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Gozi Egbunu tells W&L's males to man up and ask a girl to Homecoming.

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# Dancing for dimes

Students danced all night to raise money for the March of Dimes and Rockbridge literacy programs in the second annual Dance-a-thon.

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## The future of American diplomacy

*Morella on expectations of next administration*

By Brooke Sutherland  
STAFF WRITER

Ambassador Constance Morella took the stage in Lee Chapel Wednesday night to speak about "Global Expectations for the Next Administration" in the inaugural address of the Francis McNulty Logan Lewis annual lecture series.

Morella was a fitting choice for the lecture, which is sponsored by the George C. Marshall foundation: Morella served as the U.S. representative for the eighth district of Maryland for 16 years and was Permanent Representative to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development for four years in Paris.

"As a United States representative in the OECD, Ambassador Morella is a testimony to George C. Marshall and the Marshall program," said politics Professor William Connelly. "I believe her remarks were very timely, especially in light of the current financial crisis."

"I think [the lecture] was a great opportunity for Washington and Lee University students and faculty alike to learn firsthand about the globalization of politics and economics," he said.

Turnout at the event was low, despite the no-

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William Connelly, Professor of Politics

table relevance of Morella's speech to today's electoral climate.

"I felt like too few took advantage of the opportunity to learn from someone with direct practical experience on globalization," Connelly said.

Drawing from her extensive experience in both national and international politics, Morella stressed to the audience the "need to restore [America's] leadership in the free world" through cooperation with international trends and by setting an example for developing and developed nations alike.

Morella stressed that perceptions about the United States as a world superpower are changing and that "sentiment about America has dramatically declined." She highlighted six areas of concentration where the United States could improve its leadership: energy supply and environmental protection, trade, immigration, education, research and scientific innovation, and the economy.

Morella called upon the next leader of the United States to take initiative in these areas. She stressed the need to act to "change the way we use energy and spread technology" in order to become more environmentally efficient, to move past growing attitudes of isolationism and protectionism towards more expansive free trade and bilateral treaties, and to create a more effective immigration policy.

Morella specifically called upon the future administration to rethink immigration policies that prevent educated foreign scholars from gaining the visas they need to study in the United States and adamantly urged America's next leader to pursue recruitment and retention of engineers, a career that has seen a steady decline in professionals.

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# DUIs on the rise

## SJC chastises students after four DUIs reported

By Allison Chopin  
MANAGING EDITOR

Despite the availability of extensive transportation services for students who choose to drink, police have reported four DUI charges among Washington and Lee students so far this year.

This number was cited by Brandon Dotson, Associate Dean of Students, who received reports from the Lexington, County, and State Police.

"Clearly, some students are making poor decisions," Dotson said in an e-mail. "This level [of] behavior is not consistent with the standards of the Washington and Lee University community."

According to Director of Public Safety Mike Young, this number is not necessarily a major increase compared to previous years. In the first month of the 2007-2008 school year, two DUIs were reported.

But Dotson holds that students and

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Chris Tutor, SJC Secretary

administration still have reason to be alarmed.

"Anytime that the number that is greater than zero, I cannot say this year is any better than previous years," he said.

A DUI or other violation of a Virginia State Alcohol and Drug Law in Rockbridge County also violates the university's Initiatives on Alcohol and Other Drugs, as explained in the student handbook.

The Student Judicial Council (SJC) is

currently working to process these violations and issue proper sanctions. According to the handbook, sanctions can vary from fines and mandatory "education and counseling" up to suspension or dismissal from the university.

SJC Chairmain Riley Barnes explained that the handbook includes suggested sanctions, but the council makes decisions on a case-by-case basis, and sanctions can vary based on circumstances.

Some circumstances, however, leave little room for negotiation. Barnes explained that a DUI with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .15 or greater automatically merits suspension from the university.

SJC Secretary Chris Tutor noted that one student has been suspended this year, and others have received "sizeable amounts of community service."

See "Drunk Driving" on page 3

## Wall Street scare rocks W&L investments

*Williams Investment Society rides shaky market, looks for opportunities*

By James Dick  
STAFF WRITER

The recent economic woes on Wall Street—including the buyout and bankruptcy of some of the largest investment banks—has made some students in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics more concerned than usual about the performance of the stock market.

Since January the Williams Investment Society (WIS), a student group that manages about \$1.5 million of Washington and Lee's endowment, has lost 15 percent or approximately \$225,000 of their investments. WIS manages less than 1% of the school's Endowment.

No one questions that playing the stock market is a dangerous game, and for WIS participants, it is also a learning experience. While the loss of several hundred thousand dollars has dampened spirits, the investment society is determined to get it back.

As WIS' executive director Andrew Sims said, losses are to be expected when you take the risk of investing in stocks. Stocks can be unstable if not volatile, and in the

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Andrew Sims, Executive Director of Williams Investment Society

current economic climate anyone with stock runs the risk of losing. Sims considers the investment society's recent losses to be "systematic setbacks."

One of the investment societies' strategies will be to invest in companies with unique products and low stock prices. The theory proposes that if a company has been undervalued, the market will correct itself and the value of the stock will rise.

Sims said the investment society is in a position to make profits while fear of volatile stock prices pervades the market. "A lot of what we've seen in the market recently has been driven by fear—some legitimate and some not," he said.

Prof. Dennis Garvis, department head of business administration and advisor to the Williams Investment Society, suggested that many of the problems in the stock market today reflect poor business models and an overreliance on borrowed money.

"If a company that needs to borrow money can't borrow money at a good rate, it'll have serious issues," he said.

On other hand, companies with

sound business models such as Microsoft are still doing well, Garvis said. The software company recently announced it would buy back a portion of its own shares, taking those shares out of the stock market and making the leftover shares more valuable.

Garvis feels that if companies like Microsoft can afford to buy their own shares, they are probably wealthy enough to keep their operations going at a steady pace. Companies with the financial strength of Microsoft "keep producing, no matter what happens in New York and on Wall Street," making them a sound investment, he said.

Sims said he is excited about the prospect of buying stock in sound, if undervalued, companies while fear is still keeping share prices low. Sims is confident in the investment society's ability to make money despite the economy's uncertain future.

# news

## Campus Sustainability Week

*University uses music, lectures and local food to promote sustainability at W&L*

By Lizz Dye  
STAFF WRITER

In promotion of Washington and Lee's recent efforts to become more environmentally friendly, "Campus Sustainability Week" has kicked off with events and activities that strive to support environmental sustainability at W&L and in the greater Rockbridge community.

The Adrienne Young Band began the week with a concert in the Cohen Amphitheater near the Commons on Sunday.

Adrienne Young is a Spotsylvania, Virginia-based singer, songwriter, and founder of AdieBell Records, a production company. Young has given interviews on NPR, been nominated by the International Bluegrass Music Association as Emerging

Artist of the Year, and toured throughout the U.S. and England.

She is also a spokeswoman for Food Routes Network, a Web site that aids organizations in rebuilding local, community-based food relationships. It aims to increase capacity to design, launch and implement successful "buy local" food campaigns across the country.

Monday is "Water Awareness Day," on which professors Humston, Carey and Harbor will speak on water-related issues of their interest or specialty. Prof. Carey will discuss glaciers, a subject he will focus on during a one-year study of glacial melting in South America. Prof. Harbor will discuss the cleanliness of the Maury River.

Prof. Humston will speak on what the Chesapeake Bay was like before the emergence of environmental awareness, the issues confronting the Bay today

and certain changes that can be made to help restore it. "It crosses on so many issues," Humston said of the Bay. "All environments are intimately

Community Service Day." The Blue Bike Program at W&L will be prominently featured. The bike loan program will provide a free clean form of transportation

for W&L community members.

"The Blue Bike Program gives students other options for travel and its aim is to get people excited about biking," said W&L's Environmental Management Coordinator Chris Wise. "If people use bikes instead of cars, the University will save a lot of money and there will be less air pollution."

Wednesday is "Local Food Stewardship Day." The Local Harvest Dinner in the dining hall will include food from various farms and vendors in Rockbridge country, including the Shenandoah Produce Auction, Sweet Treats Bakery and Papa Weaver Farm.

Marketplace Manager Don Kendall said, "The university supports local farmers, which

says a lot about the university's commitment to the community and sustainability."

Other features of interest include the W&L garden, which the biology department started last year to incorporate fresh-grown produce and herbs into the students' food. The garden also contributes produce to the Campus Kitchens Project.

"By growing our own vegetables, we are not wasting money on canned food," said junior Rosemary Kelley who volunteers in the garden.

Campus Sustainability Week will be an opportunity for W&L students to learn about alternative environmental practices that can result in cleaner and greener communities.

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Chris Wise, Environmental Management Coordinator

## Schedule of Events

### Monday

- **Water Awareness Day, Elrod Commons, room 114**
- **Prof. Robert Humston- "Why Chesapeake Bay? A Look at Its Past, Present and Future"-11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**
- **Tamim Younous- "Interdependency and Sustainability of Energy & Water Production Systems,"-12:15-1:15**
- **Prof. David Harbor- "Your Water- What Is the Source of the Maury River and How Clean Is It?"-1:20-1:50**
- **Prof. Mark Carey- "Water and Society: When the Glaciers Melt"- 1:55-2:25**

### Tuesday

- **Climate Action/Community Service Day, Stemmons Plaza, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.- displays on water and energy conservation, solar energy, biodiesel, the Blue Bike Program, the President's Climate Commitment/Tallorles Declaration, W&L's green house gas inventory and waste minimization**

### Wednesday

- **Local Food Stewardship Day, Elrod Commons Marketplace**
- **Local Harvest Dinner: 95 percent of food purchased locally**

## Rockbridge Report wins award

*Student production gains national recognition for the second time in the three years*

By Barbara Knipp  
STAFF WRITER

The Rockbridge Report, a multimedia news website produced by Washington and Lee University journalism students, was nationally recognized for its production of local news by the Society of Professional Journalists this past April.

