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W&L to go Division I

Lax, football and swimming domination in ODACs convinces officials to change school's NCAA placement.

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THE RING-TUM PHI.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011

BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS SINCE 1897 VOLUME CXIV, NUMBER 16

New spring term addition

Alum's \$50 million funds creation of campus gorilla pit

By Samuel Adams
BREWER, PATRIOT

In a joint announcement Thursday, the University Registrar, along with the Biology Department and the Development Office, showcased the newest on-campus Spring Term class. According to the syllabus, Biology 369, Wildlife Management, will be exploring gorillas in the wild - here in Lexington. Not even a trip to the Natural Bridge Safari Park will be necessary for the students, as the gorillas will be housed in an enclosure between the Commons and Woods Creek Apartments.

According to the Development Office, the ability to purchase and contain the apes was courtesy of a \$50 million gift from an anonymous alumnus, who apparently thought that W&L had no other pressing issues. "Certainly the relatively new concert hall is supposed to have leaking pipes, and of course the fence around Payne Hall will be taken down in time for graduation," said this nameless alum. "I think what today's students need is the ability to examine gorillas in the wild in the morning and tube the Maury in the afternoon."

Biology professors were ecstatic over the addition of the ape enclosure. One said, "I will finally be able to engage students in my research about the social and mating habits of bipedal primates, ones closely related to those found on Windfall Hill. My commute time to my research field will be cut in half."

The gorillas will arrive in Lexington next week. According to Dining Services, which has the new responsibility of helping produce the food to feed the gorillas, sustainably-produced, fair-trade organic bananas will be the staple of choice for the apes.

Tour guides were excited about a new stop on their route.

"It used to be that when we walked over the foot-bridge into or out of the back of the Commons, we just had to ramble about how great W&L is," one said. "Now we can stop and point out the gorillas. This allows us to save all our bullshit for the rest of the tour. Did you know that Washington and Lee is the only liberal arts college with a Lee Chapel Vampire, championship sports teams and a gorilla pit? OH GOD IT'S A SIGN WITH OUR SEXUAL ASSAULT RATE! TAKE IT DOWN, TAKE IT DOWN, TAKE IT DOWN."

The Music Department and the Class of 2011 were reportedly upset that the university was spending \$50 million on a gorilla pit, but nobody was able to figure out why.

Social ladder too steep

Freak social climbing accident injures two first-year students

By Mercedes Benn
STAFF WRITER

Reports have come in to the Ring-tum Phi regarding a scare involving two first-year students during a freak social climbing accident this weekend. The names of the students, one male and one female, are being withheld in an attempt to protect their reputations. (But just ask around at srat lunch and you can find out.)

Both students are reported to be in good physical health but are allegedly seeking immediate transfer applications to similar small and southern private liberal arts colleges like Sewanee.

We have received reports that this weekend's incident was not the first social climbing attempt by the couple. Both allegedly attempted to secure early bids during their visits to campus on Accepted Students Day in 2010.

The only information we have regarding the students is that the male attended a prestigious northern prep school in a hotbed lacrosse area, and the female hails from a nondescript and interchangeable southern city where she was set to debut this coming winter.

While the details of the accident are still unconfirmed, sources say that a golden ladder, a fanny pack, a Range Rover, Kenan & Kel and six cases of old-school *4 Loko* were believed to have been involved.

Dotson tests positive

Dean Dotson denies steroids as the reason for his perfect record

By Tara Patrick
STAFF WRITER

Associate Dean of Students and Student Affairs Brandon Dotson tested positive for a banned substance last Tuesday. After a series of random drug tests in the dean's office, Dean Dotson tested positive for Human Growth Hormone, otherwise known by nickname HGH.

Dotson and his lawyer both denied the allegations that he is in any way connected to the steroid, which has been the center of numerous doping cases, including Rodney Harrison and Andy Pettitte.

The health center said they were becoming suspicious of doping in the dean's office after "records for strikes and other disciplinary measures were being repeatedly broken year after year." Dean Dotson, the

office's equivalent of Mark McGwire, is an upcoming star in the field of giving out strikes. Earlier this year President Ruscio told the Phi, "When it comes to giving out strikes, we have a real star on our hands in Dean Dotson. He really is the future of our organization."

After being touted as a coveted prospect in the dean farm leagues, Washington and Lee recently signed Dean Dotson to a long term contract. At the time of the signing, many scouts were calling Dean Dotson, "the best disciplinarian since Robert E. Lee." After beginning his career with fairly standard strike numbers, friends of Dean Dotson said that he was "feeling the pressure of his position" and "felt that he wasn't living

up to the responsibility his contract had given him."

Over the past two years, Dean Dotson has redefined the position of Associate Dean of Students and Student Affairs.

One colleague recently stated, "Most deans of student affairs really don't focus enough on the affairs part of the job; not Dean Dotson, he really puts the affairs in 'student affairs.'"

This positive test comes as a shock to both Dotson and the dean community. "If he's doing it, then who knows how many deans could be boosting their numbers artificially," one student stated before her SJC

hearing. Dotson hopes to successfully challenge the positive tests with further testing. "This fight is not over," Dotson told media members in a press conference earlier this morning. "My team and I will prove once and for all that this 'A' sample was a false positive. Furthermore, we will clean my besmirched name that has been tarnished by this heinous accusation."



God's gift to Burr: hair

The family friend returns the "famous mane," Datz glad to have his flowing locks back

By Michael Sorrentino
STAFF WRITER

Burr Datz's hair was returned to his rightful owner last Friday. In a ceremony without much fanfare, God gave back Burr Datz's flowing gray locks.

Burr Datz, the leader of campus ministry at St. Patrick's Church in Lexington and long time director of leadership development and religious life at Washington and Lee, decided to get a haircut for the first time in 18 years when he participated in a fundraiser called "Locks of Love." He said he was pleased to have his famous mane back on his head. "It's been weird without it," Burr Datz stated.

After Burr Datz's wife, Lisa, saw

Burr's lack of hair for the first time, she was initially pleased. "We will save tons of money on shampoo and conditioner each month," she noted. However, as time wore on, Burr's lack of long, flowing hair started to get to her. So, she decided that she had to ask for a favor from an old family friend.

God and the Datzs have always been on a first name basis. "Burr and I first started becoming friends when he helped me and the saints work on our team building," God said in an exclusive interview with the Phi. "We were having problems with our coordination, and honestly, everyone was kind of tired of Saint

Bartholomew. However, after getting to learn a few fun facts about everybody, we all came started to come together as a team. Now, Doubting Thomas is more of a Terrific Thomas thanks to his ability to get everyone through the tire."

God also told the Phi that he owed the Datzs a major favor after Lisa Datz let Jesus off the hook for getting caught drinking a little too much of his own blood and trying to walk home. "We were all very embarrassed by that one here in heaven, and thank Me that Lisa was able to get Jesus a ride home," God told the Phi. "Because of her help with that whole situation, I thought that now

would be a good time to return the favor."

Last Sunday, God and his entourage showed up at St. Patrick's to formally return Burr Datz's hair. As promised, the ceremony was kept mostly a secret because "ever since that whole Middle Ages thing, I've tried to a lower profile," God told the Phi.

Now with hair back on his head, Burr Datz can now reclaim the title of big mane on campus, and Lisa Datz couldn't be happier.

"My long hair was starting to get lonely, but now it has some company!" she said.

Rebecca Black keynote?

