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New rankings place W&L high

Forbes, U.S. News and Alumni Factor rate W&L
By Hamlet Fort
STAFF WRITER

In July 2012, Forbes Magazine released their annual rankings of the top colleges and universities across the country. About three months later, U.S. News and World Report released their highly anticipated list, published on Sept. 12. Forbes placed Washington and Lee University #15 in their overall national rankings and #1 overall in their list for Colleges in the South. In U.S. News and World Report's list, W&L is #14 overall for liberal arts colleges.

W&L is consistently ranked highly in annual lists of colleges and universities that analyze an institution's overall performance, but other rankings exist in

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smaller sub-categories.

According to *The Alumni Factor*, a new college ranking platform that proclaims itself as "A Revolution in College Rankings," W&L is also #1 in alumni overall happiness and career success after graduation, beating out schools like Yale, Stanford and Dartmouth. These rankings are based purely on the career success of a college's graduates based on income, job opportunities, intellectual development, and overall happiness. Other, similarly specific rankings exist as well.

W&L is ranked #46 in "contributions to the public good," according to *Washington Monthly*, and is also ranked #66 in research development. Kiplinger, the Washington, D.C.-based financial advice and business forecast publisher, ranks W&L #2 overall in "Best Value for Private Colleges," based on the high graduation rate (91.7%) and success after graduation. This ranking is consistent with the *Alumni Factor* ranking, and W&L has been steadily rising in the rankings since last decade.

The W&L Admissions Office doesn't pay much attention to the rankings. Jonathan Webster, Associate Dean of Admissions, doesn't believe the rankings tell us anything we didn't already know about W&L.

"We're not really experts on the various rankings and their methodologies. That would be a full time job, and with so many different lists and rankings, Admissions doesn't try to keep track of them all," said Webster.

"We're always pleased to be recognized as the great school we are, though," he added.

Webster also doesn't necessarily claim that the rankings impact the number of applicants in a given year. The applicant pool fluctuates year-to-year, he says, and the Admissions Office can't track how the impressive rankings affect the group.

Despite W&L's recent success in the rankings, Webster said the rankings tend to be subjective. Webster says he and his colleagues don't know how the rankings are calculated, and in fact, no one really does. Therefore, the rankings can be taken for as much as they are - just a list.

Pass/fail goes electronic

Electronic pass/fail declaration means less coordination with students and professors

By Krysta Huber
STAFF WRITER

Completing a course on a pass/fail grading system is a viable, although typically unpopular option for upperclassmen of Washington and Lee. The process of declaring a pass/fail grade was updated for the 2012-2013 academic year.

In the past, students declared the pass/fail grade in paper form, requiring signatures from the student, instructor and academic adviser, according to *wlu.edu*. The declaration process will now be conducted electronically.

According to University Registrar Director Mr. Scott Dittman, the transition from a paper to a digital declaration is simpler and faster.

Dittman said: "While the paper form did enforce face-to-face contact between the student and the instructor, it makes more sense to send the pass/fail declaration directly to the instructor online. Students will now spend less time trying to coordinate a meeting with the instructor."

According to *wlu.edu*, under the pass/fail declaration section, students will find a list of all of their classes for the given term. Courses that have the option of a pass/fail grade will appear with a check box and a green message stating that pass/fail may be declared for the course.

Although the pass/fail declaration process was adjusted, the grading policy remains the same. According to *wlu.edu*, pass/fail grading is only available for upperclassmen and is limited to elective courses. The course may not be an FDR requirement or a course required for a student's major.

Despite the possibility of taking a pass/fail course, very few students elect to do so. The University Registrar records indicate that between

the fall terms of 2005 and 2011, the highest number of students taking a course on a pass/fail grade was 252, in 2009. The lowest number was 57 students, recorded in 2008.

According to Dittman, the data is largely affected by INTR-201, an information technology literacy course that is required for all Williams School majors and is only offered on a pass/fail grade. Dittman attributed the low 2008 number to the fact that INTR-201 was not taught during the fall term that year.

As an institution, W&L maintains varying views on the possibility to participate in a course with a pass/fail grade. Philosophy Professor Paul Gregory rarely permits students to enroll in his classes using the pass/fail system.

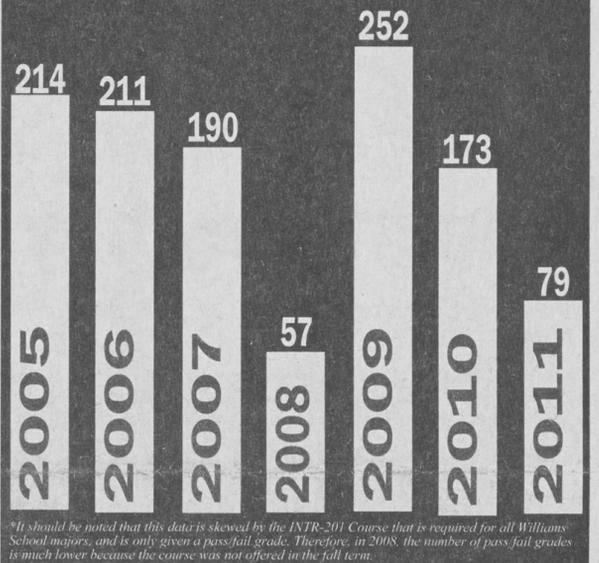
"I usually tell students that they are not allowed to take my courses on a pass/fail grade because I feel that they are telling me that they are prioritizing my course lower than their other courses," Gregory said.

Gregory was led to this conclusion after a few students took his logic course on a pass/fail grade. In one situation, a student neglected every assignment and paper for the course. After failing, he approached Gregory and explained that he couldn't graduate without passing, but at that point it was too late to reprioritize the work.

Gregory also had a student who took his logic course on a pass/fail grade, but would have otherwise received an A for the term. While the student did pass, an issue can arise when applying for graduate school and jobs. Most business professionals and graduate schools must fairly weigh a pass/fail grade across all colleges and universities and do so by awarding the minimum grade, a D-

By the numbers

Students on the pass/fail grading system during the fall terms of 2005-2011



*It should be noted that this data is skewed by the INTR-201 Course that is required for all Williams School majors, and is only given a pass/fail grade. Therefore, in 2008, the number of pass/fail grades is much lower because the course was not offered in the fall term.

"Overall, I feel that the pass/fail system means grading a student on a different level of standards and throws off the dynamic for the student and sometimes the professor," Gregory said.

The reason some faculty members may support a pass/fail grading system relates to the philosophy of a lib-

eral arts education. "Having the ability to explore all over the curriculum at a liberal arts college is especially important and pass/fail grading acts as a parachute for students who have a genuine interest in a subject matter, but less time to focus on it," said Dittman.

First-year students try to avoid "Graham-Lees Disease"

The new environment increases coughs, colds and viruses for incoming students

By Andrea Owen
STAFF WRITER

With coughs and sneezes heard throughout campus, W&L's student body can be assured that school is back in session.

"Any time that students have been away and then come back is a peak time [for illnesses]... because people have been to different places and been exposed to different things," said Dr. Jane Horton, Director of Student Health and Counseling Services.

In fact, a prime example of the

health dangers of changed environments occurred a few weeks ago.

"We did have an outbreak on one of the Appalachian adventure trips," said Horton. "Someone who had been sick was just getting over [a gastrointestinal] illness, and then it spread to several other people on the trip." The decision was made to end the trip once the illness spread.

Although school medics were unsure, they suspected an illness known

as the Noro virus.

Aside from this particular strand of disease, other medical issues are more common at this time of year.

"We have a lot of people with allergy symptoms because they are coming from a different environment," said Horton.

Grass pollen and ragweed are very common at this time of the year, according to Horton.

Horton added that pollen levels have actually been especially high the past few weeks.

"We are [also] seeing a lot of viral upper-respiratory infections," Horton said.

First-year Anna Russell Thornton was a victim of such illness.

"Being in close proximity to tons of other people with totally new germs certainly made it much easier to get sick," said Thornton.

"Most of these things are transmitted through coughing and sneezing, or germs on surfaces from coughing and sneezing, [sharing] food and drinks," said Horton.

While we all know the typical suggestions to prevent disease, such as washing our hands, Horton presented a challenge to the student body.

"The simple things work," said Horton. "The challenge is doing them."

There are a few suggestions to boost our immune systems that many of us overlook. For first-years in a new environment, this advice can come in handy when trying to avoid

the "Graham-Lees Disease."

