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Secrets exposed

Post-Secret creator speaks at W&L

By Jayna Johns
SPORTS EDITOR

Frank Warren, the founder of the weekly blog Post-Secret.com and the author of five best-selling books, shared his perspectives on life and secrets, and what he has learned about the two, during his presentation in Stackhouse Theater last Tuesday.

"I like how [the PostSecret project] demonstrates the transformative power secrets have over us, and the power that we also have over them," Warren said during an interview before his presentation.

The idea behind the project is simple: a person anonymously writes down his or her secret, often along with a related picture, and sends it to Warren. He reads every card sent to him and, along with a team of other people, selects 20 every week to post online and hundreds more to put into books.

Warren said the idea came out of his personal history. He grew up in a family that always kept secrets, secrets that eventually drove his family apart. Warren said his father and brother have not spoken to his mother in years.

As an adult, Warren worked for Hopeline, an organization that helps with suicide prevention. While there, he said he noticed that every person he met had a rich interior life: inside jokes, taboo thoughts, hopeful wishes. These experiences shaped him and spiked his interest in the thoughts, emotions and experiences of other people.

Warren said he's always been fascinated by secrets, but in 2004 he had a "crazy idea."

He began by handing out 3,000 one-sided postcards on the streets of Washington DC with his address already written on them, encouraging people to write their secrets down and mail them to him.

Warren said the most common response he got was "I don't have any secrets." The results he gets from the project suggest otherwise.

For the first three months, the secrets slowly trickled in, almost completely from the DC area. But when he launched the online blog, the project's popularity took off. Warren estimates that he receives over 1,000 secrets every week from around the world.

"It just shows that we all have secrets... There's not really a language or a geographic barrier to that," Warren said in an interview. "It was shocking to really understand how large the project was getting, the reach it was getting."

Warren said that while the project started as more of a "creative prank," it became a "journey to discover parts of my own life. I've been hiding from secrets, I've been keeping [them] from myself."

According to Warren, the most common secret is "I pee in the shower."

The second most common is a little deeper: "I have so many secrets; all I want is to find that one person to share them all with."

According to Warren, people are looking for that one other person they can be themselves around.

Warren said he really saw the power of a secret in an e-mail he received commenting on other secrets. The original secret showed a broken door, and read that the person's mother had broken the door so she could get into his room to continue beating him. Following that secret, Warren said that pictures of broken doors, broken for the same reason, came flooding in.

"Seeing all those pictures of broken doors; it didn't depress me," the e-mail said. "It made me feel connected."

The e-mailer continued to say that he had blocked out that part of his childhood, refusing to acknowledge it.

With this information, Warren had an epiphany. "For the first time I realized there are two kinds of secrets: the secrets we keep from others, and the secrets we keep from ourselves."

"We keep secrets, but secrets also keep us," he said. "They could be undermining our relationships with other people."

One result of the project is the inside-look into the world's population. Warren said that most people, especially reporters, ask if many secrets are about crimes that people have committed, believing that to be the world's biggest problem. But Warren said very few of the secrets he receives are about crimes, but many, many secrets are about loneliness, self-harm, eating disorders and suicide. The project has become a window into the darkest places of humanity's heart, a way of understanding the most universal parts of our lives.

Warren emphasized to Tuesday's audience, just as he does to all of his audiences, the importance of embracing the good and bad in life equally and everything that can be learned from those moments.

"If you can go through the light and the dark [of life], at the end, you'll have a story, one of healing and redemption."

Election breakdown

Washington and Lee students to elect new representatives this week

By Kelsy McCraw
STAFF WRITER

Twenty-nine students will compete for open spots in Washington and Lee student government Wednesday.

In anticipation of upcoming class representative elections, an information session was held Thursday for prospective candidates.

EC President Scott Centorino said at least twice as many students turned out for this year's information session as last year.

"We did a lot more recruiting and advertising for the meeting this year," Centorino said.

"(President-elect) Scott McClintock sent out emails to the student body, and we tried to individually recruit students we thought would be good for the job," he said.

Centorino said the turnout seemed to be skewed toward the younger students, but noted that this was the norm for most elections. He said that there are typically around four students running for the junior and senior classes and more than 10 for the freshman and sophomore elections.

No incumbents are running for the two senior, two junior and two sophomore representative spots. The SJC will have no incumbent runners for the junior representative spot.

This is the second round of elections for the student body.

Last week, students elected SJC and EC officers for the 2011-12 school year.

Scott McClintock beat out Austin Branstetter for the president of the EC. Both candidates had served as class representatives on the EC since their sophomore years. McClintock also served as secretary this past year.

Branstetter said he will not run for one of the two class of 2012 representative spots. He said he now wants to focus his time and efforts on the Outing Club as key staff for padding.

"I (plan on applying) for some of the appointed positions to stay involved in the student government," he said.

The other class of 2012 representative, John Wells, said he is also not running for re-election.

Wells was recently appointed by the current EC when class of 2012 representative Luke Andersen had to step down for personal reasons. Wells, who also serves as treasurer of the Interfraternity Council, says he wants to focus his time and efforts on fraternity issues.

Jack Apgar, '13, landed the position as vice president of the EC after running unopposed. This will be his second year serving on the EC.

Fellow class of 2013 representative Steele Burrow will not be seeking re-election. Burrow plans to study abroad in France in the fall and, as such, cannot serve on the EC.

The sole class of 2014 representative Trey Hatcher was elected secretary of the EC. Hatcher will be the youngest secretary to the EC in at least four years.

Junior Matt Simpson defeated fellow junior Tim McAleenan for the chair of the SJC last week. Simpson previously served as the secretary of the SJC. McAleenan served as class of 2012 justice last year. He is now running for EC representative.

Eric Perkins, '13, will serve as secretary of the SJC. Perkins was previously the class of 2013 justice.

Since many current justices and representatives have chosen not to run, next year's EC and SJC will have several new faces.

In addition to the new first-year law and undergraduate representatives that will be elected next year, only 4 of 13 students on the EC will have prior experience serving their classmates.

The SJC will have at least four brand-new members.

A complete list of candidates follows. Students can see each candidate's platform on the elections tab on Sakai.

Candidates

Class of 2014

EC Representative

Nathaniel Reichel
Andy Ogburn
Nathan Kelly
Christian Martine
Maria Boshnacova
Gordon Globber
Shelby Barada
Caleb Walker
Chris Ives
Trip Cole
Peter Partee

SJC Representative

Amanda Newton
Lorraine Simonis
Lex Luther
Todd Smith-Schoenwalder
John Paul Beall
Justin Coppola

Class of 2013

EC Representative

Harrison Tucker
Ben Ruffel
Gregory Barton
Rachel Warrick
John Shepard
Megan Shaw

SJC Representative

Mary Elizabeth Bush
Will Salley

Class of 2012

EC Representative

Alex Sturges
Tim McAleenan
Melissa Powell

SJC Representative

Tyler Grant

W&L's women leaders

Student leaders reflect on the low percentage of women in W&L student government

By Sage Um
STAFF WRITER

With EC and SJC elections approaching, the lack of women in student government has been thrown into focus.

According to John Ehrhardt, Chair of the Voting Regulations Board, there have been at most two undergraduate women serving on the EC each year, out of 13 members, for the last few years. The SJC has not had any female representatives for the last three years.

Current class of 2013 representative Jack Apgar offered one possible explanation for the lack of women. "Women may be more hesitant in running for a position in an already male-dominated organization," Apgar said.

Head Recruitment Counselor and Panhellenic Council Member Alexandra Frazier said she thinks the relationship between women and student government is a "vicious cycle."

"There's no women on the committees, which makes it difficult for other women to consider running, and when they don't run, there's no women on the committees," Frazier said.

