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Café credit returns for students

Meal Plan Equivalency system gives students who miss dinner in the Marketplace credit to eat in Café '77

By Kelsy McCraw
STAFF WRITER

Students who miss dinner will once again get credit towards meals at Café '77.

As of 7 p.m. Sunday, students with a Marketplace meal plan will receive \$5.85 worth of credit in Café '77 should they miss the cut-off time in D-Hall.

Before this academic school year, this Meal Plan Equivalency (MPE) system was the norm. During the 2008-2009 school year, students received \$5.25 of credit if they missed D-Hall dinner, and \$5.50 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Beginning this fall, instead of the MPE system, Dining Services increased student's food debit from the \$50 of 2009-2010 to \$175.

Assistant Director of Café '77, Dennis Fowler said that the decision was based on student responses in their annual Dining Services survey.

"We picked up that...[students] would like to use their flex dollars, you

know, have a choice where and when to use them and at various units," he said.

To reach the \$175 figure, Fowler says that Auxiliary Services averaged the amount of money each student account had spent in the Co-Op/Café '77 over a previous term.

However, concerns from students towards the end of fall term suggest that this figure may not have been enough. Fowler said the change, which mostly affects first-year students and RA's, began to be an issue towards the end of fall term when students began running out of food debit.

Sophomore Executive Committee Representative Jack Apgar set up an EC taskforce at the beginning of the academic year to work with students and Fowler to address any Dining Services problems.

According to Apgar, student-athletes brought this specific issue to light when they frequently missed D-Hall dinner for sports practices. These students ran out of food debit first and were left without any means for dinner.

Apgar worked with students, Fowler, Associate Athletic Director Shana Levine and Field Hockey Coach Wendy Orrison to obtain the MPE system only for athletes in the winter. However, Apgar and Fowler said they think extending the MPE system to the entire student

body is a good idea.

Fowler said that the MPE system should solve the issue of students running out of food debit and not being able to get dinner.

"You won't just run out of flex dollars, you can use them all because the meal plans reset each week," he said.

Students will be able to voice their opinions about which dining plan they like better in the Dining Services annual survey in the first week of April. But even if students decide they like the MPE best, Fowler said they should not expect the same amount of money for the MPE.

Fowler set the \$5.85 amount for MPE in the fall for athletes, and admits that the amount might be a little high. He says that, in the past, the figure was calculated over the summer. However, the time-crunch, larger athlete appetite and smaller amount of student-athletes versus the entire first-year class inclined him to give them a little more.

Fowler says he will keep the \$5.85 for this year because the computer system that allocates students' meal plans via their swipe card can only be set to one dollar amount.

"It's already in place, it's set, and I don't want to change that. It is up there a little bit, and we've already issued the extra flex dollars for this term," he said.

"Now, next year, I really can't tell you for sure at this point what either would be."

Fowler says that calculating these figures is a very intricate process that looks at myriad of factors.

While a dinner in the Marketplace costs \$9.63, students receive less money to spend in Café '77 on the MPE.

Using last year's \$5.50 credit, there is a \$4.13 difference in the two amounts. This is the amount of money that the Marketplace needs to pay their fixed costs.

Fowler said the Marketplace's fixed costs include the price of the fixed amount of food that they prepare each night and the price of labor to prepare and serve that food. The \$5.50 that the student receives in the MPE represents the amount of money the Marketplace needs to pay their variable costs (those dependent on the number of students who eat at each meal).

If a student opts to use his or her MPE instead of meal in the Dining Hall, that \$5.50 is credited to Café '77. This dining unit has fewer fixed costs because they make their meals by the order. So, the \$5.50 covers their variable costs (the price of the meal prepared), their fixed costs (the price of labor in Café '77), and their profit margin.

Fowler could not comment on the

amount of profit made by Dining Services on one meal.

The Marketplace and Café '77 are two different entities that operate separately. The Marketplace operates as part of the Room and Board of the University. Café '77 operates as a for-profit retail unit. Since the W&L is a non-profit university, the Marketplace only needs enough money to offset its costs.

To calculate the figure at which Fowler sets the MPE, he must look at the fixed and variable costs of each dining unit each year, and determine what dollar amount is needed to keep both operational.

According to Fowler, the MPE and food debit plan cost the same amount.

"It doesn't really make any difference to us one way or the other. I mean, it wasn't set up as a big financial gap. That wasn't the issue we were trying to answer," he said.

The yearlong Marketplace meal plan with the MPE cost \$5125 in 2009-2010. The same meal plan with increased food debit cost \$5250 for this academic year. Fowler said the \$125 is not reflective of the \$125 increase in food debit, but is reflective of the natural inflation of food prices.

Stable comes to W&L computers

ITS says virtual desktop system has great potential but many students are still uncomfortable with the change

By Kelly Mae Ross
STAFF WRITER

American Saddlebred, Morgan and American Paint—these are the options that students have to choose from after they sign in to one of the lab computers on the 100-level of the library.

These three horse-named options represent three different virtual desktops that students can access through a software program called *The Stable* that ITS has been designing and testing for over a year.

The Stable virtual desktop allows faculty, staff and students access to software programs, printers and the W&L network storage drives, such as the L drive and H drive, from anywhere on or off campus. A connection is made via the Internet from any computer with The Stable installed on it to a central data

hub located in the ITS offices.

According to an article published in a recent employee newsletter, *The Stable* includes three different virtual desktops:

1. Adobe software, such as Photoshop, Illustrator, Fireworks and In-Design, running on Windows 7, on the "American Paint" desktop.

2. Software most commonly used at W&L, including Microsoft Office, Outlook, as well as discipline-specific software such as Stata, SPSS, ArtStor and various politics-related software, all running on Windows 7, on the "American Saddlebred" desktop.

3. Science and math-related software, such as Maple, Matlab and ArcGIS, running on Windows XP, on the "Morgan" desktop.

Students can access *The Stable* through certain computers on campus, but they

can also access it through their own computers by going to thestable.wlu.edu and signing in with their university login information.

ITS Director Jeff Overholtzer said that the software that students need to complete their assignments in many modern-day classes are costly, leaving many students with no option but to do their work in one of the computer labs scattered about campus.

"I can't think of a discipline that doesn't have discipline-specific software," said Overholtzer. "[And] people don't want to be tethered by physical devices like labs"

This is where *The Stable* comes into play. This new software allows students to access almost any program that they would find on a computer located in a lab on campus from wherever they desire.

There are some limitations to the software, however. The speed of programs that consume a lot of data resources, particularly those that deal with audio or video, is not as fast as it would be on an on-campus computer.

"It can be a little not smooth," said Overholtzer as he watched a jerky YouTube video via an Internet connection established through the American Paint virtual desktop.

Every fall, members of ITS give a presentation to the EC regarding any big changes that were made to the technology systems on campus over the summer. Since this fall's presentation, the EC has been voicing concerns over the student-friendliness of *The Stable* to ITS.

Steele Burrow is the EC liaison to ITS, and he has been meeting regularly with Overholtzer to discuss ways *The Stable* can be improved. Burrow said that the EC understands that it is important for students to do their job and do well in their classes, and he and the other members do not want to have this new computer system stand in the way of that.

Burrow has proposed several changes to *The Stable*'s interface that would make it more intuitive for students, including having instructions of how to navigate *The Stable* right on the login page, and making printing capabilities in *The Stable* easier to access. In response to student feedback, a "printers" folder was recently added to *The Stable*'s desktops.

Many students say they do not feel comfortable using *The Stable* because they have no idea what it is. One day students had standard Windows desktops, and the next day they had American Paints and Saddlebreds.

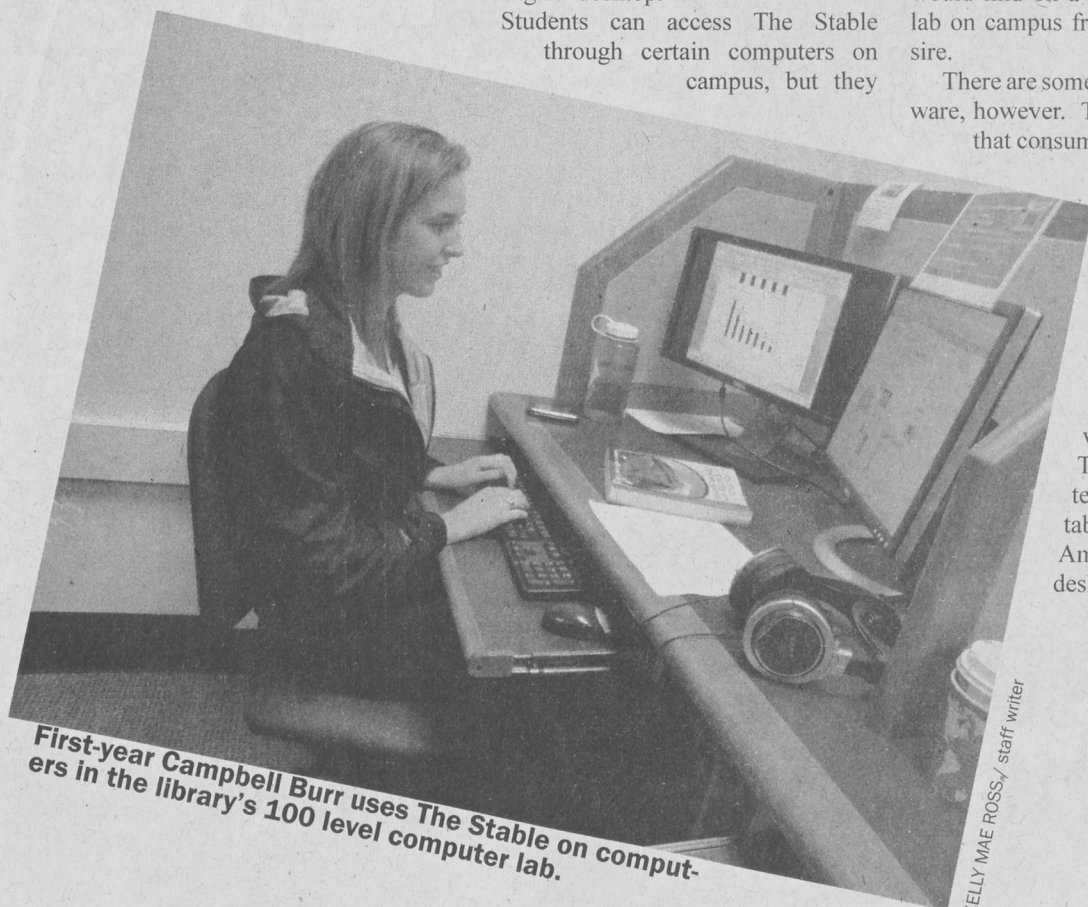
The sudden advent of *The Stable* is a frustration for students who are looking to just quickly perform some quick task. Burrow said he feels that students might not be as receptive to something "when they feel like it is being forced upon them too much."

While this change to *The Stable* virtual desktop seems to have a lot of potential for students, it is a change that will require a bit of learning and research on their part. There are easy-to-access resources that students can use to help them learn how to navigate *The Stable*'s interface and effectively use this new tool that is available to them.

Jina Park, who works at the help desk in the library and frequently fields questions about *The Stable* from students, said that she believes the most useful tool available to students who want to learn about *The Stable* is the video tutorial that can be accessed through the ITS website. The ITS website is also home to a Q&A style help guide called the "Knowledge Base" that contains a wealth of information about *The Stable*.

If students still have further questions, they also have the option of calling the help desk and speaking with someone who has received some training on how to use *The Stable*, such as Park.

