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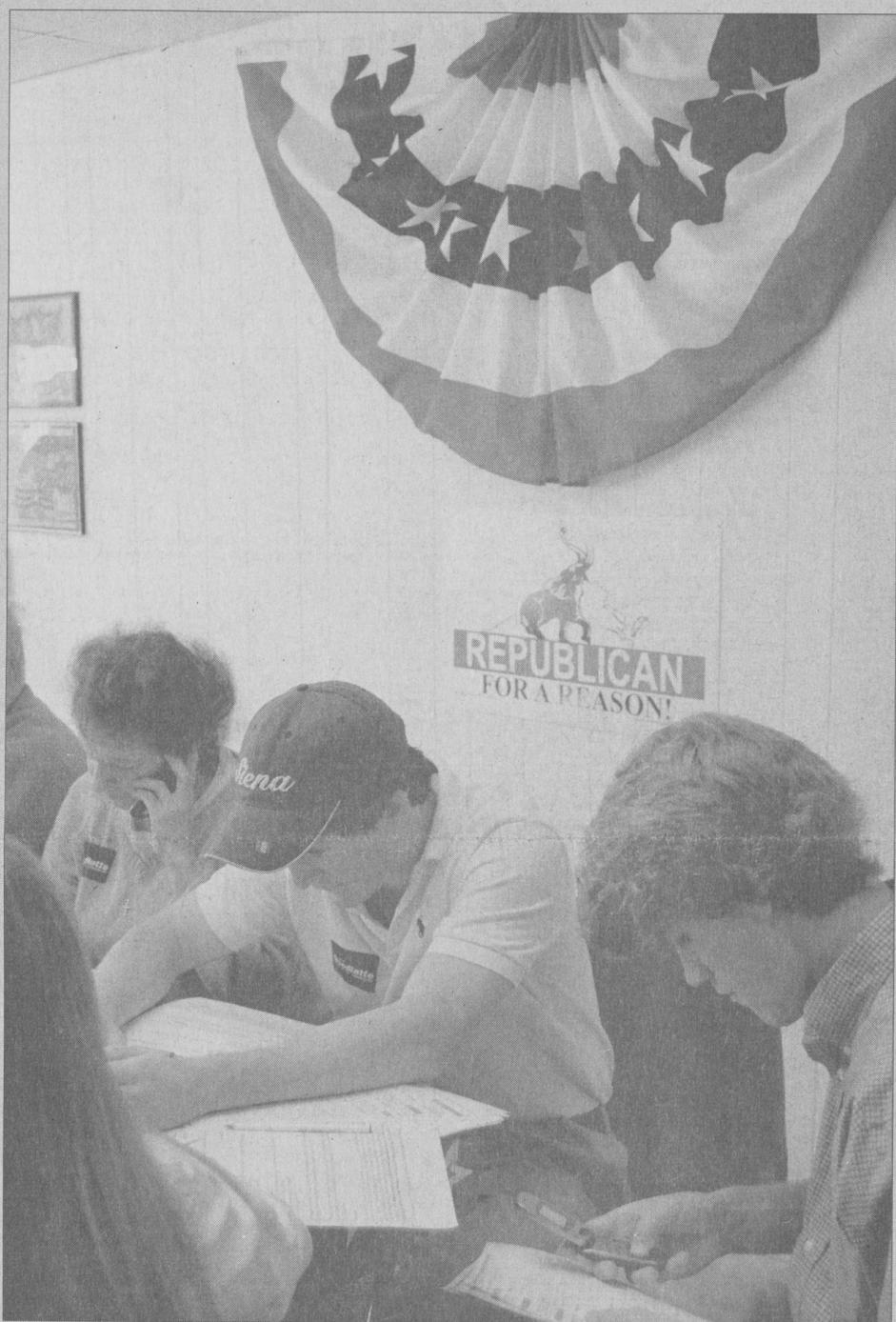
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Members of College Republicans make calls to get support for John McCain on the last weekend before the election. Democrat supporters have been just as involved in canvassing, phone banking and interning for the Barack Obama campaign.

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## And the winner is...

*W&L students on both sides are campaigning hard to swing the vote*

By Diandra Spicak  
STAFF WRITER

As voting day gets closer, campaigning for each Presidential candidate has been in full swing all throughout the swing state of Virginia.

Election fever has also caught up with students at Washington and Lee, many of whom are casting their ballots for the first time.

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"Now the two groups have the ability to watch the Presidential election up close and personal."

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Bill Connelly, politics professor

With the nation's largest election right around the corner, students have found themselves participating more and more actively in the democratic process.

"Because Virginia is a swing state, the College Republicans and College Democrats are working hard," said Bill Connelly, politics professor. "In years past, they used to travel to places like Ohio to get out the vote. Things like door-to-door visits were out of play since Virginia was such a historically red

Students like first-year Stephen Wilson of the Young Democrats have shown their political fervor by trying to get the vote out in Lexington. Wilson, who was a student intern with the Obama campaign, said he has been canvassing and phone banking for Obama.

"When I was phone banking, we didn't just ask who they were voting for. We asked if they needed a ride, if they knew where their

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## Obama roundtable discussion

*W&L professors from four departments discuss effects of an Obama presidency*

By Michael Morella  
COPY EDITOR

For many Americans, what happens on Tuesday will mark the end of countless months of voracious debate, media coverage and Saturday Night Live parody. It is safe to assume that by the end of the night – or at least into the wee hours of Wednesday morning – Americans will know the identity of their next president.

While Tuesday's presidential election results will likely signal the end of the campaigns, several Washington and Lee professors involved with the African-American Studies Program suggest the conversation about this election will not end with the punch of the ballot.

"I think everybody's kind of got their ears perked up more so than usual," said Prof. Lucas Morel of the Politics department. Morel was one of three professors featured in last Monday's panel, "The Obama Candidacy: What Does it Mean for (Black) America?" which took place in Commons 345.

Morel explained that the forum was not held to provide any sort of last-minute publicity for Barack Obama's campaign, but to allow students and faculty to engage in a critical discussion of his position as an African-American from a variety of different perspectives.

In his presentation, Morel analyzed Obama's candidacy from a political perspective and

the opportunity it provides for Americans to reflect on what it means to be a citizen. Morel, who teaches courses on Black American politics and the politi-

*"We're all thick-skinned enough to give and take in this way and still remain friends afterwards."*

Lucas Morel, politics professor

cal philosophy of Abraham Lincoln, encouraged listeners and potential voters to focus on the message, rather than the color of the messenger.

He asserted that while Barack Obama is rooted in African-

American culture, he is not bound to it and might best be viewed as an American candidate, not simply an African-American one.

Morel phoned in his inter-

view from Princeton University in New Jersey, where he is currently doing research for an upcoming book on Abraham Lincoln.

"I would have liked to have been there," Morel said.

"Through the wonders of technology, of course, I came via speakerphone."

Morel's political perspective was complemented by two other presentations from professors of history and English. Prof. Dayo Abah, who mediated the panel, offered the occasional insight from her position as a professor of journalism and mass communications.

Morel described this multifaceted approach as the hallmark of the African-American Studies Program. The program, which began at W&L in 2005, is like many of the University's non-major concentrations in its interdisciplinary approach to a topic of study.

"We really didn't just pay lip

service to the interdisciplinary portion of the program," Prof. Morel said in response to the discussion.

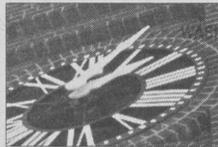
Prof. Marc Conner, current chair of the African-American Studies program and professor of English, offered a variety of perspectives in his own discourse. Conner's portion of the discussion focused on the paradoxical nature of Obama's candidacy – how race means both everything and nothing in his campaign.

His presentation assessed the power of the candidate's rhetoric and composure in translating the founding documents of our nation in a living and vital way.

In his analysis, he cited New

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## Drinking debate

Dean Watkins attends Amethyst Initiative panel

By Katherine Roberts  
STAFF WRITER

As part of the national conversation concerning the drinking age, W&L Dean Dawn Watkins participated in a panel called "Responsible Drinking Redefined" at Ball State University last month.

The panel, which was hosted by one of Indiana University's debate classes, was a response to the Amethyst Initiative, a movement of college presidents to call national attention to the drinking age. The initiative states that its mission is to support "informed and unimpeded debate on the 21 year-old drinking age."

While the general sentiment among the 343 people in the auditorium was for reducing the drinking age, Watkins said the questions were well balanced.