Sophomore Rachel Warrick is running for class of 2013 representative. She said there is a need for an example of female leadership on the EC and the SJC. By having someone on the committee actively representing the Washington and Lee women, other women could be motivated to run for positions in the future, Warrick said.

Justice Mary Elizabeth Bush is running for junior justice on the SJC. She said it is strange to see women under-represented in student government because women hold leadership positions in many other organizations.

"I have plenty of friends who have leadership positions on service organizations and Mock Convention," Bush said, "Spreading the word about the elections is important. I think the girls need more encouragement to consider running for a position."

Jackie Smith, the current EC class of 2011 representative and the only undergraduate woman on the EC, said she agrees with Bush on the need for the extra encouragement for women.

"While running for a position on the EC or the SJC is a personal choice, I think the women need the extra push," Smith said.

Smith said she was pleased with the interest from women at the recent information session.

"The desire is there and it was great to see so many women showing interest," Smith said. "It's always difficult to put yourself out there, especially when it's not the popular thing to do."

Smith said her term on the EC has been extremely rewarding. "While the men on the EC are perfectly capable of performing their duties, I thought it was very important to have a woman's perspective."

She is not the only person who acknowledges the importance of having women on these committees. Apgar said the committee would really benefit from having more women.

Sophomore representative Steele Burrow also said, "The EC's role in student governance is significant and having a woman's different perspective would be

extremely helpful in making decisions."

Although she found the lack of women in government surprising, Bush said it's important that women not have an unfair advantage just because they are women.

"I want people to vote for me not just because I'm a girl, but because I'm just as capable and deserving of the position as anyone," said Bush.

All candidates will make short speeches at a candidate forum on Monday night and the voting will occur on Sakai between 8 am and 5 pm, during which students cast two votes for EC candidates and one vote for SJC candidates. If needed, a runoff will occur on Friday with a third and final runoff on Monday.

news

Students bring water to Bolivia

Washington and Lee and Virginia Military Institute students work together on engineering project

By Kelly Mae Ross
STAFF WRITER

Students and professors from Washington and Lee and the Virginia Military Institute will be travelling to the small village of Pampoyo, Bolivia, this summer to help bring clean water to the 70 families in the village.

Junior Dana Frederick met Major Tim Moore at a lecture last term about the recent natural disaster in Haiti. Moore, assistant professor of civil engineering at VMI, told Fredericks about an organization called Engineers Without Borders that works to improve the health and quality of life of the people in underprivileged areas of the world through the construction of engineering projects.

According to the Engineers Without Borders website, the projects that EWB groups plan and build provide "necessities such as clean water, power, sanitation and education." Moore is the adviser for the recently established VMI chapter of Engineers Without Borders, and he encouraged Dana to get involved.

Fredericks is now the president of the W&L EWB group, which works in collaboration with the VMI EWB chapter. She said that she is excited about EWB because the group's work is "beneficial to both the people of Bolivia and the students."

According to a 2008 report from the World Health Organization, 3.575 million people die every year from water-related diseases. Clean water is also needed to irrigate crops.

Crop irrigation is a primary concern for the people of Pampoyo and is the focus of the VMI and W&L students' efforts.

The river where the residents of Pampoyo get water to irrigate their farmland has been contaminated by runoff from old mines located upstream. The students, in collaboration with the Blue Ridge professional chapter of EWB, are working to design a catchment/pipeline system that will capture the water from the river upstream from the mines, and then divert this clean water through pipes to the crop fields of the farmers of Pampoyo.

Carrie Wortham, a junior biology major and president of the VMI EWB chapter, said that this irrigation project could have great and lasting effects upon the village of Pampoyo.

"A remote, isolated village—you're not going to find much opportunity there. So what we're doing will hopefully encourage the younger generations to stick around," she said.

Wortham said the group hopes the catchment and irrigation system that they are building will increase the amount of arable land available to Pampoyan farmers by 400 percent.

Fredericks said that this increase in farmland could allow the people of the village to grow enough food to sustain themselves and have some cash crops left over. She said that a major concern for the area is the lack of work avail-

able—that younger generations are moving away from Pampoyo to seek work in the nearby city of La Paz. The increased availability of farmland could help ensure the longevity of the village by encouraging its younger members to stay put.

Along with the difficulties of planning the catchment and irrigation project for Pampoyo, the groups must also fundraise in order to pay for the tools and materials that they will need and for their travel costs. The EWB groups plan to send two waves of students, professors and professional engineers from the Blue Ridge EWB chapter to Bolivia this summer to work on the catchment system.

The students must find a way to raise \$30,000 before they can leave the country and break ground on this project.

Another challenge that the chapter and group are currently facing is recruitment. "We're working on getting underclassmen involved," said Matt Brock, vice president of VMI EWB chapter. As of now, the VMI chapter is all juniors and two sophomores.

The W&L group has generated a slightly greater interest amongst younger students, as four current sophomores and four current first-year students showed up to the inaugural meeting of the group that was held several weeks ago. All of the students at this first meeting listed some form of physics or engineering as one of their majors.

Professor Jonathan Erickson, assistant professor of physics and engineering at W&L and adviser for the W&L EWB group, said that while it was great to see such a good turnout of engineers, he hopes that students with interests other than engineering will get involved with the group as well.

"In some ways it's kind of unfortunate that it has 'engineers' in the title. ... Getting the message out that this is a club not just for engineers but for anybody who's interested in these types of community-service style projects, with a purview especially towards the international developing world, that's just a challenge, I think, inherent with name that comes with [the club]."

Those involved with EWB are eager to see the both chapter and group grow in terms of size and the range of interests of their members. In early April, Fredericks will be holding an information session in which she will present EWB and the Pampoyo project to some of the students at W&L interested in poverty studies.

"We want the poverty people involved big time too," said Fredericks.

In addition to benefits the Pampoyo project will bring to the people of this small Bolivian village, the impact of the project is already being felt right here in Lexington.

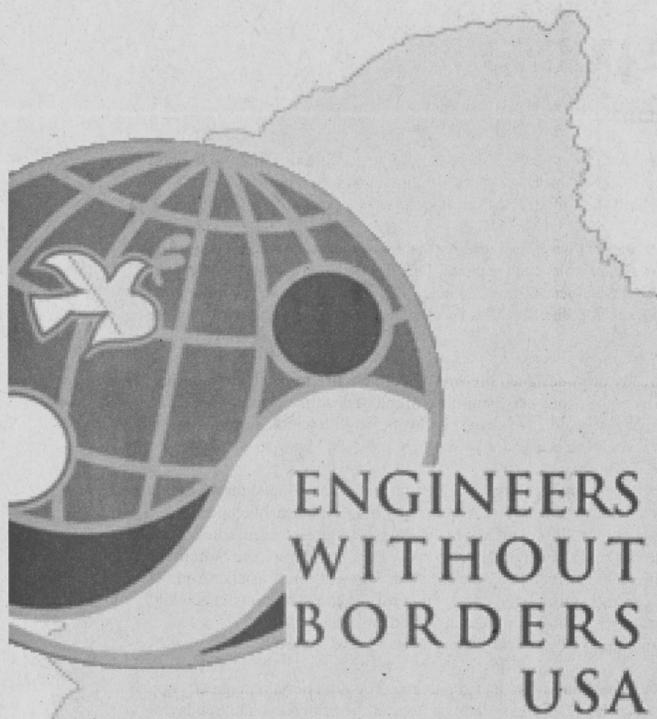
Moore said he believes the collaboration that has begun to occur between the VMI EWB chapter and the W&L group

has the potential to improve the relations between the two campuses.

"It bridges gaps that have existed for years between VMI and W&L," said Moore. Members of the chapter and the group say said that there have been no problems, other than scheduling conflicts, when it comes to the inter-campus collaboration. Brock said he thinks it's great that W&L students are getting involved with the Pampoyo project and that he appreciates the different way of thinking that W&L students have.

