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Redoing registration once again

New registration system seeks to answer students' concerns and criticisms, but may not be the perfect solution

By Diandra Spicak
MANAGING EDITOR

NEW WEB REG: WHAT TO EXPECT

ADVICE FROM THE REGISTRAR'S WEBSITE

HOLDS AND REGISTRATION APPROVALS:

View administrative office holds, which you will need to clear in order to register; find out when your registration window opens and closes; check that your adviser has given online approval for you to register when your window opens; and view any individual instructor consents for registration into specific course sections.

SEARCH AND REGISTER FOR SECTION:

View the course offerings for a particular term; see which courses are open, which have a waiting list, and which are closed; select sections to add to your preferred course list (no limit); and register if your window is open and requirements are met.

REGISTER, DROP OR ADD PREVIOUS SELECTIONS:

Once you have developed your preferred list (your "shopping cart" and your window is open, this is where you begin your actual registration. You can only register for courses listed in your preferred courses list, so create that list before your registration window opens.

MANAGE MY WAITLIST:

There is no immediate or 'automatic' process by which a student is clicked into the course from the waitlist. If a seat opens for a section and you are at the top of the waiting list (as managed by the faculty), you receive an e-mail notifying you of the opening and giving you a deadline to register for that seat, and to make any other adjustments to your schedule. If you miss the deadline, you lose the seat.

Starting this Friday, Washington and Lee students will tackle a new Web Registration process, with changes most students have been asking for. Perhaps the biggest change is that students will now be able to register for certain sections of a course, instead of just the course itself.

"I really like how you can pick the specific section that you want," said sophomore Lizzie Engel. "So, if you don't want class until noon, that's pretty great."

However, the University Registrar warned about the potential drawback of switching to a section-based registration program.

"Students are getting some of what they want, but I think they'll be surprised that it will be hard to get the section they want because there's more of a competition," said University Registrar Scott Dittman.

Besides answering the students' call to create their own schedules, the new registration will also introduce other new features, including a "shopping cart" for classes, while dropping older practices.

The "shopping cart" feature allows students to place sections and courses they would like to take "in storage" for registration. Hypothetically, according to Dittman, students could place all sections of one class in their shopping cart while creating their schedules. However, Dittman warned, the cart must be planned out before the registration window opens, otherwise planning a schedule will eat into the valuable time allotted for registration.

With the new registration, students will no longer have 4-digit passwords given to them by their advisors. Instead, after meeting with the students, advisors will be able to "click in" a student, approving him or her for registration.

Instead of an automatic entrance to a wait-listed class when a seat opens up, students will have to approve of joining the class within a deadline, usually by the next day. Students will receive an email notification when there is a free seat in the waitlisted class and will have to decide whether or not they wish to register for that

class.

Students will also have to steer clear of any course conflicts or taking classes without the required prerequisites. If a student signs up for a conflicting class or for a class which he or she is not fully qualified to take, the new program will implement a "hard stop," preventing them from continuing with registration.

"In the old system, it was easy to get around the 'soft-stop' and preregister for conflicting courses or for courses you did not have the prerequisites for," said Dittman. "Now there have to be new procedures for a faculty member to

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get around [the conflict of not having the require prerequisites]. There will be a new override form."

According to Dittman, there is "no way" to override a time conflict in the software, so there is a paper process that "could be done behind the scenes."

The new registration will also feature an online drop-add session, instead of the former paper procedure. The upcoming spring registration will be the last paper drop-add ever, according to Dittman. However, there will still be a paper process for late registration.

According to Dittman, the change from course-based to section-based registration is in part an answer to students' criticism the old system received. Two years ago, committees of faculty, staff and students began to look at the outdated system and brainstorm new ideas, spearheaded by the efforts of Associate University Registrar Barbara Rowe.

According to Dittman, the old course-based registration was "designed 13 years ago to last for two years." Now that the computer language the program was written in is becoming obsolete, it seemed time to make the jump to a new program. However, the new program has already received mixed reviews.

"It's very different, but it's not that hard to use," said senior Lauren Sturdy. "I really like how you can pick courses and save them. However, the disadvantage, for me, is that I'm in chorus and we're not allowed to register for conflicting classes."

Others disagreed with Sturdy, saying the new registration was a step in the right direction, but does not quite meet up to today's technological standards.

"Overall I think it's an improvement, but it's just not that much of an improvement," said junior David Margolies. "It's confusing. The links are not very clear. And, it's not mobile. Obviously they made a new webpage, so why didn't they make a mobile webpage? I just think it's really dated."

Even with the mixed reviews, others seem hopeful for the new system.

"It seems like it will be more expedited, especially since you don't have to get a password from your advisor," said Engel. "I think the first few rounds will have a few issues, but it might be a good system. It's a matter of working things out in the long term."

Spring term Web Registration windows open up this Friday, Jan. 28, for seniors, and will continue on Tuesday, Feb. 1 for first-years. Juniors and sophomores will be able to register starting Thursday, Feb. 3.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Walk-up question-and-answer sessions will be held in the Elrod Commons Marketplace at the following times:
11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Tue. Jan. 25
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Thu. Jan. 27
11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Fri. Jan. 28

30-minute demonstrations of student screens and processes (which are open to everyone) will take place in the Elrod Commons, Stackhouse Theater at the following times:
5 pm, Mon., Jan. 24

5 pm, Wed., Jan. 26

30-minute demonstrations of faculty/staff screens and processes will take place in the Leyburn Library Smart Zone at the following times:

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60-minute demonstrations of dept./program head and administrative assistant screens and processes will take place in Leyburn Library Room 301 on Wed. Jan. 26.

Health Center numbers may be a good sign

The number of students admitted may be going up, but some believe students are just being careful

By Jayna Johns
SPORTS EDITOR

Last October saw the largest number of alcohol-related visits to Washington and Lee's Student Health Center (SHC) in history. While this sounds troubling, it may be a positive sign.

Dr. Jane Horton, director of the SHC, said that September, October, January and May tend to see the most visits, but monthly averages are about 35, 25, 25, and 20, respectively. September saw a slight increase at 39 visits, but October's visits jumped to 57, more than twice the average, and more than three times a year before. Last year, October only had 15 visits.

An alcohol-related visit is defined as an overnight stay either at the SHC or the local hospital, report of an injury as a result of intoxication, such as a drunken brawl, students reporting sexual assault or women seeking the Plan B birth control pill after drinking the night before, said Horton.

While the total numbers are significantly higher, the proportions are about the same. Most visits are for overnight stays, with a few injury reports, and a smaller amount of other incidents. First-year students are twice as likely as all other classes combined to be brought into the SHC, and this pattern continued in October.

The cause of the October spike is open to speculation. Horton said that the numbers for November

dropped back into the normal range. Eighteen students were brought to the SHC last year, and only 13 for November this year.

Most students are given a BAC test when they come to the SHC with an alcohol-related issue, and this year's numbers are "typical" of the average level, which was 0.16 last year and has been decreasing for the past several years, according to Horton. This suggests that students are not drinking any more than usual.

Dawn Watkins, dean of student affairs at W&L, believes that the jump in students brought in could be a positive, showing that students are taking better care of each other.

"It is important to not assume that [student's drinking] behavior is any different," Watkins said.

She believes that an increased emphasis on "bystander intervention," an element frequently cited by Horton as well, has encouraged students to bring in others who may be engaged in "high-risk behavior."

"Every bit of our [alcohol] education, across the board, encourages bystander intervention," said Watkins, referencing the current "Green Dot" program and the safe-haven practice of the SHC.

The school is encouraging students to be more active bystanders. She has one message for those

who see someone is in trouble: "Hey, go get your friend help," she said.

Crystal Spencer, the head resident advisor for first-years, agrees that others seem to be more aware of taking care of their friends.

"I would say people have become more aware of the severity of the issue of leaving someone alone when they are drunk," she said. The issue was brought up during mandatory first-year alcohol classes, and she believes that the classes "made [students] more aware of the severity of the issue."

As a student, Spencer said she does not feel that more alcohol is being consumed than usual. Watkins agreed, saying that they do know students are drinking less than they have in past years.

The classes and programs may be getting through to students, but there may also be simpler reasons for the increase.

According to both Watkins and Horton, student events are increasingly being held within city limits, making it easier for students to go to the center due to proximity.

"I see events sponsored in city limits as a safe choice," said Watkins.

Spencer also mentioned a recent tragedy at a nearby school that may have affected W&L students. A student at Radford University was recently

found dead in his room after a night of drinking. He was left alone to "sleep it off" and died during the night because of it. "I think that has raised more awareness," she said.

The death occurred on October 15, which may have been a factor in the spike that month.

W&L has not had an alcohol-related death since the fall of 2000. In comparison, there were 10 student deaths between 1990 and 1999, according to Watkins.

To Watkins, this means something has gotten across to W&L students: students seem take care of each other and take advantage of the resources provided by the school.

"For the most part, our students are pretty smart," said Watkins.

Although numbers from last weekend's Tear Night will not be available until next month, early indications are that even though the number of students admitted was higher on this year's Tear Night was higher than last year's, overall BAC was down. Once again, it seems that students are learning to take care of each other and use their resources.

news

Kappa Sigma comes back

The newest brothers look forward to spring rushing

By Valaree Tang
STAFF WRITER

While the formal recruitment process may be over for most Greek organizations at Washington and Lee, Kappa Sigma will continue to recruit new members this winter.