In the middle of this discussion, Wat-

kins spoke from a university administrator's standpoint to discuss what a college's role should be in alcohol education.

*"What I see is higher-risk drinking among first-years."*

**Dawn Watkins, Dean of Student Affairs**

"What I talked about was, 'Well, this is what I see,'" she said. "And what I see is higher-risk drinking among first-years."

Alcohol is a kind of forbidden fruit for those under 21, Watkins said, and students tend to drink less heavily once they are legal. Watkins also appeared a guest on a local radio show to share her comments.

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polling place was. It was more of going through everything they need to know to vote. It's really coming down to the last few phone calls, last few visits to people's houses. By offering rides, we are trying to get people out to vote and really give them no choice not to vote," he said.

On the opposite side of the political spectrum, the College Republicans have pursued a similar line of action to raise voter awareness, such as going to rallies and canvassing, said College Republicans president Scott Centorino.

"Two weekends ago, a group of us went all through downtown Lexington. We spoke to folks and passed out literature not only to increase voter awareness but also to get W&L students involved with the election," Centorino said. "[Saturday] we went phone banking again, where we also met up with Congressman Bob Goodlatte. Afterwards, we split up and went door-to-door, talking to potential voters in efforts to mobilize the populace."

Instead of travelling away from Lexington and campaigning in neighboring states like Kentucky, the College Republicans opted to stay on campus and further their efforts locally.

"There really is no need to leave Virginia. It is a swing state, and we need to get a higher voter turnout," Centorino said. "Now the strategy in general is not trying to convince undecided voters. What we want to do is turn out core supporters and mobilize them. That's the name of the game: get out to the people you need to get out to the polling places and make sure they cast their ballots."

"What's great about going to school here is that we're on a college campus that's not oriented with one particular state," Centorino said. "You interact with students from all over the country, and from other swing states like Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida. You come in contact with so many other outside views, regional views from all across the nation. You can't do that on other campuses."

"I actually registered to vote here in Virginia," Wilson said. "South Carolina has pretty much been a republican stronghold for quite a while now. It's definitely more encouraging to work here as a volunteer in Lexington than it was back home. Here you can see how important the canvassing is, phone banking is, door-to-door visiting

is, just to change votes and increase voter awareness. In South Carolina, it's nearly impossible to convince voters to vote liberal since it's such a red state."

While political frenzy has taken over much of the student population, the race has not ended yet and anything can happen. Connelly offered his insight as to who might become the nation's next chief executive.

"It looks like it's Barack Obama's race to lose — meaning, it's his race to win," Connelly said. "It's been his race to lose for some time now because of a few key fundamentals like an unpopular president, unpopular war and a sour economy: Bush is an advantage, the Iraq war is an advantage, and the financial crisis is definitely an advantage. Not to mention, the democrats have the natural advantage. Historically, Americans tend not to elect the same party two times in a row."

Centorino, much like other Republicans, have not seen this as a setback. "Of course the outcome is difficult to predict. The polls say Obama, but it's not over until it's over," Centorino said. "If we didn't think there were as a chance for McCain, we wouldn't be out there canvassing, phone banking and going door to door. No poll is going to stop us from believing."

Virginia Congressman Bob Goodlatte also commented on the likely outcome of the election, citing that the decision ultimately lies in the hands of the voters and not on the predictions of the polls. "I think John McCain's chances are still very good. The momentum is still building, and the election is only a couple days away," Goodlatte said. "The momentum will still keep growing, especially thanks to all the volunteers we've had — including W&L students who made over 1,000 phone calls [on Friday]. It's going to become a real contest between these two politicians."

Left-wing and right-wing beliefs aside, both the College Democrats and College Republicans want all eligible voters to make their voices heard. "We've got to have faith that voters will take it upon themselves to learn about each candidate, and then vote accordingly to what they think is right. It's just a matter of getting out there and voting," Centorino said.

questions, Morel said he felt right at home in the discussion. Even when they disagreed, the professors did not let the conversation stray into a debate about policy issues or which candidate would be the best leader. "We're all thick-skinned enough to give and take in this way and still remain friends afterwards," Morel said. In this way, Morel felt the discussion progressed in exactly the way he and his colleagues had anticipated.

Despite the distance, Morel said he could feel the vitality of the conversation from some of his students and colleagues back in Lexington. He was impressed with the insight and engagement that students provided and that undergraduates asked most, if not all, of the post-panel questions.

Beyond Tuesday's election are the nation's recent economic troubles, an issue that all three professors agreed will be difficult for either candidate to address as the President of the United States.

## Good work, CKP

Robbie Turner, Mackenzie Brown win national awards for Campus Kitchens work

By Jamie Kim  
STAFF WRITER

One faculty member and one student at Washington and Lee received national recognition this past month at the National Campus Kitchen Conference for their active involvement in and commitment to the Campus Kitchen Project.

Robbie Turner, the former CKP coordinator, won the Nopalitos Staff Innovation Award while Senior Mackenzie Brown won the Leah Prudhomme Volunteer of the Year Award.

"It's an incredible statement about our kitchen," said Jenny Sproul '08, the current CKP coordinator. "This is only our third year, and we're acknowledged by the National Conference. It's exciting."

Both Turner and Brown have contributed countless hours to building the Campus Kitchens Project with new initiatives, programs and delivery sites.

Turner, who recently took charge of the Bonner Leader Program, Nabors Service League and Volunteer Venture Programs, was nominated for the Nopalitos award for creating a work release program with the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correction Center.

"It's a work release program where cadets can go work on a regular basis. They will get paid and get work skills and life skills," Turner said.

Starting the program a year ago, he spent most of the year raising funds. Now, Campus Kitchens is waiting for the center to send cadets.

"I feel grateful to receive the award, and just excited that it highlights all the work of Campus Kitchen volunteers, supporters, and everyone at W&L who has made Campus Kitchens successful," Turner said. "I'm also especially excited to see how the work release program will benefit a teenager from NBJCC, and our volunteers and the community in the process."

Senior Mackenzie Brown won the Prudhomme award for accomplishing many projects and initiatives, such as running W&L Campus Kitchens on her own during her internship this past summer, working in the W&L garden to supplement CKP meals, moving Campus Kitchens to a new location and expanding meal sites to

downtown Lexington.

"[The award] was a pleasant surprise. Jenny didn't tell me she had nominated me," Brown said. "It's also great for the Kitchen."

During her six-week summer internship, Brown ran the Campus Kitchen while Sproul took over as CKP coordinator from Turner.

"I was in charge of cooking, delivery, and pick-up shifts," Brown said. "There was a lot of help from community members who volunteer throughout the year."

This summer CKP used fresh produce from the W&L garden to serve its clients. Originally an old lot used by the Biology department, the garden is used by Campus Kitchens, the

downtown Lexington, close to campus where it's visible and reachable" Brown said.

"[Brown] did an awesome job as far as running the kitchen," Sproul said. "She did a lot of work with the garden and expanded... to downtown Lexington."

One of Sproul's initiatives this year was to divide the CKP leadership team into five committees: Seed to Feed, Fundraising, Volunteer Recruitment, Delivery Expansion, and Food resourcing.

Each committee is in charge of specific tasks such as giving nutrition classes, recruiting volunteers, and delivering food.

Two months have gone by since

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### Jenny Sproul, Campus Kitchens Coordinator

Biology department and dining services, Brown said.

"I went there once or twice a week and helped with whatever they needed to do. I did planting, weeding, fencing, watering, just little odds and ends," she said. "We grew corn, tomatoes, peppers, squash, and herbs."

Since the Beta house was taken back by the returning fraternity this year, CKP had to find another place to operate in over the summer. Brown took the lead and helped Campus Kitchen move into its new location, the Kappa Sig house.

"It's definitely an adjustment," Brown said. "There is less counter space, but it's nice. One of the greatest assets is that the coordinators' offices are all on the same floor as the kitchen. So it's easier for people to find them whenever needed."

Brown also contributed to expanding meal sites to include the low-income apartments at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in downtown Lexington.

"[The residents] were not very mobile, and I thought this might be a good place to look into. I talked with the manager of the apartment and after that we started serving meals to the residents. It's great that it is in

the beginning of the school year, and CKP has already shown some achievements in its many programs and initiatives.

The nutrition classes for the clients are all set up and ready to start, and the work release program with Natural Bridge Juvenile Correction Center is will take effect soon.