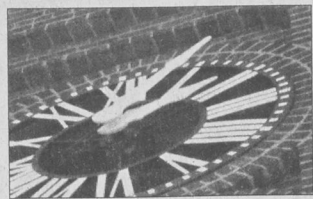
Even with the existence of all of these help resources, Burrow said the EC will continue to voice its concerns, as well as any concerns it hears from students, related to *The Stable*.



First-year Campbell Burr uses *The Stable* on computers in the library's 100 level computer lab.

KELLY MAE ROSS, staff writer

news



¡Adiós Aprille! Provost to retire

By Eleanor Kennedy
NEWS EDITOR

Provost June Aprille knows a thing or two about being a good boss.

Aprille, who is retiring at the end of this school year, served as provost at University of Richmond from 2001 to 2007. While there, Aprille hired a new dean of the school of leadership studies: Ken Ruscio.

A few years later, Ruscio, now presi-



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dent of Washington and Lee, held a nationwide search for a new provost. Aprille jumped at the chance.

"I was so impressed with the beauty of the campus, the spirit of the campus and the people there," Aprille said of her first visit to Lexington.

According to Aprille, the provost of a university is "the leader of the entire academic mission." In her four years at W&L she has spearheaded several new initiatives including the new undergraduate spring term and revisions to the third year program at the law school.

Aprille said that the helpful and supportive staff and faculty at W&L made these new programs much easier.

"I was so impressed with the cooperative spirit of the faculty," Aprille said, "I've never seen anything like that."

W&L's alumni have also made several positive contributions to Aprille's efforts. According to Aprille, it is unusual for alumni to be so committed to the

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BOB STRONG, Associate Provost

academic mission of a university.

"The alumni of W&L are extraordinary in their devotion," Aprille said.

In addition to all her academic areas of power, Aprille said there is one issue that she likes to joke is the "most significant" part of her job. As many students may remember from last year's snow-pocalyptic winter, the provost is in charge of deciding whether or not to cancel school.

"There's a lot of factors that go in," Aprille said. The provost has to deter-

mine the best way to protect the safety of students, faculty and staff without compromising the school's goals, she said.

In about three months, Aprille won't have to worry about those tough decisions anymore. She plans to move up to New Hampshire after her retirement where she will paint, fly fish and "take a breath and reflect."

Aprille said her age is one factor in her decision to retire. She'll be turning 66 this year, and she said she wanted to

retire while she could still enjoy retired life.

"I wanted to be well enough to enjoy some of these outdoor activities," Aprille said.

Associate Provost Bob Strong will be stepping in as provost for the 2011-12 school year. Ruscio will conduct a nationwide search the next year to permanently fill Aprille's spot.

Strong said Aprille is a truly impressive and effective administrator.

"She has a quick mind, a good sense of humor, a commitment to fairness, and an uncommon amount of common sense," Strong said, "I can't imagine a better set of qualities for a university administrator."

No suspects in campus thefts

By Sage Um
STAFF WRITER

A dozen first-year female students reported various stolen personal belongings including jackets, shoes, jewelry, and cash from their dormitory rooms on Friday, March 4.

This mass theft seems to have targeted specific first-year women and particularly expensive personal items like Tory Burch flats, Burberry jackets and Barbour coats. The stolen items added

up to between \$600 and \$1000 per person.

While the W&L public safety and the Lexington Police are involved with the investigation, there are currently no suspects. According to Director of Public Safety Mike Young, the theft occurred in a short period of time at night and no one reported seeing anything.

The women of the thefts were report-

ed to be from the same sorority. None were in their rooms during the time of the crime because of an initiation sleepover taking place that night.

Alex Shabo, a Resident Advisor of Graham-Lees Hall, said that a fire alarm was pulled from the first floor of Graham-Lees around 1 a.m. that night. While this could have been a coincidence, it could have given the thief time to roam around

the dormitory while everyone evacuated and stood outside, Shabo said.

Resident Advisor SoRelle Peat said she thinks the thefts may have started out as a prank.

"I think it was someone trying to be funny, taking the same coats and the same shoes," said SoRelle Peat, another Resident Advisor.

Young said if the guilty party came

forward and returned the items there would be room for negotiation, but stealing is an Honor Violation.

"I hope it's not a prank gone bad," Young said. "If it was, people still need to come forward and take responsibility."

EC, SJC officer candidates announced

By Kelsy McCraw
STAFF WRITER

The election process for officer positions on the Executive Committee and Student Judicial Council began this week.

On Sunday March 13th, a meeting was held for those interested in running for the positions. The positions available on the Executive Committee are President, Vice President and Secretary. Those for the Student Judicial Council are Chair and Secretary.

Students at the meetings received a petition for candidacy to be signed by 150 students. The petitions must be completed and returned to the current EC and SJC by Tuesday, March 15 at 5

PM.

The following students were at the meeting to receive a petition for the EC:

For President of the EC: Austin Branstetter '12 and Scott McClintock '12

For Vice President of the EC: William Underwood '09 & '12L

For Secretary of the EC: Trey Hatcher '14

McClintock currently holds the Secretary position for the EC. Branstetter and Hatcher are current representatives for their respective years.

All of the EC candidates could not be reached by press time to fairly publish

their platform information.

The following students were at the meeting to receive a petition to run for the SJC:

For Chair of the SJC: Tim McAleenan '12

For Secretary of the SJC: Eric Perkins '13

McAleenan and Perkins are current representatives for their respective years.

McAleenan said one of his goals is to do away with constructive possession, which implicates students for being in the same room as others who are engaging in illegal activities.

"The ideas of justice in the U.S. hinges on you have to break a law to be guilty, not just being around irresponsible people," McAleenan said. "The people who are irresponsible should be the one's getting punished."

McAleenan said he also wants to move the SJC towards using more discretion with cases and away from using "blanket verdicts."

"I want to show that we can maintain our sense of honor while giving students the benefit of the doubt," he said.

Perkins did not attend the meeting, but sent prior word indicating his intention to run. In an email, he defined his

stance on the judicial system as follows: "To always try to do what's best for the university and its students."

While the meeting was mandatory for those interested in running, students who could not attend the meeting can still run by contacting John Ehrhardt.

Letters author speaks at W&L

By Chelsea Stevenson
STAFF WRITER

"Letters are personal histories," said Pamela Newkirk, editor of *Letters from Black America*. Newkirk's book is a compilation of letters that address the coverage of Black America in the media—something that continues to be an issue today.

Newkirk discussed the research for the book with members of the W&L community, during a lecture in Stackhouse last week. She said her favorite letters in the book are letters from Abraham Lincoln, W.E.B. Du Bois and several more from slaves.

Sophomore Colin Elliot said the variation in which each letter was addressed to very personal and unique.

"Each account offered a clear picture of the turmoil each writer had to undergo, an aspect highlighted by the personal

pain and underlying hope present in each letter," said Elliot.

Although only 200 of the letters she researched were from slaves, she received hundreds of letters as a result of her public call. Her efforts to advertise her research through radio shows and ads led her to thousands of letters in attics that owners didn't even know they had.

Junior Tyler Tokarczyk said Newkirk's discussion on the length of the letters was very intriguing.

"She talked about the ties between

alternative forms of communication and the length of letters," Tokarczyk said. "The older letters she read were longer and filled with emotion and beautiful prose."

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Colin Elliot, sophomore

Each letter not only varied in length but the themes in the letters, from as-

sociations and military groups, focused on romance, family, war and social justice—themes that are common in the media today.

Letters from Black America has already been made into a play. Newkirk said it was great to see the actors on stage.

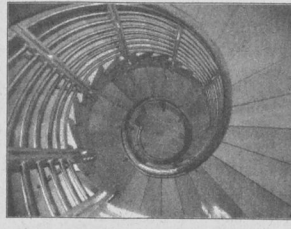
Aside from *Letters From Black America*, Newkirk is a fellow at the Nation Institute and a former daily journalist. Currently, she is a professor of journalism at New York University. She

directs the Urban Journalism Workshop at NYU. Also in New York, Newkirk

won the New York Association of Black Journalists International Reporting Prize and was a part of a team that won the Pulitzer Prize for Spot News at New York Newsday in the 1990's. Her career in journalism has led her to numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Columbia Journalism Review* and *The Nation*. Also prior to the compilation of letters, Newkirk authored *Within the Veil* Black Journalists.

Her visit was sponsored by the Fishback Program for Visiting Writers and the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Pick out your dresses ladies: the FD theme is "A Night of Wonders."



opinions

letter to the editor

On a cold February day I walked from my office to the history department of VMI, and along the way I encountered numerous cadets who must have been en route to their classes. About 98 percent of them greeted me by saying: "Good afternoon sir." Most managed to smile as they said it. Not only did their greetings make me feel good, they reassured me that there is a speaking tradition. It is alive and well at VMI, but not on our own campus where we often boast about our community and its tradition of civility. Whether members of our community feel like greeting others or not, there is one very practical reason for speaking to people you encounter on the campus: we are a private school, and the person you choose to ignore might be a wealthy benefactor. You may not know this but your tuition pays only about 52 percent of the cost of your college education. The remainder comes from benevolent benefactors. Both white and black alumni are often appalled upon returning to campus to find that most students will neither speak nor make eye contact. Unfortunately, this is not only a student problem. Some faculty members refuse to speak as well.

As an alumnus of W&L whose affiliation with the college began in 1963, I am often aghast at the fact that so many folks turn their heads or eyes as I approach. As a faculty member, who makes every attempt to be accommodating to students, I am sometimes insulted when students enrolled in my classes avoid speaking. Everyone has a bad day and sometimes do not want to be bothered. But come on folks, speaking is no big inconvenience! Ironically some students who do not speak are clad in t-shirts with the word Speak plastered across their chests. Another practical reason for speaking is that it might uplift the spirits of someone in our community is depressed or has low self-esteem.

I recently addressed the Birmingham, Alabama chapter of the W&L alumni association, and one alumnus raised his hand to ask about the speaking tradition. His name is Preston Sartelle, and he graduated in 1999. I initially encountered him on campus during his first year, and found him to be one of the friendliest young men I have ever met. He was an SAE and a native of Mississippi. Preston always enthusiastically greeted me but never took one of my classes. He was a Spanish major. Now and then we would have brief conversations. As graduation approached he invited me to join his family for lunch. We had a great time and his parents wanted to know how we had gotten to know one another. We both instinctively replied: "Through the Speaking Tradition."

As much as we like to connect the speaking tradition with the gift of the Doremus family—those New Yorkers of long ago who found the hospitality of an anonymous student so impressive that they gave us a gym—I think the time has come for us to write the epitaph for the speaking tradition! W&L needs to stop boasting about something that so much of our community has rejected. When I answered Preston's question in Birmingham, I took my cell phone out and pretended that I was texting. So often students begin to text or at least pretend to do so as I approach. Is this what our community has become? If so, I think that is very sad.

Theodore C. DeLaney
History Department Head

Don't talk. Just dance.

It's Formal Season & Ali Greenberg has a few tips for girls and boys

By Ali Greenberg
COLUMNIST

Although no one really knows whether we are in winter or spring, there is one thing that I am sure of; it is most definitely Formal Season.

Formal Season runs from February Break to Spring Break and is characterized by two main issues: who to take and what to wear?

First, getting a date. If you are a girl you have, luckily, a few more choices. You can take the best guy friend (galpal), your visiting brother/cousin, a girl, or if you are feeling adventurous—maybe someone you actually like.

I give you major props if you invite your date yourself, but my money is on that most of you chicken out and make your friend set you up.

While I generally don't hesitate to ask my date, I allowed myself to get set up in the fall, and my date showed up in jorts, a t-shirt and a madras jacket. You have all been fairly warned.

Whatever route you take, we are all looking for the same thing. Girls just want someone who is going to stay by their side, be attentive, be capable of dancing and be properly groomed prior to the event.

Somehow, we keep forgetting that we attend Washington & Lee.