"They have a different outlook on things and that's really nice. And another thing, it's just cool to be able to talk with somebody that's not wearing one of these things, you know," Brock said as he pointed at the VMI patch on his jacket. "It's a little outside contact for once."

Students interested in getting involved with the W&L Engineers Without Borders group should email Dana Fredericks at fredericksd12@mail.wlu.edu.



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opinions

A dry spell of FD proportions

Opinions Editor Stockton Bullitt tried abstaining from alcohol during Fancy Dress week and documented the results

By Stockton Bullitt
OPINIONS EDITOR

You know those Sundays when you wake and remind yourself that you never ever want to drink ever again?

Well, last Sunday, I had a bad one of those. I woke up from a sleep, but I didn't really feel like I had slept at all. Lifting myself out of bed and walking over to the bathroom was a chore rarely rivaled in difficulty. As I soothingly massaged my head and stomach simultaneously, I had a nice little conversation with myself about never drinking again.

Then it came to me, why not force myself not to drink again and then write a column about it? That way I could force myself to actually abstain from drinking for a week, and I could also provide at least some quality commentary on the age old Washington and Lee perception that "you can't have fun at parties if you aren't drinking."

After my hangover died down, this idea started to take the fruition that most ideas take on Sundays. See, if you aren't telling yourself "I'm screwed, I'm screwed, I'm screwed" on Sunday, then most likely you aren't worrying about a test or an essay due the next day. And most of the time, Sunday actually turns into the day of hope (again, this is after the hangover has died down). I personally spent most of Sunday imagining how productive and wonderful my next week would be without alcohol.

I was going to start working ahead more in school. I was going to start calling my family and ask them about how they were doing more. I was going to hit the gym more. And the best part about this upcoming week was that I was now going to be much richer thanks to my

lack of beer runs.

Overall, my first day without alcohol was fantastic. That is, until the Pole 2 fire, which is when I seized upon the opportunity to exploit the situation and report on rumors. In my sober state, I forgot to RESPECT JOURNALISM and refused the chance to interview crying girls who had just lost everything they owned within an hour about the minute details of the tragedy they had just experienced. Maybe I did need alcohol...

Anyway, Monday and Tuesday flew by with a breeze. Really, refusing the temptation to casually drink helped the most on these two days. I did catch up on work, and I started to follow the news much more closely. I attended more of the school's offered lectures and symposiums. I started saying "Hmmm.... indeed" much more often. Basically, I attributed my new temperance with a new academic enlightenment.

Wednesday was the first really difficult day of the week for me. After dinner, I was sitting around with friends, and one of them raised his hand only to follow throw like he was shooting a free throw in basketball. In modern vernacular, this movement has two meanings: 1) swish and 2) beer pong. Since we were sitting in couches and this guy wasn't holding a basketball, everyone took it to mean beer pong. Now, just because I am

the Vanderbilt basketball team of beer pong (always hyped but never make it past the first round), that doesn't mean that I don't thoroughly enjoy playing beer pong. Sadly, I had to pass up the

We aren't alcoholics and while we make some mistakes while drinking, most of us are still dumb kids. We are going to get into trouble and make bad decisions with or without alcohol in the mix.

magical opportunity and go back to work.

Later that night, I was at my girlfriend's house doing everything I could do to forget that tonight was usually a party night. However, fate had other ideas when Southern Comfort decided to throw a party at that very house. I sulked. I pouted. I tried to distract myself. But nothing worked, and yet, I still didn't leave, but that's mostly because I'm whipped. After Wednesday, I was firmly under the assumption that no one at W&L can have fun at parties without the help of alcohol.

Thursday was a nice bounce back day because people rarely drink on Thursdays. I would've gone to see Tron in the Commons, just so I could complete my on campus activities checklist. But, I have seen that movie before, and even Daft Punk couldn't save such a terrible movie from being the most unwatchable

sci-fi movie since Battlefield Earth.

Friday was the beginning of the gauntlet. How was I going to be able to get through Fancy Dress weekend without alcohol? Not only can I not dance whatsoever, but I definitely cannot dance without the inebriated false bravado that accompanies most of my dancing. I was terrified for my date.

I finally completed my on campus activities checklist by visiting the senior art show on Friday. With all due respect to the Japan symposium, the senior art show was by far the highlight of my journey into on campus academic exploits. If you haven't checked out the fridge photographs or the painted train stations and window reflections, you are missing something quality that our campus has to offer.

On Saturday, once I finished my dinner and soberly survived the pre-dance cocktail party, I made it to the dance. Despite being able to complete all of my sentences, I still got into the obligatory huge fight with my date and still had to beg forgiveness for all the stupid transgressions I made that initiated the fight in the first place. I guess alcohol isn't responsible for everything.

Once we made up however, my date and I had a fantastic time at Fancy Dress. The ambiance was wonderful and the band on the main dance floor was great. I was lucky enough to have a date that wasn't too drunk to judge my terrible dancing and also had enough of a sense of a humor to simply laugh at my futile attempts at rhythm.

See, over Fancy Dress I noticed something. Alcohol plays at least somewhat of a role in most of our lives. We

aren't alcoholics and while we make some mistakes while drinking, most of us are still dumb kids. We are going to get into trouble and make bad decisions with or without alcohol in the mix. I still got into a fight with my date, and I still got into similar bad situations that I would've gotten into with the help of alcohol. However, there was one thing missing: the edge. The fight with my date didn't seem nearly as apocalyptic, and it didn't last nearly as long. I still ended up being pretty lazy throughout most of the week, and my temperance did not persuade me to once call my family just looking to chat. However, I still got to wake up every morning without a headache or muddy clothes.

Finally, I noticed one last thing towards the end of Fancy Dress. At Fancy Dress there were plenty of students who don't ever drink who were having a fabulous time. But there were plenty of somewhat inebriated students also looking to have a fantastic experience on the dance floor. So, that got me thinking. On Wednesday, when I was so miserable being sober at the Southern Comfort party, was it really alcohol's fault or was it simply that I was separating myself from the fun? After Fancy Dress, I think I guess the latter.

So, whatever your current relationship with alcohol is, make sure that you aren't waking up in the morning with regrets and more problems than you had the morning before, and I'm guessing you'll have less headaches to worry about.

letter to the editor

I am writing to express my frustration with the recent article published by the The Ring-tum Phi about the fire at Pole 2. I am embarrassed by the unprofessionalism displayed by our school's only newspaper.

In the first paragraph alone there are TWO FACT ERRORS, not to mention a grammatical error. The least the Phi editors could have done was proofread the article, even if they chose to completely disregard reporting the facts.

The correct address is 207 Furrs Mill Road, not 232 Furrs Mill as the article last week stated. Second, the article said there was no one in the house when the fire started. This is also false. There were three people in the house when the fire started. Fortunately, they were all able to escape the house safely without injury.

In addition to the factual errors in first paragraph, the article also claimed power to the rest of the pole houses was cut off. This again is pure rumor, as I live at Pole 3 and we never lost power.

The Phi exploited the situation at the mercy of the six girls who lived at Pole 2. It put the fire on the front page to attract other student's attention with no regard to getting the story right. If the Phi thought it was providing a valuable service to the rest of the community, it failed. If the Phi wanted to inform the rest of the community about the fire, it should have taken the time to accurately report the facts, instead of forwarding rumors.

I understand the Phi's desire to try and break the story, but the blatant disrespect shown by publishing false rumors is an embarrassment to professional journalism.

Now more than ever it is important for newspapers to be trustworthy sources of news. As the public continues to look to the Internet for its news, newspapers need to avoid the trap of sacrificing fact for immediacy. Newspapers and other legitimate news organizations will have no future if they stoop to the level of blogs and Twitter.

