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## Housing pitfalls

*Dealing with bugs, bats and bad landlords*

By Courtney Ridenhour  
STAFF WRITER

It's that time of year again. The leaves are falling, Barbour jackets are making a return to campus and leases are being signed.

After the security deposit is in, all that's left to do is name the place and answer the all-important question of where the beer pong table will go. But the joys of leasing a fabulous off-campus house can be cut short by the discovery of bugs. Or, in the case of junior Grace Cushman, bats.

Cushman and her four housemates had just settled into their off-campus house when they received the unsettling news.

"We had bats in our attic that we didn't know about when we first signed the lease," Cushman said.

The group had to pay for an exterminator and evacuate the house for a week while it was fumigated. Because the bats had been a problem before the group moved in, the five students thought the landlord should help pay for the exterminator. The landlord disagreed.

"For the most part, we were pretty upset with our landlord," Cushman said. "We felt he may have taken advantage of the fact that we had never lived in a house before without our parents and had absolutely no idea what we should pay for as tenants."

*"For students looking at housing: don't stress and don't feel obligated to sign a lease if you think... repairs need to be done."*

Danielle Bowman, senior

Other students have also run into issues with their landlords. Senior Danielle Bowman said her landlord has been unresponsive to repair requests.

"The problem is that she doesn't own the house, someone else does. And for anything to get done, we have to wait until they've communicated. Getting something done takes a lot longer," she said.

The problem for many first-time renters is that they don't know what to look for when they are looking for a place. But Washington and Lee hasn't left students to completely fend for themselves.

Information on renters' rights and a guide to off-campus housing are available on the Washington and Lee website under Residential Life. The 28-page guide includes a list of local real estate agencies and a Home Condition Checklist.

Despite these resources, when renters do run into trouble with landlords, W&L has "no legal recourse," Dean of Student Affairs Dawn Watkins said. According to Watkins, signing a lease is a deal between two private citizens and the school cannot intervene.

If major problems occur, renters can submit a written request for an inspection to the Rockbridge County Building Department.

"There is no charge," Rockbridge County Building Official Erich Schnetzler said. Depending on the severity of the infraction, landlords are given anywhere from one week to 30 days to remedy the problem.

The request can only be made by current tenants. Students searching for a house need to be careful and vigilant.

"The nuance that students have to understand is what they're buying," said Watkins said.

Bowman said she learned some important lessons from her housing experience.

"For students looking at housing: don't stress and don't feel obligated to sign a lease if you think something like repairs need to be done," she said. "I felt pressured because we sign leases so early. I pretty much settled for the first house I saw."

Cushman also offered advice for those in the house-hunting process. "Know your landlord's reputation before you sign the lease, and make sure you're both aware of the expectations," she said.

"Every house has its little issues and weird tweaks, and having a heads-up about them beforehand would have saved us a lot of time."

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## Building the future at W&L

*Washington and Lee's capital campaign seeks to raise \$500 million in seven years*

By Paige Gance  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University's capital campaign, "Honor Our Past, Build Our Future," launched into its public phase with the announcement of a \$500 million goal.

This goal was revealed at a kick-off celebration on Oct. 22, with 350 trustees, donors and friends of the university in attendance. The quiet phase began on July 1, 2008. The entire campaign will last seven years and end on June 30, 2015.

The campaign goal is one of the highest ever set by a liberal arts college. It doubles W&L's last campaign, "For the Rising Generation," which totaled almost \$243 million and ended in Dec. 2003.

Donations thus far total \$310 million and include Rupert H. Johnson's gift of \$100 million and Gerry Lenfest's gift of \$50 million.

According to Vice President of University Advancement Dennis Cross, early progress is encouraging. The campaign has raised 62 percent of its goal, more than the 40-60 percent Cross said a quiet phase of a campaign should raise.

"Our goal is aggressive, but reachable," said Cross. "We have great confidence in our abilities to meet it."

The campaign breaks the total goal into five main categories, with the first four adhering closely to the

University's 10-year Strategic Plan developed in 2007. These include student recruitment, faculty and staff, campus improvement and academic programs. The last category is growing the annual fund, which is not part of the Strategic Plan but still vital for the University's financial flexibility.

Cross describes the priorities of this campaign as more broad based than the last one. He said the difference is like that between a rifle and a shotgun.

According to Cross, the final goal amount is based on a compromise between the estimated cost of the Strategic Plan and an evaluation of potential donors' abilities to give.

"It allowed us to think of what are the highest priorities of the Strategic Plan," said Cross. The difference between the cost of the Strategic Plan and the campaign goal is an extra \$100 million. Cross said that reallocation of funds, tuition revenue, and loans could cover this gap.

The estimated goal began more modestly, only \$400-450 million. Cross recalled a meeting of the campaign cabinet in New York City in Nov. 2008, right as the economic downturn intensified.

"Things seemed bleak," said Cross. They continued their plan however, and as the quiet phase progressed, "it became clear that 400

million will support campus im-

provements such as the Colonnade renovation and a new indoor athletic facility. Academic programs like Spring Term and internships will receive \$37.5 million. The campaign will also increase the annual fund to \$9 million per year.

While these investments will improve many facets of the University, Campaign Co-Chair Warren Stephens said that W&L will stay true to its traditions and core academic offerings.

"I think any major change in the way Washington and Lee educated young people would be fiercely resisted by the board and by every constituency we could possible think of. We're not looking to make wholesale changes in how we operate," said Stephens.

As the public phase of the campaign moves forward, the cabinet will focus on matching donor interests to particular priorities, Cross said. Rector J. Donald Childress is confident that the Board of Trustees and Campaign Cabinet will be able to inspire gifts to the University.

"More than any other college or university with which I am familiar," said the Rector, "those who come in contact with this University develop a relationship that is both intense and indelible."

Of the remaining goal, \$120.5

## Capital Campaign fund allocation

- \$160m for student recruitment
- \$122m for faculty and staff
- \$120.5m for facilities
- \$37.5m for academic programs
- ALSO: growing annual fund \$60m

**"This is a campaign of meaning and renewal. It is about our core mission and its relevance to a very challenging future for Washington and Lee and its students. And it is ambitious and historic. It will be noticed not only for its reach but also for the priorities we have established within it. It says something about this university. It also says something about the leadership role we will assume in shaping the future of the liberal arts."**

- W&L President Ken Ruscio

# news



## Legendary anchor speaks at W&L

Former CBS anchor Dan Rather delivers the keynote address at the 50th Institution on Ethics in Journalism

By Becky Mickel  
STAFF WRITER

Speaking to a crowd of over 300 on Friday at Washington and Lee University, former CBS managing editor and anchor Dan Rather compared passionate journalism to the patriotic sacrifice of soldiers fighting overseas to protect our country.

Rather's speech, titled "The Crisis in Journalism and Why We Should Care," was the keynote address of the university's 50th Institute on Ethics in Journalism. In addition to attending Rather's speech, W&L journalism students spent the weekend discussing ethical issues with journalism fellows from media outlets around the country and with Rather himself.

Although his speech was at times very critical of the process of news-gathering today, Rather

repeatedly including himself when he spoke about the mistakes reporters often make.

Rather said that one of the biggest problems in journalism today is the tendency of reporters to accept obviously "spun" answers from authority figures without asking needed follow-up questions.

According to Rather, journalists have a patriotic duty to ask the tough questions and to prevent the crisis that stems from insufficient reporting. Because journalists' actions and inactions can have just as much significance as the men and women in uniform, reporters owe it to the public to report the facts and to protect democracy, said Rather.

In addition to shoddy reporting, Rather said conglomeration

and increasing entertainment media has created a crisis for journalists and the public.

"The news has become corporatized, politicized and trivialized," said Rather. According to Rather, news is now a byproduct of international conglomerates, safe thoughts and even safer reporting.

Rather said that journalism is crucial to democracy because it allows America to remain a fact-gathering society.

According to Rather, if journalism is to be rescued from the "entertainment crisis," the public must educate themselves prior to elections and news resources must be available to the public.

Rather emphasized that freedom of the press is essential to democracy, which is why it is

protected in the Constitution. He did, however, distinguish freedom of the press from freedom of the media. According to Rather, entertainment media is not protected at the same level as the press because media is not news.

Although all forms of media may not be protected, Rather stressed the importance of defending freedom of the press as well as the importance of solid, reliable well-researched news.

"[News is] for us, for America and for the freedom of the flag for which we stand," said Rather.

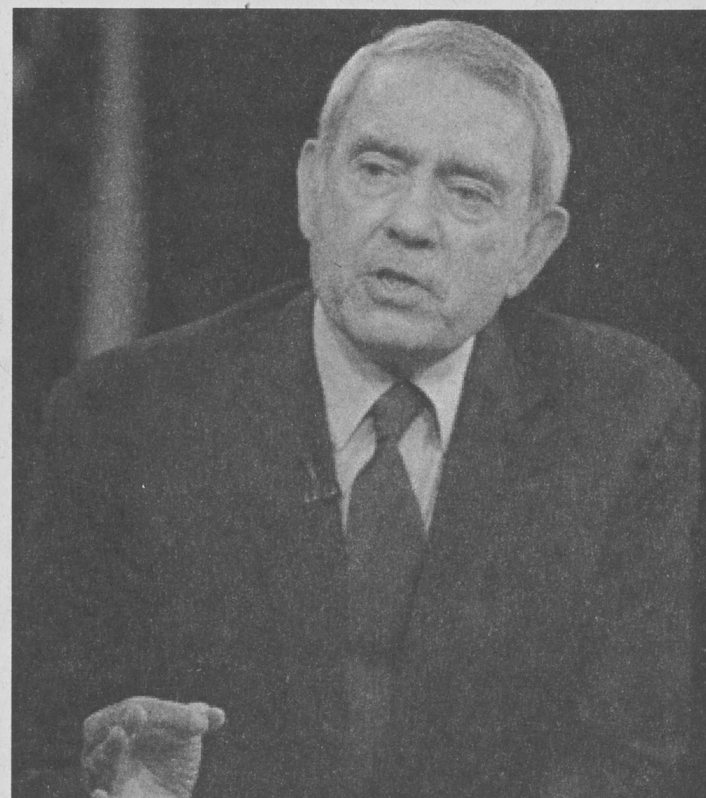


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## Payne Hall closed for renovation

Payne Hall, home of the W&L English department, is the next step in the Colonnade renovation project

By Kelly Mae Ross  
STAFF WRITER

As any student or faculty member passing by the Colonnade may have noticed, the next phase of the Colonnade preservation and rehabilitation project is underway. Phase 2B, the renovation of Payne Hall, began in late September.

Payne Hall is the home of the Washington and Lee English Department. Now that work on the building has begun, the offices of the English Department professors have been temporarily relocated to Baker Hall. The work on Payne will be completed by early August 2011, giving the members of the department time to get settled back into the building before classes start up again.

According to the university's Director of Design & Construction, Tom Kalasky, work will be performed over the next year on both the interior and exterior of

the building. Kalasky said that the exterior of the building will be "renewed and freshened" but not changed in any major way.

The interior of the building is another story.

New mechanical and electronic systems will be installed on the inside of Payne Hall, including new fire alarm and sprinkler systems. Central air conditioning will replace the individual air conditioning units that used to jut out from almost all of the windows of the building. The building will also be completely handicap-accessible, meeting standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Kalasky said that the new and improved Newcomb Hall is a good benchmark for the work that is to be done on Payne.

The new Payne Hall will contain 12 faculty offices, a semi-

nar room, several classrooms and a student lounge. Members of the design and construction team worked with deans from the university to create the plan for the interior of the building. Classrooms will be located on all floors, with the hope of increasing student traffic to all parts of the building.