This is the second time in the last three years that the Rockbridge Report has received top recognition in the "Stand alone online category" at the SPJ regional conference.

This is no small feat, as the W&L production is competing with large programs from other major universities such as Arizona State University and Northwestern University.

Professor Brian Richardson, head of the journalism department, said that it was "the outstanding students and faculty that made the difference" in produc-

ing the Rockbridge Report.

The Rockbridge Report is a converged, multimedia news website that produces the news of Rockbridge County through print, broadcast and interactive media. It is the only TV news station that is broadcast from Rockbridge County.

While the Rockbridge Report has been at W&L for years, it was just in the past six years that the project became the converged news program that it is today.

The project involves students of the higher-level journalism classes who work together with faculty members to report on the local news of Rockbridge County.

Richardson said he has been involved in the newscast for years, particularly in the last year. He said he enjoys working closely with the students, who are largely responsible for running the project.

The students are in charge of reporting, interviewing, writing, compiling, editing and documenting each aspect of the Rockbridge Report. On the third floor of Reid Hall, groups of journalism students can be found working together on this and other projects.

Caroline Davis, a junior, said she enjoys her time in the lab working on the Rockbridge Report because of "the great chemistry among co-workers" and the "close-knit" bonds formed while compiling the Report.

While students do much of the work, faculty members oversee the project and work closely with the students.

Students who participate gain real-world experience in writing and editing, while also learning the technologies of broadcasting, podcasting, and creating websites.

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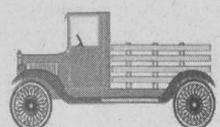
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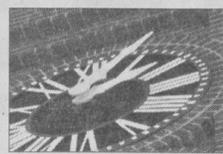
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# news

## Drunk Driving

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of community service."

"We just want to remind people that adult choices mean adult consequences," he said.

Barnes pointed out other severe consequences that can result from a DUI charge. "It will be with you throughout your life," he said. "It can be a career-ruining experience."

Tutor echoed Barnes and Dotson's sentiments in declaring that these incidents are unacceptable by university standards.

"It is a breach of the community's trust to drive drunk," Tutor said. "There's nothing you can say to justify it."

"It is unbelievable that no one in recent years has been killed or maimed," he added.

The recent conduct incidents prompted Dotson to advise Barnes and Tutor to send a campus-wide e-mail reminding students of the seriousness of alcohol violations and the dangers posed to the community by these behaviors.

"The riskier the conduct, the more likely a terrible tragedy could befall our community," said the e-mail. "The first several weeks of the year are exciting and warrant celebration, but they do not warrant the extremely dangerous behavior exhibited by some."

In addition to holding hearings and issuing sanctions for conduct violations, the SJC has been active in the "educational aspect" of encouraging students to make healthy decisions, according to Barnes.

"Any decision to drink and drive when we have resources here is a bad one," Barnes said, citing the availability of Traveller and other safe-ride options.

"Students that host social outings should be sure to provide safe rides and understand that the consequences for violating state and local alcohol laws are severe," said Dotson.

"Someone's going to die if people don't change," concluded Tutor.

## Morella

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Her final call to America's future leader focused on the economy and the United States' role as "a crucible of confidence in global capitalism." Morella emphasized the need to generate both a short term structural fix and a long term prevention plan for the good of the global economy.

Morella's lecture made a strong impression on many attendants.

"I really enjoyed it," said senior Rebecca Taylor. "I thought [her topic] was really relevant. The characteristics the world is looking for in the next American leader are very important to the election. The world is waiting to see what direction the next president will take us."

Added first-year Hannah Deming, "I thought it was really interesting how up-front she was about the international view of America. It really stood out when she talked about France, which most people see as a developed nation, and having such high security [as an American ambassador]. I thought that example pointed out what's wrong with international relations."

Ambassador Morella wrapped up her stay in Lexington with two lectures at VMI for the Women in Leadership Luncheon and a Seminar on International Relations and a special visit to Professor Connelly's Politics 100, American National Government class.

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# opinions

## The bracelet election

*Forget the economy, says Abel Delgado, this election is still about the Iraq War*

By Abel Delgado  
COLUMNIST

The first presidential debate made it clear that the choice in this election comes down to one of two bracelets.

During the debate, Senator McCain told the story of how fallen soldier Matthew Stanley's mother asked him to wear her son's bracelet, making him promise that, "You'll do everything in your power to make sure that my son's death was not in vain."

This is at the heart of why Senator McCain supported the surge.

Senator Obama also wears a bracelet, that of fallen Sergeant Ryan David Jopek, given to him by a mother with a different message. She wanted the Senator to "make sure another mother is not going through what I'm going through."

This is at the heart of why Senator Obama opposed the

surge.

Few people, not I, not Senator McCain, and not Senator Obama, can understand the grief these two women have experienced.

Even when it is a result of a war, burying one's child must be so unnaturally painful that no grief we've ever experienced can compare. But the grief led the women to come to two completely different conclusions, and now the country must choose one.

This is not just about who was right and who was wrong about Iraq.

I believe both men made their decisions based on principles and not on politics.

McCain supported the surge even when it could have cost him the presidency, because he believed winning the war was the right thing for America.

Obama, even after admitting the surge succeeded, says he would still oppose the surge

because it wasn't about succeeding to him. It was about stopping bloodshed.

This is the fundamental difference in philosophy that should determine the election.

Voters have good reason to

cal perspective between McCain and Obama encompasses Iraq, the economy and every other issue.

The question here is not about supporting the surge or \$700 billion bailouts.

*Voters have good reason to say the economy is the most important issue, but our economy will be in tough shape regardless of who gets elected. Presidents get too much credit.*

say the economy is the most important issue but our economy will be in tough shape regardless of who gets elected. Presidents get too much credit when the economy is good and too much blame when the economy is bad.

The difference in philosophy

The question is what beliefs should be behind the choices we make.

If you believe that America has fallen, that we are losing but have not lost quite yet, that we should cut our losses, accept defeat and call it a day, then you

should vote for Senator Obama.

If you believe that tough times mean there is something fundamentally wrong with our nation, and that the wars we fight for our freedom and the freedom of others should stop because people will die, then you should vote for Senator Obama.

If you believe that our capitalist economy should be completely reconfigured because the government can do a better job, or that cost of defending principles of free people and free markets is too high in terms of lives or wage differences, then you should vote for Senator Obama.

But if you believe a fallen America needs to stand up, and if you believe it is not our principles that have failed us but our leaders, then you should vote for Senator McCain.

If you believe that an America that cuts its losses can never win, and that America should always

win, you should vote for Senator McCain.

If you believe that free people and free markets when led by an effective and reformed government will ultimately lead to less bloodshed and greater wealth for all, then you should vote for Senator McCain.

If you are prepared to go through the tough times that we face regardless of who gets elected president, if you can stomach the tough fight we have ahead to make sure that all those soldiers who died protecting America's principles did not die in vain, then your vote will go to John McCain. Mine will.

This is about two bracelets that represent honor and sacrifice, but one that represents that our sacrifices are far from over and our leader should be honorable enough to make them.

# No trays, no justice

*Scott Graham Centorino wants to know why we can't have dinner trays anymore*

By Scott Graham Centorino  
COLUMNIST

As we all know by now, our beloved dining hall has decided to remove trays from its menu in the name of 'sustainability.'

What does that even mean, sustainability?

Now, I have a high school diploma, have taken a couple science courses in my day, and consider myself a mildly intelligent person. Never has 'sustainability' ever been used as an excuse to change something before.

When you sustain something, you keep it the same. So, where are the trays?

I understand this initiative's purpose. I get it. Over the years, I have attained some notoriety as one who will enjoy a wholesome environmental green-fest. I'm all for it. However, I am also for justice and civil liberty. Let's face it - the United States of America would not be where it is today without trays. From the Revolution and Manifest Destiny to the Gilded Age and Technology Boom, trays and American greatness have become interdependent.

After all, could we even begin to imagine Jim Bowie, William Travis, and Davy Crockett juggling their final bullets through the hallways of the Alamo on

bare plates? No. They had trays. Trays of bullets.

Real men carry their bullets on trays.

When you're in the operating room, with your life hanging in the balance, you don't want to glance to your left and see Dr. Trayless cradling all his scalpels and forceps between each finger.

No. You want to see your doctor rocking a tray, working his instruments one at a time. Trays save lives.

In that operating room, you don't want to turn to the nurse and hear, "Oh, don't worry. The hospital is starting a new initiative for 'sustainability.'" You would undoubtedly say, "Hey, how about sustaining my life?" Life or sustainability? Hmmm - tough question made even tougher by my complete lack of knowledge as to what 'sustainability' means.

Shall we analyze the stated reasons for this shift in culinary vision?

Actually, you have no choice. Signs appearing in the dining hall list five major reasons for going "Tray-less."

First of all, the sign itself is anti-American. Who puts up signs just declaring decisions in which you had no say? It might as well say - 'Hey piggies - we're

doing this, and you can't do anything about it because we made the decision in a dark, backroom without your meaningless opinion. Shut up and take it.'

The last time Americans saw such oppressive posters, they were English colonists and they had a King. His name was George. The Third.