This is a prime example of why the American public is turning to Twitter and blogs for its news instead of reading newspapers. If the public can't trust a newspaper to be more reliable than social networking sites, they have no reason to read the paper.

So, as a student reader, I ask the Ring-tum Phi to get the facts right before the next time it publishes an article, especially one as delicate as tragic fire at student housing.

Editors - Please respect journalism!

Tyler Tocarczyk

in response

Dear Readers:

I understand and, to an extent, share Mr. Tokarczyk's frustration with errors in last week's story about the Pole 2 fire. I do not seek to excuse those errors, but I do wish to defend the Phi staff and state that we did the best we could under the circumstances.

About 9:30, just as I was about to enter the Phi office to copy-edit, I saw on Twitter (yes, Twitter) that Pole 2 had burned. Diandra and a few other people were in the office, and I asked them if they had heard this rumor. Diandra informed me that the rumor was true and that Stockton Bullitt was on the scene and had submitted a report.

This was certainly the biggest news of the week; unfortunately, the cover page layout had already been designed pre-fire. The Pole 2 fire forced us to redesign the front page. Meanwhile, our early morning Monday deadline steadily approached. Time that ordinarily would have been spent working with words became time spent working with layout. We had limited resources - both time and people - with which to pull the paper together.

In the stress of getting the paper together, factual errors slipped through, as well as a clunky sentence. The address error is something that clearly could have been avoided. I suspect that Mr. Tokarczyk knew Pole 2's address because he's a neighbor. While the rest of us have no reason to know Pole 2's address, the bottom line is that we assumed it was right and went forward. That was our mistake. And, while I'm not sure that the grammar error to which Mr. Tokarczyk points is actually an error, it is certainly a stylistic failure that should have been fixed.

We also reported that Pole 2 was empty at the time of the fire, and that power had been cut off to the other Pole Houses. These statements were inaccurate. Here, we reported the best information we had at the time. The Phi does not magically appear on Monday afternoons. Our final draft has to be at the print shop late Sunday night or very early Monday morning. We did not have the luxury of waiting. We had to get something on the page that night, and unfortunately, the only information we had turned out to be inaccurate.

Did we have to get something on the page that night? Absolutely. While Mr. Tokarczyk castigates us for our errors, how much more odd would the Phi have looked if there were no mention of the fire at all? I am even more flabbergasted by Mr. Tokarczyk's assertion that we exploited the young women living at Pole 2. Reporting the news is what we do; it's not exploitative to run an article about the biggest news on campus. Neither did we run the article simply out of a desire to break the news. Twitter and Facebook had done that long before any text went into the Phi computers. We had to say something about the Pole 2 fire, because reporting the news is what we do. Inaccuracies in the report are unfortunate occurrences, but they are not exploitations.

I am not a professional journalist - at least, I am not a J-school major. I copy-edit because Diandra is a friend who cannot put together the entire paper by herself, and apparently nobody who has class in Reid Hall is interested in doing copy-editing. I'm learning about journalism on the fly; this is, perhaps, one of those things that only happen at small liberal-arts schools like Washington and Lee. The episode surrounding the Pole 2 fire has taught me that newspapers are not the medium for breaking news, because newspapers have limitations. Unfortunately, we are the only traditional news medium that is consumed by any amount of the W&L community. Had we gotten other, corrected facts before press time, we would have run them.

The sum of the matter, dear readers, is this: we will strive to do better in the future. But keep in mind our limitations. We publish once a week; our deadline is early Monday morning. When news breaks on Sunday night, we do the best we can. We will continue to report the facts to the best of our knowledge. If any of you, especially J-school majors, feel you can do a better job than I do on the copy-editing front, I will be happy to yield and leave the journalism to the journalists. Until then, continue to call us out where we fall short.

Best,
Samuel Gilleran '11
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opinions



Cows can breathe a sigh of relief

Well, a few can... Columnist and pescatarian Ali Greenberg explains her decision for a "meat-lite" diet

By Ali Greenberg
COLUMNIST

While I generally write about clothing, I honestly have nothing else to write about until Spring Term when the lax pennies and croakies come out, so I present to you a privileged insight into my life choices. Just in case you cared.

I have been a Pescatarian, also known as a "fake-vegetarian" for nearly six years and I've been fine.

The only thing keeping me from being a full on vegetarian is the fact that I was weaned on sushi as a baby and my body has developed a necessity to maintain obscenely high levels of mercury at all times. Everyone knows that no harm can come from excessive consumption of Toro; just ask Jeremy Piven if you don't believe me.

So besides my sushi addiction, for nearly 1/3 of my life I haven't consumed meat. No chicken, no steak, and no bacon. (It should be noted that pork is just about the only thing that Jews and Muslims agree on, so there may be some validity to those woes.)

It wasn't very hard for me to adjust. I never really cared much for meat to begin with, or at least not "every day"

"Plus, wouldn't I totally regret not eating Guinea Pig when I had the chance?"

meat.

What I missed was a mixed bag: pork BBQ, brisket, country ham, meatballs and a really good Gyro. It's like a hoagie or a sub, but you are just calling it the wrong name. But this stuff wasn't my everyday fare in northern suburbia, so I wasn't really giving anything up.

Then one day I watched *Super Size Me* and stopped with fast food. And then I watched some PETA videos and felt like by consuming the product I was supporting the mistreatment of animals that suffered horrible conditions in the slaughterhouses before they were killed.

I want to be clear that I believe eating meat is a natural and normal human choice, and I don't think anyone is bad for choosing to do it. I just decided one

day that it wasn't the choice for me.

So I decided to try being a vegetarian for a month, and I never stopped.

That is, until about a two months ago when I went to The Homeplace. Not the Homestead. And this is the point in the article where the boys who flipped to the Sports page are going to regret their decisions.

The Homeplace is a southern Virginia staple, located in an old farmhouse on a sprawling estate 15 minutes outside of Roanoke. It's the kind of place where reservations don't exist and I have never waited less than 30 minutes for a table. One time when my brother tried to pay with an Amex, they told us to just mail them a check later.

How's that for an honor system?

Only there can \$16 get you so much. You don't order, you just decide two meats or three meats and then you are brought heaping quantities of fried

chicken, roast beef, country ham, green beans, pinto beans, biscuits, apple butter, cole slaw, mashed potatoes and gravy. Plus the vegetable of the day, which is sometimes macaroni and cheese, and on Thursdays there is Pork BBQ.

Oh yeah, and then they end the meal with fruit cobbler. There is a phrase for this kind of stuff-it is called "Food Porn".

So after years of literally smelling other people's plates (you taste a lot with your nose), I decided I would see if I was still missing out.

I grabbed a drumstick and took a bite. And it was gross. Like, disgusting. Meat is nasty. I realized all I actually craved was the breeding and seasoning. Fried chicken is such a tease.

And although I am positive that it would be delicious to anyone else, I just simply don't like meat anymore. I reassured myself that I had made the right choice and didn't worry about any carnivorous temptations.

However, two weeks ago I found out that I was accepted to a summer internship in Peru. This is when I realized I

was kind of screwed.

I had passed off chorizo in Spain, schwarma in Israel and bisteq in Uruguay, but an 8-week stay in Peru would require a change. Spending my summer studying poverty in a third-world country means that I need to actually assimilate. And it would be culturally insensitive, difficult and just plain stupid to not eat meat during my stay.

Plus, wouldn't I totally regret not eating guinea pig when I had the chance?

So now I am slowly incorporating meat back into my diet, and it SUCKS. Chicken is bland and I spend every day worrying about getting sick. But if I don't reprogram my body to digest and metabolize more complex proteins, then I am going to be seriously screwed when I land in Cuzco.

