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## EC meets with student organizations

*Proposed plan would give the EC more oversight*

By Eleanor Kennedy  
NEWS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's Executive Committee is developing a new program to better communicate with student organizations in order to more efficiently manage fund distribution.

According to EC Vice President Bill Larson, the EC bylaws require the vice president to audit student organizations. Until now, there has been no system for doing so.

Larson, who has seen the budgeting issue from the perspective of both organization leaders and the EC, drafted a proposal for a system that would improve the EC's understanding of student organizations.

Under Larson's proposed plan, student organizations would update the EC on their activities at least once a semester. Larson said his goal is to make the EC more aware of these organizations' activities throughout the year so that the budgeting process is "easier and more fair."

Larson also said that it is important to "make sure student organizations are being responsible because [their budget] is the student body's money."

EC President Scott Centorino said that he saw the need for more structure in EC auditing when he served as vice president. Although he has not been directly involved in Larson's development of the new program, Centorino said, "I think he's done a great job."

Larson stressed that the proposal he came up with was just a draft, and he wants to incorporate student opinions. Last week, the EC held three meetings for heads of student organizations to voice their opinions on the new plan. Larson said 50 or 60 organization heads came to the meetings and had "really good ideas."

*"[The goal is to create] a structure that encourages responsible use of student funds... while maintaining student liberty."*

Scott Centorino, EC president

One of the students in attendance at last Tuesday's meeting was Tricia King, the head of W&L's largest student organization, Mock Convention. She said she was "a little bit hesitant" at first, because she had heard a lot of students complain about increased oversight. However, according to King, all of the students at her meeting offered "constructive criticism" and great ideas to improve the proposed plan.

For example, in Larson's original draft, student organizations are required to send a representative to an EC business meeting once a semester. King said that the students at her meeting suggested that the updates could be done through e-mail to decrease the burden on organizations.

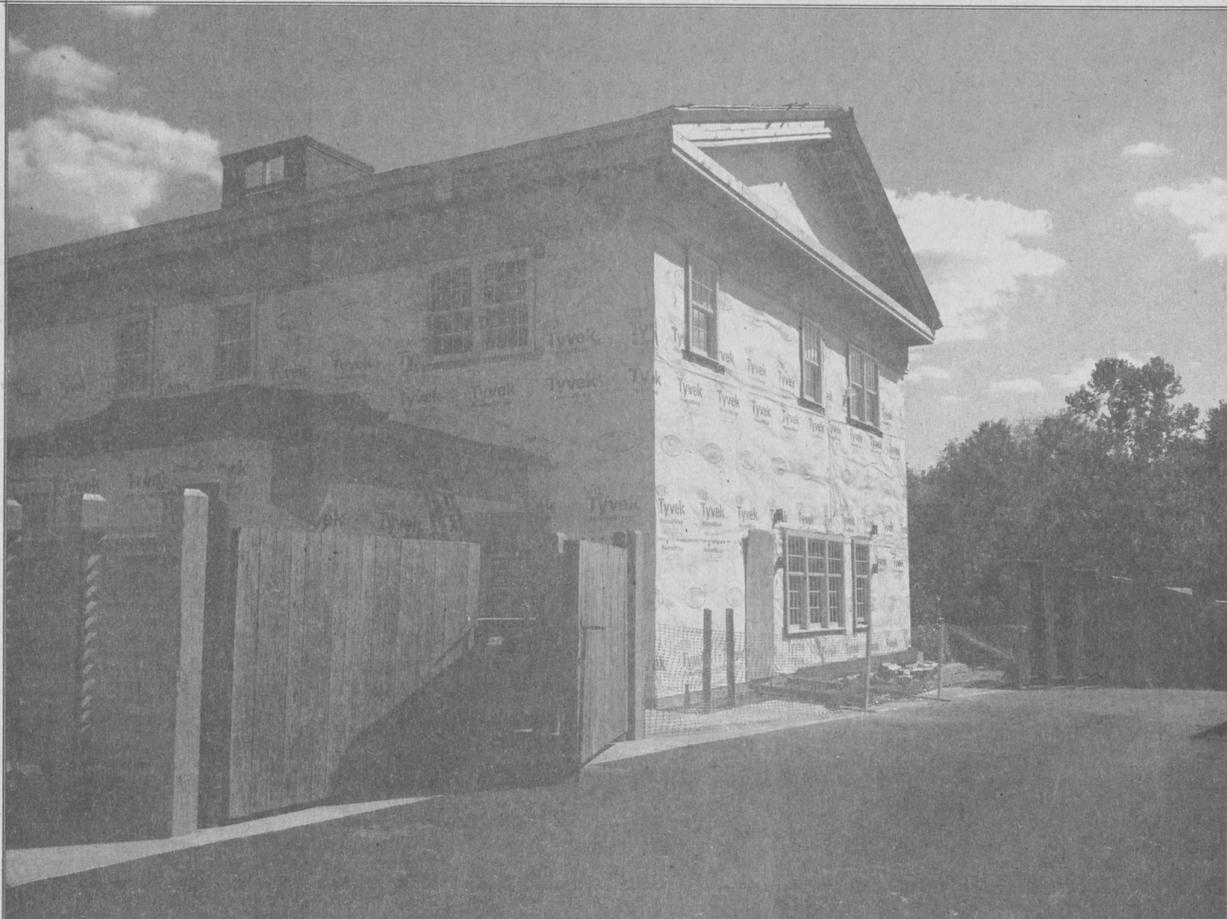
Centorino said he understands students' concerns about increased bureaucracy. However, he said that this program is "something that has needed to happen for a long time."

According to Centorino, the administration would have probably stepped in in the near future without the implementation of some kind of structure. Since W&L is a school that prides itself on self-governance, Centorino said administrative intervention would certainly be even less advantageous than a small amount of increased student oversight. "The EC is definitely kinder than faculty oversight would be," said Centorino.

Larson said that the administration is both "supportive and excited" about the steps the EC is taking to implement a structure. He also said he is going to incorporate many of the ideas from the student meetings into the final proposal he brings before the EC.

Both Larson and Centorino said it is important to them that students are not overburdened by this new program. Larson said that students should not expect the new system to add any more than an additional hour to the time they currently spend working for their organization.

According to Centorino, the goal is to create "a structure that encourages responsible use of students funds... while maintaining student liberty."



After months of construction, the new ADPi house is well on its way to completion. The house, whose construction the ADPis have anticipated for the past two years, has received LEED Certification for its environmentally friendly design elements and construction efforts.

## ADPi's brand-new home

*W&L's newest sorority house will be ready for residents in the fall of 2011*

By Lizz Dye  
STAFF WRITER

After several months of work, the ADPi Sorority House is well on its way to completion.