The sign begins, "The Mar-

*The sign begins, "The Marketplace is going Tray-Less!" I'm not making this up. What kind of audacity is required to end such a sentence with an exclamation point?*

ketplace is going Tray-less!" I'm not making this up. What kind of audacity is required to end such a sentence with an exclamation point?

Humans should never be subjected to such things.

It continues, in a very cheery font, "Beginning Sunday, August 31, 2008 Washington and Lee Dining Services supports sustainability."

This implies that there must have been some kind of planned coup d'état within Dining Ser-

vices on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup>. It suggests an anti-sustainability regime has been subverted by administrative mercenaries via regicide before propping up this false, pro-sustainability puppet.

The next time you are in the D-Hall, look into the eyes of our friends behind the food. In their eyes, you will see the dangerous sublimity of cautious waiting.

They hate sustainability, because people hate things they don't understand. I don't understand sustainability, therefore I hate it.

You also may notice a subtle but visual hint of their quiet but firm insubordination. What do the workers use to serve their food? Trays. That's right - dirty, costly, anti-sustainability trays.

They are communicating with us.

They are with us.

All we have to do is listen, wait, and stand ready.

The poster continues with "The simple act of going tray-less will: minimize food waste, reduce water and energy usage, reduce the release of chemicals into the environment, reduce costs, support the University's environmental sustainability initiatives."

Whoa. Hold the phone - five whole reasons we should sacrifice our freedom? You could have stopped at four and had me.

Whichever puppet government bureaucrat wrote this poster has obviously never tried to carry two plates of tater-tots, Chilean sea bass, a glass of sweet tea, an appetizer salad, a lemon for the tea, and four plates of angel food cake - at least not without a tray.

If he had, he would never describe it as a "simple act."

Food waste? Maybe.

Water and energy usage? I'll buy it.

Reduce the release of chemicals into the environment? Wait a minute. What on earth were these people up to back there when we had trays?

And reduce costs? When does my tuition drop?

Finally, the real star attraction of this checklist - supporting the university's environmental sustainability initiatives.

Isn't this that very initiative? Even the sleaziest used car salesman would never try to pitch to a sucker customer, "Oh, and your purchase of this car will support your initiative to buy a car."

It then closes with the jolly, "Please join us on the path to sustainability!" Perhaps I missed something, but I only see one path - their path.

Well, thank you for the invitation to your forced march! Much appreciated; I'll be sure to attend.

I'll tell you what path I will take - I'll follow Davy Crockett. Huddled in the dark and musty rooms of the Alamo, during the most famous siege in American history, surrounded by thousands of approaching Mexican soldiers, the men of the Alamo never could have imagined a world where people would give up such basic liberties as trays without a fight.

Davy Crockett, I salute you. Nobody ever cried, "Remember the Sustainability Initiative!"

I believe in freedom. I believe in trays.

At least until someone actually explains just why they need to disappear that is.

## Think the financial crisis doesn't affect you? Think again.

*It doesn't matter what your major is, you are going to be affected by the impending financial meltdown. So pay attention!*

By Jacob Geiger  
COLUMNIST

Think the financial crisis doesn't affect you? Think again

Unless you're one of those unlucky business majors in the C-School who watched his Wall Street job offer vanish into bankruptcy last week, you may not have paid much attention to the current financial crisis.

Well, I've got bad news for you. Whether you're a first-year, senior, or faculty member, and whether you work in the C-School, Science Center or Wilson Hall, this financial crisis matters.

Congress is busily debating a \$700 billion bailout proposal from Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson that would - in theory - stabilize the financial markets

and help keep faltering companies in business.

The plan calls for the government to buy up mortgage-backed securities; these securities have lost value in the past year as millions of Americans fell behind on mortgage payments and lost their houses to foreclosure. The government hopes this will be a short-term fix that lets companies get these bad assets off their books. In theory, the government can then sell the assets back to the companies a few years from now.

How much is \$700 billion? Well, since the federal budget for 2008 is about \$3 trillion, the bailout represents about a 20 to 25 percent increase in spending for the government this year.

The problem, of course, is

that the federal government only collected around \$2.6 trillion in taxes last year, far less than the \$2.9 trillion it was already planning to spend. With the cost of the bailout, that spending total is now well over \$3 trillion.

Deficit spending is nothing new to our government. Aside from a few unusual periods, including the tech boom of the late-1990s, the government has run on deficit spending since the Great Depression.

But deficit spending by the federal government is kind of like taking your credit card down to Pumpkinseds. If you run up a big bill, you don't have to pay it all back right away, but you do have to make regular interest payments. Right now the government is spending \$460 billion a

year on interest payments. That's about 15 percent of the federal budget for 2008.

The new bailout is going to push the national debt up closer to \$10 trillion, meaning those interest payments are only going to get bigger. If we assume there are about 300 million U.S. citizens, that's more than \$33,000 of debt for each of us.

Here's the problem: At some point, the rest of the world's going to be forced to stage a financial intervention. China, Singapore, Dubai and other nations that keep loaning us money are going to cut us off and tell us we can't have any more until we figure out how to stop spending more than we earn.

Who do you think is going to pay up? Not the grandpas and

grandmas who run Washington, D.C. They'll probably be dead before this financial intervention takes place. Not our parents, who will be heading off to retirement in the next 15 years (assuming their 401k plans recover from the disastrous last few weeks).

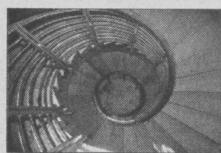
Nope, we'll be stuck paying for our parents' Social Security and dealing with the colossal debt we've been handed. Gee mom and dad, thanks for all your love and support and a crushing federal debt!

I understand that the financial crisis is difficult to understand. Even a lot of people who've made their careers in business have had to learn a boatload of new terms in the last few months. How many people knew what a subprime mortgage or a credit-

default swap was a year ago? (If you did know, thanks a lot for not warning us).

We're less than six weeks away from a pivotal election. Frankly, neither one of these candidates looks particularly well qualified to lead us out of this mess. In fact, I'm not sure anyone on Wall Street or Capitol Hill can really be trusted to look after the next generation.

Regardless of who wins on Nov. 4, a new age is coming. The days of borrowing obscene amounts of money to pay for immense federal government programs have got to end. If we don't wake up and make America's leaders stop selling the future to pay for today, what sort of country are we going to inherit?



# Opinions

## Where have all the good men gone?

*Wherever you're hiding, it's time to ask a girl out*

By Gozi Egbuonu  
COLUMNIST

As Homecoming is about to be upon us, I thought it would be poignant to discuss the unfortunate predicament that many campus women find themselves in: a Dateless Homecoming weekend.

Being that this will be my first dateless Homecoming, I immediately found myself in a frenzied panic that involved me going out several nights this week in the hopes that I would stumble on a possible date, but sadly, I was highly unsuccessful.

After my failure, I had a moment of reflection that sort of went like this:

"Why am I out trying to find a date? Shouldn't someone be looking for me instead? I am a fine woman (thanks, Oprah) and I deserve to be chased."

And like that, I immediately knew what was wrong. All of the good men on this campus are missing. I have since put out an Amber Alert for them, but have not received any information or helpful leads.

But in all seriousness, where are you guys? I know you are all out there, but I have yet to see you unless you are already with someone else and in that case, I am very hurt.

Sure, many of you are probably thinking, "Well, maybe something is wrong with you that is preventing you from getting as much as a measly date to homecoming."

Like you, I thought the same thing until I went out into the world beyond Rockbridge County and realized that I am doing

pretty well. I am not morbidly obese and forced to stay in a bed because I cannot move. Nor do I suffer from a serious case of bad body odor. Additionally, I lotion so I do not feel like an alligator, I try to spruce things up in the wardrobe department, and I have been known to put on a little rouge

Homecoming weekend or inviting her to join you at a cocktail party. Chances are that buddy of yours who is giving you lip probably has a long-distance girlfriend at Sweetbriar or Hollins and just wants you to join him in misery. Don't join him.

Be the great General that I know you are

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when the mood strikes me. I also happen to be one of the least awkward people on this campus. Yes, I may shout loudly across the BDG quad or blow my nose loudly in the commons, but I take that all as a sign of just how comfortable I am with myself.

Hey, guys like a confident woman (don't laugh, you know you do).

So, with that settled, the ball is in you guys' court. There are assortments of gorgeous, outgoing, friendly, and beautiful single women out there who remain dateless and it is a shame.

Don't let your friends tell you that you are lame for asking a girl out to dinner

and go out there and find a date. Believe me, there are many girls dateless out there, so do not succumb to that horrible infliction of thinking someone has already asked her to be his date. Ask her if she has a date and if she does, go on to the next girl.

I know that may sound awful, but tough. You can't have your cake and eat it too, so let the guy go find a date. I am a strong believer in sisterhood and we sisters have to be understanding in these situations.

Ultimately, if you are a single gal and you still don't have a date, just go out anyways, or find your girls and have a girls' night out. Every girl loves a GNO!

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### staffeditorial

## No more DUIs, please

*If drunk driving's a game, it's too deadly for W&L*

Four DUI arrests in as many weeks?

It seems that Washington and Lee has a drinking and driving problem.

Considering the abundance of resources that exist for transporting students home from parties, this number—in fact, any DUI incidents at

Call a sober driver—fraternities hire these for the sole purpose of making sure students get home safe.

Call Traveller Dispatch.

Call W&L Public Safety.

Make plans before you go out so you'll avoid these perilous situations. Do *anything*, but don't get in your car

but somehow, they made that trip driving in their own cars.

Does that sound like something to be proud of?