The four men who are currently in the fraternity colony have already been speaking with other first-year men who are interested in joining Kappa Sigma.

Some of the new members of the colony said that they joined Kappa Sigma because of the opportunities it provided. While the other fraternities have an established brotherhood, they believe that Kappa Sigma offers chances for leadership, post-graduate and strong alumni networking.

Parker King, one of the founders of the soon-to-be chapter, is excited about the prospects that Kappa Sigma has to offer. A Kappa Sigma legacy, King is now the Grandmaster of Ceremonies, and is in charge of fraternity rituals and new member education.

"The biggest selling point in recruiting for Kappa Sigma is that you can make it whatever you want," said King.

The colony's Grand Master, or president, Christian Martine, takes a less aggressive stance on recruitment.

"In the end, we're all Generals. Fraternities are simply families among friends," Martine said. "As a fraternity, all we can do is allow those interested in joining a fraternity to feel welcome and, should they not choose us, we will continue offering our support and friendship."

To recruit new members, some colony members will emphasize what drew them to Kappa Sigma: opportunity.

"For the rest of winter term, however, we will be allowed to employ rolling recruitment to boost our numbers with independents and late rushers of all ages, who may have completely discounted the entire Greek system but now have an opportunity to truly make a fraternity their own," said Grand Procurator (vice president) and Grand Treasurer Yates Wilburn.

The colony will also be working toward receiving the charter for Kappa Sigma, and restoring the Mu chapter of the fraternity, the third oldest chapter in the fraternity's history.

The colony will become a chapter once it has fulfilled the requirements mandated by the executive national board, including community service, fundraising and writing the chapter's constitution and bylaws.

"I am most excited about being able to mold the Chapter Constitution, where the other founding fathers and I can truly have an impact on the character of the chapter," said Wilburn.

The national headquarters will award the colony a charter once its members have completed the requirements; the process is not time-dependent.

"It's a product of how quickly the colonization process is accomplished," said Trey Weitzel, Kappa Sigma Area Recruitment Manager, who will be working closely with the colony to recruit more members and establish a chapter. "Knowing these guys, I'm sure they will be right on top of it. Once they complete the items on the checklist, they submit to the national executive committee, which is also the governing body of Kappa Sigma, and it will decide when a colony receives charter."

Weitzel recruited the current four members of the colony in the fall.

On the national level, Kappa Sigma is very excited since the W&L chapter is the third oldest chapter of the fraternity.

"The headquarters staff, national committee staff and the alumni are all excited to have it back. Over 1,200 men have been initiated through this chapter, so lots of people [are] eager to have that home restored," Weitzel said.

The colony is also receiving help from Judge John Forster, the alumnus advisor and professor at the law school, and his wife, Jane Lee Forster, who was among the first female students at W&L and one of the founders of the W&L sorority system. The colony is also supported by alumni from both the international organization and W&L.

Associate Director of Student Activities and Greek Life Teri Cugliari considers Kappa Sigma's fall recruitment to be a success.

"Based on the fact that Kappa Sigma has successfully recruited new members, is continuing to attract new members and is moving forward in the chartering process, their colonization is successful," said Cugliari.

Weitzel also considers the operations of the chapter so far a success, despite having only four members.

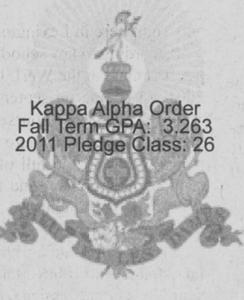
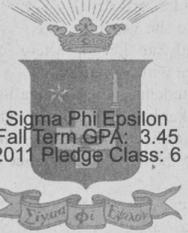
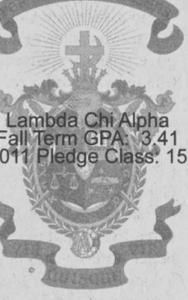
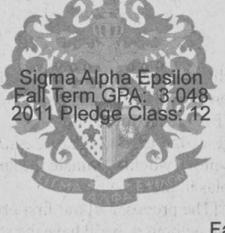
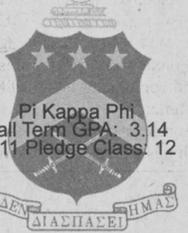
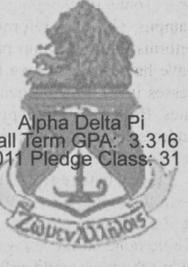
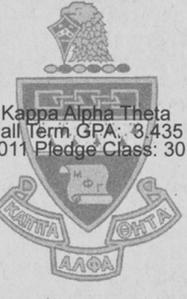
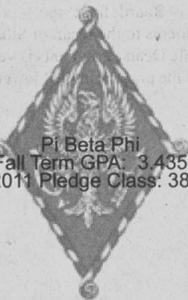
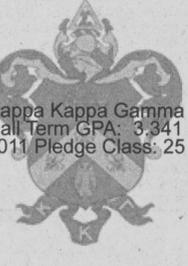
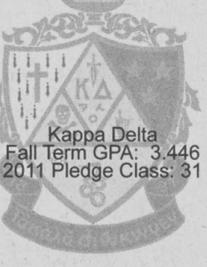
"The fact that we're back, have very dedicated guys that are excited to join and are excited to move forward with the process makes it a success. It just takes a few good men to start," said Weitzel.

Rush by the numbers

An organization by organization breakdown of rush results at Washington and Lee

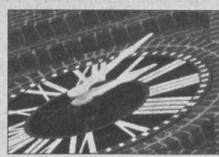
By Courtney Ridenhour
STAFF WRITER



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To the 384 of you who made it through rush this year, congratulations. To the ladies, get ready to be showered with gifts and love. To the gentlemen, we'll see you spring term. This year, 198 women registered for recruitment. According to Teri Cugliari, the Associate Director of Student Activities and Greek Life, the average number of women who rush every year is 200. Of the 198 women who registered, 186 received bids last Friday. This year, 12 women were released from the process, four fewer than the 16 potential new members who did so last year. A total of 208 men, ten more than last year, registered for recruitment, said Clay Coleman, the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life. One hundred and ninety-five men accepted bids.

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news

Meet Judy Clarke: W&L's famous professor

Law students talk about their experiences with Judy Clarke, the professor representing Jared Lee Loughner

By Kelly Mae Ross
STAFF WRITER

Jared Lee Loughner, the suspected gunman in the Tucson, Ariz. shooting, will soon be appearing in court before a federal judge. Standing beside him will be Washington and Lee's own Judy Clarke, a professor of practice at the School of Law.

According to the official criminal complaint document filed by the FBI, Loughner faces five federal charges including one count of attempting to assassinate Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, two counts of attempted murder of a federal government employee and two counts of murder of a federal employee.

In total, 19 people were shot at Congresswoman Giffords's "Congress on Your Corner" event on Jan. 8. Six were killed, including Arizona District Court Judge John M. Roll and Giffords's aide Gabe Zimmerman.

Lawyers and professors all over the country agree that Loughner could not have hoped for a better defense attorney than Clarke. Clarke has a long history of getting life sentences for defendants who originally faced the death penalty. Some of her best-known clients include Theodore J. Kaczynski, also known as the Unabomber; Eric Robert Rudolph, the Atlanta Olympics bomber; and Susan Smith, a woman who drowned her two young children in a lake in 1994.

After Clarke was appointed as Loughner's defense lawyer, her name began to appear on all sorts of news websites. *The New York Times*, *TIME Magazine*, *CNN* and *Fox News* are just some of the organizations that have already run a story on Clarke.

While the public now knows a significant amount about Clarke as a defense lawyer, the news media rarely mentions that Clarke devotes some of her time to teaching young aspiring law-

yers right here in Lexington.

According to law school records, Clarke taught her first class at the W&L law school in the fall of 2006—a course on sentencing law and practice. She next taught two courses in the spring of 2007, one on criminal procedure and the other on white-collar crime. In the fall of 2008 Clarke taught a criminal law course, and in the springs of 2009 and 2010, she taught a Criminal Law Practicum and a Criminal Practice Practicum, respectively.

Clarke has made an impact upon many of the law students who have taken her courses. Third-year law student Jessica Guzik said that it was the Criminal Law class that she took with Clarke that actually sparked her interest in litigation.

Clarke's former students describe her class as different from the stereotypical law school course. Guzik said that she and her classmates participated in weekly trial simulation exercises in their class that allowed them to think creatively about the arguments that they were making and to "use talents besides simply reading and taking notes."

Kristina Joyner, a law school alumna and former student of Clarke's, said that Clarke treated her and her fellow students more like colleagues, sometimes even asking them for advice on cases that she was working on.

While Clarke may have performed simulation activities with her Criminal Law students, it was the students in her Criminal Law Practicum who truly got to learn through experience what it was like to try a criminal case. According to law school alumnus Patrick Chamberlain, who took Clarke's Criminal Law Practicum in the spring of 2009, the entire practicum class was divided into small teams of prosecutors and defendants. These teams then spent the entire term working on one case and going through all of the steps of the trial process. Chamberlain said that the cases that were worked on in this course were real cases that

had already gone through the trial process. All of the evidentiary reports and other documents were from the real file of a case that Professor Clarke had worked on in some capacity.

