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Watch out, parents...

Stockton has a column that could give your kids some ideas. You were warned.

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Student music groups to perform in Lee Chapel and Wilson this weekend. You know you wanna listen to their sweet tunes.

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Mock Con shirts: to sell or not to sell?

Bookstore rejects thirteen state delegation t-shirt designs, some for alcohol references and inappropriate language

By Kelly Mae Ross
STAFF WRITER

The University Bookstore has rejected several of the Mock Convention state delegation t-shirt designs that were displayed at the delegate fair earlier this month.

According to K.C. Schaefer, associate director and merchandise manager for the bookstore and a W&L alum, the bookstore enforced a broader university policy on graphic review when it assessed the t-shirt designs, 13 of which were rejected.

Some of the rejected designs include those from New Hampshire ("We come first..."), Utah ("I <3 <3 <3 polygamy") and Guam ("The snake in America's trousers"), according to Schaefer.

Members of the bookstore staff, including Schaefer, conducted an initial review of all 55 shirts. Four shirts were flat-out rejected for references to alcohol or inappropriate language and 12 other potentially inappropriate designs were flagged for further review. A committee made up of two members of the bookstore staff and four members of Student Affairs conducted this second review.

Prior to submitting the designs to the bookstore, the executive committee of the convention reviewed them and weeded out those it thought were inappropriate. Tricia King, general chair of the convention, said the committee considered levels of creativity and appropriateness when reviewing the designs.

King said that the committee allowed some shirt designs that "toed the line" between appropriate and inappropriate to go through because committee members thought that the creativeness factor outweighed the potential lack of appropriateness.

"There's always a sense that we want to outdo the [Mock Convention] before [us]. So I think in doing that you can

push the boundaries a little bit, which is a good thing in a lot of ways, but not always in ... the way of t-shirts," she said.

King said that the news of potential design rejections did not come as too much of a surprise to the executive committee, though the bookstore had not made its final decisions at the time of King's interview. She said that the executive committee entered into an agreement with the bookstore that would allow the store to have final say on all Mock Con merchandise designs since the store is helping with the ordering and price negotiation aspects of the memorabilia.

"We [the executive committee] signed off on that in the beginning and we knew to some extent that [this review process] would happen. So I wouldn't call it censorship as much as I would call it approval," King said.

But while the executive committee may not have been surprised by news of the design rejections, some of the state chairs were.

ONE FINE TRADITION...

The design for the Tennessee delegation t-shirt is among those that have been rejected by the bookstore. The t-shirt design was vetoed because it prominently featured a Jack Daniel's whiskey bottle on the back. The whiskey bottle label was altered to have information about W&L and the Tennessee delegation instead of the standard Jack Daniel's logo, and beneath the bottle was the slogan, "One fine tradition deserves another."

Hank Ingram, Tennessee state chair, said he took the design of his state's shirt very seriously. He said he spent hours in front of the computer, working pixel by pixel to create the W&L-specific label for the whiskey bottle.

"I didn't think it would be an issue

mostly because I felt it wasn't explicitly saying, 'Hey, drink Jack Daniel's,'" Ingram said. "I felt it was taking a pop culture icon and twisting it to W&L."

Ingram said he was informed last week that his design did not make the cut, and he has since started working on a new design.

But he isn't happy about it.

Ingram said he doesn't think it was fair of the bookstore to veto all shirt designs containing any references to alcohol.

"I mean it's ridiculous. We can't sell a t-shirt that has an alcohol bottle on it, but in the bookstore we can sell shot glasses and tumblers and all this stuff... What are people going to be putting in those? Coca-cola?"

Ingram said that he received no warning that his shirt design might be inappropriate between the time that his preliminary and final designs were submitted.

Frank Cullo, New Hampshire state chair, was also not happy when he heard that his state t-shirt design was going to be rejected by the bookstore.

Cullo said he thought it was "completely unfair" to allow the state chairs to recruit people for their delegations with slogans and t-shirts that students won't be allowed to use anymore.

This is not the first time the university has dealt with inappropriate Mock Con state t-shirts. In fact, the steps that the university and the bookstore are taking with respect to the shirts may be a partial result of t-shirts that were printed in the past that members of the W&L community found offensive.

THE IDAHO SHIRT

In preparation for the 2000 Mock Convention, students from the Idaho delegation had t-shirts made at a lo-

cal shirt shop that faculty and students referred to as "the Idaho

shirts" for years afterward.

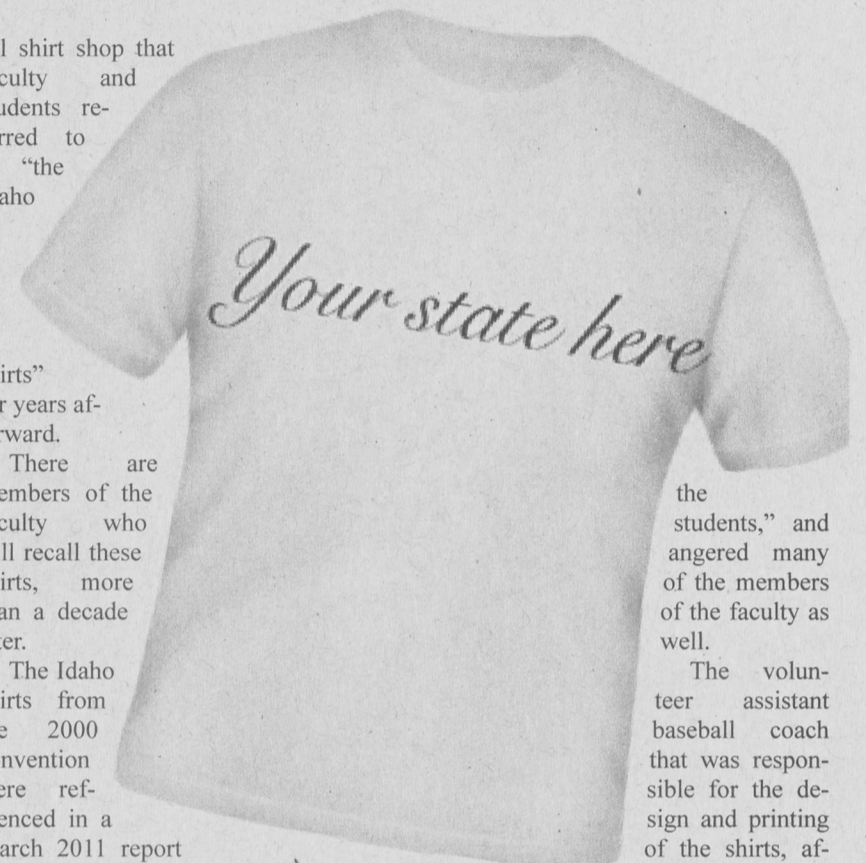
There are members of the faculty who still recall these shirts, more than a decade later.

The Idaho shirts from the 2000 convention were referenced in a March 2011 report

written by the university's Ad Hoc Committee for a Course on Respect and Responsibility. According to the report, "For a recent Mock Convention parade, the Idaho delegation created a float with a banner 'I Da Ho,' and female students dressed as prostitutes rode on the float. There was also an 'I Da Ho' T-shirt based on this theme."

The inappropriateness of the t-shirts was exacerbated by the fact that they featured a cartoon image of a buxom black woman in a skimpy red dress and boots underneath the "I Da Ho" banner.

Professor Ted DeLaney of the W&L History Department remembers the Idaho shirts and said they "really polarized



the students," and angered many of the members of the faculty as well.

The volunteer assistant baseball coach that was responsible for the design and printing of the shirts, after coming under

fire, resigned his position with the team, which he had held for 10 years.

Student newspapers published after the convention in 2000 were filled with stories, editorial cartoons and angry op-eds related to the Idaho t-shirts. The Trident newspaper published a lengthy opinion piece written by then-university president John W. Elrod that expressed his scorn for the shirts, calling them "vulgar, wrong, hurtful and offensive."

The faculty took out full-page ads in each of the two student newspapers in order to issue a statement formally condemning the shirts.

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Parents' Weekend at a glance

For a complete schedule, check out your registration materials or look online

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

8:00 AM
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
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4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
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CLASSES BEGIN
REGISTRATION [ELROD COMMONS, LIVING ROOM]
FINANCIAL AID CONFERENCES [FINANCIAL AID, 23 UNIVERSITY PLACE]
UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR APPOINTMENTS [EARLY-FIELDING]
CAREER CONVERSATIONS: 10 THINGS EMPLOYERS ELROD COMMONS WANTS STUDENTS TO LEARN IN COLLEGE [STACKHOUSE THEATER]
R.E. LEE RESEARCH STUDENT PRESENTATIONS [LEYBURN LIBRARY, MAIN FLOOR]
GREEK LIFE Q&A [HILLEL HOUSE, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM]
JOHNSON SCHOLARS FAMILY RECEPTION [EVANS DINING HALL]
PRESIDENT'S OPEN HOUSE [LEE HOUSE]
SORORITY OPEN HOUSE [FRANK PARSONS WAY]
FIRST FRIDAYS AT FIVE [HILLEL HOUSE]
FOOTBALL: WASHINGTON AND LEE V. CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY [WILSON FIELD]
FAMILY WEEKEND CHORAL CONCERT [WILSON HALL]

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
10:30 AM
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
7:00 PM
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

REPORT TO PARENTS, CURRENT HAPPENINGS AT W&L [ELROD COMMONS, STACKHOUSE THEATER]
PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO PARENTS [LEE CHAPEL]
LUNCH ON THE GREEN [CANNAN GREEN]
MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING [WARNER GYM]
A GRAND TEA [ELROD COMMONS, ROOM 114]
A CAPPELLA CONCERT [LEE CHAPEL]
OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION PARENTS' DINNER [EVANS DINING HALL]
WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT [WILSON HALL, CONCERT HALL]

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

HILLEL BAGEL BRUNCH [HILLEL HOUSE]

news

Mock Convention 2012 Roundup

A rundown of the latest happenings in W&L's largest organization



By Neil Haggerty
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee Mock Convention has announced its keynote speaker: retired Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour.

According to Mock Con Speakers Chair Sorelle Peat, Barbour was on the target list for speakers since planning for this convention started since he has been an influential leader in the Republican Party "and he was a strong contender for the Republican candidate for the presidential election in 2012 before he pulled out of the race last April."