"Make sure you are getting plenty of fruits and vegetables to get Vitamin C and other nutrients," said Horton. She added that without the recommended 7 to 9 hours of sleep for college students, immunity may suffer.

"Alcohol can [also] play a role in suppressing the immune system," said Horton.

Although W&L's party scene might thus be a factor in the spread of illness, the academic atmosphere has its role as well.

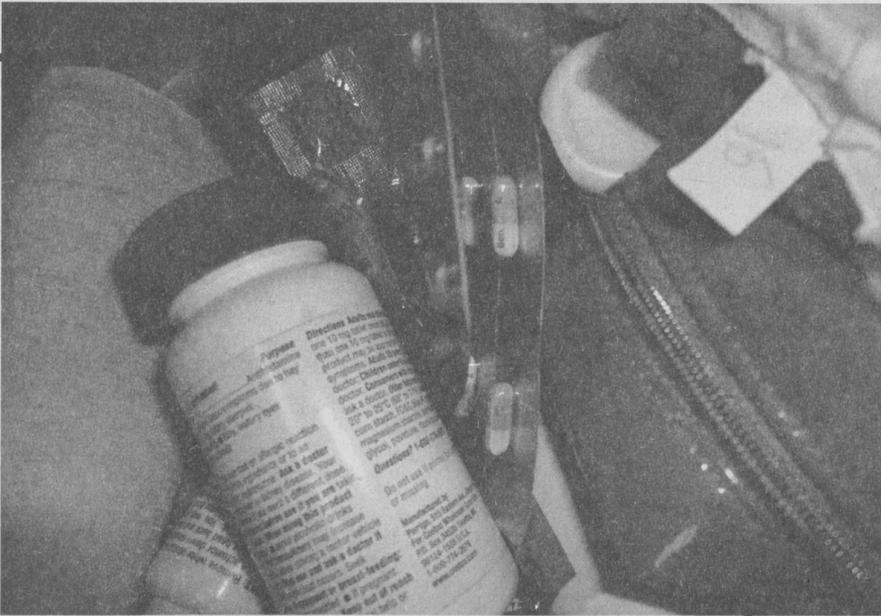
"I think that one of the stresses here is the idea that even if you are sick you need to go to class to keep up academically," conjectured Horton.

However, she spoke on behalf of the health department when she advised the student body.

Horton said, "We ask that if anyone has a fever over 100.5, they stay home from class. We ask that they stay 3 feet away from people when they are coughing and sneezing and use 'respiratory etiquette'—cough into your elbow, cover your cough with a tissue, throw it away, wash your hands."

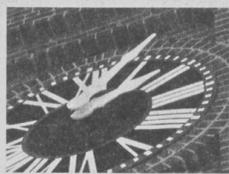
On the bright side, first-years jumping in to a new environment might be benefiting from the change.

"It has also motivated me to take charge of my own health," said Thornton. "Here, I said, 'It's all me, so I have to take care of myself.'"



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Seniors get "future" guidance

Career Development Office offers information sessions to seniors seeking jobs after graduation

By Kelly Mae Ross
STAFF WRITER

Abigail Horne wants to go to law school, but she attended a recent job search information session in Stackhouse Theater just in case plans change. Horne said she isn't ruling out getting a job after graduation because she doesn't have an LSAT score yet.

"It's a cover-all-bases-gesture," said the senior English and Classics double major.

Horne was one of about 70 seniors who attended the information session hosted by Washington and Lee's Career Development Center, formerly known as Career Services. The Development Center will host a series of other events about graduate school applications, internships and finding jobs.

The Development Center also offers daily services from its office located on the top floor of Elrod Commons for students of any year. These include resume and cover letter critiques and practice interviews.

Last year, more than half the students in the graduating class of 2012 either had or were looking for a job when they received their diploma. About 36 percent of the graduating class had a fulltime job in-hand, and an additional 24 percent of

the class was seeking employment at that time, according to a survey conducted by the Development Center last academic year.

Kimberly Phillips, assistant director of the Career Development Center, said she expects the number of members of the Class of 2012 who have found work to jump to about 60 percent when the class is re-surveyed toward the end of the calendar year.

These senior surveys are conducted every year and the numbers have been consistent over time, even through the recession, Phillips said.

Some current seniors have already gone to the Development Center for help in the past few weeks, but Phillips said most students shouldn't be nervous if they haven't started searching and applying for jobs yet. The hiring periods are different for employers in different industries, said Phillips.

"It's all about when employers are determining what their needs are going to be," Phillips said. This happens at different times during the year for different industries, she added.

For example, fall is the time when employers in the finance field begin hiring,

but many employers in public relations and advertising don't begin hiring until after graduation in May, Phillips said.

Even though there may be fewer job opportunities for recent college grads than there used to be, Phillips said the consistency of the senior survey results over the past several years give her confidence that the Class of 2013 will be able to find jobs.

"I think

the seniors in 2013, they want to work hard and they want to be successful," she said.

Checklist for seniors looking for jobs:

- COMPLETE A RESUME THAT CAN BE SENT OUT TO A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE.
- NETWORK BY SEARCHING FOR EMPLOYERS AND JOBS IN THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER'S ONLINE DATABASES AND RESOURCES.
- TALK TO ANYONE THEY ALREADY KNOW IN THE INDUSTRY THEY WANT TO GO INTO AND ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT POSITIONS ARE AVAILABLE.
- ATTEND SOME OF THE EVENTS HOSTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES.
- MAKE SURE THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS ARE "CLEANED UP" AND THEN USE THESE SOCIAL MEDIA SITES (SUCH AS LINKEDIN, TWITTER) TO LOOK FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

Global News

By Hannah Howard
STAFF WRITER

Anti-Islam videos continue to affect the safety of Americans.

The Anti-Islam videos that sparked controversy and violent response continue to affect the United States and its citizens. In the wake of attacks and anti-American unrest, United States officials have ordered non-essential government workers and their families to evacuate Tunisia and Sudan. The threat level continues in a critical state as the Sudan government attempts to block the activities of terrorist organizations.

Spanish bailout prevention backfires

The Spanish government's attempt to prevent financial bailout has backfired with the people of Madrid. New policies designed to decrease spending and increase taxes are being met with great resistance. Over 10,000 people attended the rally in Madrid, many of whom were bussed in from surrounding towns.

Dutch Liberal Party considers coalition with Labour Party

After a close election in the Netherlands, the Dutch Liberal Party has come out on top. They gained the most votes in the history of the party. However, representatives stated on Friday that talks have stayed focused on the idea of forming a coalition with the Labour Party. Many officials have also suggested incorporating other smaller parties, such as the Socialists, Liberal Democrats D66 and Christian Democrats.

Gambia death sentences halted

Thirty-seven inmates who had been sentenced to die in Gambia had their sentences halted on Saturday. Gambia's President Yahya Jammeh chose to suspend their executions in an attempt to prevent violent crime rates from rising in the country. This decision was also a response to many activist groups' reaction to the executions in Gambia last month.

Ukraine EU membership unlikely

The Ukraine's prospect of becoming a member of the European Union is looking grim. On Friday, EU officials told the Ukraine that they would not be granted membership as long as former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko is in prison. In October of last year, Tymoshenko was imprisoned by the country's new leadership. The charges included abuse of office, however Tymoshenko is denying all claims.

Can money buy happiness?

Dr. Carol Graham discusses how public policy, money and technology influence happiness

By Graham Colton
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Carol Graham delivered a lecture called "Happiness Around the World: Happy Peasants, Miserable Millionaires, and Questions for Public Policy," on Sept. 13. A Senior Fellow at the Brook-



Dr. Carol Graham lectures in the "Questioning the Good Life" seminar

ings Institution and College Park Pro-

fessor at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy, Graham spoke on the complex relationship between public policy and happiness.

Happy people, she said, are in good health, perform well in the labor market, and participate in democracies. Less happy people, on the other hand, are happy only because of their friends, family, and religion.

Graham also said that it is not government's job to make more people smile. However, she said, "I do think that national policy should give people more options for what they want to do with their lives."

Economists have been studying happiness for about ten years now, according to Graham. During this time, research has focused on the relationship between money and well-being. "Some individuals who are destitute report to be happy," Graham said, "while others who are very wealthy are miserable."