Not only did Clarke make an impact on her students through the lessons that she taught, but some of her students also remember her as being very willing to talk to them outside of the classroom. According to third-year law student Bill Larson, Professor Clarke is a very friendly person outside of class, something that he doesn't think the news media have really picked up on in their stories about her. Larson said he would sometimes chat with Professor Clarke outside of class about various topics, such as their opinions of the biography of Joe Biden.

However, Joyner said that it could sometimes be difficult to talk Clarke outside of class with great frequency because she was often travelling between Lexington and San Diego, where she works in private practice with her husband.

Many of Clarke's students seem to have had the same impression of her both as a professor and as a person. They describe her as humble, genuine and deeply dedicated to the study and practice of the law.

Third-year law student Alex Merritt said that what he remembers most about the class that he took with Clarke in the fall of 2008 is the farewell talk that she gave on the last day of class. The talk was Clarke's "heartfelt" explanation of why she thinks criminal defense is such an important practice because everyone, including those who break the law, is granted certain protections and procedural rights under the Constitution.

"She is a true believer in American justice," said Larson.

Chamberlain said that he hoped Clarke would have time to come back and teach at the law school again in the spring, for the students' sake. How-

ever, Linda Johnson, Director of Law School Records for W&L, said that Professor Clarke will not be returning to teach another course this spring.

While she may not be teaching another course this year, Clarke will surely be keeping more than busy preparing to defend Jared Lee Loughner in trial. Some journalists and lawyers have begun to speculate that Clarke may attempt to use the insanity plea in her defense of Loughner, but some of her students aren't so sure about that.

They said that Clarke discussed different aspects of the use of the insanity defense in both her criminal law class and practicum, often discussing it in relation to Clarke's work defending Ted Kaczynski, also known as the Unabomber.

When asked if he thought that she might use the insanity plea in the Loughner case, Larson said that he believes Clarke will consider every possible course of action.

Guzik said that Clarke does not view the insanity plea as a tactical maneuver that can be used by defense lawyers to avoid certain legal repercussions, in other words, as a way to duck punishment. She said that Clarke "doesn't take anything like that for granted" because she realizes that one can undermine the entire legal system if they abuse something like the insanity plea.

Joyner said that the news media seems to have hyped up the use of the insanity plea because, in actuality, the use of this type of defense is actually quite rare. According to *The Jurisprudence of the Insanity Defense* by Michael Perlin, lawyers have only tried to use the insanity defense in less than one percent of felony cases.

Loughner will next appear in court, along with Clarke, for his preliminary hearing, which has been scheduled for Jan. 24.

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EC sets winter goals

The beginning of winter term brings new plans for the EC at W&L

By Kelsy McCraw
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The Executive Committee forecasted a busy bill of winter term objectives at their weekly meeting on Tuesday night.

President Scott Centorino explained that the group hopes to piggyback off of a successful fall term and continue to improve student self-government.

"I think everyone, from every part of campus can look at the things we've done,

ies like the Student Judicial Council. The Dean of Students would be able to enter a UBA proceeding with less prior knowledge of the case at hand. Centorino said this move would eliminate the appearance of bias in the UBA.

"[The proposal is] our first priority because without it, we'll have the status quo. With it, we'll have an appellate process

"Considering what we've done so far, things a lot of people didn't think we could pull off, I'm excited about the possibilities."

Scott Centorino, EC President

and find a bunch of things to be happy about," he said.

Among the laundry list of goals for the winter was to pass the University Board of Appeal reforms past a faculty vote in the coming months. The reforms, which the EC painstakingly worked on in the fall, have been an important step toward improving student self-government.

The reform proposal outlines UBA procedures more clearly, guarantees basic rights for anyone involved in a hearing and formalizes why a lower body's decision can be overturned. This means that any student involved in a UBA hearing will know exactly what to expect in the proceeding, know exactly what they are allowed to do for their case and know that the UBA will only overturn a lower body's decision for bad procedure, not for difference of opinions on the case.

Even more, the proposal changes the Chair of the Board from the Associate Dean of Students to the Dean of Students. The Associate Dean of Students is very intertwined in the proceedings of lower bod-

ies for hazing, sexual assault and conduct decisions that makes sense and one we can all count on and trust. It gets us one step closer to living our values," he said.

The Student Affairs Committee has already approved the reforms, and, now, the EC will focus on swaying the faculty.

The UBA deals closely with Student-Faculty Hearing Board, which handles cases of sexual harassment on campus. The EC believes that gender relations pose some of the biggest problems on campus. The UBA reforms and the SFHB reforms that the group passed in the fall have helped to improve the judicial processes involved with gender relations issues. But Centorino hopes to look at and address the issues from different angles during this semester.

"I want to take a step back and look at it from the bigger picture. What becomes of it, I'm not sure yet. But considering what we've done so far, things a lot of people didn't think we could pull off, I'm excited about the possibilities," he said.

More directly affecting students will

be the EC's work with Dining Services.

Sophomore representative Jack Apgar has led the Coup de Co-op Committee to regain co-op money for students who miss dinner. The group has already won \$5.85 for student-athletes who miss dinner because of practice and \$125 extra food debit for all students with a Marketplace meal plan.

However, the EC hopes to regain the co-op dinner option for the general student body, believing it is not only the athletes' problem. Apgar will continue to collect information to help their case for when Dining Services reviews their budget in March.

As a final triumph, Centorino boasted a lower-than-average number of honor cases for the fall term. The EC normally sees around eight to ten honor cases a term.

Centorino said he thinks that there isn't an underreporting problem and genuinely believes students are taking the Honor System more seriously.

"It's hard to say why it's been a quiet year. It's promising, of course... that being said, we're always looking to improve the system and modernize it," he said.

He indicated that a few higher-profile cases that happened last year might have helped to keep the Honor System and the EC on students' minds.

More on the winter term agenda includes ensuring at least three more Chick-fil-A visits, purchasing a memorial bench for the late Granvil George and running successful elections and officer transitions.

opinions



Coming home from college

A nice remix to normal life

By Campbell Burr
COLUMNIST

Imagine being woken up with a kiss and a mug of coffee, walking into your own clean bathroom without flip-flops, and returning to find your bed already made. Picture trying on every piece of clothing in your wardrobe before going out and coming home to find them hung up and put away. Imagine sitting in a well-decorated room by a crackling fire and watching your favorite football team with a big bowl of homemade popcorn. Home sweet home.

Though living at home is more luxurious than living in a crowded dorm room, it has its restrictions. Here are some frustrations I faced over Christmas break:

1. Where are the pizza and Oreos? Raiding my fridge at the end of the night is nothing like wandering through Graham-Lees on a food hunt... unless you keep baby carrots, pickles, and soymilk in your dorm for late-night snacking. No wonder I was so skinny in high school.

2. "Comb your hair." "Less eye make-up." "That dress is too short." The commentary doesn't stop. At a family brunch, I was scolded at least five times by my parents and grandparents for wearing a skirt too short. I can only imagine what they would say about my theme-party outfits...

3. "How's school? Do you have a boyfriend? How's your roommate? How are Mom and Dad holding up?" Literally the same conversation with every person I come across. And telling people you have a single room is not as easy as you think. At most schools, singles are reserved for socially-incompetent freaks, not half of the freshman class. Would saying I have "lots of boyfriends" come across the wrong way? And considering the empty nesters go out more than I do, I'd saying they're holding up just fine.

4. Where's Traveller when I need it? Unreliable Mapquest directions, fights over whose turn it is to be the designated driver and speed traps all become a headache. If only Traveller would extend its five-mile radius and serve students over break. Well, that may be a bit more complicated than learning to read a map.

5. My grandparents were out later than I was on New Year's Eve. I wish I were kidding. Thank you, curfew.

6. You feel sorry for your friends when you hear about their college experiences:

"All of our parties are really small." "It's hard because all of the upperclassmen have parties but I don't know any of them." "The boys are so nerdy!"

And how am I supposed to comfort them? "College is only considered the best four years of your life—guess it's seriously downhill from here!"

Over break I went to a party hosted by a Georgetown student. The boys were dressed in button-down shirts, pretty similar to what the typical W&L student would wear out. On the way home, my friend who attends another university couldn't get over their outfits. "They all looked like little Ken dolls!" I had forgotten that boys at other schools dress like slobs. Yet another reason to love W&L.

7. The world no longer revolves around me. When I'm late, my whole family is late. At school, I may press snooze a few too many times and come to class five minutes late. Rude? Yes, but at least I'm not dragging three other people late to class with me. At home, my parents expect me to be punctual. Sometimes I fail to meet that expectation, like over break when I arrived ten minutes late to a 35-minute church service and missed my dad's reading.

8. I've watched every episode of Real Housewives, read a few trashy novels, shopped at every boutique and department store and am... running out of things to do. I could always get more than 12 hours of sleep a night and continue to make one errand take up the entire day. Maybe I could straighten my hair for the fifth time today? So little to do and so much time.