"Governor Barbour is a prominent player in the Republican Party and his insight and experience means that he'll be able to offer some great advice to all of us participating in the convention, particularly the political team, about how to achieve our goal...correctly choosing the Republican presidential candidate," said Mock Convention Communication Chair Kelli Jarrell.

As governor of Mississippi, Barbour has focused on making the state "a better place to live, work and play through strong support of job creation, schools, health care, energy, safer communities and stronger families," according to governorbarbour.com.

Barbour's election in 2003 was one of the largest gubernatorial turnouts in the state's history. His popularity has increased since.

He was re-elected governor by 58.2 percent of the vote in 2007 and "is only the second governor since Reconstruction to be elected to a second consecutive term" as governor in his state, according to governorbarbour.com.

During his six years as governor, Mississippi increased in per capita income by 27 percent.

Barbour's success as governor has led to him receiving several honors and awards. According to his website, he was Governor of the Year in 2006, he received the Gulf Guardian Award for his work with the damages inflicted on the Gulf Coast in recent years and received the Adam Smith Medal from BIPAC.

Barbour is also a leader in the Republican Party as the Chairman of the Republican Governor's Association.

"This announcement brings us one step closer to the actual convention and having Governor Barbour as the keynote speaker is something that I, and the rest of the campus, can be excited about from now until February," said Jarrell.

By Neil Haggerty
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee Mock Convention is bringing the convention to parents by holding a Silent Auction this Friday. Parents will be able to attend the auction from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and winners will be announced at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday in the Outing Club Resource Room.

According to Mock Convention Communications Chair Kelli Jarrell, there is great diversity in items available and in price range so "as many parents and students as possible" will come to the auction.

Items offered at the Silent Auction include a beach vacation in Sea Island, a stay in a 19th Century English Cottage, Carolina Panthers Tickets, hotel rooms for graduation and next year's Parents Weekend, dinner at local restaurants, a fly fishing package from Trouthunter and Fancy Dress ticket packages.

All funds raised from the auction will go towards the general fund for the Mock Convention, said convention treasurer Brandon Allred. The general fund "is used to cover expenses for all aspects of the Convention, from speakers and the parade to the Presidential Gala," Allred said.

While the Silent Auction is one way that W&L parents will be able to get involved in Mock Con, they are encouraged to support the convention financially and can visit mockconvention.com for more information on how to get involved.

"There were many Mock Con parents in attendance at the Spring Kickoff events and we hope the Convention will be equally well attended," Jarrell said.

Shirts

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Regional media, including *The Roanoke Times* and *The Daily Progress* of Charlottesville ran stories about the Idaho shirts. DeLaney said the shirt may have been caught by one of the C-SPAN cameras that were at the convention, but he said he could not be sure.

DeLaney said that a faculty task force was set up in response to the t-shirt incident (and several other incidents that

occurred that year) specifically to deal with issues related to diversity on campus.

"That t-shirt helped to change W&L," he said.

LEARNING FROM THE PAST

Back in 2000, the university did not review the Mock Con state delegation t-shirts before they were ordered and printed. 11 years later, that is no longer

the case.

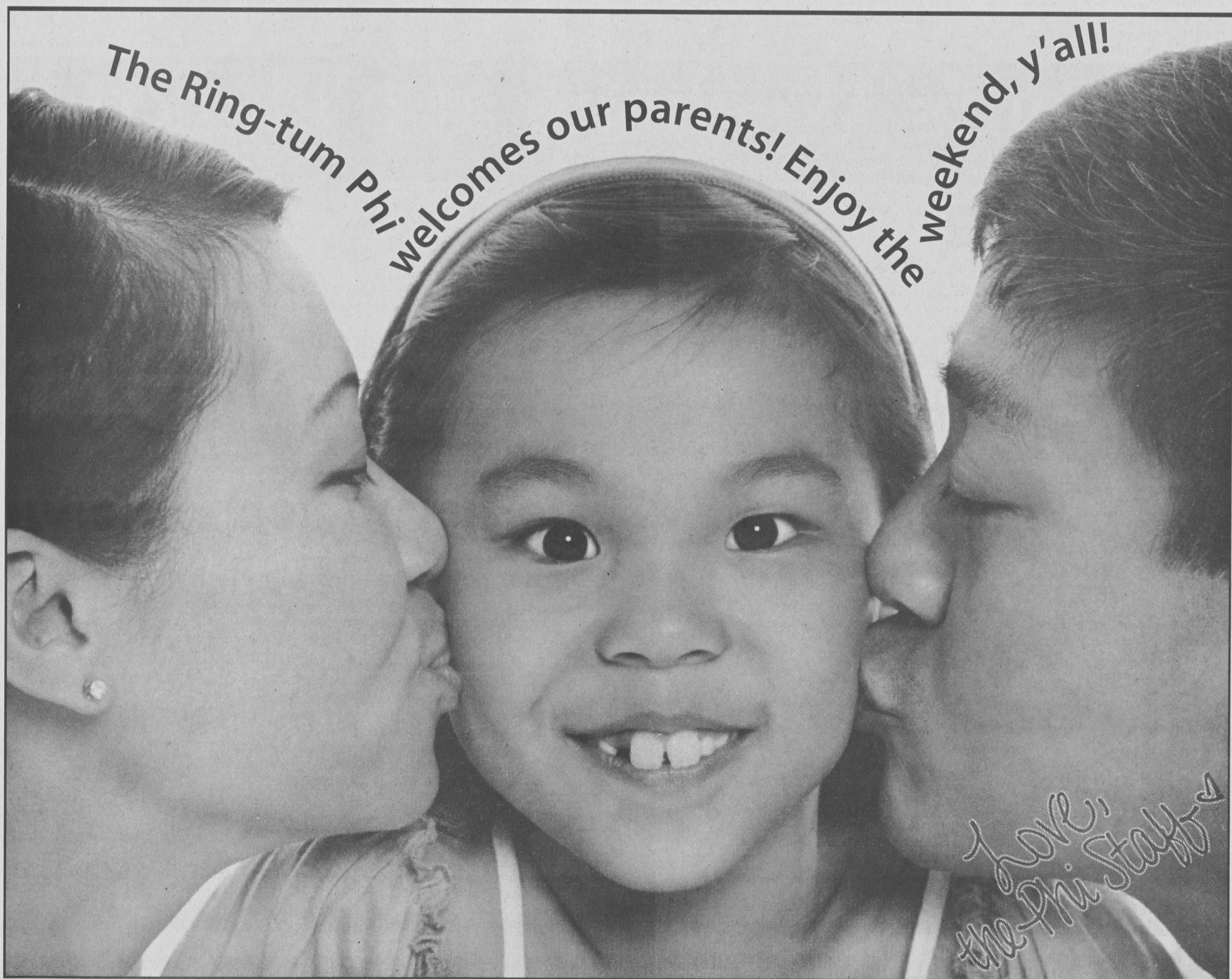
King said students will be notified via email if the designs of the t-shirts that they ordered at the delegate fair have changed. Students will be able to un-order the state shirts and get their money back if they do not like the new, university-approved designs.

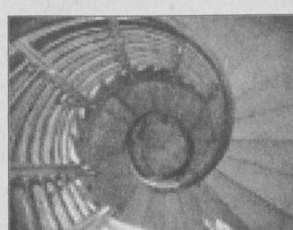
But the t-shirt money reimbursement process could turn into a logistical

nightmare for those who are in charge of it, considering the fact that over 1,600 students have already signed up to join a state delegation.

King said that while the executive committee may not necessarily agree with all of the design rejections, these vetoes are a small price to pay to uphold the reputation and the image of the Mock Convention.

"We as an executive committee, as a steering committee, we don't want to look like any typical college organization because we're not," King said. "And if that means that the bookstore has to flag a couple of t-shirts that they don't think will be good for our school image, but for our national image, then so be it."





opinions

A Dog Day Afternoon

Columnist Ali Greenberg describes the ins and outs of bringing a dog to school and says it's not for everyone



By Ali Greenberg
COLUMNIST

I got my dog, Holly Golightly Greenberg, about 4 years ago and my life has never been the same since. She was a rescue puppy, one of five in her litter at the shelter and the only one who didn't bark when we walked by. A beautiful roly-poly ball of orange fur and little baby bear paws that pounced all over. She was, by all accounts, adorable then and a gorgeous dog now. So while I only went to the shelter to volunteer, I ended up bringing her home.

But that whole no barking thing ended pretty quickly which was a bit of a disappointment. From the day we brought her home I realized this was no ordinary dog. She jumped over the doggie gate or knocked it down entirely. She had accidents so frequently it was as if she was ruining our hardwood floors just to spite us. She chewed up the corners

of the carpet, never learnt her name, and ate long grass in order to cause a gagging reaction. Yes, my dog went through a period of bulimia.

The terrible twos came and went. She became an annoying three-year old, but

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finally settled into what could be called a "normal" dog. Holly was never as bad as Marley or as loud as those yappy little lap dogs and was finally able to hold her bladder through the night. I had hoped it would be the start of a new era.

And then this summer my dad got a job abroad, meaning that Holly, who had stayed at home the last two years, would now be living with me. At school.

It was a pretty big adjustment at first, but to be fair, it has been pretty nice to have her around so far. My roommates like her and luckily she doesn't chew our shoes. She generally just barks at the window or sleeps.

But it is not all sunshine and rain-

bows. Every now and then she gets into the trash, she is even afraid of walking down Washington Street at night, and she must have been Green Dot trained because she hates all boys and barks if one gets near her. Holly is the weirdest

and at times the most inconvenient.

Having a dog at school is difficult. I am not a morning person and making it to my 8:30 a.m. class on a Monday morning was hard enough without having to get up even earlier to take my dog on a walk. Last year I would normally spend all day on the hill, but now I have to make trips home in the afternoon to feed her. When I get off of work, all I want is to put up my feet, but there is Holly, wanting to go out one last time before bed. There is no longer any debate about it; I am whipped.

Dogs cost money too, and a lot of it. The bitch broke a nail and I had to take her to the hospital. After the general

check-up, new food, nail removal and vaccination, I picked her up and said goodbye to my paycheck.