If you can't find that in a guy, take a girl. In the fall, I was a girlfriend's date

to her formal. She told me she was sick of taking dates she didn't want to hook up with and ended up running away from. She invited me because she knew I was a sure thing.

So after you actually land a date regardless of gender/sexual orientation/familial relations, the battle is only halfway over.

Remember, you still need an outfit. You can't just show up naked. (I had a joke here but some people said it wasn't funny.)

To all the prospective male students

Whatever route you take, we are all looking for the same thing. Girls just want someone who is going to stay by their side, be attentive, be capable of dancing and be properly groomed prior to the event.

who read my articles and hopefully aren't deterred from applying, I advise you to invest in a tuxedo early, as you will likely need to wear one at least four times during your Washington & Lee career.

For the ladies, when it comes to picking a dress, it really is just a simple matter of taste, regardless of price. If a Herve Leger dress is short, do not wear it two nights in a row to get down on the dance floor in Charlottesville. It will ride up, and you will give a bus trip full of freshman boys a show.

The same goes for a \$30 American Apparel dress. Do not wear it on a booze cruise around the Baltimore Harbor. Learn from my mistakes, some dresses are just too small. I now wear it as a top.

One thing I have to give credit for is that the girls at this school do clean up well. This is probably due to our large cocktail dress budget. I counted, and on average we wear 10-15 semi-formal dresses a year.

But, no matter what we are wearing, girls see formals as the opportunity to act ridiculous without judgment. Our formals are also a time where we feel proud that, for once, we are supplying the beer for an event. Oh wait, there's no open bar? Are those wristbands? Well that sucks.

Regardless of your date or outfit, just have fun and be safe this formal season, and above all be a good date.

A few things not to do would be to fall asleep outside the tent, leave your date to go to another party, have a wardrobe malfunction, or accidentally lock your date out of the hotel room.

And a final hint for the boys, we actually just want you to stand there and look pretty as well. No seriously. Don't talk. Just dance.

Egypt: an accident waiting to happen

After two months of revolutionary protests rock the Muslim world, John Paul Beall urges America to be cautious

By John Paul Beall
COLUMNIST

There is hardly a foreign policy issue today that has received more attention than Egypt's revolution and their leader's, Hosni Mubarak, resignation. Even in the immediate short term the results have been powerful, as Tunisia's and Libya's revolutionaries have begun to take up arms. These are the results of over a century of political instability and international interference in the Muslim third world. There is one thing that America needs to consider at this point: caution.

The political climate in Egypt has been tumultuous over the last one hundred years. It began under British control, lumped in with Sudan for administrative purposes and underneath a puppet monarchy.

During World War II, Egypt was the focus of a German push to the Suez Canal and subject to some of the hardest fighting in the war at El-Alamein. After the war, Egypt obtained independence

as a democracy, only to have their system become the domain of the military, which has selected most of its Presidents for the duration of its independence, including President Mubarak.

The Muslim world has had similar strife. The Muslim world was remarkably stable before World War I, at least compared to now. The Ottoman Empire was a long ruling authority over a great expanse of the Middle East. The reign of the Sultan hearkened back to the time of a pan-Islamic authority under the Caliphs. But during World War I, the Ottoman Empire saw great military action and was forced through the meat grinder in the subsequent peace.

The Empire was carved up into countries with artificial borders and then occupied by Great Britain and France. The two major impetuses were oil for naval power and position for the safety of the Suez Canal. The tribal societies of these areas did not respond well to being di-

vided and thrown into the mix with other parts of tribes. Instability and tribal warfare ensued. Evidence is everywhere in the current region, including Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

These states eventually won independence with the rest of the various imperial holdings after World War II, only after the areas in Northern and Eastern Africa witnessed Axis advance and Allied counter-attack. Similar conditions arose as military dictatorships, some with tribe backing, became the norm. Then, the conflict between the Soviets and NATO began, and the stage on which the drama played out included large parts of the Middle East. Oil companies began to wield power in the region. America intervened in regions all over this area, including Kuwait, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Turkey. The development of these countries has been stilled in the face of continuous conflict.

The point of all this background is to demonstrate that if America further intervenes in the system, results will only back-fire. In the wake of the bad foreign policy of interventionism, the view of the United States has become extremely poor. Bear in mind that America supported the Egyptian regime on multiple occasions.

America needs to watch what happens, to be sure, but that is all it should be doing at this point. Granted, it is an oily situation already, but America is still involved in a war in the Islamic region. The reaction will only be that America is only continuing to perpetuate the order of Western interference.

Should things take an extreme turn for the worse, it would be wise to reconsider the issue. But, the bottom line is that America has too many problems at home to consider, for the moment, delving deeper into affairs abroad.

At this point it would be wise to keep

in mind the words of Calvin Coolidge, "nothing I never said ever did me any harm," and remain aloof. America can not force freedom at gunpoint, or not anymore at least. The inhabitants of Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and the entire Muslim world must create for themselves a goal to which they aspire as a country before America can offer assistance. Otherwise, severe legitimacy issues will continue barrage the most war-torn region on Earth.

Need help with the internship hunt?

Mac Davis introduces the Internship Opportunity Initiative, a new student run program to ease the internship search

By Mac Davis
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- Don't miss out on this first year of the W&L IOI internship program.
- It's exciting. It's simple to apply.
- Career Services staff is standing by to assist you.
- The odds are in YOUR favor!

Are you looking for an internship this summer? Well 14 of your fellow students have spent the last year working with a new student run program called the Internship Opportunity Initiative (IOI) to make your internship a reality. These students contacted members of the W&L family including current and former parents, alumni and their own personal contacts to recruit great experi-

ential internships for you this summer.

Emphasizing W&L student's superior academic reputation and social skills, we were successful in getting exclusive opportunities not available to the general population. The program was designed to make the internship process easy for employers to hire and students to apply.

Many of the IOI's internships are available only to W&L students. This means that you will be competing with a smaller group of applicants significantly increasing your chance of being selected. We think these internships are a great opportunity for W&L students, and all of us at IOI hope you will take advantage of the opportunities

We are very lucky to be working with companies and agencies including BB&T Scott and Stringfellow, the Kentucky Court of Justice, the Salem Red Sox, the Richmond SPCA, Walker & Dunlop Real Estate, the Sierra Club, Price Weber Mass Marketing and Communications, the Boston Mayors Office, Barton Barton & Plotkin LLP, Mead-Westvaco and the highly successful financial firm Copper Rock Capital. Other internships are being added weekly.

All of these internships provide a level of substantive work experience and responsibility that is not typically given to interns. Specifically students will have the opportunity to write court

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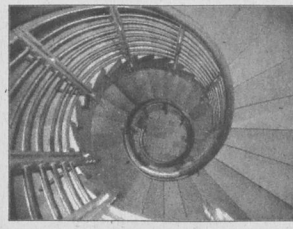
To view and apply for the internships please go online to W&L JobLink from the Career Services homepage (careers.wlu.edu). IOI will also be holding a special information session next Wednesday (March 16th) at 7pm in the Career Services Center for all those interested.

If you see Jimmy Pickle, Ben Oddo, Olivia Burr, Elizabeth Ward, Maggie Thomas, Katie Stewart, Ben Turnbull,

Katharine Price, Elizabeth Bean, Leslie Peard, Bobby Rutherford, Cantey Hittink, or Tyler Grant around campus please let them know their work is appreciated.

After our pilot year IOI is proud of what we have accomplished, and we are looking forward to growing in the future. Please keep an eye out on Campus Notices for leadership positions within IOI in the coming weeks.

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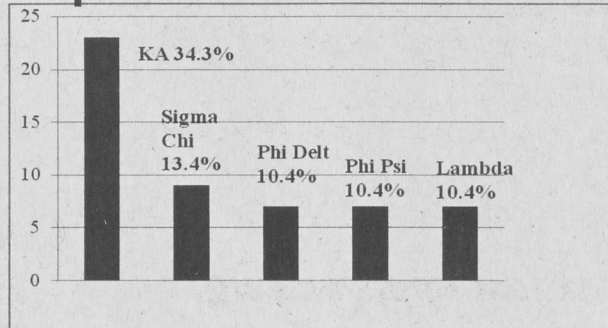
Frat rankings, brought to you by frosh

Sixty-seven first-year women, surveyed by Campbell Burr, give their opinions on different aspects of W&L's fraternities

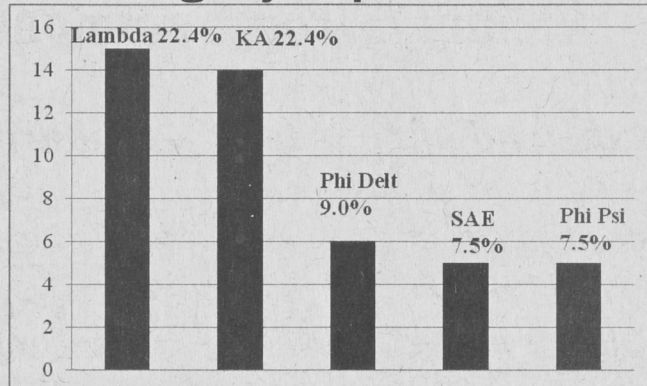
By Campbell Burr
COLUMNIST

W&L has fraternity stereotypes passed down from class to class. These reputations come up in Ring-tum Phi articles and conversations with parents, and sit in the back of boys' minds as they choose a fraternity. I thought it would be interesting to get a new perspective on W&L's fraternities. Freshman girls were asked to fill out a survey choosing the fraternity that they felt best matched each description. 67 girls voted. KA ranked highest for "Favorite Fraternity Overall," capturing 32.8% of the vote. Here are the other results!

