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## Low stats despite risks

W&L shows more responsible behavior on infamous Tear Night this year

By Killeen King  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee students took safety more seriously on Tear Night this year than they have in the past.

Tear Night, which fell on Jan. 16, is the night where students celebrate joining their respective Greek organizations. It has traditionally been one of the most excessive drinking occasions for W&L students. Because of this, Lexington Police and the Student Health Center consider Tear Night one of the most dangerous nights for students. But this year turned out better than past years.

Lexington Police Lieutenant A. M. Miller said that police arrested no students on Tear Night this year.

The Student Health Center had 20 percent fewer alcohol-related visits this Tear Night than they had last year, according to Doctor Jane Horton.

"The largest decline was in visits by male students—they were down by two-thirds," said Horton.

Fewer students visited the ER and fewer students stayed in the health center overnight, said Horton. There was also a lower BAC average this year com-

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DR. JANE HORTON, director of the student health center

pared to last year.

But, not all of the statistics were down. According to Horton, more female students visited the health center this Tear Night.

Both Horton and Miller agree that Tear Night remains a high-risk event and that students should be more aware of the dangers.

Miller said that he usually sends out an extra policeman on Tear Night. This sixth policeman serves as a safety precaution. But Tear Night is not the worst night for Lexington police.

"Our worst nights are Homecoming and Alumni Weekends," said Miller.

When asked what is the best way to control excessive alcohol consumption on Tear Night, Miller responded, "People need to be held accountable for the things they do when they are intoxicated."

The school's policemen can only do so much. Students need to take responsibility for their own actions and for each other's actions said Miller.

Miller said that he understands that alcohol is a big part of the W&L social scene. "We are not telling you not to drink; we are telling you to drink responsibly," he said.

Horton also acknowledged that alcohol encompasses a large part of the social scene and that on Tear Night students consume even more alcohol than normal.

"Students in general, and particularly first-year and female students, have an increased risk of experiencing negative health consequences from overuse of alcohol," said Horton.

Horton explained that negative health consequences include vomiting, blacking out, injury and unintended or unprotected sexual intercourse.

"All of those consequences are preventable if students would choose to follow lower-risk guidelines for alcohol use and did not make drinking choices that are different from how they usually drink just because they are celebrating new members joining a fraternity or sorority," said Horton.

The police and the school cannot fix the excessive drinking problem, said Miller. It needs to come from the students themselves. The problem can only be fully addressed when students step up to the plate and take responsibility.

**CHANGE FOR HAITI**

On Tuesday afternoon, January 12, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Millions are displaced, and estimates of the death toll range from 50,000 to 200,000. Please give cash or change to support the efforts of YELE HAITI, the SALVATION ARMY, and Fellowship International Mission's HAITI RELIEF FUND!

**Reaching across borders**

*After the Haitian earthquake, W&L students have banded together to gather and create "change" for those affected*

By Valaree Tang  
STAFF WRITER

Several student groups have gathered to raise funds for the three million residents affected by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck the coast of Haiti nearly two weeks ago.

Though poverty is not a new problem for Haiti, the natural disaster has shed light on the ongoing crisis and brought poverty to the attention of organizations and individuals around the world.

At Washington and Lee, students have created an ad hoc group for the purpose of raising funds to relieve Haitian distress.

Though some of these students belong to other organizations that are dedicated to the united front of social justice, diversity, or community service, students have put their particular interests aside to focus on a single cause.

The group, called Change for Haiti, gathers students from organizations such as the Caribbean Society, the Bonner Leaders Program, the Nabors Service League, the Multicultural Student Association (MSA), Action Change Tomorrow (ACT), Amnesty International, Hillel, and the Student Association for International Learning (SAIL).

Caitlin Edgar, who is a member of the Bonner Leaders Program, said: "We no longer live in an insular world. What affects our neighboring nations affects us. In addition, any harm or devastation caused to another human heart, mind or body should elicit the same level of concern from us as if they were ourselves."

The group began its fundraising at the Martin Luther King keynote address by placing donation receptacles

at the security desk, the Café 77 register and the bookstore. Since then, the group has already raised \$400.

However, the students are not stopping at \$400. Change for Haiti is holding a raffle, planning a luncheon, and a benefit concert.

The majority of funds that are raised will be donated to a large organization that, according to Summer Sterling, a member of ACT, will be "a well-known, reputable organization." Some funds may go to

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smaller organizations as well.

Students are also selling raffle tickets to raise money for the Haiti relief fund in the Commons, the Marketplace and the Atrium. Ticket sales begin today. Prizes include Fancy Dress tickets, gift cards to local businesses including Sweet Things, and an iPod Shuffle donated by MSA.

Dennis Fowler, Assistant Director of Operations of the Marketplace, has organized a benefit luncheon. For every person who eats lunch at the Marketplace this Friday, January 29, between 11:30 and 2:00, \$3 will be donated to the Haiti relief fund. Fowler expects a minimum of 500 diners, raising at least \$1500.

Change for Haiti is expecting to

sell over 100 shirts, raising around \$700. The t-shirts are donated by University T's, and the proceeds will go to the organization to which Change for Haiti chooses to donate.

One of the organizations that the group is considering is Haitian Health Foundation, founded by Professor Charles Lowney's uncle, an orthodontist who works with volunteers to help Haitian orphans. Lowney's uncle built a hospital that

serves over 225,000 patients a year, and brings healthcare to villages via Jeeps.

The foundation also helps local families become more independent by raising money to buy goats and building "happy homes," cardboard shelters for the families. After the earthquake, nearly 1.5 million people were displaced and the group has already begun to ration supplies and food.

Yet Lowney sees hope in the disaster in Haiti.

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**Help Haiti**

Stop by Change for Haiti's raffle table in the Commons Monday, Jan. 25th through Wednesday, Feb. 3rd to win the following items and support Haitian relief efforts:

- a 1GB iPod Shuffle
- gift certificates to Sweet Treats
- a gift certificate to Sweet Things
- \$40 gift certificate to the Sheridan Livery
- \$10 gift certificate to The Patisserie
- gift certificates to Domino's pizza
- \$10 gift certificate to Healthy Foods Co-op
- a pair of Pappagallo's earrings
- a Fancy Dress ticket

## Celebrating a legacy

Along with MLK day, W&L remembers the civil rights hero in a week-long series of events

By Chelsea Stevenson  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Washington and Lee law, undergraduate and Rockbridge area communities collaborated in putting together a series of events in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The past two weeks at W&L have consisted of keynote speakers, films, a community service project and even a birthday party.

The series of events started off with a showing of the 2004 film "Crash," on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The film, starring Sandra Bullock, focuses on tolerance, acceptance and racism: all causes for which King fought.

According to Dean Tamara Futrell, chairman of the Martin Luther King planning committee, interracial equality is still a struggle in today's community and the film properly illustrates this issue.

The second event of the week was a community service project that took place on Saturday, Jan. 16.

People throughout the community donated school supplies to the Rockbridge Middle School, in celebration of King's passion for education.

School supplies such as protractors, compasses and glue sticks were requested out of need, but all supplies were graciously welcomed.

Following the community service project, there was a keynote speaker on Sunday, Jan. 17.

Julian Bond, the chairman of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and a student of Martin Luther King, gave the keynote address to the community in Lee Chapel.

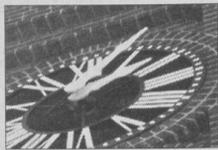
Bond founded the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960 and was an activist during the Civil Rights movement.

He discussed several of his experiences in his speech, "The Road to the Dream: from Alabama to Obama." His speech addressed issues

that still exist in our society, even with Obama's inauguration.

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# news



## Exposing the terror of torture

New Yorker staff writer, Jane Mayer, speaks out against American use of alternative methods to interrogate detainees

By Victoria Taylor  
STAFF WRITER

Jane Mayer appeared at ease. Sitting comfortably and confident on the Stackhouse stage, the New Yorker staff writer answered questions Thursday about a topic that causes many to cringe: the United States' dealings with torture.

Mayer has done the legwork to merit discussing such a polarizing topic with poise.

She addresses the matter in her newest book, "The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideals."

In the book, she looks at the American military and CIA's use of techniques like water-boarding, stress positions and sleep deprivation against prisoners.

