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PBK discusses rising to the top

Princeton sociologist speaks about pursuing goals without losing sight of reality

By Ryan Scott

STAFF WRITER

The Gamma of Virginia Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society inducted 46 members of the junior and senior class at its annual convocation last Wednesday. The Phi Beta Kappa honor society accepts the top five percent of the junior class, as well as any seniors who were not inducted the year before but have since risen to that threshold.

Beyond current students, Phi Beta Kappa also inducted Rupert H. Johnson Jr., a member of the Washington and Lee class of 1962, as an alumnus member. Angel Harris, the Princeton sociologist who gave the address at this year's convocation, was also inducted into the honor society.

Speaking to the Convocation, President of the Gamma of Virginia Chapter Timothy Dietter stressed how much of an honor induction is, saying that only those students who exemplify the society's ideals of outstanding scholarship and strong moral character are allowed to become members.

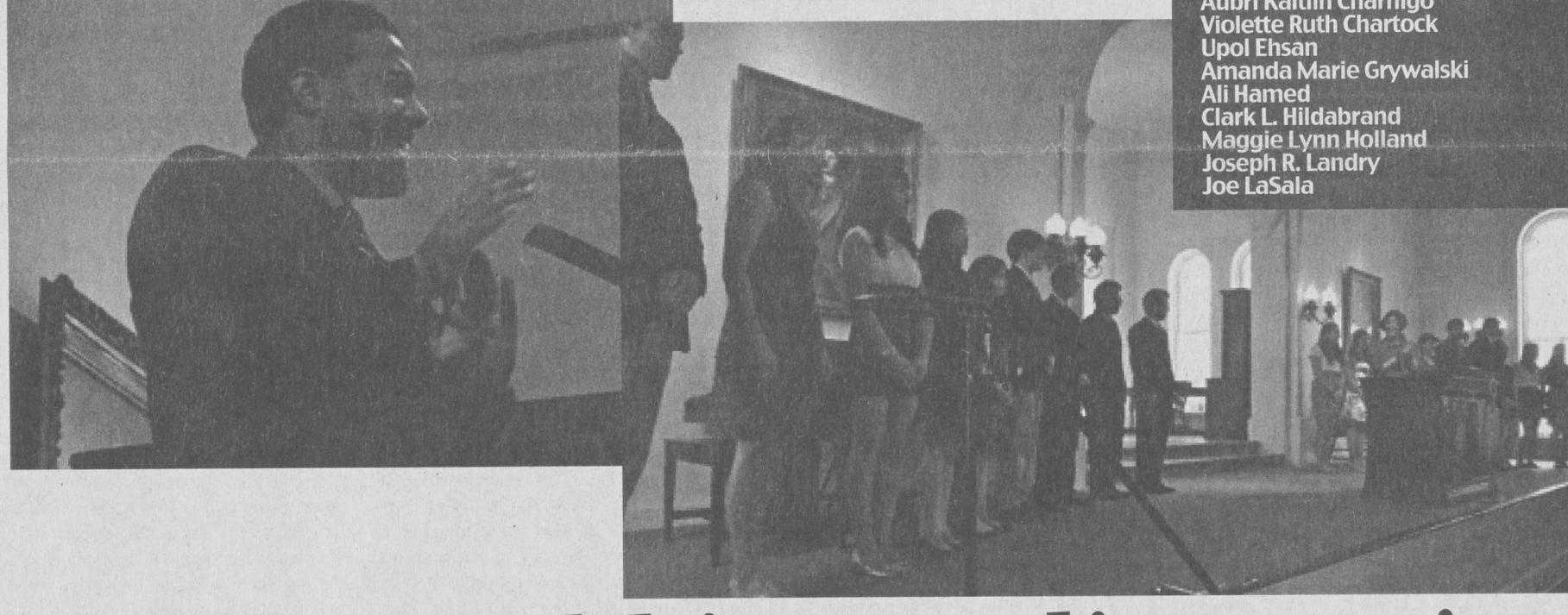
Angel Harris was this year's keynote speaker. His speech was entitled "Probability vs. Possibility: Pursuing Goals without Losing Sight of Reality." He detailed his own life story, explaining how while growing up in New York he failed several classes and had no intention of going to college, and yet he not only graduated college, but earned a Master's Degree and a Ph.D as well. He said that his success was a direct result of having friends to push him to excel, and he challenged students to similarly help those around them achieve their potential.

In addition to the induction of new members, the convocation also conferred other honors upon students who exemplified the society's values of excellence both in academics and in personal integrity. The J. Brown Goehring Award, which recognized the sophomore with the highest scholastic average, was given to Andrew Seredinski. Senior Chris Washnock received the Edward Lee Pinney Award, which is bestowed upon stu-

dents who demonstrate personal scholarship and improve the intellectual life of the University.

The Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society was founded in 1776 at William and Mary to provide students with a forum for debate and to improve intellectual growth. Phi Beta Kappa is also famous for being the first collegiate Greek letter fraternity.

The convocation was held not only by the Phi Beta Kappa honor society but also represented the Society of the Cincinnati. The Society of the Cincinnati is a philanthropic organization originally created for veterans of the American Revolutionary War, and donated a significant amount to the University on the days of Liberty Hall Academy. The donation came with the stipulation that the University always offer a class on military bearing, which is still offered today by the Math Department.



Reviving old journalism principles

Keynote speaker discusses traditional principles in Journalism connecting with new technology

By Tommy Kent

STAFF WRITER

Dan Gillmor, the founding director of the Knight Center for Digital Media Entrepreneurship, gave the keynote address in the Stackhouse Theater for the 53rd Media Ethics Institute last Friday. The title of his talk was "Media Ethics in a Digital Age: Traditional Principles Collide with New Tools and Tactics."

In introducing Gillmor to the stage, Professor Wasserman, a Knight Professor for Journalism Ethics at Washington and Lee, said, "Every ordinary person with internet access can get his/her hands on more information than the most resourceful journalist could have a generation ago."

Wasserman described Gillmor, whose resume includes the title of author, work for several newspapers, investment in new media companies, the position as board member for the First Amendment Coalition, and much more, as having an "unusual breadth of knowledge," well-equipped to discuss reimagining news media as democratized and civic-based.

Gillmor said, "I'm insanely jealous of you students right now. You are starting out in a time of media that, yes, is problematic, but that has so much opportunity." Having cited one of his own failed entrepreneurial attempts, Gillmor, in reference to further innovation in news media, said, "Do things, try things, experiment. Don't worry if things fail. It's okay."

