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## Forced break-in at Palace

Students robbed of \$4,000 worth of electronics

By Chelsea Stevenson  
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An off-campus student house, "Pink Palace," was robbed of nearly \$4,000 worth of electronics last weekend when its occupants, three Washington and Lee juniors, were away at their fraternity formal.

Sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13 and 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14, a forced break-in occurred at the 2851 Collierstown Road residence. All of the house's occupants had departed that Saturday afternoon for the Phi Delta Theta formal. Prior to their departure, the students locked their house, according to house occupant Wit Robertson.

After the formal, resident Andy Merlino returned to the house around 4:00 a.m. and didn't notice anything suspicious, because he immediately went to bed. The following day, Robertson, who had spent the night in town, received a phone call from Merlino who said the house had been severely robbed.

Robertson and Jason Cimino, the house's third occupant, returned to the house immediately and

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JASON CIMINO, junior

noticed a muddy footprint on the lower half of their front door, indicating that the break-in was forced. The students reported the following missing items from their one-story home: two televisions, a laptop, a desktop computer, two jackets, an internet router, a wireless cell tower, two X-Box Consoles, four X-Box controllers, and several DVDs and video games.

Robertson reported that his dresser drawers had been pulled out and his clothes covered his floor. The robber had also broken a golf club and the binding of Robertson's snowboard during the ravage.

Since the break-in, the W&L students have been in contact with the Rockbridge County Sheriff's Department, where officers are still investigating who is responsible for the forced entry. The students provided several serial numbers for their missing items, with the hopes of seeing their goods again someday at a registered pawn shop.

According to Robertson, the students have never had any reported problems with their surrounding neighbors. The only incident was last fall, when the current occupants received a letter from a student and the principal from Effinger Elementary School, located just north of the house. The school was frustrated that the Pink Palace inhabitants had left trash in their yard for more than a single day. Beyond the good relations that the students have with their neighbors, the students are also communicative with their landlord, Charlie Potter.

Potter has been the landlord for Pink Palace and three other country homes inhabited by W&L students since 1990: "Lazy River," "the Mill" and "Cedar Creek." Immediately following the incident, Potter changed the locks and provided the residents with new keys at all four of the homes.

According to Robertson, other W&L students who live off campus, especially in the country, should lock their doors and windows while sleeping or are away from their house. For months now the "Pink Palace" occupants have gone to great extents to conserve power by turning their lights off when possible. Now, however, the students will make a conscious effort to always keep a light on.

Potter said that in his nearly 21 years as landlord, nothing like this has ever happened in his homes before, but he associates this incident with today's tight economic times.

"I think it was just luck probably, since times are uncertain and people are out of jobs," said Potter.

He also cautioned students to be wary, no matter where they live. "It can happen in the city just as well as in the country."

Although frustrated and dismayed by the forced entry, Cimino agreed with Potter. "Things like this happen in the world every day, and we're hoping we can bring these thieves to justice," he said.

## Why did the chicken cross the quad?



To get to W&L! EC hopes to bring Chick-fil-A to campus as a new dining option

By Paige Gance  
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The Executive Committee has been working to bring Chick-Fil-A to campus since the beginning of fall term, and students might be able to "Eat mor chikin" by the end of this year.

The plan is not a sure thing, and the EC plans to release a survey in the next few weeks in order to measure student preference.

Ultimately, said Eric Hoffman, EC president, it comes down to "what the students want."

The idea to bring in the restaurant first came to the EC when a friend at the University of North Carolina told Hoffman about how the fast food chain comes in once a week to cook and serve chicken sandwiches to UNC students.

Given the lack of an affordable variety of restaurants in town and limited dining options on campus, Hoffman said he feels this would be a welcome addition to the current meal selection.

The restaurant originated in the South but has since spread nationwide. Some W&L students like it so much they drive all the way to Roanoke for a meal.

Since the Roanoke establishment is the closest one to Lexington, the EC, along with the director of auxiliary services, Alex de Silva, have worked with that restaurant extensively on this project.

Chick-fil-A representatives have

already come and inspected the cooking facilities on campus and determined that, without additional equipment, the food cannot be prepared in the Marketplace or Co-op. The idea of transporting the food to campus from Roanoke was deemed unsuitable due to the narrow window of time that the food would still be fit to eat.

Currently, the plan would be to prepare the food in Evans Dining Hall and then serve it in places like the Co-op and Law School BriefStop. Chick-

If Chick-fil-A does come to campus and if it is successful, there could be a permanent establishment on or near campus, although available space is an issue. At the moment, the university's focus is on opening the Hillel bagel shop.

Such future projections might be "premature" at this point, said de Silva, who is in charge of dining services.

"There is a common commitment to evaluate the possible options of introducing a 'brand' within the

"I will work to finish this EC's goal of bringing Chick-fil-A to campus, which is within reach."

Along with tasty food and more variety, current EC president Hoffman said he believes Chick-fil-A could benefit the student body in certain indirect ways.

Besides being "one of the healthiest fast food restaurants," its popularity could increase the appeal of W&L from an admissions standpoint, he said.

Furthermore, its presence "would encourage people to eat on campus instead of the sorority or fraternity houses," said Hoffman. One of the EC's aims has been to promote more interaction between all members of the student community.

While the details of the plan are subject to change, Chick-fil-A is still interested in the idea as of now, but this is not set in stone either.

If the plan is implemented, Hoffman said the cost of a meal will probably be covered by food flex. Now don't you wish you hadn't used up all your funds on Sunrise sandwiches?

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ERIC HOFFMAN, EC president

fil-A, however, would have to provide addition equipment in order to adhere to its strict preparation standards.

There are still "lots of hurdles," said Hoffman, but he said he is "optimistic" about the chances of Chick-fil-A coming to campus.

He also said he would like to see it served "at least once a semester." Ideally, it would be served every month or even every week.

mix of existing dining venues," said de Silva. The results of the student survey will "certify the campus desire towards this brand or point us in a different direction."

Scott Centorino, current EC vice president and a candidate for EC president, is confident about bringing in Chick-fil-A.

One of the ten commitments he says he will pursue if elected states,

## Group will SPEAK up

Sexual assault awareness group to sponsor a week-long campaign of education

By Killeen King  
STAFF WRITER

SPEAK will be sponsoring their new initiative SPEAK Week next week in an effort to bring the entire campus into their fight against sexual assault.

SPEAK is an organization that educates women about sexual assault on campus, supports survivors of sexual assault and empowers women to rally against sexual assault on campus, according to SPEAK's president Taylor Hart. It hopes to promote discussion of sexual assault through the events of SPEAK Week.

"SPEAK Week will have a diverse array of events and initiatives that should help members of our community look at the issue of sexual assault from different perspectives," said Hart.

These events include: the Snap! Bracelet campaign, a sexual assault forum, a performance by the group Sex Signals, the Take Back the Night Rally and Denim Day.

This is the fourth year that SPEAK has done the Snap! Bracelet campaign, but this year it is taking a new approach, according to Hart. "We wanted to make this campaign more gender-neutral, because it is critical that the entire campus get involved—it cannot simply be a women's

issue," said Hart. The bracelets say, "I support W&L women" and will be available various places around campus, including the Commons and the library.

Two Washington and Lee staff members will moderate the sexual assault forum and there will be a six-to-eight person panel consisting

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of both men and women, Hart said. SPEAK will place boxes around campus for people to submit panel discussion questions and topics.

Sex Signals, which is sponsored by SPEAK, Contact, 1-in-4, IFC, Panhellenic and several fraternities, will perform on Wednesday. This interactive series is meant to engage the audience in sexual assault discussions said Hart.

For Denim Day, SPEAK encourages students to "wear as

much denim as possible, in light of a court case in which a judge told a rape victim that she could not have been raped—due to the fact that her jeans were too tight to remove," said Hart.

The week will end on Thursday, April 1 with the Take Back the Night Rally, which is headed by senior SPEAK member Katie Sinks.

"It is a rally, but in my opinion [it is] more of a vigil that allows people to share their stories and thoughts on sexual assault and misconduct," explained Sinks. "I think it can be a profound and sobering experience."

Each year, a sexual assault victim gives an account of her experience at the rally. Each year brings in more attendees than the last, and SPEAK members hope that this year will continue the trend.

"I think the most empowering part

of the week is the fact that we will be hosting such a variety of activities," Sinks said. Even by participating in one singular event you are standing up for and recognizing a worthwhile cause."

"It's a very clever way of bringing the community together across a series of events," concluded Sinks.

SPEAK accepts new members each year through an application and interview process, which begins during SPEAK Week. SPEAK will have information about the organization and applications at its table in the Commons on Monday, Mar. 29.



# opinions

## What should we do about Israel?

Should U.S. foreign policy continue to support Israel in its conquest of the West Bank? Jarrett Brotzman weighs in.