In the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Mayer said, Vice President Dick Cheney and his adviser David Addington took the opportunity to further an agenda to augment presidential powers.

She said the new interrogation methods being used in the War on Terror raised questions on what constitutes severe punishment.

"The United States doesn't have a lot of history of purposely torturing people," she said.

"We haven't spent a lot of time figuring out how many fingernails we can or cannot pull out of someone."

Mayer said she found that

those in the military believe the use of torture is an amateur's mistake. She said the mistreatment of people in custody sometimes leads to them giving false information, and that those who were not implicated in the program are not in favor of it.

Associate Provost Robert

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JANE MAYER, New Yorker staff writer

Strong moderated the talk, which was entitled "The Dark Side: How the U.S. Became Enmeshed in Detainees, Water-Boarding and War Crimes Liability."

Mayer answered his initial questions before opening the floor to the audience of students, faculty and community members who braved the ice and freezing rain to attend.

When asked whether the images that could lead to radical action, like those of tortured detainees, should be published, Mayer cited the United States' history of self-correction.

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Mayer said she agreed that some of the changes to civil liberties made after 9/11, like the stricter airline guidelines, were needed.

extensive research and is really knowledgeable but also relatively unbiased."

Yadlin said she also enjoyed the journalist's personal stories about gathering the information for the book. Among them were her interactions and use of a number of dinners at the capital's best restaurants to convince former Navy General Counsel Alberto Mora, whom Mayer considers to be one of the situation's heroes, to go on the record.

"I'm really interested in reading her book now," Yadlin said.

Senior journalism major Melissa Szumlic also noted Mayer's neutrality and professionalism while discussing the controversial topic.

"I thought she did a good job of presenting the facts, at least the facts she was able to discover," Szumlic said. "For someone covering a very biased topic, she remained surprisingly objective."

Mayer's visit to W&L was sponsored by the Johnson Lecture Series and the Fishback Fund for Visiting Writers.

"[But] fear really is the enemy of good decision making," she said.

Torture is a topic about which sophomore Shiri Yadlin admitted she knew very little. She said she saw the talk as an opportunity to learn about an issue that has divided many and received a lot of attention.

"We hear such contradicting statements about torture from politicians and political scientists who all claim to be speaking truth," Yadlin said.

"It was great hearing from someone who has done such



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New Yorker staff writer and author Jane Mayer discussed the "Dark Side: How the U.S. Became Enmeshed in Detainees, Water-Boarding and War Crimes Liability" on Thursday in Stackhouse.

## MLK

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Futrell wished that more W&L students had attended the speaker because the majority of the support was from local residents.

However Amber King, a sophomore and member of the Martin Luther King planning committee, not only attended but was given the opportunity to introduce Bond before his speech.

"I got to have dinner with him prior to the event and he is a very down-to-earth person," said Cooper on her impression of Bond.

Cooper became involved with the planning committee for Martin Luther King through her employment under Futrell. Her work mostly included publicity.

Bond's speech prefaced the actual national holiday, and the

W&L community celebrated by hosting an annual birthday party for children in the Rockbridge community. With a turnout of nearly 200 children and parents,

*"[Spike Lee's documentary, 4 Little Girls], puts personalities behind each girl and talks about who the girls really were."*

TAMARA FUTRELL, Assistant Dean of students and chairman of the Martin Luther King planning commission

W&L students offered games, face painting and cake for the children.

The Multicultural Greek

Council hosted an information session and trivia game for the children as well. The birthday party is both Futrell and Cooper's favorite because, according to

Cooper, the children are so cute.

The final event in the Martin Luther King series of events was a showing on Tuesday of Spike

Lee's 1997 film "4 Little Girls." The documentary tells the story of the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

Futrell explained that the film is very moving because of the different family members who speak about the deaths of the four girls. "It puts personalities behind each girl and talks about who the girls really were," she said. Following the film was a discussion lead by W&L history professor, Dr. Molly Michelmore and law professor Scott Sundby.

As chairman and having been actively involved in this celebration since 2004, Futrell said she hopes for more student attendance to all of the events in the upcoming

years, but those who attended were very engaged.

She said she also hopes to implement more publicity and to work with faculty in incorporating the series of events into class syllabi. Nonetheless, the week in honor of Martin Luther King here at W&L was beyond successful.

This year's planning was different because in the past the law school and undergraduate school have done separate events to celebrate the holiday.

This year, both committees decided to do something more extensive and join together. With that being said, Futrell said she gave special thanks to the law school, the campus activity staff, the African American studies

program, the Contact Committee and the Multicultural Student Association for their hard work in coordinating such a special week.

## Haiti

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"There's a lot of hope down there. You see lots of smiling faces. You see light in their eyes. There isn't an air of despair," said Professor Lowney, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, who introduced the Haitian Health Foundation.

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Lowney said that the money goes directly to help the refugees.

"I know that every dollar gets used efficiently," said Lowney.

Change for Haiti is also planning a benefit concert that will feature student bands, dance groups and a cappella groups. The concert, to be held in Evans Dining Hall, will be accepting donations and is planned to take place on February 3.

Though Change for Haiti is

undergoing major operations to raise funds for the Haiti relief fund, individual students are also trying to make a difference.

"I think in the midst of our campus environment and the obligations that we have that are in our face and occurring right here,

few dollars. She will be donating the money she raises to the Hands and Feet Project, which was started a few years ago as a "children's village" for Haitian orphans.

right now, it's easy to feel like you can't do anything, but there are tons of different legitimate charities doing work down there," said senior Annie Blakey.

Blakey said she believes that individuals have a unique role to play in helping others, which is why she is using her birthday to raise money for Haitians in need.

Instead of asking for presents, she hosted a get-together and asked her friends to bring a

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# opinions

## Lexington police shell out too many parking tickets

Now in his fourth year dealing with the daily frustrations of two hour parking, James Baird releases his frustration

By James Baird  
COLUMNIST

Dear Lexington Police Department,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my absolute joy at receiving two parking citations over the span of five business days.

However, in my current state of ecstasy, I would like to bring to your attention a number of recommendations and, some might say, criticisms of the manner in which these lovely letters of happiness are issued.

I would like to preface this tirade by saying that I live off-campus in a house that is over a mile away from the university, and although I do own a bicycle and am a rabid environmentalist, I drive my Tahoe to class on a daily basis unless it's warm and the sun is shining.

The parking situation is grim. In the uncommon event there is an open spot in the Red Square lot near Beta (capacity: fewer than 30 vehicles), I park there and breathe a sigh of relief.

Otherwise, I am faced with an unfortunate dilemma, Do I drive around the block and look for a spot on the street, or do I park in the university's parking garage?

Should I choose the former, I run the risk of finding a cute neon green envelope stamped VIOLATION in sickeningly large and official font tucked neatly under my windshield wiper upon finishing class.

Should I choose the latter, I am forced to walk half a mile to get to the fraternity house, a walk I will have to make since I eat breakfast at the house every morning.

One hundred percent of the time I choose to risk the ticket in hopes it will outweigh the cost of the time it takes to walk to and from the parking garage.

When I do receive a ticket, I take issue for a specific reason. Every violation I have received has been issued while my car is parked in one of the spots around Red Square.

This includes and is limited to the tail end of Main Street (in front of PIKA) and West Henry Street (in front of Phi Delta). The signs are pretty clear: two hour parking Monday through Friday during peak business hours, but who on God's green earth is go-

around that area. There is Stop-In (with its own abnormally large parking lot that is never full), the Patisserie (also with its own lot) and that model shop (surprise! It has a lot, too). Have I ever seen any of those lots filled in over three years that I've attended this

I can certainly understand why two-hour parking might be a good idea in the middle of Main Street (by the Southern Inn, say), but around Red Square? Give me a break.

The people awarded those tickets are almost exclusively students, and guess what? Students have class! I, and others, don't try to leave our vehicles on the street for more than two hours, but I, and others, have at least two consecutive hours of class five days a week. Unfortunately I'm not the type to walk out of class and down the hill to move my car.

Dear Lexington police, here's a grand idea: how about you offer W&L students parking passes to park in areas around the fraternity houses and academic buildings for six or 12 hours at a time at a one-time rate.

Granted, you do offer a "Hunting Pass Parking Program" (random name, by the way), but oh wait, there is a waiting list,

among other things (see: [www.ci.lexington.va.us/parkhunt.htm](http://www.ci.lexington.va.us/parkhunt.htm)).