If the answer to that is yes, then we have good reason to be scared.

Drinking and driving is not a game. It's not a way to have fun.

Some students seemed to have developed the mentality that since college isn't quite the real world, the things we do here don't really matter. But these decisions are real.

People can die.

Frankly, it's amazing for a college that drinks as heavily and as often as we do that no one has died lately.

It's a minor miracle that we here at the Phi would just as soon see continued.

Perhaps we're being patronizing and lecturing. But when it comes to something this serious, we as a paper would rather bluster than have to say 'we told you so.'

In October 2000, Washington and Lee lost two students to drunk driving.

Since then, there hasn't been a drunk driving related death at W&L.

When it comes to 'no deaths due to drunk driving' no streak is too long, not even one stretching nearly a decade.

So don't be the next one.

You know the risks. There are no rewards.

Don't be stupid.

*Students brag about how they don't even remember getting home last night, but somehow, they made that trip driving in their own cars. Does that sound like something to be proud of?*

all—is unfathomable.

And unacceptable.

The Traveller system developed in response to drunk driving accidents that occurred several years ago.

Now we pour lots of money into that system to make sure those tragedies don't happen again.

So why are we seeing these numbers?

Sometimes the crowd of passengers trying to board Traveller creates a frustratingly long wait.

Sometimes you're out on a Tuesday night when Traveller buses aren't running, or you're in a location not on the route.

But call a friend.

drunk.

What's been prompting students to make such poor decisions when all of the resources make this completely unnecessary?

We've been trying to figure that out. For students at W&L, partying—just like sports and academics—seems to be a competition. Students think it's a game.

It's not.

Students think they're invincible, and they feel the need to prove it by taking as many risks as possible.

That's dumb.

You know you've heard it before.

Students brag about how they don't even remember getting home last night,

# opinions

## letter to the editor

# Spin cycle civility. It happens.

*Sam Gilleran would like to thank the Laundry God/Goddess. They're nice, amen.*

Someone folded my laundry. Twice. I have no idea who did this. In fact, I'm secretly hoping that this person will continue to fold my laundry. This being Washington and Lee, we have constantly malfunctioning dryers, so I had to re-run some clothes at 2 AM last night. Needless to say, they haven't been taken out of the dryer yet, unless this kind soul has already done it for me.

Allow me to explain my sudden exuberance for laundry.

It was about noon yesterday and I realized that I had to do laundry. It should have been done about a week earlier. However, due to the stress of school, attempting to get back into the routine of writing papers, and my now-chronic illness, I was more than content simply to deal with the ever-growing pile of clothes later. Then I ran out of clean clothes and realized that something had to be done NOW.

So I trekked over to Woods Creek West, carrying an overflowing basket of laundry. I calmly placed my clothes in the washers, put the quarters into the slots, left the building, and promptly forgot about my clothes.

See, I had to go to the business office, and I had to go the bank, and I had to take a shower after PE, and I had to eat lunch, and I had to finish reading

for my class that was in two hours. You know how it is. The thought of laundry did occur to me while I was supposed to be thinking in class about why a picture of southern Africa and the Indian Ocean was on the cover of Stanley Lombardo's translation of the Odyssey, but alas! there was no time to walk all the way back to Woods Creek, transfer

my phone. It was 8:30 PM. My clothes had been sitting in the washers for eight hours after their cycle was complete. Or so I thought.

I left the Commons, where I was attempting to slog through the history of cow herding in East Africa, and I walked over to Woods Creek West Laundry Room. And there were my

frankly. So I put the clothes into the dryers, did the quarters thing, and went back to the Commons to finish the history of cow herding.

I made it through the book. It was about 1:30 AM. My clothes had been finished and sitting in the dryers for about 4 hours or so. Or so I thought. I dragged myself back over to West, wanting nothing more than to just dump my clothes into the basket and fold them later, the next morning.

BEHOLD!  
My clothes — folded neatly on top of the dryer. At least the ones that were dry (stupid nonfunctioning dryers, waste of a perfectly good dollar). I quit believing in fictional characters around the age of eight, you know, Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy. However, I have concluded that there is a Laundry God/Goddess. Not only that, but this Laundry Deity loves me and has a wonderful plan for my life, which apparently involves never having to fold clothes ever again.

I was in such shock that I immediately gently placed my folded clothes into the basket, dropped them off in my room, walked back to the laundry room, and placed a notice on the door. It read something like:

"DEAR LAUNDRY GOD/GOD-

DESS: WILL YOU MARRY ME? □ YES □ NO"

This anonymous offer of marriage still holds. (Note: If you're a laundry god and not a goddess, I don't swing that way. I wasn't thinking clearly at that time of night. Sorry to disappoint. But maybe we can bro out and play Rock Band or something.)

This is all very humorous, at least I think so, but there is an intelligible point. During one of my study breaks last night (read: gripe session about cow herding), I read Gozi's editorial about the effect of the Greek system on the Speaking Tradition. I found myself piously nodding in agreement with her insight about this evil impact of our social hierarchy. I was in complete agreement with her assertion that neither Washington nor Lee "would be very happy with such behavior." Actually, I still am in complete agreement with that statement.

However, I don't think it's quite as bad as Gozi perceives. Kindness and civility may indeed be somewhat unfashionable in our brave new world. But somebody folded my clothes last night. Twice.

Sam Gilleran

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my clothes from the washers to the dryers, and make it to Lex Coffee by 3:45 to have an important conversation about ... procrastination, actually.

Then it was off to Chamber Singers. Then I had to start reading for class the next day, a 200+ page book called "Antecedents to Modern Rwanda." I love my class on Rwanda, I really do, but David Vaught and Steph Schafer will attest to the fact that I was whining about this book all night. I looked at

clothes. Folded. Wet, but folded. Now I knew they would be out of the washers. I myself pulled that trick several times freshman year — you need a washer, the time display says "00," you throw the clothes out onto the table and put your own in. (By the way, Microsoft Word just tried to correct my usage of "freshman year." I think I'm going to scream.) However, my clothes were not dumped onto the table. They were neatly folded on top of the dryers. I was shocked,

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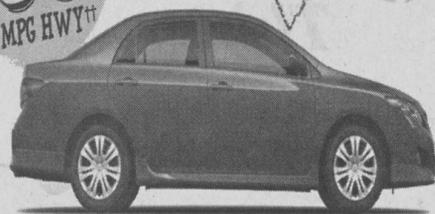
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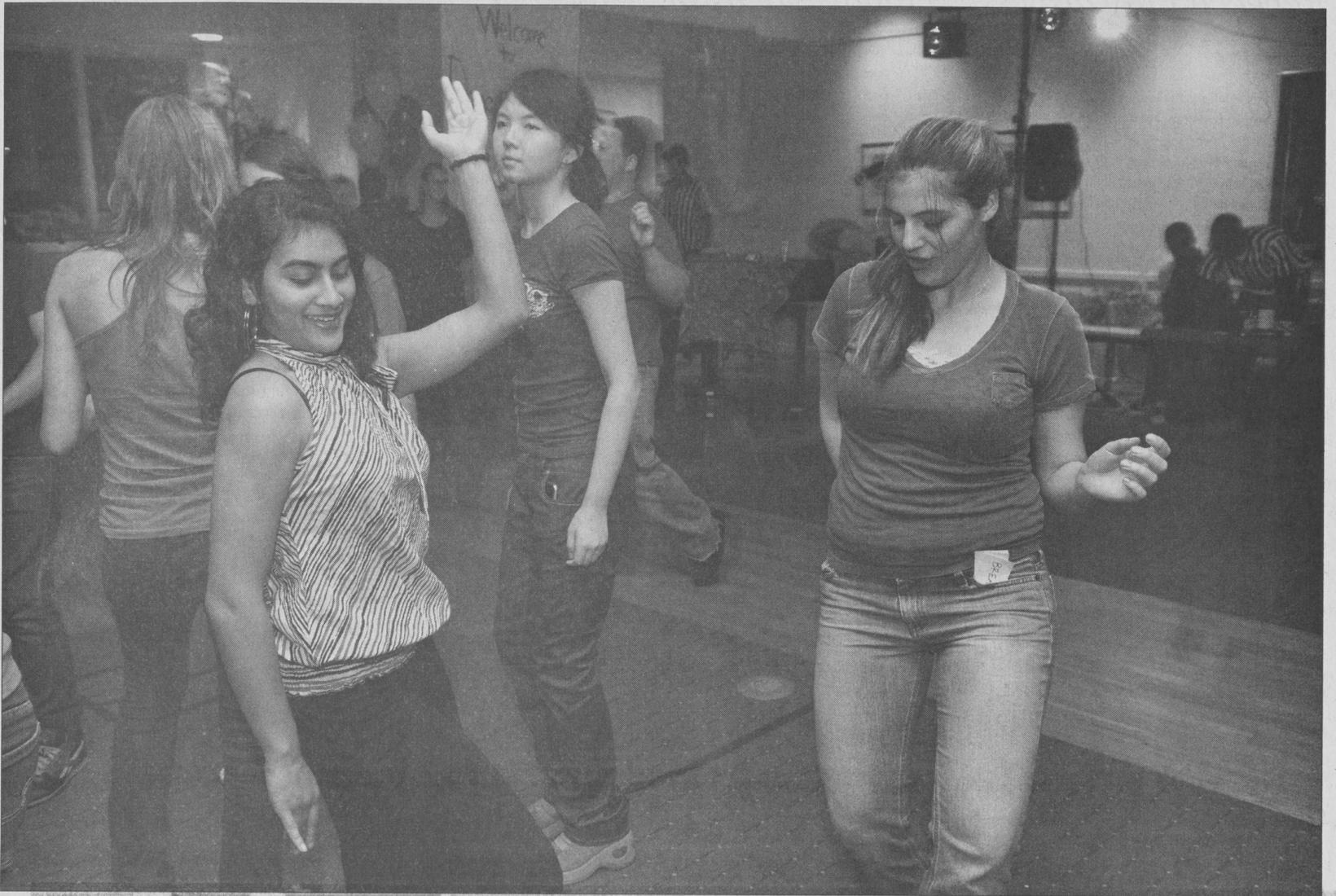
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# arts & life

## Students dance the night away



Ashna Sharan and Anna Van Erven, two first-year contestants, show off their moves at the second annual Dance-a-thon

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### Dance-a-thon raises over \$1,000, 21 students compete for full FD package

By Sarah Keckler  
STAFF WRITER

The commons living room played host to one of this year's longest dance parties: Phi Beta Sigma and Pi Beta Phi's Dance-a-thon.