By Jarrett Brotzman  
COLUMNIST

These past two weeks have put great stress on the relationship between Israel and the United States.

Last week, the United States, through the actions and words of Vice President Biden, gave Israel a sharp rebuke for its aggressive expansion of settlements in the West Bank.

According to the Financial Times, Biden accused Israel of "inflaming tensions" in the region, and strongly urged Israel not to prejudice the outcome of the forthcoming peace talks between Palestine and Israel.

These new developments between Israel and the U.S. are interesting, considering that the U.S. has traditionally shown unbounded support for Israel.

Since Israel became a country after WWII, the United States has provided the Israeli military forces with weapons and training, and backed the country with a strong showing of political capital in various international organizations.

Israel has been the largest recipient of both economic and military assistance out of any nation in the world since 1947 (U.S. Foreign Aid to Israel, U.S. CRS). Between 2001 and 2007 alone, the U.S. gave Israel almost \$20 billion in foreign military financing.

In addition to providing military goods to Israel, the United States serves as the largest trading partner for Israeli goods and services, accounting for a full 32.5 percent of exports. This relationship is also highly beneficial for some industries in the United States. Almost 12 percent of Israeli imports from the U.S. is comprised of military goods, grain and consumer goods (CIA World Factbook, 2009).

However, a ramping up of political rhetoric by the Obama administration, most recently by Vice President Biden claiming that "both sides will be held accountable for any statements of actions that inflame tension," has caused many to wonder if this re-

lationship is going to remain as strong as it has in the past.

The implications of deterioration in any relationship, political or economic, have vast implications in the international realm. Israel has served as a strong military partner in the region, and has

America's relationship with Israel throughout history. They fear that this alliance give justification for other nations and groups in the Middle East to attack and align against the United States, when perhaps they wouldn't have done so otherwise.

use of U.S. weapons in the 1982 and 2006 offensives against Lebanon only serve to fuel anti-American sentiment in the region.

The questions before the Obama administration are whether or the U.S. should continue its military and economic aid to Israel, and whether or not any aid should come with specific stipulations on activities in the West Bank and surrounding regions.

Recent language from Vice President Biden seems to indicate that the current administration is considering a change in policy.

Perhaps the recent change in tone is an indication of future policy. If one day the U.S. ceases to support Israel as it does now, two distinct—though not mutually exclusive—scenarios may follow.

The first is that many Arab nations would tone down their anti-American sentiment, and there would be more room for

safe interaction with other Arab states as we pull support from Israel.

However, the U.S. would also risk giving up significant territory and influence in the Middle East. A change in policy could have the opposite effect, and further encourage separatist groups, who may claim their terrorist techniques drove U.S. forces out of the region.

Either way, the U.S. could face a serious loss of influence in the region, regardless of what the Obama administration chooses to do.

Peace talks are always a good start, but I feel that there will be little concrete progress between Israel and Palestine while we remain in the region.

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acted as a counterweight to the overwhelmingly Arab nations' interests in the Middle East.

Perhaps a continued alliance in its current form is no longer in the best interests of the United States.

Some groups have opposed

One significant example to which these critics point is the U.S. "Operation Nickel Grass," a resupply mission to Israel during the Yom Kippur War that led to the 1973 oil embargo by the Arab states in OPEC.

Critics also say that Israel's

## Camping against the threats of nature

Thoughts on camping, global warming and, most importantly, bears

By Hal Bozarth  
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It's nearly spring, and our lovely Lexington weather is cooperating with the calendar.

The sun is shining, the snow is gone and the leaves are starting to grow. Add our geography and our community's youth, and this onset of the warmer months can only mean one thing: Camping.

For most, it's about living the simple life, relaxing and getting away from the pressures of the modern world by zipping yourself into a restrictive polythene greenhouse full of farts and unwashed feet. Yes, for many, it's about being at one with nature. Well, not for me.

For me, camping is about being at war with nature. Shut it, songbirds.

Be under no illusions: Mother Nature is out to get you. As soon as you've unpacked the Jeep, she sends her minions: legions of soldier ants, winged air support from wasps the size of men's fists, badgers that can take your leg clean off and the all-conquering, plan-ruining drizzle.

When I go camping, I like to do it properly. Items not for me include the self-erecting pop-up tent, the inflatable mattress and the down-feathered sleeping bag with duvet. Those are for sissies and the naïve. It's a jungle out there, so I always pack the essentials: blowtorch, machete and enough bear traps to create a half-mile perimeter.

It is said that the best way to escape from a charging bear is to take off your clothes, article by article, and place them on the ground. In theory, the bear will stop to smell each item, giving you a window through which to escape.

The cost of running away from the campsite naked is leaving yourself defenseless, lost, naked and, as a consequence of your nakedness, alone. (Unless, of course, you are a woman—in which case your male companions will have thrown caution to the wind in an attempt to keep

giving his grandchildren Lyme disease.

News from the front is good, though. The evidence is abundant: we are winning this war against nature. Greenpeace and its ilk tell us that a chunk of rainforest the size of Wales is chopped down every day by a joint-strike movement coordinated between burger companies and Nike, both in search of slave labor driven by doe-eyed Aztec children. (I thought the Spanish killed them all off with guns and syphilis?)

As a result of this deforesta-

tion, combined with our massive automobiles running rampant over the once-untamed frontiers of North America, the globe is warming.

If humankind loves one thing, it's warmth: for example, there are millions more people living in Egypt than in Sweden. The deserts of Tijuana and Los Angeles are packed to the brim, while chilly Alaska remains virtually barren. Mexico and Brazil have

given us Tapas and the thong, respectively. The Norwegians, meanwhile, are given two options at birth: freeze to death or kill yourself at age thirty-two.

If we do overdo the whole warming bit, I'm not worried: we here in Virginia can just sit on our mountains and laugh as the guidos drown in the ever-sinking Jersey Shore, and Washington, D.C., once again becomes a swamp—not that Congress isn't already stuck in a quagmire.

For me, camping is about coming face-to-face with the wild beast that is the outdoors, blinding it with tear gas, wrestling it manfully to the forest floor and then kicking it in the side with steel-toed boots that were sent halfway across the planet by a massive Chinese barge.

We climbed our way out of the primordial sludge to the top of the tree, and now we've got gadgets, baby. My GPS is so powerful, I can see me looking at me inside my tent. So look out: here comes ol' two-legs again with his SUV that runs on pure Agent Orange.

They say there's a fine line between camping and sleeping rough on the floor. There is. It's called a guy rope, and mine is made out of electrified zinc-galvanized steel wire. So come on, Mother Nature: here I am. It's just you and me. Come and have a go, if you think you're man enough.

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you in their sights.) I disagree with this advice: surely the best way to avoid being eaten by bears is to shoot them in the middle of the face.

Children bemoan the apparent murder of Bambi's mother. Better she went out with a bang than to have run headlong into a speeding truck in an attempt to cross the road and lick a salty retiree to death while simultaneously destroying his patio and

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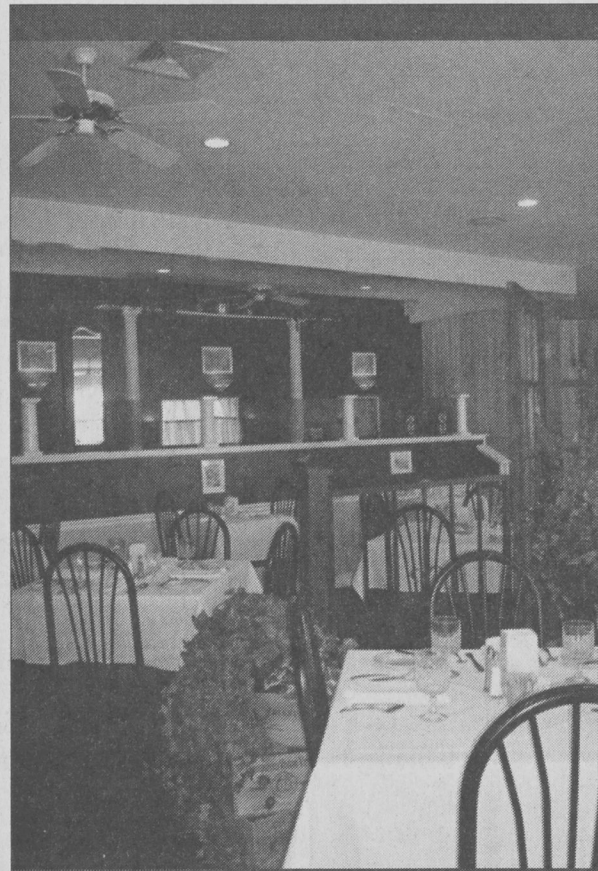
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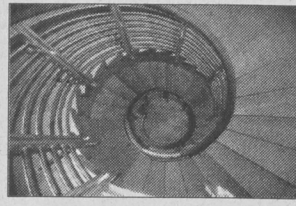
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# opinions

## Television networks are streamlining their program choices

Thanks to Fox News and MSNBC, over the past decade networks have broadcasted less original primetime shows

By Stockton Bullitt  
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A funny thing has been happening in network television over the past couple of years. Back in the old days, that is from 1997 to 2003—were there even networks before then? It doesn't matter—each network had its own distinctive style and flavor. While watching a show, you could tell from what network it came.