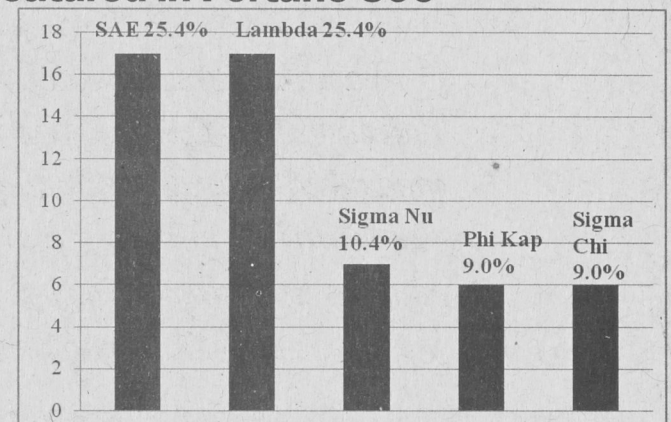
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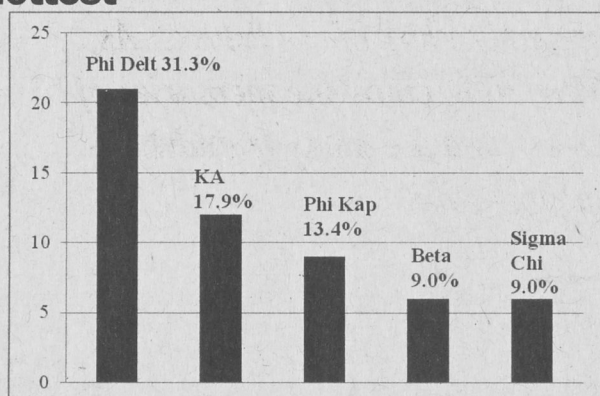
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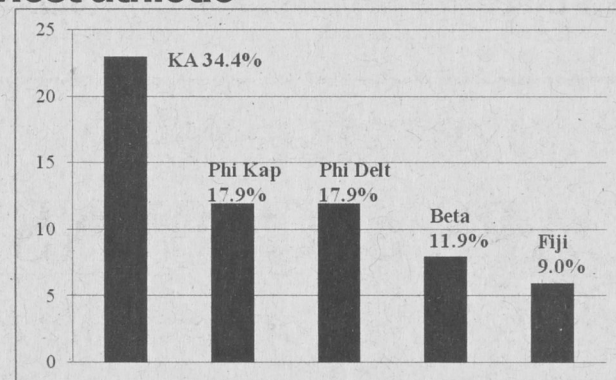
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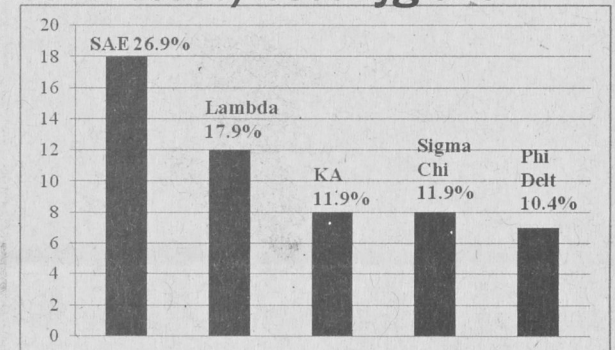
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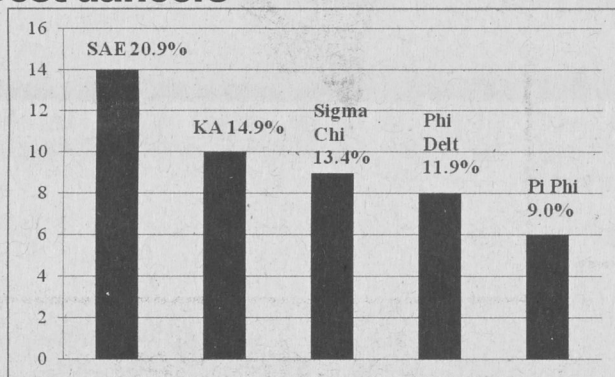
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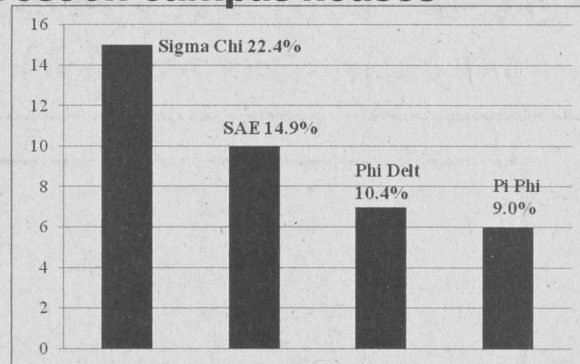
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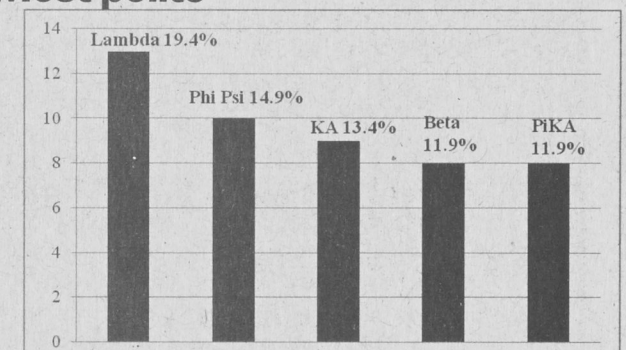
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Best off-campus houses



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Boys, now you know whether to brush up on those shagging skills, talk to new landlords, or spend a little more time in the shower. Information is power! Thank you to all freshman girls who participated.

*These survey results do not reflect the views of the Phi. In fact, the staff would like to point out that all participants were, in Ms. Burr's words, freshmen.

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Smart phones: essential to life

Pat Smith endangers himself by living without his Droid smart phone for a day

By Pat Smith
COLUMNIST

In this day and age, technology plays a vital role in everyday life. Try and remember the last time you spent the day without your cell phone. No, this does not mean the time you fell in the river behind the pole houses and forgot your cell phone was in your pocket. You know who you are.

I am talking about legitimately being without your cell phone for the entirety of the day. For the purpose of sound journalism, I decided to spend an entire day, including going out, without the use of my Droid smart phone.

The first few hours of my day without my Droid went swimmingly. I reconnected with nature, volunteered at the soup kitchen, and helped fourteen elderly people cross the street.

By midday, I started to feel the effects of withdrawal. My speech began to slur, my ability to operate heavy machinery went down the tube, as did my ability to make sound decisions. Or was I drunk?

When it was time to go out for the night, I slightly resembled Golem from *Lord of the Rings*. The only thing that kept me alive was a Bruce Springsteen cover band... (I had to mention New Jersey in some facet.)

I managed to survive this ordeal, despite a sticky situation involving a clown, barbed wire, and Kevin from Stop-in. Going through the day without a cell phone is manageable, but not recommended.

Technology has taken huge leaps over the past years. I remember way back when during elementary school, my dad had a cell phone the size of the *Taco Bell* dog. Then,

the cell phone industry trended into producing the smallest possible cell phones that it could. Too bad it did not realize people actually like to read their text messages.

For today's standards, one must always have their smart phone. If you are one of the few Americans out there that still does not have a smart phone, congratulations, you are now dumber than your stupid flip phone.

Smart phones are incredible and can do so many things that it should be illegal in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Just this past week I spent my entire Monday

has, I will just Droid the hell out of that and feel happy... even if I said it was 265, when it was actually 270.

Another leap the world of technology has been in the tablet computer industry. I cannot even begin to describe how badly I want an iPad. The iPad does so many different things, and they are all completely useless. Sounds like a perfect match for me.

Maybe one day I will nut up and turn my dreams into a reality by purchasing an iPad. But until then, I will have to make due with my Droid and my \$1500 MacBook.

This blind man goes into a drugstore and starts knocking stuff off the shelf with his cane.

The manager comes over and says, "Can I help you sir?"

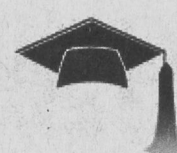
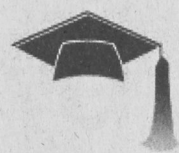
"No, I'm just looking."

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and did not use my computer once. I was able to answer all of my emails, Google the hell out of useless information, and talk to my mother - the only important things in my life.

When choosing a smart phone, there are several different routes you can take. The classic Blackberry route is for beginners and noobs. The iPhone route is for posers and Steve Jobs gal-pals. If you want to be a professional, go with any Android phone. When they say, "Droid Does," they mean it.

The Droid will become your best friend when you need to look up anything completely useless and important at the same time. If I am in an argument with my friend over how many career wins Mike Mussina



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Brazilian dinner a hit for students, staff

I-House hosts a cultural cooking lesson and dinner of regional fare, focuses on South America's largest country

By Jamie Kim
STAFF WRITER

Inside the International House on Friday, March 12, a group of 20 people clustered around the stove in the kitchen for the Brazilian cooking lesson. Once stepping inside the kitchen, the sizzling and boiling sound of the ingredients could be heard. The smell of sweet olive oil surrounded everyone as meat and rice were being cooked.

At the lesson, Gaby Sampaio, a senior exchange student from Manaus, Brazil, explained the process of making fried rice.

"Usually in Asia, to make fried rice, we'll first cook the rice in water and then fry it with oil. But in Brazil, they reverse the process," said first year student Christy Cui. "They fry raw rice with oil and then pour boiling water in it to cook the rice. That's why I think it's interesting."

This was the start of a lively exchange and discussion on the different ways and styles of cooking in different cultures. From cooking pasta with the fire shut off to making candy out of scratch and putting ketchup and mustard on top of pizza, people engaged in delightful conversations while waiting for the food to get prepared.

After an hour of demonstrations and preparations, the dinner of Picadinho (ground beef with vegetable), fried rice, beans, banana, and a dessert called Brigadeiro, Brazilian chocolate bonbon, was ready.

"Bananas with beans and rice are something I never would have tried otherwise," said junior Callie Hughes. "It was so good."

For Carol Karsch, the Data and Statistical Specialist at Leyburn Library, this is not the first time she has been to a cooking lesson at the I-House. She has

previously been to a Thai cooking lesson and four-cheese pasta lesson held in the same venue. This is also not her first time having Brazilian food.

"My first year here I worked part time in the Environmental Studies program. Professor Kahn, who has a consortium in Manaus, Brazil, had a little party at his house for his students. So he cooked traditional Brazilian food," said Karsch. "That's the first time I had Brazilian food."

Dan Boccio, a first-year student, said he came to the event to become familiar with the Brazilian food and culture before flying to Manaus, where he will study anthropology, economics and environmental studies during the summer

"The most important thing is having good food. It makes people eat together, talk together and have a good time."

GABY SAMPAIO, senior exchange student from Brazil

and fall of this year.

"The food was delicious," said Boccio. "[The Brazilian students] did a perfect job."

Guillermo Fernandez, another exchange student from Manaus and one of the students who led the cooking lesson, said they decided to cook Picadinho, rice, and beans because it is simple, everyday Brazilian food.

"I have been living in the I-House for two months, and I have always cooked frozen food for my meal. Everyone made fun of me that I couldn't cook, and I got tired of it," said Fernandez. "I sent my dad an email and asked him to teach me something that is relatively easy and inexpensive to cook. My dad, the most amazing person I know,

decided to send me a 20-minute video where he showed step-by-step how to cook various kinds of food."

The video was a great tutorial for the Brazilian students who do not cook very often. With the instructions personally delivered by Fernandez's father, the students had held a "rehearsal" a week earlier to make sure they knew how to cook.

The cooking lesson was a great success and satisfied many of the people who attended the event. Sophomore Haley Miller, who will also study abroad in Manaus with the Environmental Studies program, said this was her first time attending a cooking lesson on campus.

"I would definitely come again for more events like this," said Miller.

Others said they especially enjoyed interacting with the students.

"I never would have thought of having bananas with meat. But

they told me that's how they eat, and I just chopped off the banana and put it on my plate," said Mae Chandler, an employee at the University Bookstore. "What I enjoyed even more than the food was talking to the students. I had a wonderful time with them."

"The most important thing is having good food," said Sampaio. "It makes people eat together, talk together, and have a good time. You can meet people that you usually don't meet elsewhere on campus. You can share a little bit of your own culture."

Picadino

Ingredients: lean ground meat, onion, tomato, olive oil, garlic, pepper, salt

- o Add olive oil to the pot.
- o Add salt and pepper to the meat.
- o Add diced onions to the hot olive oil in the pot. 30 seconds later, add garlic. Stir. Then add meat.
- o While you're putting the meat, turn off the stove. Stir well. Turn on stove again and stir more. Add diced tomatoes. Stir.
- o When the meat starts to get moist, close the pot and wait 15-20 minutes (fire should be low). Stir well. Check if the meat has the right amount of salt. Add more if needed.
- o Close the pot again and wait 15-20 minutes (fire should be medium).
- o After 40 minutes, you can leave the pot open. When the water from the meat is gone, it's ready!

Fried Rice

Ingredients: olive oil, rice, onion, garlic, salt

- o Add olive oil to the pan. Once it gets hot enough, add diced onions. Water should be boiling in a different pot at this moment.
- o 30 seconds after adding the onion, add garlic. Then, add rice.
- o After a few minutes of stirring, add salt.
- o Add boiling water to the rice. The level of the water should be approximately a finger high above the rice.
- o The fire should be lowered and the pot should be closed, but not entirely. Wait 5-10 minutes.
- o Once there's no water in the pot anymore, turn off the stove and leave the pot closed for a few minutes. And then it's ready!

