem doomed to repeat history. This century, after all, is supposed to be the "Chinese Century," and no doubt the Chinese see their Olympic bid as a legitimization or at least an acceptance of their vicious practices by the rest of the world.

And now the heroes, those who fight for human rights and dignity, some who sacrifice their own rights in order to fight for the freedom of others, are being lambasted and scolded, told they should not dare protest during the Olympics, because as IOC Chairman Jacques Rogge so pompously puts it, "It is always sad to see such a ceremony disrupted."

We are talking about a country that uses execution buses, which according to Sky News are "fitted with lethal injection equipment, [so] they can deliver on-the-spot executions." We are talking about a country which, according to its own official figures, executes more people than the rest of the world put together. We are talking about a country that gives their full support to the genocide-committing government of Sudan and to oppressive regimes in Burma, Cuba, and Zimbabwe.

And IOC Chairman says he finds a little protesting disturbing? How holding up signs and making a political statement is worse than a butchering bus is a beyond me.

This is not a call for a total boycott. It would do us little good to have athletes and nations with a social conscience have a medal count of zero while those who lack the fortitude to stand by the beaten, downtrodden and executed get all the glory of Olympic gold. No, we should all be there and protest.

Forget what China, the IOC and the major corporate sponsors behind the Beijing Olympics want you to believe. Athletes should speak up against China every time they have microphone in front of them. I wish we had a Jesse Owens, who just by winning medals heroically defied the Nazi propaganda of 1936, but we don't. Instead we need all who participate to take a stand.

Before the Olympic torch arrives in Beijing, it will pass through Tibet. It would symbolically fitting if the flame were somehow extinguished there, to prove the Olympic spirit and ideals has no doubt been diminished.

## ..... letters to the editor .....

# Outlawing the slurs

*Hate speech proposal pushes for equality, dignity*

I am writing in response to the Ring Tum Phi's recent editorial regarding my organization's hate speech proposal. The editors and authors of that piece have offered a sincere objection to this proposal based on student freedom of expression. However, our proposed policy leaves student expression fully intact and works to combat one of the greatest challenges to our institution. I admit that I am largely responsible for some of the misconceptions because I did not provide the paper with a full copy of my proposal that includes an 18 page memo, and oral commentary and revision.

The editors also provided me with a copy of the news article, though I did not receive the editorial in advance. The editors' understandably less than complete knowledge of the proposed policy has led them to mischaracterize it in a number of ways, which I now seek to correct. [Author's note, this version is severely abridged to comply with the Phi's word limits. For a full version, please contact the author: martinjb@wlu.edu.]

The editors discuss at some length what I "should know" about the law, freedom of expression and policy. I wish to reassure them that I will re-double my efforts to fill in the apparent gaps in my knowledge. Although I am unable to comment on what I should know, I am able to expose to the reader a little bit of what I do know: 1) the First Amendment is not binding upon this university (as the editors concede) and 2) the First Amendment does not provide the range of protection that the editors assert. As to the first point, so long as freedom of expression is conscientiously preserved and everpresent in the minds of university decision-makers, the university is

free to set policy that does not perfectly fit every contour of First Amendment law.

Regarding the second point, the editors give one the impression that the First Amendment always protects certain words, including racist, sexist, or homophobic slurs. This is not true. The First Amendment does not universally protect or proscribe particular words. The Constitution and traditional notions of free speech present a balance of fundamental rights, context, and certain compelling interests of the state. Freedom of expression does not contemplate absolutes, nor does our policy proposal.

"[n]othing in this section shall be construed to limit, prevent, or prohibit free and open classroom discussion, or the full and free expression of moral, social, philosophical, religious, and political views." In other words, if an individual can demonstrate that the use of hate speech is a substantial and important part of their expressive message or views, she can still escape the reach of the policy.

The First Amendment allows policy-makers to respond to compelling harms, as long as they carefully tailor the response to those harms. Our policy proposal comports with this principle because there are

contributed some new idea to our discourse?

The Ring Tum Phi's editorial insists that our policy would "force morality" upon university students. Nothing could be further from the truth. The proposed policy does not address the morality of hate speech, nor does it require students to accept that it is immoral. The policy recognizes the objective harms to our campus climate and to our students resulting from hate speech and addresses them. This policy, like any other university policy, does not impose some sort of "punishment" out of a sense of moral blameworthiness or character judgment.

The editors conjure up a plethora of troubling images including curfews and single-sex dorms. These images may be powerful, but they simply have nothing to do with our proposal. To state the obvious, we have not proposed a single sex dorm or a curfew. More fundamentally, those images reflect enforcement of traditional gender norms or violations of late-night activity that bear, at best, a tangential relationship to some objective danger to student safety or welfare. By contrast, our policy directly attacks an identified, documented harm. Our proposal has nothing to do with enforcing gender norms or a particular social viewpoint.

Before we can talk about free speech, we must have equality and personal dignity that allow all students to contribute to our community and discourse. Therefore, my parting image to the readers is the image of the Supreme Court Justices who decided *Brown v. Board of Education*. Broadly speaking, this historic case represents the fun-

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*How have ... people calling the f-word (in reference to gay people) across the room enlightened our student population or contributed some new idea to our discourse?*

The editors cite multiple important legal cases to support their argument, yet the policy will comply with content neutrality principles. In addition, the editors ignore many cases that allow the government to proscribe verbal conduct that is "no essential part of any exposition of ideas, and are of such slight social value as a step to truth that any benefit that may be derived from them is clearly outweighed by the social interest in order and morality." *Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire*, 315 U.S. 568, 572 (1942). See also *Virginia v. Black*, 538 U.S. 343 (1996) (allowing the government to prohibit cross-burning despite its expressive content).

The proposal further projects student expression saying

countless documented harms of hate speech ranging from violence, to the creation of a hostile environment, to public image consequences, to mental health effects. The policy responds to the great need to prevent this harm to university students. The policy follows the least restrictive means of doing so by preserving the content of message, and as the policy progresses, it will undoubtedly feature the tightest possible definition of hate speech in its final iteration.

Above all, the editors have not explained specifically what hate speech, in reality, adds to our discourse. How have the crowds of people calling the f-word (in reference to gay people) across the room enlightened our student population or

# True diversity needed

*Fight hate speech by learning about others, not banning exchange*

After reading the Phi's coverage of all these campus issues over the past two months, I have felt compelled to share my disappointment in the way we have been trying to solve them. Rather than looking at *why* our problems exist and creating an environment to facilitate healthier behavior, we say "Hey, that's bad. Don't do that... or else!"

But this is approach is always bound to fail. As the editorial piece said last week, "you can't teach college students morality." We seem to be caught in a neverending game of "Whack-a-Mole," but we need to think about how to inhibit the moles from surfacing in the first place.

The recently proposed hate speech policy sent a shiver down my spine. The main reason I came to Washington and Lee is precisely because we are one of the few colleges left that does not have any unconstitutional speech codes limiting what a student can and cannot say. I loathe political correctness and firmly believe it prohibits intellectual development. How can we learn about each other and the world if we are afraid to say what is on our minds because of fear it will offend someone? When something offends us, it is because it challenges our beliefs—that, to me, is the essence of learning.

While I do laud the limiting of the proposed policy to nar-

rowly defined "hate speech," and not "anything found offensive to other students" as is common in other schools, it is still impractical. Applying speech codes without actually letting students *learn* about others for themselves doesn't accomplish anything. It's only a band-aid, not a solution.

We need to have an environment that naturally fosters contact between people of different sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. Any claims of

graduating devoid of the intercultural exchange essential to success in today's globalized business world.