YouTube sensation to give the address at Mock Con next year, following Rove's kick-off

By Ida Claire Slate
STAFF WRITER

Now that Karl Rove has been officially named the speaker for Mock Convention's Spring Kick-Off, the campus has turned to one question: who will give the keynote address at the convention next year?

Answer: Rebecca Black.

That's right, you heard it here first. YouTube sensation Rebecca Black will join the likes of Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter and entertain the student body with her brilliant lyrical creations.

When asked about the opportunity, Black said she will be "partyin' partyin' yeah."

Students and professors are also planning to "party" when Black is on campus. In fact, one politics professor could hardly contain his joy after the announcement.

"We-we-we so excited," said the professor, who asked to remain anonymous in order to retain his students' respect.

Black has yet to decide where she

will sit during the convention.

"Kickin' in the front seat, sittin' in the back seat," Black said. "Gotta make my mind up, which seat can I take?"

Black's speech is expected to start at 7:15, after she goes downstairs, has her bowl and cereal.

The speech will, of course, be on a Friday.

The day after her speech will be Saturday and, in Black's words "Sunday comes after...wards."

Black said she may decide to attend Washington and Lee after speaking.

"I don't want this weekend to end," she said.

Neither do we, R-B, neither do we.

Frat-Star finds religion

Student claims to have been touched by noodly appendage, wants raise awareness

By Forty-Two
STAFF WRITER

Hillel house is facing new competition on campus in the form of the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster. In a token effort at inclusion and open-mindedness, Washington and Lee is allowing Tripp "Ocho" Buckley Anderson Wallingstinworth VIII to bring his new faith to the campus community. The new faculty advisor for this budding religion said, "We are thrilled to help bring such a worthy and philanthropic faith to campus."

When asked, Wallingstinworth's freshman roommate described Wallingstinworth as, "a frequent supporter of local late night activities." These late night activities bear a likeness to those central to the new religion Wallingstinworth wants the campus to get intimately acquainted with. The cornerstone of the religion boasts a heaven of beer volcanoes and stripper factories.

And, Wallingstinworth's devotion to this religion does not stop

there. He has taken to adhering to the doctrine of the Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster by donning pirate garments. He hopes that by dressing like a buccaneer he can prevent the extinction of the masters of the sea, therefore combating recent natural disasters associated with their disappearance. Followers of the delicious pasta monster believe that pirates are divine beings which have been portrayed negatively by Christian propagandists for centuries.

Wallingstinworth plans to hold a charity spaghetti dinner to raise funds for his new religious center. He will be charging \$50 per plate, which can be swiped home.

Just kidding!
April fools!

Stockton speaks out

The opinions editor and politics major has more to say on the state of the Phi (and its lack of J-school students).

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Women's lax destroys Sweet Briar, 21 - 0. Head coach Brooke Diamond gains 50th career win.

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Now onto the real news...

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Hudson indicted

W&L junior charged with selling marijuana

By Sage Um
STAFF WRITER

Harrison Hudson, junior football player, has been indicted on four felony counts for the sale of marijuana.

Hudson was indicted by a Rockbridge County Circuit Court grand jury on Feb. 7 for two charges for distributing marijuana and two charges for distributing on school property last year in March and April. He was arrested a few days ago.

Hudson, 21, told the *Roanoke Times* last week that he never sold marijuana. However, the paper reported that Hudson sold to an undercover police informant.

Public defender Ross Haine was appointed to defend Hudson at a hearing on March 14.

Hudson's drug arrest is not the first at Washington and Lee. Former W&L student Richard Hahn is serving a three-year sentence for selling cocaine after he did not deny the charges.

Hudson was recently elected to be a tri-captain for the football team and led the team to winning the ODACs last fall.

The Social Animal

Author and columnist David Brooks speaks at W&L

By Paige Gance
STAFF WRITER

Lee Chapel was packed beyond capacity by the time Tom Wolfe, wearing his trademark white suit, introduced New York Times columnist David Brooks. Brooks was the keynote speaker for the eighth annual Tom Wolfe weekend seminar, co-sponsored by the 2012 Mock Convention and the Class of 1951, in honor of their classmate Wolfe, best-selling author and renowned journalist.

The lecture, titled "Paradise Imagined: Political and Social Values in the Facebook Era," centered on themes of how modern culture can have both an obvious and subtle influence on social interaction and what aspects of life we find most important.

Brooks said that he always wanted to be a writer. For that role he needed "to see the visible and the invisible." He described how in his early days of journalism he used to people watch at shopping centers or observe the social skills of politicians.

A writer needs to see the surface and the undercurrents, said Brooks, "that's what Tom [Wolfe] has done, and what I try and do."

Brooks said that many of the recent studies coming out of fields like neuroscience and psychology are placing more emphasis on factors that can't be measured. Terms like "mindsight," the ability to understand what is going on in another's head, and "metis," being able to identify what matters, may be more important in determining success in life than traditional factors like SAT scores and GPA, said Brooks.

According to Brooks, the three main insights he has gleaned from these scientific fields are that most thinking is unconscious, emotion and reason are not opposed, and what he calls interpenetration of minds.

"A lot of the smartest action is unconscious," said Brooks.

He then turned to the subject of American culture, both its praiseworthy aspects and troublesome vices. Because of our "moral materialism," our desire to make it in life, Brooks said he will "never be pessimistic about the future of America."

He said he has seen, however, a shift from humility to self-expression, narcissism and the rise of the "Me" culture. In a 1950 Gallup poll, 12 percent of high school seniors thought they were important. In 2005, that number ballooned to 80 percent. Another study revealed that when asked to choose between receiving a compliment or sex, more people chose the former.

"Wrong answer," said Brooks.

Nevertheless, Brooks expressed a confidence in the youngest generation based on a number of social indicators.

"Crimes are down, teenage pregnancies are down, violence is down, suicides are down, drug use is down," he said.

Brooks is the author of *Bobos In Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There* and *On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense*.

His latest book is *The Social Animal: The Hidden Sources of Love, Character, and Achievement*.

Student Body Hearing

Editor's note: Although the facts of this case are confidential, the hearing chair and sergeant-at-arms support coverage of the hearing policies and procedures

By Eleanor Kennedy
NEWS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee community will gather in Lee Chapel this Thursday for the open hearing of a student found guilty of an Honor Violation by the Executive Committee.

According to the White Book, which contains the regulations of the Honor System, a student who is found guilty of an Honor Violation may appeal the decision to a Student Body Hearing.

If a student accepts the E.C.'s initial decision, he may withdraw from the university. But if the student chooses to take the case to an open hearing and is found guilty, he will be expelled and his transcript will read "dismissed."

The last open hearing on W&L's campus happened four years ago. At that hearing the accused student was found not guilty. Before that hearing, there had not been one for 16 years.

Last week, the E.C. advocates and honor advocates of the accused selected a chair. Third year law student Katharine Lester, president of the Student Bar Association, is serving as chair for the hearing.

Junior Chris Washnock was appointed sergeant-at-arms by the E.C.

last week as well.

According to the White Book, open hearings are conducted in front of a jury of 12 students. In order to create the jury, the registrar generated a list of 75 potential jurors. Washnock contacted all 75 and, following to the procedures in the White Book, the list is being narrowed to 14 jurors. Twelve will sit as jurors and two will serve as alternates.

The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday morning. Doors will open at 8 a.m.

Sergeant-at-arms Chris Washnock said students will be able to enter and leave the chapel after opening statements and between witnesses.

The hearing will close for lunch between noon and 1:30 but doors will reopen at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone must leave the chapel during the lunch hour.