Throughout the lecture, Gillmor showed a PowerPoint presentation and listed five principles for consumers and five principles for creators in regards to improving the current state of media. Underscoring the main message of the

lecture and the realities of an internet where all can participate, Gillmor said, "This is going to be a shared responsibility to get the ethical issues right, not just for the journalists."

Elaborating on the appearance of this new media and distinguishing it from traditional print journalism, Gillmor said, "In the past we created stuff, we made media, then we distributed it. Now, we create it and we stick it somewhere online and then people find it and come and get it. Consumers are now creators and collaborators."

Gillmor attempted to make clear what constitutes journalism on the internet. Using his own credibility scale, Gillmor placed YouTube toward negative 30 and BBC at the top on the opposite end.

Blogs were not identified as journalism, though Gillmor did state that informed blogs written by experts in their field begin to blur the line. Gillmor stated how there is a tremendously more supply of media on the internet due to the lack of barriers to entry, specifically citing the case of the Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami as the most captured/recoded natural event in history.

What emerges from all the media outlets on the Internet is a "diverse ecosystem". Gillmor stated that this "emerging media ecosystem" is a "great thing because diverse ecosystems are much more sustainable and better in the long-run." Acknowledging all of the sources of media, Gillmor said, "I'm not worried about supply. I'm worried about demand."

Among Gillmor's worries are those concerning the blurred ethical issues of this new media. Gillmor said it is impor-

tant to return to principles in addressing these issues, these principles being both the communities' responsibility, for all individuals who use the internet, those formally known as the audience who are now collaborators, and also for the journalists who create the media. Gillmor said, as an overarching principle, that it is important to use media, not consume it.

The five principles for consumers include skepticism in everything, judgment, research, free thinking, and techniques for creating media and understanding how the media persuades. Gillmor elaborated on the principle of skepticism by stating, "We have a new regime in political advertising by so-called third parties who don't disclose who they are. It is totally untrackable money. If you're not willing to state who you are, you should not be believed."

As a condition to this skepticism, Gillmor said that one does not have to be equally skeptical, a "common fallacy people make."

As an example, Gillmor again cited his credibility scale in determining and judging what constitutes reliable journalism. Gillmor, in explaining how some forms of media can exist below the zero mark, said, "Some things are lacking in such credibility that they suck credibility out of the atmosphere."

In reference to the research principle, Gillmor stated the importance of consumers asking their own questions, especially when making big decisions about news. Gillmor said, "Wikipedia is the best place to start, and the worst place to finish" in the middle of research.

While describing the free thinking principle, Gillmor stressed the importance of "going outside your comfort zone in politics and culture" and "challenging your own assumptions." Gillmor said, "When I started getting sure about things, was when I was most likely to be wrong."

Gillmor stated that what used to be called the 24-hour news cycle is now more aptly titled 14,400 second news cycle, signifying how quickly news appears on the internet to the satisfaction of consumers who are wired for fast. One of the downsides to this fast pace is that major news stations can sometimes get things widely wrong, for instance in reporting Joe Paterno's death before he actually died. Gillmor stated, as expansion on the technique principle, that as a technique, consumers need to slow the process down, increase fact-checking, and not assume the truth about anything until it becomes clear.

Gillmor said that the five principles for consumers of media also apply to the creators. In addition to these principles, creators should strive for thoroughness, accuracy, fairness, independence, and transparency.

In describing the thoroughness principle for creators, Gillmor mentioned the supremely ethical nature of placing hyperlinks within news stories, which "add authenticity and facts." Gillmor also said, "We should be more forthright about the mistakes we've made." Beckoning the audience to "think about what we could do with mistakes on the internet," Gillmor mentioned the possibility of a cookie that would allow the reader

of a certain article to receive an e-mail if corrections were made.

Gillmor said that journalists should be independent of their work, to not have conflict of interests, and cited J.F. Stone, an investigative reporter from the 1950's, as a model of independent journalism. Gillmor also said journalists should tell readers "how you are doing the reporting" and "when you make a mistake, to say it loudly," highlighting the transparency principle.

In closing, Gillmor departed from his lecture on ethical principles to remind the audience that "liberty is fragile." Gillmor said, "The world of new media, of democratization of production and access, is so important that we need to remember that there are some problems." Gillmor, mentioning SOPA, the Stop Online Piracy Act, said that governments, even in democracies, are realizing the power of the internet and want to control it.

Gillmor said, "I'm very concerned about where we are going. [The internet] is ours. Not theirs. You have to defend free speech all of the time."

In taking questions, Gillmor began to discuss the overall future path of journalism. Gillmor said, "Whether you are a journalist or not, you can take part in this." Gillmor said that he encourages students to "invent business model improvements, to see our way through, not just new ways to get out information."

Gillmor said, "You folks, this is your time. You know more about changing media than anyone."

opinions

Looking for a class that rocks?

Need to fulfill your science requirement? Columnist Sally Platt suggests a geology class with Professor Low



By Sally Platt

COLUMNIST

Professor Low kind of rocks. He is my favorite geology professor. (Teehee, "rocks," get it?) He is also my only geology professor. I, along with all my fellow C-School students, are not creatures of the science center. But for some reason the powers have dictated that before we graduate we must take at least two science courses.

Decisions, decisions. How could anyone possibly choose between studying bugs, rocks, diseases, mental illness, or whatever other lovely subject falls under the name of "science"? It is quite a decision. I suggest you choose geology. While rocks may not seem the most interesting of things, at least you won't be spending hours and hours mixing chemicals in lab every Tuesday and Thursday. (Note: chemistry is not like potions class in Harry Potter.) In any

case, if you take geology, I suggest taking it with Professor Low. And more specifically, if you get the chance, taking his economic geology class.

There are several reasons for this. For one, he is young, which means he knows about computers and technology. I think everyone has been in the situation of watching an elderly professor, on the overhead, attempt to locate the "go" or "sound" button while the class looks on in embarrassment. Finally someone raises their hand, "Um, professor, I think you might want to try unplugging the earbuds?" Anyhow, no one will have that problem in Professor Low's class as almost everything is electronic.

We don't even have a textbook. Instead we just read articles online and a blog that he writes. The blog contains such gems as, "The EIA is smoking crack if it thinks that crude oil will sell for \$50/barrel in 2035." Amusing and educational, now that's winning.