The Theta Zeta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi recruited its first pledge class in 2009, but had no house where the sisters could live, come together, eat and hold weekly chapter meetings. Fortunately, the new ADPi house is almost complete and will be ready for residents in the fall of 2011.

Project Manager Carole Bailey said that the new house will be LEED certified. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a certification issued by the United States Green Building Council, USGBC. Bailey says that design elements and construction efforts to obtain Basic LEED Certification are the most significant distinctions that the house will have.

Some of these efforts are listed below:

- 50 percent of all construction debris will be diverted from the landfill.
- 10% of the building materials will be from recycled content.
- 10% of the building materials will be manufactured regionally.
- Entire building systems are designed for efficient use of water and electricity.
- The mechanical and electrical systems will be commissioned to ensure correct installation and set up, therefore enabling more efficient management and operation.
- Storm water runoff from the site will be collected and filtered through a rain garden before entering into the city's storm water system.
- Two parking spaces will be designated by green striping in the sorority parking lot for vehicles with low emissions, i.e. electric and hybrid vehicles. These spaces will be available for anyone who is authorized to park in that lot.
- Windows and doors have high-efficiency insulated glazing.

Window quantity and placement is to maximize daylight.

Bailey said that "the University was diligent in designing the ADPi house in a very similar way to ensure parity with the existing houses. Small changes that might be noticed once the house is completed would be due to knowledge gained from

main floor, and a chapter room on the bottom floor.

One difference between the new sorority house and the others is that ADPi will not have a full kitchen, but will be sharing with Kappa. This is deliberate: a half-kitchen is more environmentally friendly.

Cugliari said she is excited for

Week and that the opportunity to live in a sorority house will appeal to more potential new members.

Kunkel said she is also excited for the effect the new house will have on her chapter's sisterhood.

"I think it is really great for the sophomore class because it is a great perk having a sorority house to live



GABRIELLE ESPY/staff photographer

Members of the Theta Zeta chapter of Alpha Delta Pi will soon have a finished house in which to socialize, eat and gather. Not having a house has presented unique challenges for the chapter, but those challenges should end when the house is ready for residents at the start of next year.

the performance of the other houses and features that required improvement."

Teri Cugliari, Associate Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, said the ADPi house has been planned exactly the same as the other five houses: with residential rooms on the top floor, a common area, kitchen, and dining room on the

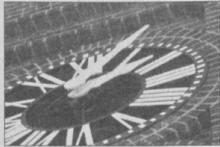
members of ADPi to finally have a house because being without has "created some unique challenges", specifically with recruitment, as it has been difficult to decide where to host potential new members during Recruitment Week.

Junior Emily Kunkel, a member of ADPi, agreed that having a house will greatly improve Recruitment

in," said Kunkel. "Being able to live with members of your pledge class is a great unifier and I am excited to have a nice place to go when I am on campus."

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# news



## Young alums: coming home again

Recent alumni will return to campus this weekend for both Homecoming and Young Alumni weekend events

By Chelsea Stevenson  
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 500 to 700 W&L alumni will grace the Generals with their presence this Friday and Saturday for W&L's second annual Young Alumni weekend.

The weekend's events will celebrate alums who have graduated within the last 15 years. According to Executive Director of Alumni Affairs, Beau Dudley, '74 '79L, each class will be represented.

On Friday, alumni will have the opportunity to attend a program hosted by W&L's Johnson Professor of Entrepreneurship and Leadership, Jeff Shay. At 4 p.m., Shay will discuss new entrepreneurship in Huntley Hall. Alumni can also partake in a campus tour and a reception at the Lee House in honor of the

President's Society.

On Friday night while the class of 2005 celebrates their 5-year reunion, the class of 2000 will be celebrating their 10-year reunion. Each class will attend a Welcome Reception and cocktail party at Wilson Field Plaza.

Dan Grattan, '00, who is the co-chair of the class of 2000's reunion, said he is looking forward to the reception because many of his classmates haven't been back to visit and have yet to see Wilson field. According to Grattan this will be the first time that the members of the class of 2000 will be together without other W&L alums. "We have never had the chance to do something like this, because at the last reunion there was no specific space for just our class," said Grattan.

W&L is expecting nearly 100 members from the class of 2000 alone. "Class members will come from all over the country, including Texas, California, Florida and the upper Midwest," said Grattan. Gratten credited co-chair Ginger Baker, '00, with helping to bring this many alums back for their reunion.

The co-chairs for the class of 2005's reunion are Patrick Hastings, '05, and Emily Wolfing Heinauer, '05. According to Beau Dudley, the class chairs were chosen based on their dedication to W&L and how well their classmates knew them. The alumni and development offices also assisted in selecting the class co-chairs.

Following the celebratory reception, a band party featur-

ing 10 spot will take place for alumni near the Ruins. 10 spot, which was formed in 2001, is a five-piece band that plays a variety of music, from classic rock and Motown hits to today's top hip-hop songs.

Saturday will feature many events for the alumni ranging from athletics to a bluegrass barbecue. The day will begin with something that last year's Young Alumni Weekend didn't offer: "Story Time for the Young Ones." At 10 a.m., a W&L faculty member will read to children of alumni in the library's Northen Auditorium.

Meanwhile, alumni can attend the alumnae lacrosse game on Alumni Field or take a tour of Wilson Field. A lacrosse game for male alums will take place at

4:30 p.m. on Wilson field. Grattan, who played on the men's varsity lacrosse team during his time at W&L, said he is looking forward to the alumni game.

W&L's rugby team will also play at home on October 9, on Fuge Field. The 1 p.m. match will be played against The College of William and Mary.

The football team will kick off at 1:30 p.m. against Emory and Henry. Alumni will have the opportunity to participate in an athletic tailgate on the Law School field prior to the game.

After a day celebrating Generals spirit, alumni will gather on the front lawn for a wine and beer tasting and BBQ dinner with bluegrass music. Due to the expected capacity of this weekend, the location has been changed

from last year's tasting, which took place near the Ruins.

Dudley and the other staff members of W&L's Alumni Office are excited for the upcoming weekend and hope that it will be just as successful as last year's.

"It's a pleasant surprise, when you start something new, after you've been doing something for a while, and people come and experience exactly what you hope for. We think that we're starting something that will catch on and we hope that this group will react the same way that last year's young alumni did."

## Celebrating Granvil George's life

A memorial Friday afternoon offered the W&L community the chance to say a final goodbye to Granvil George

By Sam Gilleran  
COPY EDITOR

Dozens of students, faculty and staff turned up in Wilson Concert Hall Friday afternoon to commemorate the life of Granvil George, the Washington and Lee senior who died of germ cell cancer on September 20, a few days short of his 21st birthday.

