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Responsible partying

Panel to discuss interacting with law officials after drinking

By Eleanor Kennedy
STAFF WRITER

Students, Alcohol and the Law, an event which will include a panel discussion followed by a opportunity for students to voice their questions, comments and concerns about enforcement of drinking laws in Lexington, will take place on Tuesday October 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Stackhouse Theater.

The panel will be composed of members of the local and county police offices, a local lawyer and the presidents of the EC and SJC. The panel will discuss a number of scenarios which students commonly face in Lexington and then open the floor up for any questions from the audience.

Junior Stephanie Brown is one of the coordinators of the event. Brown said that she and SJC president Crighton Allen discussed the idea of a forum about what rights and responsibilities students have when they are consuming alcohol, and what they should expect in interactions with police officers.

"The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that W&L students are fully aware of both their rights and responsibilities should they ever find themselves in a situation involving alcohol and a law enforcement officer."

STEPHANIE BROWN, Junior

Brown and Allen brought the idea to Dean Watkins, who informed them that EC president Eric Hoffman had already been in contact with the police and the Lexington community on this issue. Brown and Allen contacted Hoffman, and the three planned the Students, Alcohol and the Law event.

Brown said: "The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that W&L students are fully aware of both their rights and responsibilities should they ever find themselves in a situation involving alcohol and a law enforcement officer."

"It is our hope that common ground can be reached on what constitutes an appropriate interaction between students and law enforcement officers."

She also hopes that the discussion at the meeting will "help students understand how to handle encounters with the police, increase students' knowledge of their rights, and underscore the potential consequences of their actions with regards to the Honor System and the University's Conduct Policies."

Issues that will be covered at the meeting include drunk in public laws, the effect of the Honor System on interactions with police, the W&L strike system and the authority of police at Traveller bus stops.

The panel has certain scenarios that they have developed for discussion, but Brown said they would appreciate any suggestions from the student body.

Brown said she is hopeful that a large number of students will attend, since there are currently 99 students planning on attending with another 176 considering coming.

No matter how many people show up, Brown still believes "that even if it's only a few people who learn more about their rights and the law, and can communicate that to other people, then the event will have been a success."

More information about the event can be found on the Facebook event with the same name. Just in case some students need more incentive than the value of knowing their rights in an interaction with police, food will be provided.



Security cracks down

Public safety takes stricter stance on parties, frats complain

By Valaree Tang
STAFF WRITER

Many agree that partying can be characterized as a huge part of W&L culture. Partiers head straight to fraternities to participate in various social activities. Solo cups in hand, students seem to think that the fun can go on for hours. However, several parties this year have been heavily regulated, and some have even been shut down by public safety officers.

Rumors of parties being shut down by campus security officers and students being given strikes by these officers due to their defiance of university policy have permeated the campus.

According to the Student Right-To-Know, Equity in Athletics and Campus Safety ("Clery Act") Reports, a public safety officer, "while responsible for the enforcement of rules and regulations prescribed by the university, are not empowered with arrest authority." The "Clery Act" also says that students are "considered adults and are expected to abide by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and federal statutes concerning possession and use of alcohol, illegal drugs and other unlawful controlled substances."

Sigma Phi Epsilon's band party on Friday, Sept. 18, though not officially shut down, was heavily regulated by public safety officers. The members

of the fraternity were shocked when a public safety officer arrived on scene. Brett Holton, social chair of Sig Ep, said he believed that they were following what they believed to be the risk management rules, only to be confronted by officers. When the officer arrived, underage attendees left the party when alcohol was not being served, leaving a mere seven people at the soiree. The party continued until its scheduled time.

Holton and his fraternity were under the assumption that as long as an alcoholic drink was in a Solo cup, "security wouldn't bother you." They were later informed by a female security officer that that was never the case for university policy. Sig Ep had its safety procedures in place, including designated sober officers, sober drivers and fraternity brothers on security.

"It seems as though security is changing the rules in the middle of the game and penalizing fraternities for doing things as they've always done and never been punished for before," said Eleanor Kennedy, attendee of two separate parties that were heavily regulated or shut down.

It has also been rumored that one of Sigma Nu's cocktail parties and Pi Kappa Phi's Late Night have also been shut down—by the very same

public safety officer who was present at Sig Ep's party.

"The party was singlehandedly shut down by one security officer: Kay Bostick," said Sigma Nu Social Chair Ken Delecki. He reported that two other officers went to the party earlier in the night and saw no reason for concern. "It seems that this security officer thinks registering a party gives them license to harass us as they please."

Bostick said that she does not believe that she is doing anything outside of the boundaries of her job description.

Sig Ep is now resorting to privately hiring other security officers to regulate their parties.

It has been reported that Bostick is under investigation. Though other fraternities have formally complained about the officer, these rumors cannot be confirmed.

Bostick regularly makes multiple appearances at parties in order to further enforce what she believes to be university policy. She says that she has not found any parties to be complete compliance with the rules.

"I think it's only fair if the students write the rules, and they agree upon the rules, they ought to comply," said Bostick, who advises students to "party with common sense,

sound judgment and drinking within personal limits."

Holton said he considers the tight regulation to be a hassle.

"If you deny students alcohol in a safe controlled environment, they will just go off campus where they're no longer in a safe place. They will make stupid mistakes," Holton said. "I think it's just forcing people into bad situations."

Perhaps part of the reason for the sudden and strict crackdown is due to "a movement from the administration of the university to gain a better hold on compliance to the rules and regulations pertaining to underage consumption of alcohol," according to public safety director, Mike Young. A refusal of compliance to the policy may lead to a party being shut down and written reports, which may result in issued strikes or a review of the fraternity by the IFC.

However, IDs are not being checked at the door because of the university's philosophy of student affairs.

"We want them to be able to enjoy social events," said Young. "We want them to obey the rules and the laws. We lay it on the students to take their own responsibility to make sure that that happens."

Continuing to reform SFHB

Students and professors offer opinions and solutions on how to fix the hearing process

By Eric Gehman
STAFF WRITER

The Student Faculty Hearing Board (SFHB) review committee held its second open forum on Friday, Oct. 9. This was a chance for students, faculty and other members of the W&L community to offer their suggestions and opinions about how the University handles cases of discrimination, harassment and sexual misconduct.

Present at the meeting were a variety of representatives from all areas of the campus, ranging from the department of Women's and Gender Studies to former members of the SFHB and various student groups, all hoping to effect change in a system many consider in dire need of reform.

Co-Chair Dean Rod Smolla expressed that the forums are meant to help the committee formulate its suggestions and stressed that the group is still in the process of gathering information before it convenes to decide what reforms to include in its final report.

The floor opened after a brief introduction of the committee and a statement from Smolla about the purpose of the meeting. First to offer her thoughts was Professor Robin LeBlanc, former head of the Women's and Gender Studies program and member of both the Politics department and the Student Affairs Committee.

LeBlanc criticized the closed nature of the committee, sharing her concern that "... the structure of the current ad-hoc committee doesn't avail itself to the wealth of expertise and training possessed by some of the undergraduate faculty and student groups."

"It has now long been the case at W&L that some students and faculty are informed, organized and active on issues such as sexual assault and harassment," LeBlanc said. "When

we reach the stage at which these informed, organized and active community members are regularly consulted and formally included in decision making relevant to the expertise, I will see our institution as having more honestly committed itself to the values of civility and honor we aspire to hold dear."

The second person to comment was Philosophy and Women's and Gender Studies professor Melina Bell, who offered a wealth of suggestions as to how the SFHB should be overhauled. Bell called it "highly problematic" that students do not have more involvement in the selection of SFHB members and even went on to suggest that a direct election of student board members would be preferable to the current system, in which the EC appoints two students to serve on the board and recommends faculty members for appointment by the Provost.

"I have spoken," said Bell, "with many women students who believe, mistakenly, that as long as one does not lie, cheat or steal, the EC is irrelevant to their lives. However, they recognize the relevance of the SFHB to their lives."