Oh, and did I mention we roasted someone in class the other day? Apparently there is this magazine that the area electric company sends to their customers. It contains such cutesy things as "How Things Were in the Good Old

Days," "When Grandma and Grandpa Came to Visit," and instructions on floral arrangements. It also has a "Letters to the Editor" section. Apparently, an individual named Elaine Neal from Beaversdam, Va. took issue with an article on coal energy that the magazine had written. She wrote what she thought was a scathing rebuttal. But apparently she had no idea what she was talking about. Prof. Low proceeded to take us through every line and show us just why she was such a complete idiot. It was great.

Professor Low is also very patient with the non-science oriented. Our first homework assignment involved making graphs from Excel data. I had heard of "Excel" before, like the name sounded familiar. I had no idea how to use it. So I went to Prof. Low's office to ask for help. I told him I had just been thinking of plotting the little points on graph paper but could he tell me how to open the Excel thing first? He proceeded to show me how there were thousands and thousands of data points and there was no way I could possibly plot them all. And he said all of this without laughing at all. I was very impressed.

Our last homework assignment was my favorite. Apparently, it is a com-

mon saying in the oil and gas industry that "Saudi Arabia is the Saudi Arabia of oil," meaning that Saudi Arabia, easily the greatest producer of oil, is, well, the largest producer of oil. This has spawned other sayings along the same lines, such as "Canada is the Saudi Arabia of tar

who actually won but, honestly, with a homework assignment like this you're really all #winning.

So if you're trying to decide what foreign hall of the science center to venture into I would highly suggest the geology one. It's interesting, and

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sand," etc., etc.. Well, our homework assignment was to make up anything, anything using _____ is the Saudi Arabia of _____. The winner would get extra credit. Mine lost. It was, "Professor Low is the Saudi Arabia of balding men." On second thought, offending the teacher is probably not the best tactic. Some of my favorite entries were: "Taco bell is the Saudi Arabia of higher viscosity." "Exell is the Saudi Arabia of uselessness." And "Tiger Woods is the Saudi Arabia of cheaters." I have no idea

Social segregation

Rachel Urban encourages W&L students to leave their comfort zones



By Rachel Urban

COLUMNIST

Packing your bags and heading to college is usually seen as the time for leaving your comfort zone and expanding your horizons — a time for trying new things and encountering other walks of

life. Since Washington and Lee is such a small, liberal arts school, it should be easy to meet new people from different backgrounds and to learn more about what it is that makes you unique, right?

Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Although it might not be apparent,

within the first year of an undergraduate's time at W&L, a student undergoes a form of "sorting" that prescribes him or her to a specific walk of life for the following years. The fact that the spheres of student life on campus are so confining for students has created a strong system of segregation that is not immediately obvious.

This is especially true for sorority women — and while I will readily admit to having a lack of knowledge about the inner workings of the sororities since I am an independent, the following views were expressed by many sorority women at the W&L Women's Leadership Summit taking place this past weekend. Once you join a specific sorority, your life begins to revolve around this identity: you eat at the sorority house, go to sorority meetings, and attend social functions with your sorority sisters. Even your Greek letters are on much of your clothing, readily labeling you to a respective group. But there are also strong stereotypes that are unfortunately placed on women in their re-

spective sororities. And whether or not you actually fulfill these stereotypes does not always factor in how other people identify or interact with you. Women from other sororities (and even independents) will oftentimes judge a woman depending on the sorority she is in, which discourages strong relationships between women of differing social spheres.

Fraternity men face a similar situation but differ in some regards. There are more fraternities represented at W&L compared to sororities, and the fraternity houses are very spread out around Lexington. Men also eat at the fraternity houses everyday like sorority members, and a fraternity member's daily decisions are strongly dictated by the fraternity and its members — pledging being a great example. Because of this set-up of student life, fraternity men and sorority women mainly interact during classes and social functions like parties. This makes it harder for women to develop non-romantic relationships, which would really help the gender divide at W&L.

Furthermore, independents are often placed into their own category by default. For example, I was in an organization wherein the female members wanted to have a meeting over dinner in one of the sorority houses. This idea was soon dropped since I am restricted from eating meals at any of the sorority houses because of my non-Greek affiliation — even if sorority members can eat at other houses besides their own (which is an option not always taken advantage of). And even though independents choose not to be affiliated with any Greek organization, they still receive the labels of "independents" and "GDI"

I encourage you to step outside of your comfort zone during your time here. If you're a Greek member, try going to an event that mostly independents attend. And if you're an independent, try participating in a philanthropic Greek event. Do not miss the opportunity to

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and the preconceived notions associated with them.

The result of this system of student life is that W&L students have a tendency to get "stuck" in their walks of life here, rarely venturing outside of the sphere they inhabit. It's amazing that at such a small university, I really interact with only a small portion of the people here. But when we stay in our comfort zones, we're really stunting our own growth as individuals. There are so many great people on campus, whether Greek, independent, male, or female, and they come from so many walks of life. Getting to know all sorts of people can really push the boundaries of our own ways of thinking, and we can learn more about ourselves through the process.

talk to someone, even if it might be awkward at first. Just remember those wonderful meet-and-greet skills you honed as an entering freshman.

Just don't let stereotypes dictate your views about other men and women. When we place others into a specific category or identity, we're unfairly hurting them as well as our social atmosphere on campus. We should work towards making the word "acceptance" synonymous to student life at W&L. And that acceptance shouldn't be limited to certain individual groups but rather across the spectrum of the student body. It's hard to combat the segregation that seems to happen naturally on this campus, but if we are aware of the issue, we can definitely change it.