It will save you time and manpower, but you might be out a few thousand dollars a year (maybe you could sell one of your Chargers to fill that hole). Oh, and it will be good for public relations, something with which you usually struggle. I appreciate the job your department performs, but when I walk down the street and see green slips left and right, I can see why students get frustrated.

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ing to park there besides Washington and Lee students and/or fraternity employees? Answer: no one.

Let's examine the businesses

school? Nope. Have they ever been filled? Not likely. Therefore, customers of those businesses do not park on the street and do not need those spaces.

## Jews are accepted and embraced at Washington and Lee

After hearing about alleged intolerance, a law student commends the religious outreach and support for his faith

By Jordan Rothman  
COLUMNIST

I have wanted to attend Washington and Lee for a long time. I remember reading about Robert E. Lee and discovering that he was the president of a southern college after the Civil War.

I later researched this institution, and became increasingly enamored with W&L.

Yet, there was one problem. I am Jewish and come from a family that values a strong connection to the Jewish community. My parents did not think that W&L had a vibrant Jewish presence, and this perceived absence was one of the reasons why my folks pressured me to attend a different undergraduate institution.

Nevertheless, I have been extremely satisfied with my religious experiences here at W&L and through the great work of Hillel, I have become closer to my faith. Additionally, by being in the minority, the Jewish community on this campus is as vibrant and strong as anywhere else.

Last May, I graduated from Brandeis University. Brandeis is a Jewish-sponsored university in Waltham, Mass., and the institution purports to promote the principles of social justice and

progressivism.

Over 50 percent of the students at Brandeis are Jewish, the university closes for Jewish holidays, and the institution has close affiliations with many Jewish causes. At Brandeis, one can become really disillusioned with one's faith, as a Jewish presence is omnipresent, and it is easy to take this presence for granted.

are just fewer of us at W&L. This has led us to proactively seek out and spend time with other Jewish students, and Hillel helps facilitate this interaction.

The Hillel here is in a lot of ways more effective at connecting Jews with their religious traditions than Jewish organizations at other colleges. At Brandeis, for instance, Shabbat dinners are

up most of the participants, but many VMI cadets and local families are also in attendance. This has the effect of uniting the local Jewish community, and allowing all of us the opportunity to share our traditions with other Jews in the area.

I am so fond of this monthly event and other experiences, that I would advise any Jewish people I know to attend this institution. Enrolling at W&L can have the effect of drawing Jewish youth closer to their faith, and also allows one the opportunity to become part of a unique community.

Furthermore, the W&L administration greatly supports Jewish students. For instance, the university strongly contributed to the construction of a Hillel House, and this support is one of the reasons I felt comfortable coming to W&L in the first place.

Additionally, a menorah was displayed in the Commons living room during the holidays, and none of the greetings issued by our university during that season excluded Jews.

Furthermore, the institution doesn't seem to exclusively support any one faith, even though

the university has some deep religious roots.

I would also like to note that the W&L community (in my case, more like the W&L Law community) has really helped me feel welcome here despite my different religious beliefs.

Many of my colleagues at the law school share Yiddish expressions with me, while others come to Hillel-sponsored events. Yet others seem genuinely interested in Jewish traditions, and one of my non-Jewish friends even had a festive Chanukah party complete with latkes and donuts in order to celebrate the holiday.

Furthermore, I have never been discriminated against at W&L, and have never felt different because of my religion. I laugh now when I recall that some of my friends and family members told me before I came to W&L that I should not wear a Star of David on campus, or do anything to attract attention to my religious beliefs.

This advice seems almost comical to me now, as my experience here has perhaps had the effect of making me more proud of my ethnic and religious background.

I therefore express my Jewish

identity more at W&L than I have at any other point in my life, as the community here seems entirely supportive and welcoming of my religious beliefs.

Overall, I have had a fantastic religious experience so far here at W&L. Primarily, this is due to the hardworking people at W&L Hillel, who have created a wide range of programs which bond Jewish students together and draw us all closer to our faith.

But also, I have had such a great experience thus far due to the nature of W&L's welcoming community. People here have been wonderful, and due to this support, I have had a fantastic religious experience as a student here at W&L.

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One can become overwhelmed by the Jewish atmosphere on campus.

At W&L, Jews are in the minority, and this has positive effects on one's Jewish experience. The Jews here seem much more closely bonded than those at Brandeis, because frankly there

massive events that include hundreds of people. Here, it is much smaller affair, but this leads to a generally much more personal experience.

Shabbat dinner at W&L is one of the most beautiful events I have ever been to. Students and faculty from W&L make

## Corporations should not swing elections

Supreme Court decision to allow unlimited political donations is wrong

By Summer Lollie  
COLUMNIST

I'm afraid of what American democracy will look like after the dust settles on Supreme Court's ruling last Thursday allowing corporations the right to spend an infinite amount of money to influence the outcome of elections.

Five of the nine Supreme Court Justices ruled that corporations were "persons" with the right to free speech. Further, the court cited the equally reprehensible 1976 Supreme Court Case Buckley v. Valeo decision that equated money with speech.

This decision means that corporations, as "persons," can pump an infinite amount of money into our political system that is already strangled by corporate interests.

The glaring irrationality behind the Supreme Court's decision leaves me breathless. If money equals speech, and more money equals more speech, then "persons" with more money have more speech. And doesn't that undermine the very principle of free speech?

Due to the absurd cost of me-

dia exposure for campaigns, we already have a representative government beholden to corporate interests. Enabling corporations to spend an infinite amount

Court ruled, a corporation can and never will be a person. Corporations cannot breathe air, laugh, cry, raise children, fight in wars, empathize or have a

days? The ones where we used to worry about the NRA, trade unions, and trial lawyers that got involved in politics? At least all of these groups were backed by people—American citizens. Now, investment groups owned by foreign banks, arms dealers, terrorist sympathizers and people interested in the downfall of America have unrestrained influence on the American political system through corporate money.

Don't get me wrong: I am a strong supporter of entrepreneurship and responsible capitalism. It is the unrestrained power of global corporations that scares me. Why aren't more Americans outraged?

*Remember the good ol' days? The ones where we used to worry about the NRA, trade unions and trial lawyers that got involved in politics? At least all of these groups were backed by people—American citizens.*

of money for political ads leaves elected officials imprisoned to the interests of big business.

The Supreme Court decision has delivered American democracy to CEOs, corporate lobbyists and global powerbrokers. No serving politician can survive now standing against them.

Despite what the Supreme

conscience. Corporations are not beholden to any flag, religion, or moral ethic to keep them in check.

Let us not forget that with the recent economic downturn, a lot of these corporations are owned in large part by China, Russia, oil barons and foreign banks. Remember the good ol'

### Profiles in Leadership: Katie Harris

Activities: W&L Student Consulting, co-Executive Director; Women's Tennis Team, ODK, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Volunteer Venture Trip Coordinator, Kappa Alpha Theta Philanthropy Chair

#### What energizes you about taking on leadership responsibilities?

People—teammates, classmates, group members, faculty. It is the people with whom I work who motivate me to set goals, who push me to achieve success; and who excite me about new opportunities.

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

Seeing the success of collaborative hard work translated into tangible accomplishments is always rewarding. Publishing a chapter with a student consulting team or cheering a teammate to victory each represents the culmination of much prior effort and hard work. Perhaps even more worthwhile is seeing and motivating others to get involved in organizations and activities.

#### What legacy of leadership do you hope to leave for others who follow you here?

I primarily hope to motivate others and cultivate the next sequence of leaders on campus.

I will continue to strive for improvement in each team, organization, or project group in order to leave that group just a little bit better than it was before.

I hope to set an example for taking advantage of the opportunities awarded at W&L and for using these opportunities to make a difference on campus, no matter how small.

Any words of advice for them? Pursue activities or groups that you're passionate about and that you enjoy being a part of. These will be the most memorable, the most rewarding, and the most fun.



# opinions



## Elections shows Senator Brown is a true "game changer"

The result of last week's Massachusetts senatorial election means no Democrat in any seat is safe this year

By **Jarett Brotzman**  
COLUMNIST

Last Tuesday, underdog Republican Scott Brown was elected to the Senate seat formally held by Senator Ted Kennedy. The first Republican to be elected a senator from Massachusetts since 1972, Brown's election sent out the message by Massachusetts that "We want change, but not the kind of change that President Obama is pushing for."