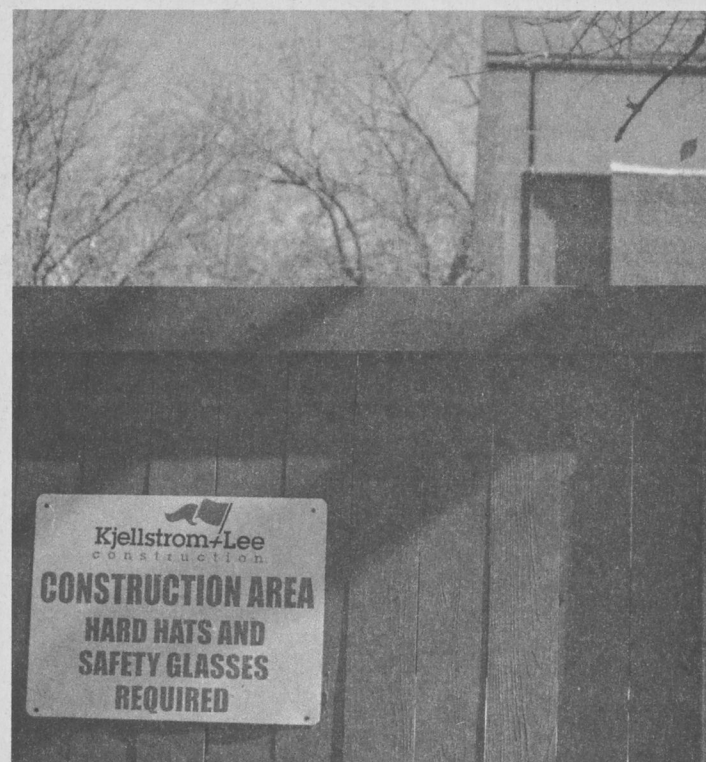
The design and construction team is also attempting to minimize the impact that the Colonnade preservation and rehabilitation project will have on the environment. A waste management plan was created in order to maximize the amount of waste that is recycled, as opposed to just shipped off to the landfill. Also, whenever possible, regional construction materials are used. The use of regional materials means that fewer fossil fuels are used in the transport of these materials

because they come from nearby suppliers.

Despite the fact that so much work is being done to Payne Hall, Kalasky said that the building is going to look pretty much the same as it did before all of the construction and rehabilitation began.

"The simplicity of the architecture speaks for itself."

Payne Hall is the second building on the Colonnade to be renovated. The first, Newcomb is an example of coming improvements.



MEG WEIGEL/staff photographer

## Moms and dads come to campus

Parents weekend events range from concerts and classes to athletic events, early-morning hikes and parties

By Chelsea Stevenson  
STAFF WRITER

Every year students look forward to the two fall days that are spent with their parents, not at home during Reading Days but on campus, with approximately 2,000 other visitors.

If you ask a returning student, they'll tell you that they love having fun with their parents, who may or may not have been Washington and Lee students once themselves, at various parties throughout the weekend. These parties usually range from "Tex Lex" (an event to celebrate all of W&L's Texans) to pledge class dinners, and the traditional Red Square band party. But beyond the nightlife that brings parents back to their college days, the W&L Student Affairs Department has a lot in store for this year's Parents and Family Weekend Celebration.

The weekend kicks off on Friday, November 5, where parents are welcomed to join students in

their classes. According to Nellie Rice, the Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, parents are welcome to attend any on campus class.

Before or after attending class, parents should drop by the registration table in the Elrod Commons Living Room to pick up a complimentary tote from Student Affairs and student volunteers.

Rice said she enjoys meeting parents during registration, "they email you, but it's really nice talking to them face-to-face."

Parents will also have the option to attend pre-arranged Financial Aid Conferences throughout the day. Between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. several departments will host open houses, for students and their families to attend. The open houses may include student research presentations and self-guided tours. Career ser-

vices will also host two events on Friday: an open house and an hour-long class titled "From Major to Career." Appointments with faculty, administrators and the University Registrar can also be pre-arranged throughout the weekend.

Original to this year's Parents and Family Weekend will be an afternoon book signing with alum Dr. Horace Douthy, class of '54. Douthy is the author of *History Lessons from a Country Church*, a book about the stories of Rockbridge County's 250-year-old Oxford Church. The book signing will be held in the Elrod Commons Atrium and is sponsored by the W&L Bookstore.

Earlier on Friday evening, families of first-year students will have the opportunity to attend a Greek Life Q&A, and first-year females and their families will have the chance to tour

the sorority houses. Following the information on W&L's Greek recruitment process, first-year students and their parents are invited to a reception at President Ruscio's house.

W&L has organized events for families to continue on through the night such as a Night-Sky Viewing in the Canary Islands, which will display photos of planets and galaxies from a 14-inch shared telescope. The University Choral Concert will take place in the Wilson Hall Concert Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are required for the concert but are free of charge.

After a long day of tagging along with students and seeing what life at W&L in 2010 is really about, the fun will continue bright and early on Saturday. Clay Coleman, director of Student Activities and Greek Life, will direct a 6:30 a.m. morning run throughout campus. For ex-

ercise fans who find 6:30 a.m. too early after a long night with their students, the Cycling Club, also known as Team Traveller, will lead an hour-long bike ride for all skill levels.

Once mid-morning exercise has concluded, the Generals Rally and Luncheon will be held in the dining hall before the 1 p.m. football game. The rally will feature the University Jazz Ensemble in the Marketplace. Tickets are \$8.75 per person.

In addition to the football game against Hampden-Sydney, W&L swimming will face off against Randolph Macon College at 1 p.m.

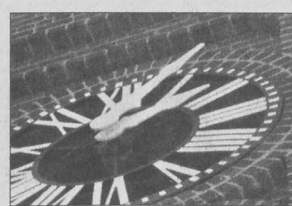
After the athletic events, there will be a special welcome reception for grandparents in the Elrod Commons.

W&L's a cappella groups and University Wind Ensemble will hold concerts Saturday night. Both events require tickets,

which can be obtained through the box office. According to Rice, the concerts during the celebratory weekend have been very well attended in past years.

The W&L Student Affairs office has spent an entire year putting this weekend celebration together, with the help of Facilities Management, the Development Office, Dining Services, various academic departments, and of course, W&L students. Each year, W&L receives an abundance of positive feedback from parents and strives to have the weekend run just as smooth, if not easier, than last year's.

According to Rice, "Parents are easy to please, as long as they get to spend time on campus with their students."



# news

## Stopping alcohol-related tragedies

The student health center, Traveller and the new Green Dot program encourage behaviors that keep students safe

By Randi Wilson  
COPY EDITOR

Every year 150-200 Washington and Lee students will wake up in the health center. Accord-

place on campus they could be. When a student is taken to the health center, the nurse on duty

Throughout the night, they are often checked on to be sure they are sleeping soundly and still breathing.

An average of 40-50 students are sent to the emergency room for special care before they can return to the health center for the rest of their night. Only one or two cases a year require extended hospitalization.

W&L's nurses take care of those students who might otherwise be put to bed by their friends and expected to "sleep it off," just like they do at other colleges across the nation.

According to Horton, W&L students are great at bringing students in when they seem unsafe. At other colleges, sometimes the only options are the hospital (where there is a fear of judicial action) or just going to bed.

If a student does not receive care they might never wake up.

A few weeks ago, Radford University sophomore Samuel Mason, 20, was found dead in an off-campus Tau Kappa Epsilon house, according to the school paper. He was a pledge of TKE, a fraternity already on probation for serving alcohol to minors.

Mason was seen drinking a bottle of liquor at the fraternity house the previous night before being walked by friends to the off-campus house and put to bed.

Police found his body the next morning.

During Dr. Horton's 23 years here at W&L, there has never been a death caused by alcohol

poisoning, though there have been other alcohol-related deaths in the University's history.

The last time alcohol played a role in student deaths was a drunk driving accident in October of 2000, when two students, Adam Burchett, 20, and Kristin Shelton, 18, lost control of their SUV homecoming weekend and flipped over on the highway several times. The trees on the right side of the GBD quad are in their memory.

The student health center is one of the reasons W&L has been able to avoid alcohol-related deaths. Judicial action is not brought against students that spend the night in the health center. While it has always served this purpose unofficially, a task

can be brought into the health center at any time of night, free of charge and free from worry about legal or university consequences. "If assistance is needed, it shouldn't be denied," said Horton.

Horton said that some schools are not as understanding as W&L. These schools' health centers may turn away intoxicated students, saying "we do not do that."

For example, the Radford University health center is open until 6 p.m. on Friday, and does not reopen until 8:30 a.m. Monday morning, according to their webpage. While they do have a 24-hour emergency call line students can access, it's a far cry from W&L's overnight health

According to Horton, changing times have made it more difficult for college students to be safe. Binge drinking is a new issue that simply wasn't a problem decades ago. Women are keeping up with men, going shot for shot and drink for drink. Men have discovered alcohol energy drinks like Four Loko, which contain 5-6 standard drinks in one container. The "energy" components like taurine and guarana, combat the effects of alcohol, allowing consumers to drink more without feeling as poorly.

All of these factors caused October to be the record month for the health center: 55 students were treated, the highest number in its history. September was also very high. Horton believes that November and December will be slower months because of Thanksgiving and finals. She hopes numbers will not remain high in January with students returning to campus and rush week.

*"If assistance is needed, it shouldn't be denied."*

Dr. Jane Horton, Director of Health Services

force created in response to the deaths of Burchett and Shelton formalized it.

The Alcohol Task Force was created in the fall of 2000 by then-President John Elrod, according to the W&L website. Its purpose was to find ways to change the culture of alcohol at W&L, after ten alcohol-related student deaths in the 90's.

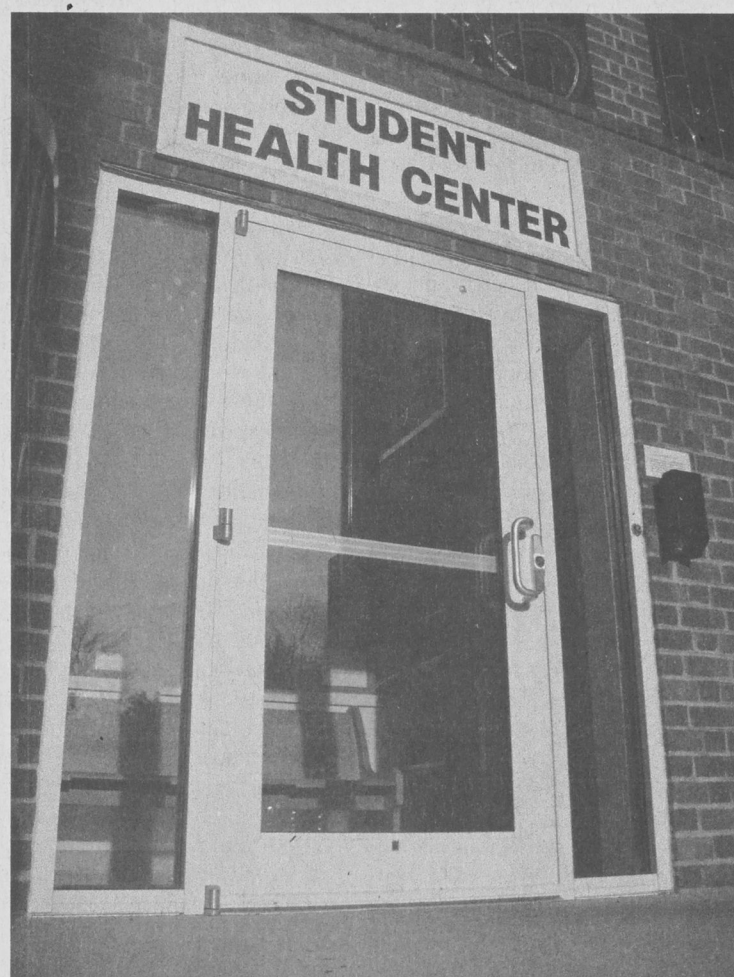
This led the university to adopt the "University Initiatives on Substance Abuse" which defined the three-strike rule for alcohol and drug violations.

According to Horton, students

stays.

The health center is just one way that the university is trying to keep students safe. Traveller, the student transit service, was designed as a way to prevent drunk driving. W&L also just recently started Green Dot, which is a "bystander mobilization program," according to Jennifer Sayre, Coordinator of Violence Prevention.

"A Green Dot is a moment in time when someone makes a choice to be actively and visibly intolerant of violence," said Sayre.



RANDI WILSON / staff photographer

Students who have had too much to drink can get the care they need at the student health center, which is open 24 hours a day.

ing to Dr. Jane Horton, 60-75% of them are freshmen. Not all of them will remember their nights, but all of them are in the safest

takes their BAC, determines if they are in a stable condition and puts them to bed if they are sober enough to talk and walk.

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## Book club turns the pages back

Page Turners, a new club at W&L, reads lighthearted children's books to destress students

By Kelly Mae Ross  
STAFF WRITER

The newest club on campus aims to put some fun back into the art of reading—fun that can be lost during long nights of reading nothing but textbook after textbook.