What better way to understand different types of people than by living with them? Unfortunately, our Greek system is a natural dividing factor. The astronomically high cost of fraternity membership is an immediate barrier to many students here on full scholarship. With notable exceptions, the international students are segre-

Greek system without fewer of the problems inherent amongst fraternities in their current incarnation. The close physical proximity is a factor, but what's more important is that there are few enough of them that they are not in cutthroat competition all fall term. We have nearly the same amount of fraternities as we did when we were all male, but we have only half of the number of males to draw from! As such, there is an incredibly unhealthy divisiveness between houses of males who would in normal circumstances be friendly with each other. If we were somehow able to have around seven fraternities, this unnecessary hostility would disappear and would encourage more inter-fraternal interaction, helping to build a stronger overall community.

Unfortunately I see no feasible way of going about that change, but even if it were to somehow happen, gender relations would remain an issue. Let's face it—this environment is not at all conducive to the formation of co-ed groups of friends. If recent Phi articles on this topic are any indication, students overwhelmingly want more everyday gender interaction.

Well, here's a solution that would substantially improve the predicament: build more dorms,

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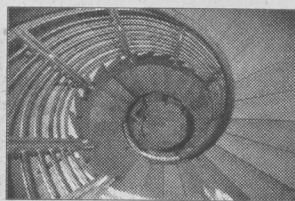
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## Vision of equality

*Have the courage to protect everyone*

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-damental notion that, when certain limited expressive values collide with our society's dedication to equality, equality must prevail in a civil and democratic society. Those who opposed integration in *Brown* pointed out that they had the right to associate and disassociate with whomever they wished in order to express their views and their opposition to desegregation. They asserted their fundamental expressive rights in opposition to those who worked to end segregation.

Yet the unanimous Court barely made note of these fundamental expressive concerns because it believed that the paramount value of our government and our society is equality. The Court endorsed a vision of equality for all that was not just formal or nominal but substantive, and it did so in the face of serious expressive concerns. The university must have the courage to do the same. There are obvious differences between legally enforced segregation and the tacitly enforced inequalities of this campus, but one cannot help but notice the similarities as well. On our campus, there are victims of hate speech who cannot express their views or take full advantage of educational opportunities, and there are those who, whether intentionally or not, use hate speech to oppress others while still being free to express their own views.

The university can and should act to end this divide, or "segregation" if you will, between different groups of students. The university may have to respect speech, but it also has the highest possible obligation to provide equal protection and equal opportunity for its students. We urge all university students to join us in the effort to pass this crucial policy initiative.

John Martin  
Executive Chair, Outlaw

## More time together

*Proposal cure: Two years on campus*

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and have students live *on campus* for two years before moving into their Greek houses. It's simply unfair to have one semester to make your static friendships for all four years of college.

I, for one, wish I had a lot more time to interact and discover before having everything set in stone by the time pledgeship season rolled around. Having that one extra year of living with people not in the same Greek organization will provide a necessary period of interaction that can only serve to bring the community closer together and contribute to the true intellectual development of all students.

Living together forces people to gain a deeper understanding of each others' backgrounds. If we are exposed every day to different genders, races, religions, sexual orientations, etc. then it will severely hamper our tendency to engage in hate speech, rendering the ratification of any official policy a moot point. I've spoken to a lot of people who agree with what I've said, and I'm curious to see if more people feel the same way. Whether you share these sentiments not, I'd like to see what you think. Feel free to email me, or better yet, send another letter to the editor.

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Cullum Owings was a member of the Class of 2003, an exceptional individual from Atlanta, Georgia, who died tragically in an automobile accident during his senior year.

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- (4) A statement of willingness to make the off-campus visits as described above
- (5) Names of two or more members of the faculty from whom the selection committee may seek recommendations

Applications are due by Friday, April 11, 2008. The selection process will include interviews early in the spring term with those applicants judged most worthy on the basis of their written applications. Questions may be addressed to Professor Lewis John at (johnl@wlu.edu) or to Professor John Gunn at (gunnj@wlu.edu).

## Forgive and forget

*Politicians' mistakes don't affect job performance*

By Crighton Allen  
STAFF WRITER

On March 17, 2008, David Paterson was sworn in as the 55th governor of New York following the resignation of the disgraced Elliot Spitzer after his involvement with a "high-class" prostitute ring.

David Paterson is a highly accomplished man. He holds degrees from Columbia University and Hofstra University School of Law. He served with distinction for many years as a member of the state Senate and served four terms as the Senate Minority Leader.

Yet, Paterson has many a skeleton lurking in his closet. He has engaged in many extramarital affairs. For one tryst, he billed his hotel room for the night to his campaign reelection fund. Paterson, in his youth was also a heavy user of marijuana and tried cocaine "a few times."

How do I know all this? Sadly, it is not because I am the second coming of the great investigative journalist Bob Woodward. No, I know all this for a far simpler reason. One day after his swearing in, Paterson publicly acknowledged his infidelity and a few days after, his drug use.

I applaud Mr. Paterson for his disclosure, yet I wonder: Should he really have had to? The only people he needs to reconcile his past with are himself and his family. It is not the business of

anyone else in the whole wide world that Paterson has a past like he does.

Just because Paterson is a politician, it does not put him under any obligation to publicly come clean.

Before Jimmy the plumber fixes your leaky pipe, he doesn't give you full disclosure of his past transgressions. Why? Because you don't care. You just want him to do his job well and get out. So then why should you care what a politician did if he can do his job well in the present?

Does it really matter that Paterson slept with a woman not his wife or smoked a few joints or blew a few lines in his 20s? The man is now 53 years old. There is no reason why actions committed 30 years ago should be wielded as political weapons against Paterson as if they can affect his ability to run a state right now.

Let me be clear: I do not condone his adultery or drug use, but I am realistic enough to know that plenty more former occupants of the governor's mansion were no better than Paterson, yet they ran New York free from molestation. Why should Paterson not get the same treatment?

All actions have consequences, and I am sure that Paterson has suffered plenty in his relationship with his family, especially his wife, when he was finally forced to confront

his actions. This is punishment, enough; the man came out and acknowledged his transgressions in the past and asked for forgiveness and cooperation in the future as he works to make New York a better state. Any New Yorker who cannot forgive, forget and agree to work with Paterson now is a far greater hindrance to the future success of New York than anything Paterson could have ever done.

I think now would be an appropriate time for all of us to turn the accusatory figure we like to jab at public figures who are caught doing wrong back on ourselves. By way of example, people love to roast Bill Clinton for his actions with Monica Lewinsky. But let's think about this seriously for second.

Did Clinton getting a little somethin' somethin' on the side really affect his ability to carry out his duties as president? Sure, he may have had sex with Monica in the Oval Office, but did that affect his ability to sign a good bill into law in that very same room a few hours later? The answer is no.

On the other hand, how about a Washington and Lee student who gets drunk on Saturday night and wakes up on Sunday morning to write a paper? The nasty hangover he has the next morning is going to make staring at a computer screen for several hours about as much fun as a root canal without anesthesia.

Now think about it rationally.

Which of the two, Bill Clinton or the student, has his current action affected more by his past behavior?

All I am trying to say is that we all have done things that we regret and that have had consequences. Most of us have had our errors forgiven and are now living our lives with the grace of the forgiveness of others.

If people made a mistake in the past, regretted their actions, made amends as best they could, and tried their utmost to live their lives in the future in a way that shows they learned from their mistakes, they deserve every right to a second chance.

Paterson and every other public figure has just as much of a right to that second chance as you or me. That he is the governor of New York makes no difference; he still deserves the chance to give his best shot at doing his job. Despite popular belief, politicians are people too, even the most debauched among them.

So let's all dismount from the high horses that we so hypocritically ride and follow the (I can't believe I am about to write this, but it's true) sage advice of the Youngbloods when they sing, "C'mon people now, smile on your brother. Ev'rybody get together, try and love one another right now."