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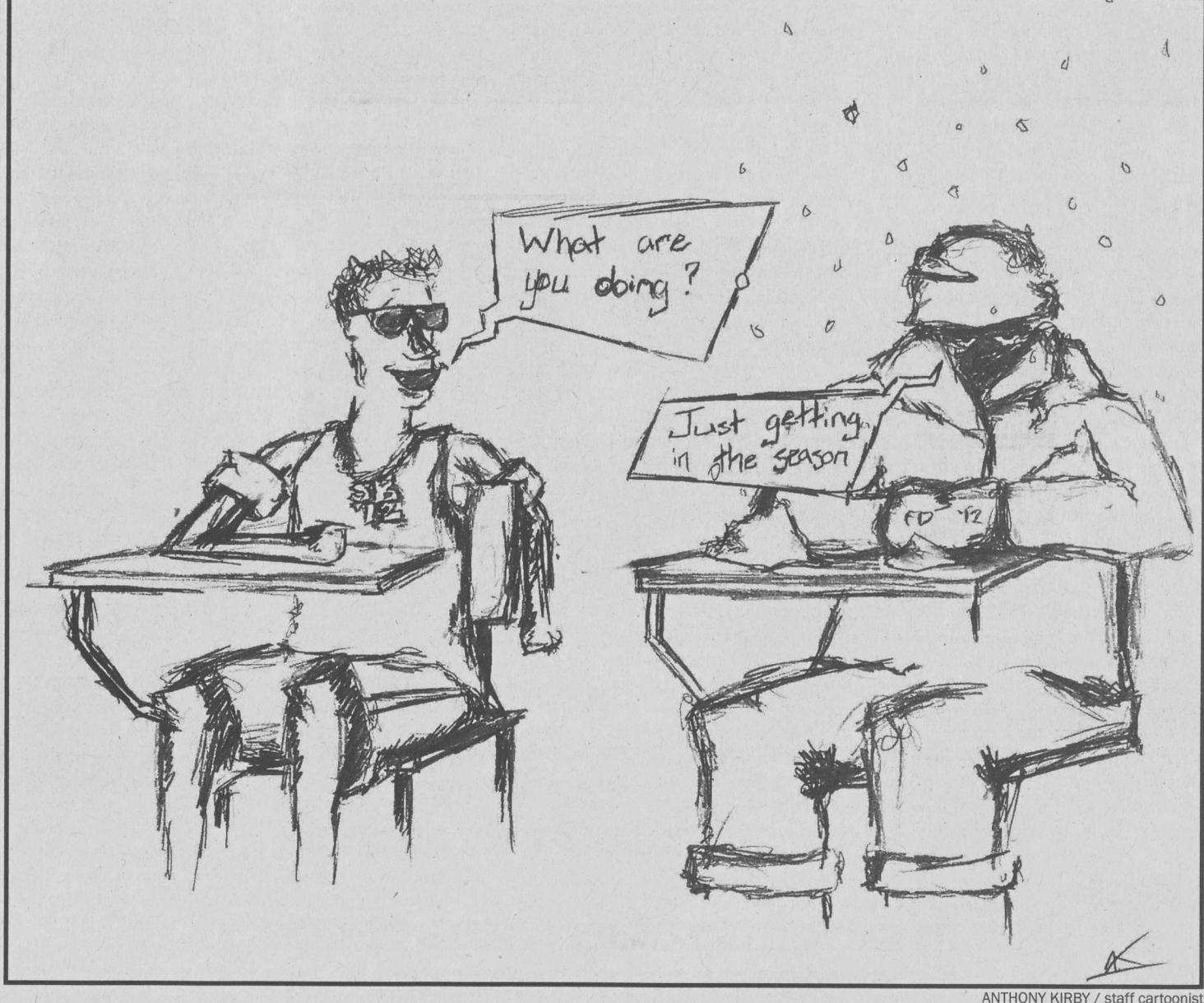
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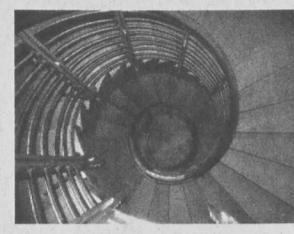
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opinions

Ready to lose your 'pinnocence'?

Looking for a new distraction? Sick of Facebook and Twitter? Check out Annie Persons' newest addiction: Pinterest!



By Annie Persons
COLUMNIST

This weekend, I shattered the innocence of two of my closest friends. Hold on—I know how that sounds, so let me back up: when I say that I corrupted my friends, what I mean is that I invited them into a shiny new world, an undis-

covered level of virtual entertainment that, once entered, they will find nearly impossible to ignore. I invited them to Pinterest, and I took their pinnocence.

For those of you (males) reading this that are unaware, Pinterest.com is a self-described "online pinboard" where one has individualized thumbtack-like boards onto which she can virtually "pin" the link to the website of whatever strikes her fancy. These links take the form of images that appear in a virtual feed of other people's pins, or rather, one's "followers" and those they are "following." The mechanism of Pinterest allows the pinner to take a cyber picture of anything they see online, whether it be clothes, recipes, or my (personal favorite) wedding paraphernalia, and display it for their followers to see.

This idea appeals to the core of the common female in two ways: not only does it allow her to publicly display how possibly cute and trendy her interests

are, but it allows her to do it in a neat and organized way. Not to mention the exclusivity principle of the site, being that one must be invited by a current member to join. The world of Pinterest is literally a mecca for the future or current

their whimsical fancies and share these fancies with their friends. Let me pause to put my addiction in perspective: frequently, when opening my laptop, I have found myself checking my Pinterest feed prior to my Facebook feed. *shivers*

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housewife, interior designer, fashion designer, chef, bartender (yes), even writer or CEO—whatever it may be, to explore

All of that being said (and despite my obvious personal obsession with Pinterest), recent mental examination of its deeper implications about my own behavior and that of society at large has lead me to some slightly disturbing conclusions. The underbelly of Pinterest, you might call it. That is, I have started to wonder...what does it say about me as an independent and confident woman that the only time I feel comfortable enough to exhibit my personal interests is on a website?

Furthermore, the irony of the site is that its basis in individuality and personal expression derives from the individuality and expression of other people. Picture the average pinner, hiding behind the shield of their computer screen, observing a continuous feed of pins and eagerly "re-pinning" the ones they take an interest in. I myself have said on multiple occasions what an "ego boost" it gives me when I get that little email happily informing me that someone has repinned one of my pins. Wow, that person must like me and think I am pretty neat!

No. What they like is my recycled expression of the image that someone else originally recycled, and so on. While the combination of pins and boards do create a collage of inspiration and personal expression, I would be pressed to find a pinner who genuinely explores or even visits the links to the items they pin. Per-

sonally, the website has led me to a few useful or entertaining online nooks, but the majority of my pins remain idly on their boards gathering virtual dust as I constantly replace them with different images of things I like in the moment.

Another subtly disturbing aspect of the site is the sheer wordlessness of it. When trying to convince my friends to get a Pinterest account, I have been known to compare Pinterest to "Tumblr, but without the hipster vibe and angsty posts" (forgive me, Tumblr goers). The merit to this is that, to put it bluntly, no one really cares about reading someone else's virtual diary. Or at least no one cares about reading the average Joe's (or Annie's). In this way, Pinterest allows for self-expression without the fear of being judged for revealing too much. But what does that say not only about us as Pinterest users, but as readers? Are we so self aware that we think people will judge our thoughts and emotions if we put them out there boldly, off the Internet, for the world to see? What will become of a society where the written word is shunned or feared?