"If you come at 8 a.m. expecting to stay through the whole hearing, you will be ushered out at noon," Washnock said.

Depending on the number of witnesses, Washnock said the trial may end any time between 5 and 7 p.m.

After closing statements, the jury

will deliberate. The White Book does not mandate a unanimous decision. Eight votes either way will be enough to find the accused guilty or not guilty.

When a verdict has been reached, the bells of Washington Hall will ring and students will be readmitted. The chair will announce the verdict 20 minutes after the bells ring.

Although all members of the campus community are invited to the hearing, entrance is not guaranteed. Lee Chapel has 500 seats and no one will be allowed to stand. Those who do wish to attend must be dressed in Lee Chapel attire and have a valid current I.D. card.

Attendees may not bring backpacks, purses, notebooks, pens, phones, cameras or any other recording devices into the chapel. Alcohol is also forbidden and students who choose to drink beforehand will be turned away, Washnock said.

"We will also be actively checking for visual signs of intoxication," Washnock said.

As the two broadcast mailers which have been sent to the community emphasized, the facts of the

hearing must be kept confidential. Washnock said he hopes students will respect both the Honor System and the accused student.

"If you're showing up to Lee Chapel looking for a spectacle, then you have the wrong attitude," Washnock said. "And if you're looking for idle gossip then you have the wrong frame of mind as well."

The White Book is available in PDF form on the E.C. web page. Student who have questions about the way the hearing will run can consult the section titled "Procedure for the Student Body Hearing."

The hearing is entirely student run. Washnock said it's important to remember that the Honor System is decided on and administered by students and students alone.

"This is our hearing," Washnock said. "This is not Kate [Lester]'s hearing, this is not my hearing, this is not the E.C.'s hearing. This is our hearing."

Armstrong wins Mr. W&L

Campus-wide contest raises money for former residents of Pole 2 by bidding on frat men

By Emily Mosh
STAFF WRITER

And the title goes to...David Armstrong!

Armstrong, a senior Sigma Chi, is officially been the first Mr. W&L.

Members of Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta and the Peer Counseling Service came together this past week to help the girls of Pole 2 whose home was destroyed in a fire last month.

Sophomores Caroline Schmidt and Elizabeth Bucklee came up with the idea of the Mr. W&L contest.

"We talked to the peer counselors about it," said Schmidt. "We really wanted to get them in on the idea. Doing that got the school involved on a broader spectrum."

Schmidt emailed each fraternity on campus and explained the idea. She asked them each to send her a nominee for the contest and a wager for a funny activity he would do if he won.

All 15 fraternities

responded to her with a nominee, though one did have to back out of the contest at the last minute. The wagers ranged from hair dyeing to fantasy dates, from the nominee dancing in Commons to wearing full spandex body suits on the hill.

Students from the organizations involved manned a table in the Commons from Tuesday until Friday where people could donate toward their favorite candidate.

Armstrong surpassed the runner up at the last minute and ended up winning by almost \$1,400.

"I was chosen [as a nominee] by the executive committee of our fraternity," said Armstrong. "I'm pretty pumped about the whole wager."

Armstrong's official wager read: "David Armstrong will dye his hair a color of the girls' choosing, spend the rest of his days at W&L riding around campus on a mini bike, wearing a leather jacket, carrying

a Super Soaker gun, acting like Arnold Schwarzenegger in The Terminator, and saving people from harm and whatnot. He will also Dougie in front of the commons during the first week of Spring Term (Date TBA) while his Super Soaker and Mini Bike stand by."

"Honestly, what guy doesn't want to roll around campus acting like the Terminator? I'm ordering the mini bike today," he said. "You can expect me to start rolling around when Spring Term starts."

Armstrong does plan on dyeing his hair and insisted he won't complain about it, regardless of the girls' color choice.

According to the official event page for the contest, "whoever wins will live in infamy and get a Mr. W&L banner in the commons next week."

Armstrong said he'd like to see the Mr. W&L Contest be an annual

event, benefitting local charities. He also has a few other ideas for future fundraising efforts by the W&L community.

"When is the Miss W&L competition going to start up?" Armstrong asked. "I mean, if we are going to celebrate one male student, we probably need to celebrate one female student, as well."

All those involved in making this year's contest happen said they were blown away by its success.

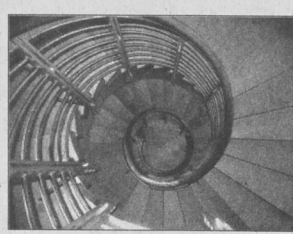
"It just really shows how kind people are," said Schmidt. "They want to be involved, they want to help."

So keep an eye out for a Terminator look-alike during Spring Term, and know that no matter what color his hair is, he's rolling around on his mini bike for all the right reasons.

Mr. W&L Contestants



- Beta Theta Pi (Beta) - JD Ey would have dyed his hair and put it into a mohawk.
- Kappa Alpha Order (KA) - David Williams would have dyed his hair red, white and blue and worn denim for a week.
- Kappa Sigma - Yates Wilburn would have danced to 80's jams in front of Commons from 11:30-12:30 p.m.
- Lamda Chi Alpha (Lamda) - Scott Centorino would have worn a dress for the last three days of class.
- Phi Delta Theta (Phi Delt) - Will Andrew would have recited his favorite "Star Wars," "Lord of the Rings" and generic video quotes outside commons.
- Phi Gamma Delta (FIGI) - Kane Thomas would have played songs in the commons as "Naked Cowboy" at noon on Monday.
- Phi Kappa Psi (Phi Psi) - Wayne March would've had a hair-petting booth so that people could've appreciate his flowing locks.
- Phi Kappa Sigma (Phi Kapp) - Jared Mitchell would've given a free bagpipe concert in the outdoor atrium in between the commons and the library. Preferably in traditional Scottish attire.
- Phi Kappa Alpha (PiKA) - Ian Reid would've worn a dress to a day of classes and to a party of the Pole 2 Girls' choice.
- Pi Kappa Phi (Pi Phi) - Cody Smith would have performed his campus-wide famous dance, Ice Cream Scoops.
- Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) - Austin Brandstetter would have worn his full (tightly covering the head, face, entire body like spandex) blue-man suit on the hill for an entire week.
- Sigma Chi - Too long! Look in the article.
- Sigma Nu (SNu) - Phil Jackson would have shaved his head (possibly with a trident).
- Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep) - Robert Wason would have gone on an Edward Cullen Fantasy Date.



opinions

The problem with J-School majors

By not having more journalism students participate in the Ring-tum Phi, the Journalism School is hurting its image

By Stockton Bullitt
OPINIONS EDITOR

I'd like you to imagine a couple of scenarios before we get into the meat of my article. Imagine you are sitting in the stands watching a Washington and Lee football game. Even though it's the first half (otherwise why would you be watching?), the Generals are already losing by quite a few points.

As you are contemplating which party you will attend in the late afternoon, you hear a bawling laugh in the row in front of you. Sitting in front of you is a 350 pound, 6'5" behemoth of a sophomore taking delight in the feeble efforts of the 200 pound General offensive lineman.

Now tell me, wouldn't you see something wrong with this situation?

How about if you hear a business major making fun of the historians who are horribly running WIS's portfolio into the ground?

What would you think about the politics department dissuading their students to stay away from Mock Con?

Maybe it's me, but doesn't the success of Mock Convention have at least some reflection on the politics department?