9. Catching up with friends isn't quite as entertaining as it used to be. As much fun as it is to hear about John, Will and Jake, I'll never know these people! Why do I care that John blasts Enya from his dorm room and thinks no one can tell when he is checking himself out in store window reflections? Hey, on second thought, let me meet this guy. We seem to have more in common than I thought.

10. "You're dressed like a mom." Thanks, I'm actually wearing her clothes. Fortunately and unfortunately, my mom and I are the same size in clothes and shoes and share closets when I'm home. This is a blessing because between the two of us, we have every color and style of sweater and skirt which makes getting ready easy. The only negative? My mom looks better in our clothes than I do—self-confidence boost!

Now I'm back in Lexington re-teaching myself how to make a bed, fold clothes and get a life. I get twice as much done with half as much time. I feel twice as energetic with half as much sleep. And I'm having twice as much fun going out half as many nights. Though living in a tiny dorm cell and doing all of my own chores without allowance can be exhausting, life is good.

Shooting sprouts from a gun

Opponents of the Second Amendment use fundamentally incorrect reasoning to frame their arguments

By John Paul Beall
COLUMNIST

Before reading this article any further, please take a moment of silence for the victims of the tragic shooting in Tucson on January 8.

In light of this incident, the topic of gun control has once again emerged to the forefront of political debate. People cite this incident as the classic example of the dangers of a gun. By extension, they demand more stringent regulations for gun control.

There are many reasons why calling for more expansive gun laws is the incorrect answer to the tragedy of murder and crime, but one thing must be made perfectly clear: to claim that a gun is the cause of violence is to strip the murderer of responsibility for his own actions and to dishonor those who were robbed of irreplaceable life.

This seems to be a trend long in the making where the Jeffersonian ideals in government have since faded away. Self-determination has given way to the belief that if there is a problem that needs solving, one lobbies the government, who will set up an extensive and inefficient bureaucracy to regulate the matter. This is perhaps a residual effect from the era of Franklin D. Roosevelt's alphabet soup of programs and bureaucracies during the Great Depression, yet even he never believed that all the programs would ever be permanent.

But crime is the one major talking point that advocates of gun control use to persuade the public. America is very

effective in that it is a republic with an idea that the law reigns supreme: a great generator of civic and social stability in the United States. When a person commits a crime, however, he or she is essentially outside the law. The conclusion then is that legality does not concern the lawless. So if a law is established to con-

control have misunderstood this idea as for radicals, who wish to remain armed should the government become tyrannical. While some radicals do hold this position, this is not an overarching factor.

The Founding Fathers understood what it meant to have self-determination. The ability to act for oneself is

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liberty; dependence on another person or entity is to be robbed of one's liberties and rights. Murder is to be robbed of the right to life; theft is to be robbed of property; and to be disarmed is to be robbed of the ability to guarantee one's rights for oneself, a liberty all on its own. Instead of being able to act

in self-defense, people are forced to wait for the police to arrive and act for them.

To describe the track record of the 100-year lifespan of gun control policies across the globe would make this article insufferably long and dry, so summary will have to suffice. It does not matter which country is examined. The policy is always the same, and so is the output. If ever in a discussion or heated argument, the best question anyone can ask to advocates of gun control is if they can delineate their supposed answer to the problem.

The bottom line is that if someone attempts to establish the connection between guns and violence, there is an essential logical error. Violence can come around for a variety of reasons, from poverty, to social unrest or even bad politics, but violence never grows from the barrel of a gun.

control the supply of guns, the only realm in which this will work is in the realm of the lawful citizen. The good are disarmed in a vain effort to disarm the bad, an unintended but unfortunate result of such policy.

Many World War II buffs know that after the war ended and the Japanese battle plans were discovered, it was found that Japan had never intended a full-on land invasion of the contiguous forty-eight states. One reason why is that the Japanese tacticians knew that most American households owned arms for their own defense. This would have rendered a land attack on the United States nearly impossible to execute, because the invasion would have needed to be fought on a block by block basis.

This illustrates the crowning point for those who favor the 2nd Amendment: personal defense. Advocates of gun

Differences between men and women in relationships

Without his target demographic as a base, Stockton Bullitt ventures into unknown territory... and sells out

By Stockton Bullitt
OPINIONS EDITOR

Writing opinion articles this kind of year is particularly difficult. I like to think that I cater to a certain demographic of reader. This works relatively well for me because as long as I pound out a weekly article of the same bullshit metaphors and references to ESPN and movies, I know that I don't have to try particularly hard to write an effective column.

However, there is a stretch of about two months or so where I have a feeling a certain proportion of my target demographic does not exactly have the time to read my column. I would say that for the next... oh... seven or so weeks, this certain portion of the target demographic will have more important things to do than read why I think Caleb Hanie is the perfect mixture of two of the better movies of the late 1990s (in other words he is the almost famous version of Willie Beamon). If you didn't understand that reference, there's a chance you are not among the demographic of very busy people right now.

So since I can't write bullshit articles about sports, I will write an article about a subject that this certain absent demographic does not particularly care about: relationships.

There are certain aspects of relationships that are hard to prepare for. I wasn't really sure of what these were, so I did a little research at Leyburn and found out some interesting little nuances about relationships at Washington and Lee that frankly I did not see coming.

First and foremost, there is a whole new world of television to encounter once you enter into a relationship. Yes, ladies, you have to watch way too many sports and usually we hog the television anyway, but you have been rolling your eyes at the atrocious shows we watch for quite a long time now. But, wow, it is painful to watch Bravo, MTV, ABC Family, and E! on an endless loop.

After all that pain and hardship how-

ever, I got a definite feel for who I do and don't like in your world of television. I do like Kim and Phaedra from "Real Housewives of Atlanta." Let's be honest, Kim is the perfect comeback for all the countless years of negatively portrayed minorities on television. I don't know how she does it, but she overshadows anything the Basketball Wives ever do. I don't like Chelsea Handler, but that's only because I have a penis. I do like anyone on the "Millionaire Matchmaker" who isn't the Millionaire Matchmaker. I mean, it is really that hard to find boring and shallow people in Los Angeles?

I don't see how people pay her money. I don't like Aria from "Pretty Little Liars." Really? If I was hooking up with a teacher while I was in high school, I would find a way to smile once in a while. I do like Janelle from "Teen Mom 2." She and Ray J are easily the two most entertaining people in the world right now. Why do a paper on *Roe v. Wade* when you can just forward your teacher clips of her? Finally, I don't like "Skins," but that's because I'm not in the 13-16 age range. That show gets a bad rap from critics and anyone in college because it so clearly panders to that target age range. I guarantee you that every middle school girl in America is thinking about trading in her Twilight backpack for anything that has to do with the new MTV show that shamelessly glorifies what pre-teens imagine high school to be like and what teens think they are actually going through.

Another little nuance of dating is all the damn thought process that goes into a dinner and a movie. Girls, you don't want to look fat when ordering, but you also want to order something expensive enough that he'll know that he can't be cheap with you. That being said, you can't order something too expensive because there's always the off chance that when the check comes, he'll look at

you and raise an eyebrow. Guys, on the other hand, have to worry about ordering something that makes them look like a man, meaning that the sorority rush date diet of pasta and salad is not eligible. Unfortunately, pasta and salad also happen to be two of the cheapest options on the menu. Masculinity costs money, especially at The Bistro.

The movie also presents a problem, at least for the guy. There's no way the guy ever talks the girl into seeing "The Expendables" or "The A-Team." Usually, the choices come down to whatever-Disney-is-throwing-out-there or the barely watchable romantic comedy of the moment. Best case scenario, you get "Wall-E" or Natalie Portman for 90 minutes. Worst-case scenario, you get two hours of Miley Cyrus.

Then there's music. Ladies, I know that maybe it's a little weird that the predominantly suburban, Caucasian population of W&L prefers to listen to the same music that they do in Queensbridge and Harlem, but that is no comparison to having to listen to the horror that is Taylor Swift. I know that most of Bruce Springsteen's songs sound the same, but c'mon - the only difference among any of Taylor Swift's songs is the name. Also, there has to come a time when Taylor realizes that all the problems that befall her in all her relationships are clearly her fault, and don't try and retort that she realized it with that guy who played the werewolf. The only benefit I received from any of Taylor Swift's music is it more firmly entrenched my belief that John Mayer is my role model.

Okay, so there you have it: I originally and wholly summed up all the differences between men and women. I would share the rest with the missing demographic, but I have a feeling that they will not be thinking about women until late March.

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The experience of Xbox Kinect

Need a way to waste time while standing up? Pat Smith explains the glory of getting a workout playing video games

By Patrick Smith
COLUMNIST

If you don't count the eight hours of Call of Duty Black Ops I play daily, one could hardly call me a "gamer." For those of you out there who love video games but get a bunch of crap from your parents about being a waste of space on the couch, I have the solution: Xbox Kinect.

Over break, I had the pleasure of playing copious amounts of Xbox Kinect, but I hate when people call Xbox Kinect a video game. I like to call it an "experience." The reason it is not a video game is because there are no controllers. You must stand, and it's exhausting as hell.

The first time I played it with my friends from Jersey, we played for like four hours straight. The next morning I could barely get out of bed because I was so sore.

