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Catch him if you can

Contact presents Frank Abagnale; the reformed con man, who Leo DiCaprio played in "Catch Me if You Can" to speak at W&L

By Allie Weiss
STAFF WRITER

Reformed international conman Frank Abagnale will pay a visit to Washington and Lee Tuesday, Nov. 15.

Abagnale's name is one that many associate with success. The former conman now divides his time between delivering lectures worth \$27,000 to the institutions that hire him and working closely with the FBI. He owns a company on which more than 14,000 organizations rely to protect them from the dangers of fraud. He has also published four books, one of which was turned into a film by Steven Spielberg.

But his is also a name that went unused during an infamous period of his life, replaced by aliases and seated atop federal lists of wanted criminals. With the name comes the story of one of the world's most brilliant and elusive conmen.

According to Abagnale, when he was 16 years old, he was taken out of school and driven to a courthouse. There, a judge asked him to choose which of his two parents he'd like to live with

from that day on. Up until that point, he hadn't even known they were getting a divorce.

Abagnale fled the courtroom. Over the next five years, he accrued an estimated \$2.5 million, over \$15 million in today's world.

During his years on the run, Abagnale worked as a Pan Am pilot, a pediatrician, a lawyer in the state attorney general's office, a stock broker, and a FBI agent. By the time he could drink, he'd seen eighty six countries and flown more than one million miles for free. And he'd done all of it without even finishing the tenth grade.

In a recent interview with Fox News, Abagnale described his first scam, which he carried out using his father's credit card. "I would simply go around to the gas station and I would say to the gas station attendant that I'd like four tires. And he'd take them down off the rack and I'd give him the credit card. He'd call it in and get an approval, and then he'd get ready to put them on.

I said, "Tell you what. I really don't want those tires, so I'll sell you those 4 tires back for \$100 cash. You'll get the money from Mobile, you keep the tires, I get a hundred dollars [to] take the girls out."

"I think I was just very creative," Abagnale said in that same interview. "It wasn't that I was

brilliant, I was just very much an entrepreneur. I saw things that other people didn't see. I saw weaknesses by observing things that other people probably paid no attention to."

Among Abagnale's many cons, perhaps one of the most cunning was the time he opened a bank account with his last \$100, and finished the week 400 times richer. As he was leaving the bank after opening his account, he picked up a stack of blank deposit slips. The next day, he wrote his account number on all of the slips using the same type of magnetic ink that banks used. He put the slips back in the lobby of the bank, and everyone who used them that day was effectively depositing their checks into Abagnale's new account. He withdrew \$40,000 that same day and walked away scot-free.

In an interview with PM Magazine in 1980, Abagnale described how he made his way into the state attorney general's office. "When I was about nineteen years old, I came to Baton Rouge and I applied to take the bar. I presented a phony transcript from Harvard and told them I was 28 years old, and a law graduate. I took the bar the first time, flunked it. The second time, flunked it. The third time, I passed it, and was licensed by the state, and not only became a lawyer, but an administrative aid in the attorney general's office, where I practiced law for about a year."

When he was 21 years old, Abagnale settled for a short time in Montpellier, France. Not too long afterwards, an Air-France stewardess recognized his picture on a wanted poster, and told the French police where he was living. He was brought to trial in France, convicted, and spent six months in a French prison.

During his time there, where he was reported to have been held without interruption in a dark cell and given access to neither toilets nor a mattress, Abagnale stated in an interview with Don Tennant, "The truth is, as harsh as the French prisons were, I thought they were the most effective of all. No one ever came in and beat me up or physically abused me, but what they were literally saying is, 'You don't know how to live in society, so we're going to take you out of society. You acted like an animal, so we're going to treat you like an animal. We're going to put you in this box, and you can think about what you did.'" This he compared to his time spent in an American prison. "I played miniature golf, I watched movies on the weekend, I had the best of food. Someone took care of every need I had—medical, dental. It wasn't a bad life," Abagnale said.

However, despite such pampering, Abagnale accepted the offer that came from the government when he was 26, 4 years into the 12-year sentence that he'd been given after his extradition to America. He would be released on parole under two conditions. The first was that he move to Houston, Texas. The second was that he serve the remainder of his sentence helping the government solve crimes related to forgery and counterfeiting.

After prison, he took small jobs, but was always fired once his employers discovered his status as a convicted conman. Finally, he approached a bank staff and offered to demonstrate the tricks that scam artists use so that the bank could avoid being subject to them in the future. If the staff found his expertise useful, they would owe him \$500 and a recommendation. Both parties ended up ben-

efitting from Abagnale's expertise, and that day was the first of a thirty-seven year career in arming organizations against the dangers of fraud.

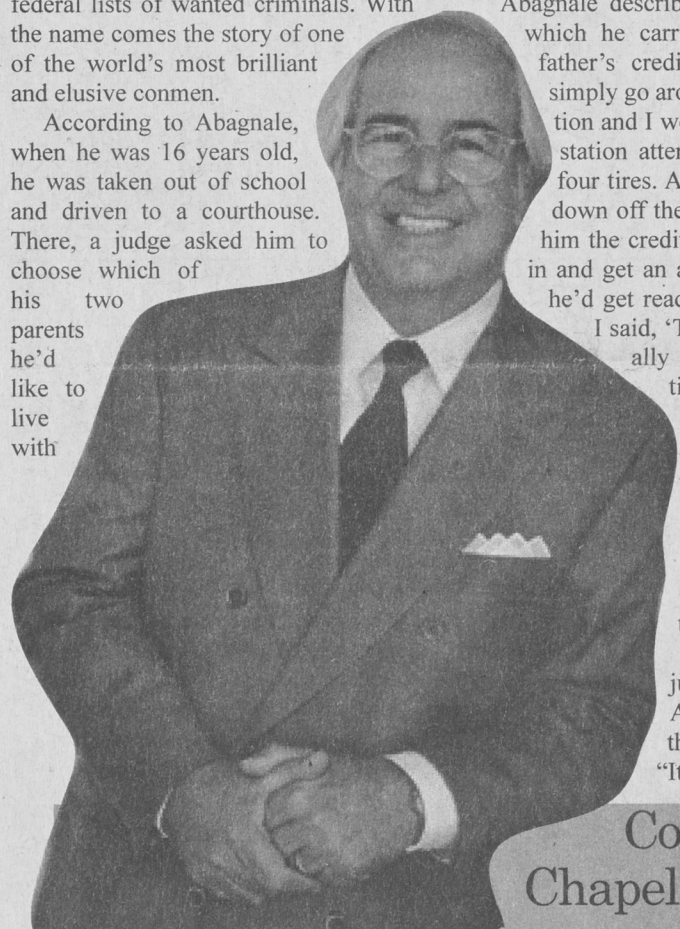
Abagnale eventually founded Abagnale & Associates, a company dedicated to such a service, as well as authored several books detailing common tricks of the conman's trade. One of these books, *Catch Me if You Can*, was made into a film featuring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks.

"I would be lying if I said it wasn't fun," Abagnale has said. "I would be lying if I said it wasn't an incredible life that I have lived."

Today, after having worked for more than 35 years with the federal government, Abagnale lives with his wife and three sons. His oldest son is currently an agent with the FBI. Upon being asked about his son's choice to join the very organization that had hunted Abagnale throughout the 1960's, he replied, "At 63 years old, I will never experience again what was the proudest moment of my life when my son crossed the stage at the FBI Academy and became an FBI agent. He's in the 6th year at the Bureau and living his dream."

When PM Magazine asked if he was reformed, Abagnale replied, "No, just retired. I decided to take all the talents I had, and just redirect them in a very positive way and do something positive with my life."

The Contact Committee, W&L's student-run organization dedicated to bringing remarkable people to campus, is hosting Frank Abagnale at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 in Lee Chapel. Before his arrival, students are welcome to see *Catch Me if You Can* at 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 14.



Come and see Frank Abagnale TOMORROW at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel, and watch "Catch Me if You Can" TODAY at 8 p.m. in Stackhouse

Campus Kitchens gives back

Hunger and Homelessness Week raises awareness

By Neil Haggerty
COPY EDITOR

The Washington and Lee Campus Kitchen and Nabors Service League are localizing their efforts to help deal with problem hunger and homelessness through this week's Thanksgiving Turkeypalooza and Hunger and Homelessness Week.

"The goal is to ensure each of our clients gets to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal," said Jenny Davidson, coordinator of student service-learning.

The Turkeypalooza is a national program for all Campus Kitchens. The W&L group will bring Thanksgiving meals to local clients including Glasgow Concerned Citizens, Habitat for Humanity homeowners, Magnolia Center, Rockbridge Area Occupational Center, the Manor at Natural Bridge and the Lexington Office on Youth.

These Thanksgiving meals include individual meals for homeowners as well as congregation meals, where the Campus Kitchen volunteers are able to enjoy a meal with their clients and their clients' families.

"My favorite part of Turkeypalooza is meeting some of the families of our clients. At both the Magnolia Center and the Office on Youth, families are invited to the event, and it is great to extend the relationships we've already developed with clients to their families," said Davidson.