Bell urged the committee to strive for more consistency in the sanctions and outcomes of cases that the SFHB hears. She called for a smaller board composed of a chair, two students (one male, one female) and two faculty members, minimum and maximum penalties, as well as clear definitions of offenses "framed... on some concepts established in law or other adjudicatory settings."

Another vocal participant in the forum was CAIR Counselor and W&L alumnus Joel Shinofield, who asked for a smaller, faculty-only committee, more specific training methods

on sexual assault to be administered before the start of the school year and an "independent counsel with no affiliation to W&L" for legal advice. He deplored the size and composition of the current SFHB, saying that many students who come to him seeking help are unwilling to testify in front of a board of so many members of the campus community, due to the sensitive and often emotional nature of such difficult cases.

Kevin Corn, head Resident Advisor for First Years, agreed, claiming that "we have one of the largest hearing bodies of these sorts of cases," and that "students don't have any trust that the board will bring any sort of justice."

Other students voiced similar opinions, including KEWL president Catherine Kruse.

"Frankly, I don't think the SFHB should have students on it," she said. "We, as college students, don't have the capacity, knowledge or experience to handle the cases as well as others who understand the victim's mentality [and] who can stand as role models for relief."

The idea that a faculty-only board would increase the number of reported cases was a widely supported view, though this also raised concerns about violating W&L's long-standing tradition of student government.

Regardless of the board's composition, however, most agreed that more thorough training is needed for all members prior to the start of the school year and that the SFHB should be more active in reaching out to the student body.

Dave Leonard, Dean of First Year Students, discussed his concern about the campus climate and attitudes toward alcohol and sexual conduct.

"We very clearly have a lot of cul-

tural issues," he said. "The culture is very muddy, and the time has come to address the situation." Public promotion to raise awareness about sexual harassment and assault from the SFHB, similar to the SJC's campaign to reduce drunk driving, was also widely recommended.

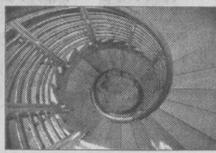
While a wide variety of opinions and criticism were shared throughout the two hour session, Smolla made it clear that the committee is still seeking the help and advice of the W&L community.

"We have been very impressed with the honesty, thoughtfulness and intensity of the comments we have received in our two open sessions," Smolla said. "We have already scheduled, and continue to schedule, many additional meetings with groups and individuals who have asked for the opportunity to speak privately with the committee. We are learning a great deal through the process, and we continue to encourage the widest possible participation from the campus community."

Still, some expressed concern and doubt that the student body could play any significant role in the reform process without any representation on the board from knowledgeable groups in the undergraduate community.

As Kruse noted, "it is hard to comment on the process because none of us really knows what is going on. While I appreciate that they are accepting input from clubs like KEWL and the WGS faculty, none of us are on the board, so we don't even know how much our opinions count."

Those who wish to submit comments or suggestions can do so by contacting the committee or through their website at <http://law.wlu.edu/sfhb>.



opinions

Why do we need a date to Homecoming?

Butler asks why Homecoming is centered around nothing but fraternities and, for girls, looking pretty for a date

By Aleisha Butler
COLUMNIST

Ah, Homecoming... that annual event.

That event that draws hordes of alumni and, apparently, their toddlers and infants, to cocktail parties, wine tastings and late-night band parties. (I'm not kidding. On Saturday night I saw a newborn at a frat party.) What do we think of it? How important is it in the scheme of social events that take place around here? What is the meaning of Homecoming?

While kicking around these topics with a few guy friends who happen to be in a fraternity, they asked the eternal, unanswerable question that hovers around the social events at W&L: Why do we need dates for something like Homecoming?

One of the guys I was talk-

ing with piped up and said it's because the undergrads need to prove to the alumni that the fraternity is still "doing well." What does that mean? It seems that success, in the frat world,

business transaction of sorts. Because sorority nationals do not permit alcohol to be served in sorority houses, women are not able to host equivalent social events. Much less frequently do

full roster backing us up. And everybody who knows anything about sports knows that winning an away game is always a little tougher than a home game.

So, what should we do? Call

female, we're smooth enough to harness somebody to us for a 48-hour period? Score.

Most of the time, I hear people coming back from date functions with indifferent or actually unpleasant stories, and the people who simply go in groups of friends, mixed-gender or not, seem to have the best time. The pressure to be polite, gracious and catering to another person's enjoyment is so much less if it's only your own good time that you're worried about.

As one of the guys who helped me with this article said, Homecoming is supposed to be about the alumni. We're supposed to welcome them back and entertain them. It provides a good opportunity for us to network, and it lets them feel like they're 21

again. (Although at W&L, being 21 really isn't an issue.)

As we all know, the social scene can get hectic and stressful, especially when we're hosting several graduating-classes' worth of guests, and throwing in the added pressure of finding dates is kind of unnecessary. Most of the events during this weekend were standing-up, moving-around kinds of affairs, not sit-down dinners and hotel reservations. We would all have a much better time if, in the future, we saved the date-snaring for the really serious, sophisticated social events. Like Christmas in the Country. Or Fancy Dress. Or Pledge Formal.

You know, "classy" stuff.

It seems that success, in the frat world, is measured by the number of (attractive) girls that attend any given party or social function.

is measured by the number of (attractive) girls that attend any given party or social function. Like video games to little kids, the more you have the cooler you are.

Guys need to prove their studiousness, and girls need a place to party, so we come up with a

we have the ability to socialize with our entire Greek affiliation, and the fact that we need to play the social game at guys' houses always makes us the visiting team.

We never get to play the world's most complicated game on our home turf, or with our

up sorority nationals and tell them to change their policies? That probably wouldn't work, but you're welcome to give it a try.

Instead, maybe we should reevaluate our partying needs: why do we need dates? What do we have to prove? That, male or

Welcome to the reality of rape at Washington & Lee

A W&L student shares her experience with rape and begs for an end to the shocking culture of tolerating assault

By Anonymous

Let's pretend that this year one out of every four Washington and Lee students had their cars stolen. Wouldn't there be a campus-wide outrage that penetrated both the students and administration? We would probably make national news for that many car thefts, and the number one in four would be significant. Why then is this not the reaction to the number of sexual assaults that take place on our campus every year? Our numbers are about one in four. Why are these numbers so unimportant?

Do not enough victims speak out? Do we consider it such a medial problem that we are unwilling to do start a dialogue about fixing it? Do we not understand

how it happens? Do we think it couldn't happen to us or to our friends? Again, our numbers are about one in four, so it probably, and almost certainly has happened to your friends.

My story is not very different from that of many women or men on this campus. I apologize in advance if it makes you uncomfortable to read, but something needs to be done. Maybe if people are able to identify with my story, they will realize that sexual assault is a problem on our campus. It is a problem that needs to be addressed. We cannot ignore it any longer in hopes that it will go away.

I had met a guy who I thought was intriguing, and we started to

spend more time together. We did laundry together once and had kissed a few times. I liked how sure of himself he always seemed, and his friends were pretty solid. We had hooked up sober a few times, and when he asked me to have sex, I declined, making it clear that I wanted to wait until I was married (just a personal preference, but his different views on sex were okay of course). When we had had a few drinks, I had the same preference not to have sex; he tried to push my limits a few times, but when I stood my ground, he stopped asking and settled for other types of physical affection.

One night, we went to a bar together with a few friends. Because I was under 21 at the time, he bought me shots all night which I, thinking I was of the W&L drinking caliber, accepted without a thought to how much I was consuming. He had a few drinks, but was nowhere near as drunk as I because he had fo-

cus his efforts on getting me drunk. We went back for the night where I threw up, a clear sign for me that my body was not able to handle the amount of alcohol I had previously consumed.

We lay in bed and kissed for a little while when he began tak-

he decided he wanted it, I was powerless to stop him.