Sophomore Cassie McGinty, founder of Page Turners, said she hopes to help members "return to the roots of reading" by delving into exciting books.

McGinty said she started Page Turners because she believes that despite how academically successful students are at W&L, they don't do enough fun reading.

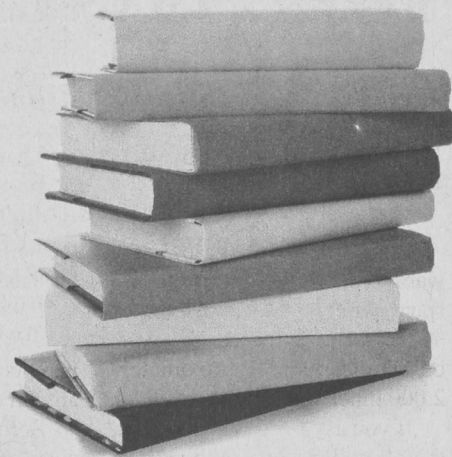
McGinty chose works for the club that she hopes will attract a variety of people. She said that she selected works that would "challenge assumptions" that people might have, for instance, about fantasy novels or about the value of reading a children's book when you are 20 years old.

The club will read works from several different genres and meet biweekly to share their thoughts.

The first book that the club will be reading and discussing is a children's novel entitled Inkheart.

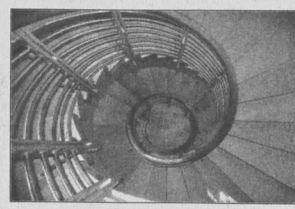
McGinty selected Inkheart as the first work for the club because she thought that reading a children's book during midterms would put the least amount of stress upon members of the club.

Page Turners will meet sometime next week to discuss the first several chapters of Inkheart, but it is not too late for new members to join the club and get in on the discussion.



Used copies of Inkheart are available for purchase at a discounted price in the University Bookstore.

# opinions



## An interview with the chief of the Lexington Police force

The Police Chief discusses the community policing, noise violations, and Washington & Lee students

Editor's note: Usually, we would run this in the News section, but as it is a follow-up to other opinions articles, we decided to run it the Opinions section.

By Jon Salm  
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this week, I sat down with Alfred S. Thomas, Lexington's Chief of Police.

Despite having only been Chief of Police for the past six months, Thomas has a firm grasp on life in Lexington and how his department can help improve it.

During our conversation, Thomas spoke about the concept of community policing and how he has introduced it to his officers in order to increase communication within the Lexington community.

Thomas also responded to a number of criticisms of his department, including a response to the "War on Noise" that has seen parties shut down earlier and earlier this year.

Ring-Tum Phi: Tell us about yourself. How did you end up in Lexington?

Chief Thomas: I've been here for about six months. I was appointed Chief of Police in Lexington back in April of this year. I started my career with the Lynchburg Police Department. I was in Lynchburg for over twenty years and had a number of assignments during my career there. I attained the rank of captain, worked as a patrol captain, the IA [internal affairs] commander for a stint and also served as a staff captain.

Phi: After entering the police department, what have you wanted to change about it? Is there anything particular to Lexington you have wanted to change?

Thomas: One promise I made the employees here in Lexington when I first arrived was that I am not going to come in and try to turn this agency upside down with changes. I am not going to try to make this the Lynchburg Police Department. We will move slow and deliberate to find

out what works here. We will custom fit the changes towards Lexington PD. We will not make changes just to make changes. It turns out I was wrong, I have made a lot more changes than I thought I would make so far. When problems arise and if I see an opportunity to do something better, then we'll make change. We've made a number of changes in the last six months, more than I anticipated. Not changes because there were major problems — that is one of the reasons why I came to this city. This wasn't a police department that needed a culture change. We weren't having problems with officers doing anything immoral, unethical or illegal. But I saw opportunities to see the department run a bit more efficiently. I am a huge proponent of community policing. I saw an opportunity to take that to a new level with the talented officers we have here.

Phi: Can you tell us a little more about the idea of community policing?

Thomas: Absolutely. The essence of community policing is partnerships with the community. Let me preface that by saying something about the 911 phone system. We made a promise to the community — if you dial 911 a policeman will show up and solve all your problems. We started to really have that mindset. Call us; we're the experts; we'll solve your problems for you and we'll leave. What we have discovered over time is that we are not always the experts. We don't always know what all the problems are and we can't solve all your problems. That's when community policing really started to really take hold. Police started working more as a part-

ner with the community and with other city government employees to truly identify, prioritize and problem solve.

Phi: How has community policing come to affect Lexington?

Thomas: There are a number of programs. Because we are a small city, that can be good and that can be bad. Everybody knows everybody, which is great. But what I'm finding is that although we're small, there is still sometimes a disconnect. I've seen a number of civic groups that are all doing good work in this community, but I'm not sure they always communicate with each other. Sometimes you can have different groups working on very similar projects that are not combining or pooling their resources to become more effective. That's where the police can come in. If we were reaching out and partnering with all the civic groups that we can, if we were going to community watch meetings, if we were talking to people, we can be that conduit. We can be the communication between all the groups in the city. Especially in a smaller community, I think that it is important. You just automatically assume that we all know everything that is going on in this area, and we don't.

Phi: How do you feel you can help Washington and Lee students or Virginia Military Institute students?

Thomas: Well, I don't really distinguish between the community and W&L students or VMI students. You are all part of the community the way I see it. The students at VMI and the students at W&L live here. You need to have ownership in this community and that's how we treat the students — you are members of the community. You should not be treated any differently. You should have a voice in your community and be involved in your community. I know for a fact that students are very involved. I gave a speech at the Lexington Women's Club and I commended the students, particularly at W&L, because of how involved they are. Students have more stress now than ever before. They are doing so much more and so much more is expected. But there is still a sense of community, a sense of service. I am seeing more and more of that and I am so impressed. I told the ladies at the Women's Club about my daughter. She is a 13 year old at Lylburn Downing Middle School. One thing that she is excited about is that W&L girls go to the school every week and mentor young girls. I don't know if people in the community know how important that is. My middle school-aged daughter has a college student as a mentor. She

says, "Dad, I can talk to them about life problems, what its like to go to high school, what its like to go to college and we just talk about life in general." These are things that I can't talk to her about. She has students who can, who come in and do that on their own. I think that is invaluable. There are programs and things that students do in our community that you don't get credit for. Its fun to talk about noise complaints and shutting parties down because that sells papers. I really don't think students do a good job of talking about your community involvement and all the important things you do in our neighborhood. I think you sell yourselves short, quite honestly.

Phi: You seem to have quite the positive image of W&L students. What about any negative things you have seen from students?

Thomas: Well, there is one negative. It's not that unusual. I've seen students make some poor decisions related to alcohol. Whether it is underage drinking, underage possession of alcohol or excessive drinking, I have seen some students make some very poor decisions in that area. Alcohol affects people differently. I am concerned when I see people who are drinking in excess leave a party and are walking alone. I know we live in a safe city, and I am proud that this is a safe city. But you are more likely to be a victim if you are not using your faculties, if you are inebriated to a point where you are not aware of your surroundings. It is dangerous, and I think that is a problem. I have seen students leaving parties walking across the street laughing and talking, not a care in the world. They don't even see cars driving around. They don't pay attention to traffic concerns. But I will say that I don't see as much of that as I used to see in Lynchburg. It is still problematic, but what I do see a lot of here is that people tend to walk in groups. I think that girls are doing a better job of looking out for each other. I think the male students need to step up. If they see a female or two females by themselves and they are walking back at midnight, they need to escort them home. Chivalry is not dead. We are still in the South.

Phi: The W&L community, especially students, has the perception that the police department is out to get them. That officers want to arrest them, to give them speeding tickets, violations and citations in order to increase department revenue. How do you respond to this criticism?

Thomas: I would say that is just the opinion of a few. Overall, the students I've met with and talked to are very intelligent.

They want to learn. They want to know why things are done the way they are done. I think that is the majority of the student base. There are two sides to every story. When I met with the IFC a couple of weeks ago, I asked them how many noise permits they thought were issued per year. The answers ranged from 50 to 100 to 200. We issue in excess of 100. Then I asked how many violations they thought were issued on average each year. I got everything from 20 to 50 to 70. The fact of the matter is that this year, we have issued four summonses. I am not sure that is all W&L. It may not be any W&L. We don't distinguish between W&L, VMI and the community. Last year, for the entire year, we issued five. I don't like to argue with someone over their opinion. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. I do like to engage folks in intelligent discussion. Let's talk about what really happens. This community is very tolerant of students having social activities. We don't go to parties unless we receive a complaint from the community. If there is no complaint, we don't respond unless we need to. If we issue a warning. We let students know that it is time to lower the noise, control the crowd. If we get a second complaint, then we can make a decision whether or not to take enforcement action.

Phi: How much do you work with the W&L administration?

Thomas: I interact on a regular basis with W&L officials, primarily with public safety officials, but also with the Dean of Students. We talk whenever necessary. We have an excellent relationship to the point where I feel comfortable contacting them any time I have a problem. Believe me, they do the same. When they hear complaints and concerns from students, they pick the phone up and call us. We'll either talk on the phone, email, or if it's serious, have a face-to-face meeting. That's the best way to work out your problems. Sit right across from each other and talk about it.

Phi: Have you spoken with Dean Watkins concerning a recent article published in the Ring-Tum Phi? It introduced the "War on Noise" — the fact that parties have been getting shut down earlier and earlier compared to earlier years.

Thomas: Yes, Dean Watkins sent Mike Young [W&L director of public safety] over here to have a face-to-face discussion with me about that incident. Fortunately, the deputy Chief of Police was actually there that night the party was shut down. I credit Dean Watkins and Mike Young. They wanted to know firsthand.

Before they jumped to any conclusions, they wanted to know the facts.

Phi: How would you have a party operate if you were a part of the W&L administration?

Thomas: I think something is working. If we're having well over 100 parties in this small town every year and there are only four or five violations, I think something is working, don't you? If we were having 150 parties and 100 violations, if people were being arrested, if we were shutting parties down, then I'd say we have a serious problem. What we're lacking now is communication and planning. I think that the students being held accountable should have a plan if a neighbor feels that a party is too loud and calls the police. You can't plan that at 11:30 the night of a party. If you are planning a party and you have a week's notice, you need to have a plan to make sure the party stays under control. That's an opportunity where students can do a better job. Do I have a plan? Can I shut the music down lower? Can we have a tent erected? It surprises me how much a tent really helps with the sound. We encourage the students to go out and talk to the neighbors. It's important to be good neighbors. Talk to the people who live in the area and let them know. There is a lot of planning that can be done on the students' part. If students have concerns, then I encourage them to come sit down and talk to us. Come meet with the police department. We want everyone to have a good time and be safe.

Phi: The W&L administration has strongly encouraged on-campus social events, such as those in fraternity houses, to those off-campus at Windfall or the Pole Houses. Do you have a preference to as where students go when they go out?

Thomas: I don't necessarily have a preference. I have no authority to say where a party should take place. I know there is a lot of talk now about bringing parties back to the city. We don't have many alcohol-related arrests right now in the city. I know folks won't believe that [we do], but we really don't have very many. The more parties, the more those numbers will go up. It's a numbers game. When parties are in town, we don't have students operating motor vehicles. It's one thing to be walking on the street when you've had too much to drink. You might become a victim. You might put yourself in danger. If you operate a motor vehicle, you put everyone around you in danger.

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## Cars beware; they are out to get you

Despite being in the middle of nowhere, parking in Lexington is still a pain

By Patrick Smith  
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The best idea occurred to me last Wednesday night when a couple of friends and I went to a rock concert at the University of Virginia.

Think about this: driving your car somewhere and being able to park it. SAFELY. I know this idea seems a little crazy, particularly in Lexington.

Lexington is the city where you can go somewhere for only two hours at a time. It's great on days when you have 3+ hours of class in a row to attend, and even better on days when you forget your car is in two-hour parking.

It is just the best feeling ever when you stroll back to your car after a hard day of work and find that shiny green parking violation on your windshield.

I LOVE paying fifteen dollars to the City of Lexington, almost

as much as I love typing words in all-caps to accentuate my arguments.

Now, here comes the sob story. Have no fear for I have hired my own violinist to follow me around. Just this year already, I have received three parking violations.

The first one I deserved because I forgot my car was in two hour parking and left it there all day.