Organized by his fellow students and Dean Tammy Futrell, the service was officiated by Rev. Jon Talley of Reformed University Fellowship and Kevin Watkins, staff for Generals' Christian Fellowship. Granvil's parents, Dawn and Keith George, were

also in attendance.

Before the memorial service began, clips of Granvil's piano recitals at W&L were projected. Kevin Watkins opened the service with a call to worship, followed by a Scripture reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 by Christian Roden, one of Granvil's freshman hallmates. Watkins then gave a prayer, and those assembled sang the hymn "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand," accompanied on the piano by Shuko Watanabe Petty, Granvil's piano instructor here at W&L.

Six community members, including five students, eulogized Granvil. They all spoke of his humble nature, his academic brilliance, his competitive and adventurous spirit, his love of food and his deep Christian faith.

Granvil's philosophy adviser, Dr. James Mahon, also spoke movingly about Granvil, as he did at Granvil's funeral in W. Va. Mahon said that one of things he would most miss was the opportunity to help Granvil with his graduate school applications. Granvil had a perfect score on

the GRE and, while undergoing treatment, had applied for fellowships and proposed his senior thesis.

After the eulogies, members of the W&L Chamber Singers, under the direction of Dr. Shane Lynch, sang an arrangement of "The King of Love" by Paul Christiansen. The service then came under the direction of Rev. Talley. Talley gave a homily lamenting the loss of Granvil, but reminding those present of the hope that Granvil had in Christ. Talley said leading this memo-

rial was one of the most difficult things to do as a minister, stating in his homily that "there are no classes in seminary for leading a memorial service for a 20 year-old."

Dawn Watkins, Dean of Students, came to the microphone after the homily was concluded and communicated a message from Pres. Ruscio, who was out of town and unable to attend Friday's memorial. She also gave closing remarks on her own behalf.

Rev. Talley gave the benedic-

tion from the book of Hebrews; following the benediction, there was a slide show of pictures of Granvil, his family and friends. Finally, Dean Futrell presented Granvil's parents with a framed picture of Granvil, and the crowd was dismissed to a reception in the atrium of Wilson Hall.

## Generals serve their community

Washington and Lee students volunteered throughout Rockbridge County as part of Fall Nabors Service Day

By Kelly Mae Ross  
STAFF WRITER

About 120 students put aside their books and came out to be a part of this year's Nabors Service Day, held on Saturday, Oct. 2.

"It's a great day for service," said Kate Donnelly, General Chair of Nabors Service League (NSL), during her welcome address to all of the volunteers. And that it was—no clouds, no drizzle, just sunshine and over 100 pairs of hands eager to help out wherever they were needed.

The first Fall Nabors Service Day was held in 2003, and since then the event has maintained its strength and support. Holding a Nabors Service Day early in the year "helps to get everyone involved," said Kate Michelini, one of the Special Project Chairs for the NSL, "especially the freshmen."

The volunteers were dispersed to various sites on and off campus. About 30 volunteers harvested produce in the Campus Kitchen garden while others sold raffle tickets at the VMI football game, while others painted and cleaned at the Magnolia Center in Buena Vista. All in all, Washington and Lee student volunteers were sent to 14 different sites, where they worked to make their community a better place one weed, one ticket or one brush stroke at a time.

"My belief is that volunteerism is kind of like a currency for humanity," said Nabors Special Project Chair Joan Oguntimein. She said that she considers community service to be a valuable experience not just for those who are being helped, but also for those who are sacrificing their time and doing the helping.

According to Oguntimein, the hope of the members of the NSL is that students who volunteer on Nabors Service Day will make connections to the service sites and will want to return to

them. The goal is to have students go back to these sites and continue to serve instead of just checking community service off of their to-do list for the year.

The reasons for participating in Nabors Service Day were as numerous as the volunteers themselves. Each person who sacrificed four hours of his or her Saturday to serve had a unique reason for doing so.

Sophomore Juhi Amin, the NSL Issue Project Assistant and a service day team leader, said that volunteering allows her to apply what she learned in her Poverty 101 classroom to real life.

Nabors Service Day is not the only event that the NSL organizes—the Nabors committee members will be busy all year working to get students connected with the Lexington community through service.

Donnelly explained that NSL has many events planned already, including a Halloween carnival for kids in Lexington, blood drives, a Spring Nabors Service Day and Hunger and Homelessness Week.

NSL serves as a liaison between students and organizations, finding placements for volunteers in areas of interest, such as working with children, working with the elderly or working with the Campus Kitchen.

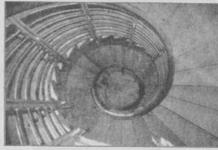


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Sisters of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority clean a window at the Magnolia Center in Buena Vista. Students participating in Nabors Service Day traveled all over the area to serve in whatever way they could.

Oguntimein promises prospective volunteers that "to be able to see your investment make some returns is really a wonderful feeling."

Those interested in being involved with Nabors activities such as the Nabors Halloween Carnival, visit the Nabors Service League webpage (<http://www.wlu.edu/x29569.xml>) and sign up to receive emails about service opportunities or contact one of the committee members directly.



# opinions

## Mark Zuckerberg and "The Social Network" can suck it

Furious at the Facebook founder's lack of character, Jon Salm gives the only negative review of "The Social Network"

By Jonathan Salm  
COLUMNIST

A movie came out Friday night that has been dubbed the "first truly great fact-based movie of the 21st century" by the *New York Post*, the "movie of the year that also brilliantly defines the decade" by *Rolling Stone* and "brilliantly entertaining and emotionally wrenching" by the *New Yorker*.

What could a movie receiving such universal acclaim be the topic of? Facebook, of course.

"The Social Network," often egregiously referred to as "the Facebook movie," comes with an impressive Hollywood pedigree.

Written by acclaimed screenwriter Aaron Sorkin and produced by Academy Award winners Scott Rundo ("No Country for Old Men," "There Will Be Blood") and David Fincher ("Zodiac," "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"), "The Social Network" has all the makings of a critical and commercial suc-

cess. However, I will be not be seeing it.

Never mind the fact that it might take months to arrive in Lexington; I will be boycotting

*I am boycotting the film on premise—and not because of poor quality (in fact, it seems to be exceptionally good), but because of the premise of Facebook itself.*

it for myriad other reasons.

First, the subject of the film is still in its infancy. It would be like making a biopic of Ryan Leaf following his final season at Washington State.

Leaf is infamously known as the biggest draft bust in NFL history. "He'll be a much better pro quarterback than Peyton Manning! Leaf is the best QB in the draft!" said NFL scouts.

Leaf finished his NFL career with a 14-36 touchdown to interception rating and a 50.0 quarterback rating.