"We will also have Thanksgiving Turkey Palooza, giving clients a full Thanksgiving meal," Sproul said. "It will be at the Kappa Sig House and other agency locations."

She also wants to create an online sign-up sheet where people can sign up for volunteer shifts.

"People will be able to look at the sign-up sheets online and see which shifts are full or not," she said.

Although Brown only began participating in CKP recently this past spring, she is now one of the 18 CKP leaders and is enjoying every minute of Campus Kitchen activities.

"Campus Kitchen is a great opportunity for students to get involved in the community, build a relationship and give back to the community," she said.

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York Times Political Commentator David Brooks right alongside 20th-century author and political scholar Ralph Ellison, in discussing the power of Obama's language.

Prof. Theodore DeLaney moved beyond words and focused on the symbolism of Obama's candidacy for the African-American community. Yet, DeLaney asserted that an Obama presidency will not signal the end of racism in the United States.

"I certainly hope that it's going to be a greater thing than race," DeLaney said.

He said that the symbolic importance of the campaign is that it demonstrates possibility for the African-American community, but not necessarily a clear sign of racial harmony in the United States.

"He also came at it from the perspective of a black man who's been around the block longer than anyone on the panel," Morel said of DeLaney.

DeLaney was instrumental in the development of the African-American Studies Program three years ago. The panel discussion was co-sponsored by the program and the Office of Student Affairs.

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# Give up on McCain

Looking around, it seems a lot of conservatives have

By Cody Beauchamp  
OPINIONS EDITOR

For the well-read among us, the name Christopher Hitchens should ring a bell.

So too should: Colin Powell. So too, perhaps: Scott McClellan, Christopher Buckley, Lincoln Chafee or Jeffrey Hart.

In case you're not familiar with all of them, they are (in order): one of the foremost conservative pundits of our day, one of George W. Bush's secretaries of State, one of Bush's press secretaries, the son of the legendary William F. Buckley (and a former National Review columnist), a former Republican Senator and the National Review's Senior Editor.

They all have two things in common.

First, they are all conservative.

Second, they have all endorsed Barack Obama - and not John McCain - for President.

There are political defectors in every political cycle.

This is nothing new.

What is new--or perhaps fairly remarkable at least--is the degree and depth to which the Republican party has been crippled by defections this year.

It says something worth noting, both that these conservative darlings rejected McCain, and endorsed someone as antithetical to their political leanings as Obama.

After all, Obama is--even most liberals are comfortable conceding--fairly liberal.

Come to think of it, I've heard the word "socialist" banded about lately.

It's not an accurate estimation of Obama's actual political philosophies, strictly speaking, but it's still a good hint about whether or not he's far to the

left. And that's what's remarkable.

There is, apparently, such disgust with John McCain as a candidate, John McCain as a campaigner, and John McCain as prospective President that even people as ultra-conservative as Hitchens cannot stomach voting for him.

Nor, for that matter, can some of W. Bush's most fearsome attack dogs.

That says something about the sad state of the Republican party.

Even more to the point, it says something about the utterly disrespectful and degrading campaign John McCain has run in his desperate--and make no mistake, narcissistic--bid to become President.

I'll concede John McCain is a hero. I have before, in this paper no less.

The courage he showed as a fighter pilot during Vietnam is laudable.

The courage he showed as a prisoner of war during Vietnam is downright, well, heroic.

I think it is highly commendable that he became a long-term and very respected public servant after his years in the Hanoi Hilton.

But, to put it bluntly, this campaign has ruined him.

Part of it is due to forces outside of his control. To put it simply, he had the severe misfortune to be the first old white man to run for the Presidency in an election where being an old white man was a liability.

He, like the Republican party itself, apparently, did not know how to respond.

But it goes so much deeper than just the race issue (which, there isn't really much of one).

Believing McCain's failure has to do entirely with Obama's African-American identity is not only shortchanging our nation's amazing transformation from the country that tolerated Jim Crow to the one that will--most likely--elect a black man President tomorrow.

It is also shortchanging the sheer, unbridled political skill with which Barack Obama ran his campaign.

And, it excuses McCain's shameful behavior as he - ever more desperately - bid for the White House.

In a race against the type of smooth, controlled political opponent he's never really faced, John McCain showed he cannot adapt to the unforeseen.

He proved he does not have the capacity to deal with evolution, at least not the evolution of a political landscape.

Obama raised millions more than McCain by exploiting this weakness.

Whereas McCain's Internet, cellular and "new media" campaign efforts seemed stilted, Obama's were sleek and sophisticated.

Whereas the Obama campaign has hit upon a brilliant new communication niche with the text message, McCain is still relying on robocalls and mailers.

Whereas McCain still sought to get the majority of his campaign's donations from traditional means, Obama created an Internet-backed grassroots donor program that has given Obama enough money to where he can now outspend McCain eight to one on television ads in Virginia, for instance.

It's amazing. But it's not simply an issue of who campaigned better.

As much praise as I have for Obama's campaign, I think the reason McCain has been abandoned (and will lose tomorrow) goes deeper.

John McCain does not respect the American voter.

Exhibit A could be his running mate. Simply put, Sarah Palin is a disgraceful and insulting excuse for a Vice Presidential candidate. She is no feminist. She is no progressive.

Rather, she smacks of the kind of Bushian ignorance that almost demands voters to question just what kind of fools John McCain takes us for.

Or consider McCain's stunt when our economy was tanking a few weeks ago.

Barack Obama heeded the calls of the Senate leadership to stay away.

McCain didn't--obstinately--and in the process not only confused a good number of his colleagues, but also showed us just how Presidential his opponent is.

I could go on. I could go on and talk about just how insulting McCain's shameless appropriation of fallen Iraqi soldier's memories for the sake of his own presidential campaign is.

I could talk about his tin ear during the debates, or his shameless attack ads--which, I might point out, came before Obama's.

But I won't. I've not been betrayed by John McCain.

But others have. I'd encourage you to read their far more eloquent arguments against him.

It says something about the man that his ideological friends can't even vote for him.

I'd encourage you not to either.



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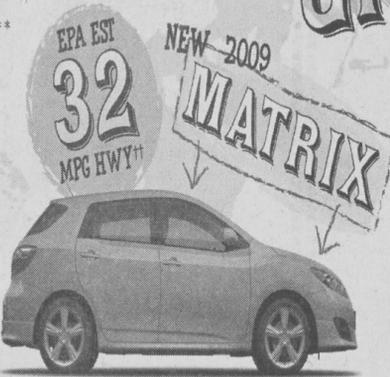
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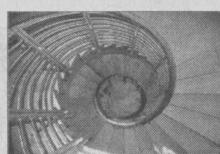
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## It's time for a post-election truce

*After one of the longest, messiest elections in our lives, it's time to come together*

By Abel Delgado  
COLUMNIST

We deserved better than this. While historians will long remember the excitement this presidential campaign generated, I am completely disappointed with what it didn't produce—a good clean race.

Barack Obama was the post-partisan candidate of hope. He was supposed to be above politics.

Instead he spent more money on negative attacks ads than any candidate in American history. He spent his entire campaign trying to turn John McCain into George W. Bush and may win because voters do not care enough about records to know the difference.

Until recently, McCain was the Democrats' favorite Republican for crossing party lines.

His friendships with everyone from Hillary Clinton to Tom Daschle were well known and everyone expected him to keep the race civil.

Instead, the only constant in his campaign were its attacks on his opponent.

We have to marvel at the size Obama's volunteer force and the amount of money he has raised. Yet, we should not ignore the fact he broke his public financing promise and he could very well buy this election.

We have to marvel that John McCain is in this race at all despite it being a disastrous year for his party. McCain's reputation and record have kept it close, but we should not ignore the fact that his reputation has only been tarnished thanks to one of the most poorly run campaigns in recent memory.

We deserve better. Or do

we?

Some nutcase McCain supporters call Obama an "Arab" and a "terrorist." If you think that's hurtful, imagine the pain felt by the middle-aged woman in New York who got attacked

violent aggressors I'm worried about, it's all of us.

We are all guilty of seeing the "evils" of the other side clearly while being completely unaware of the mistakes our side makes.

This is no way for the country

*We are all guilty of seeing the "evils" of the other side clearly while being completely unaware of the mistakes our side makes. This is no way for the country to get back up on its feet.*

by an Obama supporter for holding up a McCain sign or the Florida man who got his head slammed into a wall at a restaurant for supporting McCain in an argument.