Take "Boy Meets World" for example; that show was manipulated by ABC executives to better fit into their "TGIF" lineup that was directed at the tweens watching the show. The plot lines were relatively simplistic and the characters, especially Cory's parents and Mr. Feeneey, were refined to reflect the proposed values of the Disney Corporation and its partners.

However, even though "Boy Meets World" was as emblematic of ABC in the late nineties as "Dharma and Greg," the show still could have survived on another network. It would've looked different, yes, but not drastically different.

These days, "Boy Meets World" would never survive anywhere else. The shows on each network are getting increasingly identical to each other. The dramas on CBS are much more like CBS sitcoms, instead of resembling dramas on other networks. Network executives are narrowing their focus to certain demographics, and are less and less likely to take any risks whatsoever when it comes to shows.

How did this start? Depend-

ing on your political affiliation, you can thank either Fox News or MSNBC. When Fox wanted to start a news network in the 1990s, Newscorp chairman Rupert Murdoch hired Republican strategist Roger Ailes to start and head the Fox News Channel. Despite a slogan of being "Fair and Balanced," the network unquestionably has a Republican slant to it.

At the very least, the channel seems to have a streamlined thought process when it analyzes any news it encounters, which led it to become by far the highest-watched news channel in the United States. CNN, who vehemently avoids any semblance of opinion, was left in the dust.

Seeing this success, when MSNBC moved into 30 Rockefeller Plaza in 2006, it decided to take on a definitively liberal-sounding point of view in response. While it has not seen anywhere close to the same viewership success as Fox News, MSNBC still has found better numbers with a singular, channel-driven outlook, instead of simply presenting the news.

Network executives saw the success that a singular mindset had for news channels, and applied it to their networks. They found that by centering all their primetime shows around a certain idea or perception that people have of themselves, they could maximize their ratings and profits. By doing this, network shows are now carefully crafted to better resemble their net-

works' respective ideals. Now, obviously this has happened in media since the beginning of time, but since the advent of Fox News and MSNBC, every minute detail of each television show has been manipulated to fit the program. And it's been only getting worse.

In 1999, Judd Apatow had a show about high school freshmen green-lit by NBC. Then in

2002, he had a show about college freshmen green-lit by Fox. At the time, this was normal TV business. Nowadays, this could never happen.

This is not necessarily an evil invention. This trend is simply either the further evolution of the television industry or a fad that will die out eventually. Either way, it seems more natural than either good or bad.

But who are these specific demographics that each network are trying to market towards? And do you fit into any of the networks' categories? Well, luckily for you, I've completely avoided homework altogether this week just so I could get a proper understanding of exactly these networks think is their au-

thority. I'm sure my professors will appreciate my dedication to such noble investigatory techniques.

If you are a typical CBS viewer, you are one of three demographics that funnily enough have a lot in common. You are either old, boring or without a significant interest in television.

The plotlines for CBS' evening programming are conven-

ient. Fox chose to go with a strategy that puts as much action into one network as possible. Whatever kind of show you are watching on Fox, there is the maximum of it in that hour. Fox not only is the league leader in explosions for a network (think about "24" and "Human Target"), but Fox also keeps "American Idol" action-packed with singer after singer and tons of judges and guests. Even with comedies like "Family Guy" and "The Simpsons," there is nothing reserved about the humor.

Basically, everything Fox does is shamelessly overt. I mean, with the exception of looking up an obscure disease on "House," have you ever had to Wikipedia anything while watching Fox?

ABC has made the interesting decision to give preference to shows that only serve obsessive fan bases. They took the exact opposite marketing strategy from CBS. Instead of having tons of non-interested viewers, ABC broadcasts programs which are marketed towards the fewer viewers who are intensely dedicated to their shows.

The network of obsession has turned "Lost," "Desperate Housewives" and "Gray's Anatomy" into cult phenomenons. Look at "Lost." There is not a single person who could casually pick up "Lost" this season. ABC has consciously marketed a show that can only lose viewers from week to week and not gain any. However, ABC knows this and is hoping that everyone

is talking about "Lost" the next day, instead of "Two and a Half Men." ABC's promotion of television obsession is behind their pickup of "Scrubs," and their development of "V" and "Flash Forward."

Lastly, if you are watching NBC you want to feel intellectually superior to those around you. If you watch NBC, you may or may not be an intelligent person, but the most important factor in your television life is the security you feel from perceiving yourself as smarter than the rest of America. This strategy came directly from MSNBC and more specifically Keith Olbermann, who probably should've stuck to "SportsCenter." I fall into this category, so I can speak about it freely. NBC's comedies all focus on smart, snarky characters looking directly at the camera, acknowledging the absurdity of the situation, and somehow placing themselves above it. In other words, this is the Paul Rudd network. Even "The Marriage Ref" follows the same kind of comedic plan.

So what should you take away from these networks' strategies to fit you into any of these four categories? You could conscientiously acknowledge the manipulation while still enjoying the broadcasted shows, but that takes a lot of effort. My advice: Screw it. Just watch cable.

## letter to the editor

### 'The administration' is not about policing students

Dean Watkins responds to opinion articles that criticize the school's administration for its party and drug philosophy

I write in response to the two articles on the Opinion page of the March 15 Ring-tum Phi, "Tweaking and perfecting drug discipline at W&L," and "Off-campus parties not safe."

Both writers challenge "the administration" to change student conduct. Washington and Lee has always prided itself on the principle of student self-governance. Students are expected to behave honorably and to hold their fellow students to this same standard of conduct. When they fail in this, they are subject to policies that govern student conduct.

But the University's administration is not the police or the FBI or the DEA. We are an educational institution; we are educators. Working with students, we set standards consistent with

the mission of the institution and ask students to live by those standards.

No one is trying to hide from reality. Quite the contrary, the reality is that is that sometimes individual students make individual choices when they choose risky, often illegal behaviors—such as using illegal drugs, engaging in sexual intercourse without consent or driving while intoxicated. Students need to reflect on their actions, their peers' actions, the values of the University and what we can all do to uphold those values—individually as well as holding peers accountable when they fall short.

To suggest that the administration has a goal of pushing parties off campus could not be further from the truth. At the same

time, we cannot, as an institution, tell students through our policies or our actions that they should knowingly break the law—any

their peers to that standard as well.

When it comes to the issue of drugs and discipline, I reiterate

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law. Our goal is, and has always been, to have students socialize on campus without engaging in unsafe and illegal behavior. If students choose to go off campus, our fervent hope is that they will exercise responsibility and good judgment, and will hold

that we are not the police and we are not the criminal justice system. Our goal is not—and should not be—to bring cases before the Student Judicial Council. Our goal is to reinforce an environment where our students are making better choices, by re-

warding those who make the better choices and educating those, sometimes through removal from the institution, who are not. And our role never should be to wield the Honor System as a sword. Ultimately, that undermines our entire Honor System.

What we, as the "administration," want and what we expect is for individual students to accept the responsibilities that come with student self-governance and being a member of the W&L community. Students need to reflect on their actions, their peers' actions, the values of the University and what we can all do to uphold the University's values.

While both writers are critical of decisions made by some of their peers (and should be critical of such decision mak-

ing), what's important to note is that the majority of our students make good choices. So, when a W&L student knows another student is NOT making the better choice then, following a student self-governance model, he or she should step in and help the student who is struggling so it's not the EC or the SJC (or the police or the FBI or the DEA) who has to address the poor decision-making.

From my vantage point, I am optimistic—cautiously optimistic.

Dawn Watkins  
Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

### Profiles in Leadership: Sallie Armstrong

Activities: Captain: Field Hockey & Track and Field; Secretary, Student Athletic Advisory Council; Captain's Council, Kappa Alpha Theta



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

Knowing that I have a chance to take the lead and make a difference. Being a team captain is especially energizing, because I was elected to lead by my teammates who believe that I can make a difference and lead the team through the season.

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

Having a chance to head up something that I am truly passionate about. I have immense responsibility, but it is rewarding to know that my teammates have complete faith in me and my abilities to step up and be a leader.

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

I hope that all leaders learn to do the right thing even when no one is watching. Being a leader is about being accountable, and setting an example even when no one is around.