Spend the night with Relay for Life

W&L to host a night of food and fun, and, of course, lots of walking to help battle cancer on Friday, March 18

By Kate Gibbs
STAFF WRITER

Surely you've seen the posters around campus—maybe even the banner that's hanging in the commons. Relay for Life is coming to Washington and Lee. It is an event that celebrates cancer survivors and remembers loved ones lost. It is also a chance for the W&L community to join together and raise money for the fight against cancer.

Participants take turns walking around the track all night to raise money for cancer research. Since the first Relay for Life, over 3.5 million people from over twenty different countries have

joined together to raise awareness.

Relay for Life will kick off on March 18 at 7 p.m. on Cannan Green and will last all night long. Ending at 7 a.m. the next morning, there will be plenty of activities in between to keep participants entertained. At the start of the event, as tradition dictates, there will be a Survivors Lap, where everyone can acknowledge and help celebrate another victory over cancer.

There will also be the customary Luminaria Ceremony after dark and participants can purchase a luminaria in

honor or memory of a survivor. The Luminaria Ceremony takes time to remind us of those touched by cancer and those still battling.

Finally, the last Relay for Life tradition is the Fight Back Ceremony. At the ceremony, participants can make a personal commitment to save lives by taking up the fight against cancer. The commitment can range from doing something as simple as having a screening test to something as large as talking to an elected official. Throughout the night, there will be plenty of activities

to advance the fight against cancer.

Of course, this wouldn't be W&L, if we didn't put our own spin on the event. We'll celebrate their traditions but bring our own flair, as well. The W&L Relay for Life will have great entertainment, great food and lots of great activities. Once again, Julie Slonecki will be performing with her band, Julie and the Scotts. General Admission, the mixed a cappella group, will also be performing along with a slew of other entertainers. Additionally, there will be traditional outdoor games like Frisbee and Corn

Hole and video game systems such as the Nintendo Wii. Emmy DiGiovanni will be at the event to lead a class in Zumba. There will be a food vendor all night selling hotdogs, hamburgers and funnel cakes.

In order to sign up to fight back against cancer, go to www.relayforlife.com/wlu.edu. Join the 171 students already signed up and commit to walking the track to fight against cancer.

Announcement of a Fellowship for Members of the Rising Senior and Junior Classes

Members of the Classes of 2012 and 2013 are invited to apply for the S. Cullum Owings, Jr. Fellowship for the Academic Year 2011-12. The holder of this fellowship will receive a credit of \$1250 toward each term's tuition and will be expected to make several visits to secondary schools around the country throughout the academic year to promote the Initiative for Academic Integrity under the guidance of the Washington and Lee Institute for Honor. Together with some of the visits, the Owings Fellow may also visit the local chapter of the Washington and Lee Alumni Association to discuss the state of the University from a student's point of view, with particular regard to the Honor System.

Cullum Owings was a member of the Class of 2003, an exceptional individual from Atlanta, Georgia, who died tragically in an automobile accident during his senior year.

The Fellowship is administered by the Campus Committee of the Washington and Lee Institute for Honor. Criteria for selection of Owings Fellows are, first of all, that the applicants should possess outstanding personal integrity. They should be good scholars, but the Fellowship is not limited to students with exceptional grade-point averages. They should be articulate, with some grace and poise in demeanor, while at the same time being sensitive to the values and opinions of others. They should be students who show promise of developing into community leaders of high standards.

Applicants are asked to submit their applications to Professor Emeritus Lewis G. John, Department of Politics, who serves as Chair of the Campus Committee. There is no application form, but the application should include:

- (1) A copy of the student's transcript
- (2) A resume of activities and special talents
- (3) An essay of approximately 250 words with the heading, "How my personal values and experience qualify me to represent Washington and Lee as a Cullum Owings '03 Fellow"
- (4) A statement of willingness to make the off-campus visits as described above and to commit to serving as a Fellow for the full academic year
- (5) Names of two or more members of the faculty from whom the selection committee may seek recommendations

Applications are due by Friday, March 18, 2011, and should be submitted by campus mail (Professor Lewis John, c/o Department of Politics) or via e-mail (johnl@wlu.edu) The selection process will include personal interviews with the selection committee on March 28 for those finalists judged most worthy on the basis of their written applications. Questions may be addressed to Professor John or to either Pearson Nibley or Austin Branstetter, the 2010-11 Owings Fellows.

March 7, 2011



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Letters basis for new play

Professors and students create a play from Lexington's letters to the editors

By Collins Rice
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Theater department held auditions for its spring presentation of "Letters to the Editor," a play born out of over two hundred years of letters to the editors of Lexington newspapers. Sponsored by the Theater and Journalism departments, the idea for the play was taken from a production done by Pennsylvania's Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble in the mid-nineties. The auditions, which took place last Tuesday and Thursday, were open to both members of Spring Term Theater 231 and the Lexington community at large.

Although formal production is just beginning, "Letters to the Editor" has been in the works for quite some time. In fact, the play's beginnings may be traced back to 1997, when Washington and Lee's own professor Pam Luecke saw a performance of the original Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble's script at a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington D.C.

After enthusiastically relaying the play's plot to her colleagues for several years, the desire for a Lexington specific version grew within the Journalism and Theater departments, until Professor Kimberly Jew decided to begin developing the project while on sabbatical last winter term. By summertime, the project hit full swing when Professor Doug Cumming of the Journalism department along with Professor Jew and four Robert E. Lee Scholars, senior Anna Hermesman, senior John McWilliams, junior Eleanor Kennedy and junior Zoe Yarborough, began plowing through over two hundred years of letters to the editor sent to Lexington newspapers.

Although the idea of a play centered around letters to the editor has been done before-theater group in Gainesville, Flori-

da wrote its own version inspired by the Bloomsburg production as well - Cumming believes prior authors selected letters to dramatize in a random way; such was not the case for W&L's "Letters to the Editor." As a media historian, it was paramount to Cumming that the research stage of the play be performed as thoroughly and systematically as possible.

Jew instructed the team to look for theatrical elements within the letters such as action, a voice, character, personality and elements that reflected local color, as they combed letters from the Lexington Gazette (now known as The Lexington News-Gazette), The Rockbridge County News, The VMI Cadet and the Ring-tum Phi for material. A system was created in which each team member was assigned a time period each day for which he or she was responsible for reading and categorizing the letters from a given newspaper. Several months and more than 8,300 letters later, the task of creating a production out of more than two hundred years of history fell to Jew and the students of her fall term Theater class.

Within the vast catalog, professors Jew and Cumming unearthed letters concerning a bevy of social and political issues such as prohibition, women's suffrage, segregation and racism, as well as simple matters of town concern and letters from those who missed home.

"We, as journalists, claim our dedication to democracy," Cumming said. "And that's what letters to the editor are all about."

In many cases, the editors of Lexington newspapers printed every letter they received which enabled the research team to hear the unfiltered voice of the people. Such a fact, Cumming believes,

is a testament to his belief that the whole history of democracy is woven in the free press.

When it came time to adapt the letters into a working script, a creative choice had to be made whether to manipulate the letters to tell a specific story or to present them as independent entities. Jew and her students solved the problem by writing a script that is, in many ways, a hybrid of both.

"Our script tried to maintain the original intent of the letters, but yet work with the letters creatively so that we could create some sense of scene work and some sense of movement," said Jew. What emerged was a collection of independent sketches tied together by the simple idea of home.

In every stage of its development the production of "Letters to the Editor" has garnered interest from the community.

"We have had so much support," said Jew. "The Rockbridge Historical Society has been very supportive, the community has been extremely supportive, [and so has] the faculty. People are very interested in this project."

Cumming has also written an academic paper on the experience, which he will present at the University of South Carolina this month. Additionally, he has signed a deal with Manner Media in Buena Vista to publish a book on the Lexington letters to the editor, which he expects will be available late this year or early next year.

Short story inspires students to create and perform plays

Mindbending Productions presents three one-act plays in "An Evening of Theatre"

By Sage Um
STAFF WRITER

Mindbending Productions, the student-run theater group on campus, is putting together "An Evening of Theatre" this week starting Thursday, March 17, featuring four plays of insanity, love and passion.

The evening is to showcase three one-act plays written by Mindbending Productions president senior Dave Curran, opening for the one-man play written by vice president senior Johnny Coyle.

The idea for the show initially came from Coyle's adaptation of Nikolai Gogol's short story, "Diary of a Madman," which chronicles a man's insanity through a series of journal entries. Based on Coyle's one-man show, Curran wrote three plays with similar themes of madness, communication, and interpersonal relationships: *Medium and Matrix*, *I Am You* and *Finding the Words*.

Medium and Matrix, directed by junior Jeni Pritchett and played by sophomores Jesse Mazingo and Sara Hardman, follows a man and woman's desire to discover the meaning of everything in the world. An absurdist piece, quite like those of Irish avant-garde playwright Samuel Beckett, it delves into

the essence of humanity at an intellectual level.

The second play, *I Am You*, explores madness brought on by man's endless desire and inability to become completely satisfied. It is directed by junior Thomas S. Meric III and features senior Ellie Duvall and sophomores Jay Stephens and George Youmans. *Finding the Words* investigates man's frustration with the relationship between passion and self-expression. Directed by sophomore Mary Rodriguez and played by senior Samantha Copping and sophomore Drew Martin, the play surveys one man's slightly delusional hope to inspire others without being inspired himself.

Mindbending Productions is an entirely student run group that is able to put on shows that the students really want to do.

"It is a way for students to pursue their own works and ideas without being part of the departmental production," said Curran. "Whatever the demand is, we try to meet that. It's about the students and what they want to do."

Led by Curran and Coyle, Mindbending Productions has come a long way. Only two years

ago, the group was mostly inactive until Curran and Coyle decided to resurrect it.

"We did staged readings and founded Wednesday Night Live, the sketch comedy group, to give more opportunities for students to be involved and push themselves," Curran said.

Wednesday Night Live is also completely student-written and student-acted.

More than 20 students are directly involved in the shows and they have put on various shows in the past like *Ah, Wilderness!* and *The Fantastics*. With the technical help from the theater department, Mindbending Productions allows students to use what they have learned in class and try to do it themselves.

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sports

Men's lax opens strong, stumbles

Almost a month ago, W&L dominated, 18-4, against Ferrum, beating the newly established Panthers lax team

By Doug Bealle
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee Men's Lacrosse team got their 2011 season off to a great start by beating the Ferrum Panthers 18-4 on February 15. The win gave Coach Gene McCabe his 100th career victory, and his 46th at W&L.

The game was also the first game ever for the brand new Ferrum lacrosse program. W&L assistant coach Nat St. Laurent was previously hired as the head lacrosse coach at Ferrum, and recruited many of the players who were on the field for the Panthers.

The Generals jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but the Panthers answered back with two quick goals. Another W&L goal led to a 4-2 score at the end of one quarter. Seconds into the second quarter, the Panthers scored again, putting the experienced Generals up by only one goal on a team composed almost entirely of first-years.

Senior attackman Spence Daw said that the team was expecting an easy victory when facing a brand new program, but admitted that Ferrum was "more

skilled than any first year program I have ever seen, which can be attributed to coach St. Laurent's solid recruiting before he took the job at W&L this season."

Captain Gerard Savarese attributed the early struggles to "first game jitters" and that it took about a quarter and a half to settle in to their game plan, but after the team got its offense and defense going "the game went along much smoother."

Once the Generals overcame their

rough start, they began to play very well, and rolled off 13 consecutive goals, a run that went well into the fourth quarter. In fact, the Panthers didn't find the back of the net again until there was less than eight minutes left in the game.

Washington & Lee was led in scoring by junior attackman Scott Meehan, who notched four goals. Sophomore midfielder Cooper Brown tallied two goals and one assist, while Daw added one goal and two assists.