Not sober enough to get up and drive away but well aware that I was not strong enough to fight him off, I froze and can remember thinking "oh God, just let this be over soon... please just

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Rape... what a taboo word. It conjures thoughts of violence and sleazy old men taking advantage of stupid, vulnerable women. On our campus, though, it is sometimes as simple as someone saying no, the other person hearing the no, understanding the no and still deciding that his or her physical gratification is more important.

I did not want to have sex. He knew that. In the heat of the moment I never said yes. I also never said no with a "Come on baby, I actually meant yes" grin—my no was clear. There are men and women on this campus who share the same story or share a similar one.

We walk around with smiles on our faces and even continue to hook up with people—shocking. Again, the numbers on this campus are high. Let's do something about it.

End it.

ing clothes off. I told him in my drunken state that I did not want to have sex (which at this point should have been crystal clear in his mind) and he persisted. "Just a little bit," he said, "or maybe all of it just for a little while." I continued with my no's but when

let it be over soon." He finished and taunted me with "So, babe, how does it feel not to be a virgin anymore?" and I could only stare at him. I laughed it off for a few days, unable to cope with the experience. Sound like rape to you?

The "we just don't care" generation

As 2010 and a new decade loom, Bullitt looks back on characteristics of his generation

By Stockton Bullitt
COLUMNIST

I don't know if you've checked lately, but we are two and a half months away from a new decade. 2010 does not come with the same amount of hype as 2000... Nevertheless, it still matters.

Since you are probably spending most of your time dealing with the here and now, you might not have noticed how truly important this decade was to our generation. The Baby Boomers had the 1960s to figure themselves out. Generation X had the 1990s to complain about the world and make their everlasting mark. Our generation? We had the 2000s.

If you really stop and think about it, the last 10 years were primarily about our generation. Basically, everyone who is in the age range to be an undergrad here has been the cultural center of attention for the last 10 years.

Don't believe me? Who do you think 98 Degrees, O-Town, Christina Aguilera, and Destiny's Child were marketing to when they all released music in 2000?

Why do you think the graduating classes of "The O.C." and "Gossip Girl" were 2006 and 2009 respectively?

Why did Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network suddenly not have any programming ideas once we hit puberty?

Why did the R-Rated comedies start coming back into fashion once we did hit puberty?

Starting to make some sense? Now, some of you may be thinking that since you were anywhere

from the age of 8 to the age of 12 in 2000, you can't really be the most important cultural entity. You are supposed to be in your prime from 16-29, and anything outside of that does not really count.

While that argument does hold some merit, let's face it: from our perspective, life basically ends once you leave college. Seniors are already looking for jobs, and most have already come to terms with the reality that their graduation present will most likely be a minivan and a 401K portfolio.

Face it. These last ten years were basically all geared to people who were born between 1987 and 1992. We just matter more than everyone else.

So while you are contemplating that pretty heavy fact (and maybe wondering how the hell I was able to remember who O-Town was), let me tell you another pretty interesting thing about our now clearly defined generation: we have a catch phrase!

Other famous generations have had catch phrases as well. The Baby Boomers had "free love" and Generation X had "keeping it real." Other generations, especially the lesser-known ones might also have had catch phrases, but since by now they are over 30, do we even care anymore? Yeah, I thought so.

Anyway, our generation, which I like to call Generation "ADDERall" (I'm not sure if it's going to catch on), has a catch phrase: "I don't even care." Now, you might not have said this phrase that many times in your

life, but that's only because you probably substituted it with "give an [expletive]."

And since apparently curses still aren't allowed in newspapers, I'm going to stick with "care."

Being raised in incredibly passive-aggressive households, we were trained from birth to not even care. In pre-school, the Baby Boomers were taught to share the fire truck with their friends. The Generation Xers were taught to find a true friend that they could trust to share with. Our generation? We were taught that it doesn't really matter whether someone takes our fire truck or not because N64 was much more important anyway.

This example isn't supposed to imply that we were more spoiled as children. Every generation's lifestyle has it a little better than the generation before it, but we can now complain that the iCarly generation has life way too easy.

Our generation was definitely not an outrageously spoiled generation. Instead, we just figured out a way not to care who was playing with our fire truck. Simple as that.

Now that we're grown up, we still show that we just don't care. Back in the good ole days, the Baby Boomers at parties would try and convince members of the opposite sex to come back to their place to listen to the Jimi Hendrix Experience, take some substances, and go through with "free love" firsthand.

A decade ago, the Generation Xers would invite members of

the opposite sex to come back to their place to listen to some quality grunge music, drink some coffee, talk about real things in the world like democratization and globalization, and maybe if there was some time left over, get to really know each other. Basically, Generation X was that generation who used italics a little too much.

When we try and seduce potential mates at parties, we use slightly different tactics to do so. A typical pick-up line among the kids in our generation goes a little something like this: "Hey, I mean, you don't have to, but if you want to come by my place, we can just chill for a while, listen to a little Jack Johnson, and I don't know, maybe something will happen. I mean, it's not that big a deal and I don't really care, but there is this funny Youtube video that you'd probably like, and who knows what can happen from there?"

Okay, there probably has never been a pickup line like that ever, but I had throw in one or two pop culture references.

Regardless, how many times have you been shut down by that potential hookup only to return to your friends and tell them that you didn't even care in the first place? 20? 30? Okay, maybe it's just me.

Look, you might not have ever had these thoughts. You might completely disagree with everything that I just wrote about.

But that's the great thing about this generation. I don't even care.

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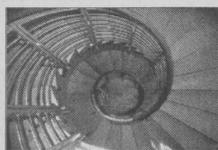
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Why did we elect the Nobel prom king as president?

Abel Delgado laments the decision to award President Obama the Nobel Peace Prize after just nine months in office

By Abel Delgado
COLUMNIST

Someone should go check Alfred Nobel's grave and see if his bones are still rolling from the news that broke early Friday morning. Seeing the prestigious award he founded turn into a politicized stunt honoring people for what hopefully might happen would probably upset him quite a bit.

President Obama only needed to be president for 10 days before he was nominated for the once-impressive Nobel Peace Prize. He needed just nine months in the White House to convince the committee he was worthy of an award that has honored such accomplished individuals as Nelson Mandela, Elie Wiesel and Mother Theresa. So what exactly did he do to merit his name being mentioned in the same breath?

One would assume most of the work that qualified him was done during the campaign. So to the other, something entirely common in American history. Was it historically significant be-

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was it for winning the election and uniting the country? Well, he certainly won the election but if he has united anyone lately, it's the opposition.

His election was not some sort of radical revolution or movement towards democratization, either. It was just a peaceful transfer of power from one party

cause of his racial background? Of course, but I'm sure he would refuse an award for simply that.

Furthermore, his campaigns against Hillary Clinton and John McCain weren't exactly "peaceful." His opponents attacked his lofty rhetoric pretty hard, but he and his staff were never the type to hold fire.

So what was it? One Nobel Prize Committee member said it was because he has "changed the global mood." The committee members also spoke of all the great initiatives President Obama has mentioned, but not accomplished, or even started for that matter. When asked why they didn't they just wait until one of those initiatives actually had tangible results, they lamented that there was no way of knowing for sure that that day would come, but stated that the award would surely help him get there. Imagine being declared valedictorian your freshman year in the hope that you would get outstanding grades.

It is now obvious that Europe is quite happy with Obama. The Nobel Prize is a distinctly Eu-

ropean-run institution, which is why they do not care about Chinese dissidents and Iranian freedom Twitterers. In all honesty, Twitter probably had more to do with spreading freedom and peace this year than President Obama did.

Not all Europeans are blind to this, though. Former Polish President and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Lech Walsea summed up the feelings of the level-headed Europeans by proclaiming, "So soon? Too early. He has no contribution so far. He is only beginning to act."

What's more, the opinion of Americans on this is about as close to being united as I have seen on any issue as of late. No Democrat, Obama supporter or even Obama campaign staffer

has tried to defend this to me.