On average, people in wealthier countries are happier than people in poorer ones. For example, when the financial crisis of 2008 occurred, average national happiness levels fell eleven percent.

Graham said that people adapt to their environments to become happier in them. Once in her own life, Graham was unhappy because she had not adapted to her environment. In a safe section of Washington, D.C., Graham's tires were stolen. Since Graham had not adapted to the crime of her environment, Graham became unhappy. If her tires had been stolen in Lima, Peru, Graham said, she would not have been as unhappy because she would have had already adapted to the crime of her environment.

As Graham exemplified, one is more bothered by crime and corruption if they are less prevalent around oneself. Conversely, one is less bothered by crime and corruption if they are more prevalent around oneself.

Graham did not want to overlook money's role in happiness. "More money...gives people agency and capacity to control their lives more," said Graham.

Not only are the rich happier than the poor, they are also happier for a longer time than the poor. "Experienced or hedonic utility correlates much less closely with income than does evaluative or eu-

daimonic utility, both in the United States and around the world," said Graham.

People who have access to the Internet are on average happier than those who do not. This is most true for women in countries with unequal gender rights. "The Internet," Graham said, "is an anonymous way for women to have connections to the outside world that they otherwise cannot have."

As the first of six visiting speakers in the Questioning the Good Life seminar series, Graham kicked off a year-long, University-wide colloquium on happiness. Future speakers include a philosophy professor, sociologist, and businessman.

Derek Barisas '13 was excited to continue the discussion on economics and happiness, saying, "As a student leader of the seminar series, I [was] particularly excited for the lunch meeting [the day after the lecture]. I think we had a more personal atmosphere just to voice our questions that arose during her presentation."

W&L seeks change in master plan for Lee-Jackson House

Lexington Planning Committee discusses W&L's plan to use the historic Lee-Jackson house as a dean's office

By Yejean Kim
STAFF WRITER

A public hearing on Thursday at the Rockbridge County Administrative Offices decided whether an application sub-

mitted by Washington and Lee to change its Master Plan would be approved to go before City Council.

If approved, the amendment in consideration would allow W&L to use the Lee-Jackson House for office and

residential use, specifically as a dean's office. Currently, W&L's Master Plan states that the house is for faculty residential use.

Originally built in 1842 for the University's president, the Lee-Jackson House was later converted into offices. Most recently it was a residence for the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Lexington's Planning Commission presided over the meeting. Also in attendance were Steve McAllister, Tom Contos and John Hoogakkes, Executive Director of University facilities.

Contos, W&L's architect and university planner, stated in a previous email that the change was "minor."

McAllister, W&L's Treasurer and Vice President of Finance, said the change would constitute a "relatively modest renovation," and would not have a significant financial impact on the University.

However, according to Michael D. Zehner, director of Lexington's department of Planning and Development, public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council are "required prior to action on a request to amend the University's Master Plan." Zehner went on to state at the meeting his recommendation that the motion be approved.

As the applicant, Contos was called upon to address the commission. In a

previous email, Contos said the house is a "National Historic Landmark" and using it as a "dean's office" would "allow students and other visitors to experience a historic campus building that has been private space for the last decade."

The changes would also "free up space in the newly renovated Washington Hall for faculty and student use," said Contos. At the meeting he also said that this usage would cause "less wear and tear" on the house.

The application eventually gained approval to go before City Council, but there was a short debate after it was approved. Planning Committee member Camille Miller questioned the effectiveness of the overall bureaucratic procedure concerning Master Plan amendments, asking if it was "serving the city well."

Zehner also questioned the process' efficiency and said that an "ordinance change" concerning the Master Plan would be more useful.

As a result of the debate, a motion was submitted to forward to City Council an endorsement of a change in the zoning ordinance, with reference to W&L's Master Plan. This motion was approved.

The next public hearing concerning the Lee-Jackson House is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 20, before City Council, and will decide if the amendment will pass.



Built in 1842, the Lee-Jackson House sits between the Lee House and the Morris House, backing Graham-Lees. The University hopes to make this historic landmark more accessible.



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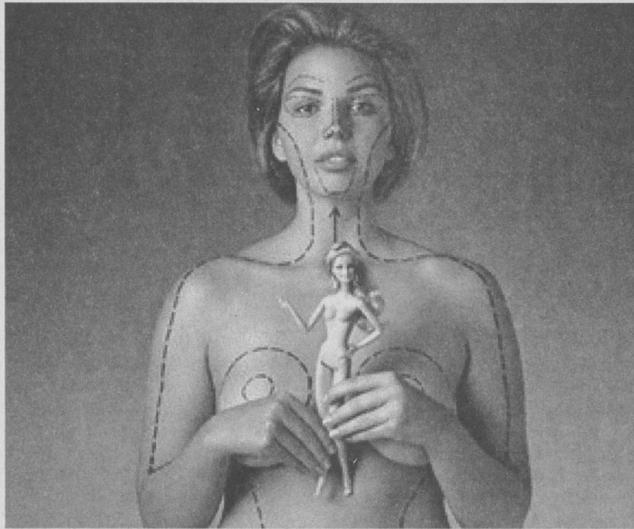
Drunkorexia

Managing Editor Julianna Satterly describes a campus phenomenon and how to fix it

By Julianna Satterly
MANAGING EDITOR

It would be easy to write my first editorial about the new image of the Phi, but there are more important issues on campus than the status of the school newspaper. Instead, since this is my first crack at the frosh, I want to focus on a different image. It is not a well-covered secret that this campus exudes a certain... image. Men and women alike feel the same pressure to dress, act, and look a very specific way. Don't believe me? Look around when you walk to your classes. But it's not just the pressure to dress the same way that we feel here. The pressure to stay thin is a nationwide epidemic that coexists with our revulsion to rising obesity statistics. Throw in tongue-in-cheek jibes about the "Freshman 15" and we are all led in the same direction: thin is in.

College students go to some scary lengths to stay skinny. I could talk for hours about eating disorders on this campus, but there will soon be a flurry of brightly colored flyers in all the common restrooms from the fantastic organization LIFE, that will advise y'all of their dangers. I don't want to steal their thunder. My beef is with the even



Barbie's proportions projected onto a "normal" woman. Impossible-to-achieve role models like Barbie only exacerbate modern cultural ideals.

scariest issue that plods right along, unseen, at our tiny school where social drinking is the norm: Drunkorexia. I see

it every day at Srat Lunch when girls grab a plate full of salad and nothing else. I live it when I pick someone up

off the floor. Drunkorexia is not an officially-recognized disease, and yet almost 20 percent of college students suffer from the compulsive need to "save up" the day's calorie rations for alcohol at night. That's one in five.

It's a seriously simple thought process to fall into. To stay a certain weight, an average person who exercises must eat about 1300 calories per day. A can of Natty Light has 95 calories; a screwdriver in a Solo cup has 375 calories; each shot of Absolut sits at about 69. It adds up pretty fast if you assume an average drinking night runs from about 8 pm to 1 am. That means if you only have 1300 calories a day, and you're going to use 900 calories on a Friday night (even drinking responsibly), you only have a few hundred calories to squander for meals. Not only is it dangerous to eat so little, but low energy wreaks havoc on a tolerance. Downing a couple of shots on low energy drastically increases your BAC. Get to a BAC of 0.3 and you'll slip into a coma. You may not wake up. Ever.

Fall term is a big party term

here, and the pressure for everyone to drink is enormous. So much so that only 10 percent of students abstain throughout the year [2012 statistics]. I'm not telling you not to drink, because that would be wasted breath. I'm just asking you to eat well during the day. If you're so concerned about calories, don't drink at night. Or better yet, drink water. But the combination of calorie rationing and alcohol is a deadly combination. According to one study, Drunkorexia contributes significantly to short- and long-term cognitive problems including difficulty concentrating, studying and making decisions. Armed with the facts we can drastically reduce the number of occupied beds in the Health Center on any given party night. First-years, I know it's easy to get sucked into the fervor of W&L life. I also know that you scored above a 1970 on your SATs. Y'all have a brain. Use it.

For more information, or to get help, contact the Student Health Center at (540) 458-8401

Rooms for improvement

Sophomore Neil Haggerty discusses the pending Gaines and Graham-Lees remodels

By Neil Haggerty
NEWS EDITOR

As first-year students moved into their dorm rooms this fall, they learned that this is the last year that first-year students will be living in Davis, Gaines, Gilliam and Graham-Lees residence halls as they are today. All future first-year students will live in either a renovated Graham-Lees or a completely gutted and transformed hall-style Gaines. With this decision comes a lot of frustration from students, especially those living in the current suite-style Gaines Hall.