The second one, I was parked for about two hours and four minutes. That guy was just WAITING for me.

For the third ticket, I got a little too cute and thought I could beat the system.

There is a brick parking lot below Lee Chapel that is labeled, "visitor parking". Apparently this is not the case.

I purposely did not register my vehicle with the school because I knew that where I live is too close to campus to utilize the parking deck.

If I am not going to get any utility out of registering my car, why pay the registration fee? So here is where the trickery comes in to play.

One day I decide to park in the Lee Chapel parking lot for thirty minutes so that I can run into the Beta fraternity house to get a quick bite to eat. My vehicle could have been any random alumnus', a recruit's, a prospective student's, etc.

Yet, after my totally killer lunch (it was fajita day), I had a fat ticket sitting on my windshield and a light bulb hovering above my head in the form of a great idea.

Razor Scooters.

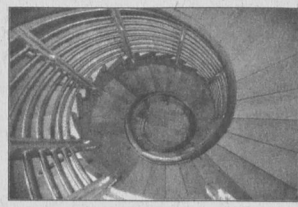
Remember in the olden days when Razor Scooters were the bee's knees and going to your friend's house on one was the cat's pajamas?

Join the movement; let us all make Lexington a place where Razor Scooters run free. Stop beating your gums and being such a wet blanket, there is no room in this town for such ragamuffins.

For a complete list of 1920s slang, please feel free to contact me. Otherwise, tune in next week when I discuss our University's amazing Internet service.

Why did the Canadian cross the road?

He saw some American do it on TV.



# opinions

## Lex Appeal: Helping prospective students choose W&L

*After suffering bad experiences herself, Campbell Burr explains the do's and don'ts for hosting a prospective student*

**By Campbell Burr**  
STAFF WRITER

Despite the countless plane rides, road trips, hotel stays, information sessions and tours that made up my college search, it was ultimately Washington and Lee Parents' Weekend that left the strongest impression.

Parents of younger siblings, be forewarned: come Sunday, your second child will want to be a General, too.

Some thoughts that crossed my mind over my inaugural Parents' Weekend:

Are all applicants required to submit a headshot?

Why is everyone going to the football game in every color but royal blue and white?

Is shag/swing dancing a prerequisite for admission?

Overnight visits can make or break an applicant's view of a school. My visits to W&L have been wonderful, but I've had less pleasant experiences at other universities.

A word to anyone hosting a prospective student: you have the power to make or break his or her view of your school. Here are some pointers...

1. Do not drink too much.

My overnight visit to a Virginia state school would have been awesome if I hadn't spent the entire night making sure my host didn't pass out.

I expected that she would take it easy and look out for me, as I

was a senior in high school. So.

The night began with her having a cocktail (or three) in her room. She told me that most nights she ended up "blacking out somewhere." That made me feel good.

We headed to a pregame down the street. My host walked in, headed to the bar, and downed a strong mixed drink.

Before I could say "Gucci," she was *wasted*. She couldn't even stand up without putting a death grip on my shoulder.

When I tried to mingle with the other students, she followed me, clasped her hands around the neck of the nearest boy and passed out against his chest. Attractive.

At one point, my host started laughing so hard that she fell onto her back and began rolling back and forth on the floor, mumbling something indecipherable. People were staring at her. I ran over to pull her up. She preferred the ground.

2. Do not try to impress your prospective with the amount of alcohol you can get your hands on or how "hard" you apparently go.

During my college visits, I realized that the nerdier the reputation of a school, the more its students bragged about "how hard they partied" and the more they

pretended that they didn't work or care about school.

At one school it seemed as if everyone I met was obsessed with destroying his nerdy high school reputation, despite the fact he was attending the world's most prestigious university.

As I prepared to head off to a big football game with my host at an Ivy League school, I met some boys determined to convince me that their weekends involved serious binge drinking.

The moment I walked into one eating club to meet my host's friends, one of them handed me a beer. Not in the genuine, considerate, "this girl might be thirsty" kind of way. It was more of an "I want to show this girl how tight I am because I can give her alcohol" kind of offer.

I considered taking a sip then spitting it out, "Ew, this tastes weird!" or just refusing it, "Mom would kill me."

I decided not to accept the beer. The girl I was with laughed. "No! Do not start corrupting her already!" I wanted to remind her that I actually had a social life in high school. I probably came across as awkward and uncomfortable, even though I was neither.

Shortly after another boy walked into the room holding a backpack. My guest introduced us.

Before I could finish the "nice to meet you," he unzipped his bag to show off the "goods" for the game.

He described every drink in his bag, while nodding his head and laughing about how sick the day would be. This scene was faintly reminiscent of a 16-year-old bragging about raiding his parents' liquor cabinet.

3. Do not leave your prospective to hook up.

and had no way of letting myself into her locked apartment. To make matters worse, my phone was on low battery.

I didn't know if she had already gone to the bars down the street or if she was in one of the apartments with her new "friend."

I decided to take a risk and head downtown. I felt more comfortable being in an area that was populated.

As if that wasn't bad enough, later on that night, she left me in her apartment to go make out with the boy.

Whatever. At least I got the bed to myself for part of the night.

The main point here is to be a responsible host and don't act too cool for school.

This brings me back to Parents' Weekend. W&L students seemed normal, well-rounded,

*W&L students seemed normal, well-rounded, and most importantly, happy. There was no bragging about alcohol and no acting like they didn't care about anything. This was rare.*

Most of you are probably horrified to think that a host would actually leave a high school student alone on a college campus to go hook up with someone. Unfortunately, it happened to me.

The same drunk girl at the Virginia state school told me that she would wait for me outside of an apartment complex with the boy she had been leaning on before while I went to get something from my car.

When I came back ten minutes later, she was gone. I tried calling her. No answer. And again. Still no answer.

I was unfamiliar with the area

I kept calling her. Still no answer. And then, I felt it coming. Tears. And then slowly, a sob, and then as people probably started wondering, "Who is the random girl shivering and crying on a street corner?" My phone began to ring! My host was calling.

She said she would meet me outside the bars in a second. She had been in one of the apartments hooking up with the boy.

I waited ten minutes, and then saw a girl in a revealing shirt stumble over. "I'm so sorry." It was the same whiny, drunken voice. It was too much to take.

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This was rare. It's refreshing to attend a school where the students have a range of talents and interests.

What other schools have fraternity presidents who are skilled chefs, tennis stars who can recite the platform of every politician or future investment bankers who can use the words "valuation" and "dank" in the same sentence? I can't think of one.

## Remember, remember the 2nd of November

*The GOP gains in the midterm elections are overshadowed by a rise in independent presence among voters*

**By John Paul Beall**  
STAFF WRITER

The midterm elections are finally over, and they were certainly interesting to watch. The political landscape has greatly changed. In other words, this election was explosive.

The final results of the election held huge gains for Republicans in the House and in governors' races, accompanied by

still alive; Sen. Barbara Boxer held off a California Republican onslaught; and the governorship of California reverted to Democratic control. But that was small consolation for Democrats during this election.

As of press time, the count in the House is 186 Democrats (a loss of 60 seats), 239 Repub-

waged a write-in campaign after being defeated in the Republican primary by Joe Miller. While it could take weeks to tabulate all the ballots, the Democratic nominee Scott McAdams, has been eliminated, leaving the choice between Miller and Murkowski. Moreover, Murkowski has repeatedly pledged to caucus with

action in the election took place with third-party candidates, perhaps a sign that the party system has some fundamental changes coming to it.

Other races have also seen independents take charge. Consider the race for governor of Colorado, which saw a Republican rejected by the party run and claim many more votes than the GOP-endorsed candidate.

Florida's Senate race saw ex-Republican Charlie Crist run as an independent and pick up more votes than the Democrat, as GOP candidate Marco Rubio picked up almost the entire Republican base.

Also, New England saw a fundamental change in this respect as well. In the Maine race for governor, the Republican topping the polls had an Independent nipping at his heels, and in Rhode Island, an Independent won the race by a few points.

While it appears that the party

system still has enough integrity to be the dominant force in our nation's elections, a non-aligned movement is picking up speed.

While this election posted great gains for the GOP and the Democrats' power base is largely intact, the old-time oddity of having an independent such as Lieberman is becoming more of a commonality, which speaks loudly to the change in our country's voting habits.

It could either mean that dissatisfaction with gridlock has rendered a need for a third perspective, which would mean that people are largely looking at the virtues of each candidate (which would explain some of occurrences like the Senate race in Delaware).

The corollary of this indicates that this movement is positive reflection on voters, who are generally accused of voting by party.

Furthermore, the rise in independent voting could be a tempo-

rary phenomenon that will recur as long as the two-party system is destabilized though partisanship.

On the other hand, it could be a reflection of the decline of the party system and its loosening monopoly on the political system, which may not be such a temporary occurrence.

So now that the system has returned to balance, all politicians must tread carefully. Any more gridlock could lead to the dissolution of the political establishment under two parties, a system that has given our country strength in the past.

To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin, Republicans and Democrats must hang together or together they will each hang separately, as independents are setting vital precedent with every move.

This is the inflection point from which the great change promised will come.

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moderate gains in the Senate.

The GOP can cheer that Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) is no longer Speaker of the House, and major players like Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) have fallen by the wayside, but many other heavy-hitting Democrats are still in office.

Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) came out of the arena tattered but

and 10 seats too close to call.

For the Senate, the gap has been closed. There will be 52 Democrats in the 112th Senate and 46 Republicans, with two races too close to call.

One of those races is the three-way race in Alaska, in which incumbent Sen. Lisa Murkowski

the GOP if re-elected, thereby ensuring that seat will stay in Republican hands.

For governors' races, there are 15 Democrats, 29 Republicans, 1 independent (from Rhode Island) and 5 still undecided.

Perhaps today it is inappropriate to just analyze things in terms of blue and red, because the real

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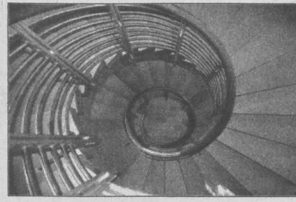
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## How the Democrats lost the midterm elections so badly

Looking back on the successes and failures of the last Congress and what to look for in the next two years

By Summer Lollie  
STAFF WRITER

As I watched the midterm elections come in on Tuesday night, I'll admit, I shed a tear or two, yelled, screamed and possibly threw a few things.

While the Democrats did manage to retain control of the Senate (thank you, Tea Party), the Democrats lost control of the House of Representatives in a devastating fashion, leaving me wondering how we got to this point.

The Democrats were always poised to lose seats in both chambers. In Congress, the party in power will almost always lose seats during mid-term elections. Also, the party in power will most assuredly lose seats if the economy is down and unemployment is up.

The Democratic-controlled 111th Congress started their session facing the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and was faced with near double-digit unemployment figures.

It is unsurprising that the exit polls found that almost 9 out of 10 people thought the economy was in bad shape, and, despite the fact that the majority of Americans still believe that George Bush and Republican policies got us into the mess, the American people blamed the party in power for not fixing it.

However, Democrats cannot come out of the loss simply blaming the economy. The Democrats played a role in their own defeat.

President Obama and Congressional Democrats had con-

trol of both houses and the presidency, yet decided to play footsie with a Republican Party that was determined to be the party of "no" from the very beginning.

The Republican Party played

except to send a few annoying videos and encourage people to hold "Healthcare Parties."

Instead of mobilizing the base, the Democratic Party did the opposite; they demobilized it

as many troops to Afghanistan, and continued and expanded the Bush/Cheney national security policies.

How much more centrist could Obama and Congressional

insurance companies from denying insurance because of a pre-existing conditions, cut prescription drug cost for Medicare recipients by 50%, extended benefits to same-sex partners of federal employees, passed the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009: a \$789 billion economic stimulus plan and signed the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act, which provides health care to 11 million kids - 4 million of whom were previously uninsured. They also significantly expanded Pell grants, which help low-income students pay for college. The list goes on and on.

On a side note, I would like to say that one of the biggest casualties of Tuesday night (setting aside Prop. 19) is that Nancy Pelosi will no longer be Speaker of the House.

Speaker Pelosi walked lockstep, synchronized with President Obama and ALWAYS got the votes. The House was disproportionately blamed for the Senate's failures. Nancy Pelosi didn't deserve this. Harry Reid did, yet it was Pelosi who lost her job.

Where, you ask, does all of this lead us? Well, more gridlock, that's for sure.