It's not just the nutcases and

to get back up on its feet. For the past few months I have blogged relentlessly trying to provide some political insight and many of my friends to the left of me joined the effort.

The more informed voices on

both sides, the better the debate.

We all showed how much we cared about our country. We may disagree on the course it should take and the leaders we will chose, but at least we all care enough to inform ourselves and voice our opinions.

This perhaps is the best outcome of the race. The youth really does care now.

I have always and will always support John McCain. I have stated my reasons to the best of my ability, but if he loses on Tuesday, Barack Obama is my president and I will respect him as such.

I will save my criticism for him until he messes up and if McCain wins I will not shy away from criticizing him when he messes up.

This is part of the truce I think we should all make. Not a truce to support our next president re-

gardless of whether he was our first choice, but to make sure we hold him accountable for his actions even if he was our first choice.

It is time we show we care more about helping our country succeed than helping one politician win an election. America needs to come together to face an economic nightmare and a downright scary situation globally.

Nothing in this campaign has made me think Obama or McCain can truly unite us as "one nation" and not "two ideologies."

We need to unite ourselves.

We need to continue to care, to debate, to discuss for our country, and in the end we need to call a truce between ourselves so we can do what is best for our country.

### letter to the editor

## Dear Ken: quit being a coward

*Local teacher Bradley thinks Ruscio's dismissal of women's issues is deeply insulting*

Two and a half years ago Ken Ruscio was named president of W&L.

In an interview posted on the W&L Web site in conjunction with the announcement of this, Ken Ruscio stated that women's issues were at the top of his agenda.

In another context, he even spoke of "striking a note of solidarity" with the women who had been adversely affected by the climate on campus.

Ken Ruscio subsequently devoted the next two and a half years to studying the issue.

Really, it took him two and a half years.

Early in 2007 (nearly a year after being named president), he appointed a task force on women to study the issue. This committee released, after a year and a half, a 100+ page report that stated in no uncertain terms that there are "significant issues related to gender that need to be addressed" (p.9). The report also stated that there is a widespread feeling that the administration, and in particular the president, do not share the view that these issues exist and are matters of pressing concern.

They place the onus for change, in no uncertain terms, squarely on the president's shoulders: "The forcefulness and forthrightness of the President's acknowledgement will determine the success of all subsequent efforts at improving the climate for women at Washington and Lee" (p.9).

Yet somehow Ken Ruscio has now come to the conclusion that the concerns voiced by women (and men), and the incidents of gross sexual harassment reported, witnessed and suffered among the undergraduate, faculty, staff and administrative ranks, are not really women's issues after all.

On October 8, Ken Ruscio spoke before the W&L community to lay out his vision and recommendations for his Work-Life initiatives.

Did he take this opportunity to give a 'forceful and forth-

right acknowledgement' of these gender issues, and to lay out steps to deal with them?

No, he did not.

Instead he used this town hall meeting to remove gender issues from the discussion altogether.

He quoted from the Task Force on Women's report to declare that these issues "are not women's issues, per se." (p.13)

Those rapes that occur in university owned frat houses and their university sanctioned parties are not women's issues.

The fact that there are still professors on campus who make it clear that women are not welcome in their classes—not a women's issue.

The numerous and ongoing complaints registered about harassment perpetrated by members of the administration—not a women's issue.

Women faculty who are held captive by the unabashedly sexist remarks, attitudes, and decisions of male faculty and administrators, being told that "women of [their] generation are too sensitive," being complimented for their "maternal" and "nurturing" contributions, being subjected to scrutiny in both job interviews and job evaluations about their private decisions concerning work and family—not a women's issue.

Yes, Ken Ruscio has surprised us all.

Those who said he lacked leadership, commitment, and initiative (i.e. those who wrote the report for his committee on women), were wrong.

He has shown great leadership.

Who else but a strong leader could take a 100+ page report (one that is entirely negative, that can find not one good thing to say about the status of women at W&L, that singles out the president for special blame), and find the one sentence in it that allows him to discount every other sentence in the report.

Ruscio quotes from p.13 of the report:

"[M]any of the climate issues regarding women are not women's issues, per se, but rather issues of community, inclusiveness and respect for individuals and other minority groups. [They] voiced many of the same concerns as women who feel excluded (p. 13)."

He uses that to prove, in his "Letter to the W&L Community" (October 8) and his presentation that day that "the concerns were not limited to women." Ken Ruscio, it must

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Patrick Bradley, RCHS Teacher

be noted, lifted that quotation above from page 13 of the Task Force on Women report, but failed to cite the conclusion of the paragraph in which it appeared:

"That does not mean they should not be addressed by a committee on the status of women, but rather that we as a University should have clear systems in place for addressing such community issues. For example, if the proposed standing committee on the status of women were to come across issues that seem to be broader, the committee should have an avenue for ensuring that these issues will be addressed by appropriate groups or officials" (p.13).

He has managed, through selective reading and a coarse intellectual legerdemain that is disingenuous at best, to pronounce that, for all intents and

purposes, the issue of women has been laid to rest.

We need not speak of women's issues.

Doesn't his new report say that their year-long study had made it clear to the committee that they weren't really studying women's issues at all?

It takes a leader to so cynically and cowardly ignore the findings of his own committee, one he hand-picked with explicit orders to keep those who might gum up the works off,

ters the Latinate spell, "PER SE," and "poof" these issues are no longer 'intrinsically' women's issues, but just another issue that another "series of somethings" (his own characterization of his study of the situation) can resolve—as long, that is, if we rely as our beacon on the ever-ready two-headed god: 'honor and civility.'

In fact, Ken Ruscio states quite clearly in his letter that he will first and foremost look to the past in dealing with these issues, proudly boasting, as if to comfort his flock, that his take on this all "derives its basic values of community and compassion from the past."

What he ignores, however, is his own Task Force's finding that the past has not served W&L at all well on these very issues: "Washington and Lee University is not yet a place where it is easy to have a conversation about these issues," (p.9).

The Task Force, moreover, "heard many accounts of women feeling marginalized, silenced and excluded," and concluded that these feelings were "pervasive" and "ubiquitous."

Ken Ruscio never cited those findings on October 8.

While Ken Ruscio may not be afraid to throw around a Latinate obfuscation, he certainly can't come to grips with calling things by their proper names.

Like the old way to identify a duck: if it harasses in a gendered way, and intimidates in a gendered way, and discriminates in a gendered way—it's gendered. And if your own committee takes a year and a half of their time to tell you it's gendered, then, damn it, it's gendered.

So, I suppose everyone over on campus can give a sigh of relief that W&L doesn't have to deal with all those "too sensitive," "men-hating," "femi-nazi" "bitches" complaining about women this and women that (FYI: these are just terms that have been unapologetically used by W&L faculty, adminis-

trators, and media).

Or, someone can call Ken Ruscio on his cowardice and his bullying, and let him know that, while these are women's issues, we all suffer if they are not dealt with.

W&L is a major employer in our area.

W&L trumpets its ideals of community, honor, and civility *ad nauseam*.

W&L places outsized emphasis on concepts of leadership.

At the same time, however, W&L sponsors fraternity parties that are community hazards when underage high school students frequent them and young women must be wary of sexual assault when attending.

W&L is embarrassed on a perennial basis by scandals such as 'The Bracket', 'The List', 'Idaho'.

It's time W&L and its president show some forceful and forthright leadership in facing up to these issues, calling things by their proper names, looking to the root causes, and opening up the discourse and climate to allow mature and diverse points of view in.

If they do, there's even a good chance the institution will survive.

Patrick Bradley  
RCHS Teacher

# arts & life

## Bands rock the Marketplace



STEPHANIE HARDIMAN / Staff Photographer

The Lalai Damas play a cover of OutKast's "Roses" and funk songs on the stage at the Marketplace. The second annual Music in the Marketplace featured several student musicians.

### Second annual Music in the Marketplace serves up coffee, treats and tunes

By Stephanie Hardiman  
STAFF WRITER

If you missed out on Music in the Marketplace, you won't be able to sample the leftovers. At least not until next year.

There are few opportunities to catch this kind of cornucopia of student talent. This was one of them.

Music in the Marketplace is the brainchild of WLUR public relations directors Michael Morella and Kimber Wiggs. After a successful first run last year, the duo decided to try their luck again last Thursday with part deux.