While some students argue that first-years should have an option to live in a more quiet and secluded suite-style dorm, the new first-year dorm plan offers a consistent experience for all

incoming students.

Gaines, in its current layout, breaks students into small groups of four or five and separates them from the rest of the students living in the other suites in their halls. This setup limits social interaction between suites and takes away the larger group "hall bonding" experiences available to students in Davis, Gilliam and Graham-Lees.

It is much more difficult for introverted students living in the current Gaines setup to branch out of their suites. Because the halls connecting the suites are long and dark, students are less likely to congregate and socialize outside of their suites.

While there is a game room in

Gaines, it is located at the corner of the building and may be too large to facilitate the close relations that Davis, Gilliam and Graham-Lees offer in halls of 10 people in close proximity of each other.

living in this building. The rest of the students in the hall are upperclassmen. When all of the first-year students are living together in first-year-only housing, it will be much easier to create a first-year community that includes the

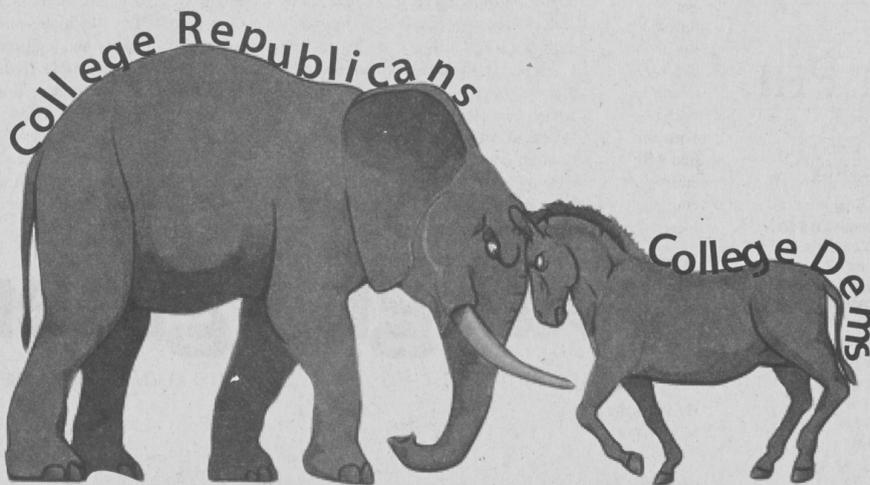
in college and be a part of a new community. By giving all first-year students a comfortable hall-style experience, with common rooms in each hall, the university is allowing all new students the same opportunity to meet the same number of people in the exact same setting as everyone else.

The plan to renovate the first-year dorm is a step in the right direction in fostering a first-year class community. The close-knit hall-style dorms with common rooms will facilitate a more social community and will bring the consistency needed for every first-year dorm experience.

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On top of the separation created between the suites in Gaines Hall, there are also only 80 first-year students

entire first-year class. All students should have the opportunity to make a fresh start



With the nationwide lack of intelligible discourse in political debate, W&L College Democrats and College Republicans intend to break away from the norm. Every week members of each respective

organization will write on topics from public policy to medical marijuana and back. Both arguments will be presented side-by-side with no commentary. It is up to you to be informed and be involved! There is no

excuse. It is an election year, it is your country, and it is your government. Coming to you in our first segment is immigration. See y'all next week!

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The State of the Union

Opinions Editor Beall shares his article written for Karl Rove's and CRNC's PAC, Crossroads Generation

By JP Beall
OPINIONS EDITOR

In many ways, American politics is the politics of conscience. Our Congressmen, Senators, and Presidents must lay by conscience, and come every election, American voters must evaluate the State of the Union, and vote by their consciences.

It is especially important for us, the future of America, to look around us and to vote with our consciences, and be heard, because this country is our greatest inheritance.

No one wants economic hardship, but it happened anyway. President Obama clearly had wanted to focus on other things back in 2008. But even in his recovery plans, people have been left behind. People like us. College students and graduates. The future of America.

One of my closest friends is one such familiar case. She just graduated from law school in Norfolk, Virginia, and attended a top private college for undergrad. But she cannot find work, and is living at home, sharing a room

with her teenage brother.

Another friend of mine living in Chicago called a handyman to help repair his garbage disposal. When the

handyman arrived, he was shocked that he was in his mid-twenties. The handyman walked into the apartment, and saw a whiteboard that belonged to one of the others living in the flat, covered with complex math, and shocked my friend all over again. He started to talk about the work on the board and critique it. The handyman had advanced graduate degrees in

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mathematics, but had to work as a handyman to pay his college debt, because it was the only job he could find.

do not count in the unemployment rate, tried in vain to find jobs. This is the world we college students must compete in. We must compete with the general unemployed, discouraged workers, and the last four graduating classes of students across the country to find work and strike out on our own.

And if you're looking to buy a house for yourself, you can forget about that! With no proof of income or income to speak of, all we can afford to do is wait and hope.

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The highways in DC are all freshly paved. The highways in California have not been paved since 1950. Unemployment in parts of Southern California are still above 10%. Delinquency rates in Florida are

above 13%, years after the Obama administration said the crisis had "hit bottom."

Vast parts of the country have been forgotten in the recovery, and they were often the worst hit. If you listened to President Obama's State of the Union speech, listening vainly to hear the President mention your area for signs of improvement in his long list of areas he has sought to help, you will hear DC, New York, Charlotte, Chicago, and St. Louis multiple times. I never heard anything west of St. Louis or south of Charlotte once. Newsflash, folks, the Louisiana Purchase was 209 years ago. Unlike state-run healthcare, this is not up for debate.

With all due respect to our president, but we cannot try the same thing twice, and expect a different result. A highly respected scientist once said that was the definition of insanity.

I am voting for hope and change. That's why I'm voting Mitt Romney.

A similar outcome resulted from NATO's intervention in the Balkans over the protests of Russia, at the expense of Georgia in 2008. The risk

he leaves and who replaces him. Not eager to repeat the situation in Libya where the UN/NATO task force—in both China's and Russia's

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Rough waters ahead, Captain

Staff Writer Yates Wilburn fathoms the deep interlocking webs of foreign policy Chinese foreign policy

By Yates Wilburn
STAFF WRITER

Threats of a military strike against Iran. Growing demands for intervention in Syria. China pushing its claims in the South China Sea. And now, our embassies are under attack across the Middle East. All of these issues are inextricably linked—save for the embassy attacks—and the outcome of one can have a direct impact on the results of all the others.

The common factor in all of them is an increasingly desperate China, struggling to deal with an economy that can't maintain the mythical 8.5% GDP growth rate economists say is needed to placate her repressed population. When combined with the recent disappearance of Chinese Vice President and presumptive presidential successor Xi Jinping and the political opera that is the Bo Xilai case makes for a disturbingly tense situation in China.

How the United States handles the

defense of its interests in any one of these issues will make it all the more likely to encounter some form of diplomatic head butting or even open conflict on the other two issues, setting the stage for a horrifying blow up that could plunge the world (at least) back into recession or into some limited conflict that both the US and China will find difficult to mediate or avoid.

Let's start with Iran. While China is rapidly attempting to cleanse its energy portfolio of the stain of Iran due to increasing risk, it still got over 10% of its oil imports from Iran as of last year. To put that in perspective, the United States got 12% of its oil imports from Saudi Arabia, and 9% from Venezuela in 2008.

Therefore, China has a strong incentive to maintain the status quo as long as possible, to allow them to diversify away before things go up in smoke. Oil makes up just under 20% of China's energy portfolio, and will likely play an increasing

role in it in the future. Any military strike against Iran's alleged nuclear weapons facilities from Israel, the US or both will create a situation that could escalate into an open war that China could not afford to ignore.

This explains China's renewed and aggressive pursuit of its territorial claims in the South China Sea, which range from inhabited islands to spits of rock that are only above water for 6 hours everyday. These efforts are largely aimed at gaining control over large oil and gas deposits in the areas of dispute, with the added bonus of controlling all maritime traffic through the Sea.

This obviously does not sit well with other countries in the region, including Vietnam, the Philippines, and Thailand to name a few. As a result, these nations—including Vietnam, arguably in the biggest way of the group—have begun warming up to the United States, who has recently begun its long overdue diplomatic and military "pivot" to Asia.