Consider a more apt, non-sports analogy. Myspace burst

right now, but then again so did Myspace circa 2005. What's to say in another five years Facebook has been reduced to a paltry 66 million users while another social network takes its place? Not only will I boycott "The Social Network" because of Facebook's relative infancy, but I will also boycott it because of its holier-than-thou, super-douche of a creator and CEO, Mark Zuckerberg.

Much controversy remains surrounding Zuckerberg's involvement with *HarvardConnection.com* (now *ConnectU.com*).

Similar to Facebook, *HarvardConnection* was founded by Harvard students as a Harvard-exclusive social networking site. Before the site's launch, the creators hired Zuckerberg as a coder. After working on the project for about two months, the eventual Facebook founder dropped their project to work on his own.

That project became Facebook, which quickly eclipsed the former in both success and popularity. D-bag move? I think so.

While early reviews of The Social Network have noted the Zuckerberg's portrayal as an anti-hero, it pales in comparison to the opinion I (and likely many others) have already formed.

An article from *businessinsider.com* last May leaked an instant message conversation between Zuckerberg and a friend: "Zuck: Yeah so if you ever need info about anyone at Harvard

Zuck: Just ask.

Zuck: I have over 4,000 emails, pictures, addresses, SNS [Redacted Friend's Name]: What? How'd you manage that one?

Zuck: People just submitted it.

Zuck: I don't know why.

Zuck: They "trust me"

Zuck: Dumb f\*\*\*s."

Even more messages, in-

cluding those about his work on Harvard Connection, are just a Google search away.

I am boycotting this film on premise—and not because of poor quality (in fact, it seems to be exceptionally good), but because of the premise of Facebook itself.

Quick recap: arrogant, Ivy-league educated 19 year-old goes on to become the world's youngest billionaire by stealing ideas and then cashing in on "his" success.

Perhaps this boycott stems from jealousy, but I choose to believe it comes from a purer place. "The Social Network" is out now.

It may be a good film, perhaps the best of the year, but I guarantee that you won't catch me dead seeing it.

## Getting up to date with all the situations on "Jersey Shore"

Washington and Lee's most medium ginger pitcher recaps America's most ingenious television show since "Tyra"

By Patrick Smith  
COLUMNIST

I am proud to say that I am a native of the Garden State. I remember growing up and driving down I-287 S to Bay Head, New Jersey with my family.

We would visit my grandmother, who lived there for over 40 years, and have a grand ole' time.

I loved the boardwalk fries, Caricatures, Ferris wheels and the clear, crisp ocean water (okay, maybe that last one is a stretch). Then something happened...

Dec. 3, 2009, marks a monumental day in my homeland's history, and I remember it like it was yesterday.

It was a cold and dreary night, with not a stir in the air. I turned on my television to enjoy some late-night entertainment, and on it came: the season premiere of

"The Jersey Shore." It was terrible.

Terribly amazing that is. You know what they say—any press is good press, and boy did New Jersey get some press that night. The show featured a man calling himself "The Situation"; how great is that? Really flippin' great.

SPOILER ALERT. This is the point in the article where you should stop reading if you have not seen last Thursday's episode (9/30).

If you do not care that I am about ruin the world's best reality show for you, I strongly encourage you to read on.

As you all know, Angelina is back after ditching the show in the second week of the first season. She decided to be room-

mates with Pauly D (my boy), and Mike "The Situation" (does he have a last name?).

This is tailor-made drama,

*Snookie: 'What I would love to find is a juice head. Can I find that somewhere? Cuz I'm not gonna go on Match.com again.'*

people. As everyone and their mother know, Angelina punched The Situation in the face after a strong verbal altercation involving some PG-13 language. The Situation went on to ironically downplay the situation.

Just kidding... he made it a huge deal and Angelina left the show. Who cares, she sucks.

The headline of last week's episode and the season finale premiering Oct. 7 revolves around Snookie. I have a direct quote

extending words. Currently in the Snookie saga, Snookie is Snookin' for some love. Below I have a list of demands courtesy of the guidette herself. And I quote...

Snookie's Ideal man:

1. Tan guido-juicehead-gorilla  
2. Big sense of humor  
3. Likes to party  
4. Fist pumps  
5. Frolics (?)  
6. Isn't a jerk-off  
7. A dork at heart  
8. Smells good  
9. Pees before meals (don't ask; I have no idea)  
10. Nympho  
11. Likes pickles  
12. Takes out interests into my hobbies  
13. Very protective

14. Not so serious  
15. Romantical  
16. Likes to sleep in

So tune into the "Jersey Shore" season finale Oct. 7 to witness greatness in the true sense of the word.

See what happens to Snookie, and see what type of Situations can possibly occur.

I'm sorry, my Microsoft Word is literally going insane, I've never seen so many red and green squiggly lines. I must stop now, so I'll leave you with a joke unlike what you'll see on "Jersey Shore."

What did the ghost say to the bee? BOO-BEE. Lol.

## All about oral: how to get girls using words, not your body

Campbell Burr tells guys what proper and improper diction to use when cajoling women into falling head over heels

By Campbell Burr  
COLUMNIST

When I show my college friends pictures of the most desirable boys from my high school, some of them are surprised. "He's not that cute." "Looks like he's 5!" "Ew bad haircut!"

I try to see the pictures from their perspective and understand what makes the boy seem unattractive.

Searching for an explanation, I look at his Facebook pictures back through the awkward early high school years...

Generally my friends are right; the boy really isn't that cute. It's his game that makes him irresistible.

The ability to use words well can make any boy attractive.

Here are some of the best and worst lines that have been used on me. You're welcome to borrow, as long as you acknowledge your source!

1. "I have a sister, so I understand your concern."

Boys, this line is a winner. There is nothing a girl wants more than to be understood, and there is nothing sexier than a guy

who is a good brother to his sister.

A boy I dated over the summer compared me to his sister.

"You dress like her, you enjoy the same thing. You guys would get along so well."

When I would start to tell him something, his jaw would drop, "No, that's so weird, you sound like my sister."

My heart would flutter so much I had to lean over and kiss him.

[Editor's Note: The Ring-tum Phi does not, for the most part, promote incest.]

Guys with sisters have it easy. For those who don't have sisters, try other lines.

2. "I don't tell most girls this, but..."

Boys, don't test this one. Even though I may or may not have fallen for this line in the past, it's not original and most girls will see right through it.

And, just a side note, if you are trying to get with the sister of a girl you've hooked up with in the past, DO NOT use the same

lines...especially not, "I don't tell this to most girls." Sisters talk, don't blow your cover.

Another note: if you are two brothers trying to get with two sisters, do not share lines.