Thankfully, we don't have any of these problems on campus. Our football team is well sized enough to have the most fearsome ground game since Jim Brown's Browns; WIS is filled with finance nerds who are turned on by spreadsheets and stress tests; and Mock Con is fully staffed by hopeful politicians so dedicated to the Republican cause, they have started using Boehner's self-tanner.

However, we here at the Ring-tum Phi find ourselves the black sheep of W&L's journalism family. So I have an opinion for you, what the hell is the matter with a department that doesn't support its own student organization?

This brings me to my next point. I freaking hate copy editors. They ruin my jokes and usually take out most of the material that would make my columns a little too explicit. Worst of all, they beat me to the punch.

Last week, copy editor Samuel Gilleran had a wonderful response to a letter to the editor about me. He did a wonderful job pointing out that most of the staff at the Ring Tum Phi aren't actually part of the journalism school.

The head editors mostly are J-School students, but they do an inordinate amount of work. If this were Harvard, I would be totally cool with my editor-in-chief staying up until four or five in the morning every weekend because I would know that there were at least a hundred people vying for her job. However, this is W&L, and she is pulling those hours simply because there simply aren't enough people with her expertise to help out her work load.

Now, I should explain a little about me. To paraphrase *The Hangover*, I'm no hero, I'm just a politics major. I have been the opinions editor of the Ring-tum Phi for the last two years for two reasons: 1) I have such a deflated sense of self worth that I feel that I need to legitimize myself by seeing my name in print (in other words, I'm cocky as shit) and 2) nobody else wants the job. I never have and never will take a journalism class at this school, meaning that I probably shouldn't be an editor, yet, here I am. Honestly, if this were five years ago and two seniors had realized how to use goddamn pseudonyms when writing a bracket referencing students at this school, I would be writing for *The Trident* right now.

Also, I am a huge hypocrite. I actively pursue reactions that come in the form of letters to the editor, and when my writers do receive criticism, I tell them to not take it personally and to not blow a gasket.

However, last week a journalism student wrote a letter to the editor, and I still can't find my gasket.

It wasn't because he said that I was exploiting the Pole 2 fire by reporting three incorrect facts. I fail to realize how me writing down the wrong address helps me selfishly utilize off of the fire, but I'm sure the writer of that

letter knew what exploitation actually was.

Look, I didn't even find it that ironic that he told me that I was disrespecting journalism by reporting incorrect facts when, later in the same issue, he incorrectly reported that the next golf tournament was on Friday (April 1st according to the athletic website, it's on Monday, April 4th). Okay, maybe it was a little ironic (little advice, next time you try and call to kettle black, make sure you aren't a pot). Still, the main problem I have with this letter to the editor wasn't that I was getting criticized because I got over that after a few tears in the fetal position. The problem I had was that this sentiment is emblematic of the entire J-School.

I have had arguments with journalism students about working for the Ring-tum Phi before. There are two popular responses for why the Ring-tum Phi isn't chock full of journalism students.

The first argument at least makes sense. Journalism students are far too busy working on the Rockbridge Report to make enough time in their days to also work on the Phi. I get that. For the first time in my career here at W&L, I checked out the Rockbridge Report website. I gotta hand it to the producers of that website, it's well run and looks fantastic. Although the site is well done and the YouTube videos by "wlnews" are also well produced, why do these two mediums of information work at such an expense to both the Ring Tum Phi and the student body in general? This is where I see more of a structural issue within the J-School than simply individual decisions by the students themselves.

For the journalism school, the Rockbridge Report newscast and online edition are both superior and separate from the Ring-tum Phi. This is because the journalism school dare not feign interest in lowly student issues in lowly paper print media. That's the past!

Also, I'm guessing that the Rock-

bridge Report isn't serving as many people as its wonderful production suggests it does, because otherwise their videos wouldn't struggle to achieve 100 total views.

To quickly sum up that last point for the alumni and parents who are reading this article: your tuition and donation money is going towards very serious production that is not being watched by the majority of residents in Rockbridge County.

Likewise, your money is funding classes such as Journalism 353: Opinion Writing (thanks, Registrar!) that cannot seem to produce a single student interested in writing a single opinion for the school newspaper you are now reading. Find a problem with that?

This brings me to my biggest problem with the entire structural conundrum of the journalism school and the second argument I usually hear from J-School majors.

They tell me, "Why should I join the Phi when it's already bad? It's not like I'm going to make more majors join or make the paper better by myself." Maybe it's the dirty liberal in me. Maybe it's the optimist in me. Or maybe it's the fact that this argument is simply bullshit. Regardless, I think that a few more journalism students participating in actual student journalism would help the Phi out tremendously. The mindset these journalism majors have means that there is a deeper problem with the J-School.

To put it bluntly, the journalism school at W&L looks down with disdain at the Ring-tum Phi's alternative method of media the exact same way that the journalism industry looked down with disdain at the new media wave a decade ago.

In this way, the journalism school is perfectly setting up their students to graduate with the same sense of elitism that most of their dying industry shares. I am pretty sure that W&L wouldn't hire former editors who refused to embrace new journalism during the onset

of the age of online media 10 years ago, but given the way that they are refusing to embrace our different form of journalism, I wouldn't be that surprised.

The letter in response to my article stated, "Newspapers and other legitimate news organizations will have no future if they stoop to the level of blogs and Twitter." Considering how dearly newspapers are paying for only recently resorting to the level of blogs and Twitter (see: @nytimes and <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/blogs/directory.html>), I think the biggest problem newspapers are having isn't allying themselves with different forms of content or reporting incorrect facts, which I'm told newspapers also do quite frequently. Rather, the main mistake newspapers made was being too overconfident in their own self worth to find viable income options for their online content during the origination of the internet boom. But, hey, what do I know? Why don't you ask WIS because they actually have business majors in their organization?

We here at the Ring-tum Phi have seen an editor quit because he or she did not want his or her participation in the Ring-tum Phi mentioned on his or her resume. Perplexing as that logic is, it is not uncommon among journalism students at this school.

So, J-School, I have one last request before you collectively write the letter to the editor that will end all letters to the editor: please keep making sure the Ring-tum Phi stays off your resumes and the unwatched YouTube videos stay on them.

I want journalism to be RESPECTED because it's always important to respect those who are quickly approaching irrelevance. Enjoy your high status in the industry, and I'll keep writing about frats and Twitter.

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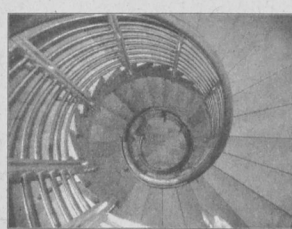
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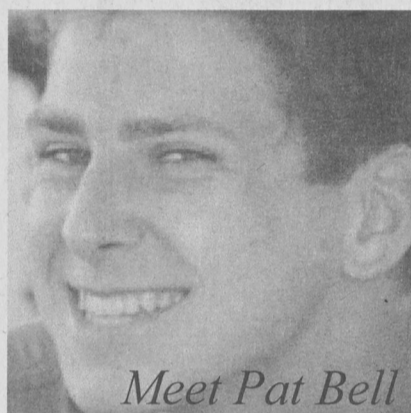
Campbell Burr asks questions to random students and discovers much more about them than she thought she would

By Campbell Burr
STAFF WRITER

You sit with them in class. You greet them on the colonnade. You dance with them at band parties. You sing with them on Traveler. You hook up with them. But do you really know them? Here are some stories to get you better acquainted with some of the faces you see every day.

CB: Pat, if you could change one quality that most girls have, what would it be?