Keep a lookout for Boehner and Cantor calling to shut the government down.

Watch out for moves to put Wall Street in charge of Social Security and insurance companies in charge of Medicare, and get ready for the ridiculous use of Congressional time and money as the Republicans try to "investi-

gate" the Obama administration. For Republicans, the NoBama policy stopped Tuesday.

Now, the Republicans have to deal with a fractious party as they figure out who the hell these tea party candidates are and what they want.

Republicans will quickly discover what they learned in 1994—that it is much easier to talk than to govern. Republican policies got us into this mess; let's see if their policies can get us out of it.

President Obama does have one advantage: he is one voice against the babble of Republican and Tea Party voices.

This is the time when President Obama and Congressional Democrats can make the differences between Democrats and Republicans very clear.

This is not the time to appease Republicans. Stand your ground, President Obama.

Truman stood his ground. Reagan stood his ground. Now it is time for President Obama to stand his ground and stay true to the principles he campaigned on to get elected.

As the Republicans struggle to bring their caucus together, improve the economy and create jobs while beholden to the business interests that funded their campaigns, the Democrats need to let it be known that they are a party of political courage, not political contributions.

Democrats need to regain their voice as the party for the people by the people and remember who and what they are fighting for.

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the obstructionist legislation after legislation with the goal of gridlock.

Democrats could not swallow the fact that the Republican Party was not going to come to the middle and work with them.

In 2008, the people gave President Obama and Congressional Democrats a mandate, and instead of using that mandate to govern, they gave the public tepid legislation in the name of bipartisanship that was never really going to come. The Republicans were dead set to block anything the Democrats put out.

And what happened to the coalition that Obama and the Democrats built in 2008, anyway?

President Obama's presidential run left the Democrats one of the strongest voter mobilization networks this nation has seen, promising to keep the voters engaged as they governed.

Yet, until the upcoming days of the election, the Democrats did not use their Organizing For America network for two years

by chasing after the Republicans and ignoring their base.

It didn't help any when Rahm Emmanuel called the Democratic base "f\*\*\*king retards". One should not bite the hand that feeds them and then expect more snacks.

However, do not believe the things you will hear following the election. President Obama and Congressional Democrats did not overreach. The TARP (bank bailout) was Bush's baby. The stimulus package, deemed too small anyway, was needed to stave off the economic downturn the Bush policies created, and the financial regulations bill was deemed insufficient by the majority of Americans.

Do not believe that this election loss meant that Obama and Congressional Democrats should have moved more toward the center.

He was always in the center. He cut taxes, passed Mitt Romney's healthcare plan, opened off-shore drilling, sent twice

Democrats be?

In fact, it was the Blue Dog Democrats who took the most losses. While unfortunate for those needing Democratic representation in purple states, Blue Dogs chose to act like Republicans and thus shot themselves in the foot.

Trying to imitate a Republican will not bring you votes, especially if voters can pick a real Republican.

Do not believe that this election is a vindication of conservative philosophy. Demoralized Obama voters stayed at home, and non-aligned independents defected, voting against a lousy economy—they voted for performance rather than ideology.

Democrats did do a lot: passed financial reform law that prohibited banks from engaging in proprietary trading and established a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to look out for the interests of everyday Americans.

Democrats passed the health-care reform bill, preventing in-

## The trouble with rooting for both Donkeys and Cowboys

As his beloved Dallas Cowboys and Democratic Party take their seats in the cellar, Stockton Bullitt laments on the loss

By Stockton Bullitt  
OPINIONS EDITOR

I'm a Democrat and a fan of the Dallas Cowboys, so this really hasn't been the ideal autumn for me.

I've had the joy of listening to Sean Hannity call Barack Obama racist against black people, and even worse, I've had to remind a friend of mine who is a Giants fan that Jon Kitna was a washed up quarterback for the Lions three years ago!

I really wanted to make this article a giant pity party for me. Oh, how difficult my life is: Republicans kicked the Democrats' ass this past Tuesday almost as badly as the Jaguars (reminder: Jacksonville is a city in the United States, albeit an irrelevant one, and it does have a football team) dismantled the Cowboys in their own stadium.

Did I mention my best fantasy football player is Peyton Hillis?

But the more I think about it, the happier I am about this situation. Being a Democrat and a Cowboys fan hasn't really been that easy since early 2009. This school is filled with Republican fans of every other team in the NFC East, so it's not like the daily taunting I get is new to me.

Plus, for the last three years, the head coach of my favorite football team and the Congressional speaker for my party have been Wade Phillips and Nancy Pelosi.

Are you serious?

With the unemployment rate hovering around 9%, it is nothing short of a crime that these two strangely similar individuals have been getting a generous salary for a combined seven years.

Every time either one of their faces flashes on the TV screen, I have to fight the insatiable urge to throw something. And I'm the one who's supposed to root for

these guys.

By the way, Republicans, wipe that smile off your face. Remember, Michael Steele, a.k.a. Brad Childress, is still the head of your party.

Yes, this is a time of cleansing for both the Democrats and the Dallas Cowboys.

I can finally sit back and put all my chips on Obama like I wanted to do from day one of his presidency, and I no longer have to wait until early January for Tony Romo to treat my hopes and dreams like his own personal Jessica Simpson.

I am in the position I was used to growing up: watching the "Daily Show" for clips of blatant Republican lying and reading Mel Kiper Jr. for his thoughts on early draft picks of defensive backs (I'm preordering my Cowboy Prince Amukamara jersey as we speak).

Moving forward, this apocalyptic week could not be better for the long term future of both my party and my team.

The Cowboys are finally going to get themselves rid themselves of Jason Garrett and Wade Phillips, who proved to be as intelligent under pressure as W&L students on Windfall once the cops show up.

Plus, Dallas leads the league in attendance and has the most money, so it's not like they are the Cavaliers and won't be good for another quarter of a century or so. Sorry, Cleveland, at least you have Eric Mangini to look forward to.

My certainty in the Democrats is a little more complicated to explain.

For starters, is having a Democratic President and a Republican Congress all that bad for anybody?

The last time we had it, 1994, led to a pretty sweet six years in America. The economy was good and the biggest foreign policy issue was a war in Kosovo that mattered infinitely less to Americans than Kurt Cobain's death and Hanson's new album.

For the last two years, I've had to constantly hear about how evil and idiotic Democrats were.

I had the pleasure of listening to extended tirades about the similarities between Barack Obama and Vladimir Lenin.

So, Republicans, you got what you wanted. I look forward to seeing the fruition of all this proposed change that I keep seeing in commercials.

You say that you are going to fix the way Washington is run,

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and I look forward to you implementing your groundbreaking ideas.

For all the shit you give us Democrats, these past two years haven't really been the complete failure you said it has.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell? Mission Accomplished.

Troops out of Iraq? You're welcome.

Health Care? Failed. Oh wait, that passed? Sucks bro...

Now it's your turn.

You think you can balance this economy, stifle government spending, and win the war in Afghanistan? Go right ahead. I'm all ears.

Remember the wonderful job you did with responsibly coming out of the 2001 recession, controlling government spending from 2000-2008, and getting out of wars during the Bush administration?

Oh, you're over that now. Well, have fun ignoring the Tea Partiers and leftover neo-cons in your own party now that you have the power back.

More importantly, let's say you are who every single Republican here says he or she is: "Libertarians" with a little Reagan thrown in there.

In other words, you find ways to drastically cut down on government spending without having to resort to taxes and fix this war in Afghanistan, all the while

Republicans do works out. Then Obama can just take credit for all that success.

If you believe that Americans are too smart to see that logic. Remember they were dumb enough to expect Obama to pay their mortgage and Christine O'Donnell to perform witchcraft once elected.

Just know this, Republicans: enjoy this election as much as you can for the next two months.

Despite not controlling the Senate, you are the ones with the momentum.

You just started dating the hot, popular chick, and right now she's in the honeymoon phase.

This is the time when you break out your "NOObamaCare" t-shirts.

This is the time when you remind Democrats about how this is the biggest swing in the House since 1932.

This is the time when you go around telling everyone you kicked out the only thing worse than Michael Moore, a San Francisco liberal, for some guy named Boner...er...Boehner.

Remember though, once January rolls around, you are going to be the ones with the responsibility.

You are going to have to convince that hot, popular girl why she needs to stay with you through 2012, and let me tell you, her eyes are going to start drift-

# arts & life

## Rugby player from half way around the world

*W&L sophomore applies his skills from Fiji on the rugby fields of Southwest Virginia*

By Holly Suthers  
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Hailing from the remote village of Natewa, Fiji, Tuwi Rokodulu became involved with Washington and Lee's Screaming Minks Rugby Team in an effort to stay in touch with his roots. The sophomore has been involved with the team since the pre-season of his freshman year and has continued to be an integral member.

The Screaming Minks have a long-standing history at W&L. Established in 1966, the team has traveled all over the country to compete. The Minks are currently in the midst of their fall season and will have another season in the spring. The rugby team is part of Campus Activities and Recreation and is coached by Tom Lovell and John Welsh.

As a continuation to the Campus Recreation Spotlight series, Tuwi agreed to answer questions about the team and his involvement in it.

**Phi:** How long have you played rugby?

**Tuwi:** I have played rugby ever since I can remember. In Fiji primary school rugby is divided into four grades namely A's, B's and C's and D's. D's are grades 1 and 2, C's are 3 and 4 up until A's which encompass the upper grades of primary school, I guess it would be termed mid-

dle school here. In Form 3, I switched to soccer but promptly switched back the year after that. After that it has been all rugby up until this point.

**Phi:** What is your favorite aspect of playing rugby at W&L?

**Tuwi:** I really like the comradeship between the players, themselves and with the coaches. I'm used to a cutthroat competitive environment if I wanted to play for the starting 15 or the starting 7. Here it is more relaxed and friendly and really allows me to just enjoy playing with friends.

**Phi:** Do you have a favorite memory or story that took place during a rugby match, practice, etc.?

**Tuwi:** My favorite rugby memory last year was that of Vos David, Law Exchange student last year, and [sophomore] Miguel Garza 13'. Vos would put in a perfect cross the field kick and Miguel would have the sheer speed, balance and timing to score time after time. This season so far [sophomore] John Hale's kicking game has been quite impressive. Of course off the field, it is having dinner with Coach John and his family and especially being entertained by his son JP.

**Phi:** How much time do you

put into the Rugby Club?

**Tuwi:** Basically it is just two hours every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and usually the whole of Saturday, too.

brute force, loads of injuries and a lack of elegance. However, it all comes down to preparation, not unlike any other sport. In fact once a team starts getting to-

because that definitely played a role. It also helped that friends were already here namely [junior] Raisa Velasco and [senior] Anitesh Lal.

comments that you would like to add?