One boy said the sweetest thing to my sister about how his parents' divorce forced him to grow up. He used it to prove that he was mature and would make a dependable boyfriend.

It seemed so sincere I got goose bumps when she shared it with me — and then his brother used the SAME line on me six months later, adding that he was especially responsible because his older brother had "milked" the divorce. Poor planning.

3. "I want you like a fat boy wants cake."

Yes this line has been used on me. Pathetic. I wanted to scream, "Do you mean 'I love you like a fat kid loves cake?'"

If you're going to reference a 50 Cent song, don't.

4. "Let's just go by feel and see what happens."

This line might work if "go-

ing by feel" seemed even remotely like a good idea.

One thing boys seem to forget is a little something called the double standard.

Yes boys, you may not be criticized for hooking up with 30 girls or eating 3 Big Macs, but if I lived my life "going by feel" I would probably weigh 300 pounds, have a couple of children, a drug habit and a colorful reputation.

5. Flattery works.

Anything along the lines of, "You are so sexy," "My friends think you are so hot" or "You have a banging body" will get you far.

But don't overdo it or the girl may start feeling like she is too good for you and ditch you for the friend she knows likes her.

Beyond oral, don't forget the importance of carefully worded texts.

Texting is a danger zone because, like your mom always said, you can't read "tone" off a screen.

An old boyfriend would send

me texts that I guess he thought sounded cute, but actually sounded feminine and emotional. For example:

Me: "sweet dreams."

The boyfriend: "I'll dream about you as long as you promise to dream about me back :)"

*The truth is that lines are all about delivery.*

*You can make a terrible line adorable with a smile and a laugh acknowledging that you sound like a huge tool.*

And yes, he actually used the smiley face.

Another error this boy made was putting question marks at the end of texts to ensure that I would respond. This was a bad choice because it always sounded like he was giving me attitude.

For example:  
"...make sense sorta?"  
"...get it now?"  
"...okay?"

It was especially annoying because he didn't realize how obvious his motive was. Some people just don't know how to use technology.

The truth is that lines are all about delivery.

You can make a terrible line

adorable with a smile and a laugh acknowledging that you sound like a huge tool.

How else would I have ended up making out with the boy who wanted me like a fat boy wants cake?

Oops! Good luck.

# opinions



## Republican party forges ahead in national elections

After two years of ineffective Democratic rule, the GOP looks to surge ahead this coming November

By John Paul Beall  
STAFF WRITER

The last week of September was marked by more signs that the GOP is getting its mojo back, as more and more polls indicate that Republicans are closing in on, if not leading their Democratic counterparts in both governor and senator elections.

One exception to this trend is the New York election, where the Democratic candidates for governor and senator, Rivers Cuomo and Kirsten Gillibrand respectively, lead their Republican opponents by over 10 percent. Outside the state of New York, the GOP looks much more comfortable.

It seems many of the Democrats' "safe haven" states are beginning to shift toward the right, with little to no ground movement in the other direction.

The influential Democratic Senator Russ Feingold of Wisconsin is a good 12 percent behind his Republican opponent Ron Johnson, who is expected to gain 54 percent of the vote. Feingold's lack of support shows a striking lack of the coat-tail effect for the Obama administration.

California, the state often hailed as one of the safest of the Democratic Party's strongholds

(besides "Senator Kennedy's Seat," that is), is in danger of having two Republican governors in a row and losing one Democratic senator, Barbara Boxer, to the conservative Carly Fiorina, ex-CEO of Hewlett-Packard.

Fiorina has been essentially tied with the incumbent Boxer, fighting over a seat that the Democrats once believed to be untouchable.

Meg Whitman, ex-CEO of eBay, is running as the GOP's gubernatorial candidate against former governor and current Attorney General Jerry Brown, who hopes to become both the youngest and oldest governor in California history.

Whitman had been leading Brown in the polls until recently, when Democrats attempted to tarnish the campaign's reputation by claiming that Whitman had knowingly hired an illegal immigrant as a housekeeper.

To make their case, Democrats brought in star chaser attorney Gloria Allred to defend the cleaning woman, who had presented a falsified Social Security card and driver's license to the cleaning agency Whitman used to hire her.

The Nevada State Senate races

are also neck-and-neck as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid pulls out all the stops to keep from being ousted by Republican Sharron Angle, who boasts considerable support from the constitutionally literalist wing of

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the GOP, the Tea Party.

The race is currently 48 to 47 percent in Reid's favor. Reid is the third influential Democratic senator to come to crosshairs in the polls.

Of course, we all saw the SNL sketch lampooning the Republican candidate for Delaware's Senate seat, Christine O'Donnell, for dabbling with witchcraft.

Nevertheless, she still sits only nine points behind Democrat Chris Coons. Republican Mike Castle, a long-time Congressman for Delaware who lost the primary to O'Donnell, currently has 5 percent of the vote.

However, if he begins a write-

in campaign his numbers are expected to increase. In all likelihood, splitting the Republican vote will leave Coons with the win.

In the high-profile Florida elections, the governor seat is

practically tied between Republican and Democratic candidates.

The Florida senate election draws particular attention as Republican Marco Rubio continues to control the race with a remarkable 11-point lead on independent Charlie Crist and 20-point lead on Democrat Kendrick Meek.

Statistics are also starting to work against the Democrats: 23 percent of Colorado citizens count themselves believers in the Tea Party Movement, and for the second month in a row there is an all-time low in citizens who consider themselves Democrats.

On Oct. 1, a Rasmussen Re-

port indicated that the Democrats' customary advantage over Republican voter turnout is dwindling. At this point two years ago, 39 percent of Americans counted themselves Democrats compared to a Republican 33.4 percent.

Last year, Democrats counted for 37.5 percent of Americans, compared to the Republican 32.1 percent. This year, 34.6 percent of Americans consider themselves Democrats, compared to a Republican 33.1 percent.

If the trend of Democratic voter apathy continues, Republicans will reap the benefits in the mid-term elections.

The change in party allegiance is also a wake-up call to the Democratic elites in office that the general population is growing tired of tax-and-spend initiatives, such as the gargantuan health care bill.

Projections predict that after the elections, Democrats will control 49 Senate seats, to the GOP's 47, leaving 4 non-affiliated.

The House of Representatives holds more dismal tidings for Democrats. A Rasmussen poll reports that 46 percent of respondents who expect to vote this

November said that they would sooner vote for the Republican in their district; 40 percent said they would vote for the Democrat.

Among independents, Republicans hold a 14 percent lead over Democrats. Independents are a group on whom Democrats have generally counted to swing elections their way.

It appears that the reliable power base the Democrats won because of backlash to the Bush administration is beginning to falter.

So now it is time for President Obama to reassess his strategy from resting on the liberal order's laurels to embracing the general resurgence of conservatism in America.