Ironically, even those who saw the Obama during the campaign as a false prophet of sorts have to admit that this is not his fault. He did not ask for the prize, and he looks a little embarrassed by it. Pundits are already yapping about how this will hurt him.

I think it won't. I hope some of what he wants to accomplish on the global scale actually gets accomplished. But this issue shows that when you turn politics into a popularity contest, you might get a prom king for president.

letters to the editor

A response to porn

Lauren Miller criticizes Stockton Bullitt's view that porn does not degrade women or contribute to sexual assault

I don't normally feel compelled to respond to articles I read and I don't typically write "letters to the editor." However, I found that I could not read Stockton Bullitt's recent piece, entitled "Pornography is not so evil" without responding to his views, especially if to remain silent would indicate a tacit agreement with his opinions.

Although he brings up some thought-provoking points for discussion, I strongly disagree with the premise of his article that pornography has no impact on men's view of women. Mr. Bullitt argues, "Pornography cannot be considered an inherently misogynistic entity."

Ask almost any woman, and she will tell you that porn is completely degrading and treats women as sex objects. Just because many men don't believe that porn debases women does not mean that it doesn't. It is always easy for people to believe that a situation is entirely acceptable when they aren't on the receiving end of objectification and disrespect.

Mr. Bullitt claims, "Men do not view women differently because of what they see in porn, especially when it comes to rape. . . . I have never met any guy whose view of women has been altered thanks to what he has seen late at night online."

He is right to the extent that there has not yet been a study that has conclusively shown a positive correlation between pornography and rape. However, it is irrational to assume that just because porn theoretically does not "cause" rape, it also has absolutely no impact on the way men perceive women.

I am wondering how any of us, male or female, can make that claim with confidence. How can you know with certainty that porn has absolutely no effect on a guy's view of women? The fact is that some men hold a view of females which tends towards sexism or which objectifies women.

This view is not inherent, as it obviously doesn't exist in every guy. The fact that sexism is far from just a "guy thing" that

can't be avoided would suggest that any misogynistic view of women which men might hold is learned from cultural influences.

Some of the most salient of these influences are found in the media which people choose to consume: television, music, movies and, of course, pornog-

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raphy. What you watch and listen to does affect you. It may not always directly change your actions (after all, Mr. Bullitt is right that porn does not necessarily cause rape), but it can and does have a strong influence on your attitudes. And are not attitudes what, in turn, lead to actions?

Mr. Bullitt asserts that on our campus "there are much bigger issues that contribute to the problem of misogyny than pornography." As an example of one of these issues which he believes help to create sexism, he mentions the way that first-year women occupy the upper two floors of the dorms, while first-year men get the bottom floors.

I find myself struggling to understand what is so "sexist" about this arrangement. It seems to me that following that logic, it would be an equally sexist proposition to put the women on the lower floors and the men on the top ones, or that perhaps it is "sexist" to have the first-year men and women attend their required sexual assault seminars in single-sex groups.

But yet, according to Mr. Bullitt, that issue and others like it contribute far more to problems of sexism and the rise of misogyny than pornography does.

I believe that the issue at

stake here is respect more than anything else. I have yet to meet any first-year female say something like, "I feel degraded and objectified by being assigned to the top floor of my dorm." Yet I have heard many women say that they feel degraded by porn or feel that the very existence of the porn trade exploits women's

bodies for men's sexual arousal and gratification.

Mr. Bullitt concludes by stating that "blaming bad actions on abstract influences is always easy to do." I agree with him to the extent that we should not blame the porn industry when a rape occurs, just as we ought not blame the gun industry when a school shooting takes place or blame the dining hall when we gain the freshman 15.

Yes, people are responsible for their own actions and choices, regardless of the influences from which they might emerge.

Nevertheless, people still need to be aware of how the media they consume affects their attitudes. It is wrong to assume that a form of media which most women find completely degrading and objectifying does not predispose men to internalize—and perhaps act on—the misogyny they might be watching at 2:00 in the morning in their dorm rooms.

Lauren Miller

Breaking the silence

Students have power to speak up and change trend of abuse

On October 1, Catharine MacKinnon, a renowned legal scholar and women's rights advocate, spoke to a full crowd in Lee Chapel.

In her speech discussing the relationship between gender inequality and the sex industry, MacKinnon spoke out against the use of sexual violence against women as a tool for obtaining power.

As we sat in the crowd listening to MacKinnon's thoughtful, albeit biting, words, we were struck by the similar dynamic of gender inequality and sexual assault that is disturbingly prevalent on our campus.

national statistic that one in four women will be sexually assaulted in college, this means that at W&L, fully half of your female classmates will be sexually assaulted in their four years here.

More than horrifying, this number is unacceptable. Too often, the half (or more) of us are silent, convinced that our situation is rare, invalid, or worse, hopeless.

Like the women MacKinnon discussed, those exploited by the media and the pornography industry, women on campus are submitting to a cycle of abuse and silence.

Our silence enables sexual as-

MacKinnon closed with a fable about a Native American sage speaking with two men. Trying to prove her powerless, they brought a bird in their hands and asked her, "Is this bird alive or dead?" If she said it was alive, they planned to crush it; if she told them it was dead, they would set it free. After a few minutes, the sage finally spoke up. She said, "I do not know if it is dead or alive. It is in your hands."

Like the sage in this story, women at W&L constantly face this catch-22: we cannot protect ourselves by being silent, but if we speak out, we may be crushed.

Fortunately for us, we can speak out, we can change. Sexual assault does not have to be a crippling force in this community. The choice is up to us. It is in our hands.

Brooke Reidy, Emily Coyle
& Kendal O'Leary
End It (WGS 296A)

Our silence enables sexual assault to remain hidden from the portrait of integrity and honor that is advertised as the defining quality of W&L.

According to W&L's data from the 2008 National College Health Assessment, female students on this campus are twice as likely to have experienced sexual assault as compared to the average college woman. Given the

sault to remain hidden from the portrait of integrity and honor that is advertised as the defining quality of W&L. Until this ugly truth is seriously addressed, the values of our community will continue to be compromised.

Profiles in Leadership: Maggie Fiskow

What energizes you about taking on leadership responsibilities?

I love working with other students through various tasks and activities, across the different groups I'm in. As a freshman, I had no idea where to start. It helped to know upperclassmen that could help lead me in the right direction. I enjoy getting people involved in ways they maybe did not know how themselves.

What has been one of your most rewarding aspects of leadership at W&L?

Being a leader at W&L is a really great way to get to know students in all divisions. It helps you recognize just one more friendly face on the hill. It helps when you leave campus too, with such a great network of Alumni, the connections are unbelievable...until you experience them firsthand.

What legacy of leadership do you hope to leave for others?

Whether it is one group or five, try to get involved early to discover what you like and build friendships you may not have had otherwise. Being a leader keeps you focused, and often gives you a nice mental break that is often needed!! And don't get discouraged. You will find your niche!



Activities: Kathekon, Treasurer for the College Republicans, a Cullum Owings Fellow, a LIFE Counselor, the coxswain/co-captain of the Crew Team, Class Agent and the Co-Chair of Activities for Chi Omega.