But having a dog at school is also great in some regards. I know that no matter how bad my day is, when I go home Holly will be happy to see me. Our morning walks on the Colonnade are sometimes the only exercise I can fit in during my busy day and I would rather talk aloud to my dog than just to myself, although both are pretty sad.

Holly can be hard to care for sometimes. She isn't a little lap dog, she is a 55-pound German Shepherd/Chow mix that needs exercise and socialization and training. Since I don't have a yard to let her out in, she requires a lot of attention.

My dog is also pretty stupid; there really is no getting around it. But she is beautiful and funny to observe and a very loving creature. She knows when she does something bad and I believe that deep down, she earnestly tries to not screw everything up.

But even considering how much I love my own, I wouldn't advise anyone in college to get a dog. What made my experience different was that I already had Holly for four years before moving her to Lexington, so she was no longer a

pup and I was already used to her behaviors. Too often college students do not realize that dogs continue to be a commitment after graduation, meaning that the dogs well-being can be at risk and a huge strain can be put on the owner.

Yet, as stupid and difficult as my dog sometimes is, she has taught me a lot of valuable lessons which you can only learn from taking care of someone other than yourself. Most importantly, Holly may be afraid to cross the street sometimes, but if she sees stairs, she climbs them. It may sound silly, but that's the best lesson she could ever teach me.

On a complete tangent, here are three things that are really grinding my gears currently.

1. Taking someone's (my) seat six weeks into the semester.
2. Not saying hello to people on the hill. If you doubt that they remember your name, just greet them with a simple "hey." Especially if you chatted with them on a roof for twenty minutes at last night's party. It's simple kids.
3. Girls who try to rap "Super Bass." Either put in the time to practice like Annie Martin and I did or find a new song, you ruin it for the rest of us.

Winning Parents Weekend

Hungry for a little extra spending money? Stockton Bullitt explains how to make bank when your family visits Lex



By Stockton Bullitt
COLUMNIST

College students always want to be treated like adults. So what better way to act like an adult than to manipulate your parents? When time comes for the parents to enter a retirement home, do you think that they are going to go willingly? I don't think so.

Furthermore, to make sure that parents don't mistakenly give all their life savings to charity in their will, adults need to constantly manipulate their parents. Therefore, Parents Weekend gives you the perfect opportunity to work on your manipulation skills. However, instead of coercing your parents into a retirement home or reworking their last will and testament, you should use this weekend to bleed as much current and future money from them as physically possible. Yes, you may "love" your parents, and maybe you don't want to dry up their bank accounts. But think about this, if your parents use their hard earned life savings to plan a second honeymoon, that is money you can't spend buying t-shirts for Christmas Weekend or sweet headphones from the bookstore. No, you need money for yourself and your friends.

So, how do you go about manipulating your parents into adding money to your W&L account or even your bank account? Well, you've come to the right place. I happen to be an expert in turning my parents' love and devotion into funds for keg runs. All it takes is a little planning before Parents Weekend. If you think of yourself as a business, then Parents Weekend is the investor day when the outside investors get to see the factory.

Basically, this mindset means that

you should have two specific strategies in bleeding money from your parents. First, you want to make your parents want to give you money because they think that you deserve it due to your inherently superior character, especially relative to other siblings. Second, you want to convince your parents that you need money in order to survive at a school like this. For example, if there is any way that you can make yourself look gaunt and malnourished, then you should certainly do it. Parents who are worried about the health of their child are much more likely to give you money, so you can purchase those extra Sunrises from the Co-op and smoothies from the Hillel House.

Preparation for Parents Weekend

If your parents use their hard earned life savings to plan a second honeymoon, that is money you can't spend buying t-shirts for Christmas Weekend or sweet headphones from the bookstore.

must include all phases of your life. If you are going to milk every dollar you can from your parents, then they need to see every aspect of your life. Now, whether you portray every aspect of your life in complete truth is up to you, but I tend to stay away from erroneous things like the truth. That's why I'm an opinion writer.

The first place you need to start is your room. Your parents have not seen your room in almost two full months, so they don't know what to expect when you show it to them. Obviously the first thing they should see when they open the door is a pristine room. Your television should be playing one of four channels. If you are a politics major, you should be playing C-SPAN at full blast. Tell them that you have gotten really into the "Congressional process" this semester, and they won't question you for details as long as C-SPAN is playing

and not CNN. If you are a southern business major, make sure that Fox Business is playing on your TV, and if you are a northern business major, make sure that CNBC is on. If you are not a C-School major, then you should just have PBS on your TV for safekeeping. As long as your parents think that you watch boring television instead of FX, Bravo or Comedy Central, then they will want to give you more money so you can spend more time "studying." If you are really gung ho about the making money off of your parents idea, then you should pay a friend to mess up your room while your parents are gone. If your parents come back after spending the day with you and see that, through no fault of your own, your room looks like Joplin, Missouri,

then they will think that you need money for cleaning supplies because your rambunctious friends and/or roommates take advantage of your innocent cleanliness.

Next, you want to fool your parents into thinking that you have great relationships with all the adults. First, if you are a male and your father is coming to Parents Weekend, make sure that you learn the first names and faces of every weight trainer on campus. That way, if you pass by one on campus, you can say "Hey Josh," and fool your parents into thinking that you spend every day hitting the weight room even though you don't quite know what the inside of the athletic center looks like.

After that, you need to go after your teachers. If there is a week that you decided to go to class, this should probably be it. You don't need to spend much time actually listening to what the teachers say, but you should probably note one

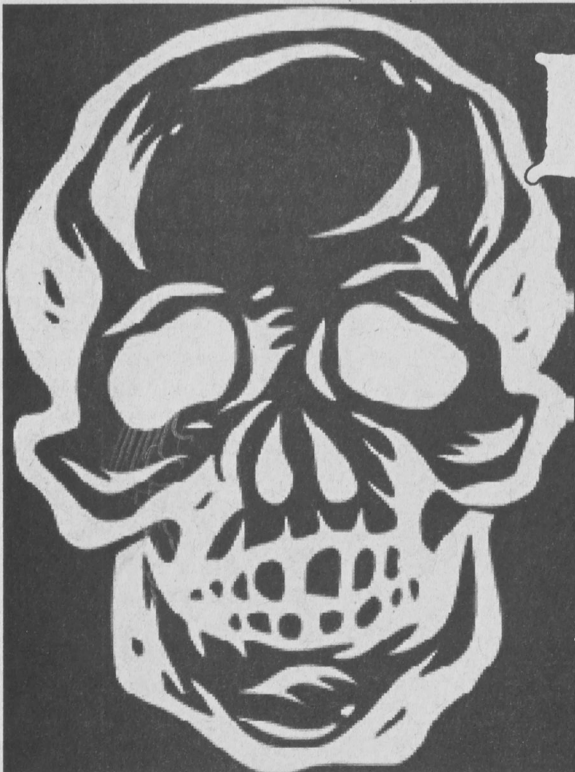
thing that was said in class. If you do this successfully, then you can safely complete this mad-lib when you pass by professors on the hill with your parents: "Hey Professor [insert professor's name here], I thought that [topic of class discussion] was particularly interesting this past week. After thinking about it on my own, I have become particularly interested in [topic of class discussion]. I even found out that [random tidbit from Wikipedia]! If you would like, I would love to sit down and discuss [topic of class discussion] further at your convenience. Are you free on Monday morning at 8 am?" Keep one eye on the parents while you are saying this; it's pretty entertaining stuff. I guarantee if you throw in the Monday morning part, their mouths will be open. Obviously, you won't actually be meeting with the professor on Monday morning, but by then your parents will already have cut the check and will be long gone from Lexington.

Finally, you want to show your parents the REAL party experience. If you are a freshman, that means you are probably spending the night explaining to your parents why you got arrested during O-Week. So what better way to show them how you actually got arrested than to have them relive the experience for themselves? If played right, this move will get you vindication for your prior arrest and will probably get you more money for court fees in the long run. All you have to do is start off by lulling your parents into a false sense of security. Bring them out to a party in town and get them playing beer pong. Parents have a lot of pent up competitive emotion, and therefore, they are perfect for beer pong. Make them feel overly cool every time they make a cup, like upperclassmen do to freshmen. If they win the game, they will be feeling a high they have not felt since they experimented with drugs during their college years. By the way, you NEVER allude to any kind of drug use in any way; just because adults did it when they were younger, you are a righteous adolescent who would never experiment

with marijuana or use Adderall before starting a paper.

This is the perfect time to show your parents how parties in Lexington actually function. Your parents will start getting tired around 11:30, so once you see the first yawn, you confront them. If you feel that you haven't milked enough money from them yet, you can start a little soliloquy about how interesting it is that arrests and party crackdowns started picking up at the end of 2010, which was conveniently right around the same time as the municipal bond market started to collapse. Tell them how LexPo, in need of new revenue streams, started looking to W&L students to fund their expansions and pension funds. Tell them how last year, LexPo started using noise violations to fine parties on and near the W&L campus, and then mention that for some reason that habit died down a little starting in the second semester when Zullman's seemed a little too far away for a party. Then, when you have their attention, crack a beer and tell them to "watch this." Go out to the front porch and get pulled away by the cops for drunk in public or minor in possession. Your parents will surely love to see their child escorted from a porch through the front lawn and onto the street for some questioning. Make sure you tell them as you are getting handcuffed that this is the upperclassmen's fault and that LexPo and the school are working together to make sure that students get home safely. I'm sure your parents will buy it.

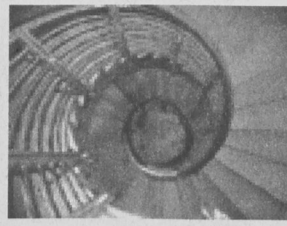
While there are many other things you should do on campus during Parent Weekend (the football game under the lights, the rugby game at 1 p.m. and plenty of stuff at the Art's Center), I believe that you can make the most money off of your parents by showing them your own version of your day-to-day life. Lastly, remember the coup de gras on Sunday morning: waking your parents up for morning mass. Your parents are sure to put their faith in you and your personal budget after morning mass.



Happy Halloween
from the Phi!

also, shout out to that sweet frosh in the banana costume going to dinner last night! awesome.

opinions



Diaries of a house bunny

A mansion for you and your friends with a cooking and housekeeping staff? Welcome to life in a sorority house



By Campbell Burr
OPINIONS EDITOR

Warner Huntington III knocks on the door. The girls whisper and line up: mouth spray, perfume, and clutch ready to go. Elle walks down the spiral sorority house staircase and gets the nod of approval from her sisters. And off she goes, into the night, ready for the proposal, or so she thinks...