After all, we are overdue for a one-term president. As a matter of fact, the only time in presidential history that there have been three two term Presidents in a row was the reign of Jefferson, Madison and Monroe.

With Obama posing to become a lame duck in his first term, this does not bode well for his Judgment Day in 2012.

## An autumn of Democrats, blue dogs, bailouts and teabags

Jarret Brotzman analyzes the Tea Party movement and explains why it's making this election season so fun to watch

By Jarrett Brotzman  
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of the year again. No—not rush or watching Alabama trounce the SEC, but the semi-annual American tradition of midterm elections.

I must admit, I typically

have little interest in midterm congressional elections: there are so many races to follow, and only a third of the Senate seats are up for grabs.

It's generally just easier to

check in when it's all said and done. However, this season the typically dull midterms are bound to be a good time.

This year, we are in for a special treat. With many people no longer declaring allegiance to either the Dems or GOP, the Tea Party has moved in and is in no mood to sit on the sidelines.

regulation have brought the party into the political forefront.

These attitudes have placed the Tea Party at odds with both the Democrats and Republicans on foreign policy, taxation and stimulus-related policy.

Although many Americans consider the Tea Party to be illegitimate, irrelevant or plain an-

They have had a few initial successes in conservative primaries across the nation, with Tea Party-backed candidates defeating Republican incumbents.

In addition, the Tea Party has certainly changed the national discussion on one level or another, as many politicians are being forced to address constituent

their they are for Obama's agenda or they are against it.

Comments the president has made this past week give us some measure of his frustration with those congressmen who have chosen the latter.

In an interview with *Rolling Stone*, Obama lambasted those who have been "abandoning"

*Between conservative and liberal divisions in both major parties, a new party knocking out entrenched incumbents across the nation, and the highly contentious and emotional issues of healthcare, tax, and military policy at stake, this midterm season is going to be one of the most significant in recent history.*

Taking its name from the Boston Tea Party of 1773, the modern Tea Party movement is generally characterized as a politically conservative populist movement.

Loose organizations and local chapters generally opposed to larger levels of taxation, government spending and business

noying, I think they have made the last two years of politics a lot more fun to watch.

With antics like sending tea bags to Washington and flocking to rather silly rallies with keynote speakers such as political antagonist Glen Beck, the Tea Party has certainly mixed up the traditional two-party landscape.

grievances the party has raised.

While American history has shown us that third parties rarely manage to survive on any major scale, it is not outside of the realm of possibilities to imagine the Tea Party gaining enough momentum to propel several of their candidates to victory this fall.

The fight between the GOP and the Democrats is typically pretty good, but this year, the mudslinging will really not be one to miss.

Battle lines have been drawn for years. Since President Obama took office, the GOP has been gearing up for this election season, fundraising like crazy and attempting to attract candidates who bring in voters from outside the traditional conservative base.

The Obama wave that swept the nation in 2008 brought in many Democrats from traditionally conservative districts. These conservative Democrats, known by many as "Blue Dogs," are going to be hard-pressed to defend the agenda the Obama administration has put forth.

In particular, many of these Blue Dogs will be susceptible to attack on the grounds that they do not really represent the true political inclinations of their districts.

Democratic congressmen across America are being forced to take one of two positions: ei-

him with harsh cries that those in the Democratic base are "just sitting on their hands," and that "it is inexcusable for any Democrat or progressive right now to stand on the sidelines in this midterm election."

Obama is giving us some measure of the division with which Democratic leadership is struggling. Is this the best way to raise a depressed base's motivation in a tough election year? By yelling at them?

I'm not sure that talking down to your voters is the best way to raise turnout, but what do I know?

Between conservative and liberal divisions in both major parties; a new party knocking out entrenched incumbents across the nation; and the highly contentious and emotional issues of health care, tax and military policy at stake, this midterm season is going to be one of the most significant in recent history.

With the potential to alter the political landscape as much as the 1994 midterms, the stakes for both parties couldn't be higher.

This no-holds-barred brawl between the exhausted and the enraged will show the true colors of both parties, and will make for some excellent entertainment for the rest of us.

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# arts & life

## Fair brings opportunities to travel the world

*Study Abroad Fair last Thursday encourages students to be global citizens across the globe*

By Katie Boe  
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Washington and Lee sponsored the Study Abroad Fair in an effort to showcase the University's own international education offerings, as well as outside programs and companies. Twenty different booths representing various organizations were displayed at the fair where students had the opportunity to browse, pick up brochures and chat with representatives from the study abroad outlets. Representatives talked about how to incorporate study abroad with their curricula and offered insight about the merits of international education.

The Study Abroad Fair featured opportunities to study all over the world, which over half of all W&L undergraduates

choose to do. One of the companies, International Education of Students (IES), provides 80 programs in 31 countries. Sea Semester offers a unique experience living aboard a ship and studying environmental science, public policy and culture for a semester while also awarding 17 credits from Boston University.

Each program provides multiple courses to satisfy a range of major requirements, and many of the companies are able to tailor a set of courses to individual students. Another company present at the fair was the School for International Training, which specializes in hands-on interaction within the foreign community and incorporates an extended home-stay with educational ex-

periences, seminars and fieldwork for true immersion into the foreign culture.

Whether a student is looking for a home-stay, an internship, an intensive language course or fieldwork, the Center for International Education at W&L can accommodate the student internally or find the right program to satisfy the student's needs. For example, W&L has partnered with St. Andrew's in Scotland to offer pre-med students the chance to study abroad while still fulfilling all of the lab and science requirements.

There are some W&L requirements for study abroad, including a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5, departmental permission for coursework and country-appro-

priate foreign language fluency, but the university aims to assist all students in planning a trip that is conducive to their major and their interests. W&L has developed many of its own trips and programs to facilitate transferring credits and major requirements. Spring Term now offers more study abroad courses, with trips to Costa Rica, Tanzania, Spain and China, among others. The CIE can also place students for fall term, winter term and summer programs.

The CIE can also arrange internships and work abroad opportunities for students who wish to do outside work in conjunction with their studies. Some of the more popular jobs held abroad are teaching, professional

internships and volunteering.

Studying abroad is very important to the University's administration: it is implementing a two-year strategic initiative to ensure the development of new programs. The University aims, through the mission statement of the CIE, to "create an effective global learning environment by providing leadership, administrative oversight and broad support for international learning and global engagement."

The center also aims to help students apply for university grants, country-specific grants and scholarships from outside sources. Students who receive Johnson Opportunity Grants are able to use this scholarship to plan summer trips abroad to work

and study in a new environment. Last summer, six W&L students used their grants to travel and to fit their academic interests.