At the end of the day, it was a good

victory that the Generals can build on moving forward. Savarese summed it up with by saying, "Solid start, good first step, but definitely room for improvement."

He of course added, "We were just happy to get our coach his 100th win."

A three-game losing streak for the Generals ends against Washington College with a strong performance by senior goalie

By Doug Bealle
STAFF WRITER

The W&L Men's Lacrosse team beat the Washington College Shoremen 5-4 on Saturday behind a strong performance in goal by senior goalie Jason Lumpkin.

Lumpkin started the year off as a back-up to senior Ned Lundvall, but was asked to step in as the starter after Lundvall broke his hand in a game against Salisbury. Lumpkin had 10 saves against WAC, two of which came in the last five minutes while protecting a one-goal lead, including one while facing a two-man advantage for WAC due to penalties by two Generals.

Afterwards, Lumpkin said he was "thankful to get the opportunity to play, and had a really fun time out there."

Quick to thank those around him, he added, "The defense played unbelievable."

The Generals got production from a variety of sources as five different players scored the five Generals goals. Junior attackman Sam Mott and sophomore attackman Mac Means scored the first two goals of the game in the first 3 minutes of the second quarter.

After the Shoremen tied it up at two apiece early in the third quarter, the Generals ripped off three goals in a span of ten minutes. Senior midfielder Drew Koeneman, senior midfielder Drew Mancini, and sophomore attackman Jack Apgar scored during the span, while sophomore attackman Will Gar-

rett assisted on two of the goals.

The Shoremen scored two more goals in the fourth quarter to cut their deficit to one, but Lumpkin and the defense held tight and refused to let Washington College tie it up.

Senior defenseman and captain JD Englehart spoke to Lumpkin's performance, saying that "we have always had confidence in him as a back up, and he proved that yesterday by getting his first win as a starter."

The win marks the second of the season for the Generals, and ends a tough three-game losing streak, all three losses coming against teams who made the NCAA tournament last season.

The first loss was at home on Febru-

ary 19th to Whittenberg, a 7-6 loss that saw the visitors come back from a 6-3 deficit with the final four goals of the game.

The Generals followed that up by visiting the perennial powerhouse Salisbury on February 23rd and losing 7-4. This was the game where Lundvall broke his hand.

The Generals suffered another loss due to injury in practice after the Salisbury game when senior midfielder and captain Gerard Savarese tore his ACL. The following Sunday, the Generals visited Denison, and fell 10-6.

The win on Saturday was the first step in getting back on the right track. Englehart added that "although it wasn't

pretty, we really just needed to put a strong 60 minutes together and gut out a tough win."

The Generals were unable to get back to back wins after they fell Franklin & Marshall on Saturday, 7-6.

The team will try again on Tuesday against Kenyon. The game will be in Lexington at 7 p.m.

Dear Readers,

I would first like to apologize for missing not one, but two, issues. As with any business, technical problems do happen - and sometimes, they are beyond our control. Thank goodness ITS has helped us - and is continuing to help us - get our feet back on the ground and our computers up and running. They are a blessing. We certainly would not have published this issue if it weren't for their help - especially from Mr. John White.

Second, thank you, readers, for continuing to pick the Phi off of the shelves and for your continued subscription. And for, well, reading (with or without Neville Fogarty's cross-words).

Thirdly, thank you Phi staff. I could not do this alone. Yes, it's a time consuming job, but thank you for keeping me company during various late night in the Phi office. Thank you for being the backbone of the oldest (and only) W&L student newspaper.

And lastly, thank you writers, photographers and contributors, for providing the paper with the content we publish every week. Without you, there would be no Phi.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to email me at phi@wlu.edu or at my school account. Trust me, I am the only person with my name on this campus.

Sincerely,

Diandra Spicak
Managing Editor

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What is Kathekon?

Kathekon comes from a Greek phrase meaning: "to serve". It is the "student alumni" organization. The juniors and seniors in Kathekon connect with top administrators, learn about the history and workings of W&L, help Alumni Affairs with campus events, and get a big head start on staying connected to W&L after graduation.

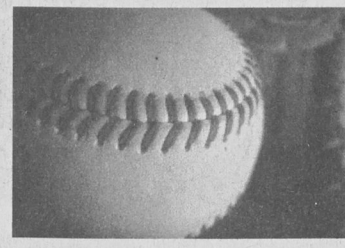
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sports

Chemistry on the courts gives men success

A 6-0 start, interrupted by a tough loss to Mary Washington, for men's tennis hints at a strong season for the team

By Alex Maragos
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team kept up its winning ways with 5-0 wins over ODAC opponents Emory & Henry and Virginia Wesleyan Saturday at the Duchossois Tennis Center.

The Generals now hold a 6-0 season record and are 4-0 in ODAC competition, enough to be ranked 29th nationally.

"I think the biggest reason [for our success] is our team chemistry. We're a very close group of guys that have been playing with each other for a long time

now. We know...how to best support each individual on the team," said junior Mac Davis.

Sophomore Hayden White and junior Jeremy Becht played in the only two singles matches against E&H. White won his match 6-2, 6-0, and Becht took his 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles competition, Becht matched up with junior Jonathan Gaffney to win 8-3, while White teamed with junior Michael Freeman to shut out E&H for an 8-0 victory. Davis and se-

nior Will Hall paired up to win 8-4.

"Will and I have great chemistry in both style of play and the mental game. We tend to moderate each other's emotions and the effects it has on our play," said Davis.

Later that day against Virginia Wesleyan, Hall and Davis paired up again for doubles to win 8-0, and Gaffney and Becht followed suit by also shutting out their opponent. Freeman and White continued the pattern, taking their match 8-2.

"We...focused on playing smart and reducing stupid errors. We played much better [than we did earlier] and won in less than 30 minutes against a better team," Davis said.

In singles, White and Hall were nearly flawless as they took down their opponents from Virginia Wesleyan 6-0, 6-0 and 6-1, 6-0, respectively.

Several of the teams the Generals will be facing in the coming weeks are ranked in the top 30 nationally. They will need to continue their high-level

of play to accomplish their lofty season goals.

"We want to win ODACs again," Davis said. "We want to be ranked top 15 in the country and make it to the elite eight in the NCAAs."

UPDATE:

Washington and Lee suffered its first team loss of the season as the Generals fell to the University of Mary Washington 6-3 in Fredericksburg. The Eagles are ranked 18th nationally and defeated the Generals in singles and doubles play.

Ranked 25th nationally, the Generals had been riding a 5-game winning streak coming into Saturday's match. Mary Washington was only the second non-conference opponent that W&L has faced so far this year. Against the-ODAC, the Generals are undefeated with a combined 36-1 record in singles and doubles competition.

Though they are ranked higher than W&L, Mary Washington improves to a 4-6 record on the season as the Generals fall to 6-1. W&L picked up wins at the No. 5 and No. 6 singles positions—filled by junior Jonathan Gaffney and junior Ben Fass, respectively.

In doubles play, W&L picked up its only win from sophomore Hayden White and junior Michael Freeman, who defeated Will Apperson and Alex Blakhim of the Eagles 8-6.

Women "smang" it two weeks in a row

Tennis continues to dominate as they roll to a perfect conference record, taking down every team they faced

By Callie Clemons
STAFF WRITER

While half of the Washington and Lee women's tennis team was competing at the Duchossois Tennis Center last weekend, the other half was participating in the ITA National Collegiate Indoor Championships at the Swanson Tennis Center in St. Peter, Minn.

The No. 10 ranked Generals defeated Randolph-Macon, Emory & Henry and Virginia Wesleyan at home and advanced to the fifth-place match in the ITA Championships. This weekend, the team continued their winning streak, beating Guilford College.

"Our team slogan was 'smang it,'" said junior Ellen Yeatmen. "We whipped it real hard and were hustlin' everyday, which lead us to winning the consolation draw ... like Diddy would say, 'we're taking it home.'"

On Friday March 4th, the Generals fell to No. 5 ranked Denison in the ITA tournament. In the match, the team scored two singles and one doubles

victories. Sophomore Sallie Griffin defeated Denison's Kate Westenberg in the No. 6 position, 6-4, 6-1, while junior Trellsie Saddler was victorious in the No. 4 position over Alex Marcell, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles duo juniors Ellen Yeatman and Jen Snyder - "Team Jellen" - rolled over DU's Alex Marcell and Jane Lent in the No. 2 spot, 9-7.

"My favorite part of the weekend was going undefeated with my new doubles partner, my best friend Ellen Yeatman," said Jen Snyder. "I can't wait to continue our winning streak through the rest of the season."

The next day, the team conquered No. 13 Chapman, 6-3, and No. 7 Gustavus Adolphus, the host of the tournament,

6-3, finishing fifth in the tournament. The Generals five of the six singles matches against Chapman and all three

out the tournament."

At home, the team crushed the ODAC rival Randolph-Macon on Friday March 4th, 5-0. Senior captain Catherine Reed slammed Katie Betts-Mulcome in the No. 2 position, 6-0, 6-0, while sophomore Kerry Cotter defeated Sarah Rainey, 6-1, 6-0. All three of the General's doubles teams won as well.

The Generals continued their at-home winning streak the next day, in victories over Emory & Henry and Virginia Wesleyan. They defeated both ODAC teams 5-0. While Wasps and Marlins were able to score some singles victories, the Generals three doubles teams won against both schools.

This Sunday, the team rolled over

ODAC rival Guilford College 9-0, winning all of their singles and doubles matches.

The team improved their record over to past two weeks to 10-1 overall and 6-0 in ODAC play.

"I was really proud of my team for turning on our swag," commented junior Laura Patillo.

The Generals come back to the court on Saturday to play Division I opponent Wofford at 10 a.m. in Spartanburg, S.C.

"Our team slogan was 'smang it.' We whipped it real hard and were hustlin' everyday, which lead us to winning the consolation draw ... like Diddy would say, 'we're taking it home.'"

ELLEN YEATMEN, junior tennis player

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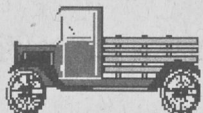
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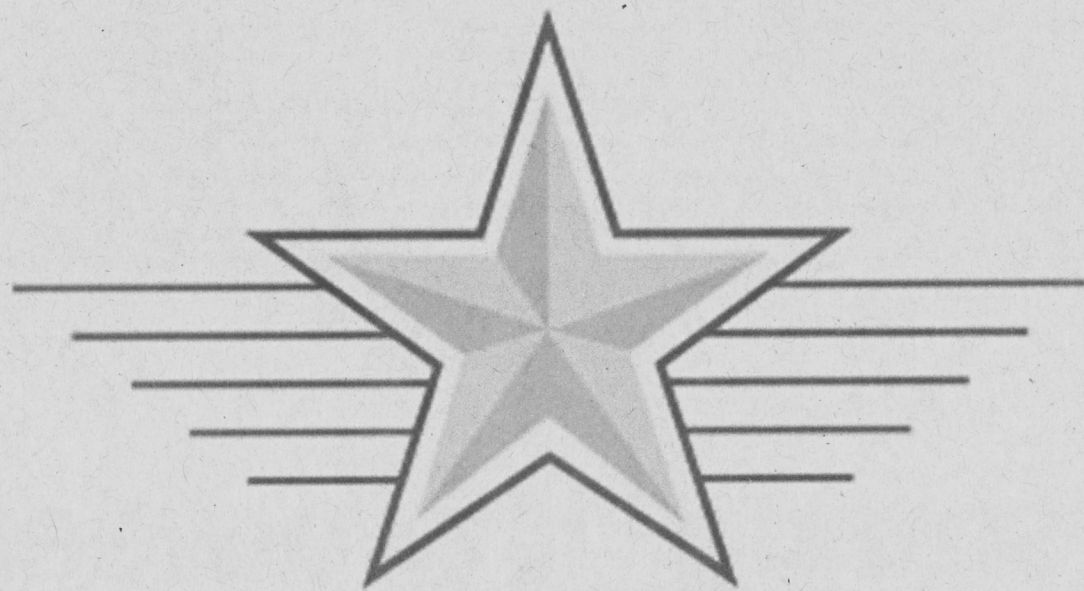


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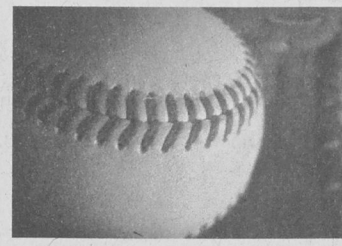
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Ups-and-downs for W&L Baseball

The Generals fell a week ago to Southern Virginia and Lynchburg following a sweep of conference-rival Emory & Henry

By Stephen Peck
STAFF WRITER

Just as the weather begins to warm up, the bats have gone cold for the W&L baseball team.