This is not exactly what living in the sorority house is like. We do not have a spiral staircase, a huge knocker or silicone boobs, but Perfect Day probably describes our lives as well as it does the lives of the Legally Blonde sorority girls.

Parents Weekend will be the first time freshmen girls can tour sorority houses and girls, I can assure you that you will be pleasantly surprised. Sorority houses are fraternity houses minus the muddy floors, faint smell of beer, loud yelling at the television on Monday nights, and basement bars (a little disappointing but we'll survive). They are sparkling clean with fireplaces, balconies, television dens, and beautiful views of rolling mountains and the football team on Wilson Field.

Here are some things to consider if you are planning on living in a sorority house:

1. Where dem boyz at? Just a warning, freshmen, enjoy your time living and eating with the other gender—"dorm storm" your heart out and linger in D-hall. When sophomore year comes along, you will no longer be living directly above or on the same floor (Davis what whaat), as the other gender. You will also no longer be sharing meals with them in D-hall.

Now some of you may be thinking: I don't eat with boys and I hate the smell of dirty socks on the first and second floors of Graham-Lees. This change won't affect me. Trust me—it will. If you don't take advantage of eating with the other gender, enjoy watching them eat. Your

days of making fun of boys for preparing salads without dressing or feeling self-conscious when you go for that second frozen yogurt cone are numbered.

It's fun living with all of your close girlfriends, but it's an adjustment. You may feel like the only time you see boys is in class, in the lib late at night when they tell you that you "look tired" (aka like hell), and at parties when they've scooped their glass into the grain bucket a few too many times and are staring at you cross-eyed and slurring their words.

2. 24-hour food supply- And I thought D-hall was bad...but hey, D-hall isn't open at 2 a.m. Sorority houses have refrigerators and snack containers open to residents 24 hours a day. You may think that living in the sorority house won't change your eating pattern because you keep food in your dorm room. If this is the case, I have a couple questions for you. Do you have a humongous refrigerator in your room? If yes, is it filled with greasy leftovers from lunch? And if you say, "No, but we can order from Papa John's," I have something for you to consider. Does our refrigerator lock at 2 a.m. when Papa John's closes? Case in point.

On the other hand, the 24-hour kitchen can be valuable when you have a lot of work and need to munch on something to keep your eyes open. The never-ending stream of boiling water, variety of tea packets, and dozens of cereal options will keep you awake. A good GPA may be worth a couple of extra pounds.

3. Automatic lights- Imagine walking into a dark room, clapping your hands, and having all of the lights turn on one by one. Ah, reminds me of a scene from The Graduate ("What do you drink? Bourbon?"). This is a benefit of living in a green sorority house. Sometimes I even play Harry by waving my pencil towards the ceiling and whispering, "Lumos."

The downside is that when you are sitting in one place for a long time, the lights think that no one is there and turn off. You wave your hands wildly through the air, as if you're doing the Bernie backwards, only to find yourself out of the range of the light sensor. This means you have to get up out of your comfortable position and dance in front of the sensors....every fifteen minutes. By the end of the night, you have completed a

dance marathon.

4. Gossip spill: Imagine a bunch of hyenas swarming around an elephant carcass. They pull off the meat, piece by piece, bring it to their families and return for more, never satisfied.

Then, imagine a girl with a piece of gossip; maybe, "Kiki ran across Cadaver Bridge topless!!!" The group of sophisticated girls transform into a pack of wild

Your days of making fun of boys for preparing salads without dressing or feeling self-conscious when you go for that second frozen yogurt cone are numbered.

savages, parading around the gossip queen and begging her for more details. Did anyone see her? Was she drunk? Did she do it by herself? You can trust me I won't tell a soul. Nibbling on every detail, hungry for more. Then, sharing their findings. "A soul" does not include my roommate or that boy I like. The animals sprint to their dens (or take the elevator...ahem) feeding their famished roommate information. A disaster. Information spreads like wild fire and conversations result in screaming, shrieking, jumping around, and screaming some more. Utter chaos.

Drinks may spill over fraternity house floors, but gossip spills everywhere in sorority houses. Fortunately, it doesn't stain the furniture... only reputations!

5. Bodies with ESP- Twenty fussy, complaining girls all week long? Thank you, pheromones. That one week every month when the chocolate supply is a little thin and everyone's a little less friendly. Hey, at least no one's pregnant!

6. Locked out- If you forget your swipe card and get locked out of Graham-Lees at 2:00 in the morning, after you've been out or are heading back from the library (wink wink), chances are that someone with a swipe card will pass by within five minutes. Worst-case scenario, you tap on a guy's window and he gets out of bed and lets you in. Or worst, worst-case scenario, you climb into the first-floor boys' bathroom window and run through to the hallway with your eyes closed.

If you are locked out of the sorority house, you are three words: out of luck. Not only are there rarely wanderers coming by the houses late at night (or at least I hope not), but also it is impossible to wake your friends sleeping in their third-floor rooms.

One night, I walked home with friends from a different sorority. They went to their house and I headed down

the row to mine. Unfortunately, I forgot to bring my swipe card out with me and all of my sorority sisters were either asleep or at Chi Psi late night. I yelled up to my friend's closed dorm window hoping to wake her. No response.

Then, a miracle happened. A public safety car drove by and a kind staff member let me in. I've decided that bringing my swipe card out is a better idea than relying on miracles.

7. Study in the library- "I'll be productive in the sorority house tonight, even though I haven't the past five nights." No. No. No. Don't let yourself make this excuse; I've wasted too many hours already. Even when you have the best intentions, studying in the sorority house tends to be unproductive, unless you lock yourself in the window-less chapter room which is downright scary. Do yourself a favor and go to the library. I can assure you that the amount of damage you can do to your brain from all of the Diet Coke fountain sodas you would drink if you stayed at the house will be scarier than the late-night walk home across Cadaver Bridge.

You will also accomplish a lot more. How did a busy night of homework turn into a back massage train in the sorority house living room? Good question.

8. Get in shape- Whether it's defending yourself from a mysterious predator/ Cadaver while walking back to the house alone at night, or figuring out how to make it to Robinson Hall in five minutes, you must be in shape to survive

sorority house life. Another solution to being on time is leaving the house 15 minutes before class starts, but why put yourself through that? The extra ten minutes could be spent doing valuable stuff, like sifting through Kim Kardashian's wedding photos. I'd much rather take the chance and sprint if needed.

9. The Fashion Police live with you- If you don't like hearing what people think about your outfit, don't live in the sorority house. If you don't like getting mixed messages because half the people think your sweater is cute and the other half think it looks like you're going to a business meeting rather than a party (thanks, betches), don't live in the house either.

On the bright side, having friends who will tell you their honest opinion is refreshing. Thank goodness there is no more of the freshman year "oh my gosh datzz sooo cuteeee" nonsense when you know you look mediocre.

Every time you put on an outfit and casually ask, "How do I look?" hoping to hear praise and self-confidence boosters, you are letting your guard down to a critical swamp of alligators ready to eat your outfit alive.

Another bonus—along with the unlimited fountain soda, unlimited food, and unlimited distractions comes...unlimited clothes! Every night on the town begins with a treasure hunt through 19 closets to find the perfect outfit. Forget your cowgirl boots at home? Have no fear; do you prefer brown, black, or red? Forget your black fishnets and Converse at home? Well, that may be a bit more difficult...

All in all, living in a sorority house is awesome. It feels a lot homier than a dorm building and the houses have cooking and housekeeping staffs. Adjusting to an off-campus house next year may be difficult and moving to a studio apartment after school, even more difficult. I guess there's only one question: how can I apply to become a house mom?

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Reflections on the Real Madrid

Francesca Wilson describes how living abroad this term has changed her



By Francesca Wilson
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It was exactly a year ago in Professor Mayock's Español 220: Literatura Española that I felt this all-encompassing desire to go to Spain. We were reading El Caballero de Olmedo, a theatrical masterpiece by Lope de Vega and I imagined myself spending afternoons perusing the sun-filled streets of Madrid, surrounded by historical, architectural and literary greatness. I compared this potential reality to a third fall of rush dates and Windfall and I thought, "I need to go, I need to get out, now!" And that's where it all began...

Needless to say, I became interested in the idea of studying abroad. I spent the summer working in Argentina, I'm in Madrid this fall and I'll be attending University College London in the winter. Yes, I'm fully aware of the slightly clichéd Eat, Pray, Love implications, but really, I think there is a certain brilliance in leaving behind what is comfortable and easy for a year and exploring the world. As my mother has told me, "In life, it's good to be uncomfortable at times." She's right, I was a little bit too comfortable at W&L.

Washington and Lee provides its students with an exceptional college experience and makes everything accessible. In fact, everything is so accessible that it's easy to only study, sleep and eat. Everything's right there at your fingertips. We don't even have to walk very much. The school has so much to offer in terms of academics, class size and a network of people who maintain a lifelong commitment to the community. However, the concentration of a small group of people within an equally small geographic area breeds a culture of strong academic and social pressure. Reflecting on my past two years at W&L, I notice two themes: socialize

and study. As an impressionable freshman, I felt an overwhelming desire to be social as I was thrown into the rush process. By sophomore year, as an established member of a sorority, I became completely and unequivocally obsessed with my GPA. I am by nature an intense person but the number of sleepless nights I endured as a result of my anxiety took a toll on my mental health. I spent all of my free time studying or thinking about studying.

Bearing my semi-psychotic tendencies in mind, I encountered a bit of culture shock when I arrived in Spain. By culture shock I do not mean I suffered from your typi-

friends to drink casual strawberry sangria on a Tuesday afternoon. Maybe we'll sit there for two hours, maybe not, but I certainly don't ever feel as if I am wasting my time. I don't need to make excuses for enjoying myself. At school, whenever I take the time to sit around with friends and chat I feel as if I'm somehow neglecting my studies. I always have this feeling of overriding guilt that I'm not studying which ultimately lodges itself in the pit of my stomach and doesn't subside until my standard 2 a.m. bedtime. Let's be serious, I am ambitious.