"The first thing that comes to my mind when I see girls is, 'What would my mom think?' For this I have a very critical way of looking at girls. I find myself preferring more conservatively dressed girls. Around campus, I feel embarrassed and ashamed at myself for looking at a tight fitting blouse or a short skirt. I usually correct this mis-



Meet Pat Bell

take pretty quickly, but in most cases what's done is done. I follow these episodes with a short video conference with Mommy to purge these impure thoughts. It's a confession in a way. I want to see girls in one-piece bathing suits, skirts so long that they are frayed from sweeping the ground and puffy jackets year round. Cover up, honestly. I don't want to know if they have aninnie or an outfit until our wedding night. Also if a girl makes eye contact with me before the third date, we're dunzo. With

these standards in mind, my ideal girl in terms of my favorite actresses has the innocence of Bree Olson, a lower unit similar to Tori Black's and a top side like a young Sophie Dee."

CB: Jared, describe your first kiss.
"My first kiss was everything it was hyped up to be, straight out of a movie. I asked the certain someone to go for a walk and then a short time after play-



Meet Jared Mitchell

ing on a playground, it happened. I did not see it coming but it did. It was a funny feeling that is hard to describe. It's that excitement where the rest of the night you feel like a million bucks. The only stipulation is that the girl never responded to me the next day. Girls are lame."

CB: Amanda, describe your most embarrassing moment.

"This past fall I was fortunate enough to study abroad at St Andrews University for the W&L Organic Chemistry Partnership. I learned all sorts of things over there, some academic, while others were more... life lessons, if you will. One such life lesson involved the holiday of Halloween, a Troll doll costume and a few too many Tesco brand wine juice boxes. The next morning, being the diligent student that I am, I got out of bed, looked at my wildly pink

hair and decided that going to organic was more important than washing the heinous pink dye out of my hair. This was the wrong decision, and I should have given up while I was behind, as, due to my dehydrated state, I got sick before I even left the dorm. I marched on to chem with my pink hair, arms covered in marker, and proceeded on leaving the room twice to evacuate my stomach. As if this wasn't embarrassing enough, I also needed to go to the library to write the last 500 words for my Scottish history paper. I had brought water and an apple to attempt to ease my throbbing head and turning stomach. A few hundred words in, I decided to nibble my apple. This was the worst decision of a long list of bad decisions. Hardly had I swallowed the first bite of apple when my stomach rebelled, inspiring me to run to the bathroom that was just around the corner. As luck



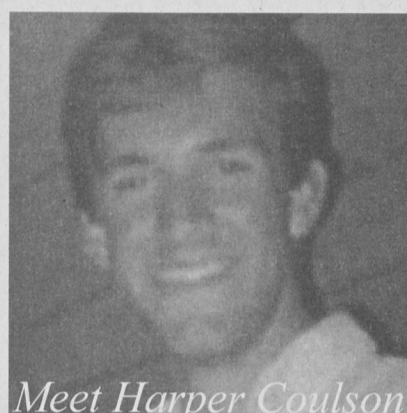
Meet Amanda Kratzer

would have it, the janitors had decided that this was the optimal time to clean, and therefore, just as I was rounding the corner, they locked the door. I looked at the man sealing my fate and begged him to open the door. He looked back at me and shook his head. I looked him square in the eyes... and then vomited in the trash can that he had emptied just moments before. I then sprinted away in

disgust, embarrassment, but with a certain sense of pride. That pride soon vanished when one of my Scottish friends came up to me and told me that one of her friends had posted on his Facebook that 'Some American with pink hair had just chundered in the library.' Guilty as charged."

CB: Harper, what is the most romantic thing you have ever done for a girl?

"I'm truly not a very romantic person, but I definitely know how to treat a

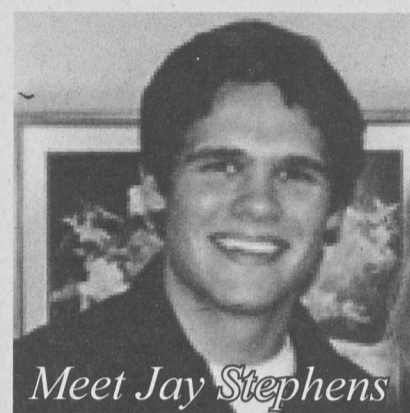


Meet Harper Coulson

lady with respect. I guess one instance would be when I took this girl with me to play golf last summer. It was a really nice evening spent walking 9 holes until dusk, ending with a nice steak dinner in the clubhouse. Afterwards we went out and had an awesome night with the rest of our friends. It wasn't a special night by any means, but we both ended up having a blast."

CB: Jay, if you were to be featured on a reality TV show, what would it be?

"If I were to be featured on a reality TV show, it would be called 'Living With Animals.' Every season I would live with a different species of animal in the wild. The first season would be called 'Living With Animals: Hangin' with the Monkeys.' I would live with



Meet Jay Stephens

a group of monkeys. We would play, eat and talk. Conflicts would definitely arise. Drama would ensue. Friendships would be made. Popular seasons would include: Runnin' with the Herd, Huntin' with the Pride, and Howlin' with the pack."

CB: Sarah, if you could have any superpower, what would it be?

"If I could have a superpower, I would want the power of reading minds, then I'd know what my friends, guys and teachers all really thought of me! It would also make buying gifts easier."



Meet Sarah Hugg

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Vacation all I ever wanted!

Columnist Ali Greenberg describes the process that led to her spending her Spring Break at home walking dogs

By Ali Greenberg
COLUMNIST

While most of us will be packing our bags and heading south to Gulf Shores for a week of sun, sand, and...soda, not everyone will be partaking in the stereotypical college spring break this year.

While I am totally in support of this rite of passage, it will be at least another year till I subject myself to sea lice and an I.V. of strawberry daiquiris.

Instead I will be spending my break with family, and it's going to be awesome! At least I keep telling myself that.

I sometimes miss out on crazy college trips, but I generally have good reasons. It all started with senior year beach week. Somehow spending it in a Myrtle Beach motel and drinking warm Natty was not a very appealing proposal.

Instead, my cousin and fellow graduate and I drove down to Florida for a "classy" week at her family's condo. Since the mean age on the island is around 65, it was a wild time to say the least.

Then came freshman year, and I was so excited for my first college spring break with my sorority. Until I realized I was broke from my February Break trip to South America and my dad told me I had to come home to walk the dogs in the afternoons. It was as pathetic as it sounds.

Then I spent the summer in New York, where I worked as an unpaid intern in a fashion show room. Due to this, I entered sophomore year broke than I left it and my dad was no longer going to count my Sunday night Tong Dynasty dinners as cultural

educational expenses.

So I managed to get my name on a free 10-day trip to Israel in December, and then I convinced my dad to send me to stay with family for Feb Break in New York. But with my Spring Break fast approaching, I didn't know what I was going to do.

Despite being broke, I put my name down for my sorority's trip to Ft. Morgan. However, immediately after sending the email I remembered three things.

Who am I kidding? I just charged a slice of pizza at Franks. I can't afford Spring Break.

1. Who am I kidding? I just charged a slice of pizza at Franks. I can't afford Spring Break.

2. Our entire school will be there. This is not a vacation. That is a field trip.

And most importantly,
3. There is a reason I have never been to Alabama.

But before I get another letter to the editor, the actual most important reason is that my brother is joining the Peace Corps and leaves for the former U.S.S.R. at the end of our Spring Break. (You don't know how lucky you are, boy!)