Every parent out there should encourage his or her children to play Xbox Kinect. It's fun as the dickens and is also a great work out. The amazing thing about the "experience" is how accurately the

character on the screen mimics your movements. For example, if you pick your nose in front of the camera,

the dude on the screen is going to pick his nose, and everyone will laugh at you.

Perhaps the best part about the Xbox Kinect is the video replay they show you at the end of each game. The console puts together a slideshow of everything you did in that round of play. The things you will see may haunt you.

In my professional opinion, the most physical-

ly challenging game Kinect provides is the soccer goalie game. It requires you to stay in the power position and move left to right, up and down, in order to block shot after shot. Once you get up to about 40 saves

your legs start to burn as well as your eyes, because blinking is not an option.

The first time I played the soccer goalie game, I made the mistake of wearing blue jeans and a polo. Needless to say, I could not walk right for a few days.

The Xbox Kinect is like the Wii on steroids and the badass version of the PlayStation Move. No stupid handsets or nun-chucks to mess around with. Just a man and his thoughts... and a smartphone.

The Xbox Kinect is not for the shy or reserved type of person. In order to excel in this experience, you must go all out and leave everything on the table. It's kind of like drinking a Four Loko at noon.

All in all, get the Xbox Kinect. If you are worried about playing too many video games, start playing the experience. Invest in the Xbox Kinect and get your life moving.

On a side note, I hope everyone had a wonderful tear-weekend and didn't get arrested like Snookie did for not being able to find the beach while she was on the beach.

Critter pants are ruining W&L

Ali Greenberg enlightens the student population of the fashion do's and don'ts of crapper pants and cowboy boots

By Ali Greenberg
COLUMNIST

Last time I asked us to consider real pants, but I must now ask us to stay away from a certain breed. While I generally see both sides to every clothing story, there really just isn't an argument that can be made in favor of so-called "critter pants."

A hideous take on a perfectly normal pair of khakis with repetitive embroidery of lobsters, anchors, palm trees and yes, even tridents, these pants exemplify all that is wrong with the southern country club culture and boys who still rely on their mothers to pick out their wardrobe.

While pants are the main casualty, other items of clothing are not immune. Those critters spread quicker on this campus than Tear Night hook-up stories, leaving belts, shorts, blazers, skirts and bags victims in their wake. But for the frat stars with stock in Vineyard Vines, I grant you a free pass for neckties.

However, if it is your blazer that is covered with these stupid animals, then you officially have no excuse; I'm sorry, but life is not Foxfields. I know some who come to the critters' defense,

saying that they are "kitsch" and therefore acceptable.

However, I'd be willing to put money down that most who partake in this trend at our school are not doing so ironically, because let's face it, Washington and Lee doesn't really do irony.

But, is there ever a proper time to wear these offensive pants? YES!

I'll set the scene: our charismatic and handsome frat star wakes up. The sun is shining, and he heads to his closet. It's Memorial Day weekend in the City, where he has been working a sick internship at a hedge fund that his dad hooked him up with. He is about to catch the jitney out to the Hamptons, where he has summered since he was three and is going boating with a friend from prep school for the day.

Pleased with his plans, he pulls the critter pants off the hanger, throws them on with a polo and is actually dressed appropriately for the day's activities. Unfortunately, being the douchiest looking guy on the water is a common and unavoidable

side effect.

If you want to look classy, classic and put together, try a monogram instead. There is really nothing chicer, and it harks back to a time when clothing actually represented your personal style and when the type of hat you wore said a lot about you. Not that any guy who would normally wear critter pants has anything interesting to say about himself.

Speaking of classics, let's get on to the ladies. There is nothing I love more than classic American style, and there is nothing more American than embossed leather, waxed cotton and cozy flannel knits.

I want to be clear that I have no problem with the concepts of cowboy boots and Barbour jackets... but let's get serious. You are from Jersey, and the closest you have been to a ranch is when you reach for the low-calorie dip at srat lunch.

My cowboy boots are vintage and fabulous and I love them, but I am a blue-blooded Yankee, so they don't make much sense. Girls tend to come to

school here and suddenly transform into southern belles, some even developing a twang.

As further evidence of this phenomenon, I am wearing a camouflage duck-hunting jacket as I write this, even though I am a vegetarian who has never hunted a day in her life.

We have all adopted these styles as just that: style. But when it comes to dressing the part all I have to say is that if you are afraid to get your Barbour jacket dirty, you don't deserve to wear it—and getting beer spilled on you at Hooterville doesn't count.

W&L is neither the English countryside nor the Alamo (sorry, Tex-Lex), and I think that if we just come to terms with the fact that the majority of us are posers; then we can all still wear our boots and look a little less pretentious.

Maybe the Derby Days Task Force can lend us some legitimacy and substitute drunk powder-puff for drunk mechanical bull riding, or make the girls fish outside Pole 3 for the cooking contest.

We all certainly dress the part.

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Unwanted visitors?

Keep them out for good.

By Findley Merritt
STAFF WRITER

Part I.

Their names were Harvey and Oswald. I use past tense because our two resident mice met their timely demise *à la* Megan Daily and organic peanut butter about three days ago. Pests will inevitably reside in our off-campus houses. Because let's face it—while brimming with charm, personality and history, these old structures are the opportune places for nesting grounds.

Evidential support for a mouse problem:

1. Droppings. Feces. "Night soil." More than you can shake a stick at. Google the image if that helps.
2. Often they substitute your mug of tea for their personal Hungarian bath.
3. Those "dust clumps" on your bed at night...

*The latter two only apply if you reside at 101 North Randolph Street... and if you're named Megan.

So what do you do? In the most scientific terms:

1. Deep Throat said to "follow the money." I say follow the droppings. You can identify their general hangouts by the... erm... excrement clusters.
2. Once identified, place mousetraps in these places. Now thanks to Walmart employee Bob, our house could write a dissertation on mousetrap effectiveness. The Sandbox recommends "No touch, no mess" as our mousetrap of choice. Spread some peanut butter as the bait (we choose organic as a courtesy to our condemned prisoner's last meal), set it correctly and voila! No contact necessary to dispose of your little friend. You can also find varieties of mouse poison (where my PETAs at?) to place in your house, which are particularly effective at keeping mice away permanently.

In addition to mice, Cimicidae often plague old houses. I used the scientific name for bedbugs simply to show how smart I am. And I didn't Wiki it at all.

If you wake up in the morning (cue Ke\$ha) with a rash of small red dots in linear form, you probably have bed bugs. Now before you go running to the hills, know that there are simple solutions.

*Apparently not everyone exhibits bed bug symptoms. Thus, you'd probably have to see a bed bug to know you have them. Google it.

1. Immediately call the exterminator. Make friends with said person because you might require his or her services again.
2. Get everyone in your house to wash all his or her clothing and bedding. Make sure you deep clean your room and vacuum.
3. Buy a protective mattress cover specifically for bed bugs. Yes those exist—thank you, Wally World.

Part II.

His name was... Well that remains to be determined. Let's just call him John Townie.

Off-campus houses are also prone to *Homo sapien* intruders. For the most part, Lexington is pretty void of hard crime. But occasionally, hoodlums, or "hoodrats" as Latarian Milton calls them, like to keep us on our toes. So imagine Lindsey Dee's shocked expression when John Townie strolled into her bedroom one day. He said that he was looking for a woman who had lived there last year, but considering we knew all the previous tenants, Lindsey saw straight through that lie. Our JT made it to other houses as well using a similar line.

Moral of the story:

1. Lock your doors, even when you're in the house. Leave reminder notes by the door for everyone.
2. Call the LexPo.
3. Make sure you have some defense mechanism in your house. For instance, Papa Dee had us place pepper spray in strategic locations around the Sandbox. Note: Please make sure you know how to properly use pepper spray, unless you wanted to entertain your intruder with a comedy act.
4. Notify the community because chances are, they're going to try this at other houses as well. In this case, sororities sent emails to their chapters making sure everyone was aware of the issue. Kudos.

I realize I can't cover all intruder-related circumstances, but hey, you've got an initial emergency strategy. Now you can get back to that Judicial Process textbook instead of worrying about the next invasion.

Local competition encourages household recycling

Rockbridge County promotes sustainable lifestyles for locals and students

By Holly Suthers
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Rockbridge County is hosting its first Recycling Challenge this month to encourage the community to "go green." The Rockbridge County Recycling Department is sponsoring a contest to see improve household recycling.

The contest began on Jan. 9 and will end on Feb. 19. The winner will be determined by the household with the most trash bags filled with sorted, recyclable material.

The county has made several attempts to improve sustainability in the area. The parking garage at the Rockbridge County Court House on Randolph Street contains premium parking places for hybrid vehicles, and many of the local schools have created student groups to promote a "greener" lifestyle.

Washington and Lee has contributed significantly to this movement, as well, especially by

using biodegradable paper products and adding dozens of recycling bins around campus.

While Lexington, especially, has improved its sustainability, local officials believe that there are many other ways to recycle that have not yet been employed in the area. Old or no longer operating televisions, computers and cell phones are in fact recyclable and do not need to be thrown out. Many companies, such as Apple and Dell, have "buy back" programs where the company will buy back an old electronic for a discounted price, while local shelters willingly accept older, but still functional, gadgets.