I feel I should wrap this up by admitting that, despite these dark thoughts, I will continue to remain a self-confessed Pinterest addict. I do not regret taking the "virginity" of my friends this weekend. I just hope that my fellow pinners and I will begin to pin more consciously of the fact that we may not be as individual as we seem, and will not get too wrapped up in the ephemeral nature of the site. Be selective with your pins, my friends—don't pin something you wouldn't actually use your powers of creativity to design, and, perhaps, even pin your own version of one day. More than dreamers, we must be doers. More than re-pinners, we must be pinners.



...more senior reflections

Liz Dye



Favorite class: Psychoactive Drugs and Behavior
Favorite mixer theme: PiKA NFL Draft
One thing every student must do before graduation: You have to go on some sort of hike or take advantage of all the beauty
One thing you would change about W&L: More women on the EC
If you could redo your time at W&L, what would you do differently? Nothing! I have loved every moment

Favorite class: Travel and Transformation
Favorite mixer theme: 70's disco
One thing every student must do before graduation: Eat dinner at the President's house
One thing you would change about W&L: More fans at every athletic function
If you could redo your time at W&L, what would you do differently? Go to more Lee Chapel speakers

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Smothered

At times, this town traps me. I feel it on the hill, when I look down into town. And rather than an endless horizon, I'm confronted with finite lanes of stacked red brick.

(I can't move).

I was given hydrangeas two days ago. I put them in a vase of water. Yet, they wilted and died--

They weren't cared for in the right way.

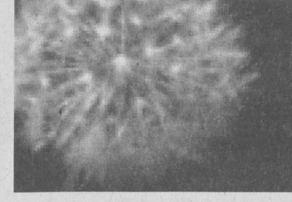
*I'd like to plead,
"Can I step out of this square?"
So I could belong to a floating bubble
(not a staid one).
I would lightly drift--
turn to color and sun,
take time to swallow the air
(it is breathed in and out by everyone,
you see),
and grow--*

*I tried this once, not long ago;
I eagerly took flight.
But in a naïve whirl,
I was seen.*

Their fingers ended me.

- Andrea Siso

arts&life



Students, faculty Take Back the Night

At the 5th annual event, community members came together to make stand against sexual violence at the Cohen Amphitheater

By Cynthia Lam
COPY EDITOR

SPEAK and One in Four hosted the 5th annual Take Back the Night at 7:00 p.m. in the Cohen Amphitheater last Thursday. The campus-wide event brought students, faculty members, and the entire W&L community together to celebrate the resilient strength of sexual assault survivors and take a powerful stand against sexual violence.

According to incoming SPEAK President Johanna Cho: "The main goal of [Take Back the Night] was to show campus support for survivors of sexual violence, assault, and rape, as well as give a voice to those who have gone through such experiences. While it supports survivors by giving them a chance to tell their personal story, it also serves to raise awareness about sexual assault and rape on campus."

The night began with an opening speech by SPEAK President Chelsea Gloeckner, who talked about the importance of breaking the silence and raising awareness about dating violence and sexual assault, which are prevalent issues here at W&L.

"Our statistics prove that we have twice the national average of sexual assaults on our campus. I have had many people ask if those statistics are real, or if we just make them up. Why would we ever want to make them up? Too many people are sexually harassed, assaulted, and raped at W&L, and that is why these organizations that stand up to fight against this violence and assault or so important," said Gloeckner, a senior.

This was followed by poetry and prose readings from members of SPEAK. They gave voice to victims of sexual assault, who had all too often gone unheard due to the silence surrounding this issue. This silence, according to Cho, is one of the most devastating forces contributing

to the problem at W&L.

"Incidents go unreported all the time. One of the first things you hear as a freshman is, 'This campus is so small. Everyone knows everyone's business.' When sexual assault is that 'business,' a victim's struggle with rape or sexual assault is tremendously harder in such a tight-knit community, one where assaulters can be friends [or] your classmates," said Cho, a junior. "The combination of the small size and the prevalence of these issues makes everything harder."

Coordinator of Violence Prevention Dr. Jennifer Sayre, who spoke about the resounding impact of sexual violence, also addressed this issue by urging audience members to look beyond the immediate consequences.

"Students are profoundly affected by [sexual assault] in terms directly and indirectly," said Sayre. "The direct effects of violence can be devastating including marked anxiety, problems with sleep, attention, concentration, and a broad range of trauma-related challenges. When someone's friend, roommate, or romantic partner is coping with violence it can also be devastating. There is a ripple effect across our entire community."

These daunting truths set the stage for the most empowering part of the night, as students took turns going up to the mike to share their personal stories as survivors of sexual assault. For most, this was the first time they had ever talked about their experiences aloud in public.

"I thought I was going to easily keep it all together and fly through the speech with all smiles... that didn't happen," said Cho. "But I'm glad I did it because it was a challenge to talk to a huge audience about something I almost never talk about with anyone, and being able to accomplish that, being extremely honest and open with my peers, gives me hope that people will care more about these issues. And I hope my story served as

happening on our campus," said first-year Amira Hegazy.

Added first-year Catherine Elder: "I came...because I wanted to hear and support everyone. I was expecting to be very moved by the speakers, but I was pleasantly surprised at how well it was planned out to make the experience that much more meaningful."

The night continued with an uplifting performance from Jubilee of "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered."

Afterwards, it was followed by a candlelight vigil along the Colonnade as survivors, friends, and members of the W&L community walked together and lit up the night.

Said first-year SPEAK member Maggie Voelzke: "SPEAK organizes Take Back the Night as a visual reminder that sexual assault is a real and present problem, even on our wonderful campus... [We]

work to ensure the discussion on sexual violence doesn't end with the closing of the night. SPEAK strives to keep this issue in the minds of W&L students not only to raise awareness, but so that our community can become a safe haven for survivors."

After attending Take Back the Night, students discovered a newfound responsibility to themselves and their peers. Said Hegazy: "As a female, I feel like I need to go to [these] events so I can learn how to better help myself and my friends if they become victims. It really could be me or any other woman on campus on that stage telling a horrific story of rape, it is our responsibility to go listen and respect them as survivors to learn what

more we can do to secure our campus."

With the large turnout this year, many are hopeful that more students will step up in the fight against sexual violence. Said Sayre: "Our community will be safer when enough individuals make the choice to do their part to be actively and visibly intolerant of violence. Individuals can educate themselves about how to be proactive bystanders, look out for their friends, and let everyone in their lives know this matters to them."

Added Cho: "We need to open up our dialogue. We need to talk to each other as friends and not as us being solely educators but just another student who cares about the problems of sexual assault and rape. I'm not one to cry a lot in public, or ever. But every time I hear that a girl has been assaulted at W&L, I'm stunned and, cliché I know, but my heart breaks. I think our whole campus needs less of those heartbreaks. SPEAK is in no way trying to scare girls with these stories. We just want to better prepare them with the realities of our campus."