## Why can the EC punish the papers?

*Student government oversight kin to censorship; self-governance better option*

As we start to finally put "The Bracket," behind us, last week's Media Board hearing about the issue made one thing clear: it's time for the Executive Committee to remove itself from running the Media Board.

The editor of each campus publication has a seat on the Media Board, and the board has the power to hear complaints against publications and then, if it chooses to, sanction those publications.

In this case the board recommended that there be no sanctions.

Instead, we urged the Trident — and all publications — to develop a mission statement and code of ethics. Incidentally, you can read the Phi's mission statement in our staff box.

Despite the board's decision, it wasn't the final word. The EC met and voted whether

they wanted to accept the Media Board recommendations.

This week, they did.

But it is unacceptable for an institution of government — student government in this case — to have censorial control over the press.

If the EC doesn't like aggressive coverage of its actions, can the Phi or Trident expect to be punished for their reporting?

Beyond the walls of Washington and Lee, the First Amendment protects the press's ability to report on — and criticize — the government.

In fact, the press has a duty to be a watchdog over institutions of power.

Journalists at W&L don't enjoy those same protections. Removing the EC from the Media Board process would go a long way towards returning those protections to students.

The best solution, in our minds, would be the total demolition of the Media Board. No board would leave no room for EC interference.

Sanctions are so rarely appropriate or necessary that the board really serves no purpose (trust us, if you've been to earlier Media Board meetings you know what a snoozefest they usually are).

Student publications, however, do use university office space (the Phi and the Trident included).

And some student publications receive money from the EC during the annual appropriations process (though the Phi and Trident do not).

So unless the publications are all willing to move out of their Commons office space, the Media Board may have a role to fill.

Because of the money being handed out, we understand the EC's desire to see some supervision.

That's a role the Media Board can fill, serving as an advisor to student publications and a place where editors can come together to share ideas and suggestions.

The EC, however, needs to totally remove itself from any disciplinary process administered by the Media Board.

As long as the EC has the power to hear complaints and issue punishments, the student press on this campus will be unable to cover the community in a truly open and effective manner.

Outside the walls of campus, the press can operate without the government looking over its shoulder.

The same should hold true at a school that prides itself on self-governance.

## Position Announcement

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# arts & life

## Concert to enlighten Fire on the stage

*A.C.T. Guns and Dolls week supports Uganda*

*One acts provide some excitement, fun*

By Michael Morella  
STAFF WRITER

On any given night in Uganda, dozens of children could be abducted and forced to serve as soldiers in the nation's continued civil strife. For 20 years, as many as 66,000 children have been involved in the war and victims of violent, sometimes inhuman, crimes.

On Tuesday night in the Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad, dozens of Washington and Lee students, faculty and community members will try and do something to stop it.

W&L will host the first ever Guns and Dolls Concert, a free event, to promote awareness of the situation in Uganda. Three student bands – Two Dirt Road, Agent Flynn and the Lalai Damas – will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. to kick off Guns and Dolls Week, which will raise money to aid prevention of human rights violations against the children of war-torn Uganda.

"[It's] very hard for these kids to go back home," said sophomore Kushal Harjani, president of A.C.T. (Action. Change. Tomorrow), the student group sponsoring the event. "[They] are often forced to commit atrocities against their own family members."

According to Resolve Uganda, a Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to helping the situation in central Africa, the Lord's Resistance Army continues to fight rival political and military organizations and to terrorize the Ugandan population.

The army was formed in the

1980s under the leadership of Joseph Kony. Harjani said that over 80 percent of the LRA's troops are composed of children.

Many other children, called "night commuters," flee their homes to safe towns each night to avoid abduction by the LRA.

Harjani says that proceeds from the concert, as well as all donations to A.C.T., will benefit both Resolve Uganda and World Vision, a nonprofit organization focused on aiding the plight of children refugees.

"With a simple amount of \$30, we can sponsor a kid...and make sure the child is safe for a month," Harjani said.

A.C.T. is one of W&L's newest campus organizations with the goal of spreading awareness of global human rights issues. The group also conducts fundraisers to donate money to national and international nonprofit organizations that work on these issues.

The response to Guns and Dolls Week from university officials and organizations has been encouraging, according to Harjani.

Eleven university organizations, including MSA, SAIL, the General Activities Board, the Office of Student Activities and Greek Life, Nabors Service League, Amnesty International and five fraternities are co-sponsors of the concert.

A.C.T. also sponsored W&L's observation of the international initiative Burma Day in October to promote awareness of the military action against peaceful protesters in Southeast Asia.

A.C.T. will be selling T-shirts

and holding a raffle, in addition to collecting donations, Monday through Thursday. Guns and Dolls Week will culminate Thursday evening with the screening of a documentary entitled "Invisible Children," created by three Southern California college students after a visit to Uganda in 2003.

"It's something that I think is obviously a big service to the university," said Professor Tyler Dickovick, assistant professor of politics at W&L. "It's great that we have organizations like this on campus that are raising awareness about areas of the world that we don't hear much about."

Dickovick will introduce the film, which will be followed by a question and answer session led by Ugandan citizen and W&L junior Allan Kisoma.

"We just thought it'd be a great opportunity to get people to listen to our music and also support a really good cause," said sophomore Joel Poelhuis, bassist for the band Agent Flynn.

"I just think that not a lot of people know where Uganda is on a map," Poelhuis said. "I know I don't. This event will be great for raising awareness."

Harjani echoed Poelhuis' sentiments, saying that he looks forward to getting the W&L community involved with future A.C.T. events.

"We don't only want to fundraise, we want people to realize what the problem is," Harjani said. "We wanted to do something that could make a difference."

By Celeste Cruz-Carandang  
STAFF WRITER

The One Acts were, quite literally, a flaming success.

From the full house to the successfully-handled fire incident caused by yours truly, the three nights of performances were elegantly and artfully produced.

However, the appreciative audience only saw the fruit of our labors. What went on behind the scenes, despite the lack of pyrotechnics, grants audiences a new perspective.

Due to the shortened nature of the plays themselves, we did not have to endure the arduous schedules characteristic of the theater.

Furthermore, the casts were much smaller, sometimes boasting as few as two actors. Samantha Copping, who played the character of Alice in Rothko Room, commented that "One Acts was such a completely different theater experience for me.

It was so much more intimate. With only one other actor, a director and a stage manager present at rehearsal and then the audience only a few feet away during shows, you can't help but feel more connected with the entire process."

Indeed, with the small Johnson Theater as their stage, we were able to speak to an audience much like our cast, small and intimate. Kimber Wiggs, who acted in the part of Mrs. Ballone in the pithily titled play Mosquito, Dirigible, Aerosol Deodorant, echoed Copping's sentiments. As a newcomer to the theater scene, Wiggs felt that One Acts was a perfect

way to transition into the department. "This was my first experience with the theater department, and I loved it," said Wiggs. "One Acts were so much fun and laid back that I didn't mind the hours and hours of practice. Plus, having such a small cast meant we all go to bond really quickly. It was so much fun, and I loved getting positive feedback from everyone who came."

Although we were able to note the unique nature of the brief plays, the One Acts present another distinguishing feature to the Washington and Lee com-

kind of support can make amazing things happen."

During all the performances, it was evident that the combined efforts of the directors, actors and crew truly did make amazing things happen. Opening night was met with laughter and applause while Friday night's performance yielded a packed house. Students came to see their peers perform on the Johnson Stage in droves on that second night of performances. In addition to the full house, friends and family were sitting in the aisles and in any extra space to be found.

*"I knew that if I needed an opinion, an extra set of hands, or even a shoulder to lean on, I had four people there for me."*

Lauren Sapikowski, One Acts Director

munity. That is to say, the plays were all student directed by the majors of the department. The student directors included Lauren Sapikowski, Gabrielle de'Courcy, Helen Coupe, Tabitha King and Lisa Reppell.