The event was themed "Dancing Around the World" and benefited the March of Dimes and Rockbridge County literacy programs, the philanthropy initiatives of the sponsoring fraternity and sorority.

From Friday evening to the earliest hours of Saturday morning, students from every class were trying to stay on their toes and dance to the sounds of music from an array of different coun-

tries. The last one dancing was to be awarded a full Fancy Dress package.

The second annual Dance-a-thon was held in the Commons living room with DJ (and alum) David Graves. It began officially at 9:40 p.m. Friday night and ended at around 4 a.m. Saturday morning. Twenty-one students registered to compete for the grand prize. Many more students came to dance without having to abide by the stringent rules for contestants.

Besides the FD package grand prize, runners-up received gift certificates from local busi-

nesses. Participants could also win prizes in a raffle.

Jessie Wang, Vice President of Philanthropy for Pi Beta Phi, said she appreciated the support. "I really want to thank all the organizations who donated gift certificates, and also a big thank-you to all the contestants for supporting our cause," she said.

Wang noted that this year's contestants were more intense than last year. "People came in workout clothes and everything," she said. One contestant, first-year Jenny Pritchett, went on an all-carb diet for a few days leading up to the competition.

Chris Rucker, president of Phi Beta Sigma, explained that this year's Dance-a-thon included new rules. The competition involved trivia questions with which, for each correct answer, a contestant was awarded points, which could help determine the winner in case of a tie. Participants also received break tickets at the beginning of the dance, which they could exchange for break time or keep for points.

The main rule was simply to not stop dancing.

Wang mentioned that this year's competition raised almost twice as much as last year's, de-

spite that fact that nearly the same number of dancers registered.

"The raffle tickets and t-shirts made the difference and so far we've raised over \$1,000," Wang said.

The t-shirts certainly received a lot of raving reviews. Junior Kim Holland said, "I love the shirt design with different languages!"

Rucker joined Wang in thanking student organizations such as PAACE and GRC who helped decorate and support the event. "We're going to try to make this event bigger and better every year," he said.

Sometime around 4 a.m., senior Shreya Durvasula and sophomore Becky Guynn tied for first place with three correct trivia questions each and decided to split the FD package rather than compete in a dance-off.

Last year's first-place winner, sophomore Hannah Kollef showed up to dance and support friends, but refused to register to defend her title, "mostly because I puked for four hours after it ended last year," she said.

## Australian comedian performs in Stackhouse Theater

James Smith's hilarious performance was well received by the W&L community, GAB to bring in more comedians

By Michael Morella  
STAFF WRITER

While the presidential election is making headlines for almost every news publication in the country, it is making something quite different for comedian James Smith: punch lines.

The Australian-born comic spent a fair portion of his hour-long set at Washington and Lee on Tuesday focused on political issues, particularly involving the ongoing presidential race.

Before a crowd of several dozen in Stackhouse Theater, Smith parodied everything from political activism among celebrities to the issues of race and gender that have come up throughout the campaigns.

Smith added a trace of his deadpan, dark humor to standard-fare standup comedy topics — politics, dating, the Jonas Brothers — and was met with roars of laughter from those in

attendance.

"It was pretty much what I had hoped for," said senior Morgan Harris, acting comedy chair and Common Grounds chair for General Activities Board (GAB). Morgan introduced Smith at the beginning of the night.

"There was actually some intelligent humor," Harris said. "But that was just a small indication of things to come."

Harris, who's tried his hand at standup at various events in his time at W&L, has seen the amount of money and interest in standup comedy at W&L increase dramatically over the past four years.

"We get comedians right before they blow up," he said. Smith's performance marked a premiere event in the GAB Comedy Series for the 2008-2009 school year. Harris says the GAB's goal is to bring in one comedian each month.

While his material was familiar to many, Smith's path to comedy is most assuredly a unique one. A graduate of Bond University's law school, one of

out high school and college, he found no outlet for what he felt was his innate desire to perform.

Smith was selected to debate at the 1995 World Debating

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**Morgan Harris, GAB comedy chair**

Australia's most prestigious universities, Smith was a practicing banking and finance lawyer in Sydney before he entered into the world of comedy.

"I was always the wise guy [in school]," Smith explained in a post-show interview. "I was always the class clown." After participating in debate and public speaking activities through-

out high school and college, he found no outlet for what he felt was his innate desire to perform. Smith was selected to debate at the 1995 World Debating Championships at Princeton University and won the Australasian Public Speaking Competition in Melbourne that same year. After college, Smith began performing comedy at open mics as an outlet for his urge to perform outside of the courtroom.

While practicing law in Sydney, Smith had an epiphany: comedy seemed to him the only

thing he could do effortlessly. Within two months of his debut, Smith was dubbed "Comic of the Year" at the Sydney Comedy Festival, according to Comedy Central.

Even with all his accolades, Smith's favorite part of comedy is still the purity of the profession. He loves just having a conversation with the audience and draws most of his material from issues that he feels passionately about, and hopes that the crowd can laugh right along with him.

Now a regular in the New York City comedy circuit, Smith has made good friends with the community of performers there, and has been particularly influenced by popular comic Chris Rock.

Inspired by his friend and mentor, Smith is currently in the process of writing an HBO special he hopes will give him greater exposure. He plans to

devote the next 12 to 18 months perfecting his material and delivery in comedy clubs all across the country.

"You have to treat it like a football season," he said.

He also spoke highly of his stop in Lexington, reminiscing about his own undergraduate experience in Australia and complimenting his listeners' intellect and welcoming environment.

Perhaps Smith's sincerest form of flattery during his performance was in his parody of the W&L community itself. From jokes about Ralph Lauren in the bookstore and sorority row looming like the palaces of Beverly Hills, Smith sarcastically found comfort in the finer things that the hard work and intellect of W&L students has afforded.

"It's nicer when everybody's rich," he said with a grin.

# arts & life

## Scholar addresses free thought

Rebecca Lilly discusses creative ideas in "Freedom from habitual perception"

By Valaree Tang  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee community seems to want some new ideas. With the upcoming election and controversy regarding some of the school's new policies and "phraseology", an original thought or opinion would be welcome. But it seems that there may be something blocking an influx of creative thinking. In her lecture, Rebecca Lilly presented her theories about what prevents innovative thought.

Lilly, a poet, philosopher and thinker, presented her ideas at the 2008 Root Lecture on September 23 in a lecture entitled "Freedom from Habitual Perception". Held in Huntley Hall, the lecture was free and open to the public.

Lilly presented the differences between the mind and awareness. She held that the mind is "mental software" whose "basic mechanism is identification". Awareness, on the other hand, is non-dual unconditioned "pure potential" that is non-resisting and "goes with the flow". Realizing the distinction between the

two helps us to think, as the cliché goes, outside the box.

Lilly asserted that life apart from habitual perception allows for humans to have "original or creative ideas and solutions, compassion or unconditional love, and inner objectivity..."

She then claimed that the mind is the origin of conditioned and negative emotions, while awareness is "the source of unconditioned well-being or happiness and (conditioned) positive emotions, which result from identification," wrote Lilly in her lecture handout. Identification causes emotional reactivity. In order to rid ourselves of the negative emotions put forth by the mind, we must disassociate ourselves from our mind and allow awareness to control our thoughts in a process she called disidentification.

Lilly asserted that "awareness removes us from this unconscious personalized relationship with everything, and affords self-understanding, and an objective view" which will, in turn, prevent the experience of negative emotions.

Disidentification, also called "detached witnessing," allows people to be apart from the mind, and "experience non-dual awareness, of being disidentified from the mind," wrote Lilly. She differentiated between disidenti-

fication through analyzing, judging, and bargaining processes. However, a spiritual paradox rules disidentification. Lilly elaborated by saying that, "The mind can't free itself from the mind; the mind (as the seat

and completely intimate with experience at the same time," wrote Lilly.

Students from various philosophy courses attended the lecture.

"I haven't studied much philosophy other than for the class I'm in now, so the lecture taught me about something I wasn't very familiar with," said sophomore Anna Hermesmann.

Although students may not have fully understood Lilly's ideas, they were able to appreciate the concepts. "The ideas of the lecture were interesting," said Hermesmann.

Students also preferred attending Lilly's lecture as opposed to reading about the same concepts from text.

"It was refreshing to have an actual lecture as opposed to a lecture where a scholar reads from a manuscript on which they are working," said Paige Wiley.

However, Hermesmann and Wiley were not the only students who found Lilly's concepts interesting. Ashna Sharan, a philosophy student, related the ideas presented in the lecture to

her own life.