#### Any words of advice for them?

Don't be afraid to try something new! As a leader, you have the chance to change whatever you're apart of for the better. If something isn't working, change it!

### Job Opening

#### Undergraduate Admissions Counselor

The Washington and Lee Office of Undergraduate Admissions announces an opening for Admissions Counselor. Responsibilities include managing a recruitment territory and travel schedule, conducting group information sessions and interviews, and evaluating admission applications. Other duties will be assigned based on the selected candidate's background and skills. Evening and weekend work is expected during the academic year, especially during peak application reading and travel seasons.

A Bachelor's degree, a valid driver's license, and the willingness to commit to the position for a minimum of two years are required. Strong communication skills and demonstrated organizational abilities are expected. The successful candidate will be both willing and able to work as part of a highly successful admissions team, yet will be capable of creative self-direction. Preference will be given to W&L graduates.

Interested candidates should apply for the position through W&L's Human Resources website ([go.wlu.edu/jobs](http://go.wlu.edu/jobs)) no later than Monday, March 29, 2010. A W&L Employment Application, a cover letter, résumé, and the names and contact information of three references are required.



# arts & life

## 'Spectacular, spectacular!' FD '10

*This weekend, students and staff will put on their gowns and tuxedos for Fancy Dress. The theme? "Moulin Rouge"*

By Melissa Powell  
STAFF WRITER

This weekend W&L students will be celebrating a tradition that began 103 years ago.

Fancy Dress Ball, an event started by a university librarian in 1907, has continued to provide students with a classy, elegant and fun evening.

And classy is exactly what Fancy Dress Co-Chair Katie Geddes wanted the ball to be this year. After the dark and serious theme of last year's event, Geddes said the committee wanted something a little more light-hearted.

Moulin Rouge: the infamous Parisian cabaret built in 1889 that was the birthplace of the can-can dance. It may be better known as the 2001 film starring Nicole Kidman and Ewan McGregor. Either way, this year's theme

draws on inspirations from the recognizable windmill-shaped Paris nightclub that is covered in lights and draped with red satin.

Geddes said the Moulin Rouge theme won by "light-years" when the committee voted, and everyone who has been involved is anxious to see the results.

"I'm really excited to see the committee's hard work combined with our production company's lighting and effects," Geddes said. "The decorations are even better than last year's."

The selection process for the theme started at the beginning of the school year when students interviewed for the committee. Each interviewee was required to list and describe three possible themes. Geddes and Co-Chair Kenneth Hopkins then compiled

all of the possible themes to present to the students who were picked to be on the committee.

The committee narrowed the themes down to 10, then to five. Committee members formed groups to present on each remaining theme, giving PowerPoint presentations to highlight possible ideas for construction and decorations. This year, Geddes and Hopkins got the production company Stage Sound to give feedback on how feasible the ideas were for each theme. Once the entire committee voted, Moulin Rouge won "hands-down," according to Geddes.

Committee members have been spending the last four weeks in the Pavilion working on construction and decorations

for the big night. And although the majority of the work is already finished, the committee still has to move everything into the gym and begin set-up.

The committee also had to secure two musical performers for the ball. This year's band, Trademark, will be performing in the big gym. Trademark, a group from Richmond, is made up of three vocalists and four instrumentalists. It specializes in Motown, contemporary, beach, jazz and R&B music.

"We chose them because they encompass all music," Geddes said. "This way, everyone has something that they can dance to."

DJ Ryan will be performing in the small gym.

The FD committee received

\$8,000 from the Executive Committee this year, but \$6,000 of it went to paying off debts from last year's ball. Geddes said the committee will not go into debt this year, and plans to keep the budget under \$70,000.

The committee gets most of its budget from ticket sales, but it also received donations from the General Activities Board and Mock Convention.

Fancy Dress will be held this Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Doremus Gymnasium. As always, the event is black tie.

Tickets will be on sale all week, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elrod Commons and at the Law School. A full package, which includes two tickets, two T-shirts and all of the memorabilia is \$140. Students can also purchase

a half package for \$70, individual tickets for \$55 each, individual T-shirts for \$15 each or individual memorabilia that ranges from \$3 to \$6.

The committee invested in a new ticket system this year. Each ticket is printed, a receipt is e-mailed to the purchaser and the ticket must be presented at the door to be scanned. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$55.

Invitations have been mailed to all students, faculty and staff that provides the date, location and time of the event.

## Chi Omega throws chili cook-off for Make-a-Wish children

*Annual cookoff event showcases students', faculty's culinary skills and student bands, helps sick children live a dream*

By Katie Boe  
STAFF WRITER

Chi Omega will host the 4th annual Chili Cook-Off on Thursday in Evans Dining Hall. The event benefits the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Chi Omega's national philanthropy. The Chili Cook-Off is the sorority's biggest philanthropic event of the year, but the sorority has also hosted other smaller events, such as the Leona trunk show, and participated in Nabors Service Day and Relay for Life to also benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The cook-off will feature Bambi and Sandy,

their house cooks, and one more guest as the official chili judges.

Everyone is invited to participate in this event in the hopes of making it an even bigger success than last year. In previous years, the turnout from town has not been high. This year, Chi O has made an effort to place more advertisements for the benefit in local businesses. Last year's cook-off raised enough money to grant an entire wish for a child associated with the foundation.

"Had the event raised even

one dollar, I think we would have considered it a success," said Kelli Jarrell, sophomore co-chair for next week's cook-off. "We hope this year's event will be even more successful!"

In addition to ticket sales and entry fees, Chi O plans to sell T-shirts to further raise money for the charity. The entire sorority, split into four committees, has worked to put together a successful event. From decorations to marketing and advertisements to T-shirt designing and involving the

Lexington community, all of the sisters have made an effort to help grant a sick child his or her wish.

The Make-a-Wish Foundation raises money to grant a "wish" for children with life-threatening diseases. A child's wish can span anything from trips to makeovers to meeting celebrities. The Foundation truly tries to give the children whatever they desire and provides a very personal experience for each child. These "wishes" are the bright spots

in their otherwise very difficult lives.

"This is important to Chi Omega because Make-a-Wish is enriching these children's lives and experiences and giving them opportunities that they would otherwise never have access to," Jarrell said.

Teams are encouraged to sign up to compete for the title of "Best Chili." The judges will also award a prize for the best table theme. The event will feature several student bands which will play in

30-minute sessions.

Those interested in competing can enter the cook-off for a fee of \$50. Entrants may register as a team, as well. Advance tickets to the event, which are being sold in the Commons for \$3, guarantee entrance and as much chili as you can eat. Chi O will also sell tickets at the door on Thursday for \$5. Donations are accepted as well.

## W&L debut of 'Porgy and Bess'

*American masterpiece comes to Keller*

By Randi Wilson  
STAFF WRITER

A 75th anniversary production of Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" is coming to Washington and Lee tonight and tomorrow night.

Theatre Director Rob Mish calls this a "phenomenal" opportunity.

"It's a big deal," he said. The tour company, led by opera impresario Michael Capasso, is bringing two trailers full of scenery, a 30-member cast, a 15-piece orchestra and several crewmembers to perform these two shows in the Keller Theater, Mish said.

A production as large as "Porgy and Bess" is typically performed at a 1,200 to 1,500-seat theater. The Keller Theater can only hold about 400 people.

Mish says that this promises to be a "very intimate" and "rare" experience for both the people of Lexington and W&L. However, Mish hopes that for "something this important," that W&L students fill most of the seats.

"Porgy and Bess" was the first American opera and is written for and performed by an almost entirely African-American cast, as per George Gershwin's original dream.

Tim Gaylard, the professor of music who is considered to be W&L's expert on everything Gershwin, said he believes Gershwin's cast choice was very much a political one.

Gershwin discovered the play "Porgy," adapted from the novel by DuBose Heyward, in New York in 1930, and was inspired to create an opera from it. He moved to a segregated African-American community in Charleston, S.C., called a "gullah," Gaylard said, in order to research traditional African music and life. Because gullahs were segregated, they were able to better preserve the rhythms, music, spirituals and dances in the African tradition.

It took two years to perfect the authentic feel Gershwin was

looking for. While it still has a Gershwin sound and a Broadway quality to it, "Porgy and Bess" remains distinctive from other works like it. For instance, the operatic version has all of the dialogue sung in what is known as a recitative style. But there is a striking difference in that the only characters that don't sing are whites with minor roles.

Gershwin refused to have his opera sung by anyone other than an all-black cast, Gaylard said. While it was common in the 1930s to perform African plays in the minstrel tradition, where actors paint their faces and bodies, Gershwin feared this would stereotype the people he was seeking to embody. It was for this reason that "Porgy and Bess" was not premiered at the Metropolitan Opera in New York until 1985.

According to Mish, diversity was "absolutely" a reason in deciding to bring "Porgy and Bess" to W&L.