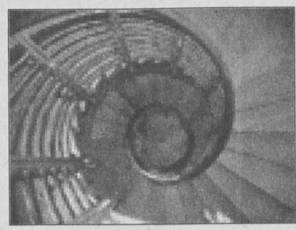
Recently, I was catching up with a friend from W&L and he asked if I've changed dur-

I'm learning to enjoy drinking alcohol as a cultural experience, whereas before I only viewed alcohol as a means of getting drunk.

cal American-abroad conundrums. I'm not afraid of the metro. I don't miss peanut butter. And, conversing in a foreign language doesn't intimidate me whatsoever. What shocked me was how much Spaniards focus on enjoying their lives. During my time here I've heard the saying "Spanish work to live and Americans live to work." It was not until I came to Madrid that I realized that during my last year of college, I lived to do work. I maniacally worked all week and by Friday, overcame my nerves by racing to Windfall and hoping to forget it all. On the contrary, in Madrid, I do not want to forget a thing. I'm learning to enjoy drinking alcohol as a cultural experience, whereas before I only viewed alcohol as a means of getting drunk.

Walk around the city on any day of the week and cafés, bars and restaurants are filled with Madrileños chatting with friends or family while enjoying a beer or a glass of wine. Although it was a bit of a difficult transition, I'm learning that I can take pleasure in sitting outside a Cervezería or bar with

ing my time abroad. My initial and not so eloquent response was "Yeah, I think I'm different. Like, I can't explain it, I feel really far away from everything at school." What I really meant in my overly-colloquial phrase is that for the first time since I arrived at university, I am practically free from all obligations. Even though I spend most of my time at W&L in Leyburn, I'm still constantly confronted by the social dynamics of our university. It's exhausting. The amount of school-work we have creates one layer of stress and the small-school environment slaps on a whole new level of pressure with our unique social culture. We're all full-time students and full-time friends. And, quite frankly, I'm thoroughly enjoying being a student and taking a much needed break from constant socialization. I'm trying to model the relatively care-free Spanish way of life, and little by little or one glass of sangria by one glass of sangria, I think I'll get there.



opinions

Searching for Lisa Irwin

Allie Weiss describes the recent disappearance of 10-month-old baby, Lisa Irwin, and the ongoing investigation



By Allie Weiss
COLUMNIST

Oct. 4 might have been any other Tuesday night for Missouri residents Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin. Bradley had put her daughter, Lisa, to bed around 10:30 p.m., and then retired for the night. Lisa's father, Jeremy, had been working the late shift. He came home around 4:00 a.m., and, before going to bed, went to kiss his daughter goodnight. He was greeted by one of the most terrifying sights a parent can find: his daughter was nowhere to be found.

He quickly woke Bradley, assuming that she had the baby. But Bradley claimed to be just as horrified as he was, and the couple quickly called the police. That night marked the first in a nearly month-long search that has since take place. Lisa, a 10-month-old baby, whose disappearance was made even more upsetting by the fact that she'd been sick at the time of her abduction, has had her picture posted across the United States. Hundreds of law enforcement officials have become involved in the case. At every new turn, America has watched as Lisa's story unfolds with almost Dickensian drama—from the anonymous benefactor to the mother suspected of kidnapping her own child. The FBI has gone to extraordinary lengths to find Lisa; even

resorting cadaver dogs and polygraph tests. These efforts have yielded surprising results.

On Oct. 8 after the local police and firefighters had conducted a thorough search of the property, even draining the backyard well and lowering a fireman to check for evidence at the bottom, Lisa's mother suggested that the FBI perform a polygraph test. Although such an offer might lead one to believe Bradley had nothing to hide, the results would later indicate that Bradley would fail that polygraph test, placing her name firmly atop the list of suspects. Even more suspicious, Bradley has since changed her story, admitting that she saw her daughter at 6:40 p.m. on October 4th, not at 10:30 as she had previously stated. The reason for this sudden change? Bradley was black-out drunk.

FBI Agent Al Jennerich allows that Bradley might have failed simply because of the trauma she has been through since Lisa's disappearance. "It's so emotional," Jennerich says. "It's so traumatic for the parents. Even if the parents were not involved at all, they can still feel responsible....Either [she failed] because she is guilty of lying to the relevant questions or she is under such a traumatic experience that she feels guilty for not taking care of her child, even if she had no direct involvement in the disappearance of the child."

Nevertheless, Ashley Irwin, Lisa's aunt, recently told Good Morning America that she had no doubt that Bradley would soon be arrested, if only because, "they have to pin it on somebody."

Indeed, it seems that all who learn of

the baby's disappearance want answers. Joe Tacopina, a prominent attorney with offices in New York, has emerged as the family's new representation. He insists that he is not working pro bono, but rather is being compensated by someone who wishes to remain anonymous. The

day. Witnesses say that the police left the house with multiple bags of potential evidence. While Bradley and Irwin have told the media that they are cooperating fully with the police, the warrant indicates that the couple has been less than hospitable. In stating the reason for the

However, the FBI is taking this new information with a grain of salt. First of all, the man on the security tape has no baby with him, and so police cannot positively say that he was even involved in Lisa's disappearance. Secondly, FBI Agent Brad Garrett believes it to be highly improbable that the kidnapper would stick around. The fact that the man had only managed to move three miles in two hours seems unlikely, and it isn't logical that he would have just hung around.

Another lead the police are exploring is a dumpster fire that took place in the area, which has the potential to explain the burnt clothes belonging to Lisa that were found nearby. Bradley asserts that her daughter was last seen wearing purple shorts and a purple tee-shirt. If the neighboring couple who remembers seeing a mysterious man with a naked baby recalls that night correctly, it is possible that the man burned Lisa's clothes in the dumpster before taking her out of the neighborhood.

For now, the search continues, seeming to grow more disturbing by the day. Anyone with information about Lisa Irwin's whereabouts should call the TIPS Hotline, at 816-474-8477. "The goal is to find that baby girl," Tacopina says. "I'm optimistic and confident at the end of the day the truth will come out."

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price tag attached to Joe Tacopina's services is said to be about \$750 per hour.

Bill Stanton, a former policeman from New York who now works as an independent security consultant, is also being funded by an anonymous woman. This woman has put up a \$100,000 reward for the safe return of Lisa Irwin, and, Stanton says, notes that no questions will be asked of the person who is able to claim the reward.

More recently, news has surfaced of the findings of the cadaver dogs being employed by the FBI. The dogs were able to positively identify the scent of a corpse on the floor of Bradley's bedroom. The dogs are "specially [trained] to recognize the scent of decaying, decomposing human flesh. That's what they hit on. What the dogs are saying is that they smelled that scent," FBI Agent Jeff Lanza says. A warrant allowed the FBI to conduct a 24-hour long, aggressive search of the property last Wednes-

search warrant, the police could be heard saying that, "the extent of the search had been limited in nature with [the parents'] consent."

But, just when the parents begin to appear guilty, a surveillance tape emerges that could clear their names. The footage is of a man dressed in white, leaving nearby woods at about 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 4. Mike Thompson, the most recent witness to come forward, told ABC News that he had been on his motorcycle, on his way home from work at about 4:00 a.m., when he saw a man carrying a baby about three miles away from Lisa's home. He remembers this because, on a night when the temperature was just below 45 degrees, the sight of a baby outside with no clothes on is a startling one. The man was about 5'7", between 140 and 150 pounds, and was in his late thirties. Just hours before, a couple who lives a few houses down from the Irwin residence witnessed a similar sight.

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How to breathe



By Andrea Siso
COLUMNIST

It is easy to encounter the divine at noon. Or, at least, that is what the ancient Greeks believed. If one seeks to meet with a god or goddess, it is easiest to do so when the boundary between the worlds is banished, along with all shadows—and that is when the sun casts its light from the center of the sky; noontime.

My noontime was always captured by natural Venezuela—the tenderly baked ground eliciting soft blades of baby green grass, the arms of stalks of leaves, openly embracing the warmth of the sky, the sweet breath of tropical flowers—vividly painting the ambience with fiery colors. And I began to notice how my breath stirred the air, and how the air was stirred by others' breaths, too. And I came to thoroughly dissect the intricate, convoluted rhythms of respiration, the interlacing reverberations of inhale, exhale. And, through careful observation and examination in my noontime appointments with nature, I have discovered: we inhale the dust of souls, eternally entwined and permanently present within the undercurrents of the air we breathe, pervasive and almost indistinguishable but for the hushed constant callings of echoed longing this dust elicits, of a profound hunger to be known, and to be connected with all other beings for all eternity. We exhale our own dust; we expel ourselves through swirling eddies of oxygen, our souls contributing to the resonating music of The Yearn: we, too, long to be inhaled; we, too long to participate in this resounding gust of perennial linkage. And the central aim of respiring? To attain the ultimate communion of souls. And this can be accomplished solely through learning how to breathe.



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arts&life

Former W&L professor's brushes dance

I-Hsing Ju's personal experiences color his artwork, his traditional Chinese rice paper scrolls on display in Staniar

By Ryan Johnson
STAFF WRITER

Artist and past Washington and Lee professor I-Hsing Ju called on personal experience to create his Chinese scroll paintings currently on display in the Staniar Gallery.

The traditional Chinese brushwork on a rice paper scrolls depicts a series of landscapes from his native Chinese setting.

His time as a Chinese soldier during the Second Sino-Japanese War holds particular influence on his work. The "city of clouds" in many of his paint-

ings is the same cloud cover that hid him from the Japanese during the war.

"Paint bamboo every day. You will live long and happy."

His hometown of Jiangyin, Jiangsu, also appears in his paintings. He described the town as a place where even

the painters worked in the rice paddies during the day. The gentleness of those particular landscapes reveals a fondness for his birthplace.

The exhibition is aptly titled "Journey Home," and through painting, the artist reflects on various influences and heritage in his life.

He described his brushwork as a "dance," something both quick and elegant. The paintings must be executed quickly to give purity to the lines.

First-year Sarah Helms described his

talk as "illuminating."

"His artwork was made more beautiful by the commentary," she said.

Ju taught at W&L for more than twenty years and was the first tenured Asian professor at the university. He instituted an "Art in Taiwan" program that took art students abroad to learn Chinese brushwork. Ju retired from W&L in 1989 but continued to win teaching and art awards long after that.