In order to fully eliminate sexual assault from campus, students must work together to take a stand. Said Voelzke: "The reality is that by the time you have graduated someone you know will probably have dealt with this in some way. I want W&L to be a community in which victims can be open with their experiences and be supported not only by close friends, but by students en masse."

Added Gloeckner: "I wanted to become part of the movement to end sexual assault at W&L. I felt like I could be a voice for those who couldn't speak about it... No matter what relationship you [have] with sexual assault, you can still be extremely moved and inspired to fight sexual violence alongside your peers."

It's a case of Spring Fever?

Certain frosh donned costumes, threw glitter and made sandwiches last week... but none were harmed during the writing of this article

By Anna DiBenedetto
STAFF WRITER

Spring Fever is here and it has come in with a bang. Oddly enough, the fever seems to have only infected 29 first-years in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. They showed signs of extreme energy and excessive happiness starting last Tuesday.

One young man, Albert Civitarese, showed his concern for the safety of his fellow undergraduates by suiting up in a cop uniform, whistle and all, and directing the student pedestrians outside of Elrod Commons.

Another young man, Matthew Howell, decided to teach some of his friends the art of yoga on the lawn, while another friend, Nick Biumi, chose to play T-ball by himself next to them.

An avid lover of Disney movies, Stephen Moore decided to live out his life-long fantasy of being Peter Pan. Moore, dressed in black tights, a green shirt and armed with a short sword, ran through campus sprinkling "fairy dust" on students and shouting, "To Neverland! To Neverland!"

Christian Kennedy, dressed in a black cape, took on the role of Death. Said one student: "Kennedy likes to walk behind the smokers on campus and follow them. Then he will write down their names in his little black book. He is trying to raise awareness of lung cancer."

The absurdity intensified as the week continued. In commemoration of the 15th anniversary of Nintendo's Pokemon, Morgan Moskal decided to celebrate by dressing up as Ash Ketchum, the lead character from the TV show.

The entire week, he enjoyed searching for the Pokemon he had always heard about as a child. When asked if there was a certain character he was trying to catch, he responded, "If I can catch Abra Puff, then I'll be the world's greatest Pokemon master. But right now, I'm just trying to catch 'em all."

David Robinson, after studying medieval architecture in his spare time, expressed his love for the Middle Ages by acting as a gargoyle. Robinson, with a painted grey face and attachable wings,

perched himself on the bench outside of Graham-Lees dorm.

Also outside on the lawn was aspiring sandwich chef, Ian Hooley. Hooley, known for his specialty PB&J's, decided to share his talent with fellow students by giving away free sandwiches.

Unfortunately, Spring Fever seems to have burnt itself out, as the Phi could find no more signs of unusual behavior by the end of the week.

Minstrels travel to Elrod Commons

Baul mystics take Islam, Hinduism and Christianity and "sing it," as Bengali Babukishan Das Baul shared with W&L

By Jenny Fugate
STAFF WRITER

Barefoot, white chalk on his forehead, and dressed in a striking orange robe, Babukishan Das Baul filled Elrod Commons with Bengali fold music and enlightened the audience on the Baul tradition.

This Bengali Indian is one of the last followers of the Baul tradition – an ancient brand of spirituality that has been passed down and kept alive through oral tradition for centuries.

His wife Trishula summed up Baul mysticism, saying: "The Bauls take

the best of Muslim religion, Hinduism, Christianity... etc, grind it into a juice, and then sing it."

The Bauls are travelling minstrels that use their unique form of folk music to communicate to their audience their concept of spirituality based on love and a relationship with God.

The strange instruments he played, such as the iconic "ektara," with his lilting, rich voice combined with his repetitive admonitions to the audience to close their eyes or dance intentionally created

an almost otherworldly atmosphere.

As Babukishan transitioned from one song to next, he explained more about the tenets of the Baul philosophy. He was quick to dispel any preconceptions of himself as a gypsy; rather he identified himself and the Bauls as mystics, or "spiritual messengers."

He explained that one of the fundamental beliefs of the Bauls is that religion is merely a human creation, not something ordained by God himself.

"Before we were born into a Muslim

family or a Hindu family we had no religion. And when we leave this earth we will return to God with no religion," said Babukishan.

A large part of Babukishan's performance was audience interaction. He repeatedly exhorted the crowd to close their eyes and "let your soul dance" in order to create a more energetic ambience. He also allowed several people to accompany him using some of his instruments.

"I could definitely see that as he went

on people were opening up more and buying into it," junior Wade Marsh said.

After watching Babukishan, Marsh, who has studied Indian mysticism in his religion class, said, "You can read about it and think you know it but when you are in some type of discourse you are going to realize that it is a lot more complex than it appears in a textbook."

letter from an alum

When The University was in the midst of the last debate over co-education (there were several) there were bumper stickers that objected to the historical possibility that W&L would change course. The bumper stickers cynically read "WASHINGTON AND LEIGH"

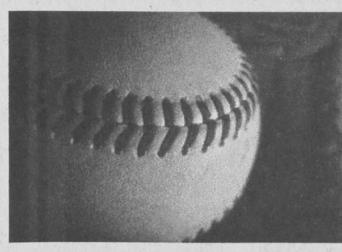
and were popular with our friends at Hampden-Sydney whom we would see when we went "down the road" at Sweet Briar, Mary Baldwin and Hollins. We all should know that tradition fell hard as a close vote changed the course of our wonderful school. Many years later

I find myself reading The Ring-tum Phi mainly because I married the right girl who raised my boys to work hard enough to compete with the girls to attend W&L. I take note of all this because the March 5th Phi had articles written by Cynthia Lam, Tommy Kent, Allie Weiss, Fran-

cesca Wilson, Sally Platt, Campbell Burr, Gabrielle Tremo, Colleen Moore, Julia Lancaster, Ann Burton Gerhardt and Leigh Dannhauser. On top of that the Washington and Lee women's tennis team win a National Championship! Tommy Kent, you need to find a few

good men to help these talented ladies put out the Phi.

Steve Scully
class of '76



sports

Tennis kicks ace

White leads the way as the Generals defeat two ranked opponents over the weekend

By Leigh Dannhauser
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's tennis team defeated two ranked teams at home this weekend. On Saturday they upset 23rd ranked Case Western University and they defeated 16th ranked Mary Washington.