These results are certainly dramatic. In November 2008, Obama took Massachusetts with a 26-point lead over John McCain. On Jan. 19, Martha Cokeley, endorsed by Obama, lost by around 5-points. If the election is any measure of the popularity of President Obama and his agenda, the 31-point shift is something to be concerned about for the Democrats.

But beyond the numbers of the election, what does the election of Senator Brown in Ted Kennedy's seat really mean?

A lot. Initially, this election will have a dramatic effect on the per-

ceived prospects of candidates for November, both Republican and Democrat.

On the Republican side, candidates and supporters will have a renewed interest in elections that perhaps seemed unobtainable just a month earlier. There will be an increased interest of

give the Republican base a more energized base than in the election of 2008.

For Democrats, the potential cost of running for office just went up. What perhaps seemed like a permanent shift towards the left in ideologies across America in 2008, is now recognized as a

for them seem pretty appealing right now.

It also seems that the Massachusetts election of Senator Brown is a certain rejection of many policies pursued by the Obama administration. Senator Brown has been quoted as saying:

"I've criticized President Bush for his failure to use his veto pen. There's plenty of blame to go around. The question is how to solve problems. It's not bailouts. What made America great? Free markets, free enterprise, manufacturing, job creation. That's how we're gonna do it, not by enlarging government." (WSJ, Jan. 22)

Senator Brown seems to be rejecting both the large growth of debt and government by both President Bush and Obama. In Washington, this will take the form of opposition to "ObamaCare," card checks for unions and the cap-and-trade energy tax in its current form. While some of this opposition is ideological,

such as his position on "ObamaCare," Brown seems to oppose large increases in spending from wherever they come from.

But Brown, a liberal Republican by most measures and a self-described "Scott Brown Republican," is not opposed to all of President Obama's policies and seeks to be a consensus builder, not ideological roadblock.

He agrees that the situation inherited by the Obama White House is far from ideal, and believes that President Obama has taken the advice of General McChrystal in Afghanistan and is doing a "great job" with North Korea.

Another potential area of consensus between the Obama Administration and Senator Brown could be new initiatives in educational policy promoting charter schools and merit-based pay.

The implications of this election are tough to measure so soon afterward, but the long-term effects on Senator Brown's election will certainly go beyond the

ability to filibuster.

Brown seems to fit the type of workhorse politician—one who will make the best of a situation and not fall victim to political overreach in light of the recent victory.

But the real lesson from last Tuesday is that if a Republican can take Ted Kennedy's Senate seat in Massachusetts, no Democrat in any seat across the country is safe from Republican assault in November.

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donors in potential Republican candidates; eager to overturn the Democratic tide of 2008, these donors will be more likely to open up their checkbooks more frequently and for more money. This rekindling of interest will

temporary shift by the growing and ever-fickle independent voters. Incumbent Democrats, potentially facing for the first time a viable Republican challenger, might decide that retirement and the beach houses that are waiting

## letters to the editor

### Rape stories get the message across

Kruse argues for necessity and effectiveness of sharing assault accounts

Dear Anonymous Phi Writer,

I have to say that I disagree with your assertion that last semester's postings of rape stories in the Phi and around campus were ineffectual and were not needed in such prevalence.

It is important first to recognize the significance of the articles, which were submitted by survivors of rape on W&L's campus to show that rape and sexual assault do in fact happen on campus more often than we would like to realize.

They were necessary in prevalence first to show the gravity of the situation, but also because it is hard to get a message across comprehensively when people tend not to read Campus Notices or pay that much attention to other reminders or postings on billboards.

I think that your argument that the "frequent and graphic" stories around campus (not just in the men's bathrooms, as you seem to imply) leading to only talking about the frequent and graphic stories shows not that the stories are wrong, but that people on campus are too apathetic to actually be concerned with the issue.

It is much easier to argue about the validity of the stories and write about why you think that End It has misled the cam-

pus than how terrible it is that these stories and many others have occurred on our "campus of honor."

I am tired of people saying that "sexual assault is a problem, but..." and then stating what the group trying to stop it has done wrong, rather than what the writer personally could do to

If people do not want action from the problems that you yourself stated are very real, then that shows campus apathy, but it doesn't show that End It was wrong in posting those stories.

I recognize that there is a need for more "gentle" activism on campus, but I disagree with the idea that strategies like the

"leading" topics (which some have argued could account for the high statistics).

Furthermore, Red Flag Campaign posters might be showing appropriate situations that you mentioned, but they are removed in that people don't really connect them to their own lives, not to mention the fact that every year, we still have over twice the national average of reported sexual assaults for both women and men.

I have never heard anyone discuss them as you have alleged, but I have seen plenty of people laugh at them because of the somewhat cliché instances given. I think that W&L women sharing their W&L stories makes the campaign very personal in a way that another organization's poster cannot.

Maybe instead of denying the reality, you could be struck with the pain that at least one student had to go through and dedicate yourself to stopping the occurrence from happening to any woman on campus.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Kruse

*Rape doesn't happen in public, on Traveller or on the dance floor, and... if your friends or other guys have committed a rape, they are not going to say, "oh yeah, that was me."*

stop sexual assault on a personal level.

On that note, of course not all W&L men are rapists. However, some men are and they are fraternity brothers or fellow students or people who are supposed to believe in a system of respect.

I would also like to note that rape doesn't happen in public, on Traveller or on the dance floor, and that if your friends or other guys have committed a rape, they are not going to say, "oh yeah, that was me."

Red Flag Campaign are the way to go.

The problem with the Red Flag Campaign, organizations like SPEAK and I in 4, or any other strategy that we have tried on campus is the fact that they have been tried and that sexual assault rates have not gone down yet.

This data is reflected in our rotating CORE and NCHA data, both of which are reliable, non-biased surveys not specifically based on sexual assault or other

## University is prepared for emergencies

Dean of Students responds to article that mistakenly claimed the administration did not have a plan to help stranded students after December's snowstorm

Dear Editor,

I write in response to the Jan. 18 article, "Stranded in the snow." I write to clarify some information in the piece

In the beginning of the second paragraph, the article reads: "The University did not have any plan to deal with the situation."

The article goes on to explain the communication before and during the storm, how the sidewalks were maintained and roads re-opened as quickly as possible and how dining was re-opened.

All of those steps are a part of Emergency Management Plan that was actualized during the storm. In addition, there was reference made to a lack of food for a few days.

In fact, on Saturday, students were sent a communication

about restaurants open within walking distance of campus while we re-opened dining by Sunday morning. Re-opening dining was no small feat. Food

serve students.

Other aspects of the Emergency Management Plan that were put in place included increasing the number of Public

were students who lived off campus requesting that the University clear their drives however we were in touch with landlords urging removal of snow as quickly as possible.

My purpose in writing this is to assure students who were stranded that we were thinking of you, using our Emergency Management Plan, and doing all we could to respond to the "largest snowstorm in 100 years," as reported in the Phi.

Dawn Watkins  
Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Emergency Management Coordinator

supplies are decreased at the end of a term to minimize spoilage and it required figuring out what food we even had available and securing employees who could safely leave their own homes to

Safety Officers and Facilities Management staff to respond to concerns and keeping the residence halls open.

From reports, the only thing we were unable to respond to

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# Arts & life

## W&L senior publishes online novel

Abel Delgado's coming-of-age story about a young Cuban-American girl in Miami is now available for download

By Katie Boe  
STAFF WRITER

### Other Half

A Novel By Abel S. Delgado



Not many college students can boast completing a novel before graduation, but Washington and Lee senior Abel Delgado can. On top of preparations to either attend law school next year or work for a non-governmental organization, Delgado has successfully written a genuine and heartfelt coming-of-age story featuring a 14 year-old girl as the protagonist.

His novel, "Other Half," is available on the Internet and has received more than a thousand downloads.

The novel addresses the typical issues that adolescents and young adults have long struggled with. The protagonist, Alethia, does not believe in love and through a creative writing assignment learns to appreciate and believe in the power of love. In her assignment, she tells the story of her family friends, Angel and Crystal, and how they fell in love more than ten years ago.