"I found the lecture very interesting because I related it to one of my philosophies that branch from Indian culture: fulfill your dharma (duty) because you should and not for the rewards or result. There are many chores which I might not prefer to do, such as folding laundry, but I detach myself from the emotions and fold the laundry because I should," said Sharan.

Lilly received her B.A. from The College of William and Mary, a Ph.D. in philosophy from Princeton, and an M.F.A. from Cornell. She has taught courses at assorted universities on philosophy, including W&L. She is also the author of *The Insights of Higher Awareness: Understanding Spiritual Truth and Ego and the Spiritual Self: A Path to Awareness*. In addition, Lilly has written poems and arranged them into two separate collections- *You Want to Sell Me a Small Antique* and *Shadwell Hills*, a collection of Haiku poems.

*"The mind can't free itself from the mind; the mind...cannot propel itself directly into awareness; it can only indirectly achieve awareness."*

Rebecca Lilly, Root Lecturer

fication and indifference, where disidentification is intended to be more experiential. Disidentification, according to Lilly, is "an inward turning of attention" that ponders the questions of what is occurring in one's experience currently, as well as whether one can embrace that situation.

Though disidentification is ideal, Lilly highlighted the fact that it is often quite difficult to achieve. The mind resists dis-

identification through analyzing, judging, and bargaining processes. However, a spiritual paradox rules disidentification. Lilly elaborated by saying that, "The mind can't free itself from the mind; the mind (as the seat

of will) cannot propel itself directly into awareness; it can only indirectly achieve awareness. The mind's basic operation is resistance, whereas awareness doesn't resist; it's all-embracing."

## The Triumphant return of The Walkmen

Will Mays reviews the new album released by the indie rock band

By Will Mays  
STAFF WRITER

When faced with the question, "Hey, have you heard the new Walkmen album?" many of W&L's students revealed that not only had they not heard the album, but few had even heard of the band at all.

While the community might not yet be acquainted with the band, the group's album may make its mark on this year's music scene. The Walkmen's most recent effort, *You & Me*, released

albums, and the overall result is more mature songwriting.

That's not to say *You & Me* is without its fair share of fun though. Such standouts as "In the New Year" and "Postcards from Tiny Islands" each roar with energy the band rarely displayed in the past, and the softer tunes feature subtle strings and horns that lead to a more filled-out sound from the band. The Walkmen may have not innovated much in their songwriting department, but what changes were made are

*The Walkmen's most recent effort, You & Me, released last month, is easily one of this year's best forays into indie rock...This album finds The Walkmen at the top of their game.*

last month, is easily one of this year's best forays into indie rock. "It's good. I really like it," senior Morgan Harris said.

*You & Me* marks the New York quintet's first album of original material since 2006's sonic departure, *A Hundred Miles Off*. Unlike the Latin-influenced *Miles*, though, *You & Me* finds the band returning, yet expanding upon the sound of their earlier work. The guitars jangle in their clean tones and the upright piano and organ sound straight out of vintage American guitar rock.

The album's opener, "Dónde Está la Playa" whirs to life with somber bass, drums, and organ. The listener is immediately immersed into lead singer Hamilton Leithauser's tale of life after parties. The album takes a more cynical tone towards the late-night lifestyle than previous

both noticeable and add new-found depth to their sound.

While *You & Me* is on the whole excellent, the album does have a misstep here and there. The first half of the album is exceptionally strong, yet the second half meanders to a degree, and the songs are noticeably less memorable. That being said though, "In the New Year" stands not only as one of The Walkmen's best songs to date, but also one of the best songs released in 2008.

*You & Me's* production is crisp and clear, and the overall effort ranks among one of the year's best. This album finds The Walkmen at the top of their game. All qualms aside, *You & Me* is heartily recommended to any and all who enjoy indie rock at W&L.

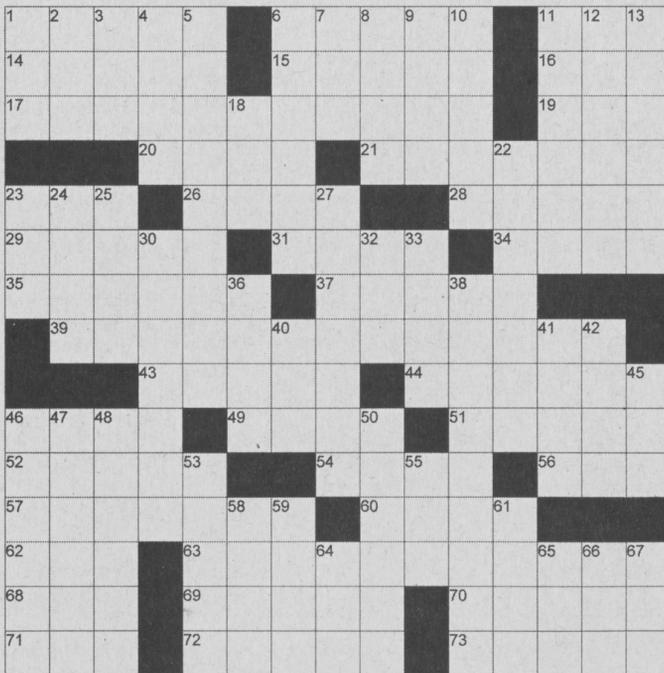
## Crossword of the week

Anticipation

Neville L. Fogarty

ACROSS

1. 1994 film: "\_\_\_ and Present Danger"
6. Beach Boys hit "Do You \_\_\_ Dance?"
11. Employ
14. Eagle's home
15. Brainstorms
16. Chicken \_\_\_
17. October event to look forward to
19. Quote from Homer
20. Type of day
21. Catherine the Great, e.g.
23. Pack animal
26. Pierce
28. Bumpkin
29. Ten Commandments word
31. Google search type
34. Like Dumas who wrote "The Count of Monte Cristo"
35. Outcast
37. Swap
39. December/January event to look forward to
43. Jeans material
44. Author Jong and others
46. Ages
49. Word said 132 times in a 1970 "Monty Python" sketch
51. Foreword, for short
52. Flower part
54. Astronaut's drink
56. Darn
57. Scribe
60. Mother of the Titans
62. King Kong, e.g.
63. April event to look forward to
68. Ballpoint, e.g.
69. Irk



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70. Hosiery material
71. Street in "Harry Potter:" Spinner's \_\_\_
72. Like dessert wines
73. Consumed
18. "To be, or \_\_\_ to be"
22. Lured
23. Cleo's undoing
24. "Pygmalion" playwright
25. Hindu garment
27. It may match the shower curtains
30. Lohan of "Mean Girls"
32. Like Tiger Woods
33. After-Christmas event
36. Coop group
38. "The Golden Compass" transport
40. Actor Torn
41. Book before Romans, familiarly
42. Lively
45. Farm female
46. Keyboard key, in full
47. Look into again, as a cold case
48. Add on
50. Type of school
53. Speaks like Cindy Brady
55. Bother, like some wives
58. Egypt
59. Elmer, e.g.
61. Comtatura's piece
64. "\_\_\_ Got a Secret!"
65. "C'\_\_\_ la vie!"
66. Potentially pale potent potable
67. Boy toy?

DOWN

1. Saturn, e.g.
2. Civil War general
3. Baseball stat
4. Helps out
5. Bring back
6. Teepee alternative
7. Sum up
8. Straight, at the bar
9. Votes no
10. Examine
11. "Rabbit, Run" author
12. Oklahoma athlete
13. 1995 film "Waiting to \_\_\_"



# sports

## ODAC Standings

(As of press time Sunday)

FOOTBALL		
Team	Conf.	Overall
1. Hampden-Sydney	1-0	4-0
2. Randolph-Macon	1-0	2-2
3. WASHINGTON & LEE	0-0	3-1
4. Emory & Henry	0-0	1-2
5. Bridgewater	0-0	1-3
6. Catholic	0-1	3-1
7. Gullford	0-1	2-2

FIELD HOCKEY		
Team	Conf.	Overall
1. Randolph-Macon	3-0	4-5
2. Eastern Mennonite	2-0	7-2
3. Bridgewater	1-0	6-4
4. Virginia Wesleyan	1-0	1-6
5. Lynchburg	1-1	5-4
6. WASHINGTON & LEE	0-1	2-5
7. Roanoke	0-2	1-8
8. Sweet Briar	0-3	5-4

MEN'S SOCCER		
Team	Conf.	Overall
1. Lynchburg	2-0	7-2
2. Roanoke	2-0	5-2-1
3. Virginia Wesleyan	2-1	3-4
4. Eastern Mennonite	2-2	9-2
5. Hampden-Sydney	1-1	5-3
6. Bridgewater	0-0-2	4-3-3
7. Randolph	1-1	4-5
8. Randolph-Macon	1-1-1	2-6-1
9. Gullford	1-2	1-7
10. WASHINGTON & LEE	0-2-1	4-2-1
11. Emory & Henry	0-2	4-4-1

WOMEN'S SOCCER		
Team	Conf.	Overall
1. Eastern Mennonite	3-0	5-3
2. Virginia Wesleyan	4-0-1	4-1-3
3. Lynchburg	2-0-1	9-0-2
4. WASHINGTON & LEE	3-1	5-3
5. Roanoke	3-1	5-4-1
6. Emory & Henry	1-2	7-3
7. Bridgewater	1-2	3-6-1
8. Gullford	1-2	2-7
9. Randolph-Macon	1-3	5-3
10. Sweet Briar	0-1	2-4
11. Hollins	0-3	1-5
12. Randolph	0-4	2-7

VOLLEYBALL		
Team	Conf.	Overall
1. Randolph-Macon	4-0	13-5
2. WASHINGTON & LEE	4-0	10-4
3. Virginia Wesleyan	3-0	8-6
4. Lynchburg	2-1	10-8
5. Emory & Henry	3-2	12-3
6. Bridgewater	3-2	12-4
7. Roanoke	2-2	12-2
8. Gullford	2-3	4-13
9. Sweet Briar	0-3	5-13
10. Randolph	0-4	5-14
11. Eastern Mennonite	0-5	3-11

The men's cross country team finished first out of 11 teams at the Washington & Lee Invitational, fifth out of 8 teams at the James Madison Invitational, and tenth out of 25 teams at the Dickinson Invitational.