On Saturday the Generals were led by the strong performances of junior Hayden White and first-year Taylor Shamshiri. They teamed up in the first match of the day to defeat Case West-

ern's doubles team of Kyle Gerber and John Healey. White and Shamshiri also won each of their singles matches. White defeated Will Douglas of CWU while Shamshiri defeated Sean Carr.

For the Generals, Christopher Hu and Michael Freeman also posted wins in singles competition.

Hu teamed up with Jeremy Becht to win the second game of doubles compe-

tition.

White also led the Generals to victory on Sunday over Mary Washington.

White and Shamshiri teamed up to defeat Mary Washington's doubles team of Riley Bauer and Kaleb Nguyen.

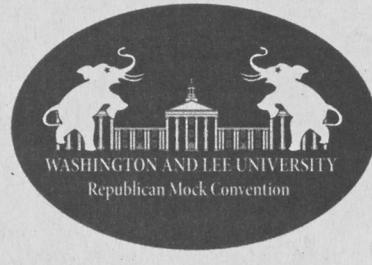
It looked like it was going to be a quick win for Washington and Lee after they had won all three matches of the doubles competition.

However, Mary Washington fought back, winning four of the five next matches. Freeman had the sole singles win for W&L until the final match of the day.

The final match of the day was between the number one singles players on each team. Representing the Generals was White, while Evan Charles represented Mary Washington. White defeat-

ed Charles in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

With the two victories, the Generals move to a 10-3 record including a win streak of eight matches. They return to the court on Wednesday when they travel to Bridgewater for a 4 p.m. contest.



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in the numbers

25-0

The run that the Florida Gators went on in the first half in their game versus the Norfolk State Spartans. The Gators won their second game of the NCAA tournament 84-50 on Sunday.

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The total number of points that VCU scored in the final 12 minutes of their game versus Indiana in the second round of the NCAA tournament on Saturday. VCU lost the game 63-61.

31.3

The shooting percentage of the Kansas State Wildcats in their game versus the Syracuse Orange in the second round of the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats went 21-67 from the field while losing to the Orange 75-59.

6

The total number of No. 15 seeds that have defeated No. 2 seeds in the history of the NCAA tournament. Two of them have occurred this year with Lehigh's upset of Duke and Norfolk's upset of Missouri. None of the previous teams has ever won the next game of the tournament following the upset.

soapbox

"This team, in spite of whatever downs we've had and losses like today, has been a really special group. We haven't always had success, but it's a group that all year fought for each other and cared for each other. I'm proud to be associated with these guys."

—Georgetown coach John Thompson III after the Hoyas lost to 11th ranked North Carolina State 66-63 in the second round of the NCAA tournament. From SI.com

"Ever since I was growing up, they never forced it on me. It was just something that I fell in love with."

—Baylor guard Brady Heslip talking about his family after Baylor defeated Colorado 80-63 in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Heslip, the nephew of Toronto Raptors head coach Jay Triano, scored 27 points after going 9 of 12 from behind the arc. From SI.com

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH THE MEN'S SWIM TEAM GOOD LUCK AS THEY HEAD TO INDIANAPOLIS FOR THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEK. THE NATIONAL MEET BEGINS WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 11 AM AND THE FINAL SESSION BEGINS SATURDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

Baseball sweeps doubleheader

Pitchers Smith and Shaw both have strong outings on the mound

By Zack Richards

STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Generals had the luck of the Irish today, as they swept the Guilford Quakers with a pair of ninth inning comeback victories at Captain Dick Smith Field, extending their home win streak to six games.

On this St. Patrick's Day, the Washington and Lee squad won two vital Old Dominion Athletic Conference games with solid pitching and clutch hitting defining the play.

Pat Smith, the senior pitcher from New Jersey started the first game of the double header. He surrendered one unearned run on four hits in nine innings, allowing the Generals to stay close until the offense could provide some support.

Luke Deary, the junior starting catcher of the first game, knocked in the winning run on a double. CJ Thompson scored after reaching on an error and advancing when Alston James was hit by a pitch.

Michael Decembrino scored in the eighth frame to tie the game, when Jonathon Stutts took Ryan Lindsay's pitch for a single. Lindsay relieved Will James after seven scoreless innings.

After the first ninth inning rally, Ian Shaw

took the mound in hopes of winning his fourth game in a row, yet he would not get the win on his 21st birthday.

After the game, despite pitching well in seven and a third innings and surrendering three earned runs, Shaw said, "Today I would have liked to have kept a few runs off the board."

Like Smith in the first game, Shaw allowed Washington and Lee to stay close until the offense could come though, as they did in the seventh and ninth innings scoring two and one runs, respectively.

Alex Mait knocked in Will Salley to score the Generals' first run in the bottom of the fourth inning on a single. The hit gave the team a short lead, until the Quakers scored three runs between the fifth and sixth innings. Mait went three for three in the second game with the one RBI.

Catching up with him after the game, Mait said, "I had lots of confidence today. I came back from the SVU game and was feeling really good at the plate," after his first collegiate perfect game at the plate.

It wasn't until the bottom of the seventh

that Washington and Lee would strike again, tying Guilford with two runs off of singles from both James and Decembrino.

Junior pitcher Eric Wisotsky replaced Shaw in the seventh, pitching an inning and allowing one hit. It was the hit given up in the eighth that led to Jake Rudolph coming out of the bullpen to throw a single pitch and record a double play.

Commenting on his outing Wisotsky said, "Despite not having my best stuff, I was able to work around everything," which summed up both of the Generals' victories.

After solid pitching from the bullpen, Washington and Lee used another clutch hit from Stutts to win the second game. After walking and stealing second, Decembrino was able to score Stutts' bloop to right field.

Rudolph earned the victory, as the Quakers' Micah Winterstein recorded a loss in two and a third innings in relief of starter Borja Jones-Berasaluce.

Since starting the season with five losses, the Generals have won eleven of their last fourteen.

Women's track starts off well

Fugate breaks the school 400m hurdle record in the outdoor season opener

By Catherine Tinney

STAFF WRITER

In the first outdoor meet of the season, the Generals had some very strong performances in a meet with competitors from all three NCAA divisions.

The women's track team was led by the first-place performances of Janey Fugate and Annelise Madison.

Fugate broke the school record in the 400 meter hurdles. She finished the race in 64.24 and currently has the second fastest time in the nation in the event.

The 400 meter hurdles was the strongest event for the team as a whole. The Generals took home first, fourth, and fifth places. Along with Fugate's first place finish, senior Natalie Stier took home fourth place and first-year Jillian Katterhagen took fifth place in her first ever 400 meter hurdle race.