So more than anything, I realized I wanted to spend time with my family. I removed my name from the list, and I immediately tried to organize some sort of family vacation, à la Chevy Chase.

That's when I remembered my family is about as dysfunctional as the Aristocrats, and this made planning a trip a lot more difficult than it sounds. (That joke was disgusting, but I doubt anyone even understood it.)

Seeing as we are city folk, the idea of renting a quaint cabin did not appeal to my brother.

Instead, he suggested a destination where we could all do our own thing during the day and reconvene for dinner.

So where was this riveting place where we would all be able to occupy and entertain ourselves for three days?

Baltimore. I kid you not. That was his genius suggestion. I cannot even make a joke about how ridiculous that is.

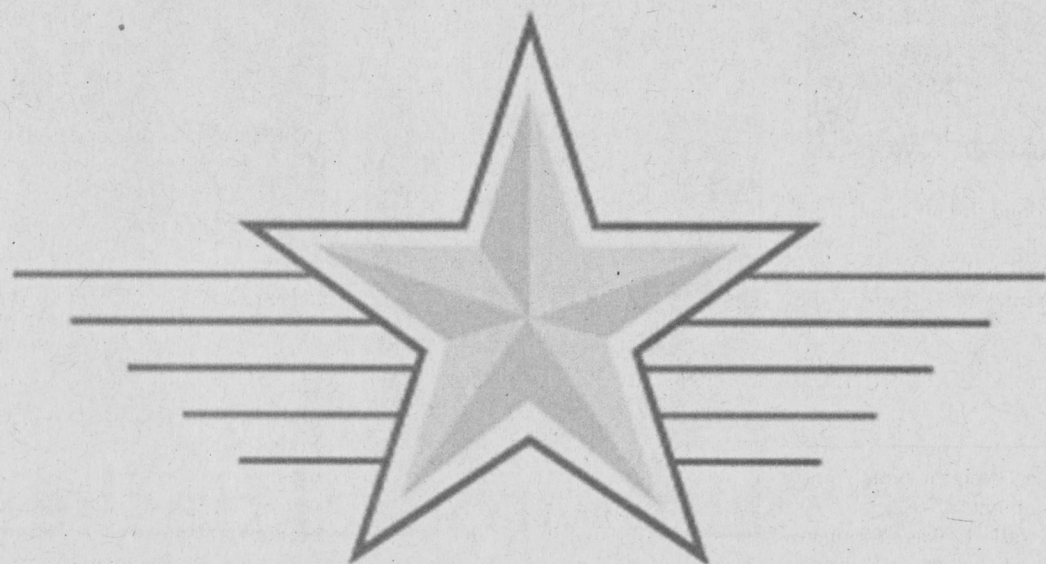
I think we can all agree that Baltimore was not happening. So, I kicked my brother out of my family vacation and for three days I became set on a father-daughter getaway to an Ashram. How is that for *Eat, Pray, Love?* Get at me, Julia Roberts.

But then my dad said he wanted to go somewhere nicer, I remembered that I hated yoga, and now we have about two weeks with nothing to do but walk the dog.

I may try again for my spring break adventure next year, but for now I realized that eating Chinese take out and watching a marathon of Curb Your Enthusiasm with my brother and my dad and my dogs is all I really want. Baltimore, Gulf Shores and the Yogaville Satchidananda Ashram can wait.

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arts & life

George and Bob focus of series

Spring speaker series kicks off with speech on the lives of George Washington and Robert E. Lee as military leaders

Press Release

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The Lee Family Digital Archive and the Lee Chapel and Museum are hosting the third biannual 2011 Washington and Lee University Spring Speaker Series at the Lee Chapel on three consecutive Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m., which began yesterday, April 3.

The series, entitled, "Preparation for War, Preparation for Life," will explore the lives of George Washington and Robert E. Lee. The series will focus on how prepared Washington and Lee were to take command when they went to war.

A book signing was held from 1-1:45 p.m. in the Lee Chapel Museum on April 3, and another will be held on April 17 for the days' respective speakers. All lectures are free and open to the public.

The series opened with William M. Calhoun, professor emeritus of National Security Affairs at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., who spoke on "George Washington: Preparedness Through Change," and William C. Davis, professor of history and director of programs for the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies at Virginia Tech, whose lecture was titled "Lee and the Road to Command."

Calhoun was on the faculty of the Naval War College for over 22 years

both as an active duty officer and as a civilian professor. He served seven years as the academic dean and also as acting provost. He teaches a self-authored elective course titled "George Washington, Indispensable Man or Indecipherable Monument."

Calhoun's many publications include "Washington at Newburgh" (2005), numerous articles, opinion pieces and book reviews concerning George Washington. He is a regular contributor to the "Naval War College Review."

Davis spent 20 years in editorial management in the magazine and book publishing industry and is now a writer and consultant. He was historical consultant for several television and film productions including "George Washington" and "The Blue and the Grey."

Davis is the author or editor of more than 50 books about the Civil War and Southern history, as well as numerous documentaries and screenplays. He is the only three-time winner of the Jefferson Davis Award given for book-length works in Confederate history. His "Jefferson Davis: The Man and His Hour" (1996) is considered the best ever written on the Confederate president. His most recent book is "Breckinridge: Statesman, Soldier, Symbol" (2010).

On April 10, Dennis J. Pogue, associate director for preservation at Historic Mount Vernon, will speak on "Master of Mount Vernon: George Washington's Preparation for Building a Nation," and Keith E. Gibson, executive director of museum operations at the Virginia Military Institute, whose lecture title is "Robert E. Lee, Man of Destiny?"

Pogue is a researcher, archaeologist and authority on all aspects of George Washington's life at Mount Vernon. While chief archaeologist at Mount Vernon, he conducted extensive research in farm and slave life there, and continues to be active as a consultant on important archaeological digs of the Colonial American time period.

Pogue has written extensively on George Washington and Mount Vernon and is currently working on a book about George Washington's grist mill and distillery at Mount Vernon. Articles he has written include "The Domestic Architecture of Slavery at George Washington's Mount Vernon" in *Winterthur Portfolio* (Volume 37, 2002) and "George Washington and the Politics of Slavery" (2003).

Gibson, also architectural historian for VMI, was the founding director of the McBride Museum at the New Mexi-

co Military Institute in 1984. As director of museums operation at VMI, he is responsible for the operation and development of the VMI Museum and the New Market Battlefield State Historical Park.

Gibson worked as a consultant on several documentary films, made for television films and feature films including *God and Generals* (2001/2), *Field of Lost Shoes* (2000/1—winner of two PBS Emmys) and *Sommersby* (1992). He has written numerous book reviews and articles on the Civil War era and VMI.

The series concludes on April 17 with Edward G. Lengel, American military historian and director of the George Washington Papers at the University of Virginia who will speak on "George Washington: Man and Myth," and R. David Cox, former rector of the R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church in Lexington, speaking on "Soul in Marble."

In addition to editing volumes in the revolutionary War Series of "The Papers of George Washington," Lengel has written two well-received books on America's first president: "General George Washington: A Military Life" (2005) and "This Glorious Struggle: George Washington's Revolutionary War Letters" (2007). Lengel's newest

book on George Washington is "Inventing George Washington: America's Founder, in Myth and Memory" (2011).

Other books Lengel has written include "The Irish through British Eyes: Perceptions of Ireland in the Famine Era" (2002); "World War I Memories: An Annotated Bibliography of Personal Accounts Published in English Since 1919" (2004); and "To Conquer Hell: The Meuse-Argonne, 1918" (2008).