Senior Shiri Yadlin, coordinator of campus outreach, said a central part of Thanksgiving is the abundance of food that most families share and "that this is not a reality for some people."

The first event for the Turkeypalooza was Bring Your Turkey to Work Day last Friday. Turkeys were collected from students and faculty members on the parking deck.

For the remainder of this week, students interested in getting involved can sign up for cooking and delivery shifts on the Campus Kitchens website.

"Turkeypalooza is our big Thanksgiving push. Each year it might look slightly different, but in general the structure remains the same year to year," said Davidson.

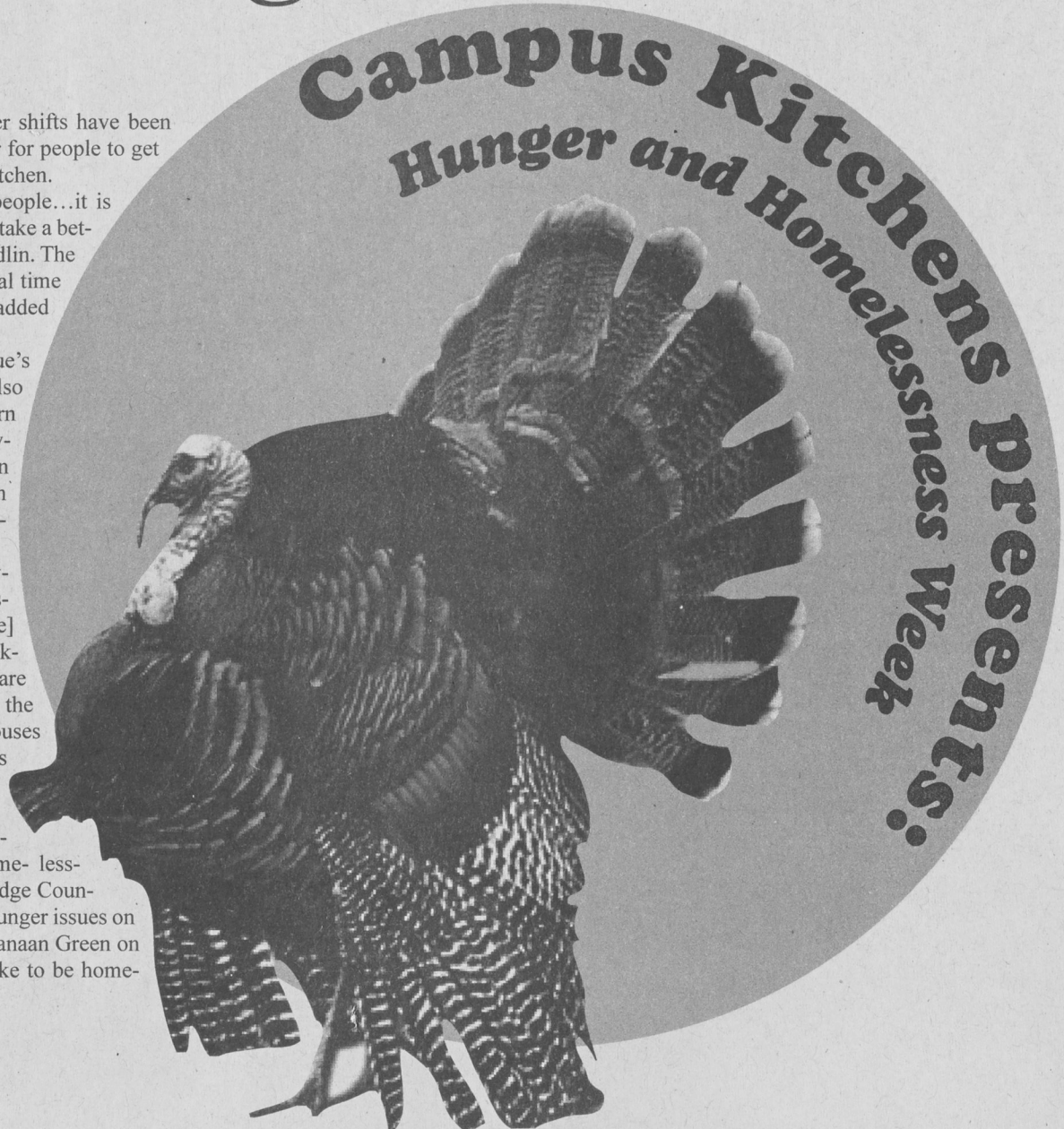
Yadlin said a lot of extra volunteer shifts have been added for the Turkeypalooza, in order for people to get a chance to work with the Campus Kitchen.

"These meals mean a lot to the people...it is good to step back [and volunteer] and take a better look at the bigger picture," said Yadlin. The Turkeypalooza can be a "very minimal time commitment, but very rewarding," added Yadlin.

Because the Nabors Service League's Hunger and Homelessness Week is also this week, students will be able to learn about the specific problems with poverty in Rockbridge County and then make a difference by participating in the Turkeypalooza, according to Yadlin.

This year, Yadlin said, "We are trying to make [Hunger and Homelessness Week] locally focused [because] it is a really serious problem in Rockbridge County." She said that there are about 35 homeless people living in the Rockbridge County Area, over 100 houses with no indoor plumbing as well as many overcrowded homes.

The schedule for Hunger and Homelessness Week includes an advocacy event Monday, a panel on homelessness, housing and security in Rockbridge County on Tuesday, a documentary about hunger issues on Wednesday and a final campout on Canaan Green on Thursday "to experience what it is like to be homeless," Yadlin said.



Campus Kitchens presents:
Hunger and Homelessness Week

news

Winkler warns of technology

Bloomberg editor-in-chief addresses the 52nd ethics institute; technology is good, he says, as long as it's not a crutch

By Logan Nardo
STAFF WRITER

Technology is good for the journalism industry as long as it doesn't become a crutch, says Matt Winkler, Editor-in-Chief of Bloomberg News.

Winkler delivered this message during his keynote address, titled "Truth in the Age of Twitter," during the fifty-second Journalism Ethics Institute Friday, Nov. 11 in Stackhouse Theater.

Winkler's speech centered on the actions he has taken at Bloomberg News to be sure the business does not publish any inaccurate stories. For Winkler, the focus on accuracy at Bloomberg cannot

falter because they serve "those with the most at stake." Bloomberg news gives many Wall Street brokers the latest financial news from around the world.

According to Winkler, Bloomberg focuses on the five "F's." Being the most factual word is first, but they also must have the first word, the fastest word, the final word and the future word.

"I don't think any news organization today can succeed without the five 'F's,'" said Winkler. "I don't think it's possible."

Winkler said that he knows they can-

not always have the absolute first word, or the absolute deepest coverage, but they are the best at always doing all five well.

Winkler says Bloomberg has "reporters operating in... a very traditional way when doing the best journalism as we know it is actually enhanced by technology, not diminished by it."

There was a time, Winkler said, when anything published was factually verified, edited and finally released to the public. Now, he says, that time is passed.

Today, people can publish their every

thought on a matter online. He referred to today's media as a "freefall of spontaneous expression." Anyone can publish anything they want and it is accessible to the globe.

Ed Wasserman, Washington and Lee's Knight professor of ethics called Bloomberg to be a bright spot in the journalism industry.

"At a time when the news business has splintered into various mutant forms mixing celebrity gossip, opinion, crowd based aggregation, thinly sourced reports of indeterminate reliability,

Bloomberg under Matthew Winkler has fiercely insisted on standards of accuracy and reliability that are the strictest in the industry," said Wasserman.

Winkler closed his speech with a simple quote from Mark Twain, "A lie will travel halfway around the world before the truth laces its shoes." According to Winkler, Bloomberg is doing its best to counter that.

Students learn to network

Career services holds program for multicultural students, as part of an effort initiated by alum Mike Webb

By Drew Carlos
STAFF WRITER

Networking is beneficial to all students, but the key is to know how to do it right. On Saturday, Career Services offered a program to teach students just that.

The first official "Building Professional Networks: Connecting Washington and Lee's Multicultural Alumni and Students" was held Saturday Nov. 12. The program was aimed at the multicultural sector of W&L.

Beverly Lorig, director of Career Services, called the program a "joy" to plan. Everything began, she said, with a

conversation with alumni Mike Webb, who wanted to make this event happen. Webb, Lorig said, was the main person who helped in "keeping this event alive."

William Toles, '92, gave the keynote address. His speech focused on maximizing the W&L experience.

He said even though going to W&L is a sacrifice, there are plenty of opportunities to make the place special, because, Toles said, it is a special place.

Toles advised students to get involved on campus, reach out to alumni and help with student recruitment. By doing all

of these things, Toles said, students can maximize their time on campus and get involved more. "To get involved, get involved," Toles said.

After Toles's speech, Dean Sydney Evans talked about why students don't network. She said networking is not normally perceived as a good thing, which should not be the case. The only thing students need to do is to get comfortable with it, she said.

Dean Tammy Futrell said alumni are here and want to contribute and help students, but students have to put forth

the effort.