The book looks promising and is certainly a "feel-good," quick read. It seems to appeal to a slightly younger set than college-age, and would probably be categorized as a young-adult novel.

Nonetheless, "Other Half" is a cute story that allows the reader to connect and empathize with the characters.

Delgado, a somewhat experienced writer, who wrote mostly short stories and poems throughout middle and high school, began working on his novel the summer after high school. Delgado says his inspiration came from "observing

and analyzing people, their personalities and the relationships they have with each other."

Delgado took much of his plot from his own experiences in high school, and simply exaggerated them to embellish the story. Even more, a significant portion of the novel's dialogue "come[s] directly from conversations I had with people back then," Delgado explained.

process any less difficult. Delgado experienced writer's block at times, but to combat it he never forced himself to write. He also found that he wrote best and most fluidly late at night, around midnight. By writing the novel in this manner, he found that a lot of the book wrote itself.

Finally, last summer, Delgado was confident and pleased enough with his work that he released the

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This first draft was titled "Firsts," but was completely rewritten a year later. Since the primary re-writing, Delgado has done more re-writes, additions and edits until his work became what it is now. Delgado said that "re-writing was probably the most difficult part."

He also struggled with writing from the perspective of a female protagonist. To accurately and genuinely create a female voice, Delgado asked many of his female friends questions about often awkward and uncomfortable topics. Delgado claims, "those conversations led to the best chapters."

Writing a book is a great accomplishment, and the onset of writer's block does not make the

novel to the public via the Internet. Once the book hits between 5,000 to 10,000 downloads, and Delgado has received more feedback, he will pursue literary agents and publishers.

Should his first novel be published, Delgado plans to write four more novels as a series. While he has not started to formally write the next book in his series, he has outlined and planned the next installment.

"Other Half," can be downloaded from [otherhalfnovel.com](http://otherhalfnovel.com).

Cover art for Delgado's book was created by Delgado's business partner, Christian Mora.

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## Crossword of the Week

You Know the Rules by Neville L. Fogarty

For the solution to this puzzle, visit [picrosswords.tumblr.com](http://picrosswords.tumblr.com).

### ACROSS

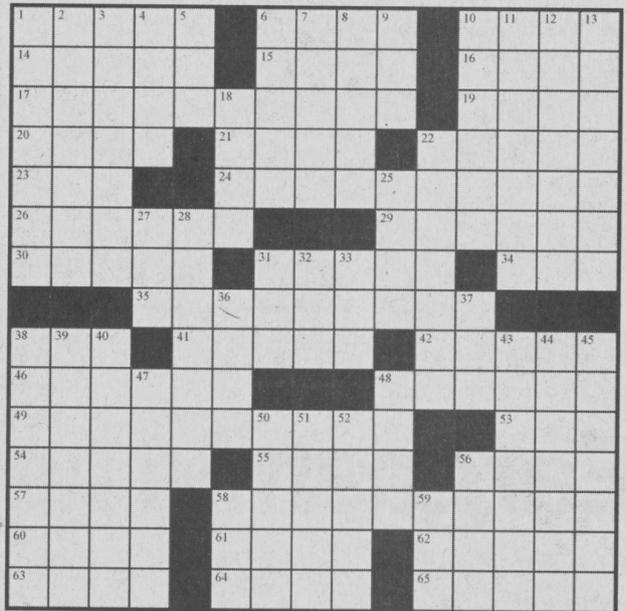
- 1 1964 Moody Blues hit that asks you to leave
- 6 Circular opening?
- 10 Daug. or son
- 14 "Not \_\_\_ mouse" (Moore line)
- 15 Electric cattle mover
- 16 Bottom-of-letter abbr.
- 17 With 24-, 35-, or 49-Across, a statement of loyalty
- 19 Nostril
- 20 Grey, in Calais
- 21 British fool
- 22 "Along \_\_\_ Spider" (James Patterson novel)
- 23 "2001" mainframe
- 24 See 17-Across
- 26 The best, in slang
- 29 Pop punk band named after a video game console, with "The"
- 30 Like a well-designed racecar
- 31 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
- 34 Sault \_\_\_ Marie, Michigan
- 35 See 17-Across
- 38 American fool
- 41 "\_\_\_ for Murder" (1954 film)
- 42 North African capital
- 46 Take off like a plane
- 48 A flat?
- 49 See 17-Across
- 53 Little piggy that had roast beef
- 54 "Get outta here!"
- 55 Princess of Alderaan
- 56 "Yes we \_\_\_!" (Pro-corporal punishment slogan)
- 57 Basic unit of matter
- 58 Like you after completing this puzzle
- 60 NASCAR legend Yarborough
- 61 Zebulon with a Colorado peak
- 62 "The City of a Thousand Minarets"
- 63 You are, in España

64 Battleship call

65 Put on some clothes

### DOWN

- 1 Khan with wrath
- 2 On the whole
- 3 Agent Flynn who is tired of these... snakes on this... plane
- 4 Singles
- 5 Card game for two
- 6 2008 "Creatiolutionist" video game
- 7 Young's partner in auditing
- 8 "Mad \_\_\_" (CNBC show)
- 9 A Rocky Mtn. state
- 10 "You're welcome," to some
- 11 Charms
- 12 "I give up!"
- 13 Get the dirt out of
- 18 "Who is John \_\_\_?" ("Atlas Shrugged" line)
- 22 Celebs in cardboard form
- 25 Island near Kauai
- 27 Brain scan, for short
- 28 "Little Shop of Horrors" song and setting
- 31 DOJ agency involved with marijuana
- 32 Popeye's girlfriend Olive \_\_\_
- 33 Sound Cookie Monster makes
- 36 Corleone played by Brando and De Niro
- 37 "Oh, \_\_\_-leeze!"
- 38 What a newspaper sells?
- 39 It can regenerate
- 40 Hotel room door feature
- 43 Wood that didn't float (too soon?)
- 44 Some laundry workers
- 45 Swim meet sights
- 47 Top levels of performance
- 48 It can mesh
- 50 553, to Nero
- 51 Heineken rival
- 52 "Oh snap!"
- 56 Benny Goodman's instr.
- 58 Dashboard abbr.
- 59 Monk's affliction on TV



# arts & life

## Taking dance to the Twitterverse

The W&L Repertory Dance Company's technology-themed show uses micro-blogging to reach audience

By Stephanie Hardiman  
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

There aren't many times that it's okay to use your phone during a performance. But the Washington and Lee Repertory Dance Company aims to change that.

For this year's dance performance, debuting on Thursday night, audience members can follow the show on Twitter to get updates about the choreographers, dancers and the pieces they perform.

"A lot of times, the dance audience feels excluded," said Jenefer Davies, the company's artistic director. "They have to figure out what's going on. It's my attempt to create a more inclusive environment."

Davies said that dance is naturally very abstract and lends itself to further explanation. Tweeting to the audience will help them engage in a new way, she hopes.

Junior David Doobin will be in the audience tweeting via @WLUdanceconcert. Davies hopes the audience will be watching the show and getting the inside scoop on the behind-the-scenes information from Twitter.

But Twitter is just the beginning of what emerged as a technology-themed show.