However, the most immediate and pressing issue on the docket is the Syrian Civil War, which continues to kill hundreds everyday. China has an economic interest in Syria in terms of weapons and investment, and hopes to keep Bashar Al-Assad in power, or at the very least have a hefty say in how

he leaves and who replaces him.

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Red light, green light

Columnist Victoria Bell discusses the realities of policy gridlock

By Victoria Bell
STAFF WRITER

The media lament over "gridlock" and "hyper partisanship" in Congress. Yet, the Founding Fathers established the United States' government to be effective in legislation and its public policies, not necessarily efficient. Public policy is defined as "an intentional course of action followed by a government or official for resolving an issue of policy concern." While likely not the desired end of public policy, this definition holds true in politics today. Rather than prioritizing policy that best serves constituency needs, modern public policy generally acts to resolve issues of contention.

Public policy would best serve the public through recognition of its incapacity to make everyone happy. Benjamin Franklin observes that "to serve the public faithfully, and at the same time to please it entirely is impracticable." Sought after policies should be those that serve the most collective public. Instead, many policies are implemented to appease short-term public concern and fulfill backdoor deals made between Congressmen on the hill.

The two feature U.S. political parties, Democratic and Republican, establish and act on issue platforms. As demonstrated at the Democratic National Convention earlier this month, the Democratic Party prioritizes

social issues such as women's health and human rights in zealous debate. Such issues are at the forefront of today's campaign because the party recognizes these are issues of great contention with the public, and the party seeks to resolve these issues and appease the public's concerns through policy implementation.

For example, President Obama attempted to resolve an issue of policy concern through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). While some praised its enactment, its passage raised a variety of policy concerns and questions of constitutionality, the role of government in healthcare, tax reform, the Federal budget, government spending, and entitlement reform. In fact, over the course of a decade, PPACA operation costs will be over \$2.7 trillion. The rhetoric of "yes we can" and "healthcare for all" loses power when the public is hurting for jobs, living costs are on the rise, the bubble of student loan debt looms, and savings accounts are shrinking. Rather than a mandated action with tax consequences for noncompliance, liberation of healthcare insurance sales across state lines and veneration of an individual's liberty to choose to buy or to not by health insurance would underpin the healthcare market.

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arts & life

Meet and greet IFC and Panhellenic

Sound like all Greek to you? Have no fear; here's everything you've ever wanted to know about these governing bodies

By Margaret Leer
STAFF WRITER

Greek life is no secret at Washington and Lee. With 14 fraternities and 6 sororities, these nationally-recognized organizations make up roughly 80% of the student body. Such a large involvement makes Greek life part of a strong tradition at W&L. However, Greek life has one aspect that many students are unfamiliar with: the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council (PanHel).

While most people know that these are the governing bodies of each national fraternity and sorority on campus and are crucial to the campus-wide Greek system, many do not know exactly what they do for students.

Members (PNMs) and upperclassmen alike to learn about the governing bodies of Greek life and understand what they do for W&L.

Q: What is the IFC?

A: Led by President Danny Murray, '13, the IFC consists of seven officers from various fraternities who work together to "promote the best interests of all Greek fraternities" on campus. According to the IFC constitution, its primary objectives are education—"making certain all Greek men are aware of expectations and opportunities for personal development," programming—"leading and motivating Greek men and Greek

entire campus and community," and mediation—"training Greek men to address difficult issues, confront inappropriate behavior, and hold themselves and others accountable."

Q: What is PanHel?

A: A group of eight sorority women led by President Alexandra Frazier '13, PanHel "serves to enact positive change within our campus community, as well as promote the active and engaged involvement of sorority women in university life." According to its mission statement, the main goal of the organization is to be

"a proactive and educational resource for Greek women" through various sponsored events, fundraisers, and opportunities hosted throughout the school year.

Q: What are some common misconceptions students have about the IFC and PanHel?

Myth: The governing bodies' chief responsibility is punishment.

Truth: Ideally, they promote self-governance within the individual chapters and only step in when absolutely necessary. Instead, these groups seek mainly to promote and improve Greek life for the students as well as organize the recruitment process.



Pictured from left to right: All Greenberg, Chandler Watlington, Anna Lauren Hopkins, Anne Stafford, Grace Carucl, Alexandra Frazier, and

Myth: The IFC and PanHel butt heads with the administration at W&L.

Fact: The Greek governing bodies have a great relationship with W&L administration. They actually work closely together to improve Greek life for all students involved.

Myth: The IFC and PanHel are two different organizations.

Both organizations are collaborating and planning events that will be co-sponsored by the IFC and Panhellenic.

Q: Why should you "Go Greek?"

A: According to Murray: "It seems like a choice you have to make because such a large number of people are involved. However, you shouldn't join because it's popular, but because of the

If you have any questions regarding Greek life or the recruitment process, you can contact these groups via email by visiting the pages on the school website at www.wlu.edu.

Truth: The IFC and PanHel are working closely together this year to dispel any notion that female and male Greeks are completely separate.

strength of the brotherhood. There is diversity between each chapter that can offer a lot to individuals. It really is a unique system."



Pictured from left to right: James Grasso, Reid Grier, Danny Murray, Norris Laffitte III, Harper Coulson, John Straton, and Jon Hale

As informal recruitment begins, it's important for both Potential New

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Students leap right into tree

Forget about tubing down the Maury; students take adventure to extreme heights with this swinging new pastime.

By Maggie Voelzke
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee students have long used the Maury River for lazy Spring Term tubing and swimming. Trees shade the cool water and the slow current allows for hours of sunbathing and catching up with friends. Recently, however, students have been using the river for something a little more adventurous—tree swinging and jumping.

Located five minutes down the road from the Pole Houses is a small stretch of river marked by a grassy path and rusted, outdoor grill. A small rope swing hangs from the tree closest to the road, accessible via a wooden latter nailed to the trunk. Swingers can jump from different heights based on comfort, and

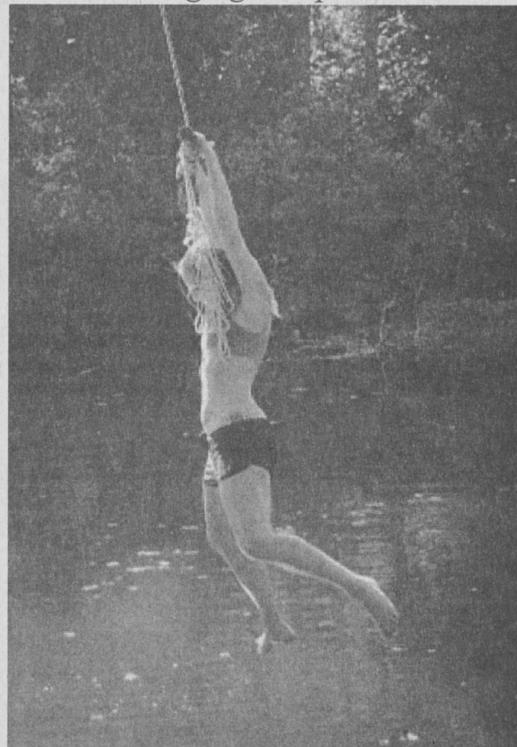
drop off into the Maury only a few yards from the exit latter. Depending on jumping speed, swingers can throw themselves off the swing into the deeper part of the river.

For an even higher jump, the tree on the opposite bank is taller and has a series of metal rings attached to use as a ladder. Climbers can still jump from varying heights, but this time the jump is vertical and jumpers hit the water at a greater speed.

There has been a rise in student use of this location this fall. The 2012-2013 Residential Advisors visited over their summer training, and first-year halls and sports teams have also joined in the fun. Local high schoolers

have also discovered the spot and can be seen jumping from the trees after school lets out during the week.

Whether you're a daredevil or just enjoy cooling off after a long week, tree swinging and jumping provides quick and easy access to a little bit of adventure and fun. By foot, the location is a 15-minute hike on the trail behind the pavilion. By car, it is a five-minute drive past the Pole Houses, and there is a single parking space a little up the road. It is open to all students and can be used at any time.



Maggie Voelzke mirrors Tarzan and swings from tree to tree during a fall day at the Maury River.

Take a BITE out of Lex.