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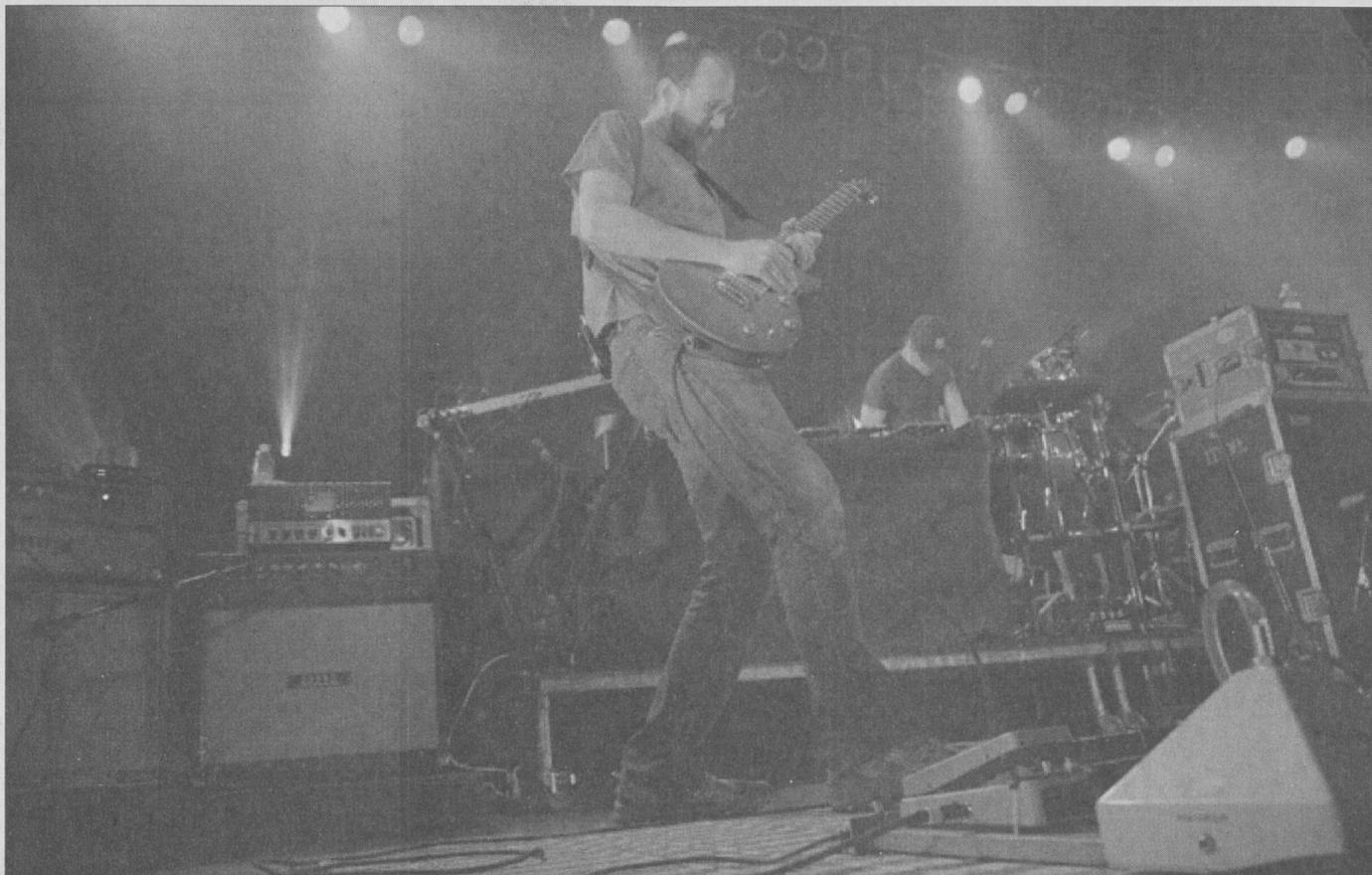
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moe. jams for Homecoming

Band draws crowd and shows talent at this year's concert, even if solos feel a little too long



MORGAN HARRIS / Staff Photographer

This year's Homecoming concert featured moe., a jam band formed in the 1990s. The concert, put on by the General Activities Board, was held in the Pavilion on Wednesday.

By Will Mays
STAFF WRITER

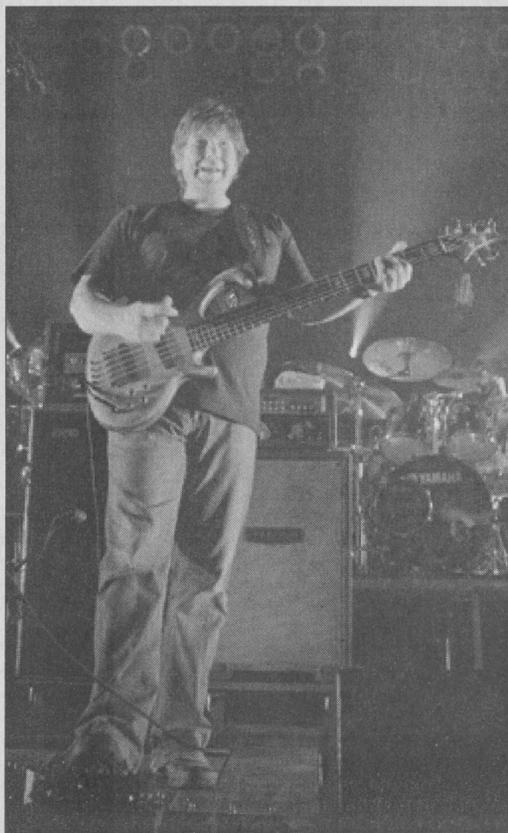
The lights dimmed and the air was hazy with a light fog of smoke as moe. took the stage last Wednesday for Washington and Lee's Homecoming concert. Though the band only played 12 songs including the encore, band members played their specific blend of jam rock for nearly two and a half hours.

A crowd that initially seemed mostly populated by students gave way by the end of the night to a wave of local residents, and a few who would have been more at home in the tents of Bonnaroo. At times, the antics of some of these tie-dye-clad outsiders were arguably more exciting than what was going on onstage.

To say that the gentlemen of moe. are talented would be an understatement, and there were times the band would jam for 20 minutes or more on the same motif. To some, these self-indulgent grooves were the best part of the show, but many others found the jamming to be boring. The band played really well, but, as one tired student put it, "I remember when concerts had words."

When moe. wasn't churning out fiery solos for seemingly half-hours at a time, they were unanimously excellent. The whole crowd, student and local alike, cheered along when the band broke into a cover of Pink Floyd's, "Time," and concert-goers remaining at the end of the show swayed and sang with the hit "Okayright."

Overall, the band seemed to be well-received, even if some students didn't quite understand the concept of a jam band. They also managed to draw one of the more eclectic crowds W&L's pavilion is likely to receive. Those attending walked away happy for the most part, and the band put on a show worth attending.



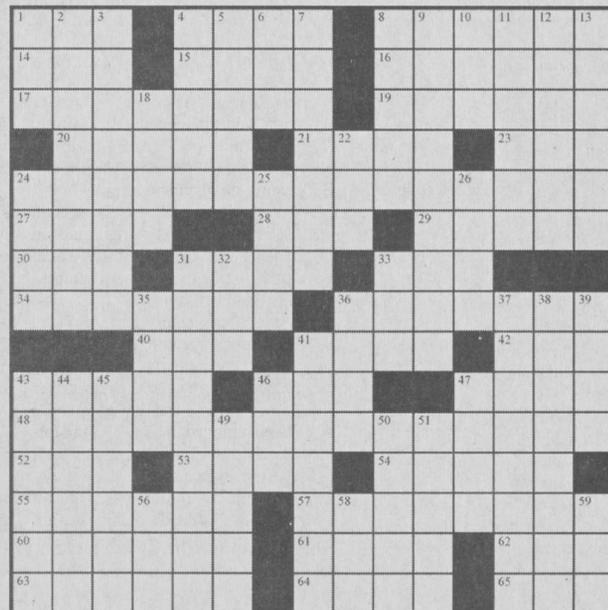
Crossword of the Week

Reading Daze by Neville L. Fogarty

For the solution to this puzzle, visit phicrosswords.tumblr.com.