Although their respective works differed greatly in content, the directors were bonded under the banner of their artistic endeavors. Sapikowski, the director of Rothko Room, said, "I think that this year was a really strong year for the One Acts in part because the directors worked well together. I knew that if I needed an opinion, an extra set of hands, or even a shoulder to lean on, I had four people there for me. That

They also endured an unplanned yet hilarious accident in the shape of a flaming garbage can. It seems that I, as Ms. Netty of Mosquito, became a bit too lighter friendly. I also did not predict that the garbage can, which is usually free of all flammable objects, was packed with paper. However, the stunt, for lack of a better word, was greeted with overwhelming ovation and laughter. Saturday night proved to be a much safer success. Despite the lack of Backdraft-esque special effects, the audience was still incredibly receptive the humors and emotions of each performance.

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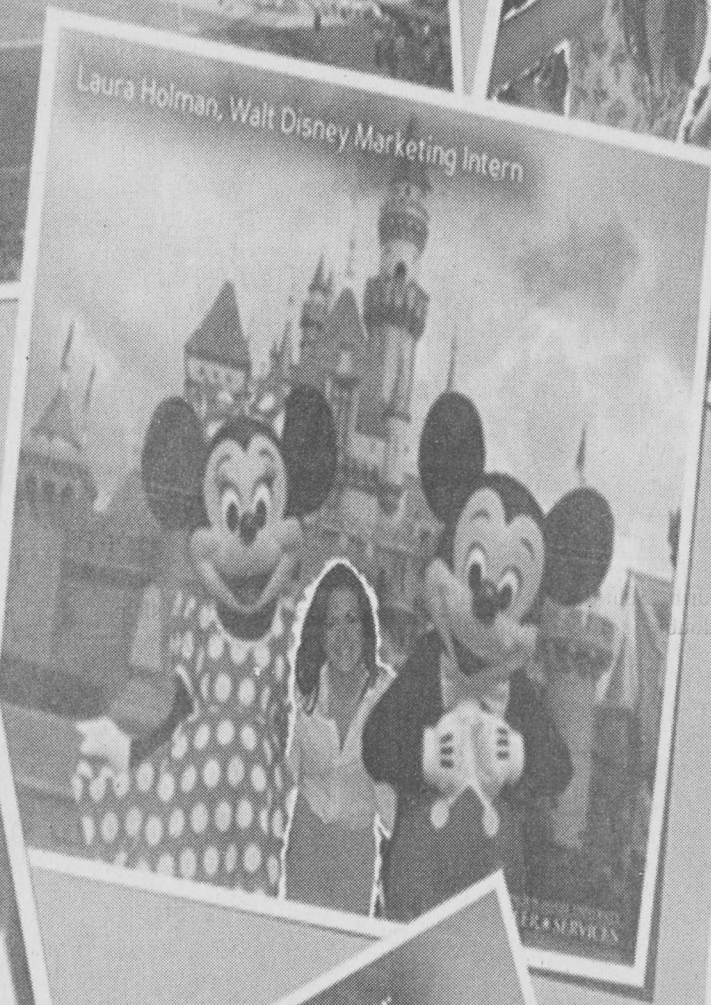
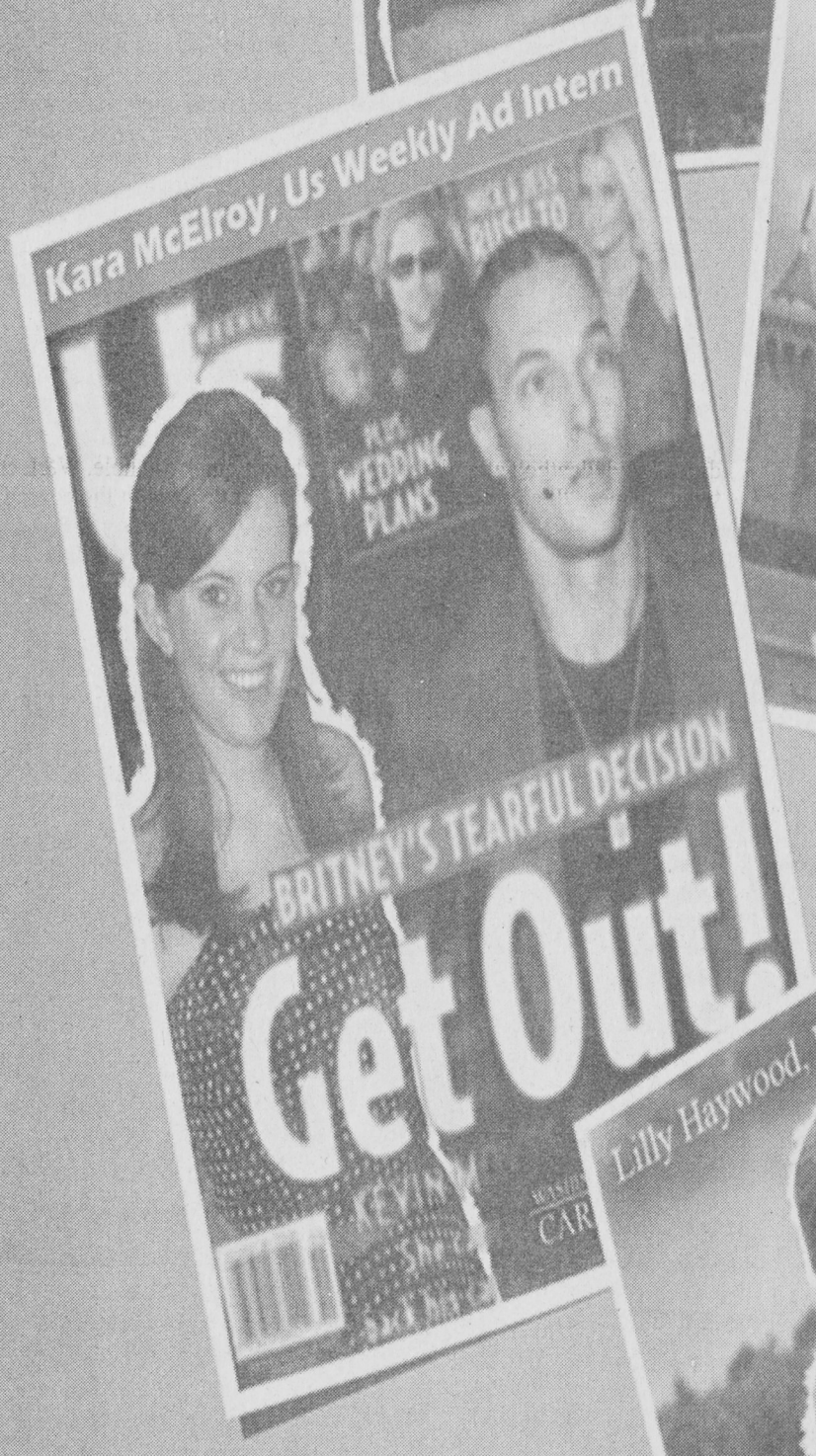
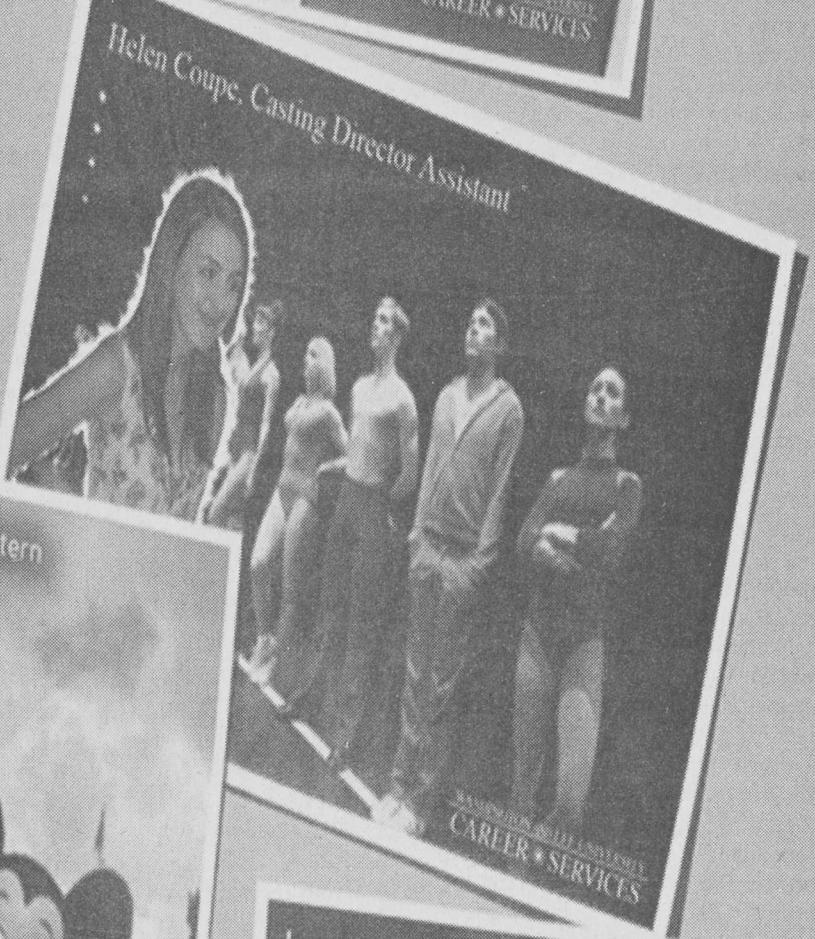
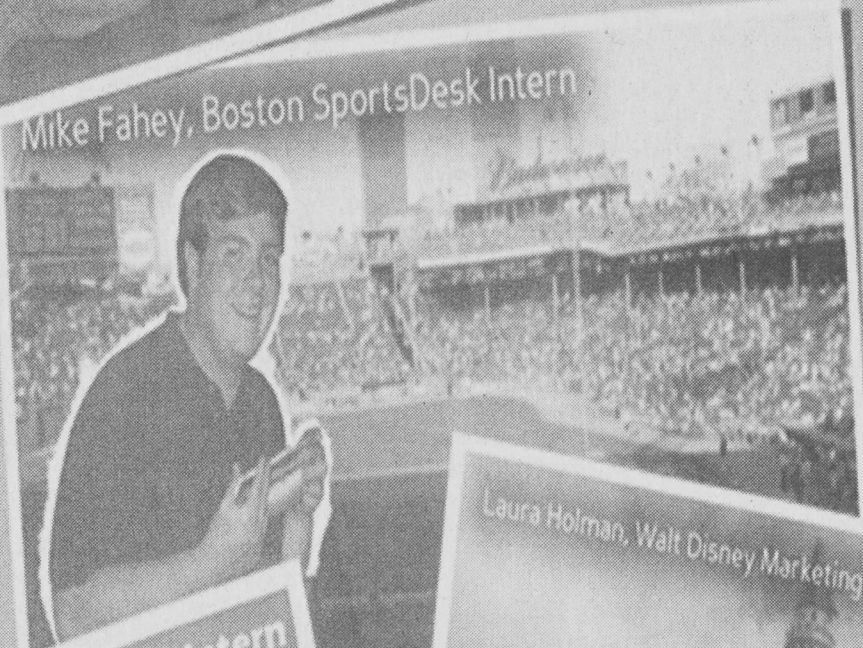
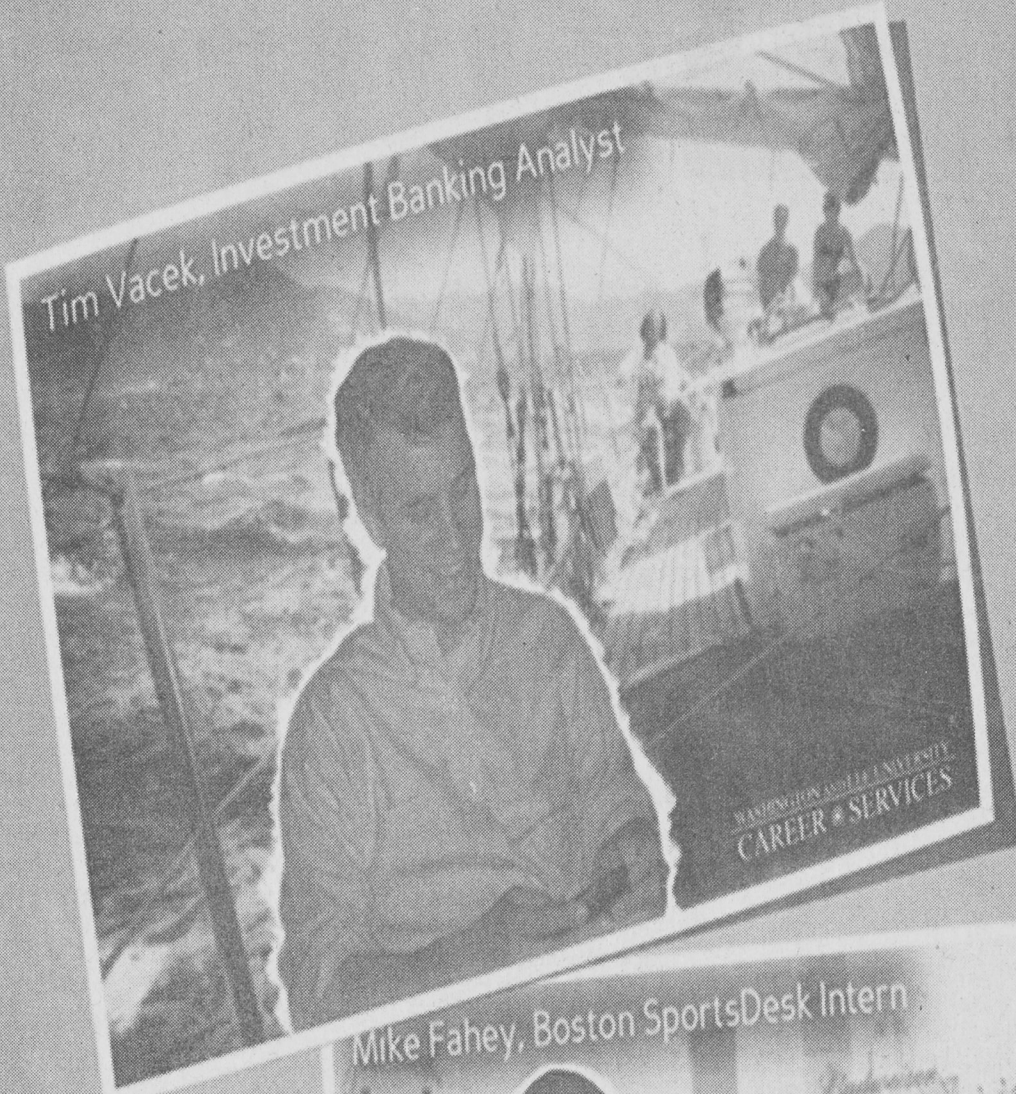
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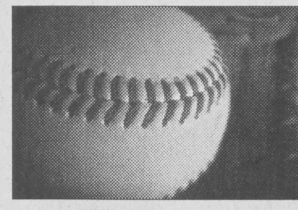


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# sports

## What a win!

Women beat No. 3 Middlebury

By Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITER

The eighth-ranked Generals played two games this week against the third-ranked Middlebury Panthers and the Catholic University Cardinals. The Generals came into the week 8-1, winners of their last four.