**Tuwi:** I would really like to thank those familiar faces on the rugby field sidelines, thanks for

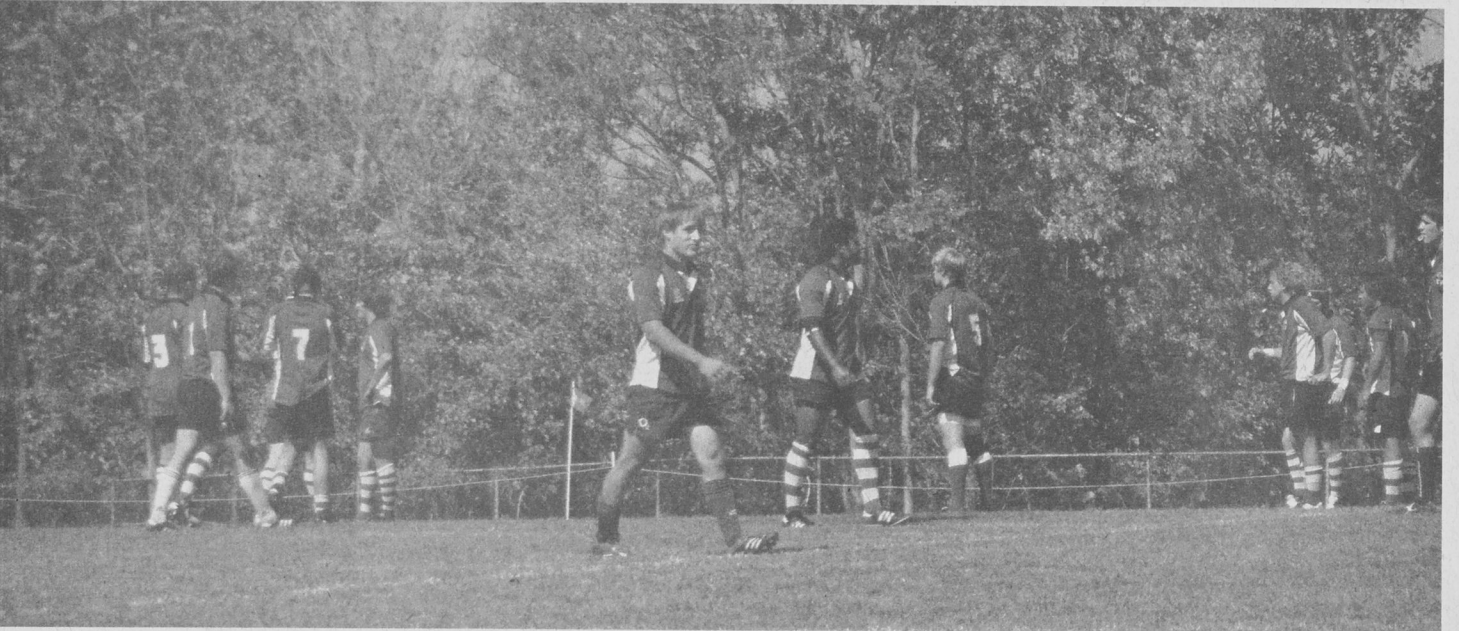


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**Tuwi Rokodulu takes to the rugby field at the beginning of the match on a gorgeous fall Saturday.**

**Phi:** Is there anything about the rugby team that you would like the campus to know about?

**Tuwi:** Other than the fact that we still need people to come out, not really, no. But on a more serious note I think rugby has the misconception that it is just sheer

gether, it is uniquely elegant and makes for a good watch.

**Phi:** Why did you choose to come to W&L?

**Tuwi:** It was a variety of factors, chiefly among them the Honor system. I would be remiss to blot out rugby here, too,

**Phi:** What is your favorite aspect of W&L?

**Tuwi:** The small classes would have to be it and the easy relation to the professors. Other than that it would have to be my friends.

**Phi:** Do you have any other

coming out to support the team. Also to those of you who buy rugby tee's, thanks, as well. Kudus to my Host Mum and Dad Mr. and Mrs. Toner and the only rugby cheerleader [sophomore] Sirocco Fury Hamada.

## Subject of musical too dark for one student

*'Assassins' reviewer says that the story line and music was depressing, but that the actors played their roles to a tee*

By Julie Hansen  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee's departments of Music, Theater and Dance showed their portrayal of *Assassins*, a musical based on an idea by Charles Gilbert, Jr., with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim; think "Sweeney Todd."

Before I get into the nitty-gritty details, let me just warn you, *Assassins* is a play you probably shouldn't take your grandmother or younger sister to. There is no want of swearing or gunfire; there are rather vivid interpretations of death and execution; and, for a musical, there is a great deal of long soliloquies.

The musical itself has an eerie vibe to it, dealing with the deaths of presidents and the thoughts that possess people to murder a national figure, whether the reasons were for infamy, politics or pure psychosis. Furthermore, the anachronistic conversations between assassins left me confused; it was a break from the historical facts and speculations

that the musical is greatly based off of. Adding to the confusion was the non-chronological presentation of assassinations, especially since I need to brush up on my U.S. presidents.

In all fairness, most of my complaints really can be blamed on the script and my own personal preferences in musicals. I had a conversation with a classmate who saw the same showing and he came away praising the things I was criticizing, namely "Unworthy Of Your Love," a song in which John Hinckley, played by freshman Yates Wilburn, and Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, played by freshman Kaitlyn Farley, sang to their respective muses, Jodie Foster and Charles Manson. I said it felt bizarre hearing crazy people sing to their unrequited loves as though they were religious figures; he said that was the point, he had never thought about assassin's reasoning's behind their actions.

Despite what I interpreted as a

very dark musical, W&L music, theater and dance stars shined throughout. Senior Johnny Coyle played a relatable, almost likable John Wilkes Booth; that is, when he wasn't acting as menacing, time-traveling instigator of more than a centuries' worth of assassinations, which he did just as convincingly. In fact, Booth is the sanest assassin in the whole show, killing the president as a political statement against the Civil War, rather than for an ulcerated stomach, like Giuseppe Zangara, played by freshman Raya Taylor, attempted.

Furthermore, with freshmen comprising more than a third of the cast, *Assassins* was a genuine exhibition of new W&L talent. Freshman Keith Trump brought an endearing quality to the musical as he performed as the Baldeed. With an excellent voice and stage-presence to match, Trump helped break the tension and serve as comic relief; especially in Charles Guiteau's

execution scene. While the audience (well, at least I) cringed and waited for Guiteau, played by sophomore Tyson Janney, to be hanged Trump came in dancing along with Janney, mocking the evangelist jack of all trades up until his final breath. Not to mention, "The Ballad of Booth" kicked off the musical's almost comedic view of Booth's actions, which was seen as more charming than derogatory.

Other new talent included Kaitlyn Farley who, despite playing a crazy hippie, was able to show off her voice while singing about her equally crazy idol-boyfriend-son of god, Charles Manson. Also, freshman Sarah Williams had an excellent vocal presence in "Something Just Broke," a favorite song of mine from the musical considering it seemed to restore the severity of the acts of those portrayed in *Assassins*.

W&L really excelled at bringing out the humor in this

dark comedy. With her excellent comic timing and stage presence, junior Jeni Pritchett brought Sara Jane Moore to life as a hilarious, naïve, crazy-mom-down-the-street character.

And, when *Assassins* wasn't making me laugh, it was certainly giving me chills. From the executions to the projection of John F. Kennedy's assassination, I was sucked into the past and experienced both what the assassins may have felt and what the general public may have felt. At times, both understanding and sympathy were felt for all of the assassins, even the psychotic ones like for Leon Czolgosz, who was played heartbreakingly genuine by senior Dave Curran. Czolgosz was a first-generation Polish-American who worked in a glass factory until the pressures and inequalities of immigrant overcame him. If there was any assassin I felt the most compassion for, it was Czolgosz.

While W&L Music and The-

ater did an excellent job of presenting *Assassins* as an informative and compelling presentation of U.S. history, if I could have changed one thing, it would have been the projection screens on the back of the stage. Though at times they did show relevant, heart-wrenching photos, such as the children living in the city slums during the late 19th century, a lot of the time I found them rather distracting. It is true that I have a short attention span, but also it seemed like at times it was just a Google images search. The action would have been more compelling with just the bare stage.

Despite my criticisms, *Assassins* was an amazing musical that left me feeling chilled and reflective, especially about the types of circumstances that lead to assassination attempts. It made me want to fight for equality, as well as increase security measures everywhere.

## Greeks put on a successful carnival again

*Members of fraternities and sororities organize and volunteer at the Halloween Community Carnival at the YMCA*

By Mary Helen Turnage  
STAFF WRITER

Several Lexington and Rockbridge County families attended the annual Halloween Community Carnival last Saturday to show off their costumes, play games and win prizes. The tunes of "The Monster Mash" and "Thriller" played throughout the day while children, parents and Washington and Lee student volunteers were filled with smiles on the crisp fall afternoon.

The event is a joint effort among the Greek men and women of W&L. The Panhellenic Council organized and planned the event, while the Interfraternity Council (IFC) provided a large number of volunteers and helped cover expenses.

"This year we chose to benefit the YMCA's Fall Membership Drive and the event was held in their parking lot," said junior Kenzie Doss, Panhellenic's Programming/Public Relations Ex-

ecutive and head of the carnival this year.

In previous years, each fraternity or sorority was responsible for running a given booth, but this year the fraternities were asked to provide the actual games.

"A few fraternities really went above and beyond. Sigma Chi made a great 'Pin the Tail on the Donkey' and a few members of Beta sacrificed themselves for 'Pie a Greek,' which just so happened to be the most popular game with the kids. KA was also very enthusiastic about their face-painting," said Doss.

In 2004, the manager of Wal-Mart proposed the idea to Panhellenic because he thought that Greeks might be interested in volunteering for a community carnival. W&L Greek organizations have participated in the event ever since.

Local organizations also con-

tributed to the carnival. Dave's Produce donated 50 hay bales and 300 pumpkins. The mission of the carnival is to improve relations with the Rockbridge Community.

As a winner of the Gamma Phi Beta College Panhellenic Award in 2008, the Panhellenic Council at W&L works hard to enhance the Greek image on campus and in the Lexington area. With help from all Greek organizations on campus, the carnival serves as a great way for fraternity and sorority members to show their loyalty to the Rockbridge area.

"We don't raise money, we don't raise awareness, it is just about giving to the community," said senior Panhellenic President Sarah Merritt.