Clover Archer, the director of the Staniar Gallery, introduced Ju as some-

one who "greatly inspired countless students."

Ju was invited to talk at W&L this fall by art professor Pamela Simpson, who passed away Oct. 4. Ju honored his colleague with a moment of silence at the beginning of the night.

The painter's work will be on display through Nov. 2. As for advice to the W&L community, Ju said "Paint bamboo every day. You will live long and happy."

Music to sing across W&L

Student musical groups to perform concerts for Parents Weekend, music will fill Wilson, Lee Chapel Fri. and Sat.

By Colleen Moore
STAFF WRITER

Students in various musical groups have been working hard to prepare for upcoming Parent's Weekend concerts.

Beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday night in Wilson Hall, members of the Chamber Singers, Cantatrici and Men's Glee Club will sing in the Choral Concert. Conductor Shane Lynch directs each group and has prepared a variety of works ranging from Mendelssohn, Clausen, Stroepe,

Burchard, and Thompson among many others.

Student-run A Capella groups will start the Saturday night music festivities in Lee Chapel at 6 p.m. Liz Bell, advisor to the all-female group JubiLee, said they have been practicing six songs, which include everything from Taylor Swift to The Supremes.

"I am so excited to 'kill it' and put

our best foot forward for all our friends and families. We've worked so hard to prepare for the concert and I can't wait to just have fun with the arrangements," she said.

The other A Capella groups are the all-male Southern Comfort, advised by Rob Mish, and co-ed General Admission, run by Jenece Upton. The co-ed group the Washingtons will also par-

ticipate.

Later Saturday night, conductor Barry Coleman will direct his wind ensemble concert at 8pm in the Wilson concert hall. Students will play music from around the world for friends and family.

"We've been really intense in rehearsal and singing around campus," Chamber Singer and JubiLee member Katy Zazzera said. "I love our sound this

year. It's the best of the three years I've been in chamber."

Tickets for each event are free but need to be picked up in advance from the Box Office, open Monday-Friday 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., or two hours before the performance. Call 540-458-8000 for tickets and information.

Learning the way of the tea

Kaiseki teachers fly in from west coast to share Japanese tea and cuisine, students learn about "Chado"

By Gabrielle Tremo
STAFF WRITER

Kaiseki teachers Larry Soko Tiscornia and Kimika Soko Takechi flew from the west coast to Lexington, where they used their combined 70 years of experience to share the joy of tea and Japanese cuisine with Washington and Lee students.

They gave two separate demonstrations last week that focused on this traditional tea food, often showcased in the tea ceremony of Japan.

They also discussed Chado, or "the way of tea," in their lecture on Wednesday. The Japanese treat the tea ceremony as one of the traditional arts, and it is practiced and respected like painting, calligraphy, or Japanese drama.

A chaji, or formal tea, will last approximately four hours, almost like a Western dinner party. In the course of

the chaji, a kaiseki meal is served.

Tiscornia said in his lecture, "Kaiseki has a long history with roots in ancient China. It was brought to Japan by Zen monks who had gone to China to learn other arts like ceramics and calligraphy."

"Kaiseki consists of a rice dish, a soup, and three small dishes all served in individual bowls on trays.

On Friday, Tiscornia and Takechi offered an interactive kaiseki workshop. Students were taught to construct a fish wanmono (soup course) called kuzutataki. They prepared a piece of poached white fish in a traditional Japanese dashi, or soup stock, topped with cucumbers and lemon rind to freshen the taste.

Slowly, the aroma of quickly poached fish overwhelmed the static nature of the cold fall air, and combined with the

sweet dew smell of freshly cut English cucumbers. Citron oil wafted about the room within the steam from the simple, elegant broth.

"In the Kaiseki Workshop, we were able to see the actual production of the meal, rather than just seeing pictures of the dishes," said student Lauren Mosely. "It felt like a real connection with the Japanese culture."

For example, the cucumber not only adds color and flavor to the dish, it is also a Japanese symbol for the moon.

Takechi taught the students how to prepare the intricately cut cucumbers. First, one must carve a small circle in the cucumbers so they don't fall apart when you take out the middle. Even the way you cut the cucumber contributes to its texture.

Each and every motion in kaiseki is consistent with a feeling, a purpose, and a contribution to the wholeness of the meal.

"People are amazed at the wonderful taste of something so simple," Tiscornia said. "Kaiseki really is simple, but it's all the other elements, especially seasonality and subtlety, that complete it."

Tiscornia was first introduced to Japanese food through sushi, and it became a great passion for him—leading him to open the fifth sushi restaurant in San Francisco

in 1976, despite being told that sushi "would never be popular" in the U.S.

Wanna know more?

visit Mr. Tiscornia's website, www.chanoyu.com.

-or-

take Professor Ikeda's interactive Japanese culture class on the Urasenke Tea Ceremony

Hispanic heritage dinner a hit

The food and culture of different Spanish-speaking countries highlighted at the Marketplace last Wednesday

By Cynthia Lam
STAFF WRITER

Lively music, colorful decorations, and mouth-watering dishes topped the menu for the Hispanic Heritage Dinner hosted by the dining hall staff in the Marketplace last Wednesday. The festivities attracted many students, faculty, and local community members to experience a taste of Hispanic culture and embrace its culinary diversity.

The dinner featured a variety of foods from different Spanish-speaking countries, including lentil empanadas from Argentina, black beans and saffron rice from Cuba, cerviche de camarones from Peru, and seasoned hot chocolate from Mexico.

According to Assistant Manager and Special Events Coordinator Kelly

Brown, the purpose of the meal was to "create a special theme event for students" and to learn more about other cultures.

"We enjoy doing it because it gives us a chance to do different things and be a part of the diversity," said Brown.

Weeks of planning and preparation went into organizing this event. Students from various Hispanic backgrounds and faculty members from the Spanish department worked together with the food services staff to develop the menu, decorate the Marketplace, and promote the dinner within the community.

The whole back-and-forth process was very collaborative, said Brown. Students brought in family recipes for dishes

as well as their own decorations, and the dining hall staff incorporated them into the event.

"This works better for us," said Brown. "We prefer that we have more student involvement, because that's what we're here for: to please the students."

First-year Sofi Sequeira, a native of Costa Rica, was one of the international students who helped plan the dinner. After being away from home for the past two months, she enjoyed the opportunity to share her culture with the W&L community.

"The purpose of the meal was to show other students that we actually have a different culture and that we have different food and music and customs,"

said Sequeira, "When you are so involved with a new culture, you kind of forget about your own culture, so it was nice to have the opportunity to show my friends and people I know that this was part of me and this is who I am. It made me feel proud."

Throughout the night, students and staff got the chance to try new foods—such as peixe con Molho de Tangerina from Brazil (cod poached with mushrooms, wine, and tangerine juice) and arroz con coco y pasas from Colombia (rice pudding with coconut and raisins)—many of which they had never even heard of before.

"When I saw a lot of new foods, I got to the point where I didn't know

what anything was so I just wanted to try everything," said first-year Rachel Samuels. "It was very obviously different from what was normally served and it emphasized the fact that other cultures exist."

Samuels noted the difference in taste and texture of the food compared to the dishes she normally ate.

"With American food, it has one singular block of taste, but Hispanic food seemed to have a rhythm, like the taste would change a little bit and hit you in different ways," she said. "The food was definitely an experience."

Different medium for economic coverage

NPR's Uri Berliner advocates the use of sound, saying better reactions come from radio programs or podcasts

By Megan Shaw
STAFF WRITER

Though some assume these stories are best for print journalism, Uri Berliner, a deputy national editor at NPR, says it is a goal of the organization to prove the opposite: people respond differently and perhaps better to the voices heard in a radio program or a podcast.

At his lecture on Thursday night, called Risky Business: Bankers, Governments and Debt Bubbles, Berliner put a fun, yet informative spin on the issues

of today's financial world.

Berliner, who has been at NPR since 1999, oversees its Business and Economic Coverage. It is important for NPR to find ways to excite its audience each day, he said.

Planet Money, a project that was created out of the financial crises of 2008, does exactly that. Berliner used several of Planet Money's humorous podcasts and a witty video to essentially prove

that financial reporting does not have to be boring to be informative.

The lecture began with a discussion of credit. Berliner said, "credit is the most powerful force in our financial lives."

The psychology of borrowing, Berliner explained, has its roots with Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson. The American Revolution was financed with debt, and both Hamilton and Jeffer-

son had positive visions concerning debt that strengthened the United States as a commercial power.

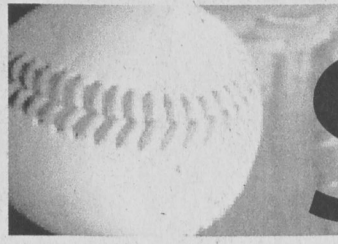
Berliner sped ahead in the history of finance to the late 2000's. He explained the meaning of a credit bubble and that debt can help leverage profits—but that it can, in turn, enhance losses.

In the 2008 recession, the bottom fell out.

NPR and the producers of Planet

Money purchased a toxic asset at a discounted price to help audiences understand the root of the financial crisis. Berliner warned that the responsibility falls on the shoulders of the current student generation, and that we must continue to remain accountable for our leaders, our banks, and for ourselves.

Berliner was excited to announce that Planet Money will next move into China and begin covering their debt bubble.



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ALEXANDER MARAGOS

STEPHEN PECK

I guess London is a fitting place to write this piece thanks to the recently enhanced speculation that an NFL franchise could be across the pond in the coming decades. So for the moment, I'll pretend I'm starting the London Broils or Bridges or Terriers or Fogs. I'll need to handle this with care because, for the first time in my life, the players aren't just players, they're investments.

Whom to choose to start the franchise is one of those classic sports debate questions for a very good reason, because there is never a clear answer. The player must possess top-level talent but also have the combination of youth and experience to make him a leader on and off the field.

My NFL choice (as much as it pains me that he's a Packer) is Aaron Rodgers. NFL fans have witnessed a massive rise in his talent, maturity and poise with all of these culminating in his the 2010 Super Bowl victory.

With over a dozen players on IR last year, including several offensive weapons, Rodgers sneaked The Pack into the playoffs and never looked back. On a team filled with nobodies, Rodgers carried his team as only few players in the league can do (no, Jay Cutler, you're not among them).