The Generals started the week off against Middlebury. The Generals have only taken on one team ranked as high as Middlebury and lost 4-7. When the game began, the Panthers jumped out to a quick lead, scoring the first two goals. W&L was not fazed, however, and tied the score at 2-2. The game stayed close for the rest of the first half, with the Generals scoring the last two goals to go in half with a 4-3 lead.

After half, W&L came out strong. They dominated the beginning of the second half, scoring the first four goals to take an 8-3 lead. This run, capped off by Kat Michaels, put the Generals out of reach for the Panthers. Even though the Panthers scored three of the next four goals, they could come no closer than three. The Generals had completed the upset, 14-8.

This upset was led by some key individual performances. The Generals were paced by senior attacker Christine Bender's career-high five goals. Sophomore attacker Britten Mathews tallied three goals and two assists, while junior midfielder Colleen Evans added another three goals. Junior attacker Kelsi Robinson contributed one goal and dished out two assists. Senior Sarah Tilbor made 13 saves in goal for W&L.

After their bring win to start off the week, the Generals took on the Catholic University Cardinals. The Generals started off quickly, taking the lead a mere 10 seconds into the game when midfielder Colleen Evans scored off an assist from Kelsi Robinson. However, Catholic responded quickly by scoring with 25:04 left in the half. The first half was closely contested and featured three ties. When Catholic tied it up with 3:33 to go, the Generals responded with back-to-back goals from Christine Bender going into the half. At the break, the Generals led by two, 7-5.

The second half started like the first with the Generals getting a quick goal and the Cardinals responding with a goal of their own. This brought the score to 8-6. The Generals then went on a run, scoring the next three goals. Catholic again responded, scoring 3 of the next 4 to bring the score to 12-9. At this point, W&L made a run that would put the Cardinals away and decide the contest. The Generals scored the next 4 goals capped off by a free position shot by Katie Flippen with 8:47 left. Catholic scored a couple of goals with a few minutes to go, but it was too little too late. The game was capped off by a goal with one second left from Megan Slosson, giving W&L a 17-11 victory.

The Generals had some strong individual performances in the victory. They were led by junior attacker Kelsi Robinson who scored 3 goals and added 5 assists in the win. Sophomore attacker Britten Mathews scored a game high 4 goals. Colleen Evans, Christine Bender, and Megan Slosson also had multiple goals. Senior Sarah Tilbor played the entire game in goal and recorded 10 saves.

W&L returns to action on Sunday when it travels to Randolph-Macon for a 3 p.m. ODAC contest.

## Doornbos sets top D-III mark

Billington and Sutherland set new marks in hammer throw and 100 meter hurdles

By Kevin Corn  
STAFF WRITER

The track team spent the weekend at Liberty University breaking records and qualifying for the NCAA tournament.

While at the two day, Asics Liberty Invitational, junior Stacy Doornbos, sophomore Maggie Sutherland, and sophomore Sallie Armstrong completed the Heptathlon. Armstrong took eighth, right behind sophomore Maggie Sutherland. Doornbos finished third, only behind two competitors from North Carolina. Doornbos' score of 4,562 was the top score of DIII competitors at the meet, as well as a new school record, and astoundingly the top score now in the nation for DIII. Needless to say, Doornbos easily qualified for NCAAs.

"I was really excited about how the meet went," commented Doornbos. "Maggie Sutherland, Sallie Armstrong and I all competed in the Helptathlon (100 hurdles, high jump,

shot put, 200m, long jump, javalin, and 800m) and were all able to improve our scores by a lot from what we were scoring last year." She continued, "it is really encouraging to see that all the work we have been doing in the various events is paying off. I was also really excited because I was able to qualify for nationals in the Hep again this year."

Junior Alysene Kuck also showed a strong showing in the javelin and high jump where she notched first place in both events by throwing 115'1" and jumping 1.53 meters. Meanwhile, sophomore Dorothy Todd was a top DIII finisher in the 1,500 meter run after crossing the finish line in a time of 5:01.48. Junior Elizabeth Webb also had a great run in the 5000 after finishing in a time of 17:55. Close behind her was sophomore Kat Telfeyan who notched second among DIII competitors in the same event with a time of 18:31.

Webb described the emotions of her run on Saturday. "I was extremely

pleased with my performance. I have been trying to break 18 minutes in the 5k all season and I knew that this was the meet where I needed to do it."

Moreover, Webb expressed the difficulty of the race: "The race was one of the hardest I've ever run in my life. I led wire to wire, so I was essentially by myself, running into the wind. But my teammates, coaches and family kept me motivated for the full 12 and half laps. I could not have done it without them."

The men also had a strong weekend as junior Michael Welsh captured first place in the 5000 meter run with a time of 15:47.62. Meanwhile, junior Vance Berry finished third in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:12.52. Sophomore Ben Goetsch was able to clear a height of 6'5" in the high jump - good enough for a first place finish.

"I was very happy with my performance," commented Goetsch. He shared, "6'5" was a personal best for me and I got the opportunity to com-

pete with some very good division one jumpers (including W&L assistant coach Garrett Brickner, who also jumped 6'5")."

Junior Chip McCoy took fifth in the 400 meter hurdles after crossing the finish line in a time of 4:12.52. Then, sophomore Billy Billington had an exceptional weekend after finishing second in the discus throw with a distance of 137'1" and then taking third in the hammer throw while setting a new school record of 143'11".

Billington was all business when asked about his performance. "I was satisfied with my throws, but I know I have a lot to improve on before ODACs" he said. "This weekend gave me a good idea on where I stand compared to other throwers in the conference."

The Generals will be back in action at the beginning of Spring Break when they travel to Lynchburg to compete in the Lynchburg Track Classic

## Homestand not so sweet for baseball

Team goes 1-3 during four-game homestand, drops to 7-6 in conference play

By Hank Nathan  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee Men's Baseball team went 1-3 in the four-game home stand this week.

The Generals came off of a tough five-game road trip in which the team finished 3-2, before coming back home for four consecutive games.

W&L faced Bridgewater College on Tuesday. The Eagles cracked the scoreboard first in the top of the first inning and added another run in the second. The score was 2-0.

The Generals started off cold in the contest, failing to score in the first three innings and only amassing one hit. However, the Blue and White broke out of the slump in the bottom of the fourth. Senior captain James Madden doubled to right field and he eventually came around to score on a Bridgewater error, making the score 2-1.

After the Eagles scored in the first two innings, they were unable to score in the next three, but W&L continued to struggle offensively.

In the sixth inning, BC scored another run on a string of singles and a hit batsman. The Generals responded in the second half of the inning with two runs to tie the game at 3-3. Madden led off the inning with another double, Will Lewis singled and drove in Madden, then Hunter Serenbetz singled, and Tim Livingston drove in Lewis to knot the game.

The tie game was short lived as Bridgewater blew the game open in the eighth inning with four runs on

four hits and an error. They added an insurance run in the ninth, but W&L could not answer and the game ended 9-3.

The next day, the Generals stepped out of conference to play Southern Virginia University.

This time, the Blue and White opened up the scoring. W&L compiled five hits en route to a three run first inning, highlighted by a lead-off triple to deep center by Terrence McKelvey. The Knights answered in the second with their first run of the game making the score 3-1.

The Generals followed the three run inning in the first with a five run inning in the second. With the bases loaded, sophomore Jim Plantholt launched a shot that cleared the left-field fence for a grand slam.

"I was just looking for a good pitch to drive," said Plantholt. "In my first at bat, I was a little out in front of the ball so I was trying to stay back and hit it hard. The pitcher threw me a fast ball and I put a good swing on the ball."