Electronics are especially important to recycle because of the waste that the products release in landfills. Electronic waste, also known as "e-waste," accounts for up to 70 percent of

the heavy metals in landfills and 40 percent of the total lead, which allows toxic substances to leach into the soil and groundwater.

Many household cleaning products are also recyclable. Plastic and paper containers may be reused, while the excess substances are usually water-soluble and may be washed down the drain. The Recycling Center is hoping to inform and teach local residents and students about the importance of maintaining an environmentally friendly lifestyle.

In order to register for the challenge, please see a Rockbridge County Recycling Center employee at one of the local recycling center. The winner will receive a \$111 gift card to Walmart.

Photosynthesis applied to photographs creates unique images

Former visiting professor Binh Danh uses an unusual technique in his photographic pieces

By Holly Suthers
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Using one of the earliest photographic processes, artist Binh Danh captures his Vietnamese heritage and explores the idea of collective memory. "The Grass Over Graves" exhibit features images that represent his ancestral background, the Vietnam War and scenes of Lexington.

Danh's work is created in the form of daguerreotypes, which is one of the first photographic processes developed. The images are created through applying photosynthesis in the printing

process by using chlorophyll. The steps involved in this process create a final image that appears as if the photograph is embedded in plant leaves.

"His use of images around Lexington like Woods Creek and the cemetery portrays our community in a unique way," said senior Maggie Dozier.

The exhibit evokes emotions of sympathy, pain, and anger. Several of the pieces contain forlorn and exhausted faces that appear as if the subject is immensely suffering. The images imprinted on the leaves are poignant, yet star-

ting. Each also depicts the misery and cruelty of the Vietnam War on the Vietnamese population, and portraits of fallen American soldiers.

Danh also uses photographs of victims of the Khmer Rouge, the ruling party in Cambodia from 1975 to 1979. The Communist Party's politics and social reform policies led to a massive genocide in the late 1970's. The artist obtained the images from the Cambodian government and used the same photosynthetic technique as seen in the images from Vietnam.

"It is really interesting and captivating in the way that the images appear to be mirrors from one angle, but a photograph from another."

Danh created the majority of these pieces in 2009 while he was a visiting professor at Washington and Lee. The artist will speak to the community in the concert hall in Wilson on Monday, Jan. 31. "The Grass Over Graves" exhibit is currently on display in the Stanier Gallery and will remain on view until Feb. 4, 2011.

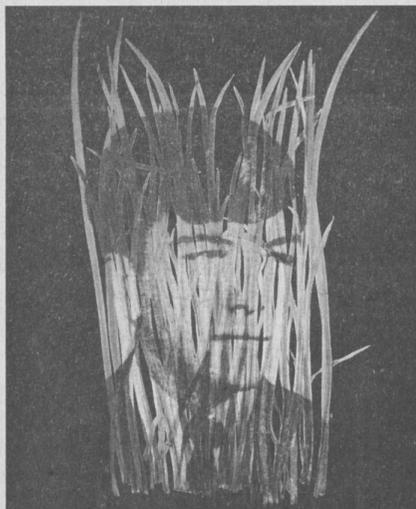


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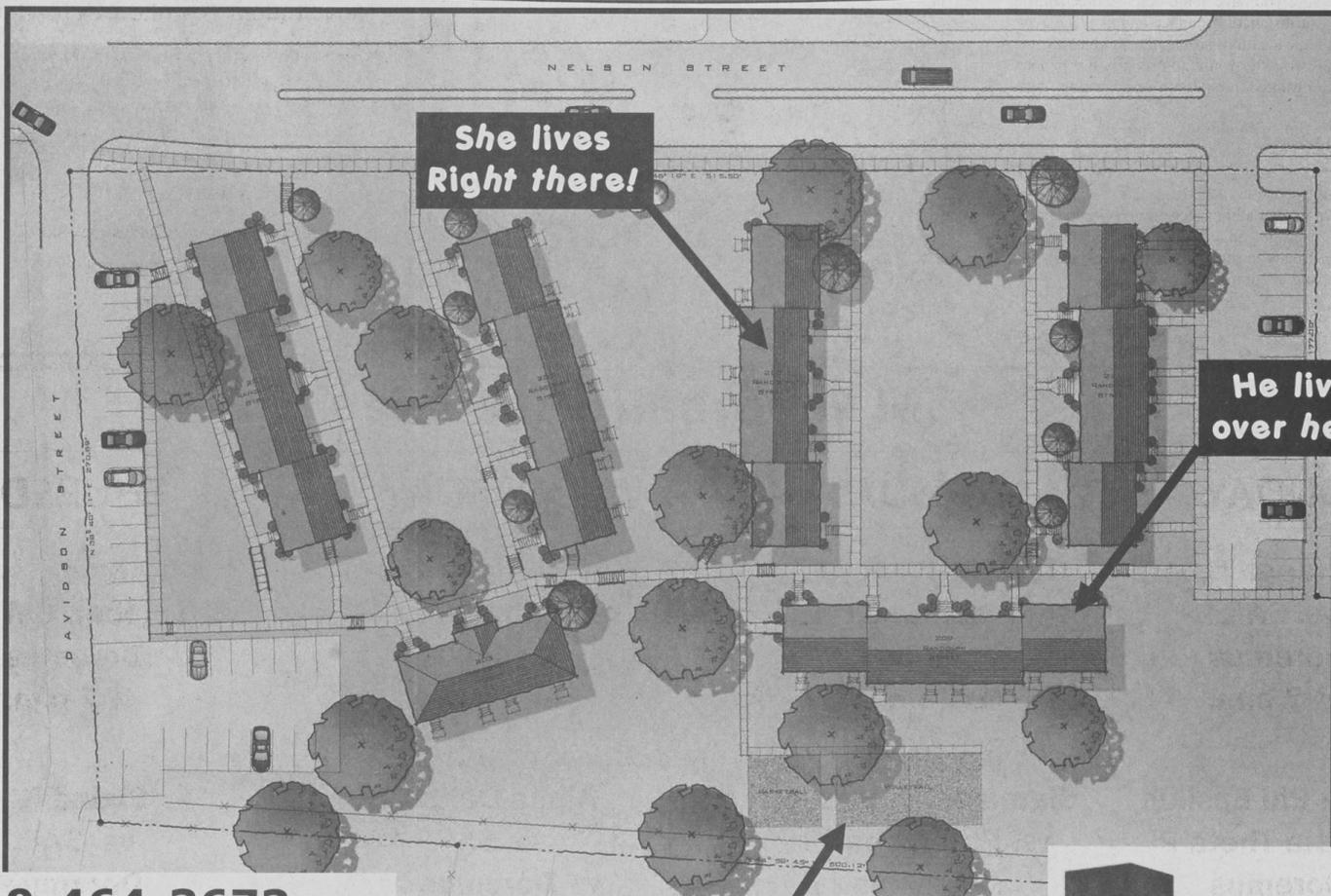
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Women's b-ball has strong week

Head women's basketball coach Mandy King scores 100th career win at W&L with 76-56 triumph over SVU

By Alexander Maragos
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee women's basketball head coach Mandy King earned her 100th career win with a 76-56 drubbing of Southern Virginia University last night at the Warner Center.

The Generals played stifling defense and shot 52 percent from the field against an overmatched SVU squad.

King, the winningest coach in program history, led the Generals in a rout over the county rival, denying the Knights their first win in six tries against W&L. The Generals gained an early lead and rolled into a 38-18 advantage at halftime, fueled by a 16-6 run over the last seven minutes. The defending ODAC champions held a tight grip on the game, leading by as much as 30 mid-

way through the second half.

The Generals were offensively and defensively dominant in the paint, earning many of their points underneath the basket while forcing many Knight 3-point attempts. The Generals' zone defense did a good job of contesting the Knights' outside shots, allowing them to shoot only 34 percent from the field.

The Generals were led on both ends of the floor by junior forward Becca Bolton, who scored 26 off the bench, and junior guard Meg Ingram, who had 19 points, 4 assists and 5 steals. They were joined in double figures by junior forward Katy Wilson, who had 10 points and 7 rebounds.

The Knights, on the other hand, were plagued

by 16 turnovers, many of which were caused by the full court press that the Generals employed throughout much of the game. The Knights had a lot of trouble bringing the ball up the floor, and found themselves often hastily avoiding a shot-clock violation. This marks the second game in a row where the Generals played strong defense.

SVU was led by junior forward Nicole Tolman, who had 15 points on 5-of-9 shooting, in addition to a game-high 9 rebounds. Much of the Knights' scoring was generated by second chance points, as they rebounded very well—30 team rebounds to the Generals' 31.

The mood was light on the Generals' bench, as the Knights were never down by less than 16

points in the second half.

Following her 100th win, Coach King, now in her 8th season, received flowers and shared hugs with her players. She also earned an ovation from the crowd when her accomplishment was announced. The Generals rode a 3-game winning streak into their Jan. 22 match-up against conference opponent Eastern Mennonite.

Coming off the SVU win, women's basketball rallies to beat Eastern Mennonite, 67-71

By Kelsy McCraw
STAFF WRITER

A second-half rally led the Washington and Lee women's basketball team to a 67-61 victory over the Eastern Mennonite University Royals on Saturday afternoon at the Warner Center.