Wiggs, a junior, said that last

year WLUR wanted to add fall programming to couple with winter term's Open Airwaves open mic event. Because of the thriving Washington and Lee band scene, they thought a concert would pair perfectly.

Since the dining hall has a small stage, calling it "Music in the Marketplace" seemed appropriate.

"It's alliterative," Wiggs said.

After starting about 40 minutes late, the set opened with the musical stylings of Ella Wade, a local songstress whose coffee-house sound is reminiscent of Michelle Branch.

Wade, a Rockbridge County High School alumna, is now a senior at Randolph College. She performed both original music and covers. She and Lalai Damas guitarist Spencer McElroy performed a duet. The two were high school classmates and often played together.

Last year's performers, Rikki Tikki Tavi and Agent Flynn, returned to dining hall for another rocking set.

Rikki Tikki Tavi's folk-inspired tunes left the crowd clapping along and crying for more. Original songs like "Drinking Game" from guitarist Julie Slo-necki and Michael Morella have

become set staples and campus favorites. Morella also thrilled the crowd with a solo folk version of Rihanna's "Take a Bow."

Then came Agent Flynn. Named after Samuel L. Jackson's character from "Snakes on a Plane," the band regularly performs at campus functions such as Generals rallies and Battle of the Bands.

The group has a Southern rock feel and plays mostly classic rock covers.

Unfortunately, both bands had to do without the presence of Will Stewart, who was ill.

The evening was rounded out by the Lalai Damas. Lead-

singer Malcolm Hines, a junior, brought the funk to his group's set with a cover of OutKast's "Roses." They also added a trumpet to their sound for extra oomph.

Throughout the evening, listeners came and went at their leisure for a laid-back atmosphere. Baked goodies and coffee were provided by Blue Sky Bakery as an extra treat.

Wiggs and Morella were happy with the turnout.

"It went just as well as we'd hoped it would," Morella said. "We're excited about bridging the gap between WLUR and the local music scene."

They are looking forward to another Music in the Marketplace next year.

Until then, they encourage students to listen to WLUR, either on their radios or online.

Wiggs and Morella host their own weekly show "Cooking on the Radio" Thursdays from 9 to 11 p.m. All of the songs they play have an easy-to-guess theme. If a caller correctly guesses the theme, they win, as Wiggs said, "a travel-sized radio for rockin' out on campus."

Wiggs left saying, "Listen to WLUR—it's a laugh riot!"

## Columbia Trio brings modern compositions to Wilson Hall

Trio plays selections of modern music on piano, violin and cello, including tangos and South American dance music

By Kimber Wiggs  
STAFF WRITER

Saturday night the Lenfest Center welcomed the Columbia Trio to the Wilson Hall stage. Sponsored by SonoKlect, the performance featured four selections of modern music arranged for piano, violin, and cello. The complexity of each of the works beautifully exhibited the talent and mastery of the performers.

The Columbia Trio includes pianist David Riley, violinist Fritz Gearhart, and cellist Andrew Kolb. The group is based in Eugene, Ore. and was founded in 2007. All three members were trained at the Eastman School of Music, a leading music conservatory located in Rochester, N.Y. and associated with the University of Rochester. Currently, both Riley and Gearhart are faculty of the University of Oregon School of Music and Kolb is the principal cellist of the Eugene Symphony

Orchestra. As members of the Columbia Trio, they blend together their backgrounds of solo, orchestral, and chamber music performance.

As the director of SonoKlect, a concert series aimed at bringing modern music to the Lenfest Center, W&L music composition professor Terry Vosbein gave the evening's opening remarks. Vosbein dedicated the concert to one his mentors, Donald Erb, who passed away in August of this year. Vosbein studied under Erb in the early 1990s and during that time, composed two of the pieces the Columbia trio performed during the concert.

The first piece of the evening was one of Prof. Vosbein's composition entitled "Trio No. 1." Composed in 1993, it was one of the first he wrote under Erb's tutelage. Performed in one continuous movement, "Trio No. 1" eschews the flowing lyricism of traditional Romantic music,

demonstrating instead the angular, "angst-ridden cacophony" of post-Romantic and modern compositions. The end of the piece, especially, has a frantic feel that explodes in the final moments.

Following Vosbein's piece, the Trio performed Shostakovich's 1944 composition "Piano

and fast tempo markings. The final movement, entitled "Allegretto," is particularly interesting in that it makes the listener think of a sinister carnival. Here, Shostakovich borrows from the klezmer, or Yiddish, musical style, creating a sensation of despair and grief.

After a brief intermission, the

*The final piece was an interesting departure from the evening's other works...The work's basis in the South American dance tradition gave it a particularly caliente quality.*

Trio in E minor." Unlike the previous piece, "Piano Trio in E minor" is performed in four distinct movements. The movements alternate between slow

Columbia Trio returned to the Wilson stage to perform another work by Prof. Vosbein. "Trio No. 2" was composed in 1995 and was one of the last pieces

Vosbein wrote while studying under Mr. Erb.

At the composition's premiere in Banff, Vosbein remarked that, although most people would call "Trio No. 2" absolute music -- music that does not tell a story -- he believes the piece always you to "create your own story as you hear it."

The three movements of the piece are held together by classical music forms, though the piece itself is modern. One audience member described "Trio No. 2" as "modern music in a classical body."

The last piece of the evening was a collection of tangos by Astor Piazzolla. Collectively known as "Cuatro estaciones porteñas" each of the four "tango-jazz" compositions bears the name of a season, while the adjective "porteño" refers to Buenos Aires. Though Piazzolla composed each of the four tangos separately, they are con-

nected by recurring thematic elements. This final piece was an interesting departure from the evening's other works, as it was the only example of South American music. The work's basis in the South American dance tradition gave it a particularly caliente quality.

The evening as a whole was a wonderful celebration of the vitality of modern music. In an academic community that so values tradition, it is pleasant to experience progression in art.

Members of the W&L and Lexington community were treated to a concert that not only showcased the talent of the brilliant Columbia Trio but also introduced compositional creativity both abroad and right here at home.

# arts & life

## Pro-life group hosts candlelight vigil

W&L Students for Life holds its second annual vigil to conclude nationwide grassroots campaign

By Valaree Tang  
STAFF WRITER

The second annual candlelight vigil for an end to abortion, hosted by Washington and Lee Students for Life, was held in the Cohen Amphitheater on November 2 and marked the end of the "40 Days for Life" campaign. The event was open to the Lexington community.

40 Days for Life is a national grassroots campaign aimed at bringing an end to abortion. It consists of prayer, fasting, and

vigil for 40 days.

The program consisted of student testimonies, poems and prayers. The main speaker of the program was a representative from ComfortCare Women's Health. She shared her story about her experience with abortion.

"Our speaker will be a woman who will share her experience of having an abortion and the regret and emotional distress that she has faced since then," said Students for Life Secretary Sarah Keckler.

The Life vigil was preceded by forty days of prayer, held in the Leyburn Library. The group prayed for mothers and their unborn children.

Olivia Burr, a first-year active member, said she believed the purpose of the vigil to be "to raise awareness about the pro-life message and to thoughtfully reflect on the growing number of human casualties that are the product of on-demand abortion."

Club members wanted to inform the community that abor-

tion was not the only option in an unwanted pregnancy. "I hope that this club will be able to provide more resources for women so that abortion will no longer be the default decision when it comes to an unplanned pregnancy," said Keckler.

"I also hope that through events such as the vigil, we will be able to show people how abortion hurts not just the unborn child, but the mother and father as well."

While this is the second year that the vigil has taken place,

club officers have higher expectations for the vigil this year. "We are hoping that this year's vigil will have more participants," said Keckler. "We hope to grow a bit this year and we also hope to make more people actually care about the issue."

The vigil ended in a candlelight reflection and a call for individual action upon the controversial subject. It also included statistics that were read at various times during the vigil whose "poignancy will hopefully help people to understand the wide-

spread affects of abortion," said Keckler.

Burr said she endorses the pro-life stance. "It devastates me that innocent life is sacrificed in our society for the sake of convenience," she said.

"I believe that life is our first unalienable right and that adoption is a healthier alternative for pregnant women and their unborn babies alike."

## Nabors hosts carnival for local children

Nabors Service League and other volunteers paint faces and pumpkins with kids, give candy and prizes for Halloween

By Joan Oguntmeim  
STAFF WRITER

Nabors Service League hosted a Halloween carnival on the BDG Quad Friday afternoon as part of the Downtown Lexington Trick-or-Treat Festival.