For some Lexingtonians, the Cool Spring Organic Market and Cafe is a fresh and earthy break from the fatty fast-food restaurants that litter Lee Highway. Albeit, held to the same constrictions that a small menu from a national chain restaurant faces, Cool Spring still manages to offer up daily specials in soups and entrees, combining new flavors with in-season organic produce and meat.

The masters of presentation, Cool Spring can make any lack in flavor or variety a point of maintaining organic roots and atmosphere. Sliced baguettes are served immediately with a full-bodied olive oil, reminiscent of Italian restaurants and French cafés. The grilled organic shrimp, a somewhat expensive appetizer, is a much smaller version of what is normally imagined, but the dry grilled taste is well

masked by the delicious tangy lemon sauce that accompanies the seafood.

The entrée choices range from a cheese plate to a veggie-burger to an oven-poached salmon steak. The local burger, served with apple cider slaw and chips, is an economical and classic choice for students. While the burgers can be easily overcooked (I suggest you ask for "medium" if you are partial to a chargrilled burger), additions like bacon, caramelized onions, and cheddar add extra flavor to the medium sized patty.

"Create Your Own Entrée," a popular menu selection, allows customers to choose between a vegetable medley with brown rice or pasta, served with myriad sauce choices and the options of tofu, chicken, or shrimp. The rotini pasta, topped with pesto sauce and grilled chicken, was a light and fresh entrée and allowed for a flavorful sauce without outshining the subtle flavors of the chicken. Dessert choices were

interesting, and the rare chance to sample gelato in our small town was tempting. The banana-chocolate swirl gelato, served in a martini glass, offered a refreshing way to end a meal, balancing the strong flavors of banana well with chocolate ribbons and a vanilla-based gelato.

For many students, Cool Spring can be outside the reasonable price range (a dinner bill can easily reach forty dollars), but for a delightful and different kind of date night, Cool Spring has the atmosphere and ideology to make it a worthwhile evening.

Labeling itself as "fresh, organic, and sustainable," Cool Spring should remain as a staple in the Lexington area for combining tasty, organic options with warm lighting, an open-room feel, and the added peace-of-mind for customers from knowing their choices are healthy. Thanks to the organic appeal of Cool Spring, the big price tag always seems smaller.

at a glance

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Where to go:
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Road
Lexington, VA
24450

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By Leah Gose
STAFF WRITER

10 Signs that school is back in session

By Cynthia Lam
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

1. Tuesday nights are no longer for partying. R.I.P. 0-Week.
2. Drop/add is officially over. Which means your chances of ever escaping Orgo alive are officially over (just kidding... sort of).
3. You see people leaving - and entering - the library at 3 am.
4. Congrats - you made it through the first full week of classes! Now, there's just 11 more to go...
5. 20 page English paper = 2000 calories of stress-eating = more stress-eating = STRESS
6. The countdown to the weekend begins on Sunday afternoon.
7. Facebook status and Twitter updates mention schoolwork. #deathbychem
8. Your friends are all taking shots... of 5-Hour Energy.
9. All those late night study breaks means you've already spent half your food flex at the Co-op. And it's only the second week of classes.
10. You've already had your third cup of coffee. And it's only 10am

arts & life

Bored of Stonehenge? Try Foamhenge

If you're tired of seeing the same landmark over and over again, take a chance and check out this iconic Lex version.

By Lisa Stoiser
STAFF WRITER

Looking to get away from the typical on-campus classroom experience? For less than \$3.00 in gas (even less for carpoolers!), sociology/anthropology majors can speculate on the cultural significance of monuments and outdoor ceremonies just inches away from the giant, meticulously-placed blocks that make up one of the Rockbridge County Heritage Sites — Foamhenge of Natural Bridge. More of a science center person? The site provides educational opportunities outside of the humanities as well — physics/engineering majors can spend a day exploring the structural merits of polystyrene foam while environmental studies students can study the

decomposition of exposed landfill materials in moderate climates. Whatever your field of study, Foamhenge has it all.

Okay, so maybe Natural Bridge isn't officially recognized as a W&L study abroad destination, and maybe Foamhenge is really just a lousy bunch of upright polystyrene foam blocks (the material is commonly known by the proprietary eponym Styrofoam™) arranged in a circle on top of a hill in the middle of Nowhere, Virginia. Perhaps the wizard sculpture that overlooks the circle of faux megaliths would have been less creepy if its face hadn't been cast from a dead man. Nevertheless, entrance to Foamhenge is free, and the place offers the opportunity to look at a remarkably convincing model for Salisbury's Stonehenge up close.

Mark Kline of Enchanted Castle Studios, the man behind one of the most visually accurate replicas of the real Stonehenge, offers these words, printed on a Styrofoam block, at the entrance to Foamhenge: "Stonehenge took 1500 years to complete using stones weighing



Pictured above: Foamhenge in all of its shining faux glory, located right in the heart of Rockbridge County.

as much as 50 tons. An estimated 600-1000 men dragged the stones from Marlborough Downs, 20 miles north. Foamhenge was completed in six weeks ... It took 4-5 Mexicans and one crazy white man."

The foam blocks appeared in their current formation, which happens to match exactly that of Stonehenge down to the nicks in the blocks, around April Fool's Day in 2004. They will probably occupy their current hill in some form for the next million years (polystyrene grains take a while to decompose)

unless someone decides to take a chainsaw to the place and make off with packing peanuts. Thanks to Kline's upkeep and an intimidating cautionary sign posted nearby ("Sometimes I sit & watch. I'll let you scratch on Foamhenge as I do the same to your parked vehicle."), the blocks are even free of the graffiti and lovers' initials that most public monuments inspire.

Whether you want to take that cute girl from math class on a quirky stargazing date in the middle of one of this millennium's marvels or

accidentally get lost on the way to the Safari Park, be sure to check out Foamhenge at least once while you're here at W&L.

Directions: Take highway 11 South... that's it. After 15-20 minutes of driving, past the zoo in Natural Bridge, there'll be a fence with at "FOAMHENGE" sign on the right.

Do you know of fun places to visit and cool things to see in Rockbridge County? Email stoiserl15@mail.wlu.edu to see your suggestions spotlighted in the Phi.

A horse show to "beat" disabilities

Students, staff and community members gathered for a day of charity and racing at the Hear the Beat Horse Show

By Allie Weiss
STAFF WRITER

Last Sunday was marked by an important event at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. Hoofbeats Therapeutic Riding Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the belief that horses provide healing for those with disabilities, hosted the Hear the Beat Horse Show.

Deborah Work, Special Events Director at Hoofbeats, notes that on average, such shows raise about \$5,000. Proceeds go towards maintaining and continuing the work of the riding center, which caters to those who are affected by physical, emotional, mental, speech, and learning disabilities.

This was the last in a series of three

fundraising shows this year. Of the show, a Hoofbeats employee notes, "Our riders learned so much about teamwork, preparation, and goal setting, as well as getting so much experience!"

Riders of all ages gathered to perform, at once entertaining crowds and promoting the idea that horses are an effective means of treating different sorts of handicaps. Equestrian facilitated learning (EFL) is a type of therapy which teaches communication, discipline, and self-assurance. One of

the key ideas of this therapy is that horses are reactionary, and riders must learn a certain degree of self-control in order to command them. Furthermore,

Since 1993, Hoofbeats Riding Center has been a place where people afflicted with disabilities can feel welcome. According to Work, staff

and volunteers spent over 2,000 hours in the last year alone teaching students with disabilities.

Junior Erica Schwotzer, who participated in Sunday's event, described her experience volunteering

at Hoofbeats. "Everybody who works there is so incredibly nice and welcoming. Kids can feel at home there,

feel like they fit in. It gives them a lot of confidence," said Schwotzer.

Students on the W&L Equestrian Team have been getting involved with Hoofbeats for years. Juli Sorenson, a junior, remembered her time spent at Hoofbeats. Said Sorenson: "It was freshman year, and we had a group from the Equestrian Team go out and help with grooming the horses and getting the kids ready. It was really fun."

Being an organization that survives solely due to the help of volunteers, Work added that their doors are always open to students who wish to get involved, regardless of past experience with horses.

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ERICA SCHWOTZER, junior

the reward for doing so is almost immediate, making EFL a positive teaching style.

So many organizations, so little time

Whether you're a brand new first-year or a seasoned senior, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved on campus

By Caroline Hamp
STAFF WRITER

We've all read those glossy pamphlets, filled with statistics, trying to prove that Washington and Lee is the best university. One statistic they always boast: 135 Undergraduate Student Organizations. 135 Undergraduate Student Organizations — all unique, all active, all adding to the overall community of our campus. With 135 organizations, there is a place for every passion.