**A carnival participant pies the face of junior Will Hall.**

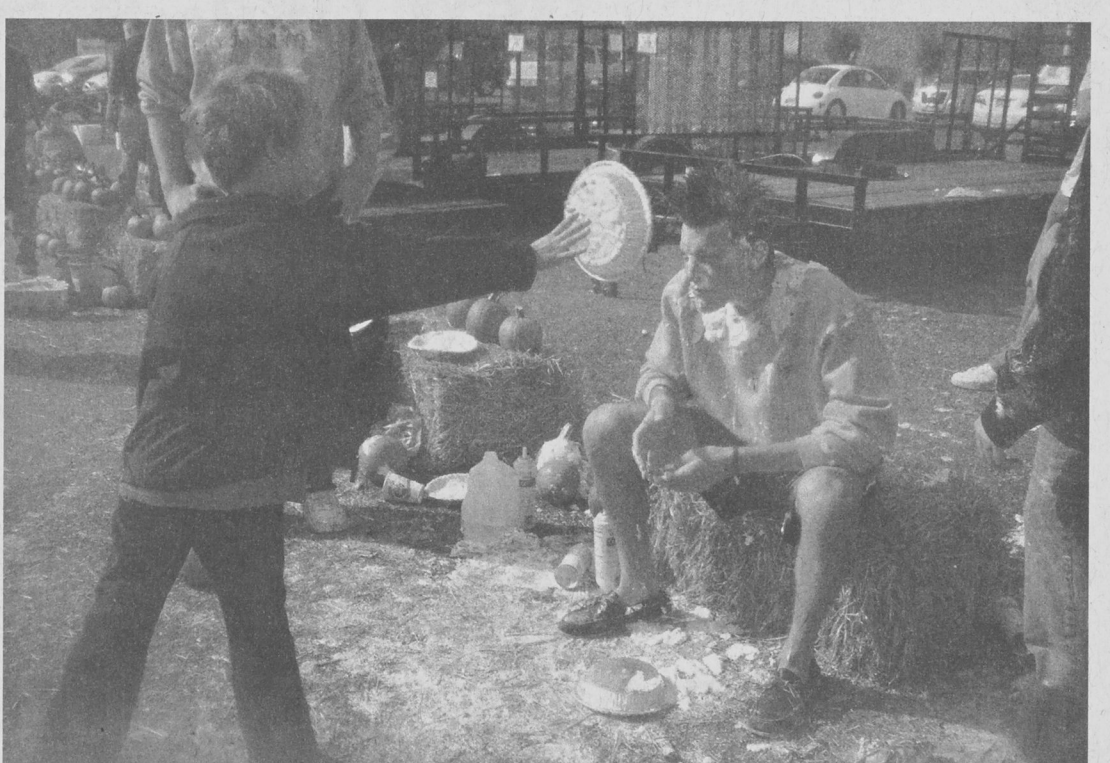
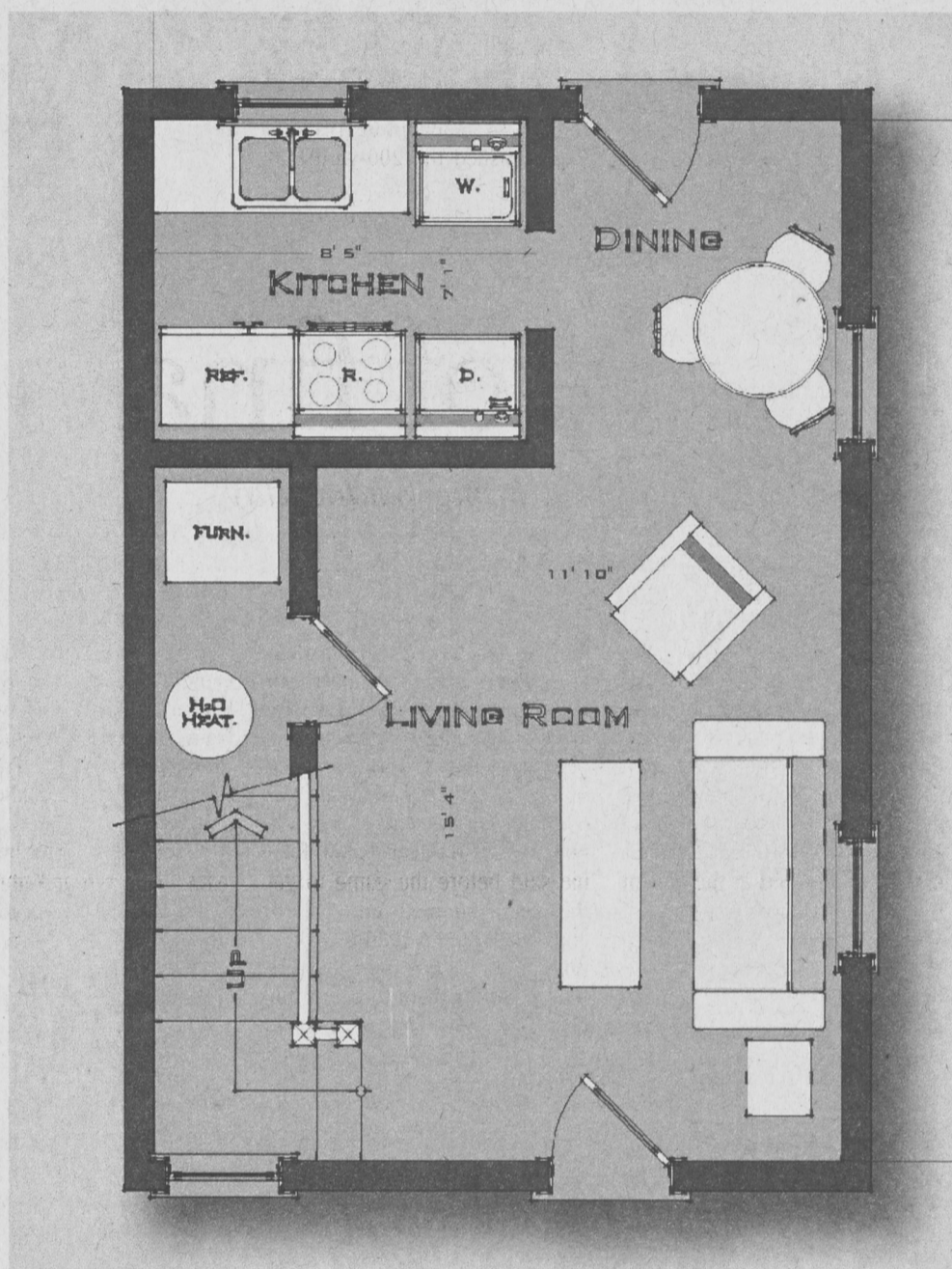
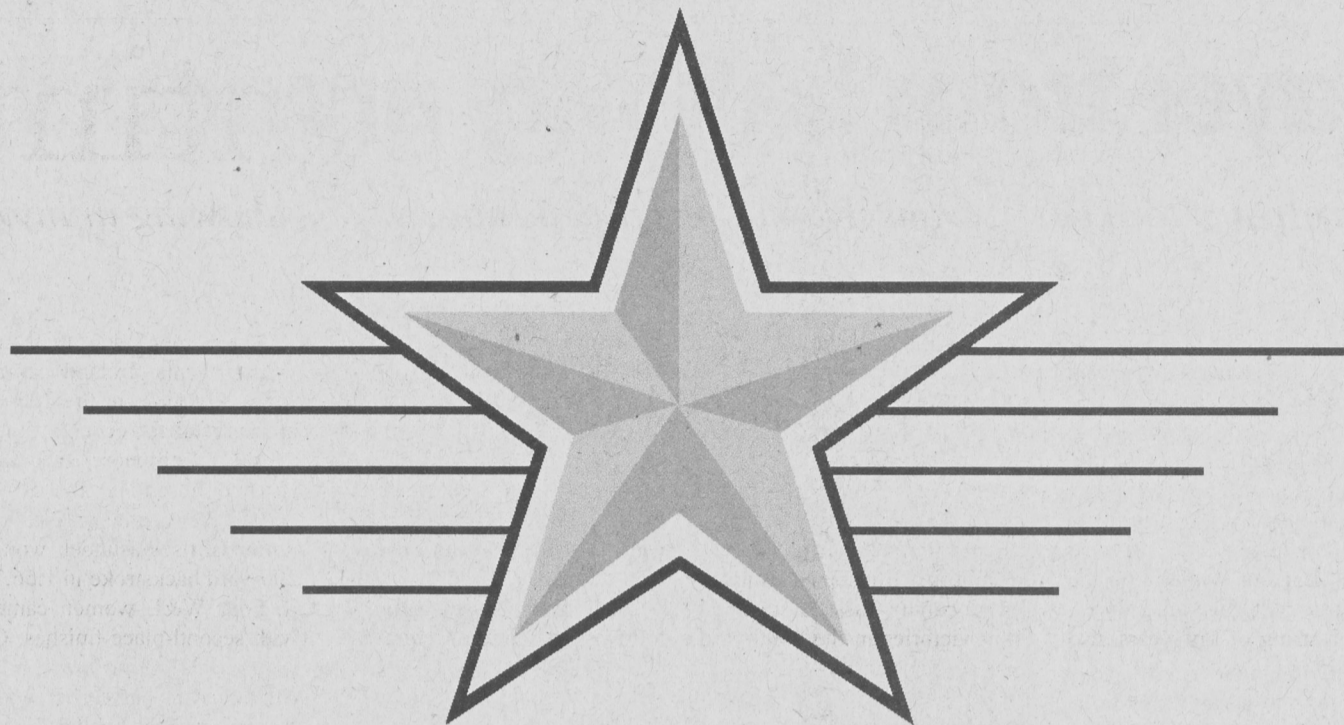
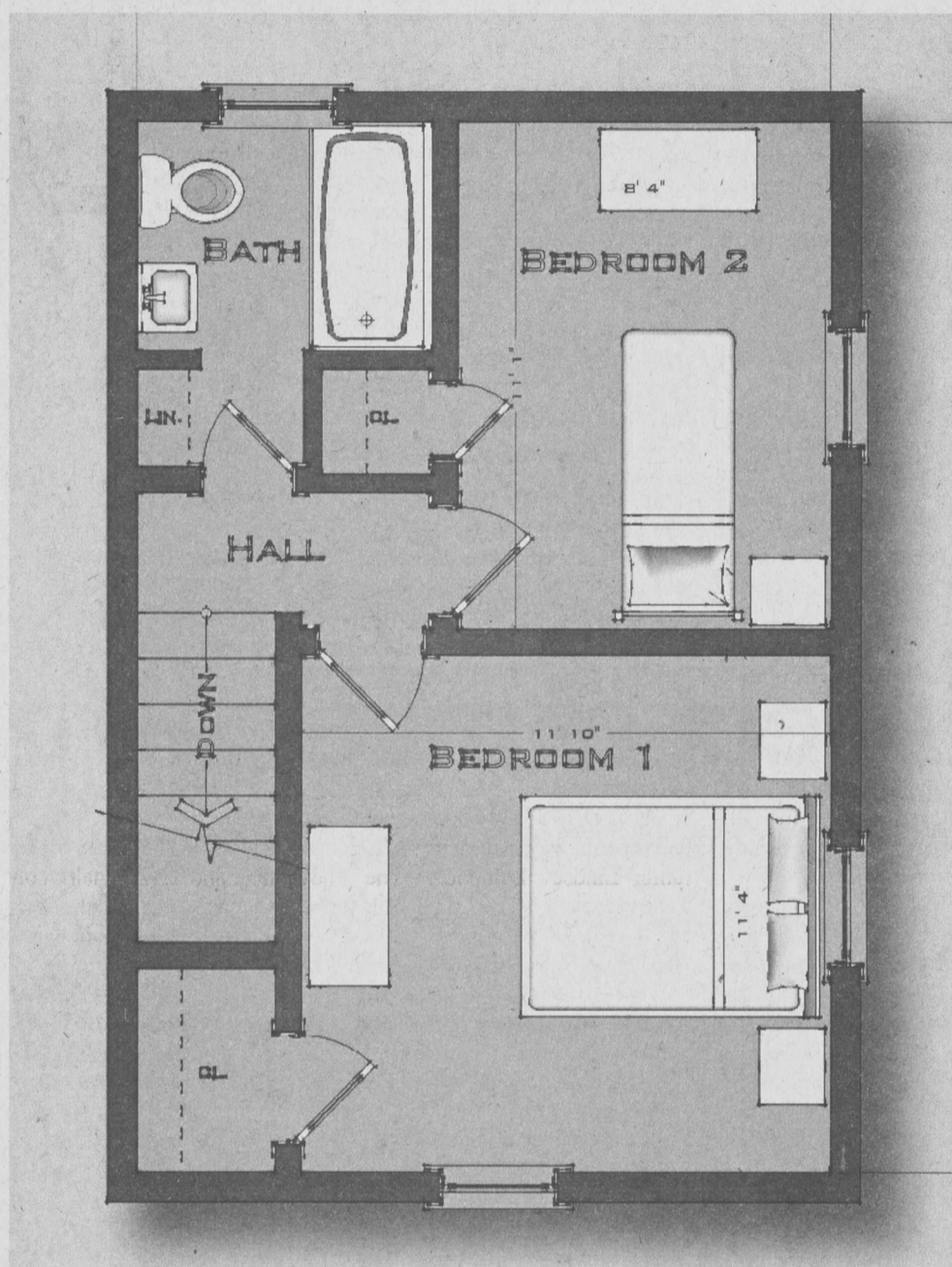


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# sports

## Swimming success continues

Men's and women's swim teams take down Transylvania, individuals have strong showing in Invitational

By Jayna Johns  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams both claimed strong victories in their meets against Transylvania University, in Lexington, Ky. The teams won a combined 15 events in the process of their sweep of the Pioneers.

The men, who are now 2-0 early in the season, won nine event victories to earn a total score of 169 to Transylvania's 91 points. The women, 1-1 on the season, claimed wins in six events to win by a score of 145-116.

For the W&L men, first-years Philip Dishuck and Robert Knuth led the Generals. Each claimed victories in two individual events. Dishuck won both the 1000-yard freestyle and the 200-yard breaststroke, coming

in with a time of 10:50.91 and 2:26.45, respectively. Knuth touched in first in the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes. The first he did in the time of 56.40 and the second in 2:08.52.

The men's team included several other individual winners. Senior Brandon Wilder won the 200-yard butterfly in 2:04.11, while a string of first-years also came in first. David Ireland won the 100-yard breaststroke at 1:02.30, Forrest Behne won the 500-yard freestyle at 5:15.67 and Eric Shuman won the 100-yard butterfly in 55.36.

One of W&L's men's relay teams also came in first. The 200-yard freestyle team, consisting of first-years Brendan McGoldrick and Matthew Hesser, senior Dorsey Terry and junior

Brian Stirling, came in with a time of 1:32.34.

The women also had an impressive showing on Friday. Five different swimmers came home with first-place individual finishes, and, like the men, landed one relay team in the top spot.

Juniors Elizabeth Starnes and Jocelyn Cassada claimed event victories in the 1000-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke, respectively. Starnes recorded a time of 11:17.75, and Cassada won hers in a time of 1:02.84.

Sophomore Delaney Rolfe finished first in the 200-yard butterfly with a top time of 2:20.73. Fellow sophomore Ann McCampbell touched in first in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:32.32.

First-year Lauren Kasoff con-

cluded the individual winners for the women's team, coming in first in the 100-yard butterfly in 1:02.79. Cassada, Kasoff, junior Dana Fredericks and sophomore Izzy Brassfield made up the 200-yard medley relay team who finished on top in a time of 1:54.91.

Both teams swam again the following day in the Centre College Invitational. They swam against DePauw University, Washington University and Centre College at the University of Louisville's pool complex.

Washington University won the event for both the men and women. The Generals' men's team came in right behind them at second, and the women's team finished third behind second place DePauw.