But politics were by far not the only reason.

Gershwin was very empathetic in telling the "human story" of "Porgy and Bess," Gaylard said. It's a touching, tragic tale about a crippled beggar named Porgy who falls in love with Bess, a prostitute who is abused by her former lover, Crown.

The music is also excellent. Gaylard describes it as "syncopated, energetic and interesting," like much of the jazz music Gershwin has created. It's so technically difficult that the actors who play Porgy and Bess will be different each night.

"Porgy and Bess" has been sold out for a week, but for those attending, enjoy what Gaylard and many others have hailed as an "American masterpiece."

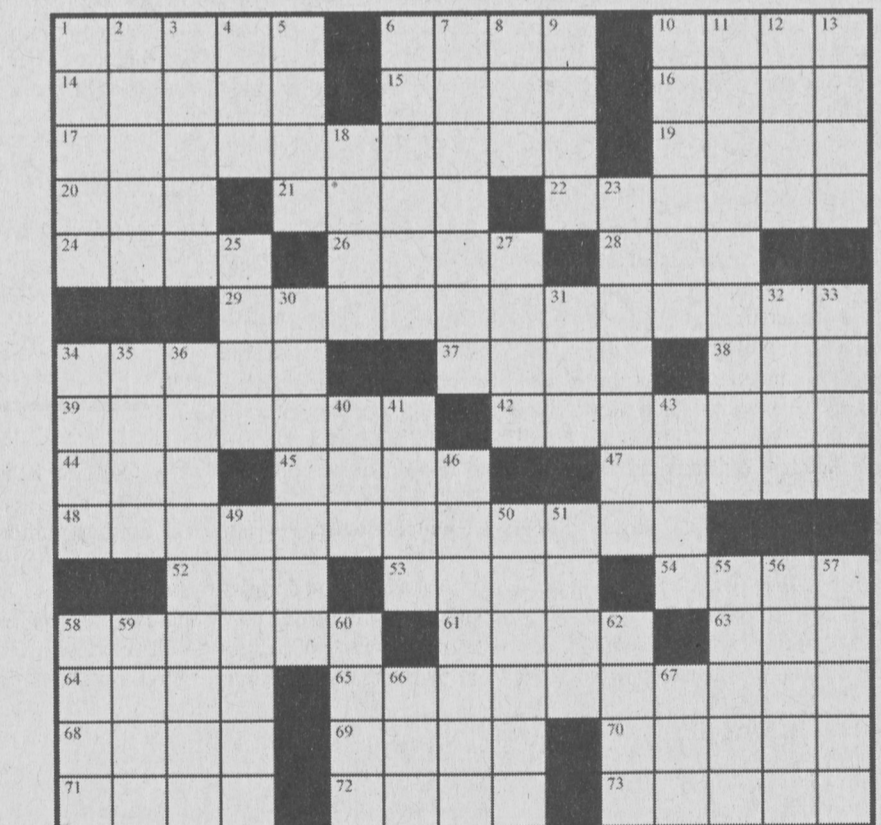
## Crossword of the week

Almost Heaven by Neville L. Fogarty

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

### ACROSS

- 1 Gets good
- 6 Australia's national gem
- 10 Hyper type
- 14 Role for Madonna
- 15 Like a SoHo hipster
- 16 Anathema
- 17 With 29-Across, a song by 65-Across
- 19 Places to live in NYC
- 20 Enero to Diciembre
- 21 Soapy issue
- 22 Inverted isthmus
- 24 \_\_\_ serif (font option)
- 26 All ears
- 28 Screw up
- 29 See 17-Across
- 34 Scrub down
- 37 Baseball feature
- 38 Stridex target
- 39 Hans who painted Henry VIII
- 42 Sure, to some
- 44 Sound of hesitation
- 45 Ancient theaters
- 47 Simon, Diamond, and Young
- 48 State in 17-Across
- 52 Wed. preceder
- 53 Go to black
- 54 Hawaiian accessories
- 58 "Evergreen" singer
- 61 Russell of "The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes"
- 63 "Geaux Tigers!" school
- 64 Brainfreeze cause
- 65 Singer of 17-Across
- 68 "Believe" singer
- 69 Rickman of "Dogma"
- 70 "Star Wars" vehicle
- 71 Adjusts, as a clock
- 72 Stranger prefix
- 73 Hint



### DOWN

- 1 Some letters
- 2 Czech Olympian Trump
- 3 Japanese camera company
- 4 Phone co. acquired by Verizon
- 5 Club for bulk buyers
- 6 Waikiki native
- 7 Gives a cue
- 8 Kind of card
- 9 Caustic cleaning agents
- 10 Italian travel plaza eatery
- 11 2009 Lady Gaga single
- 12 Naysayer
- 13 Ivory rival
- 18 Shade for painting walls
- 23 End points
- 25 Don't pick it
- 27 "\_\_\_ chic!"
- 30 Bogey
- 31 "Boo-\_\_\_!"
- 32 Pickle type
- 33 Some French martyrs: Abbr.
- 34 Work the cud
- 35 Spoken-word tradition
- 36 Bad place to have a nightmare
- 40 Despot Amin
- 41 Foam-producing company
- 43 Passion
- 46 Title for Prince Karim al-Hussaini
- 49 Idaho products
- 50 "Beats me"
- 51 Dweeb
- 55 Guitar-playing Costello
- 56 "Did you get the message \_\_\_?"
- 57 Storm or power follower
- 58 Some ballpoints
- 59 Need an analgesic
- 60 Trojan War hero
- 62 Start-of-term purchase
- 66 \_\_\_ Miss
- 67 Compton-based crew





# sports

## Men's lax squashes the Marlins

The Generals defeated Virginia Wesleyan 11-5 on Saturday in their first ODAC match-up of the season

By Brooke Sutherland  
SPORTS EDITOR

Rebounding from its only loss of the season against Franklin & Marshall the week before, the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team kicked off conference play with a new winning streak. Generals knocked off ODAC foe Virginia Wesleyan, 11-5, on Saturday to improve to 7-1 overall and 1-0 in ODACs.

Facing off against F&M, the Generals were unable to overcome four early goals by the Diplomats. Down 2-1 in the first quarter, another early deficit loomed over the Generals. But this time the Generals weren't the victims of strong first-quarter play. The Generals outshot the Marlins 10-5 and quickly turned the lead around with back-to-back goals by junior attack Spencer Daw with assists

by senior attack Will Keigler and first-year attack Mac Means, respectively.

Heading into the second quarter, the Generals lead 3-2 and never looked back. Two more consecutive goals from senior midfielder Logan Bartlett put the Generals up 5-2. Assists went to Means and Keigler.

The Marlins rebounded with a goal of their own, but Bartlett was right there to answer, recording his third goal of the game off another assist from Keigler.

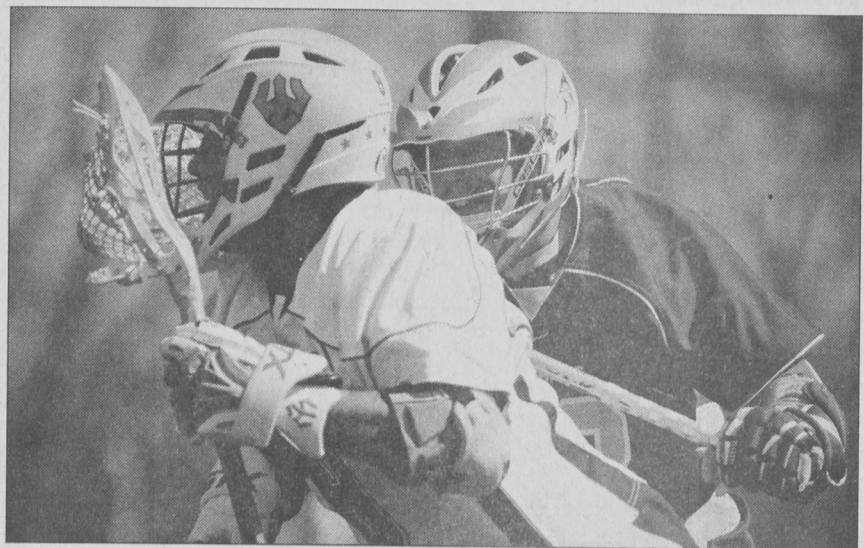
The third-quarter offense was all W&L. W&L outshot the Marlins, 8-6, and Means and Keigler each posted a goal during the period to push the Generals ahead 8-3 and put the game away for good.

Daw and Means led the Generals with three goals and two assists each. Keigler totaled one goal and five assists and Bartlett had three nets and one assist.

Senior goalie Matt Mason held strong in the goal for the Generals, recording seven saves versus five goals.