The women's cross country team finished first out of 12 teams at the Virginia Wesleyan Invitational, first out of 10 teams at the Washington & Lee Invitational, and ninth out of 35 teams at the Roy Griak Invitational at the University of Minnesota.

## Reviewing the year in MLB

Lee Tackett recaps the baseball season's highs and lows

By Lee Tackett  
STAFF WRITER

As the 2008 Major League Baseball season comes to a close, we look back on a year that defied tradition, rewrote the record books and said goodbye to one of the most sacred structures that the game has ever seen.

One major story that has received little to no national media attention is that there have been zero positive steroid tests at the major league level this season.

In 2005, when Commissioner Bud Selig first addressed the issue of steroid abuse with a complete testing program, twelve players tested positive and served their mandatory ten-game suspensions. Among the convicted was potential Hall of Famer Rafael Palmeiro, who vehemently denied ever using steroids at a Congressional hearing earlier in the year. Palmeiro's suspension brought lots of negative attention to the game, and to date, he is the highest profile player to ever serve a steroid suspension.

Although the casual fan expects for professional athletes not to knowingly cheat, it says a lot about the state of the game that only three years after new restrictions and punishments were put in place for steroid use that no players were taken off of the roster because of illegal steroid use.

On a positive note, the story of the year is the emergence of the Tampa Bay Rays. Relegated to complete futility for its entire tenure as a franchise, the Rays were quietly mentioned as an improving franchise.

After finishing in the cellar of the American League East every year except for 2007, the Rays were able to accumulate high draft picks. Unfortunately for the organization, few of their top draft choices were able to ever make a splash in the big leagues until 2002 first-round choice B.J. Upton was able to cement himself in the starting

lineup.

Many of the current Rays have been developed through the organization, which has been very patient with most of its prospects, and are now showing the world the reasons for their high amateur billing.

One off-season trade seemed to set the season in motion for the new-look Rays. Delmon Young had been a Baseball America top prospect for two straight years and had success in his rookie year with the big league club; however, some

who can't compete in free agent signings and are forced to build their team from the ground up.

It isn't very often that a sure-fire first ballot hall of famer is traded from a contender to a team on the brink of elimination, but the Manny Ramirez saga that captivated our attention during the trade deadline became one of the biggest stories of the year.

Ramirez had become a mainstay in the Boston lineup and was an integral part of the two World Series championships

At the trade deadline, the Dodgers were on their way out of the playoff race, but with a slump from the Arizona Diamondbacks and an MVP performance from Manny Ramirez, the Dodgers have clinched the NL West title. After some early talk of Brewers hired gun CC Sabathia's possibly taking the NL Cy Young Award for best pitcher, Ramirez has stolen all buzz about post-season awards. Since the trade, Ramirez has led the National League in all Triple Crown categories and has raised the question of how many games a player needs to play to truly be considered the most valuable player.

Love 'em or hate 'em, the New York Yankees have made baseball what it is today, from Ruth to Maris, to Mantle to Jeter, the Yankees are the most polarizing and most followed team in the sport. Many people who dislike the Yankees were displeased with the fact that they were always a factor in October, but for the first time in fifteen years, the Yankees will be absent from the post season.

In a season with such failures as an organization, Yankee fans have had another goodbye to say to their cathedral of historic Yankee Stadium. From the white fencing on the tops of the bowl of the stadium to the faces of famous Yankees encrusted over the center field fence, the tradition billows from the gates of Yankee Stadium. Although the new Yankee Stadium is built right next to the old one and the structure is said to be nearly identical, the tradition will never be the same as one of baseball's most recognizable stadiums.

With some of the usual suspects prepped for a run at October like the Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, and Philadelphia Phillies, the lovable Chicago Cubs and the new kid on the block in Tampa Bay, a fitting history will be written for sure this October.

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questions about attitude and dedication led to Young's being dealt to the Minnesota Twins for two other former top prospects, pitcher Matt Garza and shortstop Jason Bartlett.

Inserting Bartlett and journeyman free-agent signee Eric Hinske and placing Matt Garza and thirty-nine-year-old closer Troy Percival on the pitching staff drew some criticism league wide, but the Rays were committed to sticking with their plan. Many teams started out as fast as the Rays did but eventually faded; the Rays were able to stay afloat for the entire year.

The Rays were able to tap into contributions from first-round studs like rookie-of-the-year candidate Evan Longoria and scrap-heap acquisitions like Carlos Pena to weather the storm of injuries in their rotation and their bullpen to clinch a playoff spot for the first time in franchise history. The Rays not only serve as a source of validation for the much maligned Collective Bargaining agreement, which is meant to level the playing field for smaller market teams, but they also serve as a blueprint for other teams

that the Red Sox have won in the past four years. His jovial personality and savant-like hitting ability made Ramirez a loveable character in Boston folklore; however, he seemed to have worn out his welcome in the month of July when many fans questioned his effort after his sometimes lackadaisical play. The Red Sox may have thought of the trade as addition by subtraction and didn't come out of the trade empty handed, landing former All-Star outfielder Jason Bay, but Ramirez's performance after his trade has been nothing short of remarkable.

Despite the circumstances of the trade, which was speculated to be a direct result of Ramirez's being manipulated by his new agent, Scott Boras, to gain a more lucrative contract, Ramirez has been far and away the best hitter in the National League in the second half. Ramirez's stats haven't been his only contribution, as he has been a great influence on the young Dodger hitters, who have picked up their play dramatically over the past two months.

## NFC East dominating

Andrew Bonds argues that NFC East is best in NFL

By Andrew Bonds  
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the first three weeks of the NFL season, the NFC East has dominated its opponents with an overall 10-2 record, two of the losses coming from teams within the division. Without a doubt the NFC East is poised to bring home another Lombardi Trophy, with the reigning New York Giants, the virtually unanimous NFL-best Dallas Cowboys, the always solid Philadelphia Eagles, and the rising Washington Redskins.

Although the passionate fans within the division may disagree as to which team is the best, the statistics prove that they are collectively the best in football. With three of the top six offenses, the NFC East is averaging about 40 points per team more than its opponents in non-divisional games combined.

However, often fans of AFC teams and other NFC teams are too concerned with their own hometown favorite to admire the complete domination by the NFC East. Yet, as the vast majority of football fans on this campus can attest, Fantasy Football

is what really matters. Whether in a league for big time money (sorry all NCAA athletes), playing for free online or in the constantly smack-talking group of friends, Fantasy Football has become a cultural phenomenon within the NFL community. It unites and divides, both building friendships and breaking them. On whatever level though, owners are always searching for that edge: This year it can be found in the NFC East.

The NFC East is a hotbed for fantasy stars this year, from top to bottom. Popular sleeper picks such as Philly's Desean Jackson, or value picks like Washington's Santana Moss or Dallas' Jason Witten, have outperformed every conceivable prediction of success. Once again, to throw out some statistics, all four NFC East quarterbacks are in the top-ten in terms of fantasy points, averaging close to sixty on the season. Furthermore the running backs continue to dominate: Marion Barber ranking second in the NFL with 64 points and Clinton Portis heating up with 44-points, more coming in the last two weeks after a poor first week performance.

In addition, Brian Westbrook ranks seventh, after only playing a quarter of last week's game. As every fantasy owner knows, running backs are the most essential tool for league domination, and each team provides viable options should a star go down. As was the case with Westbrook and the Eagles, utility man Correll Buckhalter easily compensated, outperforming many league starters last week. The Handcuff for a NFC East running back ("handcuff" meaning their back up, who you picked jut in case your star goes down with an injury) in most instances is better than other starters, such as Buckhalter, the over-performing Felix Jones, Derrick Ward, or even Ladell Betts on occasion.

In addition to running backs, the NFC East has three top-ten receivers in Terrell Owens, Santana Moss and Plaxico Burress. The high-flying passing attacks in the division are not only benefiting the receivers but also the tight ends. Jason Witten dominates all statistical categories for the position, yet L.J. Smith, Kevin Boss and Chris Cooley are also having solid seasons.

To put it simply, the NFC East is running the table in Fantasy Football. With the top player at every position (other than kicker, but who cares), and at least three players in the top-12 of every position (sorry, kickers), you really can't go wrong. One more thing to think about, though, is the fact that the teams within the division play every team twice, giving each team six divisional games. The defenses in the division are weak against pass coverage, giving up disproportionate passing yards and points, benefiting both quarterbacks and receivers in the league.

To everyone who plays seriously: we all know its more than just some online pastime, "fantasy world," or for that matter, a game. It is life or death every Sunday when you check your players' statistics, holding out hope that your one receiver playing on Monday Night Football can get you 18 points to beat your obnoxious friend across the hall. If you really want to win, both in real football and fantasy, pick the NFC East. It truly is unstoppable.