Three men won their individual events. Ireland came in again, this time in the 200-yard breaststroke to record a time of 2:13.02, sophomore Rick Sykes touched in first in the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 21.39 and junior Chris Washnock won the 200-yard backstroke in 1:56.75.

Four W&L women came in with second-place finishes. Cassada had a strong weekend, as she added to her earlier win by coming in right behind the winner in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing in a time of 1:02.75. Rolfe built on her win Friday by adding a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle event in 2:00.24. Sophomore Brittany Ross finished the 200-yard butterfly in 2:14.33 and junior Katie Salvati touched in second in the

200-yard backstroke, recording her time of 2:13.74.

In all, it was a strong and successful weekend for both Generals' swimming teams. The men will return to pool on Friday, November 5, when they host Gardner-Webb at 6:30 pm. The women swim again on Saturday, November 6, when they will compete against Randolph-Macon at 1:00 pm. Both meets will be at W&L.

## Generals stopped short of finals

Washington and Lee's field hockey season ended after a loss in the ODAC semifinal game Wednesday

By Kirsten Kyne  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee field hockey team ended their season Wednesday night at Randolph Macon College in the ODAC semifinal game. After suffering a 2-0 deficit in the first half, the Generals began to come back but were shut down, the score ending at 5-3.

"I don't think the score reflected how we play the game," said sophomore Katherine Price. "I think a lot of their goals were luck and bad timing. We had

more shots and played our hearts out."

Junior Anne Stevenson started off the scoring for the Generals and senior Emmy Matthew's goal followed shortly after. "We've come back from worse before and thought we could do it," said junior Lindsey Edmonds. The Yellow Jackets scored their fifth and final goal just two minutes later.

Sophomore goalkeeper Caroline Sutherland was pulled from

the game to allow the Generals to have an 11th field player. The strategy seemed to work because junior Christina Benedetti scored the third goal, but the team was unable to capitalize on the shots and corners they had.

The Generals held a 28-7 shot advantage and 19-2 penalty corner advantage against the Yellow Jackets but were unable to find the goal. "We had so many shots, we just needed to get it in there," Edmonds said. "Luck

just wasn't on our side."

Despite the loss at Randolph Macon, the Generals finished the season 9-8 including a win on Saturday for the ODAC first round against Virginia Wesleyan 4-1. This was the Generals last game on the W&L Turf Field as it will be replaced at the end of this season. It was also the last home game for the four seniors that will be graduating in May.

The seniors were recognized at the end of the game with their

parents by having all of their achievements from the past four years announced. It was a very emotional game for the seniors because a lot of work has been put in over the past years for them to get to where they are now. As first-year Katja Kline said before the game to get the team pumped up, "Think about the seniors and how many miles they've run over the past four years for them to get to this game."

The speech worked with the Generals starting off with a 3-1 lead in the first half with goals from Stevenson, senior Kelly Tran and Benedetti. Tran scored the fourth goal in the second half.

"I'm so glad to be on this team," said senior Kate Donnelly. "I wouldn't want to play for anyone else."

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<b>Women's Swimming</b>			vs Randolph-Macon 1 p.m.				
<b>Volleyball</b>		vs Emory & Henry at Hollins 4 p.m.	ODAC Semifinals at Hollins TBA				
<b>Wrestling</b>							
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## in the numbers

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The number of ODAC records Washington and Lee's football team set in Friday night's 49-14 victory over Catholic. It is also the number of players who broke the century mark in rushing yards in the game. The Generals are 5-0 in conference play for the first time in school history.

56

The number of years the San Francisco Giants have gone without winning the World Series. The drought finally ended Tuesday night with a 3-1 victory over the Texas Rangers in Game 5 of the Series.

307

Nebraska senior runningback Roy Helu, Jr. rushed for this many yards on Saturday to become the first college football player this season to gain 300 on the ground. His touchdown runs of 73, 66 and 53 yards helped lift #14 Nebraska over #6 Missouri, 31-17.

## soapbox

"That's a sanctuary for our coaches, our players and our football family to be out there together doing the thing we love most. It kind of felt good to sweat out some of the feelings and emotions that were inside."

Mississippi State's head football coach Dan Mullen on how he and the team are coping following the death of teammate Nick Bell, 20. Bell was diagnosed with cancer late this September, and passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 2, after a sudden turn for the worse. Courtesy of [espn.com](http://espn.com).

"It was during the Cuban Missile Crisis. I think I won the prize. People were impressed that the president was able to break away to attend a school Halloween party."

Bill Belichick on his favorite Halloween memory during a rare light moment with the media. He dressed as President John F. Kennedy. Courtesy of [foxsports.com](http://foxsports.com).

"I wished and hoped that it would have worked out as well. But it was a programmatic non-fit, and it didn't work out. When things don't work out, you need to move quickly to take steps."

Minnesota Vikings head coach Brad Childress commenting on the recent trade of Randy Moss to the Tennessee Titans. Issues between Moss and the Vikings began following Sunday's loss to the Patriots. Moss heaped praise on the Patriots while criticizing Vikings coaches for not listening to his input during the game. Courtesy of [espn.com](http://espn.com).

# ODAC Champions

Women's cross country win conference, men finish season 6th in ODAC

By Jayna Johns  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Generals' women's cross country team are 2010 ODAC Champions after dominating Saturday's championship meet hosted by Randolph College.

All five of Washington and Lee's scoring runners placed in the Top 15 to give the team a final score of 46 points, squeezing by second-place Lynchburg College by only one point. They were competing against six other schools.

This is the sixth time in seven years that the Generals have won the conference title.

First-year Rebecca Bryer was the first General across the finish line, coming in third overall and with a time of 23:25.

Sophomore Lauren Schultz finished with a time of 23:38 to come in fifth, and first-year Annelise Madison finished 11th in 24:18. She was followed four seconds later by senior Katherine Fenwick, who came in 12th.

Bryer and Schultz each earned First Team All-ODAC honors for their finishes, marking the second year in a row that Schultz has won this honor. Bryer was also named ODAC Rookie of the Year for her performance for the season.

Madison and Fenwick were both named to the all-conference Second Team.

Sophomore Molly Ortiz rounded out the W&L team with a 15th-place finish in a time of 24:39.

The post-season accolades did not stop with the runners as W&L's head coach Kris Hoey earned ODAC Coach of the Year.

W&L's men's cross country team also competed at Saturday's ODAC Cross Country Championships, coming in at sixth-place out the eight competing teams.

The men finished with a team score of 125 points. The winning team, Lynchburg

College, had 34.

Junior Matt Gossett finished in 15th place with a time of 27:30 as the General's top finisher.

Junior Robert Warneford-Thomson recorded a time of 27:59 for a 20th place finish. For the second-consecutive year, Warneford-Thomson was named the ODAC/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Senior Rob George took 28th overall at 28:15, and junior Ryan Henner finished 31st at 28:24. Senior Jack Ivy came in with a 32nd-place finish in a time of 28:42 to conclude the scoring runners' for the Generals.

Both teams will continue on to the NCAA South/Southeast Regional meet at Rhodes College. The race is set for 12:00 pm on Saturday, November 13.

# Generals' streak continues

W&L Football continues field domination as they move to 5-0 in ODAC play

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The Generals extended their winning streak to five games with a record-breaking 49-14 victory last Friday at Catholic University.

Washington and Lee (6-2, 5-0) rushed for an ODAC single-game record 496 yards and broke the ODAC record and the W&L's school record for rushing yards in a single season on their way to the first 5-0 ODAC conference start in school history. They are currently at 3,008 rushing yards for the season with two games left to play.

The Generals' entire offensive line earned ODAC Player of the Week Honors for their performance. The players on the line are senior Greg Kurkis, junior John Fitzgibbons, sophomore Mike Stefanelli and first-years Bobby Jones and Connor Hollenbeck.

Sophomore Luke Heinsohn led the way with 114 rushing yards and a touchdown, while fellow sophomore Brett Murray ran for 101 yards and junior Harrison Hudson added 100 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Jason Zelesnik also ran for his first

touchdown of the season.

Junior quarterback Charlie Westfal had three completed passes with only five attempts, including a couple of long touchdown passes. He hit senior tight end Patrick Conley over the middle for a 36 yard catch and run in the first quarter, and later found Harrison Hudson down the right sideline for a 30 yard touchdown. Westfal also added 71 yards on the ground.

The Generals held the Cardinals to only 14 points, the lowest they have held an opponent all season, and forced turnovers at crucial times. Catholic's first drive ended on a fumble deep in Generals' territory, recovered by sophomore linebacker Doug Fraser inside the W&L five yard line.

Sophomore safety Jake Pelton also intercepted Catholic quarterback Greg Cordivari at the one yard line in the second quarter. Pelton would add a second interception in the second half and earned ODAC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his performance. This week marked the third week out of the last four that Pelton was awarded this honor.

Catholic managed only 100 yards rushing yards, almost exclusively by runningback Nick Cortese, but the Cardinals did move the ball effectively through the air. Cordivari completed 21 of 36 passes for 209 yards, and Lawrence DeSimone led the way with six receptions.

Ball control played a huge role in the lopsided victory. The Generals held possession for 41 minutes and 22 seconds, compared to only 18 minutes and 38 seconds for Catholic. W&L also scored touchdowns off of each of Catholic's four turnovers for a total of 28 points.

The Generals also set a new ODAC record for rushing touchdowns on the season with a current total of 33.

Looking ahead, W&L will host Hampden-Sydney this Saturday at 1:00. Both teams will enter the game undefeated in the ODAC, and Washington and Lee will clinch the outright ODAC championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament with a win.

# Generals continue success

Women win 3, lose 1 at Emory National Invitational; move to 25-5

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Washington and Lee opened the Emory National Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia with a 3-2 win over Berry College, which would lead them to three more victories and a tough loss on Friday, October 30.

W&L, with a season record of 23-4 at the time, came from behind to defeat the Vikings, 20-9, and post its ninth-straight victory, 25-23, 21-25, 23-25, 25-20, 15-11.

The W&L volleyball team won its 10th match in a row with a 3-1 victory over Maryville. W&L defeated the Scots, who were 14-15 on the season, 28-26, 19-25, 25-22, 25-18. It was the second 10-match winning streak of the season for the Generals.

First year outside hitter M.A. Boles was one of three to record at least 10 kills and had 15 total, while junior middle blocker Lindsey Dee had 12 and junior outside hitter Megan Daily added 10. Boles also had 11 digs and two service aces.

Sophomore libero Cameron Hill posted a team-high 13 digs and first-year Nikki DelZenero had 21 assists, 7 digs and two service aces.

The Generals' volleyball team was

once again victorious as they recorded their 11th win in a row with 3-2 over Birmingham-Southern College in at the Emory National Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia on an exciting afternoon. W&L (25-4) defeated the Panthers (23-11) 25-17, 21-25, 25-23, 18-25, 15-8.

Junior Lindsey Dee led the Generals with an impressive career-high nine blocks and complemented that with eight kills. First year M.A. Boles proved her skills with a team-high 13 kills to go with 15 digs and a pair of blocks. Junior Megan Daily came out with twelve kills while sophomore right side Bailey Walker had ten and senior middle blocker Louise Brooks recorded nine.

A great day for the Generals got even better when first-year setter Nikki DelZenero had a team-high 23 assists and 11 digs, while first year Meghan Meleski had 21 assists, and sophomore libero Cameron Hill led the team with 23 digs.

Unfortunately, when the Generals advanced in the tournament to play No. 2 Emory University, they lost 3-0. W&L (25-5) fell to the second-ranked Eagles (27-4), 25-19, 25-17, 25-10.

Daily tallied seven kills while Dee recorded five kills and a pair of blocks. Hill had ten digs and once again led the defense. Meleski had a team-high 14 assists. At the conclusion of play, both Dee and Boles were honored and named to the All-Tournament Team.

Captain Daily said that she is "continually impressed with how well our first years fit in with the team. They all came in and have made immediate contributions." She also noted that the "seniors have really fostered a positive team chemistry, which has manifested in how well we have done this season. Every day we are working hard in the gym to get better and maximize our performance." She also said "while we were successful at Emory, we are building up to the ODAC tournament to hopefully win and have a great run in the NCAA tournament."

The Emory National Invitational concluded W&L's regular season play. The first-seeded Generals will next take on eight-seeded Emory & Henry in the ODAC Tournament hosted by Hollins University on Friday, November 5, at 4 pm.