No matter what you are interested in, there is an organization for it. W&L's clubs span a wide range of pursuits and passions, from cultural societies like the Pan Asian Association for Cultural Exchange (PAACE) to intramural athletics such as the rugby league to volunteer service groups like Campus Kitchen. And, if by some strange chance there isn't something that floats your boat, start your own club! Thanks to W&L's encouraging attitude towards student involvement, most organizations are managed primarily by students and need the enthusiasm of students to continue operating.

The beautiful thing about the beginning of the year is how easy it is to get involved. Organizations are all vying for your affection (or, I should say, participation) and reaching out

to you. My favorite tactic: giving out free food. Last week, multiple groups hosted ice cream socials — Generals' Christian Fellowship (GCF) and Student Association for International Learning (SAIL), just to name two. Cook-outs, picnics, and bake sales also covered Cannan Green during the first few weeks of school as organizations strived to capture the student body's attention.

And of course, the annual Campus Activities Fair graced the lawn of Cannan Green. With representatives from the majority of student organizations, the Activities Fair was a great opportunity for first-years and upperclassmen alike to learn more about the various happenings on campus.

Didn't get to attend any of these wonderfully informative sessions? It's okay! With W&L's tight-knit and interactive community, you are bound to get involved (whether you like it or not). To learn more, check out the Student Organizations Page online at the school website.

Groups on Campus

- Active Minds
- Amnesty International
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- Calyx
- College Democrats
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- Contact Committee
- Fancy Dress Committee
- First Year Orientation Committee
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- Jubilee
- Mock Trial
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sports

Generals take 2 of 3 at home

Despite a late loss to Averett, Volleyball improves to 8-4 record over the weekend with wins over Lynchburg, Randolph

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee volleyball team suffered a tough five-game loss to Averett University to close out the weekend at the Warner Center. Averett's 7-0 scoring run in the fifth set helped the Cougars seal the victory.

"I think Averett did a good job scouting us," head coach Bryan Snyder said about the last match. "They played very aggressive."

Junior outside hitter M.A. Boles led the Generals in the match with 17 kills. Boles and sophomore defensive specialist Kelly McManus led the team with 11 digs each. First-year right side hitter Maddie Kosar tallied a career-high seven aces.

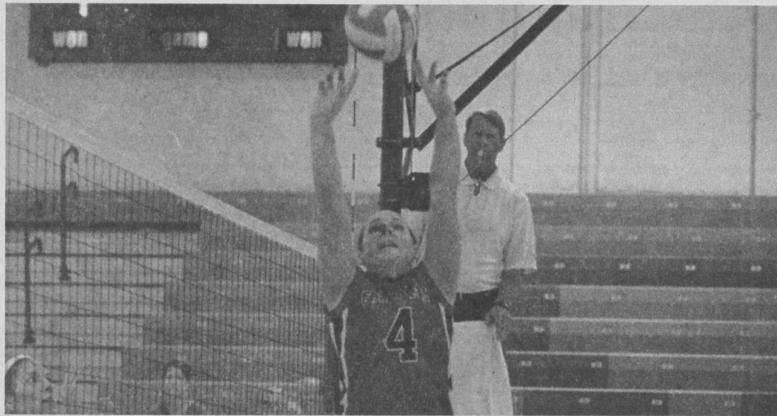
The weekend still proved a success for the Generals. Wins over Lynchburg College and Randolph College helped the team improve to an 8-4 overall record and a 3-0 record in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

First-year defensive specialist Mansie Hough led the Generals with a season-high five service aces against Lynchburg. McManus contributed 13 digs in the win over the Hornets.

Sophomore middle hitter Katie Toomb led the team with 13 kills against Randolph. First-year setter Alex Kinzer tallied a career-high 31 assists.

"When we got the ball where we wanted it to go, our offense was as good as it's looked this year," Snyder said. "We just put ourselves in too many bad situations with bad first touches."

The team's next match will be Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. against Emory & Henry College in the Warner Center. This weekend, the Generals will face Virginia Wesleyan College at 12 p.m. and Mary Baldwin College at 4:30 p.m. at home on Saturday, Sept. 22.



Junior setter Meghan Melesjki sets the ball
Photo from W&L Sports Info

Men fall to Guilford, 2-1

Generals fall short in a game filled with fouls

By Hailey Hartley
STAFF WRITER

Men's soccer fell 2-1 in their first ODAC match-up against Guilford on Saturday night.

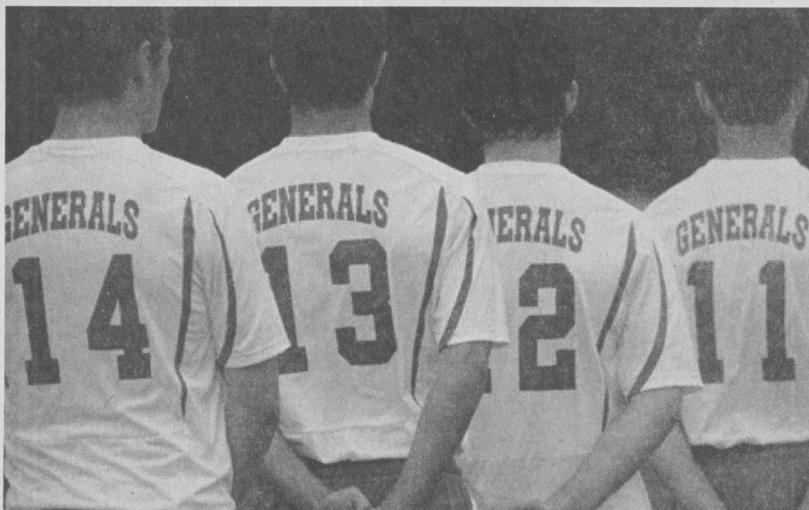
The Generals pulled out to an early lead with first-year Ben Bayles scoring at 5:18 of the contest. They continued their attack through the first half before allowing the Quakers to even the score just before halftime.

Sophomore Chris Gillespie of Guilford opened the second half with his second goal of the game leaving the Generals trailing 2-1. Washington & Lee took eight shots in the half but were unable to even the score before time ran out.

Sophomore goalkeeper Albert Civitarese had five saves for the Generals while playing the full 90 minutes in the net.

The game was a battle on both sides as over 30 fouls were given out, including four yellow cards. Each team was given two yellow cards but Guilford was charged with 20 fouls, nearly double W&L's 11.

The loss brings the Generals' record to 3-2 (0-1 ODAC). They return to the field on Wednesday when they host ODAC foes Virginia Wesleyan at 4:30.



Sophomores Toby D'Ambola and Al Organ with junior Zach Clarke before a game
Photo from W&L Sports Info

HAILEY HARTLEY

This NFL season we saw a record setting five Week-One rookie starters at the QB position, four of whom were first round draft picks. We saw everything from arguably the best first half performance by a rookie, Robert Griffin III, to equally as arguably the worst performance by a rookie, Brandon Weeden. Making a statement early on is important in the NFL, but lasting power is what wins divisions and championships.

Number one overall pick Andrew Luck showed he isn't flawless in his Week One performance against the Chicago Bears. His mistakes were glaring (three interceptions is nothing to ignore) but he threw for over 300 yards, with a relatively unknown group of receivers. Luck showed chemistry with Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne and has a growing connection with Stanford teammate Coby Fleener. Players like RGIII and Cam Newton seem to have less of a struggle with the transition from college to the NFL. This means that yes, RGIII will most likely have a better 2012 season than Luck, but his style is not that of a lasting career and championship wins. I believe Luck's style of play is key to the adjustments he is going to have to make on the field. Luck plays with his arm and a presence in the pocket, and he will have to adjust to the speed that NFL defenses play with. He will make mistakes while he makes this adjustment. Eli and Peyton Manning both started during their rookie NFL year and had similar weak quarterback ratings and multiple interceptions. Now both Manning brothers are Pro Bowlers with Super Bowl MVP awards. The same can be said for Super Bowl Champion and MVP Drew Brees.

The Colts have a long way to go before they are contenders but I think that by the second half of the season we will see Luck growing comfortable in the pocket. His timing and accuracy should improve as he becomes more familiar with NFL defenses. This will be a textbook rebuilding year for Luck and the Colts, but it won't be long before Luck is being talked about as one of the elite quarterbacks in the NFL.