W&L's study abroad offerings are numerous, and the Center for International Education can help students to arrange the perfect trip for each student.

## "Cheese Louise" celebrates art collection

*The Reeves Center hosted its biannual event honoring artist Louise Herreshoff Reeves*

By Mary Helen Turnage  
STAFF WRITER

Cheese, art and conversation were in abundance this past Thursday evening at the Reeves Center during the biannual event, Cheese Louise. Since 2005, the Reeves Center has held this affair for students and faculty in order to showcase the artwork of Louise Herreshoff Reeves. Though the spring Cheese Louise has been happening annually since 2005, this is only the second year that there has been a fall event.

The spring Cheese Louise offers wine, while the fall event offers sparkling cider and other

nonalcoholic beverages. Katie Gardner, curatorial assistant at the Reeves Center, said the center organized a fall version of Cheese Louise so that everyone at W&L, including those under 21, could enjoy the experience. Many younger students know nothing about the Reeves Center, so this affair provides an excellent opportunity for them to get to know this educational center for the arts that is right on campus.

According to Gardner, W&L owns about 160 works of Lou-

ise Herreshoff Reeves. Born in 1876, Reeves studied at the Académie Julian in Paris. She married Euchlin Dalcho Reeves, a 1927 graduate of W&L Law. The Reeves donated a remarkable amount of Chinese 18th- and 19th-century porcelain as well as many of Louise's impressionist-style paintings. Though she died in 1967, her legacy lives on in her artwork.

Along with the beautiful paintings, guests enjoyed delicious hors-d'oeuvres and desserts. The food included crab

tartlets, mushroom tartlets and vegetables with Roquefort dip. Also at the food table were all sorts of cheese: buttermilk bleu affinée, MezzaLuna fontina, Grand Cru Gruyere Reserve and red spruce cheddar. Local apple cider, orange pineapple punch and ice water were provided for beverages. And for dessert? Cheesecake, of course!

The event had a great turnout of students and professors who conversed over Reeves' paintings.

"Cheese Louise was such an

eye-opening experience," said sophomore Camie Carlock. "It was my first time to attend the reception, and I was blown away. The food was delicious, and I loved getting to mingle with friends and professors in such a sophisticated setting."

Though the focus of the event was on the art, many non-art major students also enjoyed the event.

Senior business and economic major Skip Wood said: "The event was a nice change of pace from the average grind of the

Williams School activities. The food was great and I really enjoyed the art exhibits."

For more information on Reeves, view her artwork displayed in the Reeves Center next to Tucker Hall or attend the next Cheese Louise this spring.

## Gender inequality still a challenge in academia

*Four regional professors participate in a public reading from their collection "Feminist Activism in Academia"*

By Collins Rice  
STAFF WRITER

One wouldn't expect a call for gender equality in the academic sector to be revolutionary. However, the tone of Monday's reading of *Feminist Activism in Academia: Essays on Personal, Political, and Professional Change* was one that called attention to the need for closer examination of the current state of gender politics in academia.

Hosted by the collection's co-editor, Washington and Lee's

Professor of Romance Languages Ellen Mayock, the event included readings from four of the collection's contributors: Mayock's co-editor and Professor of Romance Languages and Chair of the Women and Gender Studies, Domnica Radulescu, Professor of Politics Robin LeBlanc and Hollins University's Vice-President of Academic Affairs Jeanine Silveira Stewart. The collection's essays span a

range of subject matter, including reproductive rights, mothering language in the academic workplace and gender-based discrimination in classroom and administrative settings.

In reading a selection from her piece, "Get Out of My Uterus! A Manifesto against Reproductive Politics in the Academic World and in the World at Large," Radulescu drew upon her experiences living in communist-era Romania

in order to illustrate the potential violence of policies that regulate women's bodies. The fundamental right to choice and reproductive freedom, Radulescu asserts, should not be a matter of public discourse, but accepted for its status as an inalienable right. In her home country, 10,000 people died as a result of draconic reproductive laws, emboldening Radulescu to echo the feminist mantra, "I shouldn't have to be here," indicating the obvious danger of a totalitarian restriction of reproductive rights.

In her selection, "Teaching to Spite Your Body," LeBlanc recounted her struggle to be taken seriously in an academic area historically dominated by men. As the only woman in the politics department, LeBlanc wrote, she worked hard to seem less feminine in order to gain respect from both her fellow professors and by her students. In addition, LeBlanc stated the fact that female professors are sometimes threatened simply because they are women. At times in her career, she confessed, this threat encouraged her to disguise gender differences in the same manner against which she cautions her students.

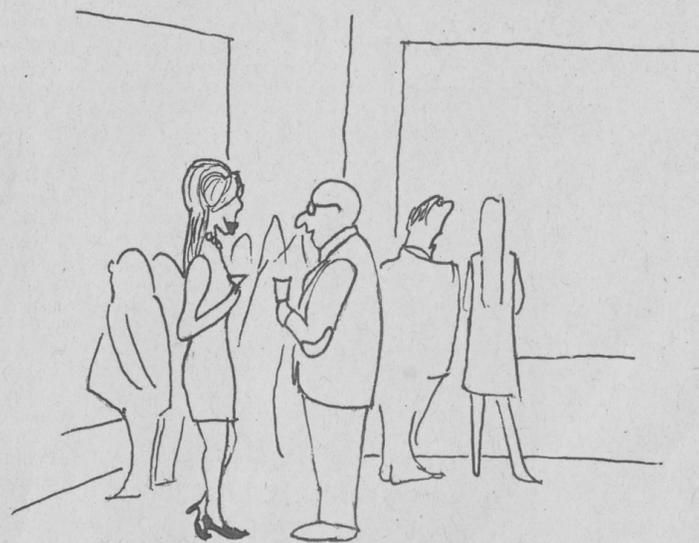
Stewart of University discussed discrimination against mothers in professional settings in a reading from her piece, "Mothering out of Place: Deconstructing the Maternal Wall in Academia." She illustrated the underrepresentation of women and mothers on the tenure track at four-year universities, as well as the differing effect parenthood has on the career trajectories of men and women. Although men and women are almost equally represented in graduate schools, the same cannot be said for professorship. Stewart also highlighted the disparity with which parenthood is perceived in considering those of different genders for employment: while mothers are popularly perceived to lack the ability to perform at the highest level professionally, fathers are more employable in academia than non-fathers.

Mayock closed the reading with a selection from her piece, "Mothering Language in the Academic Workplace." She expressed the importance of having both accomplished men and women in the "front office" in administration of academic institutions. The prevalence, she says, of the terms "mom" and

"mommy" attached to other terms—"Soccer mom," "Sergeant mom," "Hockey mom"—gives the impression that women do not belong in the workplace. Such an idea, Mayock postulated, further perpetuates the deeply ingrained ideas of mothers' capabilities. She encouraged universities to be more aware of language and its implications.