W&L will travel to Georgetown University for another non-conference match-up against No. 5-ranked Middlebury University on Tuesday. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

Senior midfielder Kevin Feeny runs past a Virginia Wesleyan defender.



STEELE BURROW / Staff Photographer

## Lopsided week for men's tennis

The Generals soundly defeated Randolph College, but lost to N.C. Wesleyan and Hampden-Sydney in nail-biter finishes

By Jayna Johns  
STAFF WRITER

Coming off a big win last Saturday against Mary Washington, this week

On Tuesday, facing conference foe Randolph, the Generals pulled out a 9-0 victory, going undefeated in both singles

bunch of] foreign players who all play different styles than many people on the team are used to," Hall said.

No. 1 doubles team senior Alex Brooke and sophomore Jonathan Gaffney and No. 2 doubles team first-year Hayden White and sophomore Jeremy Becht each pulled out victories in close matches that ended with tie-breakers. The lone singles victory of the day came from No. 1-seed White, who managed to put his opponent away in two sets.

No. 2 singles player Becht and No. 5 Michael Freeman each took their opponents to a third set, with Becht pushing his opponent, Kale Nikunen, to the limits with set scores of 4-6, 7-5, and 6-7. Such close games make falling short even more difficult to handle, though they do show just how good a team can be, White said.

"Although the loss to NC Wesleyan was extremely frustrating and disappointing, the match gave us a good barometer on how well we can do this year," said White.

The Generals now need to just focus on putting their skills to good use and turning those close matches into victories.

"We compete in every match we play," Davis said. "It's just a matter of getting everyone playing well at the same time."

The final game of the week, played last Friday afternoon, resulted in the team's first conference loss of the season, and according to White, was "perhaps the most frustrating" match of the

week. The team left Hampton-Sydney with a 5-4 loss and "a bitter taste in [their] mouths," White said.

The team's match-up against Hampton-Sydney was a repeat of the 2009 ODAC Championship game, a match that also resulted in a W&L loss.

The doubles teams of White and Becht, and Davis and Hall, playing at the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds respectively, each pulled out wins. Singles brought two more victories from Hall at No. 3 and Brooke at No. 6. Three of the four singles losses went into 3rd sets.

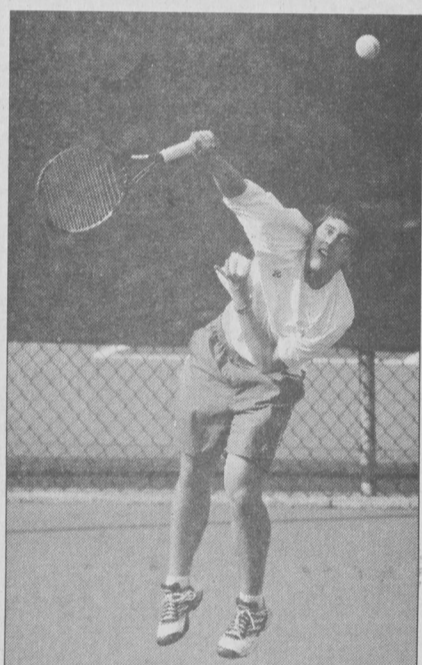
A theme of revenge popped up frequently among members of the team.

"This loss will make our team much hungrier to beat Hampden-Sydney when we play them later this spring in the ODAC Championships," said White.

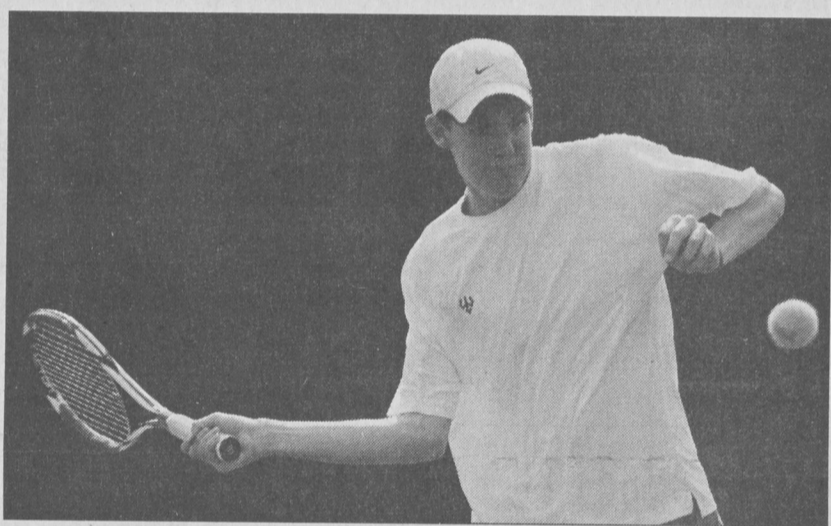
"We're looking to put Hampden-Sydney's head on a platter, come ODACs," Davis added.

Another theme that frequently emerged was the strong support each member has for the individuals on the team. In a sport that sometimes focuses more on individuals, this team truly wins and losses as a team, with each player rarely focusing on himself and constantly highlighting the strengths and hard work of those around him.

The Generals finished the week with a 7-4 overall record and a 6-1 conference record.



Sophomore Jeremy Becht follows through on his serve in W&L's 6-3 loss to N.C. Wesleyan on Wednesday. Becht won his No. 2 doubles match with teammate first-year Hayden White, 9-8, and lost his No. 2 singles match, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6



STEELE BURROW / Staff Photographer

Junior Will Hall takes a cut at a forehand in W&L's loss to N.C. Wesleyan. Hall lost his No. 3 singles match 6-2, 6-2 and lost his No. 3 doubles match with teammate sophomore Mac Davis, 8-2

marked one of the bigger weeks of the season for the Washington and Lee men's tennis team. The Generals, currently ranked No. 22, ended the week with a dominating 9-0 victory over Randolph College, but a 6-3 loss to N.C. Wesleyan and a 5-4 loss to Hampton-Sydney.

"Beating Mary Washington was great, but we obviously have a lot of work to do after the rest of the week's results," said sophomore Mac Davis, in reference to the two losses.

and doubles. The entire team played well, but junior Will Hall singled out one player in particular, stressing that "Johnny Gragg played tremendous at No. 6 singles."

Wednesday brought then-14th-ranked N.C. Wesleyan and a rough 6-3 loss. The box score fails to show just how close the day was, with two of the losses going into a third set and one of those going into a tie-breaker.

N.C. Wesleyan also brought "[a

## Busted NCAA brackets

A crazy opening weekend saw many top-rated teams knocked off

By Adam Cancryn  
COLUMNIST

What a weekend. Four days, 64 teams, 48 games and a number of shocking upsets that left the power conferences licking their wounds.

Wisconsin, No. 2-seeded Villanova and, improbably, top-seeded Kansas all fell to victim to mid-major upstarts, a development that spelled doom for brackets everywhere.

More importantly, however, the weekend's games demonstrated that college basketball's balance of power might be shifting. Smaller schools are narrowing the talent gap, helping them consistently compete with the powers that traditionally dominate the month of March.

Few outside of central California knew the name Omar Samhan before the tournament's first round. And, judging by the way Villanova tried and failed to guard St. Mary's 7-foot center, they too were slow on the uptake. After scoring 29 points in the opener against Richmond, Samhan came back and dropped 32 on heavily favored 'Nova.

A team that relies on the fast-paced play of its guards, Villanova could do nothing but flail in vain as Samhan repeatedly caught the ball down low, spun and banked it in.

Fouling him didn't work. A 73-percent free throw shooter, he converted six of eight attempts.

Double-teaming didn't work either. Either Samhan would fight through the smaller defenders and lay it in, or kick it out to one of the No. 10-seeded Gaels'

fine shooters, who buried seven threes including a 25-footer to seal the game.

A day later, Wisconsin ran into the same dilemma. Cornell's Jeff Foot, also a 7-footer of little national renown, took control of the interior. He tallied 12 points and seven rebounds and provided his team with the outlet passes necessary to force Wisconsin out of its trademark plodding style.

With Foot entrenched in the middle and 6-foot 6 swingman Ryan Whitman heaving shots over his significantly shorter defenders, Cornell shot 61 percent and put up 87 total points against a Wisconsin team that held opponents to a regular season average of just 56 per game.

This has become a trend among mid-majors facing power conference teams; superior height coupled with solid 3-point shooting can keep any team in the game, regardless of the gap in talent. While teams like 'Nova, Wisconsin and Kansas might have superior athletes, their opponents have utilized superior strategy, taking advantage of mismatches and maintaining control of the game's tempo.

The basic formula can only take a team so far, though. Past mid-majors have hit perimeter shots and controlled the interior with pure height rather than skill, yet still been overrun late by the better team.

The difference this year is that smaller schools have vastly improved on the defensive end, employing a suffocating team defense that has frustrated the likes

of future NBA players Sherron Collins and Scottie Reynolds.