Lorig talked about the importance of using the phone. In an age where every form of communication is through email, Twitter, Facebook and text messaging, the current generation does not necessarily use the phone to their advantage, but Lorig said the purpose of the program is to help the students develop these skills. She told the students, and the alumni agreed, you have to use the phone to reach out.

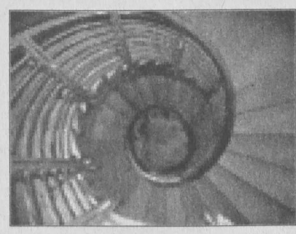
After the keynote speaker, the students broke off into groups focused on

certain topics so they could have a one-on-one conversation with the alumni and ask them questions. The students were given a choice to attend two breakout sessions in the fields of Legal, Business, Communications/Media, and Education/Non-profit/Healthcare.

President Ken Ruscio called it a "great event" that allows students to see how those who came before have weighed the choices all undergraduate students are about to face.



*Have a happy
and safe
Thanksgiving,
y'all!
Love,
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staff*



opinions

Reflections on the Real Madrid

Columnist Francesca Wilson describes how gender relations in Spain compare to those at W&L



By Francesca Wilson
COLUMNIST

During my second week-end in Spain, I accompanied a Spanish family friend to a posh soiree for 20-somethings in Barrio Salamanca, Madrid's version of the Upper East Side. We arrived around 11-11:30, Spanish cocktail hour, and I noticed upon my entry into the apartment that there were no other girls. There, surrounded by upwards of 20 "pijos" (yes, there's a Spanish word for preppy), decked out in their monogrammed Ralph Lauren oxfords and Tod's drivers, I acted as any well-adjust-

ed female abroad would: I politely practiced my español while explaining why I had decided to study abroad in Madrid. I sat, perched on a settee for an hour chatting away (it was as if they'd never seen blonde highlights), before any glamorous "pijas" entered the apartment.

Immediately, the girls took up residence on the far end of the living room and formed a tight little circle of just females. It was as if the girls were there to be marveled from afar, like beautiful, distant objects. And, for an hour or so the group proceeded in this polarized manner. I, of course, sat, thoroughly entertained, feeling both fascinated and a little bit like an international harlot from all the quizzical stares I was receiving from across the room.

Once the boys' "gyntonics" finally set in, they embarked on their mission to conquer the seemingly impenetrable wall of females. With significant effort

and some crouching next to the girls, the males began to break into the females' circle. By the time my amusement had turned to boredom, the "pijos" and "pijas" were finally interacting.

It goes without saying that Washing-

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ton and Lee has gender relations issues. As a (relatively) newly co-educational institution, it will still be many years before the undertones of the "Good Old Boy" that subtly persist will truly be cast aside. Nevertheless, in my time at W&L, I have never witnessed such awkward tension between the sexes as I did during my first "pijo" gathering.

"Patriarchal," and quite honestly, "parochial," are possibly the best words to describe the Spanish upper-middle class of Madrid. Within this small, close-knit society Catholicism and conservatism reign supreme and given this environment, it is no surprise that the young women of this society are hesitant to interact with males. If girls are too forward they are ridiculed through malicious gossip that spreads within their social circle thus sully their reputation...how medieval.

A few weeks ago, I was sipping on a delicious "gytonic" and chatting with

a "pijo" acquaintance when he confided in me that he doesn't have any female friends. For example, the concept of going to get lunch with a girl that he doesn't have any romantic interest in is practically ludicrous. In his world, boys hang out with boys and girls hang out with girls and they only mix in semi-formal social gatherings. It was in this conversation that I realized how much I appreciate the male friends I've made at W&L. Although, I despise certain fraternity traditions, I feel that genuine and equal friendships between men and women can exist on our campus. While I adore Spain for all of its beauty, I find myself continuously irked by the patriarchal nature of the society. I am looking forward to returning to a culture in which women command a presence that extends beyond physical beauty and romantic possibility.

Interested in dancing like a star?

Looking to impress that special someone at formal? Columnist Brandyn Churchill invites you to join W&L Ballroom



By Brandyn Churchill
COLUMNIST

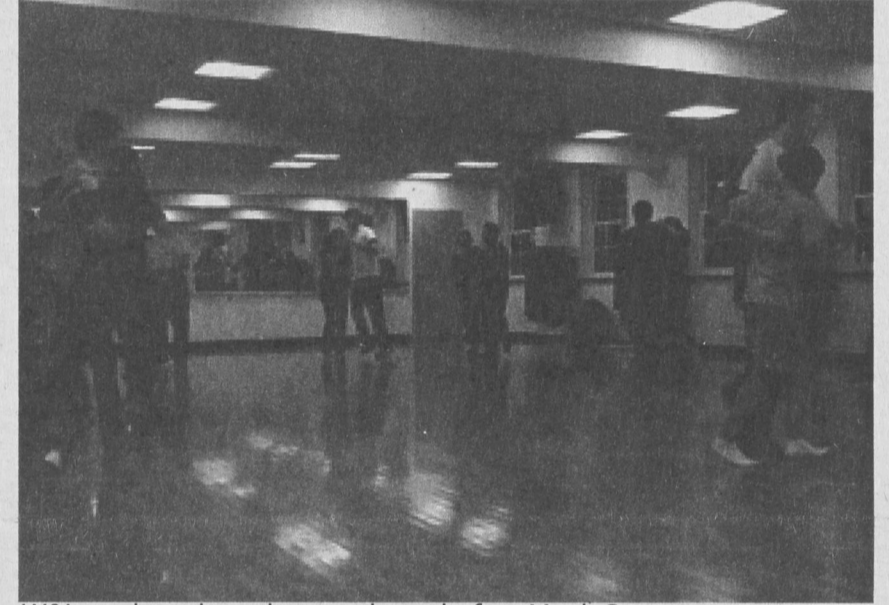
For the past two weeks, students and professors alike have been brushing up on their dance skills in preparation for last Saturday's Gala. The recently formed W&L Ballroom, coordinated with professional dancer Edwin O. Roa, offered two Swing workshops before the big night. The workshops, which were held in the Doremus Dance Studio, drew an average of 25 participants each lesson. Participants learned a variety of basic steps and styles; ranging from the Charleston to Single-time and Triple-time Swing. As the founder of W&L Ballroom, I will now take this time to shamelessly promote my club. I had been dancing for a little over four years when I arrived at W&L freshman year. There is not a huge

ballroom/social dancing community in Lexington (hopefully that will change soon), so I soon came into contact with Dr. Melina Bell. While attending law school at Boston University, Dr. Bell started taking ballroom lessons. She then proceeded to compete on the ballroom teams at Tufts University and the University of Pennsylvania, while working on her masters and PhD. After hearing her stories about dancing in college, I decided that this was an experience that could add value to any W&L student's college career. After a year of tossing the idea around, I asked Dr. Bell if she would serve as the club's adviser, to which she agreed.

Dancing is a fun activity and a life skill. How often have you heard someone worry about not being able to dance? I regularly receive requests, before formal and other events, asking for a crash course in "how to dance well enough that I don't look like an idiot in front of my date." The purpose of W&L Ballroom is to develop and promote a social dancing community at W&L. Social dancing and ballroom dancing are very similar; they tend to draw on the same moves and

styles. However, ballroom dancing tends to imply a choreographed routine performed at a competition (think "Dancing with the Stars"), whereas social dancing is what an individual would do if one went out to a Salsa club. Social dancing has room for flexibility and expression, in that there are no patterns or routines. While we are certainly open to the idea of competing, if students are interested, the immediate goal is to get students acquainted with the idea of partner dancing.

We are fortunate because as we decided to form the group we discovered that Lexington has a professional ballroom dancer in town two days a week. Edwin O. Roa was born in Bogotá, Columbia, and grew up experiencing the nightclub scene. For the last seventeen years, Roa has been formally studying social and ballroom dance, and has traveled across continents to further his knowledge of partner dancing. Having held a Salsa workshop for the Department of Romance Languages, Roa was thrilled with the opportunity to offer additional workshops at W&L. As we continue, throughout the year, Roa will



W&L students learn how to dance before Mock Con BRANDYN CHURCHILL

serve as our primary instructor.

Currently, we are finishing our series on Swing and strongly encourage anyone with a mild interest to come to the remaining workshops. They will be held on November 15th and December

6th and will take place in the Doremus Dance Studio. The instructional hour is from 8pm-9pm and an hour of open dancing follows. Cost \$5 per person. For more information, contact me at churchillb14@mail.wlu.edu.

Infant Legislators Debate Abortion

Interested in Barack Obaby's thoughts on abortion? Take a look at Columnist JP Beall's satirical spin on the debate



By John Paul Beall
COLUMNIST

Despite significant pro-life forces among constituencies between one and three trimesters, a bill has passed the infant House of Representatives this last week in support of parental abortion, marking a significant shift leftward in baby government policy.

Debate became heated while the bill was in utero, resulting in tears, squirming and occasional kicking between opposing sides of the fallopian tube parties. The leftist Crybaby Party was divided between more radical Screamers, and moderate Blue Puppies.