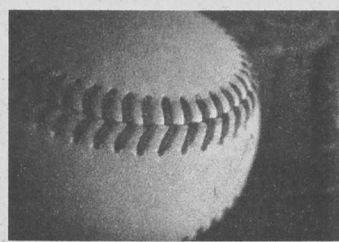
Cox holds a Ph.D. in ministry from the Graduate Theological . In 2007, he led a study on Robert E. Lee at Kendal College for Life-Long Learning, "Soul in Marble: The Faith of Robert E. Lee," in which he closely explored how Lee's faith came to maturity during his years of marriage, fatherhood and military service. Cox currently is writing a book about Robert E. Lee's religious faith.

He is the author of "Priesthood in a New Millennium: Toward an Understanding of Anglican Presbyterate in the Twenty-First Century" (2004), which provides a thorough overview of Anglican thinking on ecclesiology and its relation to ordained ministry in the contemporary world.

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men's intramural basketball schedule

Time and Place	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
6 p.m., Warner 1		Kappa Alpha B versus Pi Kappa Phi 3		Hammerheads versus The Boys
6 p.m., Warner 2		KA Goon Squad versus Pi Kappa Phi 2		Lambda Chi Alpha versus Pi Kappa Alpha
7 p.m., Warner 1	Phi Kappa Psi A versus Pi Kappa Alpha	Sigma Phi Epsilon versus Pi Kappa Phi 1	Athletic Staff versus Phi Delta Theta	Sigma Nu versus Law School
7 p.m., Warner 2	Phi Kappa Psi B versus Law School	The Boys versus Lambda Chi Alpha	Sigma Chi versus Beta Theta Pi	Phi Gamma Delta versus Phi Delta Theta 2
8 p.m., Warner 1	Athletic Staff versus Chi Psi	Sigma Nu versus Hammerheads	Chicago Bulls versus Pi Kappa Phi 3	Phi Kappa Psi A versus Phi Delta Theta 1
8 p.m., Warner 2	Sigma Chi versus Phi Delta Theta 2	Phi Gamma Delta versus Law School	Kappa Alpha A Team versus Pi Kappa Phi 2	Phi Kappa Psi B versus Beta Theta Pi
9 p.m., Warner 1	Chicago Bulls versus Phi Delta Theta 1	Phi Kappa Psi A versus Chi Psi	Kappa Alpha B versus Pi Kappa Phi 1	Athletic Staff versus Pi Kappa Phi 3
9 p.m., Warner 2	Kappa Alpha A Team versus Beta Theta Pi	Phi Kappa Psi B versus Phi Delta Theta 2	KA Goon Squad versus Sigma Phi Epsilon	Sigma Chi versus Pi Kappa Phi 2



sports

Sorry, but Tartan is just not our style

W&L women defeated the Carnegie Mellon Tartans (apparently this is a type of dog) on Saturday, aided by strong singles play

By Brooks Simmons
STAFF WRITER

Fans lined the railings of the viewing deck at Duchossois Tennis Center to cheer on Washington and Lee's women's tennis team as they faced Carnegie Mellon on Saturday.

The Generals fell to the Tartans 2-1 during doubles, but came back to win five of the six singles matches. The Generals topped Carnegie Mellon 6-3 overall.

The match was moved to the indoor courts after scattered showers soaked the courts minutes before play was supposed to begin.

It was a rough start for the Generals, as they dropped two out of the three doubles matches. The number 2 combo of Jen Snyder and Ellen Yeatman managed to keep the Gen-

erals alive, defeating Carnegie Mellon's Jennifer Chul and Alexander Tapak 8-3.

their first names, to break their four-game losing streak and provide some motivation for the team.

"[She] was on a mission Saturday. She had a formal to get to so she got on the court and smanged it to a 6-0, 6-0 victory!"

ELLEN YEATMAN, tennis player

The win caused team "Jellen," the nickname given to the duo that combines

into a third set, causing uncertainty for the team.

However, all three girls were able to pull out the win in their matches.

The third-seeded junior Jen Snyder was the first General to leave the court with a victory. She effortlessly crushed her opponent 6-0, 6-0 in record time.

Yeatman said of the contest, "Jen was on a mission Saturday. She had a formal to get to so she got on the court and smanged it to a 6-0, 6-0 victory!"

Catherine Reed also easily defeated her opponent 6-2, 6-0, while Yeatman, the number one seed, fell to Lauren Chen by the same score.

The overall win over the Tartans allowed the Generals to end a three-match losing streak as they head into the end of their regular season.

"Most of all, it felt great to finally

play on our home courts because we had been travelling for the past four weekends," Yeatman said. "The whole team, all 18 of us, were able to be there and we bonded together to take a much needed win by being each others' number one fan."

The women currently post a 13-6 season record, including a perfect 8-0 ODAC record which puts them on top of the conference.

The Generals will hit the court again on Wednesday where they face Hollins for their final ODAC regular-season match. Play will begin at 6 p.m.

VCU fans greet Rams on return from tournament

Basketball team met with cheers during its homecoming to Richmond, after falling 8th-seeded Butler Bulldogs, 70-62, Sat. night

By Dena Potter

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RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — About 100 fans welcomed the VCU men's basketball team back to Richmond Sunday after its Final Four loss to Butler the night before, ending an unlikely but magical run in the national tournament.

Fans chanted "VCU, VCU," as the team arrived around 3:30 p.m. at the campus's Siegel Center near downtown by police escort. The cheers quickly turned to "We want Shaka," referring to coach Shaka Smart, who flashed a humble smile as he exited the bus before the team.

The Virginia Commonwealth University coach and players took their time going down the line giving high-fives, hugs and autographs to waiting fans; who snapped pictures with their cell phones and cameras.

Gabby Brophy, 10, beamed as most of the team signed her gold, blow-up spirit stick.

"It was awesome," she said after point guard sensation Joey Rodriguez signed his name.

Gabby and her 6-year-old sister Sidney had decorated their house with streamers and balloons to watch Saturday night's game, which ended in a 70-62 loss for VCU. She said she hopes to play women's basketball for the school when she goes to college.

"I really admire the team," she said.

Rodriguez said the Richmond school's run from a buy-in bid to the national semifinal was a great experience, and the fan support was much appreciated.

"It means a lot after a loss to have

everybody here," he said. "It was a great four years."

Christina Willis, a senior homeland security major from Hatteras, N.C., showed up with some friends to support the team. Many of her friends from home didn't even know where she went to college, but she said the team's run changed all that.

"They made history, and we just want to show them the love," she said.

VCU fans stood behind their team when the national pundits questioned whether they should have made it into the tournament. The Rams went on to beat powerhouse programs such as Kansas and Florida State.

A question painted on a window across the street from where the fans gathered Sunday summed up the team's

run in the tournament and the sentiment of fans: "Who says we don't belong?"

Patrick Flores, a 2007 graduate, said he and a group of friends wanted to be there Sunday to show the team they supported them until the end. Flores said he often went to the games, but the school's time in the national spotlight has brought greater pride to the community.

"There's a lot more pride on campus, throughout the city of Richmond, probably in the state of Virginia just for VCU," he said.

Joanna Acosta, a 21-year-old biology major from Virginia Beach, said she didn't want the team to think fans deserted them just because they didn't win the national championship.

"We don't just love them because they made it to the Final Four. We still

love them," she said. "Their fans are still supporting them no matter what. We've always got their back."