Oh yeah, and getting used to the altitude sickness and water parasites won't be a walk in the park either.

"AKA" what? Q&A about new srat

Sally Platt answers some intriguing questions about the newest sorority to join ranks at Washington and Lee

By Sally Platt
COLUMNIST

So you may have noticed those girls around campus all decked out in pearls and pink and green (and if you haven't, you will soon). Who are they, and why are they always yelling "skee-wee" at each other? This Q&A will hopefully answer those questions and help you get to know the newest addition to W&L Greek life!

Q: What does AKA stand for?

A: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Incorporated).

Q: Then what is all this "Tau Zeta" business about?

A: "Tau Zeta" is the unique W&L chapter name, given to the Sorors upon their chartering.

Q: So what will the group be known as --- Tau Zeta or AKA?

A: AKA, because it is the nationally recognized name.

Q: Will AKA ever have a house?

A: No. As part of NHPC (National

Pan-Hellenic Council), not NPC (National Panhellenic Conference), it will not have a house. (It's a Divine Nine thing.) But, as someone observed to me, "We're AKA's. We don't need a house to make ourselves legit."

Q: Why at W&L, and why now?

A: Plans to bring AKA to W&L have actually been in the works for at least five years. This year, with the tremendous help of Dean Futrell, everything just finally came together. (We love our Dean Tammy!)

Q: When exactly did all this happen?

A: On March 20th twelve W&L women were initiated into AKA and officially chartered the Tau Zeta Chapter. This was followed by a luncheon in Evans Dining Hall attended by over two hundred people. Besides featured speakers such as Dean Watkins and the AKA Regional Director, the real attraction was Michael McGuire '13 who sang a

special tribute song (to thunderous applause). The new Sorors also sang their chapter song "Diamonds and Pearls" (to the tune of the Prince version of the same name).

Q: Speaking of songs, I've heard lyrics to an old AKA chant that go, "One plus one is two, Two plus one is three, You better watch your man, Because your man is watching me". Any comments?

A: -----

Q: I've heard that AKA is a multicultural sorority. Is that true?

A: Yes. AKA is a traditionally black greek organization. It is in fact the first black greek sorority in America (sorry Deltas). It was founded on January 15th, 1908, on the campus of Howard University.

Q: How has it changed since it's founding?

A: Although still keeping true to it's

purpose of "Service to all Mankind," AKA has grown tremendously. Internationally, there are 250,000 members in over 900 chapters.

Q: So AKA is a service organization?

A: Yes. Through its undergraduate and graduate chapters AKA provides assistance to the community in a variety of ways, including education, health, and fitness. (But trust me --- this doesn't mean we don't like to have fun!)

Q: What does the Tau Zeta Chapter hope to accomplish on our campus?

A: Well, I can't confirm any of this, but I've heard that programming possibilities for the near future include "Zumba on the Green," First-Aid Certification, and care packages sent to women at Living Waters for Girls (an Atlanta organization dedicated to providing victims of commercial sexual trade a new beginning). And who knows, a step show would always be fantastic! (The

Tau Zeta women have also already spent a morning helping out at Boxerwood Gardens).

Q: So who exactly is in the sorority?

A: Tau Zeta consists of twelve W&L women from all grade-levels. They are: Devin Cooper, Joan Oguntimein, Adriana Gonzales, Amber Cooper, Mica Winchester, Lavisha Redmon, Jeanine Bailey, Kahena (Kiki) Joubert, De-Anna Clarke, Kira Sedberry, Sally Platt and Nichelle Corbett.

Q: Who is the President?

A: Amber Cooper.

Q: What's with the pearls?

A: The sororities was founded by twenty women who have become known as the "twenty pearls." (Plus, pearls are classy!...just like AKA's).

Q: So what DOES "skee-wee" actually mean???

A: Well I could tell you...but then I'd have to kill you. "Skee-wee-wee!!!"

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Down memory lane

Patrick Smith recounts the greatest nostalgic moments of our generation's pop culture past

By Patrick Smith
COLUMNIST

I have been thinking about writing this article for quite some time now. Just kidding, I just Google searched "article ideas," and this popped up. This is you judging me; this is my care face...

I was sitting at the fraternity house one day talking about all the stupid stuff kids are into these days like Justin Bieber and Silly Bandz, and it made me think about all the things I used to love as a kid.

Even though the Washington and Lee community is extremely geographically diverse, I'm sure most of you share an appreciation for the fads you are about to read. (Of course you could stop reading this article altogether; once again, care face...)

Without further hesitation, the complete list of the guilty pleasures of our childhoods:

Power Rangers

Power Rangers meant to my childhood as winning means to Charlie Sheen. Back when I was a stupid little ginger kid, I wanted but two things. I wanted to operate a Zord, and to marry the pink ranger, Kimberly. Also, I was the red ranger for Halloween-twice.

Old School Nickelodeon Shows

I'm talking about Hey Dude, Double Dare, Salute Your Shorts, Legends of the Hidden Temple, Are You Afraid of the Dark?, Pete and Pete, Rocko's Modern Life and, of course, Doug. They just don't make shows like these anymore. I was always so pissed that I couldn't apply to be on Double Dare because I have five family members. If I ever did get selected to be on that show, I'd just tell my sister there's a Dawson's Creek marathon on.

Disc Men

I remember when the Disc Man came out; I had to have one. Wearing a heavy circular object attached to my belt just seemed like the right thing to do. Listening to the only good Smash Mouth CD was just the icing on the cake.

Crazy Bones

This has to be the dumbest of all the toys kids used to play with back in the day. Does anyone even know that Crazy Bones is actually a game with rules? I collected the hell out of these until my fifth grade teacher confiscated my two favorite ones after I "allegedly" ran an underground prostitution ring out of the boys' bathroom.

Pokemon Cards

These were a HUGE deal. Having holographic Pokemon cards was a symbol of status amongst men. This was another thing people collected and never played with. Did the creators of Pokemon cards actually think us kids were smart enough to understand the rules of that game? Pokemon cards were cool until I left my whole binder at the Jersey Shore and lost every single card. I cried for days, got over it and moved on to the next waste of my parent's money.

Pogs

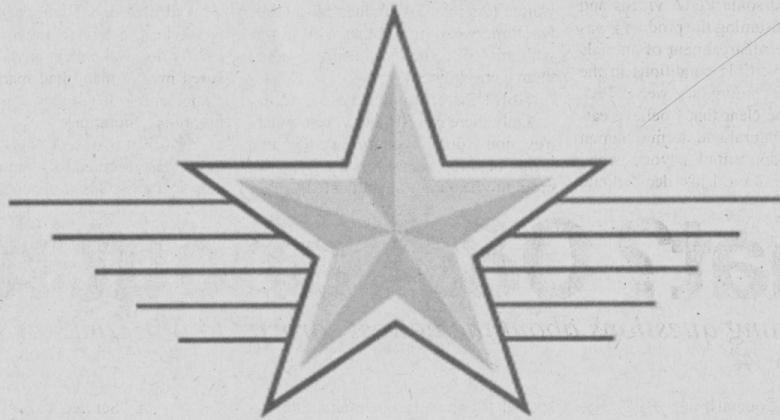
Ok, I take back what I said about Crazy Bones. Pogs were the dumbest toy ever created. Whoever thought that circular pieces of cardboard with pictures on them were a good idea is an idiot-likely a very wealthy idiot. I collected the hell out of these until my sister decided to douse all my Pogs in water because set one of her Barbies on fire.

I have plenty more items on this list but quite frankly, care face...

Two snowmen are standing in a field. One says to the other: "Funny, I smell carrots too."