Screamers, like California Embryonic Rep. Maxine Vitro-Waters, argued that it is a sacred constitutional right for an infant to abort his or her parents should he not be ready to interact with them, especially since the mother is biologically proven to be a part of an infant's body and shares blood and nutrition.

Blue Puppies like "Fighting-Joe"

Conservative senatorial tykes threatened to filibuster. A leak poses the possibility that diapers may be involved.

Baby-Baca, also of California, acknowledged that although infant science has yet to prove at what point parents feel pain (since some studies show that mothers respond to fetal movements), should the parent become a danger to the health

or life of the infant, the infant has a right to a parental abortion. Baby representatives cited cases of drug abuse during pregnancy, and whether said parents were considering taking on an abortion themselves.

Polls showed that more liberal babies tended to come from more liberal constituent parents, while conservatives al-

most always came from a conservative parental district.

Conservative Neonatal-cons and the Religious Right opposed such measures, blaming biotech lobbyists, hungry for harvestable stem cells, for influencing

their fetal opponents from across the amniotic sack. Conservatives maintain that a parent's right to life is sacred from the moment of fertilization, and that this issue would not be considered, if parents were not disenfranchised demographics in infant Congress. Neonatal-con Fox News journalist and former Presidential candidate, Mike Huckababy, publically denounced the bill.

Other measures discussed during debate were whether or not the same rights applied should a child decide to euthanize aged parents regardless of health, dubbed "Pull the Plug on Parents Clause." Another measure, called the "Deadbeat Dad Clause" would allow an egg, while still in the ovary, to influence eugenic thought in their mother. Yet much milk drinking between parties formed a consensus, and these items were tabled until after birth and elementary schooling.

The final legislative obstacle is the

Tiny-Tot Senate, where the bill could go either way because of a tenuous liberal majority with a large faction of Blue Puppies. President Barack Obaby has come out in favor of parental abortion reform, briefly holding a press conference and then quickly returning to flying around the country holding high-dollar fundraising dinners.

Neonatal opposition is gearing up for the fight. Conservative senatorial tykes threatened to filibuster. A leak poses the possibility that diapers may be involved. On top of this, conservative governesses have established a coalition to bring the law before the infant Supreme Court, where Ruth Baby-Ginsberg is the only staunch proponent of the bill. If the bill is nurtured successfully, the new Parental Abortion Act (Jr.) will be due sometime next month.

Testing Tebowing: does it really work?

Columnist Sally Platt describes Tim Tebow's famous practice, "Tebowing," and her experience trying it at W&L



By Sally Platt
COLUMNIST

Tim Tebow can never be the President of the United States. He was born in the Philippines. Luckily, he probably never wants to be. Being the quarterback of the Denver Broncos is a lot more fun than having to run a big old country like the United States and worry about nasty

subjects like a bad economy.

Tebow, as an NFL quarterback, certainly doesn't have to worry about his own economy. His multi-million dollar contract takes care of that. Yet while many would probably choose to spend this wealth indulging every minute of their free time purchasing the perfect cars, houses, vacations, yachts, and trophy wife (s?), Tim Tebow has a different mission. He is out to evangelize the world. No, really. Tebow, the son of strict evangelical missionaries who homeschooled him through high school, takes his Christian faith to a whole new level. He may play professional football, but off time he visits prisons, goes on

missionary trips to the Phillipines and prays.

Tim Tebow is famous for his praying, especially when he prays and in what position he prays. He is famous for getting down on one knee, fist on forehead, and praying at the most inopportune moments (aka, during crucial periods of a football game). During the overtime of the Broncos improbable win against the Dolphins, while all his fellow players were freaking out, Tebow was "Tebowing." That is the official name that has been given to this action. It has sparked quite a following. Originally started by teenager Jared Kleinstein with a picture posted on Facebook, it has grown into a

franchise. There is the official website, where fans can post pictures of themselves "Tebowing" (the toddler and dog pictures are especially epic), T-Shirts, YouTube videos, and much more. It's like planking, but way cooler.

This led me to try it. As if my life weren't interesting enough as it is, I decided it was time to embarrass myself. I tried it first in the Coop. Sitting with people around a table, I suddenly got down on one knee ---and then realized: I didn't know how long you were supposed to "Tebow." I decided one second was enough and quickly got back up to explain to my friends that I was not, indeed, crazy.

Next I tried somewhere a little more adventurous. Wednesday night. The cabins. Middle of the dance floor. This was a bit of a fail, as everyone simply thought I had drunk too much and --- slipped or something? Oh well, still counts.

Suffice to say, Tebowing is fun. No matter what you think of the guy, whether a freak, a weirdo homeschooler, an overrated quarterback, or all of the above, you have to admit he spices up the NFL. So if you feel inspired, snap a pic and post it to tebowing.com. And who knows, maybe one day soon Pres-Pres Obama will appear on there too --- Tebowing along with the best of them.

opinions

Learning through French cinema

In this world, we all are mirrors and reflections—of each other, of everything. This concept may be agonizingly painful to accept, but this anguish is crucial to endure and embrace for the sake of self-growth. Three months ago, I uncovered an image of myself that was capable of ravaging my entire essence. Because of this image, I became committed to a path which demands that I explore, practice and refine my personal truths in order to become authentic. I found this piece of my soul within the French film “Tous les Matins du Monde,” specifically within the character of Mann Marais.

This movie involves a story which contrasts the choices of a famous commercial musician, Mann Marais, with those of his reclusive mentor, Monsieur de Sainte Colombe—both involved in the 17th century French popular music scene—while describing Marais’ journey from musician to true artist. Sainte-Colombe lives quietly with his music, until a young Marais appears at his door, begging for viol lessons. He pityingly decides to take Marais in, and the lessons begin. Marais learns—in fact, his skill becomes formidable—but he is too young to understand the music, too inexperienced to search for meaning within it, too fearful to face “the lack of eternity,” too ignorant to recognize the pain of existence. And so, he hears only the chords which serve his ambition, he sees only the gold which his gift will provide. Colombe, disgusted with Marais’ motives, rejects him, refusing to further his musical education. Marais is soon hired by the King’s Court, and becomes the most popular cellist of the 17th century. Yet, later, as a middle-aged man, he begins to feel remorse for his previous actions and he scratches on Sainte Colombe’s shed door in hopes of attaining “one last lesson.” A poignant conversation ensues in which the master attempts to convey to the popular musician the true meaning of music: “Music is a glass for the dead. A refreshment for those who have run out of words. It is for the time before we were born, before we breathed or saw light.”

The film then shifts to a later time, in which the dying Marais redeems himself with a last song laden with the voice of experience and understanding. As he is playing, he has a vision, in which his teacher, Colombe, appears to tell him, “I am proud to have been your teacher. Please play for me.”

With these words, with these scenes, with this message, this film has pushed me into undergoing an excruciatingly desperate process—but one with a luminous conclusion: an elevation of self. Like Marais, I have played the chords of life as a person ignorant of their meaning—but I was only able to appreciate this by realizing that my essence was mirrored in Mann Marais’. I was reflected in Marais’ shameless actions—his shallow intentions in playing music, his hollow achievements and successes as a popular cellist, his calculating reasons for commercializing his talents. I therefore allowed this film to become my own “Sainte Colombe,” and have embarked on a journey to become an artist of my destiny in order to attain ultimate redemption; and to begin proverbially playing life’s chords, not for personal gain or for ambition, but in order to allow myself an expanded perspective of synchronicity with the world. I have thus realized that we are all connected, we are all mirrors, we are all reflected within each other—because of this film, I have furthered my connection with my surroundings. And I hope, when I reach my end, that I will experience the knowledge that a master of his own life will look to mine and say to me, “I am proud...Please play for me.”

By Andrea Siso

Lex and the Library

Why does it take you so long to finish the simplest assignments? Take a look



By Campbell Burr
OPINIONS EDITOR

At W&L, you spend 20 percent of your time in class, 10 percent of your time in bed, 10 percent of your time in a dining hall, and 60 percent of your time in the library. Let’s be honest, if you’re trying to avoid seeing someone, the library is not the place to go. Everyone who danced with you, hit on you, and filled your cup will be studying next to you.

Here are some scenarios which every W&L student can relate. We’ve all pulled that all-nighter, sat next to the person who is oblivious to how noisy she is, and felt stressed. Here is a list of the types of people who may distract you and what you may find yourself doing when work takes you longer than expected.

People who may distract you:

Your crush—

There is nothing more distracting than having the boy you like sit next to you when you have a lot of work. You will probably be consumed by how your profile looks, or how adorable it is that he tears up when he reads “Romeo and Juliet.” We all struggle with this.

There are a couple of scenarios that can happen that will make the experience worse.

Scenario: He walks in when you are eating something that cannot be eaten gracefully, such as a banana. Even Kate Middleton could not chew a banana without it sounding disgusting.

Scenario: You have a cold and are either sniffing or blowing your nose the entire time. Who wants to make out with someone who is sick? Ew, not I.

Scenario: Your friend walks up and without realizing that said crush is sitting next to you, says, “Well I saw you flirting with [crush’s name] last night. I know you two will totally hook soon!” Urr.