W&L had a commanding 8-1 lead through two innings.

The Generals continued their hot streak in the third inning by adding two more runs on back-to-back doubles by Dan Harris and Anthony Cardona.

The Blue and White subsequently exploded in the fourth inning. The team scored a staggering nine runs, while batting through the lineup. The inning was capped off with another homerun to leftfield by Plantholt.

"Before my second homerun, I was looking for the pitcher to throw mostly curveballs, but instead he gave me a fast ball and again I just wanted to put a good swing on the ball," said Plantholt. "I was seeing the ball really well and was able to pick up his pitches early - just looking to hit a good pitch."

The score was 19-1 and the game was out of reach though it ended with a 19-8 win by the Generals.

In the contest, Plantholt batted 3 for 6 with two homeruns and seven RBIs. The two homeruns tie the W&L record for homeruns in a game and the seven RBIs tie the second best RBI performance in a game.

"I've never been a power hitter, just always looking to hit a line drive," said Plantholt after the record-tying game. "It's pretty awesome having that [homerun] record. Now until someone beats it, I'll have my name up there on the website which is pretty cool."

The Generals stepped back in conference on Saturday to play a doubleheader against Guilford College.

The game was scoreless through the first three and a half innings. Neither team was able to capitalize on their opportunities. In the bottom of the fourth, W&L finally took advantage. Serenbetz led off the inning with a single, followed by a single from Plantholt, Livingston moved the runners over to third and second base, and Byron Peyster hit a sacrifice fly to centerfield that drove in Serenbetz to give the Generals the 1-0 lead.

Guilford answered in the sixth inning with a lead off homerun to center to deadlock the game at 1-1.

Both teams broke out in the seventh inning. Guilford started out with three runs on two hits and an error, giving them the 4-1 lead. W&L countered with two runs on three hits in the bottom half, but it wasn't enough in the shortened game because of the doubleheader. The final score was 4-3.

Guilford and W&L continued their hot streak from the seventh inning to the start of the second game of the day.

The Quakers had a fast start right from the gate, scoring five runs in the top of the first on four hits and two costly errors. This put the Generals in a quick 5-0 hole. W&L chipped away at the lead in the bottom of the first, narrowing the score to 5-2.

Guilford added another run in the third. In the fourth, Serenbetz added in some heroics with a solo homerun to right-centerfield. The score was 6-3. W&L continued to crawl back in the next inning by adding another run. However, the Quakers widened the margin in the sixth with two runs, pushing the score out to 8-4.

The Generals rallied in the seventh on three singles by Peyster, McKelvey, John Ditore and a double by Madden. The score was cut to 8-6, but that was as close as it would get as neither team scored the rest of the way.

The W&L Baseball team is now 16-8 overall and 7-6 in conference.

## Fab Five competition no match for women's tennis

Team goes 6-0 on the week, defeating five nationally-ranked teams and running its undefeated record to 18-0

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team remained perfect for the season by tallying six wins this week, five coming at the Fab Five Tournament. The General's defended their number one ranking by defeating their opponents by a combined score of 49-5, blanking four of them 9-0.

The Generals started off the week by knocking off fifteenth-ranked Wellesley College, 8-1. The Generals swept the double competition and then took five of six in the singles portion. Sopho-

more Lauren Caire teamed with junior Katie Tabb to win no. one doubles 8-2 over Jenna Mezin and Hali Walther and then knocked off Meghan Stubblebine to win no. three singles 6-4, 6-3.

Other double winners included senior Leah Weston in No. 2 doubles and no. four singles and senior Kelly Will at No. 3 doubles and no. two singles.

On Wednesday, the Generals took on thirteenth-ranked Gustavus Adolphus and ODAC opponent Guilford.

The split squad made no difference as both teams were defeated 9-0. Tabb, Will, Caire, and

Weston were victorious in both singles and doubles against Gustavus Adolphus.

Seniors Katie Duncan, Rhodes Proctor, and Lauren Cook as well as sophomores Blair Brzeski, Katie Harris, and Lauren Dorsey all recorded two wins against Guilford as the Generals only dropped three games the entire match.

On Thursday, third-ranked Williams provided the stiffest competition of the season for the Generals. All three doubles matches were tight. In No. 1 doubles, Tabb and Caire pulled out an 8-6 victory over Allison Rottkamp and Grace Baljon. In

No. 2 doubles, Weston and freshman Catherine Reed dropped the tiebreak to lose 9-8 (7-5) to Cary Gibson and Annie Schniedman, but Will and freshman Virginia Dickinson pulled out an 8-5 victory at No. 3 doubles to give the Generals a 2-1 lead heading into the singles competition.

Gibson and Baljon won first and second singles for the Ephs and Lucy Marchese added a victory at No. 3 singles to bring Williams within one match of the upset.

However, Spalitta knocked off Rottkamp 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 at no. six singles, Timmis rallied after los-

ing the first set to defeat Reich 3-6, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 5 singles, and Weston sealed the win by knocking off Ashley Parsons in a third set tiebreak to win No. 4 singles 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4).

On Friday, the General's blanked 25th-ranked Claremont. Tabb and Caire teamed up to best Lisa Steckmest and Stephanie Hammond 8-4 in No. 1 doubles and then Tabb knocked off Hammond 6-4, 1-2, retired, in No. 1 doubles and Caire defeated Steckmest 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) in No. 2 doubles. Will and Weston were also double winners against Claremont.

The Generals concluded the Fab Five Tournament with another 9-0 victory, this time against 30th-ranked Skidmore College.

Tabb and Caire again dominated the top of the doubles and singles competitions, teaming up to win first doubles and then taking first and second singles.

Will, Dickinson, and Reed also notched two victories on the day for the Generals.

With the win, the Generals improved to 18-0. The women will put their undefeated record on the line when they travel to Atlanta to take on archrival Emory on April 16th.

## Sweet sets 50 freestyle record at NCAA championship

Team places eighth, tying highest finish ever, six swimmers win first team All-American accolades

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's swimming team equaled its highest ever finish of eighth place and had its first national championship since 1995 at the NCAA Division III championships from March 20-22.

On day one, senior Alex Sweet broke twenty seconds for the first time by swimming 19.99 in the 50 freestyle prelims, edging out rival Brad Test of Johns Hopkins by

0.04 seconds going into the final in the evening. Senior Tim McGlaston also made the championship heat in the event, swimming a 20.58, the seventh best prelim time. In the finals, Sweet dropped his time by 0.14 seconds to 19.85, the fastest ever in the Division III NCAA championships. McGlaston also improved by swimming 20.51, good enough for seventh place. Sweet is W&L's first swimming national champion since Nathan Hottle won the 200

breast in 1995.

Also on day one was the 200 free relay. McGlaston and Sweet teamed with junior Brett Tatman and sophomore Brandon Barns to set a school record of 1:21.55 in the prelims. In the finals, McGlaston led off with a 20.48 to put the Generals into third at the first exchange. However, the Generals had fallen into last when Sweet started his anchor leg. Sweet's split of 19.12 was fast enough to catch four other teams and move

the Generals into fourth place.

On day two, Sweet led the way with a ninth place finish in the 200 free in a school-record time of 1:39.10. Junior Paul Crook finished 11th in the same event in a time of 1:40.82.

In the nightcap, Sweet and Crook teamed with McGlaston and junior Chris Diebold to place eighth in the 800 free relay. Swimming the anchor leg, Sweet played the hero again, making up a two second deficit to pass Emory and

finish in a time of 6:45.44.

Sweet completed his incredible championship swims on day three with a fourth place finish in the 100 free.