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arts & life

Ladies' Club unites to fight exploitation

The W&L Ladies' Club performed choreo-poetry readings to illustrate the horrific world of sexual trafficking

By Devin Cooper
STAFF WRITER

Until recently, the commercial sexual exploitation of enslaved persons, especially children, has been characterized as a non-American issue. However, that is not the case. The organization Living Water for Girls illustrates this American issue more poignantly:

"Young American girls are being raped daily for profit in communities we call home. Why? Because there are adults who demand to have sex with our children. This physical, mental, emotional and spiritual trauma often leaves

children broken and scarred for life." (www.livingwaterforgirls.org).

This industry generates more than \$13 billion annually and according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, there are more than 300,000 children that are victimized here in the United States.

The Washington and Lee Ladies' Club has addressed this epidemic. As an organization dedicated to the healthy personal, spiritual and academic development of women on campus, the W&L

Ladies' Club joined the fight against the sexual exploitation of young women. In 2009, the Ladies' Club partnered with the organization Living Water for Girls—an organization based in the state of Georgia that rescues and rehabilitates young American girls who were victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

To date, the W&L Ladies' Club has hosted three events to help raise awareness about this problem and to raise money for Living Water to buy clothes, toiletries, and other necessities for the

young ladies that live on the grounds owned by Living Water for Girls.

On Tuesday, March 8th, the W&L Ladies' Club performed a "choreo-poem" entitled "Every Drop That Falls" which illustrated our perspective of the life of young women who have experienced the hellish world of sexual trafficking. The choreo-poem gained substantial support from faculty, staff, student groups such as W&L Active Minds and LIFE, and even the support of a Lexington business, Intimate U.

The goal for the event was to open the eyes of the community and convey that anyone can help combat the sexual predators that are lurking in the shadows therefore helping prevent the underground trade of childhood slavery in the United States.

Service league gears up for volunteer day

Nabors Service League will hold the Spring Service Day on Saturday for students to work on projects in the community

By Katie Michelini
STAFF WRITER

With the passing of Fancy Dress comes Washington and Lee's next big spring event: Nabors Spring Service Day. This year's service day falls on Saturday, April 2nd. Following lunch on Cannan Green, participants will spend their afternoons engaging in various local service projects. Through Nabors Service Day, the entire student body has the opportunity to get involved in the Lexington community and get an idea of what Nabors Service League has to offer.

Nabors Service League began in memory of Jonathon Owen Nabors. Jonathon was a student at W&L who died tragically in a car accident returning to school after Christmas break. According to family and friends, he was

known for his good nature, fun-loving spirit and sincerity. Jonathon had an observable love for W&L and the Lexington community.

Following his death, his friends collaborated to create Nabors Service League. The organization aims to promote fellowship amongst Lexington residents, W&L students, faculty and staff through community service. Ideally creating a larger, more inclusive community, this organization would serve to echo the way Jonathon lived his life. To this day, his parents are continuously involved in every Nabors event.

Nabors Service League is currently one of the largest student-run organizations at W&L. The league promotes and

encourages a spirit of service and connects service with learning through the productive use of an individual's talents and interests. A leadership committee

motivating issues awareness and connecting potential volunteers with needy organizations. The committee also aspires to maintain an umbrella organization for students interested in service.

Nabors Service Day is an essential element of the league's mission. By providing a chance for students to make a one-day service commitment, Nabors Service League has the opportunity to introduce more of the student body to opportunities to serve through a fun, low-pressure event. This year, service day participants will work with organizations like Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, the Magnolia Center, the YMCA, Boxerwood Gardens, Campus Kitchens, Woods Creek Montes-

sori School and the Manor of Natural Bridge. These organizations showcase some of the service opportunities Lexington has to offer.

To register for next week's event, students may sign-up online at the Nabors Service League webpage (<http://www.wlu.edu/x29569.xml>) or at tables in the Commons beginning on Monday, March 28th. The service day begins with lunch and registration at 12:30 p.m. and will end by 4:00 p.m.



composed of thirteen students runs the league and has responsibilities ranging from organizing alternative breaks, pro-

Dance company to perform individual pieces

Washington and Lee Repertory Dance Company will showcase pieces from students and alumni Thursday to Saturday

By Adriana Gonzalez
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Repertory Dance Company will be performing in the Lenfest Center for the Arts Thursday, March 31st through Saturday, April 3rd. Performances on Thursday and Friday will be at 7:30pm and at 2:00pm on Saturday. This season's performance features choreography not only from current students and guest artists but also from dance company alumni A'rese Emokpae '10 and Rasaan Lawal '10.

The highlights of the show include two student pieces by dance minors Stephanie Brown '11 and Dana Fredricks '12. About her piece, "Pearls of Self-Destructive Wisdom", Brown comments, "How do you find yourself with so many different voices, opinions, and influences explaining what a person should be. 'Pearls of Self-Destructive Wisdom' is about the journey that searching for yourself and your voice amongst the many other voices that surround each of us daily." Along with choreographing the piece, Brown also created the music that accompanies it. The piece will be performed by Rachel Alexander '13, Sally Nexsen '14, and Jennifer Ritter '13. Brown has been dancing most of her life and is a member of Nu Delta Alpha, a dance honor society.

Fredricks' piece, "Boundless", is an aerial fabric piece that she will be performing herself. "Does the possibility of falling 20 ft. off the fabric and plummeting to the ground scare me? Quite possibly... but I do it anyways," says Fredrick. Her interest was piqued when she was a part of the first aerial dance class Spring Term 2009 which performed on the side of Wilson Hall. Fredrick then went on to take private classes in aerial dance. Fredrick is the first student in W&L's dance history to choreograph and perform a piece using aerial dance fabric.

The concert also features pieces by Ohad Naharin from the Batsheva Dance

Company in Israel, Shaleigh Comerford and W&L Repertory Dance Company Creative Director and assistant dance professor Jenefer Davies.

The piece by Naharin entitled "Minus 16" features traditional Hebrew music and dynamic movement. The New York Times describes Naharin's choreography as "distinguished by stunningly flexible limbs and spines, deeply grounded movement, explosive bursts and a vitality that grabs a viewer by the collar."

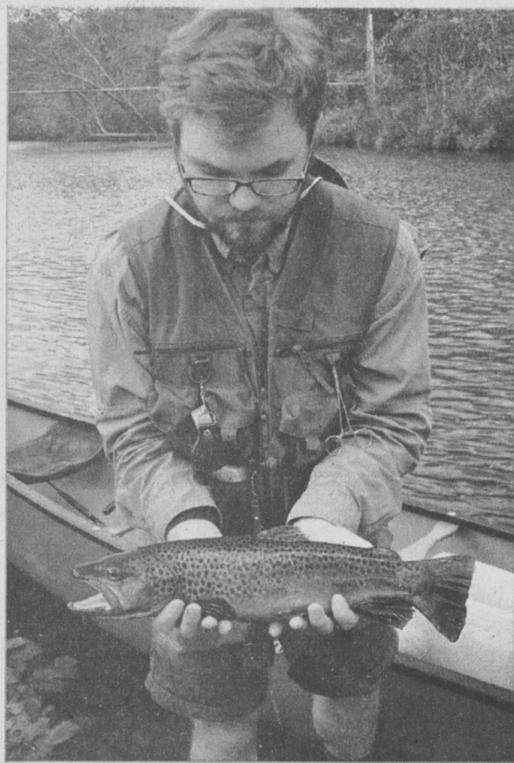
Davies choreographed two pieces for the concert, "Leon" and "Tragedy of the Commons". Leon is a unique collaboration between dancers and the Washington and Lee Chamber Singers. The piece tells the story of the "Way of St. James" or Camino Santiago, a pilgrimage trail through France and Spain to the tomb of St. James the Apostle. Her other piece, "Tragedy of the Commons", is an interactive piece that incorporates audience input, live feedback and economic theory. The piece is a collaboration of Davies, W&L professor/designer Shawn Paul Evans and economist Anthony Davies.