The girl who can’t take hints—

Sometimes I think that there is a sign on my back that says, “If you want to complain about work or talk about nothing, talk to me.” My study spot is the Mecca for frazzled students.

You probably have had a few run-ins with these creatures; the ones who spend their nights moving from one innocent victim to the next complaining about how much they have to do. If only they were as good at doing work as they were choosing people who want to hear about their problems the least, they may get something accomplished.

The two nerds attempting to flirt—

Resist the opportunity to offer advice to the challenged individuals. It can sometimes take a lot of will power not to say, “Girl, stop cracking your knuckles and yawning when you have nothing to say. Boy, stop avoiding eye contact and saying ‘frat.’ You sound like a tool.”

If only I could do this, the couple may decide to spend time together somewhere other than the library. And then, I could focus again.

The ice chews— I can’t think of a more obnoxious sound. Tell the iron-deficient cruncher to pipe down.

Mr. Hungry— We all love the smell of

specialty fries, except for when we can’t eat them! Unless you are willing to share, keep the fries at Co-op. Studies show that eating while you work will cause you to consume more.

The texter who refuses to turn off his volume— Beep, beep beep— beep, beep... ding ding—really? Really? You know how to play chess with your best friend from China but you don’t know how to turn your phone on silent? I find this hard to believe.

The dude who wants everyone to know he’s stressed out— We get it, you’re stressed out...and you want attention. Screaming the f-word and smacking the table is one way to get it, I guess.

The big dipper— It’s okay, that water bottle of murky brown liquid doesn’t gross me out at all.

The sick one— Cough, cough. Ew, cover your mouth or I will force you to wear a SARS mask and plastic gloves.

The person who listens to headphones with the volume on the highest level— Want to listen to a little T-Pain? Hah, you have no choice. I don’t know how “Chopped and Screwed” is a good study song, but apparently it is.

Thanks to these people, your work

go to the school was not scary enough...

You take a creaky elevator ride to the deserted fourth floor dungeon and swear you hear a Leyburn ghost from behind a shelf. Your heart is beating louder than the late-night rap they play in Co-op.

This may also apply to you Woods Creek residents on your way home at night. You may prefer getting off of the Traveler country bus at the quad, walking to the library, and taking the elevator down to the 4th floor rather than facing a drunken stumble down Lexington’s version of “The Exorcist” stairs. This may not be as scary as it is for the sober studiers because with your level of intoxication, you may think a bearded man lying on a couch in the corner is a hallucination.

Wish the custodial staff good morning—

You wake up to the sound of a vacuum, shake your head and realize that you are not in your bed; your head is on a keyboard and you are drooling across your books. Your dying phone reads 4 a.m. What? 4 a.m.? So much for a ten minute snooze! You have five hours to finish your project, which would seem doable if you were not completely delirious.

You probably have had a few run-ins with these creatures—the ones who spend their nights moving from one innocent victim to the next complaining about how much they have to do.

may take longer than planned. The results? Later nights and extra stress. These may cause you to:

Burst into tears—

Boys, don’t pretend this doesn’t happen to you. Even you tough guys who claim they will never shed a tear about anything school-related after going through pledgeship have experienced that moment of panic when it feels like your life is spirally out of control. This may happen 30 minutes before class when you learn the project worth half your grade is due, or when you check your Sakai Gradebook and learn that you received a C on the paper you skipped formal to finish.

The tears well up and before you know it, there are two waterfalls coming from your eyes—tears of panic, frustration, and everything else you have been holding in. Even that ounce of anger towards the clumsy oaf who stepped on your Sperry Saturday night may spill out. You head to the bathroom to blow your nose and wipe the eye make-up from under your eyes.

“Do I look okay?” you ask that friend who you know will tell the truth.

“If Rudolph with a black eye on crack is ‘okay,’ then I guess,” she responds. Oh well.

Make scary late night trips to the 4th floor—

You are in the library on a Saturday night because you have a paper due on Sunday at 5 p.m. Why teachers make this a deadline, I do not know. You’re on Annie, the library’s search engine, trying to prove to your teacher that your generation does not depend on Wikipedia and the internet for all of its answers. A quick Annie search reveals that the one book you need for your paper is...on the fourth floor. As if studying on the main floor alone with a bunch of kids you swear do not

Then, a member of the custodial staff appears, a kind older man who resembles a white-haired version of Frankie Avalon when he sings “Beauty School Drop Out” in “Grease.” He gives you the kindest smile you’ve ever seen in your life and for a second, you feel optimistic that you will finish your work.

You decide that a dwarf-sized serving of caffeine is just what the doctor ordered. You head up to the Book Nook and help yourself to a 50-cent cup of tea that is way too small to satisfy a normal-sized human being. After downing it in a gulp, you buy some overpriced Swedish Fish from the vending machine (thank you swipe card fee), type a couple of words, and let the vacuum lull you back to sleep. Well, so much for that paper. Worst Case scenario: your teacher mistakes your paper for the fourth grader’s he tutors...big deal.

Soak your hands in sanitizer to recover from a study sesh in a fishbowl—

As nice as it is to have your own space and silence, fishbowls on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors freak me out a bit. They remind me of McDonald’s PlayPlaces; they smell questionable, seem germ, but are made off to be sanitary. I’ve heard tales of people hooking up in them, so I avoid the ones with small windows at all costs.

Even though library distractions sometimes result in wasted time and last-minute stress, they make studying a lot more entertaining. I mean, would you really want to go to the library if no one was there? (If yes, check out Leyburn on a Wednesday night). So next time you think that going to the library will allow you five undisturbed hours of work, think again.

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Mock Con Gala, right on!

The event marks the halfway point between Spring Kick-Off and the actual Mock Convention in February

By Neil Haggerty
COPY EDITOR

Students danced the night away this Saturday at the Mock Convention's Presidential Gala. It only happens every four years; once in every Washington and Lee student's college experience.

With about 1,700 students participating in this event, the Presidential Gala brought all parties together for a night to remember.

According to social committee chair Victoria Mercer in a promotional video

for the Gala, "The Presidential Gala is sort of a spin-off of the Presidential Inaugural Ball. It sort of marks the halfway point between Spring Kick-Off and the actual Mock Convention in February."

"It's primarily a fundraising event, on the scale of Fancy Dress, designed to bring the undergraduate and law students, faculty, alumni parents and leaders of the Lexington community together," said Kelli Jarrell, Mock Convention Communications Chair.

After many state delegations joined together at parties in preparation for the Gala, students came together and wore formal attire in black ties and cowboy boots, an idea sparked by the theme of George W. Bush's Inaugural Ball.

The full package for this election's Gala included tickets for t-shirts, tervis tumblers, stemless wine glasses, a low-

ball cocktail glass, and a cork screw all in theme of W&L's Republican Mock Convention. For students ages 21 and over, there was a beer and wine garden addition at the Gala.

In the promotional video, Tricia King, the general chair of Mock Con, said that she is excited for all of the students involved in the convention to "own the convention as their own," since participation in the event has increased

from the 150 students involved in Mock Con at the time of Spring Kickoff.

"Spring Kickoff did a great job of bringing the students body together with the leaders of the Lexington Community and Fancy Dress is a rare opportunity to interact with professors outside of the classroom. The Gala serves both these purposes and since it only happens once every four years, you know we're going to do it big," said Jarrell.

Registration and WebAdvisor woes

Many students woke up early to beat the 7 a.m. deadline and struggled securing the few slots in primetime class times

By Cynthia Lam
STAFF WRITER

Just like cramming for midterms and gaining the Freshman 15, registering for courses is one of the many rites of passage every W&L student experiences. For some people, however, the stress of securing the perfect schedule is nearly as nerve-racking as getting a date for the Presidential Gala.

Winter course registration officially opened at seven a.m. on Nov. 1, allowing students to select two classes for the upcoming term, with staggered dates giving special preference to upperclassmen. While this system generally worked for seniors, juniors, and sophomores, it generated feelings of anxiety and concern among many freshmen.

"My main worry was that most of

the classes I wanted would be full either because most of the upperclassman had taken it, or they had, like, three spots or less left," said first-year Julia Lang. "It was like a race, two of my hall mates actually went to the library at 6:30 a.m. to make sure that they would have a good internet connection, because that one second can make all the difference."

The competition for introductory-level classes was especially fierce among science majors and students on the pre-med track.

Said first-year Grace Lee: "There were very, very few spots for the entire Chemistry 112 section, and all the students were trying to get in at the same time. Like everyone else, I woke up half

an hour before registration happened, because I knew that it was the only hope of getting the two classes I wanted. Even though I clicked "register" at 7 am, I didn't get into either of them. It was really concerning that I didn't get into a chemistry class, because I want to be a biochemistry major."

This conflict was resolved later that morning, however, when the department head sent an email to all the Chemistry 111 students, explaining that they had reserved spaces for current students and they were committed to finding a spot for everyone in Chemistry 112.

"It all worked out," said Lee.

Other freshmen experienced similarly stressful situations, often due to

unforeseen consequences.