In regard to the Feminist Activism in Academia, Jill Dolan, Director of the Program in the Study of Women and Gender at Princeton University, wrote, "This collection clarifies the vexations of trying to be an ethical professor, an honorable human being and a woman, in a context in which 'female' and 'academic' are too often oxymoronic." The book is available in the campus bookstore and online for \$55.

### Cartoon of the Week



*"I have no idea what my poetry actually means. I just publish it and wait for the critics to tell me."*

CHRISTIAN RODEN / staff cartoonist

# sports



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<b>Field Hockey</b>			at Roanoke 6 p.m.			at Lynchburg 1 p.m.	
<b>Men's Soccer</b>			at Southern Virginia 4 p.m.			at Hampden- Sydney 1 p.m.	
<b>Women's Soccer</b>			vs Hollins 4 p.m.		at Lynchburg 7 p.m.		
<b>Volleyball</b>			vs Sweet Briar 6:30 p.m.		CNU Invitational	CNU Invitational	
<b>Men's XC</b>							
<b>Women's XC</b>							
<b>Men's Tennis</b>							
<b>Women's Tennis</b>					ODAC Individuals @ Hollins	ODAC Individuals @ Hollins	



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The women's cross country team poses for a picture at the highly competitive Paul Short Invitational meet. W&L narrowly beat ODAC rival Bridgewater, placing 9th out of 36 teams.

## XC races past competition

The Generals place 9th out of 36, leaving rival Bridgewater in the dust

By Teresa Soley  
STAFF WRITER

The women's cross country team travelled to Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., on Saturday for the Paul Short Invitational, a huge and highly competitive meet that over 4,000 college and high school runners attended. The Generals finished 9th out of 36 teams in their race, narrowly beating out ODAC rival Bridgewater College. Sophomore Lauren Schultz finished first for Washington and Lee in 36th overall with a time of 24:02.

The excitement was high within the team before the race. "I don't think I've been this nervous for a meet since high school," admitted sophomore Louisa Phillips of Charleston, S.C. "The course looks good though," Phillips added. Only ten members were selected from W&L's squad of 22 to attend this meet, known for its high entry numbers and fast course.

Lehigh's level, grassy course was heavily affected by the previous week's rain, and parts of the course were turned into

wallows of ankle-deep mud. "It wasn't too terrible, but some of the corners were pretty messy," said team top-finisher Schultz after the race. Before the race, sophomore Molly Ortiz of Ketchikan, Alaska, predicted that the muddy course would probably have a negative impact on times but would turn out to be "an advantage to us as a team" since the team is known to do "best in challenging conditions." The W&L home course is considered one of the toughest in the ODAC, giving the team the advantage of training on difficult terrain.

The muddy course still produced some fast finishes. First-year Annelise Madison of Roca, Neb., clocked an impressive 24:08. She was closely followed by senior captain Katherine Fenwick of Berwyn, Pa., in 24:28.

"I think it's great we came to such a competitive meet; there were over 400 teams here," Fenwick commented post-

race. She was pleased that within the team "everyone really pulled their weight and really stepped it up." The fast course and cool weather were definitely positive factors, and the positive effects of several weeks of tough training showed in the W&L runners. After the race Fenwick noted, "We all did a great job pushing each other; everyone ran a season best." All of the W&L runners were among the top 70 finishers of their 280-runner field.

The team's performance overall was impressive in such a large group of schools. "I'm really excited. I think we did a great job out there," commented Coach Kris Hoey. Hoey was particularly impressed with the team members' ability to find each other on the course and work together. "Our top five all finished within 63 seconds of each other. That's really incredible." The Generals will race again on October 16 at the Gettysburg Invitational.

## in the numbers

55

The number of points scored by the W&L football team against Guilford on Saturday. This is the most points the football team has scored in a single game in 48 years. They won.

8

The number of weeks Chicago Bulls forward Carlos Boozer will have to sit out after he tripped and fell over a bag, breaking his right hand.

2

The number of seasons NY Jet LaDainian Tomlinson had gone without rushing over 100 yards. He broke this on Sunday, rushing 133 yards against the Buffalo Bills.

59

The number of yards Jacksonville Jaguar Josh Scobee's field goal covered to clinch a 31-28 win over the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday.

2005

The last time the Atlanta Braves made the MLB playoffs. Atlanta reached the postseason as the NL Wild Card, a first for retiring manager Bobby Cox.

## soapbox

"Awe man im bummed about the cereal number mixup on the cereal, trying to do good and got messed up, of all numbers why that one!!! Sorry"

"For those who were offended by the mixup my deepest apologies but i was only bringing awareness to a charity that im a huge part of, SORRY"

Chad Ochocinco's tweeted apologies after PLB Sports, Inc. fudged the area code for the number to Feed the Children on the back of Ochocinco's cereal boxes. The misprinted number directed calls to a phone-sex hotline. The Kroger grocery-store chain has pulled the product from its shelves.

## Generals score big

W&L and Coach Miriello get record-setting win over Guilford, 55 - 29

By Jordy Stern  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Generals outpaced the Quakers of Guilford College 55-29 on Saturday, making history in the process. Not only did the Generals score the most points in a game since 1962, but they also gave Coach Frank Miriello a coaching milestone. With Saturday's victory, Coach Miriello now holds the record for most wins in W&L football history, a mark held previously by Gary Fallon. The emphatic 77th win of Coach Miriello's career showcased plenty of Generals' offensive firepower, with 545 total yards compiled against Guilford.

Though the Quakers were first on the board with Tyler Hall's 27-yard field goal,

the Generals struck back on the next possession as Brett Murray scored on a Charlie Westfal pass for W&L's first touchdown of the game. Guilford running back Mike Williams took the lead back in the second quarter with a 23-yard touchdown run. This would prove to be the last time the Quakers had the privilege of leading the Generals in Saturday's game. Harrison Hudson brought the ball into the end zone twice in the second quarter, reclaiming W&L control of the scoreboard once and for all.

Amplifying the first half's offensive production, the Generals racked up five second-half touchdowns, including three

unanswered in the third quarter. Despite two scores put up by the Quakers in the fourth quarter, the Generals ended the game with a comfortable 36-point margin of victory. Individually, the Generals' victory was propelled by several outstanding performances. Murray led the offense with three total touchdowns, two rushing and one receiving. Luke Heinsohn surpassed the century mark for the third consecutive game, rushing for 223 yards, the most by a W&L player since 2001. The Generals and their high-powered offense return to Wilson Field this Saturday to face Emory & Henry for the 2010 Homecoming game.