Comerford's piece "Composition in Retrospect" is a "group collective piece overseen by guest artist, Shaleigh Comerford, who modeled the creation of this piece on her work with Forsythe Improvisation Technologies. Among other things, these dancers use the Fibonacci sequence as a means of redefining and shaping movement," says Davies.

All in all, this year's concert looks to be a very compelling and intellectual culmination of unique collaborations and techniques.

For more information about this and other events in the Lenfest Center for the Arts and tickets, contact the Lenfest Box Office Monday through Friday from 9-11am and 2-4pm at (540) 458-8000 or log on to lenfest.wlu.edu.

Nymphs and Woolly Buggers?



Nymphs? Woolly Buggers? and Roll Casting? How about stripping line? Mending line? and tying surgeon's loops? Ever wanted to learn about Fly Fishing? Here is your chance on **Wednesday March 30th at 7pm** in the Outing Club meeting room in the Elrod Commons at Washington and Lee University.

We'll be joined by **Doug Lane, '79** from Anglers Lane fly shop in Lynchburg, VA who will be teaching Fly Fishing 101. This is your chance to learn all you need to before heading out with some flies, a rod and a fishing license!

Attendance is free and this event is open to the public.



sports

The issues behind the NFL lockout

A player-sympathizer covers the problems facing the league, especially whether there will be action this season or not

By Megan Shaw
STAFF WRITER

No matter what kind of sports fan you are, the months of September through January would be bare without the NFL. So when the decertification of the National Football League Players Association, or NFLPA, led to a player lockout, the nation was certainly taken aback.

The decertification of the NFLPA simply means that the players are no longer in any relationship or association with the NFL itself. They have, in a sense, been "locked out" of the league.

After negotiations with the NFL over a new collective bargaining agreement failed to resolve their labor argument, decertification was the players' only

choice.

On March 4, the collective bargaining agreement between the NFL and its players expired since a new contract could not be agreed upon. The NFLPA no longer wanted to participate in collective bargaining due to a discrepancy in revenue split between the owners and the players.

Although the NFL claims that 70 percent of the extra revenues were going to the players, they had only been receiving 52.9 percent of the incremental increases to all revenues in the original collective bargaining contract.

The players want to be assured that they are not only being paid fairly, but that they will be protected as a member

of an NFL team.

On March 11, the players were officially locked out of their facilities by the owners.

US District Judge David Doty ruled that the NFL had been actively and strategically planning to lock out the players for over two years. The NFL had contracted TV networks like DirectTV to provide over \$4 billion in revenue even if something like the lockout were to happen. Even though the owners could go an entire season without ticket or memorabilia or snack sales, they will still have the cushion of the billion dollar television agreements. Doty ruled that the NFL was advancing only its own interests, rather than the players'.

The players' best chance of preventing a prolonged lockout would be to consider the protections provided by federal anti-trust laws that forbid any illegal corporate behavior. To protect themselves and to protect their families, the players would completely disaffiliate with the union to pursue any kind anti-trust case. Ten players, including Drew Brees and Peyton Manning, have already filed an anti-trust lawsuit against the NFL to attempt to combat the lockout.

Doty withdrew his earlier ruling that had given the owners the right to that \$4 billion in television revenue during this period. This is great news for the players because the owners will no longer use

that huge fund as insurance during the lockout. At a later date, Doty will consider granting the players with equitable support and fiscal damages, so now it will be almost impossible for the owners to pay off their debt if there is a lengthy lockout.

With this lockout, an estimated \$160 million would be lost in each NFL city and over 100,000 jobs would be lost. The lockout could ultimately completely eradicate the 2011-2012 NFL season, but there is certainly hope that it will only slightly disrupt the players' preparation for what could be a successful season.

Generals split double header with ODAC rival

The W&L baseball team recovered from an 11-inning, 12-8 loss in the first game to move to a 10-10 season record

By Gretchen Fritchie
STAFF WRITER

Following a one-run loss against #1 Shenandoah on Tuesday (5-4), the Washington and Lee baseball team split an ODAC doubleheader with Hampden-Sydney on Saturday afternoon at Cap'n Dick Smith Field.

In a much anticipated rivalry matchup, the Generals fell to the Tigers 12-8 in 11 innings in the opener, but came back to win at 3-2 in the 9 innings of the second game. Of their loss against

Shenandoah, co-captain Anthony Cardona said, "It was definitely disappointing coming up short against number one Shenandoah. However our coaches did a great job of getting us refocused and prepared for H-SC."

Losing the opener against the Hampden-Sydney Tigers was tough for W&L. Sophomore Alex Maragos even said that his team expected to get on the field and sweep the team, but a late rally by

the Tigers in the 11th inning took any chance of sweeping the competition away from the Generals. Hampden-Sydney sent nine hitters to the plate in the 11th inning, adding another 4 runs to their score to pull of the 12-8 win.

Despite the hard loss in the back of their minds, senior pitcher and co-captain Gregg Laswell gave the Generals the heat they needed in the second game to pull out a win.

Laswell didn't allow a H-SC hit until the sixth inning, giving his team a boost of motivation to get the runs they needed to win at the bottom of the ninth. Rallying with two outs in the last inning, the Generals were able to bring in 3 hits to give Laswell the win he deserved.

"It's a good thing we had Laswell pitching for us," said Maragos. "He kept us in the game even though we were hitting very poorly."

The W&L baseball team is now 10-10 and 7-3 in conference play, and will return to action this Tuesday at Eastern Mennonite for a 3pm matchup.

W&L golfers tee up at Camp Lejeune

The team competed in a three-day tournament over the weekend, seeing significant improvement from Day 1 to Day 2

By Tyler Tokarczyk
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Generals men's golf team travelled to Camp Lejeune, N.C. last weekend to compete in the Camp Lejeune Intercollegiate held at the Paradise Point Golf Course. The tournament included 32 teams playing on two different courses for the first two days of competition.

The Generals struggled during the first day of competition on Friday, posting a team score of 307. They played

the Gold course (Par 72), the more difficult of the two courses at Paradise Point. First-year Jack Cottrill led the way posting a two-over 74, followed by Junior Wilson Anthony who shot a 75 on day one. Senior Tom Bowden was the only other General to break 80 and logged an opening round 78.

Moving to the easier Scarlet Course (Par 70) on Saturday, the Generals improved significantly. Anthony continued

his solid play and shot a 71 on day two to lead the Generals after two rounds of play with a combined score of 146.

Senior captain Tim Gavrich, who led the Generals with a 75.2 stroke average heading into the tournament, responded to a disappointing opening round of 80 by shaving off 13 strokes and shooting a three-under 67 for a two-day score of 147.

Cottrill also finished with a two-day

score of 147 after finishing with a 73 on Saturday. Bowden and fellow senior Rand Potter rounded out the Generals two-day totals with 153 and 165 respectively.

As a team the Generals finished with a 593 two-day score which was unfortunately not good enough for them to qualify for the championship bracket on Sunday. The Generals instead competed in the consolation bracket on Sunday

with the other teams who placed in the bottom half after two days of golf.

The Generals did not finish in time on Sunday to make this edition of the Phi.

The team will compete in the University of Pennsylvania Invitational next Friday. It will be their last competition before the ODAC Championship April 17-19 at Bay Creek Resort in Cape Charles, Va.



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in the numbers

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The number of top-seeded teams to make survive to the Final Four of the NCAA basketball tournament. In fact, this year marks the first time since tournament seeding began in 1979 that not a single 1 or 2 seeded team made it to the Final 4.