Said first-year Matthew Moore, "I timed it down on the atomic clock that I had pulled up, so I waited until it was 6:59 am and 58 seconds, and then I pressed "register" at what I thought was exactly 7 o'clock, but I realized I had a business office hold because my mom hadn't paid off my \$40 swipe home."

"My heart just dropped," added Moore. "I had to wait until it opened at 8:00 am, call them, have the hold lifted, and then I registered for what was left."

"I feel like it was better when we all had different times to register, just because it wasn't a mad rush of people all trying to register at the same time," said Lang. "WebAdvisor is a good thing;

there's just some technical difficulties that need to be worked out."

Under the old system, registration times used to be staggered for each student.

According to sophomore Kelsey McClary, course registration becomes less stressful once students declare their major.

"As a freshman, you have to finish the rest of your FDRs, but once you know what you want to do, you can actually focus on the classes you want," said McClary. "I think that this is the fairest way to do it; I can't think of a system that would be more successful for everyone to use."

College Dems and Republicans go head-to-head

Mock Con sponsors a debate between the two politically motivated clubs, debaters will cover taxes, jobs and other issues

By James Biemiller
STAFF WRITER

Mock Convention 2012 will sponsor a debate between the W&L College Democrats and College Republicans this Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

Each team will consist of four members. Half of the debate will feature prepared answers to questions distributed beforehand to the teams. The other half will be open for audience members to ask questions of the teams.

Republican debate team members include Tyler Grant, Tim McAleenan

Jr., Connor Perkins and Matt Simpson. Democratic debate team members are Robbie Day, Leah Gose, Zain Raza and Todd Smith-Schoenwalder

Issues to be debated include taxes, deficit reduction, education, jobs, immigration, energy, and national security.

"It's going to be both extremely informative and entertaining. There are some excellent individuals on both sides of the debate who will make it fun while providing insight on the ideologies and policy perspectives of their respective

party," said Perkins.

Team members have been preparing their best arguments for weeks.

"I read three newspapers a day," said Gose. "I've been trying to become a little more well-read in the going-ons of the House and Senate. I know the party platform well, but I've been trying to learn more about what's going on in the now, not the 2012."

Both sides are confident in their abilities to defend their positions.

"I think each side is going to be fir-

ing on all cylinders in an effort to outdo the other, and in the end it will just come down to who can best convey their views and their reasoning for those views," said Perkins.

About the outcome of the debate, Gose said "Confidence is key but arrogance is a downfall...I expect both sides to give good opinions."

"It's great that we can have debates like this and that people are open to hearing ideas that aren't their own. It shows a growing tolerance on campus," added

Gose.

Both organizations hope to see a strong turnout to support their debate members and learn about current political issues.

"We're on the cusp of becoming informed voters and this is a good chance for students to hear both side of the argument and see W&L students express their opinions," said Gose.

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The Generals Have Gone Amateur

On December 15, 1958, Sports Illustrated ran a story on W&L's basketball program. In honor of the basketball seasons beginning this week, the Phi decided to run it again.

Written by Jeremiah Tax

In the hoopla surrounding the opening of the college basketball season last week, little attention was focused on a game played in a small gym in Lexington, Va. before an audience of only 500. Even the final score excited few people outside the state of Virginia, though probably the longest-odds team anywhere in the nation that night had apparently put on a remarkable performance. The team was Washington and Lee, the first group of "amateur" Generals since the school dropped athletic subsidization in 1954. Last spring, the few remaining holders of athletic scholarships had been graduated, and W&L, rich in traditions going back to 1749, looked apprehensively to its athletic fortunes. As is often the case, an appreciation of the past illuminates these current events.

George Washington still contributes \$12 toward the education of every student at Washington and Lee. The money comes from the earnings of 100 shares of stock in the James River Navigation Company, which Washington gave to the school, then called Liberty Hall Academy, in 1796. Grateful trustees promptly changed its name to Washington College. More than half a century later, after General Robert E. Lee had served as president, his name was added and the school became a university.

Today, a statue of Washington, carved out of a single pine log and thickly crusted with layers of white paint, stands atop W&L's oldest campus, sedate ex-Chapel, built eral

build-across the simple, terior of Lee designed and by the gen-also as a gift to the school. Inside the chapel, where Lee and his family are buried, is the famous recumbent marble statue of Lee,

flanked by Confederate battle flags—still the goal of thousands of tourists.

For these and other visitors there is much else to please the eye on this picture-book campus tucked into a hilly, wooded corner of Virginia's lush Shenandoah Valley. It is a friendly place; the stranger is greeted warmly by students and faculty alike as he strolls the ancient brick walks—a custom which once brought the school a million-dollar endowment and a new gymnasium. In the early 1920s, a tourist from the North was so impressed with the courtesy shown him that he willed this sum and provisions for a fine athletic plant.

MANY SCHOOLS NOW BIGGER

If only because of age, W&L has acquired its host of social and academic traditions—not the least of which is a record of sports rivalry with other southern schools that goes back to the origins of intercollegiate competition. Many of these schools, the universities of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, for example, have long since outgrown W&L in both size and athletic prowess. Lee Chapel will still accommodate nearly the whole student body (all male and less than

1,000), W&L has enlarged its that of encompassing the liberal arts. There came, inevitably, that summer day in 1954 when W&L's trustees were forced to make a decision about athletic policy; they did, and students, alumni and faculty have been debating it heatedly ever since. The decision to drop subsidization meant, simply, no more scholarships and competition that would eliminate most, if not all, traditional rivals while including others closer to the size and athletic ambitions of W&L. It will

be a few more all sched-lect this years before ules re-

search for a new level, but meanwhile insistent voices and petitions condemning the policy continue to bombard W&L's trustees.

Dr. William M. Hinton, chairman of W&L's athletic committee, professor of psychology and education, a rabid and knowledgeable sports fan, explains the administration's position thus: "I'm a W&L man myself, class of '29, and I've been on the campus practically ever since. No one is prouder of our athletic traditions. But it had been apparent for years that we could no longer compete on our past level, except at serious cost both academically and financially. The competition for good athletes had grown to the point where, if you wanted to play in our league, you had to accept some boys who were poor academic risks. At the same time, you were subsidizing boys who were poor or average students, and were unable to offer help to top-grade students. Each year the cost grew bigger. Football got all the money it needed, and the minor sports had to be content with splitting up the rest, often less than enough for adequate equipment. We can't draw large, paying crowds from the Lexington area, so we were playing away from home, putting

on a show for strangers instead of our own people. Some friends of mine say we ought to drop intercollegiate competition altogether. I can't agree. I like to see those good-looking, hard-nose boys who want to play football and basketball and lacrosse walking around our campus. They add something important to your student body. And we'll continue to get them. This year 80 boys turned out for football, more than ever before, even under subsidization. And we darn near beat Sewanee, a good single-wing team. All we need is a few wins in a few sports and this furor will die down. When I was a student, we were already having trouble in football, but we had a fine wrestling team. And our attitude was—if we couldn't beat the Wahoos in football, we could at least wring their necks."

ALUMNI STILL PROTEST

These views have thus far failed to win over a substantial number of influential alumni groups and at least a majority of the undergraduates, all of whom find it hard to accept such names as Sewanee, Wittenberg and Centre on W&L sports schedules. The prevailing view of this opposition is that a limited number of athletic scholarships would still enable the school to compete against the Virginias, VPIs and Richmonds. Probably the trustees are the realists. Today, no school that offers 20 athletic scholarships can compete successfully for long with another that offers 100. This involves no judgment of the morality of athletic scholarships but a recognition of the open-market bidding for athletes of all kinds.

Nevertheless, when the Generals opened their basketball season last week with the very first all-amateur team, still playing a Southern Conference schedule, the overwhelming undergraduate sentiment was that W&L's athletic traditions were being disgraced and that the players, disgruntled themselves, would fail to arouse any school spirit. True enough, the team, to a man, was in favor of some program of athletic schol-

arships, especially (understandably) for basketball men. On the other hand, their coach—crew-cut, earnest Bob McHenry, only 24 years old and himself an amateur starting his first season—could honestly say he was for the amateur program: "Under subsidization, I wouldn't be the coach."

Well, neither McHenry nor his players disgraced anyone. They faced a strong William and Mary team, composed almost wholly of scholarship men, three of whom were inches taller than W&L's biggest player, and they were conceded little chance to put on even a reasonably close game. But McHenry had scouted William and Mary well and was able to use his boys with maximum strategic effect.

In the final analysis, however, it was the very quality they were supposed neither to have nor evoke—spirit—that proved their greatest asset. They hustled endlessly, actually rebounded on even terms with William and Mary despite the vast difference in height. Under the sure hand of Mal Lassman, their attack was relentless and intelligent, rarely losing the ball through amateurish errors.

At the end of regular time, the score was 52 all. At the end of the first five-minute overtime period, it was 56 all. They lost, finally, 63-60, never having abandoned their poise, and to student cheers such as have seldom greeted winning W&L teams. Rather than disgracing, they surely enhanced a proud tradition.

George Washington, it appears, invested that stock wisely.