Even though the Generals (10-4) outshot the Royals (9-6) by 17 total attempts in the first half, their 22.9 percent goals-per-shot-attempted left the Generals trailing 33-21 at the halftime buzzer. The Royals shot 15-for-29 on the floor.

Junior forward Kari Ann Pfannenstien explained that the first half did not live up to the Generals' expectations for themselves. A half-time regrouping proved necessary.

"We all knew going into the locker room that

we needed to pick up the pace, get our defense on track and play with more intensity," she said.

The refreshed team emerged from the locker room for the second half, making 56.7 percent of their attempted shots and holding the Royals to just a 37.9 percent.

"We came out with a newfound vigor," Pfannenstien said.

W&L took its first lead of the day with 15:14 left in the match.

A string of fouls late in the second half seemed to slow their momentum, leading to W&L's biggest deficit of the half at 55-61. But the Generals would not let up.

"We just kept our heads cool and decided to control what we can control and not worry about the other team or the refs," Pfannenstien explained.

With 2:48 left, sophomore forward Katy Wilson dominated under the net, making six back-to-back rebounds that propelled the team to a 63-61 lead in the last minutes of the game. According to Pfannenstien, Wilson's determination helped keep up their energy.

"She always crashes the board hard and offensive rebounds give us added momentum," she said.

After a three-pointer by senior guard Allie

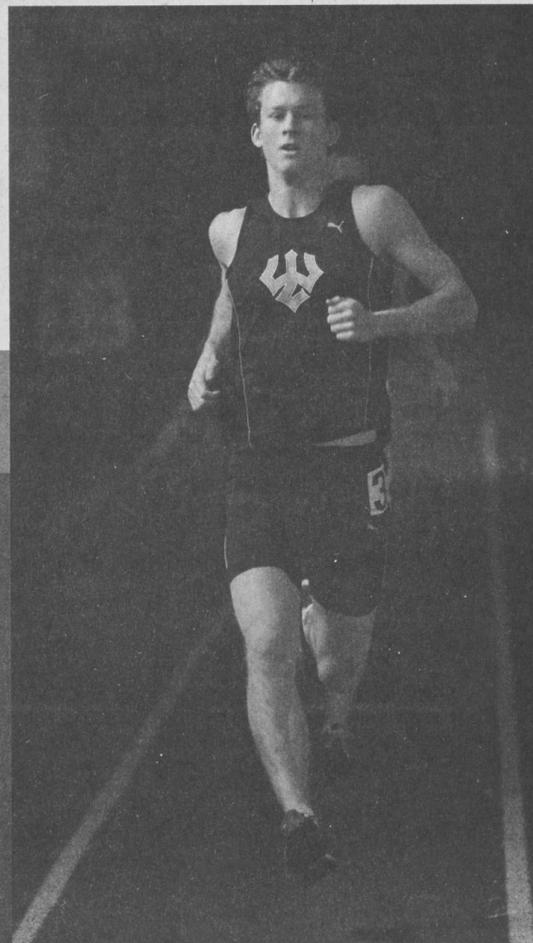
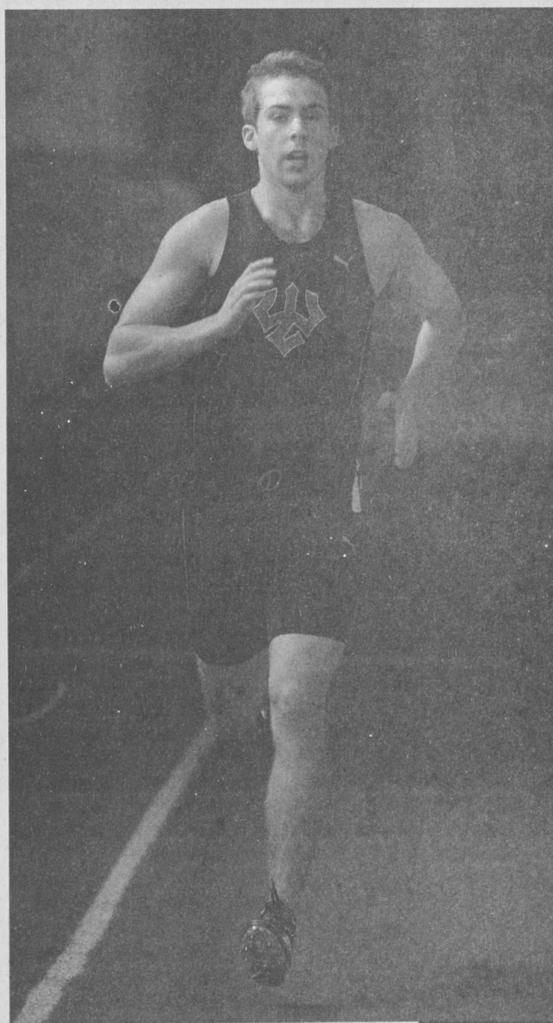
Long at 1:03, the Royals failed to answer the next seven points scored by W&L. The final buzzer declared triumph for the Generals.

The game marked the second meeting of the two teams for the season. The Generals lost the first game 69-70 in overtime.

The Generals return to action on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. against ODAC foe Virginia Wesleyan University.

W&L Track have strong showings

The men defeated Roanoke College in a home meet last Saturday, while the women finished with a tie.



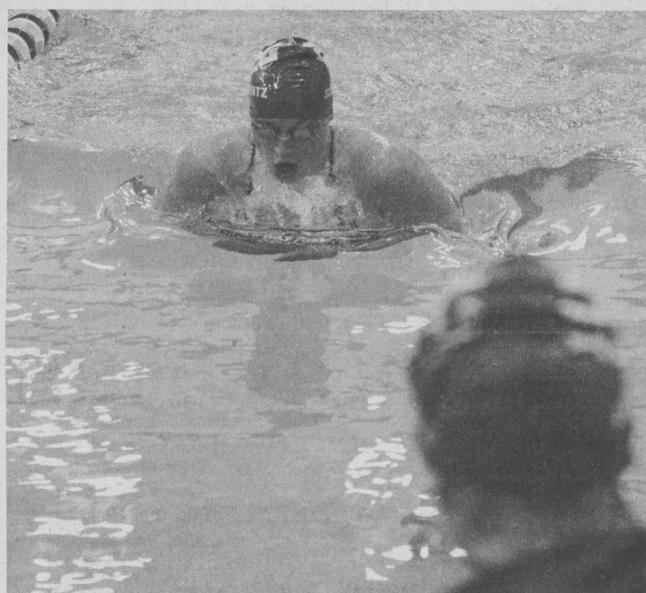
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Generals' men's and women's swimming teams competed in two meets in the last two weeks, each bringing successful team results. Here are a few photos from the home meet last Saturday.



STEELE BURROW / Head Photographer

Generals fall to ODAC rival

Men's basketball struggles in a home loss to conference rival Hampden-Sydney College, falling 11-5 in the season

By Mike Decembrino
STAFF WRITER

Rhythm was the name of the game on Wednesday evening, and the Washington and Lee men's basketball team could not find it as they fell to the Tigers of Hampden-Sydney College 72-66 at the W&L Warner Center. Despite a high-energy crowd and "Pack the Stands Night," the Generals could not take advantage of the Tigers. W&L held the lead only once throughout the game and never recovered from a slow start that led to only four points in the first 12 minutes.

With 3:33 left to play in the first half, sophomore forward J.D. Ey completed an old-fashioned three-point play to bring the Generals within five. This started a 7-0 run that cut Sydney's lead to one point at 20-19. Neither team made a three-pointer in the first half with W&L blanking on seven attempts and HSC missing five. When asked about

the first half, Coach Adam Hutchinson said, "We were moving about a half second too fast, a half step too quick." This lack of rhythm carried over to the second half.

The Generals trailed 23-19 to begin the second half, but the Tigers pulled ahead to make it 30-22 with 17:45 to play. The first trifecta of the game came 6:23 into the second half when Harrison George of the Tigers connected from downtown to put Sydney up 10 points. This three-pointer began a 10-2 run capped off by Andy Fox's fast break dunk to make it 44-29 with 12:32 to go. George went 3-for-3 from downtown and 7-for-7 overall from the field in the second half to finish as the game's leading scorer with 26 points.

Senior guard Jason Cimino hit W&L first three-pointer with 11:55 to go in the game. Although

W&L is second in the ODAC in three-point percentage at .343, they only shot .167 against the Tigers. Coach Hutchinson attributed this decline in three-point efficiency to the team's lack of rhythm. He said, "We were a half step off all night offensively." The theme of being a half step off carried over to field-goal percentage as W&L shot only .365 compared to HSC's .500 mark from the field. The Generals cut the Sydney lead to five points with 25 seconds to play but could not squeeze out the victory. Ey led the Generals with 13 points going 6-for-9 from the field and grabbing seven rebounds. Junior guard Jon Guest added 12 points, while first-year forward John Rice finished as the game's leader in rebounds with eight.