Jamie Skeen, who scored 27 points in the loss to Butler, said the welcome capped off a great season.

scores of the week



baseball

opponent	date	result
Eastern Mennonite	03/29	W 4-2
Bridgewater	04/01	W 10-5
Randolph-Macon	04/02	L 8-14
Randolph-Macon	04/02	W 8-6

tennis

opponent	date	result
Roanoke	03/29	W 9-0
Carnegie Mellon	04/02	L 3-6

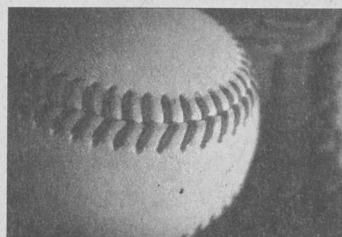
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Washington and Lee's head women's lacrosse coach Brooke Diamond notched this win after her team dismantled Sweet Briar 21-0 at home last Wednesday.

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This percentage of 138 NBA players voted Orlando Magic coach Stan Van Gundy the most annoying coach in the league, according to a recent SI.com poll. Second place was a tie, as Phil Jackson and Scott Skiles both received 7 percent of the participating players' votes each.

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According to an ESPN.com poll, the country is split as this percentage of voters think that 8th-seeded Butler will win the NCAA title for men's basketball, while the same percentage also thinks that 3rd-seeded UConn will win it. Voters are not divided on who they want to win, though. Over 63%, and most of the states outside New England hope that Butler comes out on top.

soapbox

"I didn't say I'm the fastest guy on the team, just the best athlete ... and best looking."

-- Aubrey Huff, discussing his abilities in left field and in front of a mirror, after hitting his fourth home run in five games, the latest coming in a 6-4 loss to the Oakland A's.

"I went to the regular academy. I got Maced, had to go through the gas house, got shot with the Taser twice. I did everything they did. So they know that I am serious ... When I retire, I am going to take a week, take two weeks off. Somebody is going to have to hire me. Some city, some county, some federal position is going to have to hire Shaquille O'Neal and he is qualified. And it is proven. Look it up."

-- Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal on becoming a sheriff after he retires from the sport.

"It's Opening Day, and here's the first pitch ... and the season's over!"

-- This line, exclaimed by an announcer in a Family Guy episode, played over the New York Mets stadium as the team walked off the field after a season-opening 6-2 loss to the Florida Marlins. In the show, Stewie is complaining about Halloween, saying it is "a bigger letdown than being a Mets fan." The next scene shows Stewie at a Mets game as the game's announcer says the line. Mets officials were not happy about the incident, and the person responsible for it will be punished, according to foxsports.com.



Generals roll over Randolph

Men's lacrosse continues its dominance over conference foes, moves to 4-0 in ODACs

By Doug Beall
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The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team bounced back from last Tuesday's heart-breaking loss to Middlebury with a dominating win over Randolph College on Saturday. The Generals beat the Wildcats by a convincing 13-4 score, building on their perfect conference record.

The Generals were led on offense by senior attackman Spence Daw, whose hat trick brought his season total to a team-high 18 goals. He also had one assist, while fellow attackmen Sam Mott (two goals) and Jack Switala (two assists) contributed to the Generals' productivity.

The rest of the W&L scoring was very spread out, as eight players combined for the rest of the eight goals. Four goalies for the Generals saw action, with a combined four saves and four goals against.

The win came on the heels of a 6-5 loss to 7th ranked Middlebury on Tuesday night. In that game, the Generals got off to a

5-3 lead early in the second quarter after two goals by Switala, and one goal each by Daw and sophomore Mac Means, as well as mid-fielder and captain Drew Koeneman.

However, they were held scoreless the entire second half and Middlebury took the lead with just over six minutes left.

Despite the final score, senior Goalie Jason Lumpkin had a stellar day in the goal, notching 14 saves as the Panthers outshot the Generals 42-26.

The biggest loss in the game was that of sophomore defenseman Joe LaSala, who suffered a knee injury in the first quarter. Juniors Jack Hurley and Jason Harden will be expected to step up in his absence for future games.

"We lost an important player when Joe went down," said fellow defenseman Austin Wemecke. "We are all hoping that his recovery goes well and we can see him back out there on the field with us."

The loss broke the General's four game

winning streak, and the team came back to Lexington looking to start another run as four of their last five games are against ODAC teams. They started off well against Randolph, a win that brings their ODAC record to a conference best 4-0.

"Although the Middlebury game would have been a great win for the program, winning the ODAC is the key for the team to get into the NCAA tournament," said captain Gerard Savarese. "The win against Randolph is a step in the right direction."

The next step for the Generals is against ODAC rival Roanoke College in Salem on Wednesday night in what may be the most important game of the year.

"The only thing standing between us and the number one seed in the ODAC tournament is the Maroons," said junior attackmen Scott Meehan, "and if they think we're going to roll over and die, they have another think

Women continue conference dominance

Lax records a second 21-0 win, outscoring ODAC opponents 78-20 this season

By Megan Shaw
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An incredibly successful week at home for the Washington and Lee University women's lacrosse team leaves them leading the conference with a perfect 4-0 ODAC record.

Wednesday's game against Sweet Briar College was not only marked by head coach Brooke Diamond's 50th career victory, but also celebrated as a shut-out as the Generals controlled the entire game all the way to a 21-0 final score.

Approaching the close of her fourth season as the Generals' head coach, Diamond is now 51-17 overall and an amazing 27-1 in ODAC play.

From the minute the clock started, the Generals immediately dominated the Sweet Briar Vixens.

First-year attackers Katie Hagen, Alex Van Horn, Kelsey Cotter and Greta Witter took the goal by storm, all scoring within the first 15 minutes. After an assist, sophomore Ash-

ley Barnes found the net without fail, making the score 14-0 with 5 minutes remaining in the first period.

With only one attempted shot from the Vixens, senior goal keeper Katharine Farrar was sure to make the save to keep the first period a shutout.

Though the final period was not as goal heavy, the Generals were more than able to continue controlling the game. Margaret Klein, another first-year, had already scored four times in the first period and continued her career-best play with two assists in the final period.

This victory was a great way for the younger players to show their talent, proving to fans the effect that the first-years will have in years to come.

A 19-10 win on Saturday against Virginia Wesleyan added to the Generals' ODAC record. Their possession of the game was not as

quick as their victory earlier in the week, and the teams were battling as the minutes passed in the first period.

Both the Generals and the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins fought to keep up with each other, but it was senior attackers Emmy Matthews and Wilton Megargel who seemed to push their team and keep control of the game by each contributing several goals and assists.

After five uncontested goals, Junior Maddie McKaig finished the first period by making an unassisted goal with a second remaining to put W&L ahead 10-4.

Megargel opened the second period with a goal off of a free position shot, but the Marlins came back to score twice within the next five minutes. They continued to try to gain some kind of lead on the Generals, but with the help of Farrar and her defense, it was impossible.

Though Virginia Wesleyan managed to score five goals throughout the final period, players like Van Horn and Klein attacked the goal to finish the game with a final score of 19-10.

The No. 14 Generals will play Bridgewater College on Wednesday at home, and Farrar is hoping for another focused victory.

"It will be important for us to stick to the fundamentals for the rest of our season so that we can ensure the number one spot in the ODAC," she said. Along with the rest of the W&L community, Farrar said she has a ton of confidence in her team.

"I think we are on the right track to becoming a strong competitor in the NCAA tournament later in the spring."