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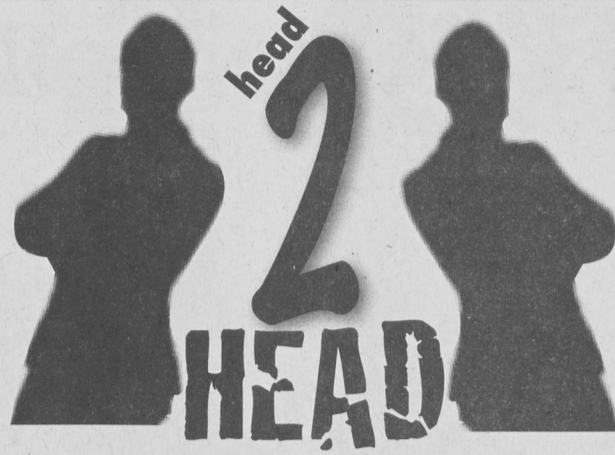
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Job security in sports is almost exclusively measured on wins and losses. This emphasis placed on the on-field results is most prominent in professional sports, but it undoubtedly trickles down to the amateur levels as well. For better or worse, this straightforward barometer dictates nearly all personnel decisions in the business of sports. Yet over the last week and a half at Penn State, job security was measured in something considered foreign to modern athletics. This measurement is neither new, nor complicated, but so often hidden from view that its prominent re-inclusion into decisions at Penn St. almost came as a shock.

What's the measurement? Right and wrong.

Unfortunately, basing decisions off of what is right and wrong is usually implemented when something terribly wrong has occurred, like the child abuse charges against former Penn St. Defensive Coordinator Jerry Sandusky. It might be seldom used, but thank God someone decided to apply it in Happy Valley. Right and wrong has the former President of Penn State Graham Spanier and several other prominent former university officials looking for new jobs (and likely never finding them). Right and wrong also has thousands of students from Penn St. organizing a candlelight vigil on campus to show support for the victims of this sex-abuse scandal.

So where is Joe Paterno's place on the right and wrong spectrum? Didn't he do the right thing? Well yes...and no. He reported once heir-apparent Sandusky's alleged crimes to his superiors, assuming they would be dealt with in the proper manner, and that's it. Yes, that was one of the right things to do. But it wasn't enough in the eyes of The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees or in the eyes of many in the general public. The board decided that the best course of action was to fire the face of the school before he had the chance to coach the Nittany Lions in what would have been his 549th game.

Two Saturdays ago, Paterno and the Nittany Lions defeated The University of Illinois 10-7 to place Paterno atop the all-time college football wins list—a truly remarkable accomplishment in what was widely considered before the scandal to be his final year on the sidelines. His iconic career at Penn St. was filled with dozens of accolades that now appear hollow in the wake of such a dark period in the school's history. In the end, Paterno was fired because he didn't do enough to stop the alleged abuse. I agree that he should have been fired; he didn't do enough right to keep his job. Still, Paterno getting the ax before he had the chance to coach the last home game of the season does not seem fitting. He's not accused of sexually abusing anyone. I just don't think that the punishment fits the crime. He did not commit so much wrong to warrant an immediate and graceless dismissal.

I say that PSU should let the man who has become the face of the university go out with some deserved dignity. He has donated millions to the school and is consistently mentioned as not only a molder of great football teams, but a molder of great men. Nearly all who have played under him since his first year 1966 admire his passion, leadership and integrity. So in a situation caused by one man doing so much wrong, I think Penn St should have let "JoePa" coach just one more game. It seems like the right thing to do.

The college football world was rocked last week when allegations of child sexual abuse came out against a former Penn State coach. Long time head coach Joe Paterno was dismissed, leading many to ask, did the school do the right thing by firing him so quickly?
Stephen and Alex give their takes.

Joe Paterno has been the head coach of the Penn State Nittany Lions football team since 1966. He has amassed a Division I record of 409 career wins. He has won two national championships, is a College Football Hall of Famer, and has even been a Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year. His list of accolades is only rivaled in length by the list of stories of Paterno affecting a person's life positively.

But when faced with the opportunity of bringing a close friend to justice for sexual assault, Paterno stood by.

Paterno is a legend. He is a titanic figure in college football and is revered like a god in Happy Valley. People listen to Joe Paterno.

But when informed of the atrocities committed against a young boy by former assistant Jerry Sandusky, Paterno shrunk. It was a deciding moment in the life of the man known as Joe Pa, and he failed.

According to the horrifying grand jury report, when informed by a graduate assistant that Sandusky was found molesting a young boy in the showers, Paterno simply reported it to the Athletic Director. Paterno did his legal obligation, but not his moral obligation. He could have made one phone call to the police. He could've gone out of his way to bring Sandusky to justice. People would have listened to Joe Paterno. But he did no such thing.

Perhaps he stayed relatively silent because Sandusky was a friend. But more frightening is the thought that he stayed silent because he wanted to keep Penn State competitive. Perhaps he feared that if this news broke, his program would be shot to pieces. They would lose recruits, scholarships, and precious sponsorship money and be a step behind other programs. But if we have got to the point as a society where the win-at-all-costs mentality in college sports is chosen over reporting a sexual offender to the police, then the system is broken and I fear for our future.

Sports are my escape. I idolize my athletic heroes and will schedule my day around watching a game. But at the end of the day, that is all sports are. A game. So if college football has become so competitive, so tainted, that all moral obligation to do what is right is thrown out the window, then I want no part of it. As said by a few national pundits, I miss the days where the worst thing we heard about was Jim Tressell turning a blind eye to his players selling memorabilia.

It was right to fire Paterno immediately, for the simple reason that he could have done so much more. Paterno and Penn State covered for a monster instead of bringing him to justice. Instead of caring for the eight victims whose childhoods are ruined, who are permanently scarred, they tried to protect one of their own. There is no way he should have been allowed to finish out the season as the head coach of Penn State.

It's a shame that such a tremendous coach, such a beloved figure at Penn State, and by all accounts a wonderful person could leave in such disgrace. But it is a just, albeit unfortunate, punishment.

"I wish I had done more," Paterno said when he stepped down last week. I'm sure the victims do too.

Swimmers start season on fire

The Generals have won all five of their meets, including only the second win over Mary Washington in school history

By Jayna Johns
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's swim team is off to a hot start this season. The Generals have won all five of their meets this season and also placed first out of nine teams in ODAC relays.

The women added to their wins on Friday when they defeated Sweet Briar 121-78. The team won nine of the day's 11 events, and three races saw the Generals clinch the top three spots.

The Generals came out strong, finishing first and second in the opening race, the 400 yard medley relay.

The Generals "A" team of seniors Jocelyn Cassada and Dana Fredericks, first-year Caroline Hamp and sophomore Meredith Hardy finished solidly in first with a time of 4:10.48. They were followed by senior Katie Salvati, first-year Hannah Melkun, and sophomores Lauren Kasoff and Rebecca Lawrence, who finished second in 4:19.92.

W&L captured each of the top three places in three individual events: the 200 free, the 400 individual medley and the 200 fly.

In the 200 free, senior Joanie Hudak came in first with a time of 2:05.85, fol-

lowed by junior Kelly Mae Ross with a time of 2:07.36. Junior Izzy Brassfield touched in a breath later at 2:07.81.

Salvati continued her successful day by winning the 400 IM in 4:51.06, and Kasoff followed her lead, coming in second in 4:55.47. First-year Kate Feeser came in third in 5:01.93.

In the 200 fly, junior Delaney Rolfe touched in first in 2:18.12, while Hamp and Hampton came in second and third with times of 2:22.54 and 2:28.80, respectively.

Fredericks had another winning swim, capturing the 200 breast stroke in 2:32.20, and Cassada took the 500 free in 5:25.87.

In the 100 free, Lawrence brought home the win in 58.46, Hardy won the 50 free with a time of 26.21. Finishing up the General's wins of the day was senior Elizabeth Starnes, who took the 1000 free in 11:18.40.

The Generals will be back in the water on Nov. 19, when they head to Carnegie Mellon. There, they will face CMU and Allegheny beginning at 11:30 am.



W&L women are off to an undefeated start to their season after solidly winning all of their meets, including a conference relay against eight ODAC foes.

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	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
Wrestling						W&L Fall Classic 12 pm	
Men's Basketball		at Dickinson 7 pm			at Elms 6 pm	at Amherst TBD	
Women's Basketball		vs Mary Washington 7 pm					
Men's Swimming						at Carnegie Mellon 11:30 am	
Women's Swimming						at Carnegie Mellon 11:30 am	
Men's X-Country						NCAA Nat'l Champ 12 pm	
Women's X-Country						NCAA Nat'l Champ 12 pm	

in the numbers

1950

This was the year the last time Penn State football played a game without Joe Paterno as a coach on the sidelines. Paterno began working as an assistant coach that year and became the team's head coach in 1965. The Nebraska Huskers beat the Nittany Lions 17-14 in the first game without Paterno in almost 62 years.

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The number of wins Duke head basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski has had in his college career following a 96-55 win over Presbyterian on Saturday. This mark ties Krzyzewski with his former coach Bob Knight on the career wins list. He will have a chance to break the record on Tuesday against Michigan State.