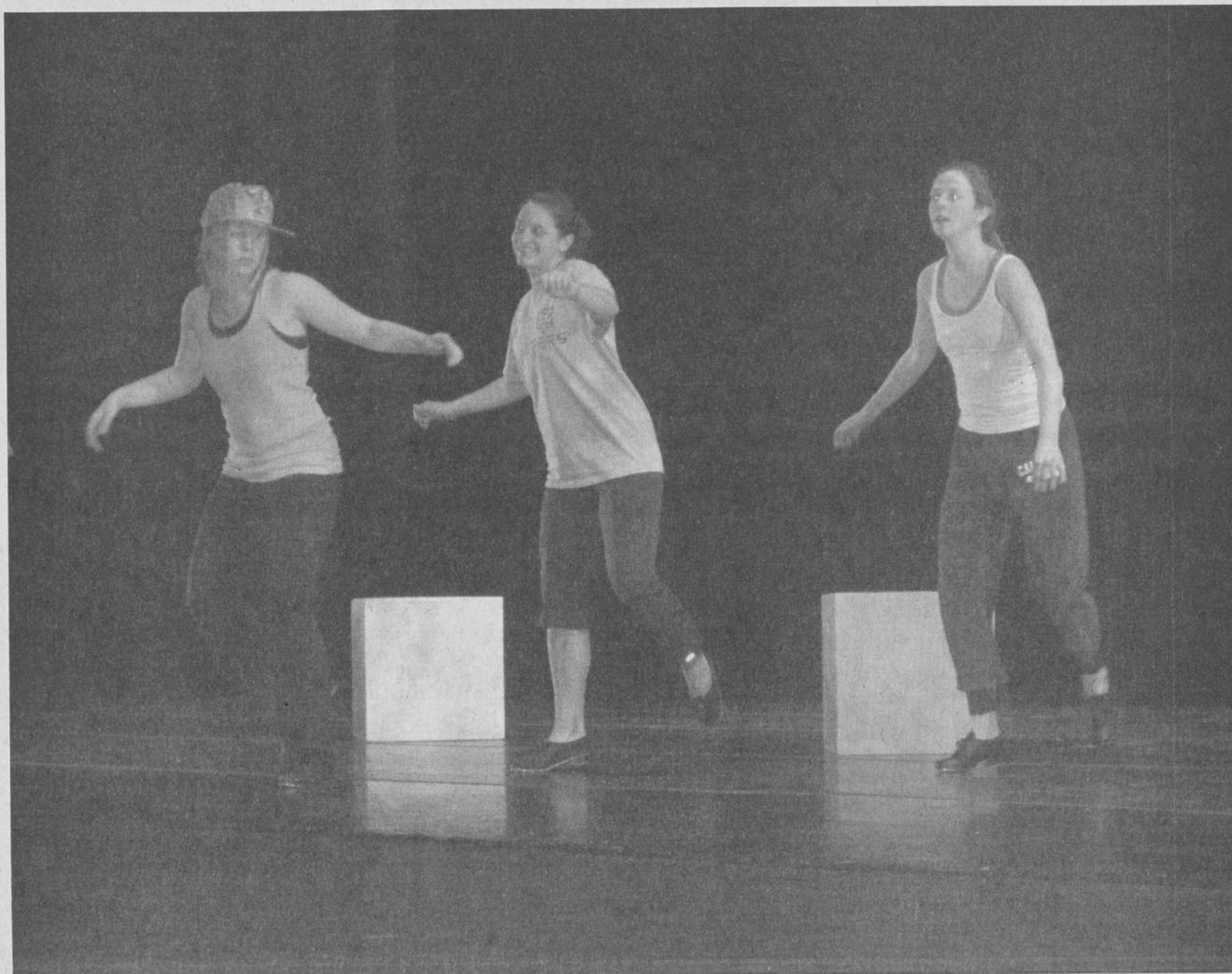
Guest choreographer Bill Meadows created a dance using Nintendo's Wii game console remotes.

The "Wiimotes" are programmed to interface with a special computer that creates sounds depending on the dancers' movements. Dancers will carry or wear the Wiimotes "to create their own accompaniment," Davies said.

Kevin Remington, W&L's photographer, is even involved with a piece. A photo shoot of dancers participating in an underwater wedding will be projected on a giant screen while senior Sophie Xiong improvises a dance below it.

"In general, artists are looking for ways to incorporate technology. It's so easy to access... it makes it more visually appealing," Davies said.

Thirty-two students are involved in the performance, with another 15 working backstage. Six guest choreographers, including 1991 alumna Sharon Witting, two faculty members and 11 student choreographers have contributed to this year's



Senior dancers Aleisha Butler, Natalie Bunnell and Anna Rogers practice their tap routine to MGMT's "Kids" during Sunday afternoon's eight-hour-long rehearsal.

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Jenefer Davies, Washington and Lee Repertory Dance Company Artistic Director

performance, which has been in "My dance is sort of like if production since September. the Dream Girls were drunk,"

said senior student choreographer Aleisha Butler of her dance to "Never Forget You" by the Noisettes.

The dances run the style gamut—from hip-hop and ballet to aerial and native Indian-inspired dance.

Only six of the company's members are dance minors, and the others were selected through an audition process at the beginning of fall term.

Junior Shamira Ibrahim has been dancing for 12 years, but this is her first with the company.

"It's allowed me to explore

different parts of dance I've never done before," Ibrahim said. "It's really eye-opening. I've expanded my horizons."

In March the company will perform select dances at the American College Dance Festival at Virginia Commonwealth University.

This week's show will be performed at Keller Theater in Lenfest Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Saturday's curtain will go up at 3 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at [lenfest.wlu.edu](http://lenfest.wlu.edu) or call the Box Office at 458-8000. Student tickets are

\$5; faculty and staff tickets are \$7.

## Eargasmic new tunes from WLUR

Washington and Lee campus radio offers four of the station library's hot new albums fresh from the airwaves to you

By WLUR Staff  
STAFF WRITERS

Here are the best of the new records to grace our station this week:

### Vampire Weekend Contra (XL)

As a sophomore record, Contra strikes the fine balance between reprising what the group did so well on its debut and truly developing its Afro-pop sound.

This record seems more delicately arranged, with complementing parts and weaving together a unified whole that's short and sharp.

Kick-off track "Horchata" builds and bumps along; "White Sky" rides a wave of videogame keyboards before lead singer Ezra Koenig lets his voice twist and twirl and wail with joy (or whatever emotion you want to call it); "California English" is quick and clever, with only a touch of auto-tune. Other fine tracks include "Taxi Cab," which could be a Ra Ra Riot tune, and the warming "Giving Up The Gun," which is less choppy and

angular than some of the band's previous work. Fans of Wes Anderson's musical tastes will enjoy.

"Final Fantasy" appears on the album spine, Pallett is now using his given name; someone says there's a video game series

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### Owen Pallett (Final Fantasy) Heartland (Domino)

Composer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Owen Pallett returns with Heartland, his third LP overall and first for Domino (the label of Animal Collective, Dirty Projectors and Arctic Monkeys, among others). Although his nom de tune

by the same name, which might have a copyright on the moniker. Regardless, this is certainly his most accessible and possibly finest work to date. Pallett's mix of strings and electronics, combined with his songwriting skills, will appeal to fans of Beirut, Jens Lekman and Andrew Bird. Check out the upbeat synth

lines on "The Great Elsewhere" and "Lewis Takes Off His Shirt," as well as the chamber-pop numbers "Lewis Takes Action" and "Keep the Dog Quiet."

### The Watson Twins Talking to You, Talking to Me (Vanguard)

The Watson Twins came to indie rock prominence by singing harmony vocals on Jenny Lewis' first solo record, Rabbit Fur Coat, in 2006. Two years later, they released Fire Songs, a solid collection of folk-pop numbers. For those familiar with either of those two records, the classic soul and R&B that the duo incorporates on Talking to You, Talking to Me might seem like a sea change.

But, though the style is different, the basic elements that make The Watson Twins work—the intertwining vocals of Chandra and Leigh, as well as the twins' songwriting ability—are still very much in play here. In fact, the soul highlights their singing

ability even more. Check out "Modern Man," "Calling Out," "Give Me a Chance" and "Savin' You," as well as the folksier "Tell Me Why" and the pop tune "U N Me."

### Dawn Landes Sweet Heart Rodeo (Cooking Vinyl)

Another fine record from New York-based musician (and Mrs. Josh Ritter) Dawn Landes, whose music straddles the line between bluesy alternative country (check out excellent album opener "Young Girl") and "Sweetheart of the Rodeo") and quieter, more intricate folksy numbers ("Money in the Bank," "Wandering Eye," "Little Miss Holiday").

Oddly, the first single from Sweet Heart Rodeo is "Romeo," a forgettable attempt at a straight-up pop song. Fortunately, that's the only misstep on an album that is otherwise very enjoyable. For fans of Amy Millan, Patty Griffin and Landes's

husband.

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# sports

## Generals win one, lose one on the road

*Men's basketball took a close victory over Methodist University, but couldn't rally to beat Hampden-Sydney; now 10-6*

By Hank Nathan  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's basketball team split its road games this past week with a 59-53 win against Methodist University and a 73-66 loss to Hampden-Sydney College, resulting in a 10-6 overall record.