The Halloween Festival was filled with Halloween activities, lots of fun and tons of candy. Dozens of local children moved from table to table to color, have their face painted, paint pumpkins, and collect mounds of

candy.

According to Nabors Service League General Chair Jenna Walls, Nabors has been putting on this event for the past four years. Each year, the festival is on the same day as downtown Lexington's Trick-or-Treat Festival. The organization asks different student organizations to sponsor different activities during the festival and has members of Nabors fill other roles.

Nabors had 12 student volun-

teers from various organizations manning the activity stations. The ladies of Chi Omega did face painting while members of Pi Beta Phi helped children paint pumpkins.

"This is another way to publicize about our organization and to let the children have fun," said Special Projects and Events Co-Chair Samara Francisco.

Professors and Lexington residents brought their children to join in the festivities. Over forty

kids, mostly between the ages of four and six, walked around the BDG Quad dressed in an array of fun costumes. Fairies, ghosts, dinosaurs and peacocks played, painted pumpkins and colored pictures of skeletons and haunted houses. Even Mickey Mouse and a blue Power Ranger came to the festival.

But by far the most famous personality at the festival was Johnny Cash. Dressed as the legendary singer, Robbie Turner's

youngest son, walked around the quad strumming a guitar and earned the praise of many of the student volunteers. When asked what the best part of the festival was, Special Project and Events Co-Chair Sally Gould said, "Seeing Johnny Cash walk up playing his guitar."

The children were not the only ones having fun. In addition to the activities for the children, Nabors had a costume contest for students. The winner, sophomore

Amanda Micossi who dressed as a hippie, won a \$50 gift certificate to the bookstore. "The costumes are definitely great," Gould said. "This is so much fun!"

Though a few students trickled through the Quad to engage in activities, Francisco said next year the organization plans to further involve students in the festivities.

## New album too quirky this time

of Montreal's new album has rewarding moments, but lyrics fail

By Will Mays  
STAFF WRITER

If there's one thing the band of Montreal has consistently avoided, it's being ordinary, and this truth so far is best displayed on their new effort, "Skeletal Lamping," released last month. The album finds bandleader Kevin Barnes trying to recount the tale of his Ziggy Stardust-esque alter-ego, Georgie Fruit, who made his first appearance on the band's 2007 magnum opus "Hissing Fauna, Are You the Destroyer?"

of the worst he's ever penned. Considering the brilliant lyrics of "Hissing Fauna," when Barnes sings in a trembling falsetto, "I'm sick of sucking the dick of this cruel, cruel city," in "St. Exquisite's Confessions," one can only wonder what's happened in the past year to have him pen such an oversexual mess on "Skeletal Lamping."

Despite its lyrical failings at times, "Skeletal Lamping" does have some very rewarding moments for the listener. The closing tracks of the first half of the album are

*Barnes trying to be a funk star does have a degree of payoff, but his lyrics...on the whole, are some of the worst he's ever penned.*

This time around, though, Georgie has taken the main stage, but to very mixed results

Georgie Fruit, according to Barnes, is the black transsexual lead singer of former 70s funk band "Arousal." Essentially, Fruit is a hyper-vulgar, hyper-sexual, and hyper-weird outlet for Barnes to give his best Prince impressions. Georgie Fruit makes Ziggy Stardust seem like Paul Simon. He spouts whatever is on his mind, which, usually, is his tremendous libido, giving "Skeletal Lamping" an almost juvenile feel at times as a result.

"Skeletal Lamping" has a noticeably groovy feel to it, and the music on the whole is excellent. If nothing else, Barnes trying to be a funk star does have a degree of payoff, but Barnes' lyrics as Georgie Fruit, on the whole, are some

all very well done, and both "An Eluardian Instance" and "Gallery Piece" stand among some of Barnes' best tracks. The opening track, "Nonpareil of Favor," is a very interesting and new sound for the band, and Barnes still retains his incredible knack for writing poppy, catchy, and well-crafted hooks.

The whole album itself seems to be made up of many shorter movements strung together to make songs, and the music behind Barnes' questionable lyrics is very, very good. If not for the flawed lyrics, "Skeletal Lamping" could've been a worthy successor to "Hissing Fauna," but instead it is merely a mediocre trinket of Barnes' newfound Georgie Fruit obsession. Fans will be divided, but, if nothing else, there are a few good tracks, and the following tour looks to be the biggest of the band's career.

## Crossword of the week

### Required Reading

Neville L. Fogarty

### ACROSS

1. Rowan Atkinson character
5. Plead
8. Oxygen-requiring organism
14. Shrek, e.g.
15. Feverish
16. Antebellum
17. W&L alum and author of 41-Across
19. There's one on the green in New York
20. Winery process
22. 1,000 kilos
23. Shine
27. Frenziedly
29. It increases with houses and hotels
30. Colorado Indian
31. Where to find paste?
35. Groups of eight
38. Mrs. Lincoln's maiden name
40. Chemical suffix
41. With 63-Across, 1987 novel whose title references a 1497 event
44. Half a score
45. It's softer than gypsum
46. Nitid
47. Crumbs
49. It regulates LaGuardia (abbr.)
50. Capri, e.g.
51. Outback birds
53. Like Arnold and Willis Jackson
56. How you can vote in a shareholders' election
59. Middle Eastern meat on a stick
61. Daises
63. See 41-Across
68. The Titans, once
69. Mail Boxes \_\_\_\_
70. You can up it

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71. Slow moving South America mammals
72. It indicates a maiden name
73. Bite like a beaver

23. Where saint Bernadette saw Mary in Lourdes
24. Debaucherous man
25. "Law and Order: Criminal \_\_\_\_"
26. Type of wound of which Caesar had 23
28. Euripedean tragedy
30. Where Karen is regional manager on "The Office"
32. Loathe
33. What Clinton didn't do
34. Swarmed
36. "Animaniacs" sister
37. Muddle
39. Canine
42. It holds the solution?

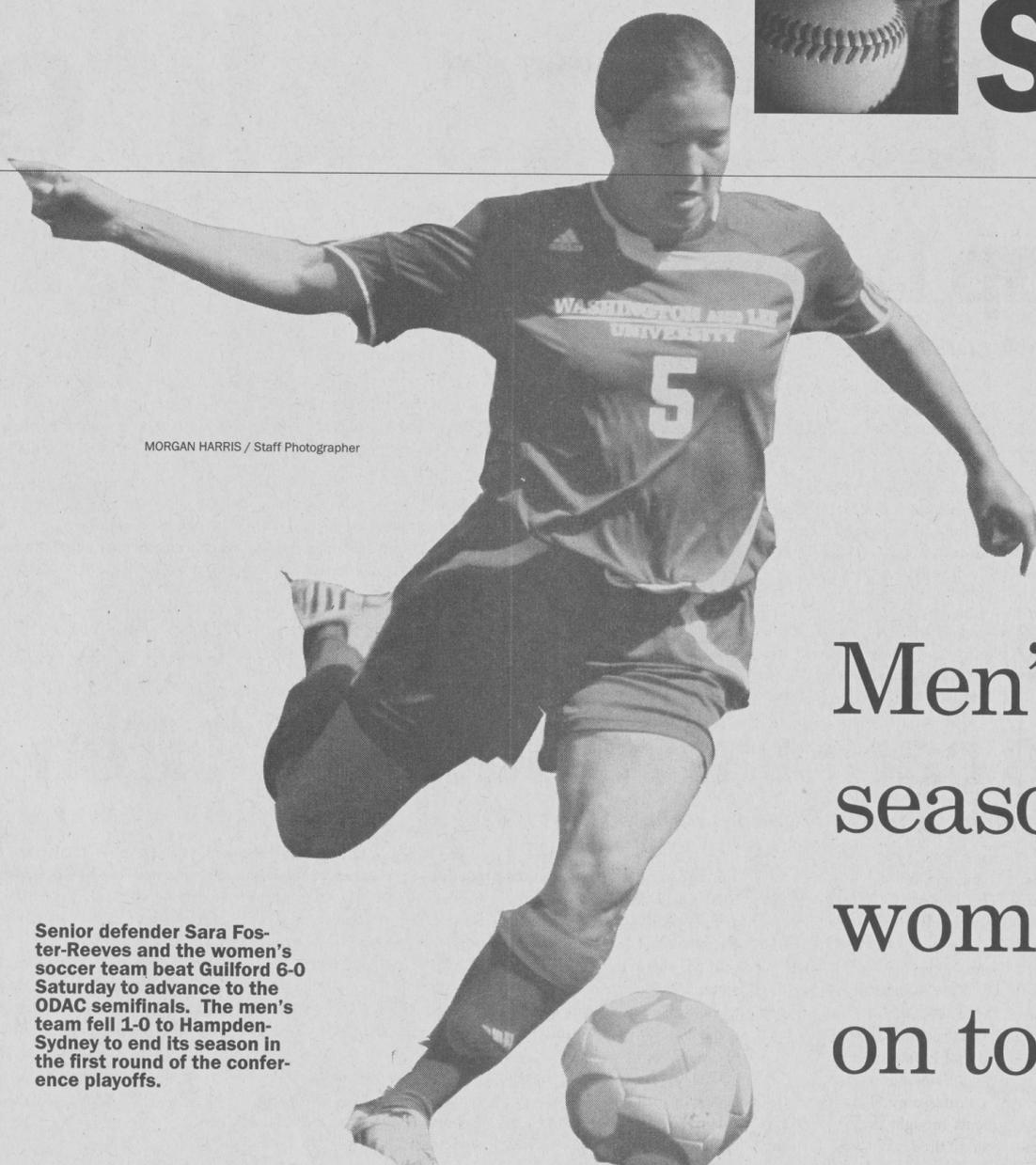
43. Do a cheerleading move
48. Group of six musical performers
52. Reddish-brown dried sap
53. Lessen
54. One third of a 1964 Beach Boys hit
55. Japanese sash
56. Major-leaguers
57. Agitate
58. 1952 Winter Olympics site
60. All square
62. Balaam's mount
64. Body spray brand
65. 1942 film "Holiday \_\_\_\_"
66. Capt.'s prediction
67. Darn