ACROSS

- 1 Trump ___ Mahal
- 4 "___ the opinion that..."
- 8 Musketeer's need
- 14 Clean air org.
- 15 Merino, e.g.
- 16 How "America's Funniest Home Videos" are caught
- 17 Author of 24- and 48-Across
- 19 Next year's will be held in Sydney
- 20 Jungle vine
- 21 von Detten of "The Princess Diaries"
- 23 Bambi's aunt
- 24 With "The," 31- and 41-Across, 1968 book about Ken Kesey and LSD
- 27 Caramel candy brand
- 28 "Can't Fight This Feeling" band, briefly
- 29 66, for one
- 30 "Double pits to chesty" brand
- 31 See 24-Across
- 33 It produced 1985's WrestleMania
- 34 Makes a shirt psychedelic
- 36 Cornish pasty, for example
- 40 Sleazy newspaper
- 41 See 24-Across
- 42 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
- 43 March man, familiarly
- 46 ___ Gamma (sorority recruitment guide)
- 47 Table scraps
- 48 With 57-Across, 1987 book about New York society in the 80s
- 52 Option for flying into Chicago
- 53 "Gilmore Girls" diner owner
- 54 Malevolence
- 55 Crank that?
- 57 See 48-Across
- 60 Las ___ (Canary Islands capital)
- 61 Fifty-fifty



- 62 Six letters?
- 63 Scope starter
- 64 Postpaid encl.
- 65 Cartoon Network's "Ed, ___ n Eddy"
- 25 Jodie Foster's 'flowery' "Taxi Driver" role
- 26 Room above a room
- 31 Khomeini, notably
- 32 One major triad
- 33 "Scream" director Craven
- 35 Blah
- 36 "It's ___ the dog!"
- 37 Like a high school job
- 38 When all's said and done
- 39 Leisure
- 41 "Ali Baba and the Forty ___"
- 43 Heavy-stepped dances
- 44 Deep ___ (70s alias for W. Mark Felt)
- 45 Hawk one's wares
- 46 Target for Sirhan Sirhan
- 47 "Just for the hell ___"
- 49 Bonkers
- 50 Old laborers
- 51 Sound off
- 56 CPR pro
- 58 Gardner of "On the Beach"
- 59 Lay turf

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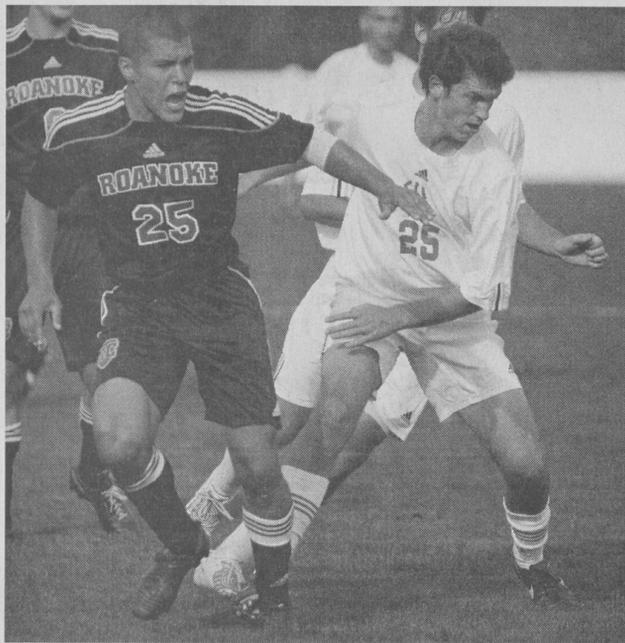
- 1 New Year's offensive
- 2 Eight day mission in 1969
- 3 Arnold's "True Lies" co-star
- 4 "No way!"
- 5 It could get impacted
- 6 1962 Edward Ruscha painting
- 7 Ripped off
- 8 Big name in CD burning
- 9 Landmark on Cambodia's flag
- 10 It moves people
- 11 Baroque composer Jean-Philippe
- 12 Cry from an excited gift giver
- 13 Marquis with erotic fantasies
- 18 Where David Koresh died
- 22 "Bambi" production co.
- 24 The E in Q.E.D.



sports

Close games trip up Generals

The men's soccer team dropped two games over the week, losing to Virginia Wesleyan, 1-0, and Roanoke, 1-0.



Above: First-year Collier Wiseman tries to fight off a Roanoke player
Middle: Junior forward James Pymm takes a slide
Right: Sophomore defender Connor Pierce goes for a header

By Lucas Stratton
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee's men's soccer fell to Roanoke, 1-0, on Saturday leaving the Generals with a record of 3-4-3. Neither team scored in the first half, but the Maroons added a point to the board in the 69th minute with a

goal from their junior defender Michael Stark.

The Generals fought a close game, but were unable to get their shots on goal before the clock ran out. Junior goalie and Captain Ben Bartlett had

three impressive saves throughout the match.

Roanoke is ranked second in the ODAC with a record of 6-3-1 and its victory over the Generals marks its fourth win in a row. Seated behind Lynchburg, the defending ODAC champions displayed great defensive play. As a result, Roanoke first-year goalie Ryan Russell only needed one save to shut out the Generals.

The 1-0 score makes the game seem like a clear win for Roanoke, but questions of clean play and fair officiating abounded in Saturday's game. Call after call was met with hysterical, frustrated responses from the crowd and players alike in the second half.

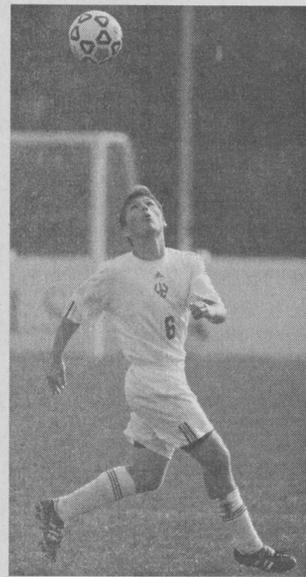
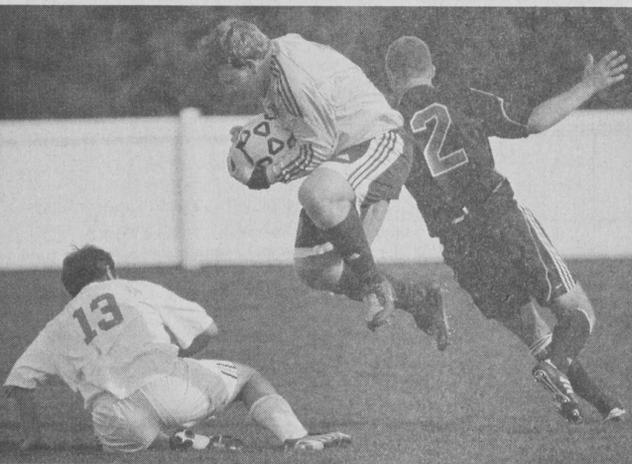
The Generals' defeat was their second of the week after falling to Virginia Wesleyan 1-0 last Wednesday.

"It was incredibly frustrating to lose 1-0 for the second time in a row," said sophomore forward Huntley Johnson. "But it's great to know we can play with anybody in the ODAC and have a chance to win the tournament."

Senior captain Drew Crowley added that he was proud to see how much heart his teammates showed on the field.

The Generals' regular season record thus far doesn't give fair credit to the ability of this team. Stand-outs like junior forward James Pymm and first-year forward Dave Phillips have given the Generals a strong offensive presence on the field.

The optimism of the captains and younger players alike is justified in strong leadership, talent, and athleticism. Their consistent and even play



STEELE BURROW / Staff Photographer

against tough teams in the ODAC like Roanoke suggests that the Generals could do very well when tournament play starts up in the coming weeks. Nothing is set in stone; a tournament championship is still a possibility.

The Generals will look to improve their tournament chances when they face off against ODAC foe Emory & Henry in a road game this Wednesday.

Generals take a tie over Lynchburg to stay on top of conference

W&L women's soccer tied Lynchburg 0-0 in double overtime on Saturday for a 9-1-1 overall record, 7-0-1 in ODAC

By Adam Cancryn
STAFF WRITER

Facing perhaps its toughest test of the season, the Washington and Lee women's soccer team battled ODAC rival Lynchburg College to a 0-0 double-overtime tie on Saturday.

The draw gave the Generals (9-1-1, 7-0-1 in the ODAC) a conference-leading 23 points and kept them on track to capture the No. 1 seed.