Southern Virginia shut the Generals out last Wednesday by a score of 2-0 and Lynchburg swept Saturday's doubleheader 5-0, 9-6.

W&L is now 4-6 overall, 2-2 in ODAC play.

Coming off of an impressive doubleheader sweep versus Emory & Henry just three days prior, W&L was looking forward to continuing the momentum versus SVU at Cap'n Dick Smyth Field on Wednesday. SVU senior pitcher Darrell Brown had other ideas.

Sophomore first baseman Josh Linn singled in a run in the top of the first for SVU to put them ahead 1-0. It was all the lead Brown would need.

Brown went the distance for the Knights, scattering a mere six hits, all singles, over nine innings. Five strikeouts and six walks highlighted his complete game shutout that gave him a 3-1 record for the year.

"He threw a lot of strikes and yet we just weren't putting good cuts on the ball," sophomore shortstop Jonathan Stutts said.

"He would get ahead early with a fastball and then lull us to sleep with his off speed and we weren't able to adjust and wait on the ball," sophomore outfielder Joe Scalzo said. "We need to have the right mental approach going to hit against pitchers like that."

Jake Johnson went 3-4 at the plate in helping SVU to their first win over W&L since 2007. The 2-0 win also gave

the Knights their best start in program history (8-1).

Senior starting pitcher Gregg Laswell took the tough-luck loss for the Generals, as he only allowed two runs and five hits amid his five innings of work. Sophomores Alex Maragos and Stutts each had two hits for the Generals, who threatened, but couldn't plate a run.

W&L looked to rebound on Saturday with an afternoon doubleheader versus Lynchburg, but found themselves in a familiar situation.

Matt Morgan was the Hornets starting pitcher in game one and much like Brown for SVU, he shut down the Generals bats. He threw 8.1 innings of shut-out ball en route to a 5-0 LC victory. Morgan only allowed two hits, walked two, and struck out seven while improving to 3-0 on the season.

"Morgan did a good job of using counts to his advantage. He spotted up well and was able to expand the strike zone," Stutts said. "However, he was more hittable than the box score indicates. Lynchburg's defense played well behind him and we just couldn't seem to get a ball to fall our way."

A wild pitch and an RBI groundout by LC sophomore Michael Kenah gave the Hornets a 2-0 lead and they would never look back, plating additional runs in the third and fourth.

W&L junior Roger Strong got the start for the Gennies but took the loss after surrendering five runs on seven hits in 5.0 innings on the hill.

Once the final out was recorded, the Generals once again found themselves

looking at the scoreboard with a zero staring back at them in the run column. It would not be until the second inning of the nightcap before the Generals finally scored, ending a scoreless streak that lasted 21 innings and stretched across four games.

"We are definitely a fastball hitting team and opponents are starting to see that and exploit our current inability to hit off speed pitches," Scalzo said of the General's current hitting woes. "We just need to be more consistent."

The Generals almost pulled off the comeback in the second game of the doubleheader, but five errors did them in as W&L ultimately fell short by a score of 9-6.

W&L junior Jody Davis got the start for the Generals but the Hornets had his number and tagged him for six runs in the first three innings. They stretched their lead to 8-2 after four innings, a lead that would prove to be insurmountable for the Generals. W&L clawed their way back in the game thanks to a solo home run by Scalzo in the bottom of the fourth and a passed ball in the bottom of the fifth. The Generals would plate two more in the seventh inning to bring the game to 8-6, but would get no closer.

Stutts lamented the numerous fielding errors: "We just handed them too many extra runs."

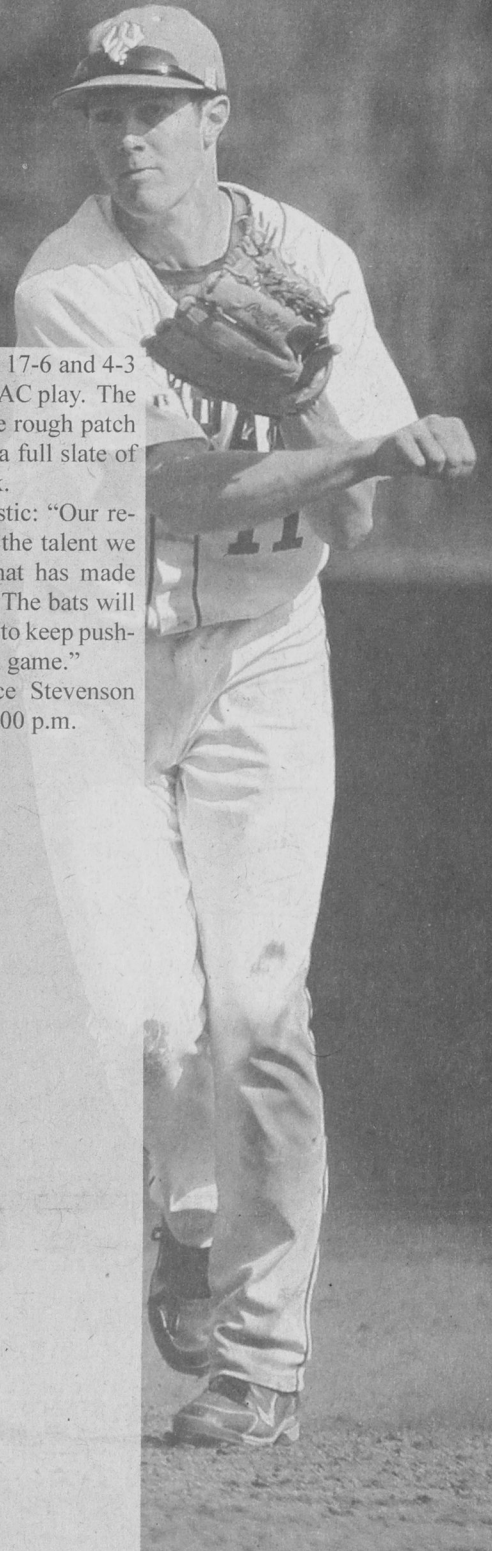
Sophomore Michael Del Buono led LC at the plate, going 3-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs. W&L senior Anthony Cardona, junior Alston James, and sophomore Will Salley all finished 2-5.

It was the third loss in a row for

W&L after they beat E&H 17-6 and 4-3 last Sunday to open up ODAC play. The Generals will try to put the rough patch behind them as they have a full slate of games this upcoming week.

Stutts remained optimistic: "Our record so far doesn't reflect the talent we have this year - that's what has made these losses so frustrating. The bats will come around. We just need to keep pushing and learning from each game."

The Generals next face Stevenson Tuesday in Lexington at 3:00 p.m.

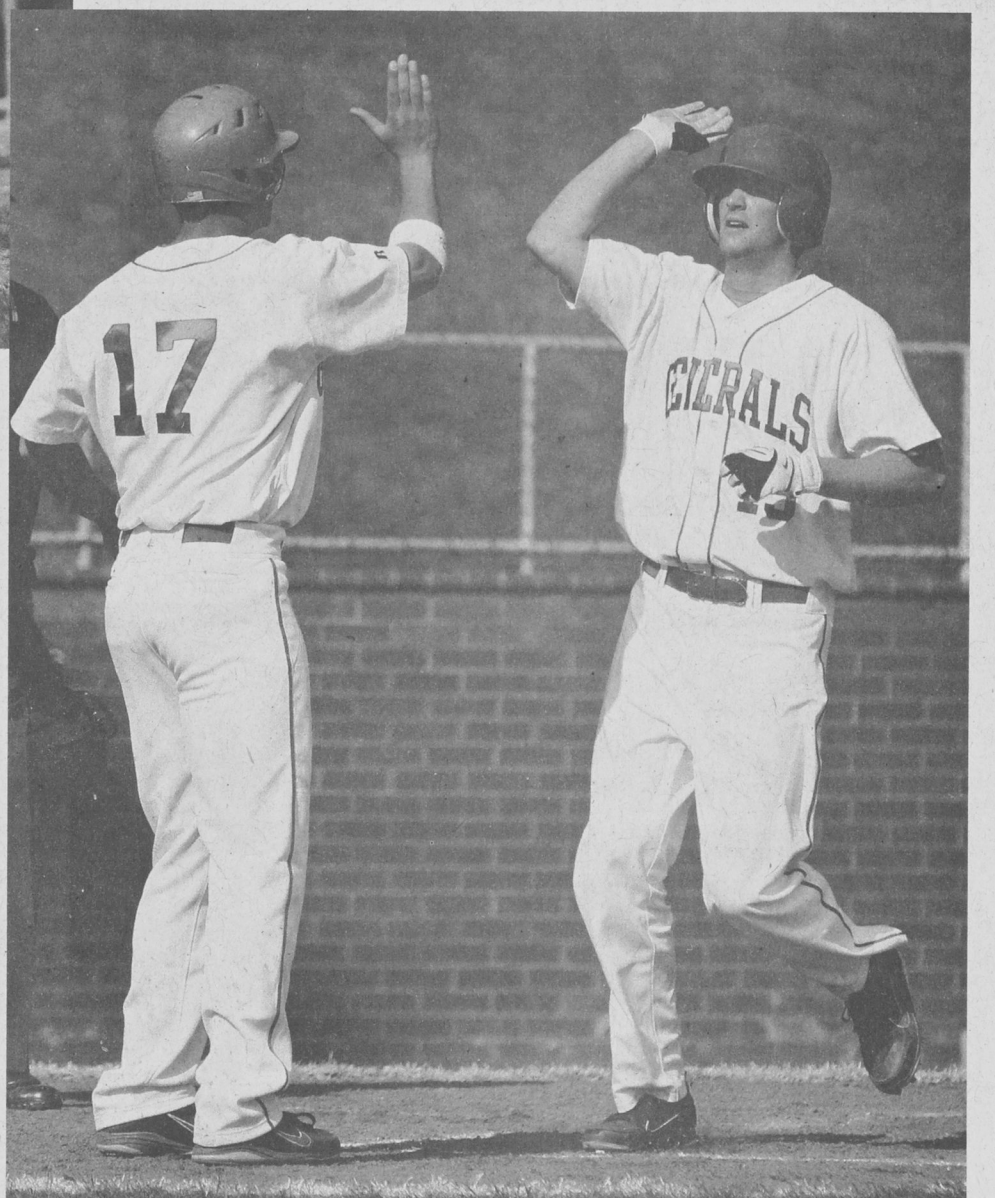
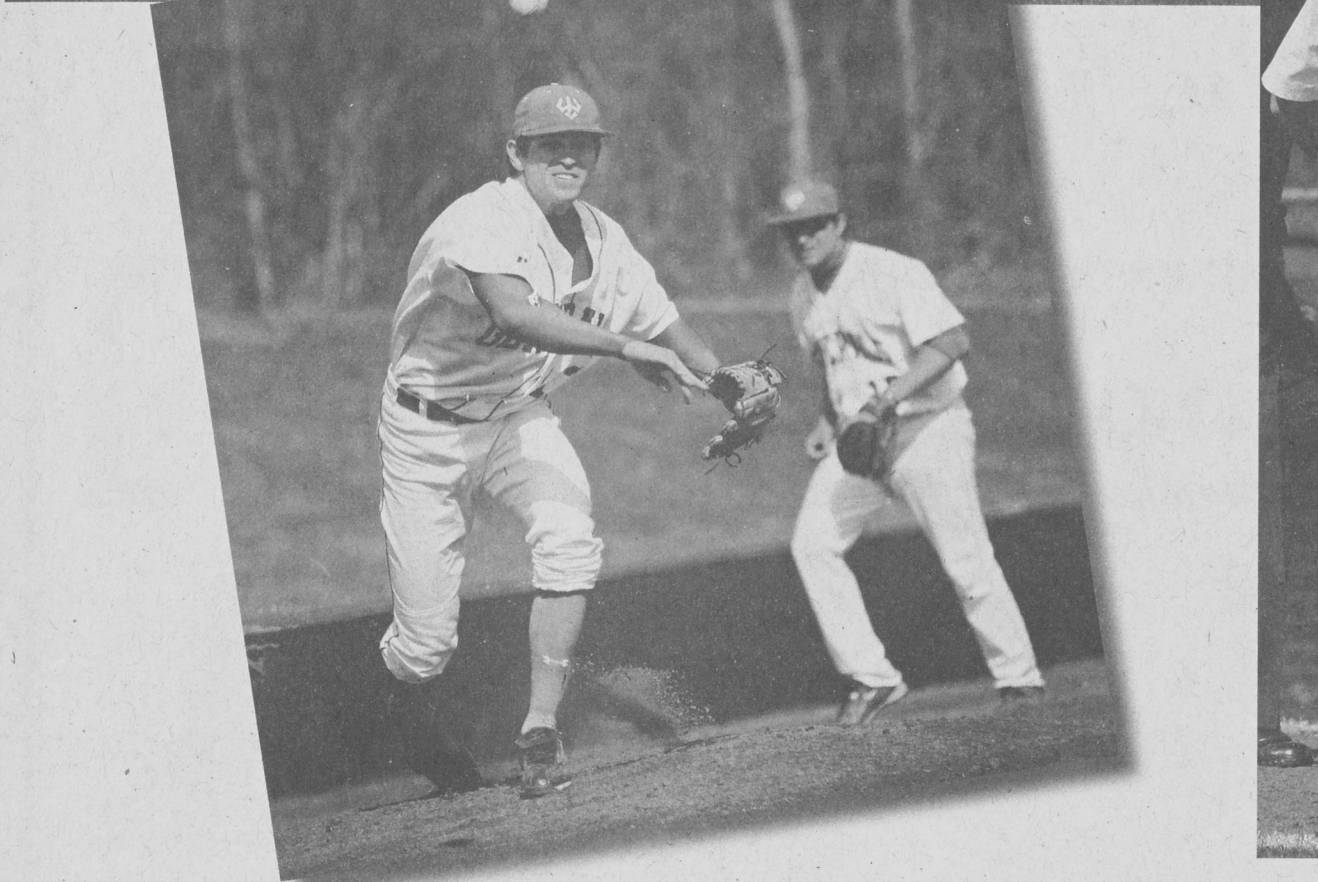