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Tennis superstar Roger Federer has won this many tournament titles in his career. His most recent win came on Sunday when he defeated Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-1, 7-6 in the Paris Masters. The win also marked his 18th Masters title, putting him right behind all-time leader Rafael Nadal, who has 19.

Never.

Well, until now anyway. The Oklahoma State football team is 10-0 for the first time in history after knocking off Texas Tech 66-6 on Saturday. Only one OSU team has ever had an undefeated season - the 1945 team finished 9-0.

soapbox

"I didn't know if I was going to get out of it alive. It was very hard for me. It was very hard for my family."

-- Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos, who was kidnapped while at home in Venezuela, commented on the ordeal after his rescue on Saturday. Ramos was missing for two days.

"He'd say hello, but I was looking for, 'Hey, do this' or 'Watch out for that.' He knew everyone was comparing me to him. He knew better than anyone what I was up against, but he gave me nothing."

-- In his new book, basketball legend Shaquille O'Neal lashes out at former players, including Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, whom Shaq is referring to in this comment. Abdul-Jabbar responded to the remarks on his Facebook page, saying that he was "never unfriendly" to Shaq and Shaq was "doing it his [own] way."

Riders shine at Sweet Briar



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W&L women have placed third out of 11 teams in each of their last two meets

By Angela Williams
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee riding team took home a third place finish after competing against 10 other teams last Saturday at the Sweet Briar IHSA Invitational.

Senior Tamara Morse and first-year Sarah Ward paced the Generals, each winning one of

their classes at the meet. Morse took home the blue ribbon in the open flat, and also added a third-place finish over fences in the most advanced level, while Ward won the walk-trot-canter.

Senior Camille Cobb finished fourth in the

walk-trot event, and sophomore Maia Robbins had a fifth-place showing in the intermediate flat.

The women will be out of action for the rest of the term. They will return to the ring on February 3 at the Randolph IHSA Invitational.

Rough day for wrestling

The Generals struggled in a Pennsylvania tournament, dropping all four meets

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The Washington and Lee wrestling team was in action on Saturday afternoon, competing in the Electric City Duals hosted by the University of Scranton.

The Generals finished 0-4 on the day, falling to Penn State-DuBois (34-12), Apprentice School (33-12), Scranton (39-7) and the University of Maryland-Baltimore County (36-15).

Seniors Sam Campbell and David Dennis both led the way by finishing 4-0 on the

day. Campbell produced a 6-3 win over Penn State-DuBois' Joshua Kunig, defeated Apprentice's Dwayne Roes, 8-3, knocked off Kevin Williams of Scranton, 5-3 in overtime, and won by forfeit against UMBC.

Dennis began by pinning PSU-DuBois' Garrett Singer in 2:34, then he pinned Anthony Damico of the Apprentice School in 1:24. He then earned a major decision over Paul Rajan of Scranton (11-1), before finishing with a pin of a competitor from UMBC.

First-year Conor Duffey also logged a 2-2 record for the afternoon. He opened with a 6-1 win over PSU-DuBois' Garrett Zarecky, then fell to Sterling Briscoe of the Apprentice School, 6-5. Duffey then dropped a 10-8 decision to Vinny Signoriello of Scranton before finishing his day with a 6-5 win over a wrestler from UMBC.

Washington and Lee (0-4) returns to action on Saturday as it hosts a tri with Liberty and East Tennessee State beginning at 12:00 pm

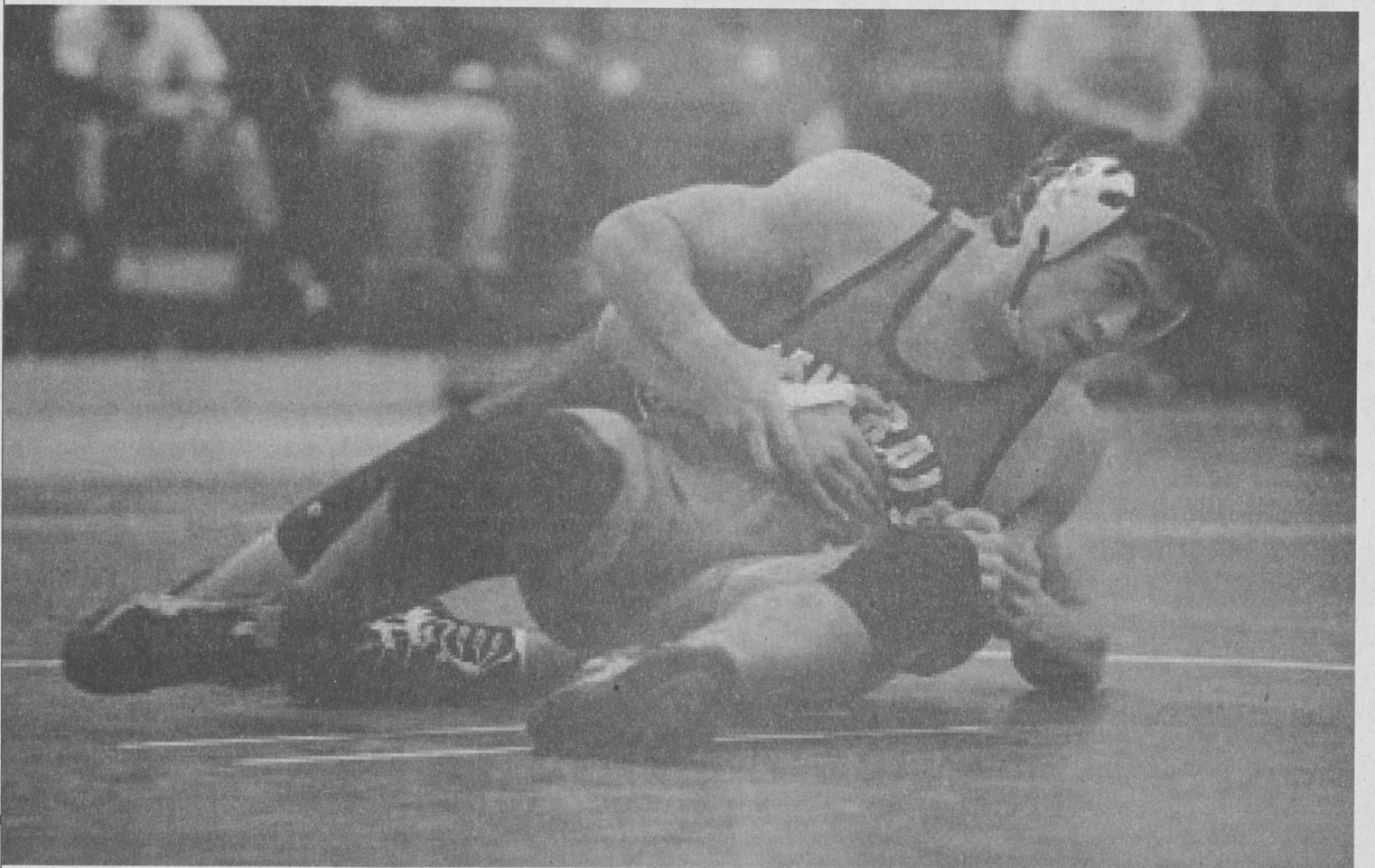


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Seasons end for runners

The seasons for the men's and women's cross country teams end after Regionals

By Dessie Otachlyska
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The Washington and Lee men's cross country team concluded their 2011 season on Saturday at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional meet, which took place at Texas Lutheran University.

The Generals finished in 17th place out of 23 participating teams. Matt Gossett led the team with a time of 28:16.2, finishing 54th out of 174 runners.

Robert Warneford-Thomson also represented W&L. He ran the course in 28:51.6 and was the 80th overall finisher. Thomson was followed by Tyler Gehrs, who came in 83rd with a time of 28:59.5. Ryan Henner was right behind him, running for a time of 29:08.9.

Michael Bronstein, a first-year student from Canton, Mass., finished in 104th place

with a time of 29:41.9. He was followed by James Grasso, who recorded a time of 30:36.4 for a 117th place finish.

The women's cross-country team also competed in the NCAA South/Southeast Regional meet on Saturday, finishing in 7th place out of 29 teams. This year marked the women's cross-country team's first NCAA qualifier since 2009.

Junior Lauren Schultz led the way for the Generals, finishing 12th out of 193 runners in a time of 23:16. This performance earned Schultz all-region honors for the second time in her college career. In addition, Schultz earned a spot in the national championship field.

W&L was also represented by sophomore Brandie Huffman, who finished in 34th place

with a time of 24:28. Junior Molly Ortiz ran the course in 25:19, good enough to earn her a 61st place finish. Ortiz was followed by sophomores Ashley Gerard and Katie Driest. Gerard finished in 75th place with a time of 25:50. Driest finished in 81st place.

First-year Tori Andrews and junior Teresa Soley finished up the field for the Generals, coming in in 91st and 128th place respectively. Andrews recorded a time of 26:14, while Soley finished in 27:20.

Lauren Schultz managed to qualify for the NCAA Championships as an individual. She will compete in Oshkosh, Wisconsin next Saturday.