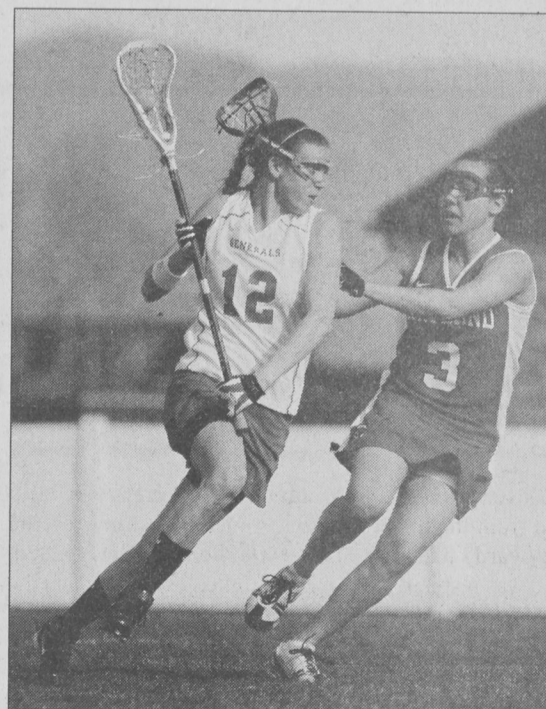
Northern Iowa, en route to its bracket-busting victory, slowed Kansas' offense with its steady, smothering defense. This slowed the game's pace significantly, forcing the normally run-and-gun Jayhawks to play half-court basketball. UNI's rope-a-dope style frustrated Kansas into low-percentage shots and their second chances. The result: 27 percent shooting from 3-point range and just 67 total points. During the regular season, the Jayhawks averaged 40.4 percent and 81.6 points.

With Cornell and St. Mary's doing similar jobs against their power conference opponents, we enter the Sweet 16 with perhaps the strongest trio of Cinderella teams in recent memory. While Xavier in 2009 and Davidson in '08 were certainly memorable squads, there are few that have so effectively neutralized opponents' biggest threats.

For the rest of this tournament, teams will have to adjust their game plans around the underdogs rather than vice versa. Fail to do that and, come next week, those brackets could look even worse.

## Women's lax loses to Cortland St

The Generals beat Mary Washington, 16-10, and Virginia Wesleyan, 20-8, but lose to Cortland St. 13-8



STEELE BURROW / Staff Photographer

Junior midfielder Emmy Matthews runs past a Cortland St. defender



# sports



## ondeck

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Men's Lacrosse</b>		vs Middlebury 7 p.m.				Randolph Macon 12 p.m.	
<b>Women's Lacrosse</b>		vs Union 4:30 p.m.					
<b>Baseball</b>		at Shenandoah 3:30 p.m.	vs Emory & Henry 3:30, 5:15			at Hampden-Sydney 12 & 2:15	
<b>Golf</b>					at Marine Corps		
<b>Riding</b>							
<b>Men's Track and Field</b>						vs W&L Carnival 1 p.m.	vs W&L Carnival 9 a.m.
<b>Women's Track and Field</b>						vs W&L Carnival 1 p.m.	vs W&L Carnival 9 a.m.
<b>Men's Tennis</b>		vs Lynchburg 4 p.m.	vs Chicago 3:30 p.m.			vs John Hopkins @ Swarthmore 10 a.m.	at Swarthmore 11 a.m.
<b>Women's Tennis</b>			vs Chicago 4:30 p.m.		vs Skidmore @ Fab Five 12 p.m.	vs Emory @ Fab Five 4 p.m.	vs Johns Hopkins @ Fab Five 11 a.m.

## in the numbers

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The number of No. 1 seeds remaining in the NCAA basketball tournament after No. 1 overall seed University of Kansas got knocked off by No. 9 Northern Iowa. The Jayhawks lost 69-67 to the Panthers on Saturday.

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The number of double-digit seeds to move past the first round in the NCAA tournament. No. 10 St. Mary's ended No. 2 Villanova's season on Saturday and No. 11 Washington beat No. 3 New Mexico. Other upsets included No. 4 Vanderbilt University's loss to No. 13 Murray St. and No. 3 Georgetown University's loss to No. 14 Ohio.

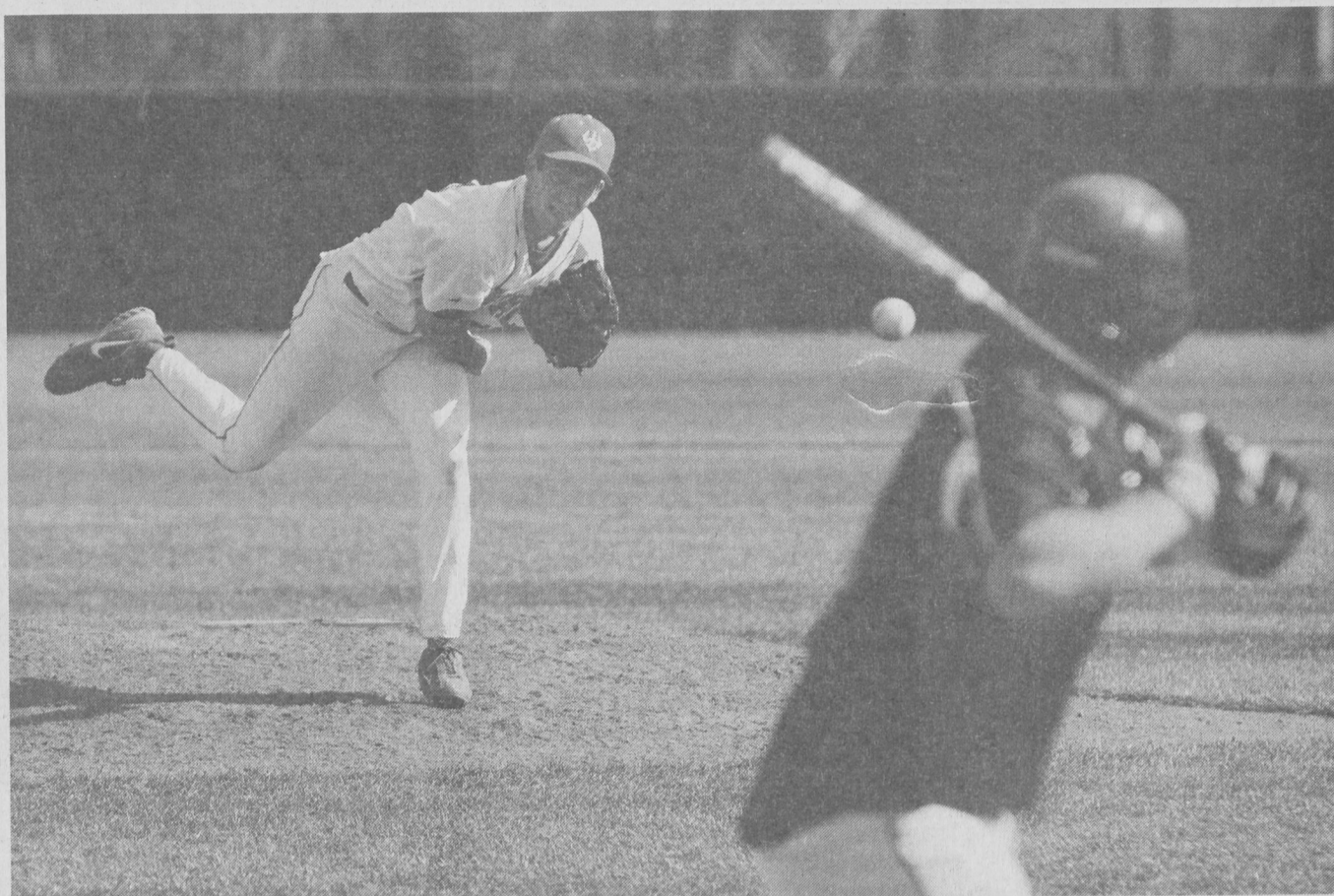
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The number of points for Big East player of the Year, Syracuse University forward Wes Johnson in Syracuse's 87-65 victory over Gonzaga on Sunday. The point tally marked a career high for Johnson as he hit a dozen 3-pointers. Johnson also contributed 14 rebounds to help send Syracuse into the sweet sixteen.