STEELE BURROW / head photographer



Pictures from Saturday's double header against Roanoke show a W&L shortstop throwing to first, above. At left, W&L player Chris Nault tries to beat catcher's throw to first. Bottom left shows W&L pitcher trying to pick off Roanoke runner on first. And below, teammates high-five after scoring a home run.

For more information on the game, turn to "By the Numbers" on page 12.



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in the numbers

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That would be a baseball score. The W&L Generals dismantled Roanoke College in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. The Generals only had two scoreless innings, and with the sweep of Roanoke, move to 6-6 on the season.

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The number of convicted criminals on the University of Pittsburgh's football team, according to a recent study by Sports Illustrated on NCAA schools. Pitt leads the nation in that category.

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The new salary of NFL commissioner Roger Goodell now that the NFL lockout has become official. In January, Goodell promised he would slash his salary of \$10 million a year if there were a work stoppage.

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Trevor Bayne turned this old the day before becoming the youngest person in history to win the Daytona 500. Overnight, Bayne went from a struggling driver to a NASCAR sensation.

soapbox

"For me, doing *Dancing With the Stars*, that's the best way to get over it, move on and reflect."

-- Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward, who was recently chosen to compete in the talent contest, says he has been "really depressed" since losing the Super Bowl in February, from foxsports.com

"It was old-school. He just shook my hand and went on his way. None of this tapping his chest and pointing to the sky. It was beautiful."

--New York Giants third-base coach Tim Lincecum commenting on and appreciating Brandon Belt's home-run behavior around the bases, from foxsports.com

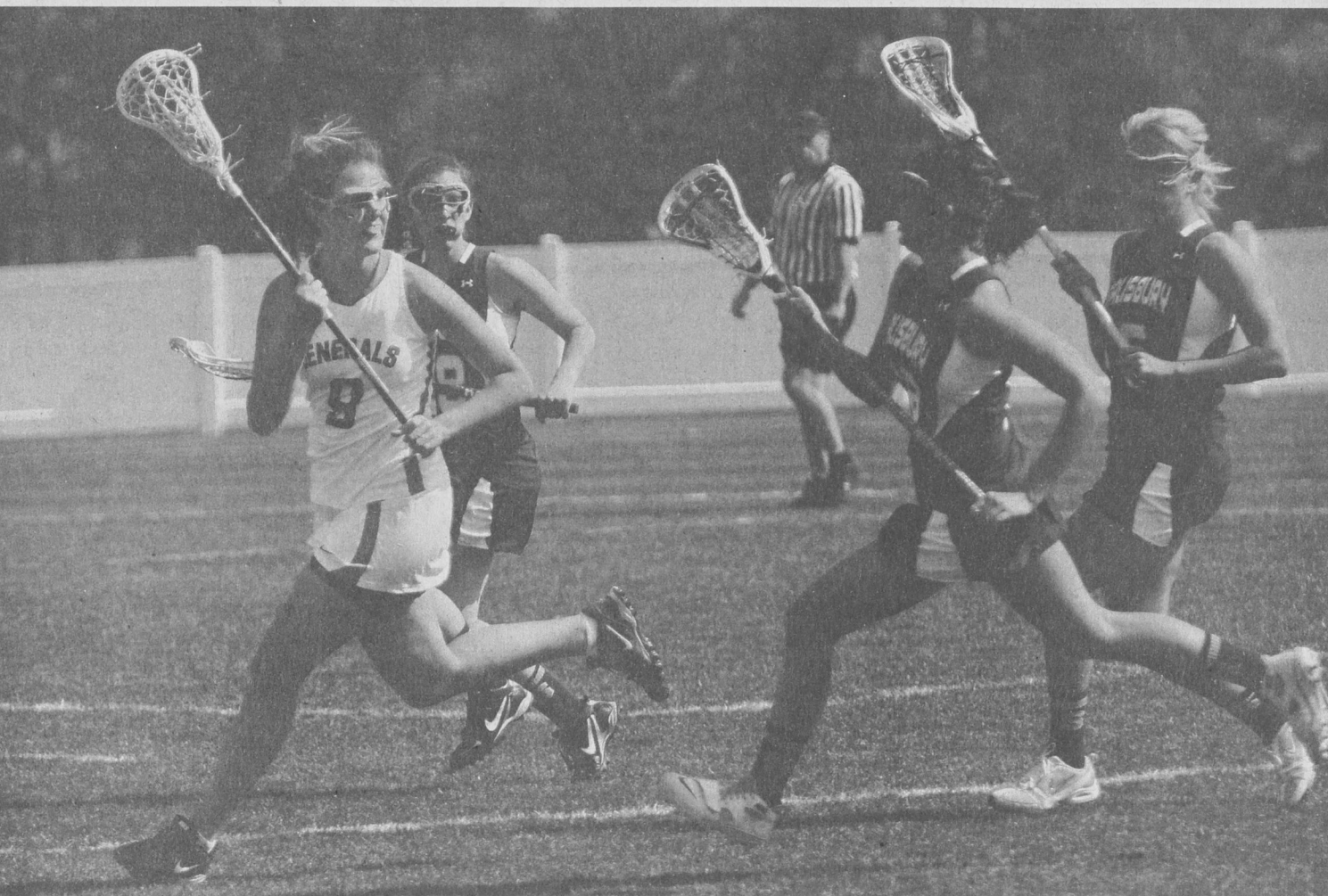
"I'm tired of pretending I'm not special. I'm tired of pretending I'm not a total bitchin' rock star from Mars.."

--Charlie Sheen

Women lax on... lax off

Lacrosse starts hot with three wins, then falters dropping two of their next three

By Emily Allender
STAFF WRITER



STEELE BURROW / head photographer

Washington & Lee's Alex Van Horn tries to get open as Salisbury defenders surround her during a home loss on Saturday. The Gennies trailed by three goals, losing to Salisbury with a score of 12-9.

The women's lacrosse team started the season with three big wins on the road followed by a tough loss at home.

Over Washington Break, the team travelled on the bus for more than 40 hours from Virginia to Atlanta, to Tennessee, to Maryland and finally home to Lexington. The Generals racked up three wins on the road trip to begin their season 3-0, then suffered a loss to Franklin and Marshall after returning home.

Senior leaders helped guide the Generals (4-1) to their first 2011 victory in a gripping 18-17 overtime win against the Mary Washington Eagles on February 20th in Fredericksburg, Va. Senior attacker Wilton Megargel netted the game-winning goal in overtime for a total of three goals. Senior midfielder Emmy Matthews led with five goals, and senior goalie Katharine Farrar had eleven saves.

An easy match against Sewanee led the team to their second win with a score of 21-13. The Tigers could never catch up from the General's 15-4 halftime lead. First-year Alex Van Horn had four goals and Megargel had a career-high of six goals.

Last week, W&L continued its streak at Stevenson when Megargel hit the net with eighteen seconds left in the game to win it 10-9. The Mustangs kept up with the Generals throughout the game, with help from attacker Lisa Baker who had four goals. Farrar led the Generals defense with twelve stops to win the game.

In an interview with Lacrosse Magazine, Coach Brooke Diamond said of the victories: "We have a laundry list of things to work through, but positively it shows we can win tight games. We didn't panic. Again that goes back to our senior leadership."

At the home opener at Watt Field on Saturday, the No. 14 Generals couldn't keep up with the third-ranked Franklin and Marshall team. The F&M Diplomats struck quickly, scoring five goals in the first ten minutes of play. F&M juniors Katie Delaney had two goals and Lauren Ehrhardt had one goal and an assist.

The Generals responded with four unanswered goals to end the first half trailing by one (5-4). But the Diplomats opened the second half much like the first, scoring three

times in the opening 3:08, to assume an 8-4 lead with 26:52 remaining in the contest. W&L rallied with goals by first-year attacker Margaret Klein, junior attacker Maddie McKaig, Mathews and sophomore midfielder Ashley Barnes to bring the gap to one goal (9-8). The Generals momentum wasn't enough to stop the aggressive F&M team. Although they out show their opponent 22-19, W&L suffered its first loss of the season with a final of 11-8.

Senior captain Kate Donnelly called the game a learning experience.

"We grew a lot as a team this game," she said. "We learned both that we can stay with the number three team in the nation and that we must rise in our competitive level of play."

The Generals faced their first ODAC competition on March 8th when they hosted Hollins at 4:45 p.m. on Watt Field in Lexington. The Gennies won, 21 - 0.