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According to ESPN, out of the 5.9 million brackets that were submitted for March Madness, only this many had the correct Final Four consisting of 3 seed Connecticut, 4 seed Kentucky, 8 seed Butler and 11 seed VCU. VCU and Butler will play each other for a spot in the final, while Connecticut will take on Kentucky.

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John Lomax III, the man who fatally stabbed University of Connecticut football player Jasper Howard during an on-campus fight in 2009, was sentenced to this many years in prison for his crimes, according to espn.com. The 22-year-old plead no contest to first-degree manslaughter in January.

soapbox

"The run ends here."

-- Either Marcus or Markieff Morris, the twins who play basketball for the University of Kansas, offered these parting words to Virginia Commonwealth University guard Joey Rodriguez at a meeting with the captains and officials before Sunday's game. 11-seed VCU proceeded to continue their "run" while knocking off #1 Kansas, 71-61, and move into the Final Four of the NCAA tournament.

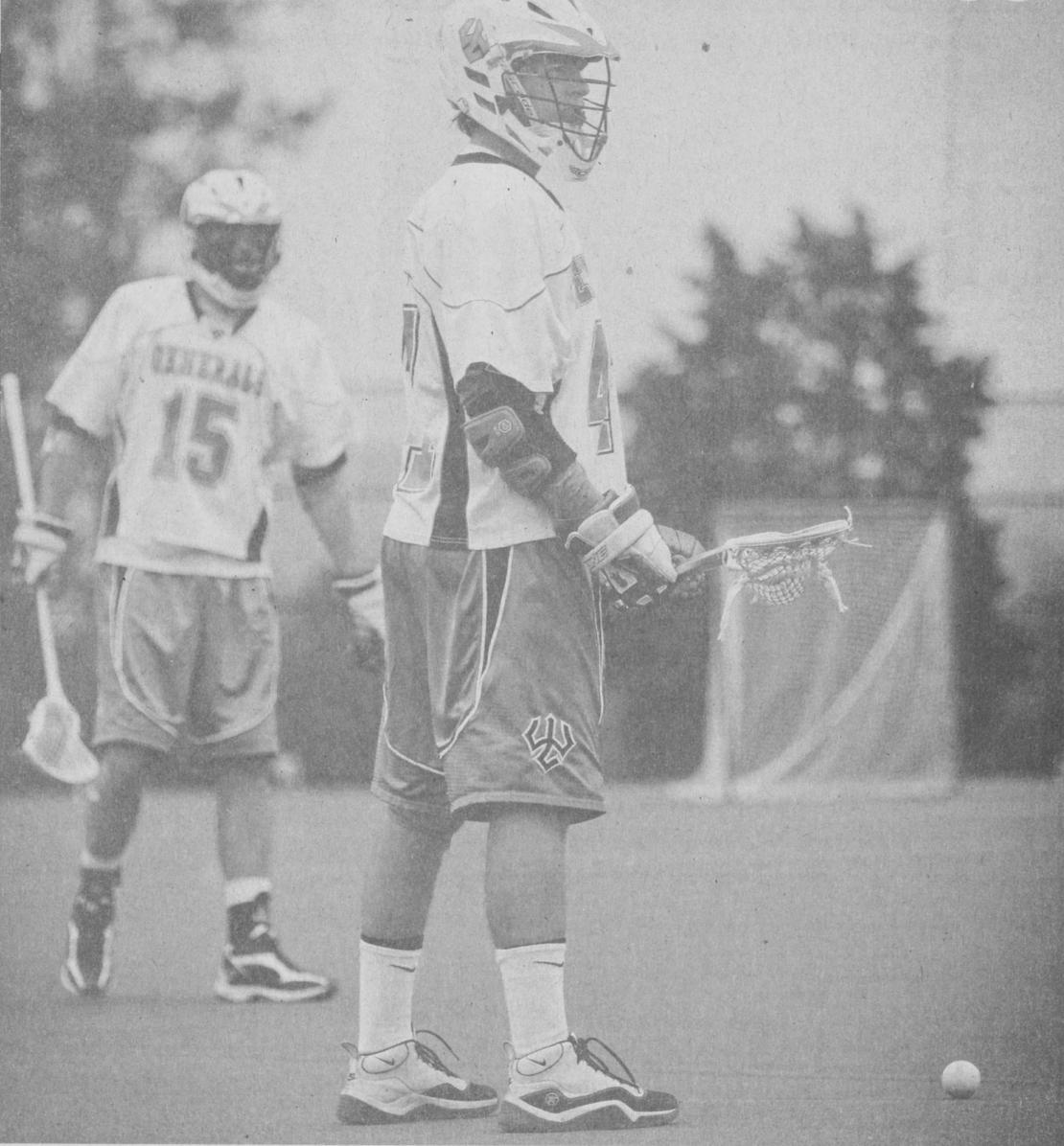
"He needs help. I told the Cowboys from day one that he needs help. Matter of fact, they have a team in place to help him. But you cannot tell a grown man what to do."

-- Delon Sanders, the former mentor of Cowboys' receiver Dez Bryant, said of Bryant after a long run of legal troubles, the most recent of which resulted in Bryant being banned from a Texas mall. Sanders said he ended his mentoring relationship with Bryant over the summer due to the player's lack of honesty.

"As we near the exciting conclusion of 'March Madness' - which would more accurately be described as the 2011 NCAA Professional Basketball Championships - it's time we step back and finally address the myth of amateurism surrounding big-time college football and basketball in this country."

-- Ralph Nader, who is proposing that college athletic scholarships be discontinued in favor of need-based financial aid.

Lax leads conference



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Men's lacrosse wins fourth straight game and remains undefeated in ODAC play

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The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team upended ODAC rival and 16th ranked Lynchburg 4-3 on Saturday, improving their conference record to 3-0. The win was their 4th in a row, a streak that included another one goal win at Hampden-Sydney a week ago.

The Generals' offense was powered by the attack as four different attackmen scored. Senior Spence Daw added one to his team-high 14 goals in the first quarter. Junior Scott Meehan tallied one in the second quarter. Sophomore Mac Means added one in the third, and sophomore Jack Switala notched the game winner with 12:31 left in the final period.

However, the Generals were able to win on the strength of their defense, which held Lynchburg scoreless for the opening and closing quarters. They were especially masterful as they held tight while short two men due to penalties towards the end of the third quarter.

Senior Jason Lumpkin continued his excellent play in goal with ten saves, including turning back a shot from point blank range with one minute left to play. In addition, he picked up a team high seven ground balls. Sophomore defenseman Joe LaSala was responsible for five of the 17 turnovers the Generals' defense caused on the day.

The four game run was started when the Generals defeated Kenyon 13-7 at home. They were led in that game by Daw and Switala, who each had three goals and two assists.

They followed that up with a dramatic 9-8 win at Hampden-Sydney to open up ODAC play. Means, Daw and junior Sam Mott each had two goals, Lumpkin notched 14 saves, and junior Scott Meehan had the game-winning goal with 5:41 left. H-SC was ranked 13th in the country at the time.

The Generals kept the streak alive when Guilford came to town with an 11-1 victory. Switala had a hat trick, but the rest of the of-

fense was very spread out as eight other players each had one goal.

The Generals took their win streak into the Lynchburg game and defended their home turf. In doing so, they started the ODAC season 3-0 for the first time in the careers of any of the current players.

"We are definitely sitting in the driver's seat this season, controlling our own destiny for the ODAC tournament," said captain JD Englehart. "We have the opportunity to get a few home games, which is huge."

And the current winning streak? Daw said it best: "Everybody loves a hot streak."

The Generals will try to keep it alive on Tuesday when they travel to Georgetown University to play 7th-ranked Middlebury College.

The Generals have a 3-0 conference record, including a 4-3 win over #16 Lynchburg.