## soapbox

*"I was living a life of a lie, I really was. And I was doing a lot of things ... that hurt a lot of people. And stripping away denial and rationalization you start coming to the truth of who you really are and that can be very ugly. But then again, when you face it and you start conquering it and you start living up to it, the strength that I feel now ... I've never felt that type of strength."*

**Tiger Woods responding to a question on how well the world knows him. Woods answered questions from reporters for the first time in four months in an exclusive interview with ESPN reporter Tom Rinaldi. Courtesy of espn.com.**



Top: Sophomore pitcher Roger Strong hurls towards the plate in W&L's 5-4, 5-4 victory over Guilford on Saturday. Bottom left: Senior second baseman John Ditore celebrates after scoring the winning run in the final inning of the game

# W&L trumps Guilford

*A double-header victory improved the Generals to 6-8, 4-3 in ODACS*

By Stephen Peck

STAFF WRITER

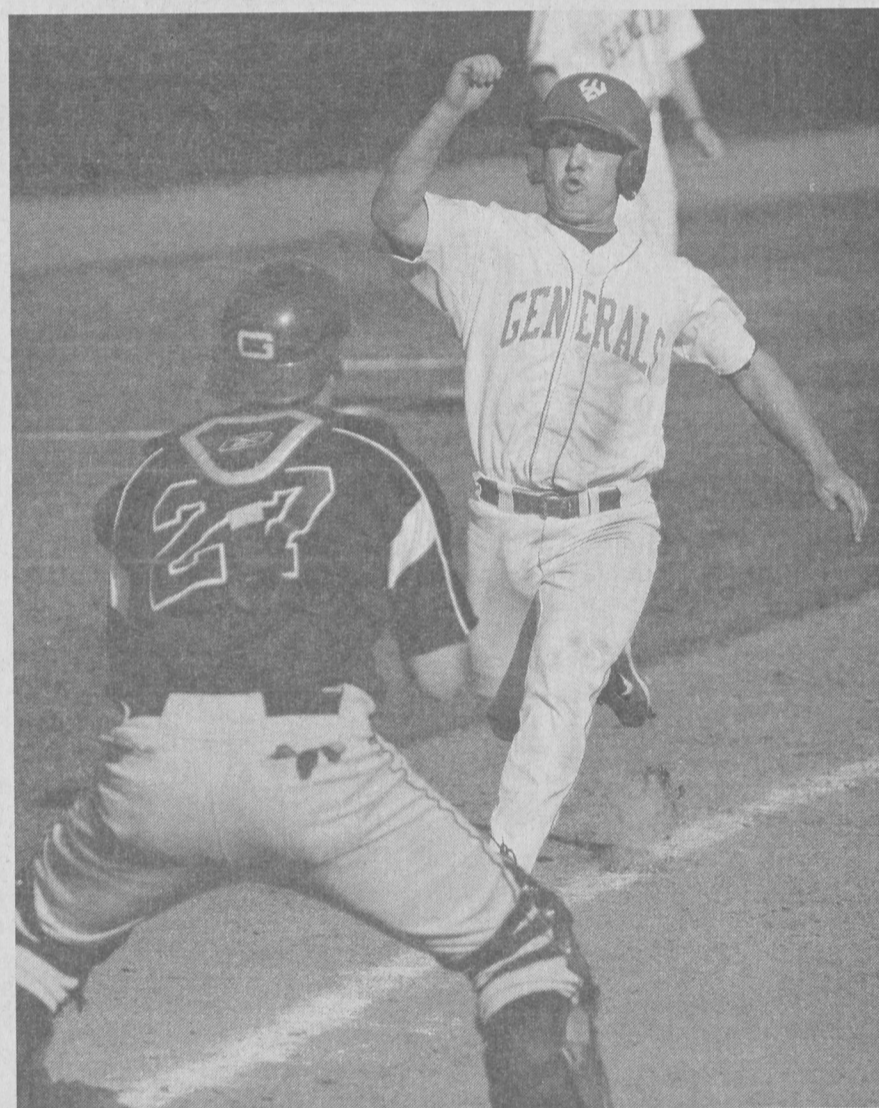
Another rocky start to the week for the Washington and Lee baseball team was quickly forgotten after back-to-back late inning heroics on Saturday versus Guilford. The team split a doubleheader with Roanoke (2-4, 6-0) on Tuesday, dropped a non-conference game to Stevenson on Wednesday (9-7), then stole both games from Guilford during their Saturday doubleheader (5-4, 5-4).

Tough weather conditions earlier in the season forced W&L and Roanoke to make up their previously canceled weekend games last Tuesday. There was not much to write home about in the first game, as the Maroons used a four-run fourth inning to carry them to a 4-2 win.

Senior pitcher Chuck Davidson took the tough-luck loss as he dropped to 0-3 on the season. In the other dugout, Cody Kidd scattered four hits across four scoreless innings of work for the win. Senior first baseman Hunter Serenbetz had himself a nice week and got things rolling with a 2-3 performance at the plate and was responsible for W&L's only runs, a two RBI single in the seventh.

Game two was another story. Perfect pitching and timely hitting finally came together for the Generals and added up to a 6-0 win for the good guys. Sophomore pitcher Roger Strong worked six innings for the win, surrendering a mere three hits while fanning six hapless Maroons. Junior pitcher Greg Laswell completed the shut-out by working the last third of the game and picking up a save in the process.

At the plate, junior outfielder Anthony Cardona led the Generals' offensive attack with a big 3-5 day in which he knocked



Senior second baseman John Ditore looks toward home plate as he begins a slide for the winning run of the game.

Things quickly turned south, however, when the Mustangs exploded for a six-run, seven-hit fifth inning. Stevenson grew the lead to 9-3 with three more runs in the sixth.

Down 9-4 entering the bottom of the ninth, Stutts rapped a RBI single, followed by a two-run double from first-year outfielder George Youmans.

But senior second baseman John Ditore's hard liner was caught and turned into a double play that ended the game before W&L could come all the way back. The rally had the crowd riveted.

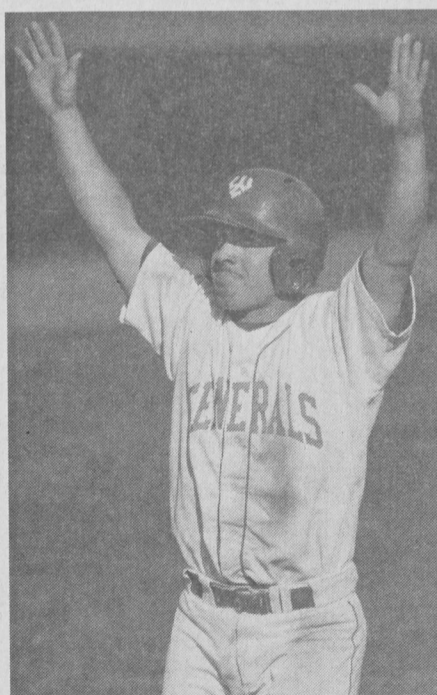
"It's baseball; anything can happen," said spectator Kit Burgin.

The Generals were set to play two more games on Saturday against Guilford. A beautiful day, a big crowd and a conference rival set the stage for a drama-filled day. Down 4-3 entering the last at bat of both games, W&L rallied both times for two 5-4 walk-off wins.

In game one, senior outfielder CJ Thompson singled with one out and scored on a Ditore single and a throwing error. After a hit batter and a Lewis single to load the bases, Serenbetz singled to give the Generals the win.

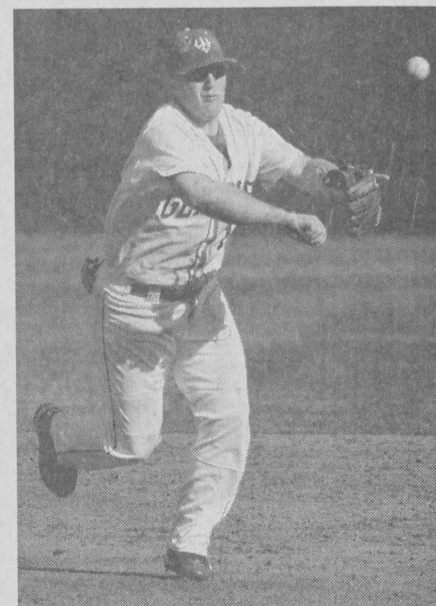
The script in game two read very similar. Thompson led off with a double. Ditore then singled and advanced on a sacrifice bunt by sophomore second baseman Alston James. Lewis was intentionally walked to fill the bases and Serenbetz knocked in Thompson with a grounder to third that was misplayed. Cardona then singled, scoring Ditore and giving W&L its second win of the day.

Laswell completed a fine week of



in two RBIs and scored two runs himself. W&L jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first and never looked back.

The next day, the team came home to face off with Stevenson College and, despite a late rally, still fell to Mustangs, 9-7. First-year shortstop Jonathan Stutts had a great afternoon, getting the Generals on the board first with a solo bomb to deep left center and then sparking a ninth-inning rally. Stutts' home run started a three-run third inning for W&L. Sophomore outfielder Mike Decembrino and senior catcher Will Lewis each added an RBI.



First-year shortstop Jonathan Stutts grabs a grounder and makes a throw to first.