### DOWN

1. Automated program
2. I, to Claudius
3. Chair part
4. "What's \_\_\_\_, Pussycat?"
5. Ship compartment
6. Spritelike
7. Hidden valley
8. Inclined
9. Poet's Muse
10. Take back
11. Luke Wilson's brother
12. Owl's hangout
13. Marine eagle
18. Bran source
21. University of Florida student



# sports



MORGAN HARRIS / Staff Photographer

Senior defender Sara Foster-Reeves and the women's soccer team beat Guilford 6-0 Saturday to advance to the ODAC semifinals. The men's team fell 1-0 to Hampden-Sydney to end its season in the first round of the conference playoffs.

## Men's soccer season ends, women move on to semifinals

### Men's soccer loses to Hampden-Sydney 1-0 on early goal, ends season 9-5-2

By Brooke Sutherland  
STAFF WRITER

The Hampden-Sydney College Tigers scored only one goal in their match-up against the Washington and Lee University men's soccer team, but it was enough to bring the Generals' season to a close.

Facing off in the first round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference playoffs, the Generals kept the Tigers from scoring again as sophomore goalkeeper Ben Bartlett recorded five saves, but they simply could not overcome the early goal by the fourth-seeded Tigers.

"They scored at the two minute mark," said assistant coach Geoff del Forn. "It's just so hard

to play when you have that 1-0 deficit."

Added senior forward Whitt Larkin, whose play was cited by del Forn:

"When you get down early, it changes the game. You know you have to score, and that puts more pressure on us to try to take it to them. We started out focusing on defense, but then we had to shift to focus more on scoring. I think it just took us awhile to get comfortable and to get in the flow."

Once they found their stride on the field, the Generals had a much stronger second half against the Tigers, particularly on the defensive side, but it wasn't enough to clench the victory.

"We showed a lot more passion, a lot more heart," said senior defender Fletcher McCraw. "We definitely outplayed them too, but we just couldn't knock one in."

The loss was certainly a disappointing finish for the Gen-

*"We were definitely hoping to make it to the conference final game, but it just wasn't in the cards for us. We're sad it came to an end, but the kids gave it their all and fought hard."*

**GEOFF DEL FORN, assistant men's soccer coach**

On defense, we had that one mistake early, but other than that we could contain them. We had a lot of shot opportunities

erals who finished the season 9-5-2 overall and 4-5-1 in conference play.

After losing in the ODAC fi-

nals last year to Roanoke, 2008 was only the second time in nine years that the Generals did not advance to the conference semi-finals.

"We were definitely hoping to make it to the conference final game, but it just wasn't in the cards for us," del Forn said. "It was a let down a little bit. We're sad it came to an end, but the kids gave it their all and fought hard."

The loss after all cannot discount what was for the most part a successful season.

"Anytime you're playing a sport, you know your season is going to end in a loss unless you win the national championship so I don't think we can really focus on that," McCraw said.

"We battled a lot of adversity with injuries — myself included. There were times when we were disappointed but also times when we were excited. We're disappointed with the tournament obviously, but I think we can be proud of the season as a whole."

"It was really an up and down season," added Larkin. "A lot of younger players had to step up and fill bigger roles due to injuries. But I think that it was a lot more positive than what we're feeling right now. I think when we look back in the spring, we're going to be happier about it, and the freshmen and sophomores are going to be really glad they got the playing time they did."

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Junior Class Meeting, 5-6 PM

Commons Stackhouse Theater

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Students share Summer Experiences  
Stemmons Plaza (weather permitting)

(Science Center alternate)

### Behind a hat trick from Van Devender, women's soccer crushes Guilford 6-0 in quarterfinals

By Adam Cancryn  
STAFF WRITER

Senior forward Anne Van Devender gave Watt Field one more memorable performance on Saturday, scoring three goals en route to a 6-0 triumph over Guilford for the Washington and Lee women's soccer team in the ODAC Quarterfinals. She now leads the team with 17 goals on the year.

Playing in her last home game in Lexington, Van Devender wasted no time in leaving her mark. Midway through the first half, she won a ball in the open field, eluded her defender and found the back of the net.

Following the goal, the Generals never looked back, dominating play and putting consistent pressure on the Guilford defense. Despite some spectacular goalkeeping by the Quakers' senior Amber Stapler, W&L found a way to strike again before the half.

Fellow senior Marisa Van Brunt placed a free kick right in front of Van Devender, allow-

ing her to turn and volley the bouncing ball over the keeper's head. It was Van Brunt's third assist of the season.

Having played and beaten Guilford 5-0 just a week before, a 2-0 lead at the break gave Coach Neil Cunningham a sense of relief, but he knew the team couldn't afford a let-down.

*"There's a sense of no regrets. In tournament play, all factors change. We knew we had to bring intensity into the game."*

**ANNE VAN DEVENDER, senior defender**

"Playing a team you've just beaten easily seven days before, it's a hard thing to do," said Cunningham.

The women's soccer team has never lost to Guilford (22-0-2), but the seniors needed no extra motivation to get up for the game.

"There's a sense of no regrets," said Van Devender. "In

Devender capitalized on another opportunity, notching a hat trick in the 50th minute.

The goal gave the senior forward 17 on the year and eight in her past four games.

W&L would score three more times in the half on an own goal and conversions by sophomore midfielders Caroline Lamberti and Laura Yung-

meyer, capping off an outstanding overall performance.

"We played really well. We did a great job all around," said Coach Cunningham.

The win propels the third-seeded Generals into the second round of the ODAC tournament. Lynchburg, the regular season ODAC runner-up, will host W&L in the conference semifinals on Wednesday. The Hornets beat Randolph-Macon 7-0 Saturday in the first round.

With a win in the semifinals, W&L would reach the ODAC Championship for the first time since 2004. After dropping a 2-1 overtime heartbreaker earlier in the year to Lynchburg, the team will have no problem getting up for this match.

"We just have to play our game," said Van Devender, who emphasized the seniors' no-regrets mentality. "We definitely have the resources to beat them."

"We're ready for them. We're done preparing... we lost last time, so that gives us the extra motivation we need," said Coach Cunningham.

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## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Football</b>						vs. Emory & Henry 1 p.m.	
<b>Field Hockey</b>			at Eastern Mennonite TBA				ODAC Finals?
<b>Women's Soccer</b>			at Lynchburg TBA				ODAC Finals?
<b>Men's Soccer</b>							
<b>Volleyball</b>					vs. Guilford 4 p.m.		ODAC Semifinals & Finals?
<b>Cross Country</b>							
<b>Women's Swimming</b>					vs. Randolph-Macon 6 p.m.	at Sweet Briar 2 p.m.	
<b>Men's Swimming</b>							
<b>Wrestling</b>							W&L Fall Classic 10 a.m.