The Generals opened the week with a 59-53 win over Methodist on Wednesday. W&L started out fast to a 7-0 lead capped by a three-pointer by senior forward Zac White. The team continued to build its lead on a dunk by senior forward Ben Goetsch who scored on a fast break off of an assist by junior guard Jason Cimino.

This play made the score 17-6 with 7:52 remaining in the first half. The Monarchs made a small dent in the Generals' lead before the end of the half, and the score was 23-16 at the break.

W&L came out on fire in the second frame and continued to build their lead. In the first six minutes of the second half, the Generals went on a 14-4 run to create a 37-20 lead.

During the run, senior forward Andrew Payne added in seven points, including an and-one layup. The squad's biggest lead in the game was 18 on two foul shots by Payne with 9:48 to go in the contest.

However, the Monarchs were undeterred by the large margin and began to chip away at the Generals' lead.

Following the 48-30 score, Methodist went on an 18-4 run and cut the lead down to four points at 52-48 with 1:21 remaining. Despite only scoring from the field once in the last 11:17 of the contest, W&L managed to convert on

"We didn't have a field goal in the last 11 minutes, but we didn't panic."

Also in the effort, Goetsch and Payne combined for 21 points, while Cimino tallied nine points, six boards and four assists.

The game against Methodist marked the final out-of-conference game for W&L this season. The squad will now

could be the one that wins or loses the game, and I think we are finally starting to figure that out heading into the home stretch of the season."

Unfortunately, momentum was short-lived after the victory against Methodist, as W&L lost 73-66 to Hampden-Sydney on Saturday.

The game was back-and-forth in the first half and neither team had a lead greater than seven points. Goetsch opened up the scoring for the Generals with a dunk on a backdoor feed by first-year Taylor Gilfillan. He then followed that with a three-pointer from the top of the arc.

Additionally, first-year Kelton Buchanan provided two three-pointers off the bench, but W&L still trailed 29-34 at half.

At the beginning of the second half, Hampden-Sydney came out of the gate fast and went on a 23-10 run to build a 57-39 advantage. The Generals immediately countered with a 10-0 run of their own and slashed the lead to eight with 7:53 to play. W&L continued to cut into the Tigers' lead on a shot from beyond the arc by White, a driving shot by Cimino and a layup by first-year JD Ey. The Generals cut the score to 60-62

in favor of Hampden-Sydney with 3:35 remaining. However, the 2-point margin was as close as the Generals would get, as they fell 66-73.

In the contest, White led W&L in scoring with 15 points, and added in five rebounds. Goetsch and Payne combined for 23 points, and Ey scored seven off the bench.

Approaching the halfway point in the season, the W&L men's basketball team will focus turning tough losses to schools like Hampden Sydney into victories.

"There is always room for improvement," said Cimino. "We need to play harder and be more focused. If you look at our record and even stretches during games, the lack of effort and focus have hurt us. We are starting to improve that, and are becoming more dangerous every game."

*"I think we reacted with poise down the stretch.*

*We didn't have a field goal in the last 11 minutes, but we didn't panic."*

ZAC WHITE, senior forward

15 of its 20 free throws to seal a victory at 59-53.

In the face of a comeback attempt by the Monarchs, the Generals kept their composure in the waning moments of the game, said White.

"I think we reacted with poise down the stretch," said White who tied a game-high in scoring with 13 points.

face 10 straight conference games.

Now that every game is in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, games will become more intense, said Cimino.

"Conference games are a grind," said Cimino. "It seems like every game in the ODAC comes down to one of the final possessions. The key to winning conference games is focus. Every play

## Double dual, double victories for swimming

*Both the men's and women's swim teams dominated in this weekend's meets against Catholic and Marymount*

By Brooke Sutherland  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a cold and gloomy weekend in Lexington, but the Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams were heating up the waters in Washing-

ton, D.C. this Saturday. The squads both earned double victories over Catholic and Marymount Universities this weekend.

*"I feel like, since we have a really young team, it took us a while to get freshmen adjusted. But as the season has progressed they've started to become a bigger part of our team."*

KATIE SALVATI, sophomore

ton, D.C. this Saturday. The squads both earned double victories over Catholic and Marymount Universities this weekend.

The victories improved the men to 8-3 for the season and brought the women to a 6-4 overall record.

"[It was good] for both the men's and the women's teams to see where we are going in to conferences," sophomore Katie Salvati said. "Some people

had good times, some not so much. But what's really more important is fine-tuning some things [before conferences]... I think both coaches were happy."

On the men's side, the double-dual meet turned into more of an intra-squad competition as W&L posted sweeping victories across the board. "This meet was a chance for us to push ourselves when we didn't necessarily have the competition from other teams," said senior Brandon Barns. "We had to make ourselves rise to the occasion and try to go fast even when we didn't have anyone to compete

against beside ourselves...The fact that we can still work hard and post some good times is good to see."

The Generals were led by seniors Ian Childers and Nick Talluri. Talluri dominated the freestyle events, taking home first place in both the 50 freestyle (22.12) and the 100 freestyle (48.87). Childers finished first in the 100 breast (1:04.20) and the 200 breast (2:19.26) and also played a key role in the team's victory in the 200 medley relay.

Other relay team members included senior Josh Gonzalez, Barns and sophomore Chris Washnock. The team touched in first with a time of 1:41.24.

The relay win "was really pretty cool because our coach split up the relays so we'd all be fairly even and all have a chance to win," said Barns, who swam the final freestyle leg in the relay. "The last leg, all of the freestylers...were all about even so I was just a tiny bit ahead, by like a tenth of a second."

Washnock also earned top honors in two individual events. He placed first in the 100 back (56.05) and the 200 back (2:01.10). Gonzalez also posted a time

of 2:00.71 in the 200 fly, good enough to earn him an individual medal of his own.

W&L also led the way in the 400 freestyle relay with a first-place finish of 3:26.96. Senior Jonathan Giesen anchored the relay, backed by sophomore Jeff Stirling, senior Kevin Corn and sophomore Ryan Hartman.

Giesen also placed first in the 100 fly with a time of 55.42.

On the women's side, the team's first-years stepped up big, racking in four titles between them to bring their team a victory.

"I feel like, since we have a really young team, it took us a while to get freshmen adjusted," Salvati said. "But as the season has progressed they've started to become a bigger part of our team."

First-year Ann McCampbell led the Generals in long distance swimming with a victory in the 1650 free at 18:55.71.

McCampbell has dominated distance events for the Generals this year, filling a void in what used to be one of the

women's weaker events, Salvati said.

"It's nice to be able to step up and help the team where maybe we were lacking before," McCampbell said.

First-year Brittany Ross held the 200 fly with a time of 2:18.18, and fellow first-year Delaney Rolfe notched a win in the 500 free with a time of 5:30.71.

Rolfe was also a member of the women's winning 200 medley relay team which finished with a time of 1:56.97. Rolfe was helped by teammates senior Sarah Simpson, junior Tess Hayden, and senior Lynn Bazzel.

Simpson was in top form for the Generals that day, turning in two individual victories to go with the relay win. She placed first in the 100 freestyle with a time of 56.42 and the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:03.13.

The teams will be back in the pool next Saturday for a home meet against Johns Hopkins. The meet-kicks off at 11 a.m.

## When a field goal isn't just three points

*Kickers had a dismal showing in the first two rounds of the NFL playoffs and handed their teams disappointing losses*

By Adam Cancryn  
STAFF WRITER

With four minutes left in the divisional round game between the Jets and Chargers, CBS cut to a close-up shot of San Diego kicker Nate Kaeding.

Alone on the sideline, his expression one of shock and confusion, he looked as if he'd rather be anywhere than on that field.

Given the chance, Chargers fans likely would've granted him his wish.

Kaeding had just finished shanking his third field goal of the game, a 40-yarder pushed just right of the posts. Though San Diego notched a touchdown on its next drive, it was not enough. They would lose by three, and Kaeding, the Pro Bowler who hit 91.4 percent of his regular season kicks and zero percent when it mattered, was the scapegoat.

While he might have felt alone on the sideline, Kaeding is just one of a procession of kickers whose postseason incompetence has doomed their respective teams.

Through the first two rounds of the NFL playoffs, placekickers on losing teams made just three of their 13 field goal attempts. That comes out to a conversion rate of just 23 percent.

Compare that to a regular season that

saw kickers banging home threes at an 81 percent clip and something certainly seems amiss. Even the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, saddled with the worst kicking game in the league, managed to sneak one through the uprights three times out of five.