# sports



## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Football</b>						vs Randolph- Macon 1:30 p.m.	
<b>Field Hockey</b>					vs EMU 6:30 p.m.		vs UMW 2 p.m.
<b>Men's Soccer</b>			at Emory & Henry 4:30 p.m.			vs Randolph- Macon 3 p.m.	
<b>Women's Soccer</b>			at Sweet Briar 5 p.m.			vs Randolph- Macon 12 p.m.	
<b>Volleyball</b>			vs Emory & Henry 6:30 p.m.	vs Ferrum 6:30 p.m.		vs UMW & MBC 1:00 p.m.	
<b>Women's XC</b>						at Va. State Meet 10:30 a.m.	
<b>Men's XC</b>						at Hanover Invite	
<b>Men's Tennis</b>						at ITA Regionals	
<b>Riding</b>							at Radford Invite

## in the numbers

21-0

Unranked Oregon State's lead over first-ranked Southern California (USC) at halftime of its game Thursday. Oregon State went on to win the game 27-21 to hand USC its first loss of the season.

4

The number of consecutive starts on 3 days' rest by Milwaukee Brewers pitcher CC Sabathia to end the regular season. Sabathia pitched against the Chicago Cubs Sunday in a 3-1 win to advance his team to the playoffs as the National League Wild Card.

3

The number of touchdowns scored by Penn State senior wide receiver Derrick Williams in his team's 38-24 win over Illinois Saturday. Each touchdown was scored in a different way: 21-yard reception, 5-yard run and 94-yard kick return.

## soapbox

*"The game was by far the best game I've been involved with coaching wise... you can't get any one as good as this game for the spectacle of soccer."*

**W&L women's soccer coach Neil Cunningham after the Generals lost 4-3 in overtime to nationally first-ranked Messiah Saturday.**

*"You don't pay someone \$60-something million and then sit him on the bench...I'm not the only one who feels this way."*

**St. Louis Rams running back Steven Jackson after head coach Scott Linehan benched quarterback Marc Bulger in place of 38-year-old Trent Green for Sunday's game against the Buffalo Bills. Linehan's decision came after a 0-3 start, and his job has been rumored to be in question. Undisclosed team sources have reported that Bulger has said that he doesn't want to ever play for Linehan again, courtesy of espn.com.**

*"It's always a good time to buy a good baseball team."*

**Dallas Mavericks billionaire owner Mark Cuban who is one of five people interested in buying the Chicago Cubs. Cuban was asked if he thought the current financial crises would make it a bad time to make such a large purchase. He met with Cubs ownership this weekend, courtesy of the Chicago Sun-Times.**

# Women's soccer falls to national powerhouse

*First-ranked Messiah scored with 8 seconds left in first overtime to beat Lady Generals 4-3 Saturday in rainy conditions at Watt Field*

**By Adam Cancryn**  
STAFF WRITER

Rain-soaked Watt Field played host to a soccer classic on Saturday, as Washington & Lee's women's soccer team came within minutes of upsetting number one ranked Messiah University.

Using speedy forwards and set pieces to pressure the Messiah defense, the Generals showed no fear of their highly touted opponents.

"We were always consciously not playing the writing on their jersey, we were playing our game," said senior forward Anne Van Devender, who set up two corner kick goals and added another of her own. "We came out with confidence and nobody came out scared."

In the end, Messiah's offensive attack was too much for the unranked Generals. But, for the majority of the game, it was W&L that looked like the nation's best. After Messiah jumped out to a lead with a goal in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute, the Generals took control.

Using a counter-attack designed to take advantage of W&L's quickness up front, the Generals pressured Messiah into conceding corner kicks. Off of the set pieces, junior Maggie Sutherland and first-year Corinne Smith converted headers to give their team the lead.

However, the Falcons showed the resilience of a top-ranked team, coming back to even the score two separate times in the second half.

After controlling possession early in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Messiah got off a long shot that slammed off the crossbar. The rebound settled perfectly in front of Messiah's Rachel Loya, who put in the easy goal.

The tie was short-lived, though, as ten minutes later Van Devender gave Washington & Lee the lead once again.

Taking a pass just outside the 18-yard line, the senior captain maneuvered around her defender, leaving a clear path to the goal. A couple of dribbles later, Van Devender netted her team-leading eighth goal of the year.

With only twenty minutes left following the goal, W&L tried to preserve the victory by falling back into a defensive shell. But the strategy could not withstand the ensuing barrage of shots.

Given space in the middle of the field,

and-forth period, Erin Hench struck again. The sophomore forward beat her defender to a loose ball and spoiled W&L's upset bid, sneaking the ball past Moreo as she came out to challenge.

Messiah University narrowly escaped Watt Field with their perfect record, but also served notice that this young W&L team can be a national force.

Van Devender, one of just five seniors on a roster of 28, felt confident the team would benefit from such a hard-fought game.

"It's definitely the best game we've played all season," she said. "If we can

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**Anne Van Devender, senior forward**

Messiah's Erin Hench launched a 25-yard strike. W&L goalie Kiki Moreo had no chance to prevent the equalizer.

Coming into Saturday's game, Messiah averaged nearly 28 shots per game, an attack W&L fended off for much of the afternoon. Eventually, though, the Falcons began to create more scoring opportunities.

"They kept going and going and finished some really great chances that most other teams wouldn't score," said head coach Neil Cunningham.

In overtime, Messiah needed only one chance.

With time winding down on a back-

take this kind of intensity and kind of mentality into our ODAC games we'll be really successful this season."

Coach Cunningham stressed that the game could be a stepping stone as long as the team responds well in spite of the loss. More importantly, he was in awe of the quality of soccer everyone had witnessed.

"The game was by far the best game I've been involved with coaching wise... you can't get any one as good as this game for the spectacle of soccer."

With the loss, the Generals are 4-3 (2-1 in the ODAC) going into the rest of their conference play.

# Football captures last-second win once again

*Team withstands late fourth-quarter push to beat Averett 31-23 Saturday behind another strong performance by senior RB Stuart Sitterson*

**By Brian Devine**  
STAFF WRITER

In their past two games, Washington and Lee football has developed a flair for the dramatic. Last week in its home opener, the team scored two thrilling touchdowns in the fourth quarter and needed a last-second interception in the end zone to prevent Southern Virginia from retaking the game, and won 35-28. This week it was more of the same, as the Generals scored 24 unanswered points to start the second half and withstood a last-minute comeback drive to beat the Averett Cougars 31-23 in Salem, Virginia.

Again the hero for W&L was reigning ODAC Offensive Player of the Week Stuart Sitterson, who followed up his electrifying two-touchdown, 311 all-purpose yard game against SVU by leading the Generals in rushing, receiving and return yardage. He also scored W&L's first touchdown of their 24-point run with a 6-yard rush into the end zone to finish a 61-yard drive and make the score 14-7 in W&L's favor.

W&L extended its lead when the Cougars, set up to punt from their 33-yard line, committed an awful mistake. The snap went over punter Nathan Davis' head and all the way out of the back of the end zone. The referees awarded a safety to the Generals, and the score was 16-7, midway through the third quarter. Sitterson then returned the ensuing kickoff 50 yards to the Averett 19-yard line. With great field position, Charlie Westfal led his team into the end zone in just three plays and freshman running back Jonathan Clemo, beginning to emerge as a reliable change-of-pace for Sitterson,

scored from three yards out. Sitterson then scored on the two-point conversion attempt to put the Generals up 24-7.

After three failed drives, the game entered the fourth quarter. Westfal completed a six-yard touchdown pass to Tucker Laurens, and Martin Prichard converted the PAT, to put the Generals up by 24 and the game seemingly out of reach. But Averett quarterback Shan Fairbanks was not finished yet. With five minutes on the clock Fairbanks completed a touchdown pass to Steve Oristian and Dontavious Watson ran into the end zone for a successful two-point conversion. A bad Spencer Richards punt on the ensuing W&L drive gave the Cougars good field position and Fairbanks capitalized, converting twice on third down before throwing to Anthony Squillini for his second passing TD of the game. After Fairbanks passed to Watson for the 2-point conversion the Generals' lead was only eight points.

To cap it all off, Averett recovered their onside kick and had possession, trailing by a touchdown, with 1:10 on the clock. Just like last week against SVU, the Generals had allowed their opponent to make it close in the final minute. But this time no interception was needed as Fairbanks threw three incomplete passes and was sacked by Scott Russell to force

a turnover on downs. After a kneel-down, the game was over with the Generals on top 31-23.

Several bright spots emerged from the game- for the first time all season, W&L gained more total yards than their opponent. Prichard proved himself to be a reliable placekicker and should have the starting job next week. Westfal again was solid, going 13-for-24 for 145 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. Until Averett's late heroics, the defense was solid. Donavon Sawyer led the blue-and-white with four tackles.

The Generals will suffer, however, if they leave their guard down the rest of the season. W&L begins conference play against Randolph-Macon, who finished second in the conference last year, next week at Wilson Field. The Yellow Jackets are an old-school football team, led by bruising tailback Zak Thornton and the conference's best defense. The squad has stumbled in pre-conference play, losing to Johns Hopkins in triple overtime before beating Catholic in their conference opener last week. The game, Saturday at 1:30 p.m., will be the centerpiece of Homecoming Weekend and the clash of stars between Thornton and Sitterson should be a great battle.

### W&L Scoring Summary

- Daniel KOHL 3-yd. TD reception (Martin PRICHARD P.A.T.)
- Safety on punt
- Jonathan CLEMO 3-yd. TD run (Stuart SITTERSON 2-pt. conversion)
- Tucker LAURENS 6-yd. TD reception (Martin PRICHARD P.A.T.)