A steady rain greeted the teams at kickoff, creating slick conditions that hampered both offenses. Simple touches and throw-ins became challenging on the wet field, making it difficult for both Lynchburg and W&L to generate much possession play. With long offensive runs proving futile, the match quickly turned into a mid-field battle, marked by solid defense on each side.

"The rain definitely makes it more

difficult," said sophomore keeper Emily Leary. "I'm not a fan of playing in the rain, but you do what you have to do. Both teams are playing with it."

Still scoreless going into the second half, Lynchburg put early pressure on the Generals' back line. But they could not find the net as each scoring opportunity was turned away.

Though the second half provided more end-to-end action, the Generals could not capitalize on their chances either. With starting sophomore striker Kat Barnes injured, sophomore forward Allie Espina moved to the top of the formation, where she manufactured W&L's best scoring chance of the day. Following a Lynchburg turnover in its own end, first-year midfielder Katie Howard found Espina in the middle of the field.

She slipped by the last defender but put the one-on-one shot just over the crossbar.

The match served as yet another showcase of W&L's dominant defense, as its opponent was blanked for the ninth time in 11 games. Leary recorded four saves, two of them coming in the final minutes of overtime. The Generals have now given up just one goal in conference play.

"I have so much confidence in the defense," Leary said. "It's been phenomenal; they're the heart of our team."

The tie was the first overtime game played by W&L since September 2008.

"We play to win the game ... but once you get into that second overtime period, there's certain things you do to play more conservative," said coach

Neil Cunningham. "[The defense] was big today and they've done exactly what they've been doing all season."

With only three ODAC matches left, W&L is in complete control of its destiny. The tie, coupled with their 3-0 defeat of Eastern Mennonite on Wednesday, puts the team four points ahead of its closest competitor, Virginia Wesleyan. In addition, W&L owns the tiebreaker, having beaten Virginia Wesleyan 4-1 earlier in the year.

"We come away from this game feeling good," Leary said. "As much as we would've liked to win, a tie is one that we're satisfied with now."

Of W&L's next three opponents, only Bridgewater College holds a winning conference record. A first-place finish would give the Generals the top seed

in the ODAC tournament.

The key to success will be the assertive play of the W&L defense, a unit that has become the backbone of the team. With Barnes lost to injury, the Generals expect to play more defensively-minded until its offense can regroup. Espina, who scored the first goal against Eastern Mennonite and leads the team with seven, along with first-years Ainsley Daigle and Katie Howard, will be expected to pick up the slack on the scoring end.

"It changes things a lot because [Barnes] is such a good player and such an influential player on our team," Cunningham said. "So we've had to adjust, and I'm just pleased by the way the kids responded."

W&L volleyball kicks off a five-game winning streak

The Generals claimed a home victory over Lynchburg and went 4-0 in the Averett Invitational to get to .500 mark

By Megan Daily
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee volleyball team is on a roll. The Generals led a five-game winning streak through the week, posting up a 3-2 victory over Lynchburg on Wednesday and four straight victories over Averett, Roanoke, Greensboro, and Ferrum in the weekend Averett Invitational.

W&L defeated Lynchburg 3-2 on Wednesday in the "Dig Pink" match that raised awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research.

Raising money for such a good cause was motivation in its own right, but the Generals were also looking to make a statement out on the court.

"I'm interested in a win," said junior middle blocker Louise Brooks.

The Generals stepped up to hand Lynchburg its first league loss of the season.

In the first game, Lynchburg came out firing to take the game 21-25. The Generals then battled and took the next

two sets, 25-21 and 27-25. But a 23-25 loss in the fourth game sent the match to a final deciding fifth game.

W&L battled to win the fifth game 15-10 to take the victory. With the win, W&L improved to 6-10 on the season and 4-2 in the ODAC.

Three hitters posted double-digit kill totals and led the Generals' offensive attack. Brooks and sophomore middle blocker Lindsey Dee posted 13 kills each and junior outside hitter Marah Schmitz chipped in 12 kills. Senior setter Kristi Stevens also stimulated the offense with a season-high 42 assists.

First-year libero Cameron Hill led the defense with 20 digs, and junior defensive specialist Summer Goldberg posted 12 digs. Sophomore outside hitter Megan Daily added 13 digs and eight kills.

"This was an awesome match," said Dee. "We were able to fight through being down and work our way out of some

tough spots. Going to five games and getting a win is great. Defeating an undefeated ODAC team at home on a night like Dig Pink is just really special."

Following Wednesday's match, W&L traveled to the Averett Invitational.

The Generals opened with a game against the host team. The Generals took command early and won 3-1, with scores of 25-13, 24-26, 25-20, and 28-26.

"The whole team was so into this match," said first-year Right Side Bailey Walker. "We wanted to come out strong after our big win over Lynchburg and build off it, and push our winning streak."

Key contributions from the game came from junior setter Jenna Finger with seven service aces and 13 digs and from Stevens with 30 assists. Brooks led the offense with a team-high 12 kills. Daily added eight kills and 14 digs. Hill provided a consistent defensive presence with 29 digs.

After 25 minutes of rest, the Generals were back on the court against Roanoke. The Generals swept the Maroons in three straight games. With scores of 25-12, 25-23, and 25-20, the Generals set the tempo and never looked back.

Stevens had 37 assists as well as nine digs. Hill had a team-high 21 digs. On the offensive side, Daily had 14 kills and five digs while Brooks added 8 kills.

The Generals returned to action on Saturday with a game against Greensboro. The Generals made short work of the Pride winning 3-0.

Brooks led a balanced offense with 10 kills, five blocks and seven digs. Daily added nine kills. Hill and Finger each had a team-high 12 digs and Finger added contributed service aces. Stevens posted 27 assists to pace W&L.

"This game was similar to what we will face in the ODAC tournament: a late game on Friday and hav[ing] to play early on Saturday," said senior setter

Megan Steinhardt.

In the fourth game of the weekend, the Generals defeated Ferrum 3-0 to extend its winning streak to five matches and finish the Averett Invitational with a perfect 4-0 record. With scores of 25-16, 25-15 and 25-16 the Generals are now 10-10, getting to the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Senior Rachael Phillips posted a team-high 15 kills to lead the offense. Schmitz chipped in seven kills and senior right side Kelly Harrison added six kills. Stevens recorded 36 assists and Goldberg contributed 14 digs. At the end of the tournament, Brooks and Stevens were both named to the All-Tournament Team.

"I feel like our team really clicked this weekend, and I am excited to see where this team is headed," said first-year middle blocker Stephanie Malaska.

W&L will return to action on Tuesday with an ODAC match at Sweet Briar.

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Football						Hampden-Sydney 1 p.m.	
Field Hockey		vs Roanoke 7 p.m.		at St. Mary's 4 p.m.			vs Rhodes 11 a.m.
Men's Soccer			vs Emory & Henry 4:30 p.m.				at Ferrum 2 p.m.
Women's Soccer				vs N.C. Wesleyan 4 p.m.			
Volleyball		at Sweet Briar 6:30 p.m.		vs Guilford 7 p.m.		vs Christopher Newport 11 Roanoke 3	
Men's XC						at Oberlin Inter-regional Rumble	
Women's XC						at Gettysburg Invite	
Swimming					at Mary Wash	vs Centre 11 a.m.	
Riding					at Randolph Invite		at Hollins Invite

in the numbers

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The total number of rushing yards for Ole Miss in Saturday's 22-3 loss to the University of Alabama. Alabama running back Mark Ingram had 172 rushing yards. The win bumped Alabama up to a No.2 ranking in the AP Top 25

5-0

Tiger Woods's undefeated record in the Presidents Cup. Woods' wins helped claim the cup for the United States. Wood is only the third player to win all five matches in the Presidents Cup, joining Mark O'Meara and Shigeki Maruyama. He now has 18 victories, the most of any player in this event.