Madison was the second event-winner of the day for the Generals. She won the 800 meter run in a personal best time of 2:18.46.

The Generals also had nine other top five finishes in a variety of events. The General's scored in the field events, the relays, the sprints, and the longer distances.

Katterhagen placed second in the pole vault in one of the first events of the day. Her vault of 3.12 meters (10'2.75") was the top height in Division III.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Fugate, Stier, and sophomores Julia Murray and Lauren Woodie ran a time of 51.55 to place fourth

overall.

In the longer distances, junior Lauren Schultz placed third in the 5,000 meter run. Sophomore Brandie Huffman added a fourth-place finish in the 10,000 meter run.

In the sprints, Woodie placed fourth in the 400 with a time of 1:01.48. This was the fastest time among Div. III competitors.

The Generals return to the track as they host the annual Washington and Lee Track Carnival this weekend. Action starts on Friday at Wilson Stadium at 1 p.m. Saturday's events start at 9 a.m. at VMI. The full schedule of events can be found at www.generalsports.com under the women's track and field page.

Women's Lax defeats Catholic

They take an 11-5 lead in the second half and hold off a late comeback attempt

By Hailey Hartley

STAFF WRITER

The 14th ranked women's lacrosse team beat 17th ranked Catholic on Saturday in a critical matchup at home by a score of 11-10.

Both teams played with a sense of urgency, but the game was plagued by turnovers; Washington and Lee and Catholic had 22 turnovers each and several of Catholic's first half goals could be directly attributed to Generals' mistakes.

Despite the turnovers, W&L went into

halftime tied at four. After a quick second half goal by Catholic, W&L gained momentum and scored seven unanswered goals. Sophomores Greta Witter and Margaret Klein had two goals each during the run. Witter finished the game with three goals scored.

Catholic's attempt at a comeback late in the second half was cut one goal short when senior Christina Benedetti forced a turnover in General territory that allowed W&L to run out

the 1:44 remaining on the clock.

First-year goalie Cara Mulligan had several spectacular saves during the game, tallying 11 saves while playing the entire 60 minutes in the net.

The women's lacrosse team will return to Watt Field on Wednesday as they face fellow Old Dominion Athletic Conference team Roanoke at 4:30 pm..

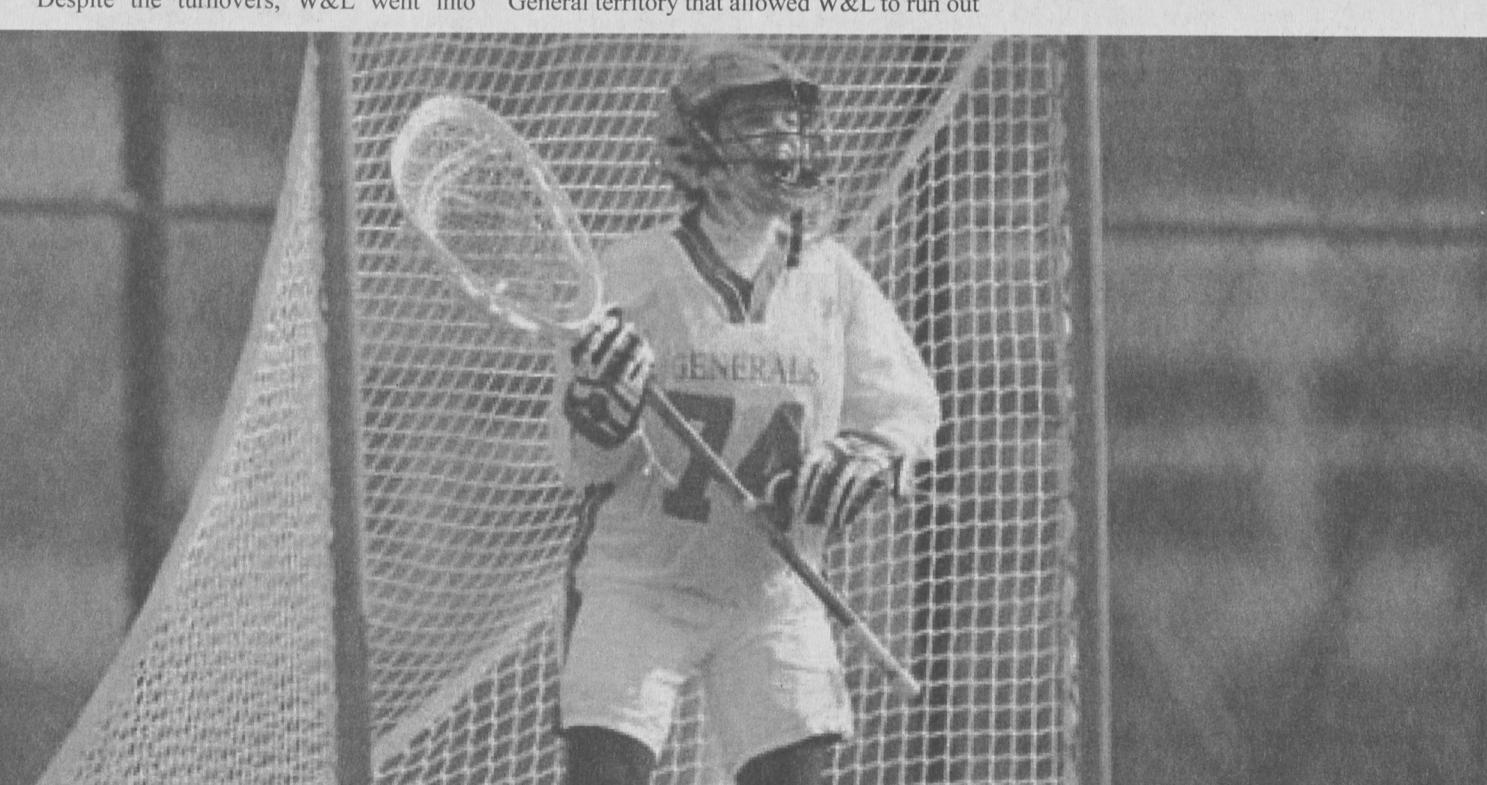


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on deck

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Women's Tennis	vs Sweet Briar 4:30		vs Williams 4 pm			vs Emory 10 am	
Men's Lacrosse			at Guilford 7 pm			at Lynchburg 7 pm	
Baseball		at Bridgewater 4 pm		vs Averett 3 pm		at H-S 12 and 3 pm	
Men's Tennis			at Bridgewater 4 pm			at H-S 1 pm	
Track					vs Carnival 1 pm	vs Carnival 9 am	
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