## in the numbers

20-2

W&L's all-time series lead over VMI in the men's lacrosse Lee-Jackson Classic. The Generals beat the Keydets 14-8 on Oct. 25 in the series' most recent game. Senior midfielder Henry St. John was named the Worrell-Fallon MVP for W&L for his four goals in the game.

25

The number of years since a Philadelphia major professional sports team (NBA, NHL, NFL or MLB) won a championship before the Phillies won the World Series Wednesday over the Tampa Bay Rays in five games. Philadelphia's last title had come in 1983 when the 76ers beat the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA Championship.

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The number of women to win the New York City Marathon three times. With a time of 2:23:56, Paula Radcliffe of Great Britain won the 26.2-mile race Sunday for the third time in five years.

8-0

The Tennessee Titans record this season after beating the Green Bay Packers 19-16 in overtime Sunday. The Titans, who finished third in the AFC South last year, are the only unbeaten team in the NFL.

## soapbox

*"I believe this firmly; our guys are not going to be satisfied without playing in October from now on. And that's a good thing. And that's all because of this group of people this year."*

Tampa Bay Rays manager Joe Maddon after his team lost to the Philadelphia Phillies in the World Series. Before this season, the Rays had never had a winning record in the history of their organization, courtesy of cbssports.com.

*"On the sideline, I kind of dreamed that I would catch a pass and go in the end zone for a game-winning score. I do that, like every game, but it happened. It kind of shocked me."*

Texas Tech wide receiver Michael Crabtree after he caught a 28-yard pass and eluded two defenders on the sideline to score a touchdown with one second left to hand the Red Raiders the comeback 39-33 win over no. 1 Texas, courtesy of cbssports.com.

## XC teams place at ODACs

Men finish third while women take first for fifth-straight year

By Kevin Corn  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams spent Saturday in Virginia Beach, Va., at the 2008 ODAC Championships. The women took their fifth straight title while the men finished third, only nine points out of first.

Both teams racked up additional accolades, including women's coach Kris Hoey who was named ODAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year for the fifth time.

The women were led by senior Jessica Shaw who finished first with a time of 21:41 — a time that helped make her the ODAC Runner of the Year. Senior Elizabeth Webb took second after crossing the finish line in a time of 21:54 while senior Becca Taylor finished with a time of 22:26 for a fourth-place finish. Junior Dorothy Todd was close behind Taylor with a time of 22:52, placing seventh.

Taylor also was named ODAC Women's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete of the year for the third-straight year. Shaw, Webb, Taylor, and Todd were all named First-Team All-ODAC runners.

Webb commented that the meet "was a culmination of nearly six months of hard work." She continued, "Even though we have national ambitions for this season, we made sure not to lose sight of the fact that we needed to defend our ODAC title first. Everyone truly came through and contributed in a big way."

Finishing close behind were junior Kat Telfeyan and sophomores Katherine Fenwick and Christine Balistreri. Telfeyan took ninth with a time of 23:06 while Fenwick finished in a time of 23:22 to place

eleventh. Balistreri captured fourteenth with a time of 23:32. All three were named Second Team All-ODAC honorees.

"Our success comes from running as a team, working together, and understanding both each others' strengths and where we need that extra support," stated Taylor. "Each girl on the team contributes so much to the team's success and to my own success because having all my Gennies with me out on the course is what keeps those negative thoughts out of me head and motivates me to push myself farther

ering his circumstances: Not far into the race, his right shoe fell off.

"My right shoe heel was stepped on and slipped off my foot within the first half mile of the race" explained Jackson. "I had to run the remaining 4.5 miles with one shoe."

"Overall, our team this year would have beaten last year's ODAC champs [W&L] fairly handily," commented Ivy. "In other words, we all ran to the best of our ability and that's all we could ask for."

"Our success as a team was due di-

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ELIZABETH WEBB, senior

than I thought possible."

The men faced stiff competition this year but rose to the occasion. Senior Michael Welsh led the Generals with his third-place finish in a time of 25:33. Senior Vance Berry was close behind, crossing the finish line in a time of 25:44 for fifth place. Welsh and Berry's performance earned them First Team All-ODAC honors.

Sophomore Jack Ivy was awarded Second Team All-ODAC honors with his eighth place finish and time of 25:54. Senior Alex Jackson rounded out the top 20 with his finish in a time of 26:37.

Jackson ran an amazing race consid-

rectly to the commitments made by individuals early in the season and over the summer" added Jackson. "Without people stepping up and replacing positions on the team lost to last year's graduating class, we wouldn't have been as successful."

"The men's third place finish, while not being enough to win a fifth conference title was still very satisfying as only 9 points separated first and third," concluded Jackson. "We are a significantly stronger team this year than even last season."

## Field hockey advances to semis

Generals beat Virginia Wesleyan in ODAC Quarterfinals

By Lizz Dye  
STAFF WRITER

After a blowout 5-1 win over Virginia Wesleyan College on Saturday in the first round of the ODAC tournament, the Washington & Lee field hockey team will advance to the semifinal round on Wednesday against Eastern Mennonite University (EMU).

The Generals faced Virginia Wesleyan in the regular season on October 18. A different day ended in the same score and result: a 5-1 W&L victory with four goals scored in the first half and one in the second while the Marlins scored their goal late in the second.

W&L put a point on the scoreboard in the first five minutes when junior forward Sallie Armstrong scored an unassisted goal. Senior forwards Christina Merchant and Melissa Dolan teamed up on Merchant's first goal at the 18:50 mark of the first half. Just three minutes later Merchant scored her second goal off of an assist from senior defender Liz Garson.

Sophomore forward Poppy Hall brought the score to 4-0 at the 24:04 mark off of an incoming shot from fellow sophomore Jennie Norcini.

The second half amounted to a great showing from the Generals defense. Norcini came up with a defensive save while junior Grace McGee and first-year Lizz Dye notched two apiece.

Armstrong complimented the Gener-

als' solid defensive play. "We had great baseline defense yesterday led by Grace [McGee] and Jennie [Norcini], and it was definitely a team effort with four different people scoring. We are looking forward to Wednesday."

Garson scored W&L's last goal in the 44th minute of the game off of a sophomore midfielder Emmy Matthews' assist.

win against CNU [Christopher Newport University] really allowed us to see what we could really do skill-wise. It seems like all of the pieces are falling into place. We will definitely bring it on Wednesday against EMU. We have a great group of players, and we have what it takes."

Applauding her team's performance Saturday, head coach Wendy Orrison

*"I was excited that we kept our momentum going after our two wins last weekend to take it into the postseason play. I'm glad that we've already beat EMU once this year; however, I think that we have a big game (Wednesday), and we're going to have to have one of the best games of our season to win."*

WENDY ORRISON, head field hockey coach

It was Matthews' eighth assist of the season.

Minutes away from their third shutout of the season, the Generals suffered a goal by Virginia Wesleyan's Whitney King at 65 minutes. Junior goalkeeper Caroline Habliston had 10 saves and played the entire game in goal.

Assistant coach Tiff Underhill is excited by the Generals potential. "Going into the tournament after having such a great

added, "I was excited that we kept our momentum going after our two wins last weekend to take it into the postseason play. I'm glad that we've already beat EMU once this year; however, I think that we have a big game [Wednesday], and we're going to have to have one of the best games of our season to win."

The EMU Royals will play host to the Generals Wednesday in the ODAC semifinals.

## Football loses 19-32 to Bridgewater

### Scoring Summary

- **Bridgewater College (BC):** David ARGAUD 2-yd. TD run (William DAVIS P.A.T.)
- **W&L:** Jason BACAJ 41-yd. TD reception from Charlie WESTFAL
- **BC:** Anthony CARTER 2-yd. TD run (Patrick SMOOT 2-pt. conversion)
- **BC:** Patrick SMOOT 3-yd. TD reception from Hagan DRISKELL (William DAVIS P.A.T.)
- **BC:** Darrin MCKENZIE 6-yd. TD run (William DAVIS P.A.T.)
- **BC:** William DAVIS 25-yd. field goal
- **W&L:** Stuart SITTERSON 1-yd. TD run
- **W&L:** Patrick CONLEY 23-yd. TD reception from Parker FINLEY (Martin Prichard P.A.T.)