So why, during the most crucial time of the year, won't the ball just go to its home?

It's certainly not due to a lack of talent. Kickers on losing teams combined to hit 84 percent of their regular season attempts. The Cardinals' Neil Rackers led the league, converting 16 of his 17 kicks before bungling a potential game-winner in the Wild Card round and missing another seven days later. Kaeding missed just three all year before equaling that number in one playoff game.

But the postseason takes place in the dead of winter, where a simple shift in wind direction can completely change a game. Maybe the elements are to blame for such ineptitude.

Unless these players were thrown off by the immaculate conditions, not likely. In the first two rounds, three games were played in domes and one was played in San Diego. Not many blizzards to worry about there.

No, as more numbers are crunched and situations examined, there seems to be no logical explanation for the sudden onset of yips, yanks, shanks and flubs that have turned the game's best kickers into that guy from Section 247 they bring down at halftime for a \$1,000 try.

Attempts aren't from any farther away than normal. The average field

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goal length for losing teams' kickers is 44 yards. It's no chip shot, but regular season attempts from that distance were successful three-quarters of the time.

Playoff pressure? Past history suggests it has little effect, especially for a group with 904 successful kicks under their belt. In 2008, there were only six misses in the entire playoffs. This year is on pace to set the record for lowest field goal percentage since the NFL switched to a 12-team playoff format in 1990.

Even more distressing is the role this unusual trend has had in determining outcomes. The Cincinnati Bengals' Shayne Graham missed twice against New York, including a 28-yarder that would have brought them within one point with 3:49 left. Instead, the Jets took over and ran out the clock.

Down 19 early in the fourth quar-

ter and trying to help his team claw its way back, the New England Patriots' Stephen Gostkowski pulled his attempt wide right. They wouldn't regain possession until the two-minute warning, leaving them far too little time to rally.

And had Kaeding converted just one of his three chances, San Diego could have potentially forced overtime and gone on to win. Instead, the offense sat helplessly as its opponent ran out the clock.

It is no coincidence that the four remaining teams going into championship weekend were perfect when trying for three. The Jets, beneficiaries of a miraculous chain of events that enabled them to slip into the playoffs, continue to thrive off of others' mistakes. Opposing kickers are 0-5 against them through two rounds.

The staggering lack of efficiency thus far is surely a small sample size, but it carries with it serious implications. In the Super Bowl, one team wins and one loses. There is no next game, no second chance. Just a final score, one that is often determined by the gangly, highly specialized kicking machine standing alone on the sideline, waiting for his shot.

# sports



## ondeck

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|-------------------------|-----|------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---|-----|
| Men's Basketball        |     |      | at Randolph-Macon<br>7 p.m. |       |                       | at Randolph<br>1:30 p.m.                  |     |
| Women's Basketball      |     |      |                             |       | vs Guilford<br>7 p.m. |   |     |
| Men's Swimming          |     |      |                             |       |                       | vs Johns Hopkins<br>11 a.m.               |     |
| Women's Swimming        |     |      |                             |       |                       | at Johns Hopkins<br>11 a.m.               |     |
| Wrestling               |     |      |                             |       |                       | vs Johns Hopkins<br>2 p.m.                |     |
| Men's Track and Field   |     |      |                             |       |                       | at Liberty<br>Open & Multi's<br>8:30 a.m. |     |
| Women's Track and Field |     |      |                             |       |                       | at Liberty<br>Open & Multi's<br>8:30 a.m. |     |
| Men's Tennis            |     |      |                             |       |                       |   |     |
| Women's Tennis          |     |      |                             |       |                       |   |     |

## in the numbers

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The number of times Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning has won the coveted MVP award and the number of times in franchise history that the Colts have earned a trip to the Superbowl. The Colts rallied from an 11-point first half deficit Sunday to defeat the New York Jets 30-17 in the AFC Championship game and earn a bid to Superbowl XLIV.

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The number of losses this week for the No.1 University of Texas men's basketball team. The Longhorns fell 71-62 to the Kansas State University Wildcats on Monday before falling 88-74 to the University of Connecticut on Saturday. The University of Kentucky is the only remaining unbeaten team in the NCAA.

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The number of double-doubles so far this season for Washington and Lee sophomore forward Becca Bolton. Bolton put up 19 points and 12 boards in the Generals' 75-60 win over Hollins University on Wednesday and another 19 points and 12 rebounds in their 55-45 win over Emory and Henry.

## soapbox

*"I'm just going to be me. I'm going to be excited, I'm going to be passionate, I'm going to have fun. I'm going to love playing the game out there, just like I always have."*

Former University of Florida quarterback Tim Tebow on how he will impress NFL executives and coaches at his Senior Bowl audition. Tebow played four successful seasons at Florida and took home the Heisman Trophy in 2007. Courtesy of [espn.com](http://espn.com).

*"The way I look at it is, what should I do? Should I worry about what those people say or concentrate on the million-plus people that voted for me? To me, it's a no-brainer. My fans want to see me play and they have the right to put in who they want to put in the game."*

NBA guard Allen Iverson on why he deserves to start in the NBA All-Star Game. Iverson has returned to the Philadelphia 76er's after bouncing around from the Denver Nuggets to the Detroit Pistons to a brief stint with the Memphis Grizzlies. He has played only 20 games this year. Courtesy of [espn.com](http://espn.com).



STEELE BURROW/staff photographer

Junior forward Felice Herman fights for the ball in the Generals' 75-60 win over Hollins University on Tuesday. Herman finished with 10 points, nine rebounds, and four assists

## Lady Generals hit stride

W&L tacked on two more victories over Hollins and Emory & Henry this week

By Stephen Peck  
STAFF WRITER

With a 75-60 victory over Hollins University and a 55-45 win over Emory and Henry on Tuesday, the Generals welcomed the ladies from Hollins to W&L for a

W&L pulled away in the second half en route to a 75-60 win.

Sophomore forward Becca Bolton, who garnered ODAC Player of the Week honors for her efforts last week, scored 19 points to go with her 12 rebounds.

Junior guard Allie Long netted 15 points and added six boards while junior center Felice Herman stuffed the stat sheet with 10 points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Herman said she was pleased with the team's effort.

"We were not expecting them to be as tough as they were," she said. "They took us out of our game plan in the first half defensively but I thought we rallied well in the second. We cannot make the same mistakes."

Although the Generals gained a win, for a team with so much talent, there is always room for improvement.

"All we can do is continue to work hard in practice and improve every day, every game," Herman said.

On Saturday night, the team traveled to Emory and Henry to face yet another conference opponent. W&L's stifling defense came out in full force this contest. Coach Mandy King's squad held the Wasps to a mere 31 field goal percentage, and pressured the opponent into coughing up 21 turnovers. Seeing such strong defensive numbers is usually a good thing, and that proved true as the Generals dispatched the Wasps by a score of 55-45.

The Generals trailed 19-16 with six minutes left in the first half, but did not look back from there as they seized the lead for good.

Bolton continued her torrid pace with 19 points and 12 rebounds, completing her eighth double-double of the season. Herman again complemented her with a clutch 14-point, 11-board effort.

Bolton has arguably been the catalyst of the team's dominating play of late. She is averaging 15 points and 11 rebounds a game, good enough for fifth-in-league scoring and second-in-league rebounding. Her eight double-doubles have often occurred when it matters most, during key conference matches.

Expectations continue to climb within the program, Herman said.

"Our goals have remained the same: win ODACs," she said. "Now, it seems as though we are definitely on our way. We had a very tough non-conference schedule which gave us the confidence we need in ODAC play because no team can throw something at us that we have not already seen."

The Generals' next game is versus Guilford College, next Friday at home.



First-year guard Katy Wilson looks to shoot over a Hollins' defender. Wilson finished with nine points and three rebounds in Tuesday's contest.

Henry College last week, the Washington and Lee women's basketball team is now 6-1 in their last seven games. It can now proudly boast a winning overall record of 8-7, with a strong 7-4 conference record, good enough for fifth place in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

conference clash. Earlier in the season, the Generals manhandled Hollins by an embarrassing margin of 95-60. The result was the same Generals' victory this time around, but Hollins made it tough.

A back-and-forth first half battle provided some measure of suspense, but