The loss drops the Generals' overall record to 11-5 and its conference record to an even 4-4. Af-

ter winning 10 of their first 12 games, the team has hit a rough patch, dropping three of their last four. The Generals did not hit their magic number of 70 tonight, as they are 9-0 this year when scoring 70 or more points. "This hurts but I'm not disappointed in the guys. I thought the effort was there tonight," Hutchinson said. The Generals return to action on Jan. 26 at Emory and Henry and they have a chance for redemption against Hampden-Sydney on Feb. 14.

Wrestling finishes tough week

The Generals competed in two meets in as many weeks, each one bringing tough competition for the young team

By Lizz Dye
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Jan. 15, the Washington and Lee wrestling team finished fifth out of seven teams as it hosted the W&L Invitational at the Warner Center. Senior Keith Jaworski was named the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

Washington & Jefferson won the tournament with 79.5 points and was followed by the Apprentice School in second with 75.5 points, then NYU (59), West Virginia Tech (52), W&L (43.5), Scranton (33.5) and Southern Virginia (10).

Jaworski won his MOP award after winning

the championship of the 157-pound weight class. First-year Eric Fessel, 141 pounds, also won his weight bracket. Junior David Dennis, 165 pounds, finished third in his weight bracket.

The next Saturday, W&L wrestling fell to 1-6 overall and 0-4 overall in the Centennial Conference with losses to Stevens (49-3) and the 14th ranked Merchant Marines (51-0) and host McDaniel (39-9).

The loss to Stevens began with a rough start as the Generals forfeited the first two weight classes

and fell behind 25-0. It wasn't until junior David Dennis got W&L on the board with a 5-0 win that the Generals saw some promise. Unfortunately, the Generals then had to forfeit three of the final four weight classes to end the competition against Stevens.

The Generals were limited by four forfeits against USMMA. The closest individual match was a 10-8 loss by first-year Eric Fessel to James Beshada at 141 pounds. Senior Keith Jaworski followed with a 6-3 win over Torin Lehmann at

157 pounds and first-year Daniel Igel added a 11-5 win at 165 lbs to pull within a 15-9 score.

W&L travels to Johns Hopkins on Saturday, Jan. 29 for a dual match against the Blue Jays.

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Wrestling						Johns Hopkins 1 p.m.	
Men's Swimming						Johns Hopkins 11 a.m.	
Women's Swimming						Johns Hopkins 11 a.m.	

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The number of Americans left in the Australian Open. Andy Roddick, the last American left, lost Sunday in straight sets to Stanislas Wawrinka. Both Williams sisters are out of the competition nursing injuries. An American male has not won a tennis major since Roddick won in 2003.

101

The number of games W&L's head women's basketball coach has won during her time here. She won her 100th last Tuesday in a 76-56 rout over Southern Virginia University. Her record now stands at 101-99.

22

The number of points scored by Miami Heat's Mike Miller in the 2nd quarter alone during Saturday night's game against the Toronto Raptors. Miller ended the game with 32 points, giving him 32 points on the year. LeBron James added 38 points to the scoreboard to break the Heat's four-game losing streak with a 120-103 win.

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The number of Super Bowl appearances the Pittsburgh Steelers will have by the end of this season. They will tie the Dallas Cowboys with the most appearances, but the Steelers have six wins to the Cowboys' five. The Green Bay Packers, who also guaranteed their place in the Super Bowl with a Sunday win, will have five appearances.

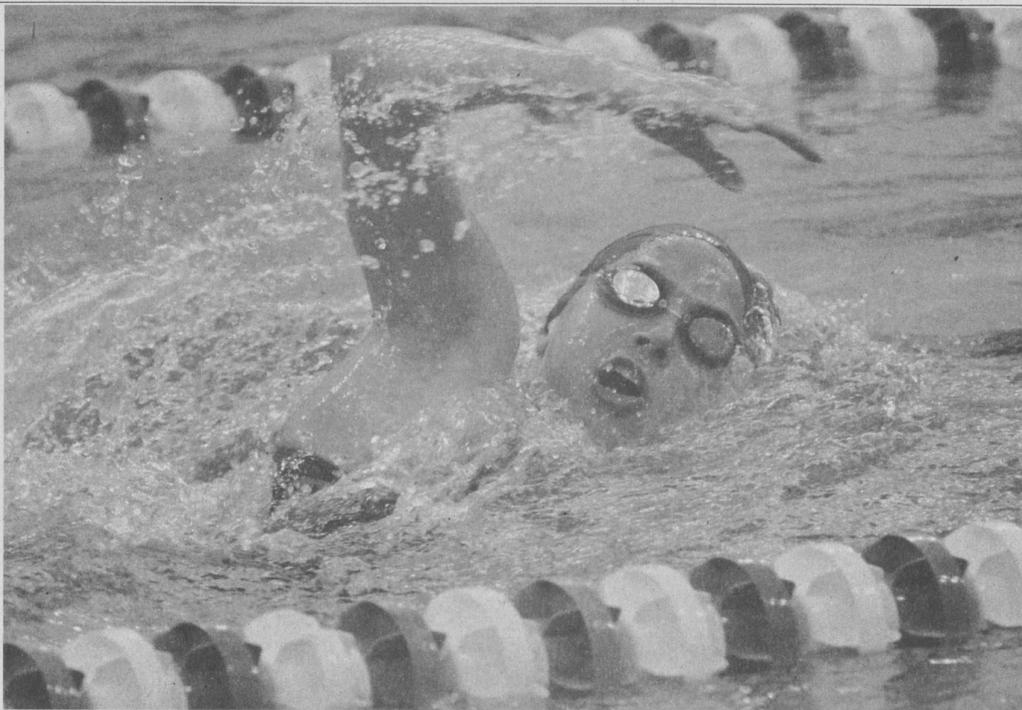
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"It's quite nice to overtake somebody who is probably the best player in the world, perhaps the best player that ever lived. To be in front of him for a little bit—we'll see how long it takes him to overtake me again—but you know, it makes me very proud to be better in the world rankings than the best player in the world."

Martin Kaymer overtook Tiger Woods as the Number 2 player in the world after claiming his third title at the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship. Courtesy of espn.com.

"With so many Super Bowl rings, maybe they'll all retire and go into the jewelry business."

Former Buccaneers Head Coach John McKay referred to the "Steel Curtain," or the Pittsburgh Steelers' four Super Bowl victories in only six seasons. They are looking to add to their collection with their third appearance in six years. Courtesy of espn.com.



W&L swimmer competes in last weekend's home meet against Gettysburg College. This was the first time in decades that the Generals have beaten Gettysburg.

Swimming still strong

W&L men and women compete successfully in back-to-back weeks

By **Burl Rolett**
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swim teams are rolling after defeating Gettysburg a week ago and knocking off Catholic and Marymount on Saturday.

The women beat Gettysburg by a score of 151-105. Sophomore Delaney Rolfe and junior Jocelyn Cassada led the team with two victories each on the day. Rolfe cruised to wins in the 200 and 500 free while Cassada took first place in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke. Cassada and Katie Salvati finished one-two in both races.

Other event winners included Ann McCampbell in the 1000 free, Dana Fredericks in the 100 breaststroke, and Brittany Ross in the 200 fly. Izzy Brassfield contributed a victory in the 100 free and Lauren Kasoff won the 100 fly.

Nine W&L men won individual events and the team scored twelve total event victories as they topped Gettysburg by a score of 150-102. First-year David Ireland and junior Brian Stirling led the team with two top finishes each. Ireland won the 200 fly and the 200 breaststroke

while Stirling took the top spot in the 200 free and the 100 fly.

The Generals finished one-two in six events. W&L also took the top three spots in the 1000 free, 200 fly and the 50 freestyle on their way to their eighth straight win over Gettysburg.

Captain Brandon Wilder said, "Coming off of our training trip, we brought a lot of energy to this meet, and it carried us to the victory." Wilder won the 500 free and took second place in 200 free.

Other event winners included Frank Cullo in the 1000 free, Tyler Gehrs in the 200 free, Wayde Marsh in the 100 backstroke, Robert Grattan in the 100 breaststroke, Rick Sykes in the 50 free and Chris Washnock in the 200 backstroke.

Both teams also scored resounding victories last Saturday. The men beat Catholic 139-105 and topped Marymount by a score of 152-72.

Ireland led the team with three individual wins. He took first in the 100 breaststroke, 200 breaststroke and the 100 fly. Wilder and Gehrs also won multiple events. Wilder won the 200 fly

and the 400 IM while Gehrs won the 50 free and the 100 free. Cullo, Marsh and Eric Shuman also added individual event victories.

The Generals won seven of the first eight men's events and eleven overall.

The women's team found similar success on Saturday, beating Catholic 145-107 and Marymount 156-91.

Kasoff, Salvati and Cassada all won two individual events. Kasoff's victories came in the 100 fly and 200 free. Salvati took first in the 100 breaststroke and the 400 IM, and Cassada won the 50 free and the 200 breaststroke.

Brittany Ross, Delaney Rolfe and Izzy Brassfield also earned individual victories. Cassada, Kasoff, Ross and Brassfield also won the 200 Medley Relay.

The W&L men now hold an 8-3 record and the women are 8-2. Both teams will travel to Johns Hopkins this Saturday. This will be their final meet before the ODAC championships.



See page 9 for more photos.