He's only 27, but he looks as if he has better decision making ability than his predecessor Brett Favre, better mobility than Peyton Manning and Tom Brady and a QB rating that leads the league by—drum-roll please—just under 18 points. He's about as locked in as you can be right now, and we can only guess his confidence is sky-high after last year's performance—his third straight year of completing more than 63% of his passes.

If I were to write this again two years from now, Matt Stafford (or Cam Newton) might be my picks, but they haven't shown me enough yet. Brady would win other contests, but at 34, the twilight of his career isn't that far away. Brees is a solid choice, but he's already 32 and is currently at the peak of his career. We don't know how great Aaron Rodgers is really going to be.

On the diamond, I feel that the list of candidates is deeper. Also, I feel a strange urge to select Albert Pujols—he is 31, although I'm not sure how valid that birth certificate is. I could be just throwing The Machine in the conversation because he just became the first player since Reggie Jackson in 1977 to hit three home runs in a World Series Game.

One of Pujols's opponents in the World Series, Josh Hamilton, would be my hands down choice if he were a couple years younger. Unfortunately, his infamous start in professional baseball now rules him out at 30 years old.

So I'm going to surprise a few people outside Southern Wisconsin and select Ryan Braun. I firmly believe that if this guy didn't play up North in Milwaukee, he would be a more mainstream choice in this category. Not that this will change anytime soon, since he just signed a 5-year \$105 million contract extension in April.

He's locked in with The Brew Crew until 2020 (with a \$20 million mutual option in 2021). Since 2007, when Braun won NL Rookie of the Year, he has produced with remarkable consistency.

He has hit at least 25 home runs and driven in 97 runs every year he debuted for the Brewers at 24. He's about to turn 28 in November and (likely until next season) formed the best young 1-2 line-up punch with Prince Fielder who turned 27 earlier this year. Besides a monster regular season at the plate, where he hit .332 with 33 HRs and 111 RBI, Braun came up big for Milwaukee in the postseason and hit .405 in 11 games.

With Fielder likely leaving town in Free Agency this winter, the Brewers will be Braun's team, but I would rather have him take over mine.

If you were in charge of starting an MLB and NFL franchise, what player you would pick to build your team around?
Who is your ideal franchise player?

Stephen and Alex give you their takes.

When I sat down to write this article, I did a lot of thinking about what an ideal franchise player should be. I wanted a young guy with years left to play who could hit third in my lineup, play centerfield or shortstop exceedingly well and be an all around leader (I don't ask for much).

I settled on Troy Tulowitzki as my initial choice. The Gold Glove shortstop for the Rockies is only 27, averages 30 homers and 100 RBI a year, rocked a mullet briefly this season and has Katy Perry as his walkup music. What more could you want?

Then I turned on game three of the World Series and saw Albert Pujols go 5-6 with three home runs and I changed my mind.

I tried my best to over think this choice. I tried to find flaws in building a team around Pujols (He's 31, plays first base). But all it took was watching Albert send three missiles into the seats at the Ballpark in Arlington to jolt me back to reality.

Pujols is clearly the best player in baseball. He has been for the past few years. And he will continue to be for at least the next five. If I'm building a team and I can have the undisputed best hitter in baseball as the rock in the middle of the lineup then I make that decision every time.

Albert is a once-in-a-generation talent. He is one guy I really want to see play live before he retires. When we are old and gray we will be telling stories about Albert Pujols to our grandkids. Not Ryan Braun.

Braun could very well develop into a Hall of Famer. But he also might not. There is no question with Pujols. He is a first ballot Hall of Famer. He is a proven champion. He is a legend. And I would much rather have the best player in baseball for five years if I'm building a team, then a younger Tulowitzki (or Braun, or whoever else) for 10.

For my NFL franchise player, I'm going to completely ignore my previous logic. I think most would agree that the player to build a team around in the NFL has to be a quarterback - no other position has as much of an effect on the outcome of a game. And if I continued with my rationale of taking the best player in the game, then I would be inclined to also take Aaron Rodgers (though Rodgers does not equal Pujols on the imaginary sliding scale of cross-sport player comparisons in my opinion; he compares more favorably to Robinson Cano. If he keeps up the statistical pace for a few more years, then maybe he can enter the Pujols zone and earn legend status).

However, there is a player in the league right now, a rookie in fact, that has completely captured my imagination. He has a unique skill set that I think has the ability to change the game. And if I'm starting an NFL team, he is the guy I am taking first.

Forget Brady, Brees, and what's left of Peyton Manning. Forget Adrian Peterson, Calvin Johnson, and Michael Vick.

Give me Cam Newton. Seriously.

Maybe I'm drinking too much of the Kool-Aid. And maybe I'm putting too much stock into his highlights. But what I see in Cam Newton is a guy who can singlehandedly impose his will on a football game. He is 6'5", 250 pounds and can run over and around you. He is confident, a winner, (and as Boobie Miles' granddad says in Friday Night Lights) "AND HE CAN PASS!"

I'm going against a lot of what I said in my argument for Pujols, but Newton is something special, even if he is not quite a proven commodity in the NFL. He has Mike Vick's skill set with a bigger, more durable frame. Plus, he is only 22. He needs to improve on decision-making, but that will come with experience. A better receiving corps would also help. While Aaron Rodgers gets to throw to Greg Jennings, Jermichael Finley, and Donald Driver, Cam gets to throw to Steve Smith...and Legadu Naanee. Ugh.

Maybe I'm crazy. Maybe I'm blinded by Cam's brilliant smile. But maybe, just maybe, I'm right and Cam Newton will be the next big thing. Here's hoping he is.

General's season ends with a loss

An up-and-down season finishes on a down after back-to-back losses, keeping the team out of post-season play

By Angela Williams
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee field hockey team ended its season on a down note, starting with a 2-1 loss to Roanoke College last Wednesday and finishing with a 5-2 loss to Randolph-Macon on Saturday.

The Generals took an early lead against R-MC when first-year Candice Stefanic scored just 10:40 into the game, giving W&L a 1-0 advantage. However, the Yellow Jackets responded quickly, netting four unanswered shots before time ran out for the first half, taking a 4-1 lead with just over two minutes left to play before the break.

W&L came out strong to score first in the second

half. Junior Katelyn Daugherty took an assist from first-year Anna Kathryn Barnes to the goal after two and a half minutes of play.

However, the team's comeback attempt would end there as R-MC found one more goal to secure a 5-2 victory and end the General's season with a loss.

Junior goal keepers Caroline Sutherland and Kirsten Kyne split time in the goal for W&L, with Kyne playing the first half and Sutherland coming in for the second. Kyne allowed two goals while Sutherland allowed three but saved two.

The Generals took several shots at the Yellow Jackets' goal, as their keeper finished with six saves for the day while only allowing two goals.

Earlier that week, Roanoke College came from behind to pull out the win over W&L in Lexington.

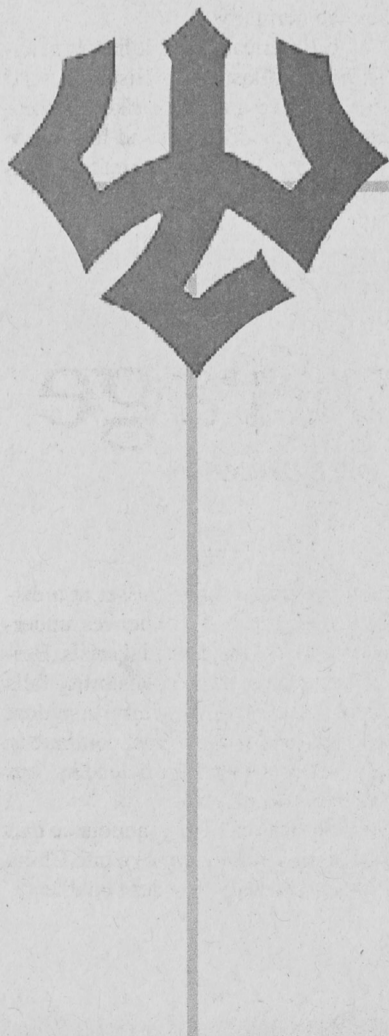
Senior Lizz Dye scored the only goal of the first half, assisted by senior Christina Benedetti and sophomore Taylor Zusi after a penalty corner. The shot came just under 29 minutes into the match and was enough to give the Generals a 1-0 lead to take into the break.

The goal was not enough to secure a win, how-

ever. Roanoke scored twice in the second half, and the Generals were never able to make another shot.

This loss marked the first time since 2003 that the Generals lost to the Maroons—W&L had won each of the last eight contests.

With the losses, the team moved to 6-10 season record and a 2-6 conference record, mathematically eliminating W&L from qualifying for the ODAC tournament and ending the team's season.



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men's soccer

opponent	date	result
Bridgewater	10/17	T 1-1 2OT
Lynchburg	10/19	T 0-0 2OT
Greensboro	10/22	T 0-0 2OT