Rookie quarterbacks made big news in the first two weeks of the NFL season, Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III included. Which of the two rookie quarterbacks is better?

Hailey and Kyle give you their takes

KYLE JAEGER

Andrew Luck - taken first overall in last spring's NFL draft - will be a star. That being said, I'm going to make a bold statement. Robert Griffin III will be a better pro. This may seem a bit premature, but it's a notion that's worth considering. Griffin's unique skillset - athleticism, arm strength, and IQ - made him a Heisman award winner less than a year ago. These abilities also made him the talk of the NFL combine, especially after he posted an official time of 4.41 in the forty-yard dash. He also ran an unofficial time of 4.38 seconds, making

him just the second quarterback ever (Michael Vick the first) to run the dash in under 4.4 seconds. It is Griffin's physical tools that drove the Redskins to mortgage their future, gambling all their chips squarely on his shoulders, by trading up to select him second overall. Many argued that the Redskins offered too much in order to move up to the second overall pick, but it seems as though RG3 has proven the doubters wrong with his unbelievable first game performance. In his first regular season game, Griffin led the Redskins to a 40-32 victory against the Saints - in the Superdome no less. His stat line was even more spectacular than the end result: 19-26 for 320 yards and 2 touchdowns. He also tacked on 42 rushing yards on only 9 attempts. He was voted Player of the Week, the first QB in the history of the league to do so in his pro debut. Luck, by comparison, nearly doubled Griffin in pass attempts but only completed 51.1% of his passes. Luck also threw 3 interceptions - the most telling sign that he might experience heavy growing pains in his first season. Through one game, it seems that Griffin has been able to transition almost seamlessly into the NFL. Why, one might ask, has Griffin had an easier time than Luck? The answer is multifaceted. RG3's physical abilities may be the best of any quarterback ever, but it is the intangibles he possesses that will put him far above Luck when their careers are said and done. Not many people know that while at Baylor, Griffin made the Honor Roll every year. He graduated with a degree in political science in just three years. He also intends to apply to Baylor's law school. Griffin clearly has a strong head on his shoulders. When you combine this with his raw talent, it is evident that Robert Griffin III will be a superstar for years to come.

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in the numbers

50,000

The number of total episodes that SportsCenter hit on Sept. 13.

.346

San Francisco Giant, Melky Cabrera's batting average for the season. After being suspended 50 games last month for testing positive for performance enhancing drugs, his season ended. His batting average is still good enough to lead the National League. He is one bat shy of having the necessary total to win the batting title.

52-0

The final score in two NCAA football games on Saturday. Number 1 ranked Alabama defeated Arkansas and Number 5 ranked Florida State University defeated Wake Forest.

6

The total number of sacks that Green Bay Packer Clay Matthews has on the season. The next closest is Henry Melton of the Chicago Bears with three.

soapbox

"We've shown we're willing to give, but they've got to be willing. It seems like there's a pretty hard line there, and they're not willing to budge."

—NHL player Sydney Crosby on the lockout between players and owners. It is the second in 8 years, from ESPN.com

"You don't do that. You don't jeopardize the offensive line, you [don't] jeopardize the quarterback. Thank goodness we didn't get anybody hurt, that I know of, a couple of linemen were late coming in [after the game]."

—New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin after Sunday's game versus the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. When the Giants were taking a knee to end the game versus the Buccaneers, coach Greg Schiano allegedly told his players to take Giant's quarterback, Eli Manning, to the ground. The Giants won the game 41-34, from ESPN.com

Generals take 2 ODAC games.

Women's soccer outscores opponents 19-0 this week

By Hailey Hartley
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee women's soccer team won in dominating fashion twice this week, beating Hollins and Randolph 10-0 and 9-0 respectively.

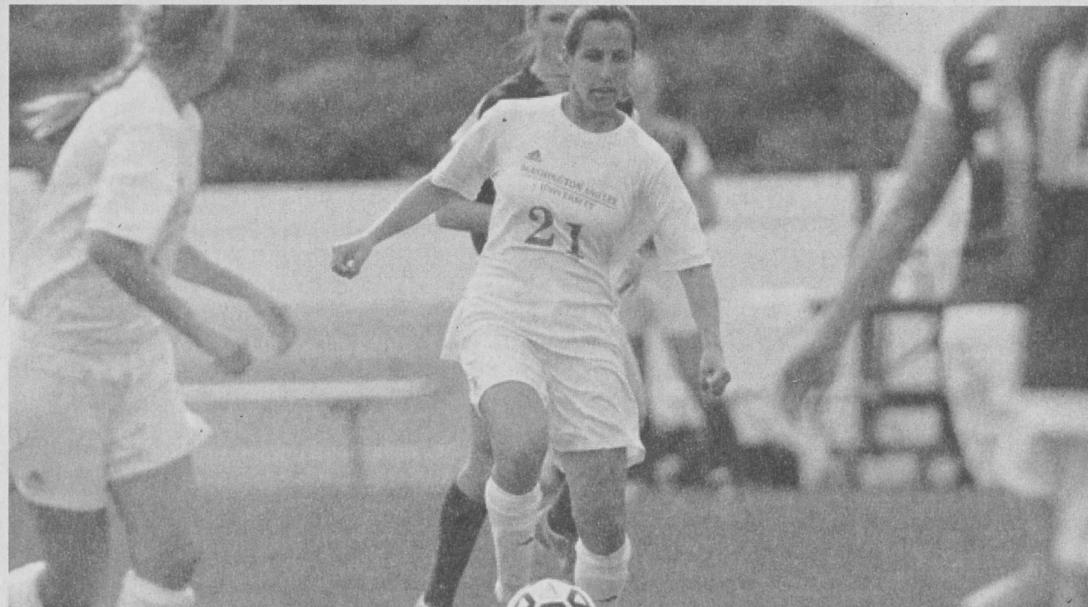
The Generals first hosted Hollins on Wednesday, scoring seven goals in the first half. Sophomore

Haley Ward started the game with two unassisted goals within the first five minutes. Sophomores Katherine Rush and Holly Beasley also had two goals apiece. A strong performance from the team kept Hollins at only four shots. Sophomore goalkeeper

Kingsley Schroeder made one save in the shutout while spending the full game in the net.

On Saturday the W&L women traveled to Randolph where eight players scored at least one goal. First-year Becca Dunn led the Generals with two goals. First-

year Addie Healy recorded the only save for the Generals in the match-up, splitting time in goal with Schroeder. The Generals improved their record to 4-1 (2-1 ODAC) and will travel to Emory and Henry on Tuesday night in another ODAC match-up.



Sophomore midfielder Lauren Abraham
Photo from W&L Sports Info

FH steals win away from Kean

Stefanic keeps hopes alive by tying the score with 10 seconds left

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore defender Caroline Address's game-winning goal in overtime against Kean University helped the Washington and Lee field hockey team improve to a 2-3 record overall. The neutral-site game was played at Roanoke College.

Junior forward Taylor Zusi assisted the winning goal 8:38 into the overtime period. The game-

winning goal marked the first collegiate goal for Address.

The win over Kean ended the Generals' two-game losing streak and dropped the Cougars to 3-4. This loss also marks the second-straight overtime loss for the Cougars.

Junior midfielder Korri Thompson scored Kean's only goal 14 minutes into the second

half.

The Generals' victory would not have been possible without a late goal in the second half by sophomore forward Candice Stefanic. Assisted by first-year forward Sydney Tomaso, Stefanic scored with 10 seconds left in the second half to force the overtime period. It was Tomaso's first assist and point in her collegiate

career.

First-year goalkeeper Megan Axelrod helped the Generals with 10 saves in her first collegiate start for W&L. Including overtime she played the full 78:24 in the net.

The Generals will face the University of Mary Washington at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18 on the W&L Turf Field.



Sophomore defender Caroline Address
Photo from W&L Sports Info

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Women's Soccer		vs E&H 5:30				vs VaWes 3 pm	
Men's Soccer			vs VaWes 4:30 pm			at HS 3 pm	
Field Hockey		vs Mary Wash. 6 pm			at R-M 4 pm		
Women's Tennis						at Mary Washington 8 am	
Men's Cross Country					Doc Jopson Invite 5:30 pm		
Golf	at Bridgewater Day 2						
Volleyball			vs E&H 7 pm			Home at 12 and 4:30	