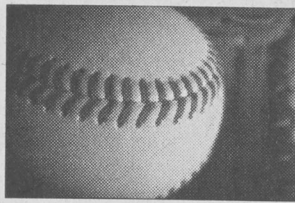
Sweet finished the prelim in 44.51 to set a new school record and then came back in the evening with a time of 44.83, out-touching Johns Hopkins' Brad Test by six hundredths of a second for fourth place. McGlaston also competed in the event, finishing 15th in a time of 45.96.

The Generals concluded their championship with a sixth place finish in the 400 free relay. Sweet, McGlaston, Crook, and Barns improved their preliminary time by over a second and a half to set a school record in a time of 3:02.53, two tenths of a second ahead of New York University.

The final relay was enough to move W&L ahead of NYU to finish alone in eighth place, tying their highest finish ever.



# sports



## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Baseball</b>			at Shenandoah 4:00 p.m.				
<b>Men's Tennis</b>			at Salisbury on April 14 4:00 p.m.				
<b>Women's Tennis</b>			at Emory on April 16 4:00 p.m.				
<b>Women's Lacrosse</b>			vs. Sweet Briar 4:30 p.m.				
<b>Men's Lacrosse</b>			vs. Ronaoke 7:00 p.m.				
<b>Track</b>			at Lynchburg Track Classic April 12 9:00 a.m.				
<b>Rowing</b>						at Washington College 9:00 a.m.	

## in the numbers

**49-4**

Combined scores of the women's tennis team's matches this past week. The Generals remained undefeated as they recorded victories against five ranked teams and one ODAC opponent.

**19.85**

Senior Alex Sweet's winning time in the 50 freestyle at the NCAA championships. The time set a new Division III NCAA championship record.

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Current winning streak of the men's tennis team. After starting the season 4-4, the men have improved to 12-4 including a victory of No. 13 Carnegie Mellon.

**4,562**

Junior Stacy Doornbos' point total in the heptathlon at the Asics Liberty Invitational. The score was the best recorded in Division III thus far this season.

## soapbox

*"I am a glutton; I always want more. I was excited about my jav throw, but I still want to throw 10-15 feet further this season. It is always a confidence booster when you beat some of your top competitors in the ODAC conference, so that will be an asset going into ODACs."*

**Junior Alysen Kuck on her personal best javelin throw of 115'1" at the Asics Liberty Invitational.**

*"I've always had two rules in business and one is not to do something that would get me shot or beat up and another is not to do anything that would get me thrown in jail. I had a third one that was not to do anything that would get me sued, but [my partner, Rob Kaufmann] told me to forget that because people come up with their own agendas."*

**NASCAR team owner Michael Waltrip, while responding to allegations made by owner Jack Roush that Waltrip's team intentionally stole a specially-designed sway bar, courtesy of espn.com.**

# No joke:

## These teams are on a roll

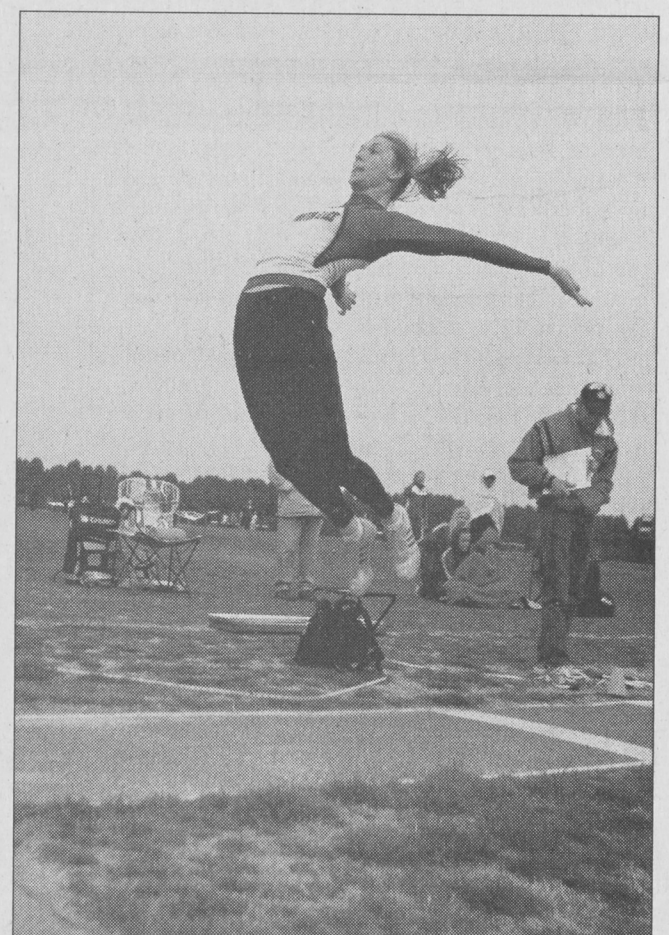
*W&L teams flying to the top of national rankings*



**Junior Katie Tabb returns a serve during the number one doubles match against Wellesley on Wednesday afternoon. Tabb and sophomore Lauren Caire defeated Jenna Mezin and Hali Walther 8-2. The Generals went 6-0 during the week, including five wins over ranked opponents. See page 9 for the full story.**



**Senior Christine Bender carries the ball upfield against Catholic on Thursday. Bender scored eight goals in two games for the Generals who went 2-0, including a win over no. 3 Middlebury on Tuesday. More details can be found on page 9.**



**Junior Stacy Doornbos long jumps during the heptathlon at the Asics Liberty Invitational. Her long jump of 5.40 meters helped her amass 4,562 point, the highest in Division III this season. See the full story on page 9.**

## Rugby loses elite eight heartbreaker 13-9

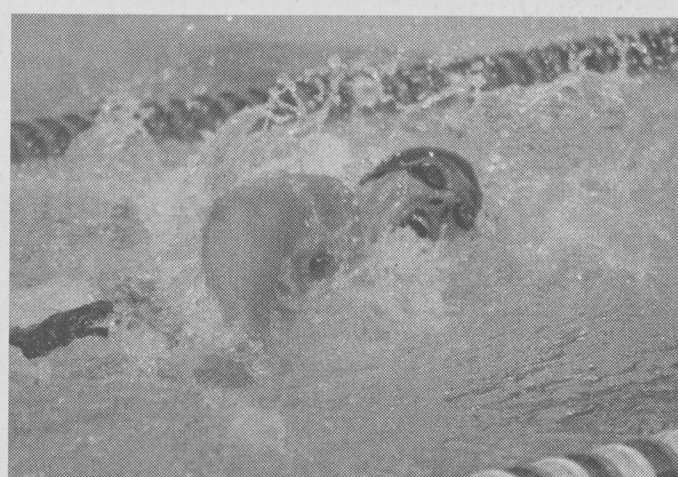
The club rugby went on an unprecedented run this spring, falling just a few yards short of the rugby final four in a 13-9 loss Sunday to Widener. Captain Sean McKinley said he and other veterans never expected the team to go so deep in the tournament, but he said the team caught fire behind the golden leg of Josh Prell, who went 4 of 5 on kicks in the Sweet Sixteen, scoring 12 points and helping W&L pull out a 17-15 victory.

Prell provided all nine points in Sunday's loss, but the team was ultimately done in by its inability to break through for a try.

The Minks nearly got the victory in the final minutes only to see a try (worth five points) disallowed by the referee. Though the team got within five yards of the goal on several more occasions, they were unable to notch the winning points.

The team qualified for the tournament after finishing in second place during last fall's Virginia state championships. During this recent tournament run the team knocked off the defending national champions.

McKinley said the team benefited from the guidance of Scotsman Andrew Connelly an exchange student who lended his expertise to the team during its tournament run.



**Senior Alex Sweet set the D-III record in the 50 m freestyle, becoming W&L's first national champion in swimming since 1996. Sweet's time of 19.85 broke a record set in 1999.**