250

The number of yards for Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Miles Austin in his first career start in Dallas' 26-20 overtime victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. Austin stepped in for injured wide receiver Roy Williams.

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The number of W&L volleyball players who were named to the All-Tournament team after this weekend's Averett Invitational. Junior Louise Brooks and Senior Kristi Stevens received the honor.

soapbox

"You talk about a monkey on your back, this was a gorilla."

Carolina Panthers Head Coach John Fox on the team's first victory. The Panthers defeated the Washington Redskins, 20-17, on Sunday. The win put an end to the Panthers' three-game losing streak. Courtesy of espn.com.

"I think all of our coaches are on the verge of having a heart attack. But it's encouraging when you see that we didn't play exactly how we wanted but we still won. It's going to be a little exciting and a little scary when we do put everything together."

University of Pittsburgh quarterback Bill Stull on the wild momentum swings his team has seen in the last weeks. The Panthers trailed to the University of Connecticut 21-6 late in the third quarter on Saturday, before rallying to win 24-21 on a last second field goal. The Panthers are currently leading the Big East right now at 2-0. Courtesy of espn.com.



Top: Senior defensive back Donavon Sawyer goes in for a tackle against the Catholic offense
Middle: Sophomore running back Jonathan Clemo is tackled by a Catholic defender
Bottom: Clemo gains some yards for the Generals; he had 137 yards and a touchdown on twenty-three carries on Saturday

Homecoming victory

The Generals improved to 2-4 with a 28-14 win over Catholic on Saturday

By Andrew Bonds
STAFF WRITER

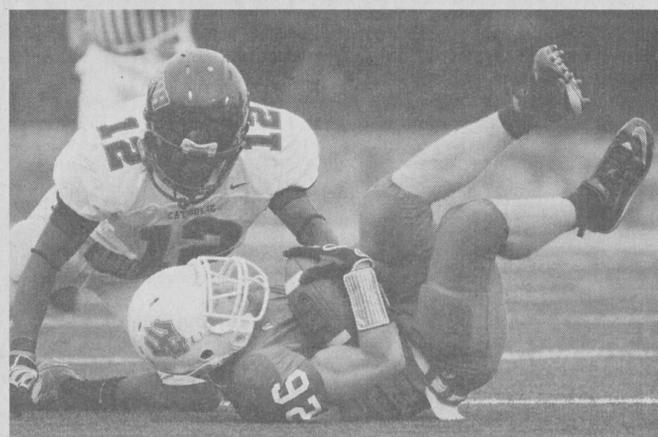
Washington and Lee rebounded from a tough loss at Randolph-Macon with a decisive homecoming victory over the Catholic Cardinals, 28-14.

The running game carried the Generals through the game, picking up several key first downs in the fourth quarter to protect the lead and keep the clock running. The Generals totaled for 316 yards rushing, also adding all four touchdowns on the ground.

Sophomore running back Jonathan Clemo gained 137 yards and a touchdown on twenty-three carries, and sophomore running back Harrison Hudson added 76 yards and a touchdown on five carries.

Although the combined running attack of Clemo and Hudson seemed to be the focus of the offense on Saturday, sophomore quarterback Charlie Westfal added a strong performance on the ground, running for 63 yards and a touchdown in addition to going 5-9 on passing for the day.

The game started with an early Catholic touchdown on a 36-yard run from run-



ning back Rick Barry. However, Washington and Lee responded quickly, putting up three touchdowns in a row to bring the lead to 21-7 early in the second half.

The Generals were able to overcome a late-game push by the Cardinals, who brought the game to 21-14 with a 1-yard quarterback sneak with 6:24 left in the third quarter.

Perhaps the most important play of the game came in the fourth quarter with just 6:47 remaining, as first-year running back Brett Murray scored on a perfectly timed option from Westfal from 35 yards out on fourth and three.

The play capped a decisive drive for the Generals that kept Catholic from rallying in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, the Generals were led by sophomore linebacker Rob Look with 12 total tackles and senior Gus Cavanaugh with 10.

"It was our first really well-rounded game," Westfal said. "It was a complete game, with the offense putting up points and the defense coming up with big plays throughout the game. Special teams were

also a huge factor, as we were able to limit mistakes and never really let Catholic back come back."

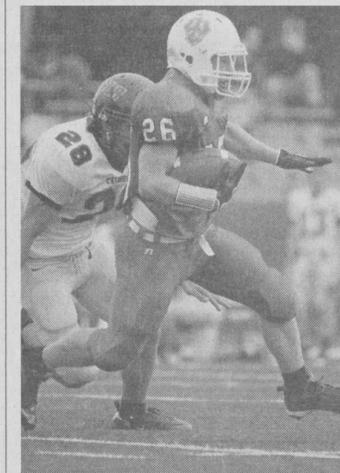
The Generals responded well to the homecoming crowd, sporting their blue in honor of the first "blue-out" in W&L history. Although there still were plenty of other colors in the stands, the crowd was definitely the largest of the year, with about 1200 in attendance.

The Generals are looking forward to the biggest game of the season to date coming up next weekend at Hampden-Sydney.

"The team is really clicking at this point, but we have a huge week in front of us," Westfal said. "Hampden-Sydney is always a very good team and it's going to be a big conference game for us."

With plenty of conference matches left this season, the Generals are looking to build on this win to reverse their recent three-game losing streak.

"That was definitely a huge win for us," said sophomore tight end Jake Tunney. "The team looked really good and I think this will help build some momentum going into next Saturday."



A win and a loss for field hockey

The Generals lost to Eastern Mennonite, 6-0, but rallied to defeat Bridgewater, 5-0, to improve to 5-6 overall, 3-2 in ODAC play

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Washington and Lee's field hockey season has been a roller coaster, from a 1-4 start to the season to a three-game win streak, and from a heartbreaking loss to Lynchburg to Sallie Armstrong's career goals record. And this week was no different. The team lost 6-0 to Eastern Mennonite University on Wednesday and turned right around and blanked Bridgewater 5-0 on Saturday.

W&L (5-6, 3-2 ODAC) traveled to Eastern Mennonite with hopes of upending the undefeated conference leaders. Unfortunately, the Royals came out flying and dashed any possible thoughts of an upset, scoring five goals in the first half alone.

A bright spot in the game was first-year goalkeeper Kirsten Kyne who came in with 15 minutes left in the first period and stopped 9 shots the rest of the way. However, the Generals were unable to get any offense started as the Royals posted a dominant 31-14 shot advantage.

"We just did not have the right mindset," first-year midfielder Chelsea Ste-

venson said of the loss. "It was a definite wake-up call."

And wake up they did. The Generals returned home and blasted Bridgewater 5-0 on Saturday. The team many had plenty of motivation for their homecoming game.

"We were playing for something other than ourselves on Saturday," Stevenson said. "It was a game for breast cancer, we were looking to get back on track, and it was homecoming. We were ready to go."

With all these factors in W&L's favor, the Generals lit up the scoreboard on an otherwise overcast day. Senior midfielder Grace McGee started the barrage with a goal off of a penalty stroke just six minutes into the game.

Three minutes later, senior forward Armstrong hammered home goal number two with an assist from sophomore forward Christina Benedetti. The team locked it down on defense and headed into halftime still up 2-0.

The story did not change in the second period. The Generals kept the pedal to the metal and put away the Eagles with three

more goals before time expired.

First-year Ashley Barnes scored unassisted, senior forward Steph Mansey netted a goal with an assist from first-year forward Katharine Price, and Sallie Armstrong capped off the day with a goal off an assist from Mansey.

Kyne and senior goalkeeper Caroline Habliston both saw time in goal and helped post the season's first shutout.

If the team did not have the right mindset versus EMU, they definitely did versus Bridgewater. They were focused and motivated, and with the skill they have, that is a lethal combination for any opponent to face.

The Generals have five more regular season games before the ODAC playoffs start on Halloween.

"We are most definitely looking to get our revenge in the tournament," Stevenson said.

The Generals' next game is against Roanoke at home on Tuesday.