volleyball

opponent	date	result
Christopher Newport	10/22	L 3-0
Liberty	10/08	L 4-0

men's golf

event	date	result
Guilford O'Briant-Jensen Memorial	10/25	12th of 15

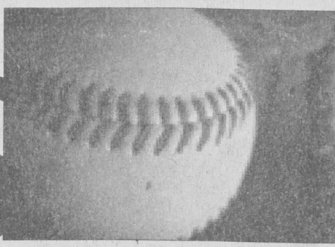
men's swimming

opponent/event	date	result
Mary Washington	10/21	W 170-92

women's swimming

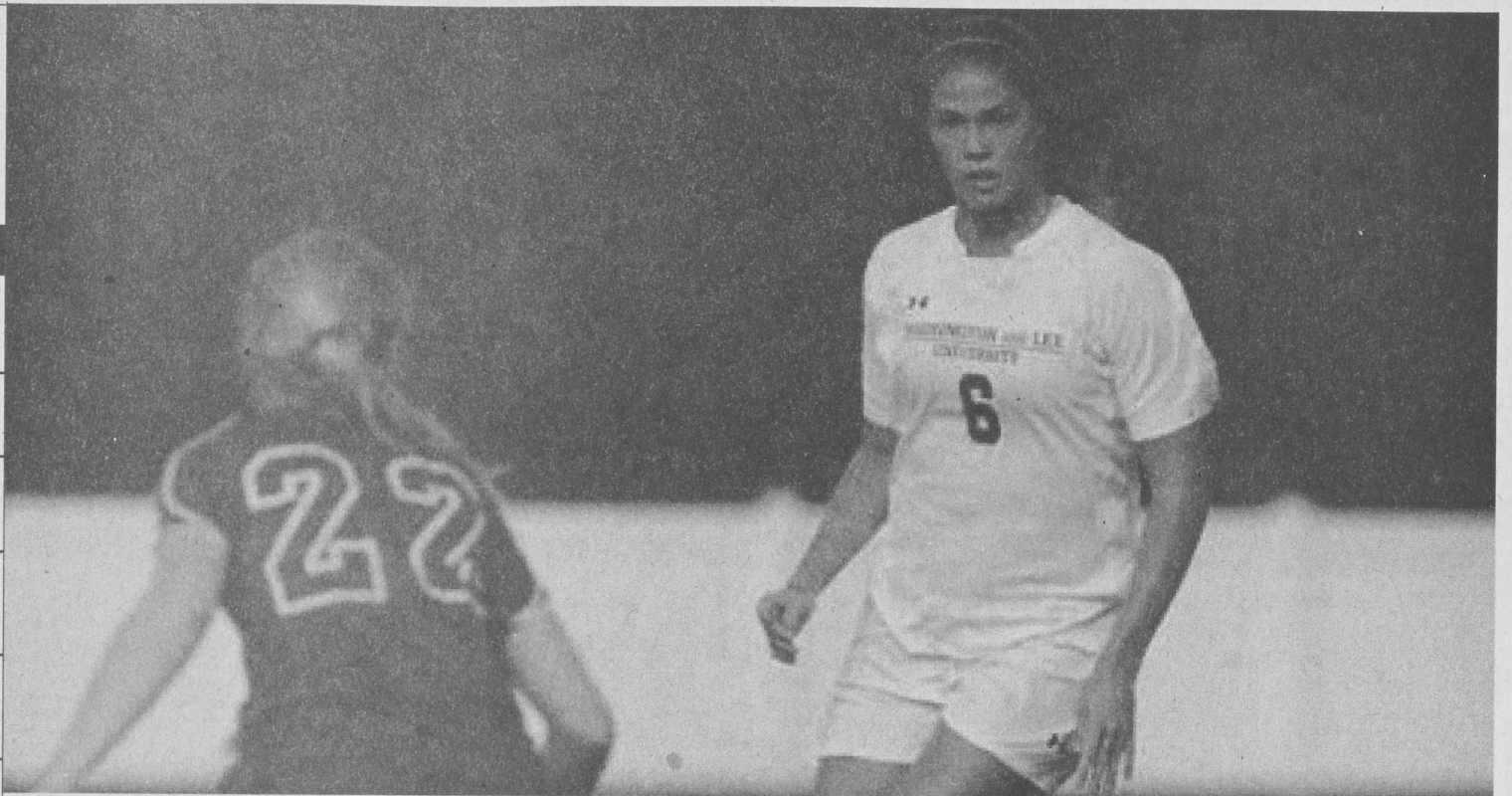
opponent/event	date	result
Mary Washington	10/21	W 162-100
ODAC Relays	10/22	1st of 9

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	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Football	vs Catholic 7 pm						
Men's Soccer		ODAC Quarter-finals TBD			ODAC Semi-finals TBA		
Women's Soccer		at Bridgewater 1 pm				ODAC Semi-finals TBA	
Volleyball	Emory National Invite	Emory National Invite				ODAC Quarter-finals TBD	
Riding		Bridgewater IHSA Invite					
Cross Country		ODAC Championships					
Swimming		Transylvania 11 am					



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Soccer heads to ODACs

W&L fell to Bridgewater, but a 7-2-2 conference record means the season continues

By Jayna Johns
SPORTS EDITOR

An up-and-down week for the Washington and Lee women's soccer team saw two matches facing conference foes. The first ended with a 3-0 shutout victory over Emory & Henry last Wednesday and was followed by a 3-0 shutout loss to Bridgewater College on Saturday.

The week's results moved the team to a 12-3-2 overall record, including 7-2-2 against ODAC competition.

Despite outshooting Bridgewater 11-4 in the first half, the Generals were unable to get the ball past Bridgewater's defenders. The Eagles managed to capitalize on one of their few attempts, scoring with an unassisted shot 16 minutes into the match and taking the 1-0 lead into halftime.

The Eagles turned around their first-half struggles with shooting, outpacing the Generals 8-3 for the final 45 minutes. They scored on two of their shots while continuing to shut out W&L, allowing Bridgewater to pull away

for the 3-0 win.

Senior keeper Emily Leary played all 90 minutes in the net and recorded three saves. Two Bridgewater keepers split playing time, though their starter Cari Hensley played the first 85 minutes and registered all eight of the team's saves.

Earlier in the week facing Emory & Henry, the Generals saw the same score at the end of the match—this time, in their favor.

First-year Holley Beasley scored two of W&L's three goals for the game. The first came off an assist from classmate Katherine Rush in the 20th minute, giving the Generals a 1-0 edge.

Rush followed up with a goal of her own just five minutes later, a header into the net off a pass from Emily Scott, yet another first-year, increasing the lead to 2-0. The team would take that score into the break.

For the final score of the match, Beasley

made an unassisted shot in the 68th minute.

The final score does not show just how dominating the Generals were throughout the match. W&L outshot E&H 21-1 and held a 4-2 advantage in corner kicks.

Leary played the first 72 minutes in the net, recording one save, and sophomore Kingsley Schroeder finished out the final 18 minutes without facing a shot.

With the win, W&L remains perfect against the Wasps, having won all 17 meetings between the teams.

Saturday's loss to Bridgewater ended W&L's regular season, but the women will continue to play for a conference title. The Generals will be back on the field this Saturday for the opening round of the ODAC tournament. They will travel back to Bridgewater for 1:00 p.m. contest.

in the numbers

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The number of games the NBA has cancelled for the 2011-2012 season so far. According to reports, the league plans to cancel two more weeks as issues between the players and the owners have yet to be worked out. The season was originally supposed to begin on Nov. 1, but with the newest delay, play won't begin until Nov. 28 at the earliest.

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In a 38-35 win over Navy, East Carolina quarterback Dominique Davis completed this many consecutive passes, setting a new NCAA record. In contrast, Navy completed two, only two, consecutive passes just once for the entire game.

\$40,000

The amount of Minnesota Vikings cornerback Chris Cook's bail following his arrest on a felony charge for allegedly strangling his girlfriend in an incident that left her bloodied. According to reports, Cook became upset when he found out his girlfriend had been speaking to an ex-boyfriend. Cook has been suspended indefinitely by the Vikings.

6,508

W&L senior quarterback Charlie Westfal's number of career offensive yards, making him W&L's all-time leader in career total yards. Westfal broke the previous record, set in 1999, with 271 total yards on Saturday in a 52-42 win over Bridgewater. Of his 271 yards, 162 were through the air, while the other 109 came on the ground.

soapbox

"To me, it's karma for all the bad stuff they've done in the past. Their offensive lineman hurt their own quarterback."

— Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh on Matt Ryan's brief injury Sunday. Suh and another Lions player were accused of taunting Ryan when he was on the ground injured, which both players have denied.

"Sometimes there's some accountability from everybody, coaches and players alike, and sometimes it falls on as a group, all of us. But they (his players) just, they didn't play as well as they needed to play."

— Notre Dame head football coach Brian Kelly lays the blame for his team's 31-17 loss to USC on his players, though many argue that Kelly gave up on the game, especially because he by didn't use any timeouts to attempt a comeback.

5 straight wins for football

The Generals remain perfect in conference play after scoring 21 in the fourth quarter

By Dessie Otashlyska
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee football team pulled out a 52-42 win on Saturday against Bridgewater thanks to 21 fourth quarter points. The Generals improved to 7-1 for the season and 4-0 against ODAC competition.

Offenses dominated much of the game, racking up 1,090 yards between the teams and 35 points in the game's final ten minutes. W&L accounted for 606 of those yards.

Senior quarterback Charlie Westfal had a hand in 271 of the Generals' yards, enough to make him the school's new all-time leader in total offense. Westfal now has 6,508 total yards in his college career, breaking the previous record set by Christian Batcheller in 1999.

With only two minutes left in the third quarter, W&L took a 31-28 lead after junior running back Brett Murray found the end zone on a 32-yard reception. The Generals added to that lead with 9:50 left to play when Westfal ran in a 1-yard score to make it 38-28.

Bridgewater was not finished fighting, however, as they challenged the Generals' lead with a 64-yard touchdown run just one minute later. Despite this, the Eagles could never quite regain the lead.

W&L then capped a 9-play drive, covering 73 yards, with a 8-yard touchdown run by junior running back Russell Stewart with four and a half minutes left in the game, extending the score to 45-35.

The Eagles again responded quickly with a touchdown of their own, pulling in a 21-yard reception for a score only a minute and a half later. That would be their last score of the game, however, as they unsuccessfully attempted an onside kick, giving W&L excellent field position.

Westfal scored on a 3-yard run only four plays later, making the score 52-42 with 2:00 left to play, essentially putting the game out of reach for Bridgewater.

Senior linebacker John Kavanagh secured the win by intercepting an Eagle's pass, and the Generals were then able to run out the clock.

The win marked W&L football's 10th-straight ODAC victory.

Until the final minutes of the game, neither team led by more than a touchdown throughout the game, and the Generals took a 24-21 lead into halftime. The Eagles took back the

lead only 58 seconds into the second half with a 51-yard touchdown run, but were unable to hold on to it in near the end of the third quarter.

Westfal completed 11 of his 15 passing attempts for 162 yards and two touchdowns, while adding 109 yards and two more touchdowns on the ground off 16 carries. With his performance, Westfal was named the ODAC Offensive Player of the Week for the second week in a row.

Murray found the end zone three times, including two touchdown receptions and one run, while rushing 17 times for 123 yards and catching five passes for 74 yards. Junior running back Luke Heinsohn took 20 carries for 138 yards and one touchdown and caught two passes for 40 yards.

On defense, senior linebacker Rob Look and senior defensive back Jake Pelton led the team with each recording 11 tackles.

Be sure to head out to Wilson Field on Friday when the Generals host conference-foe Catholic. Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m.

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