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W&L goes social

Organizations use social media for publicity

By Hamlet Fort
STAFF WRITER

Social media are changing our lives. With Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, Pinterest, Tumblr, and Instagram, the list of social media websites seems endless. These sites are bringing the world together, enriching connectivity and allowing people to access people, places and memories that they thought were lost. The influence of social media in today's society is undeniable, and there are two choices moving forward: reject it, or accept and embrace it. Washington and Lee is choosing the latter.

New this school year is a task force of students with the job of integrating social media into the W&L experience. The social media team, #wluSocial, is a group of eight students committed to coaxing W&L into the social media era. According to Bridget Rooney, a member of #wluSocial and the coordinator of student organizations' efforts at marketing through social media, most of W&L's previous endeavors with social media involve alumni. #wluSocial wants to change that.

"Given the undeniable importance of social media in the daily lives of our current students, we wanted to expand our

such as sports, performances and extracurricular life. @wlulex is intended for current W&L students, so the team tweets relevant information about what is happening in and around Lexington that includes a wide array of different interests and initiatives.

#wluSocial is working with student organizations to help get the word out about their groups and what their missions involve. Rooney believes social media are the perfect tool for organizations to evolve. The Interfraternity Council (IFC) has created a Twitter handle this year, @wlufe, and is hoping to use #wluSocial to expand their mission through social media.

Danny Murray '13, the President of the IFC, sees promise in the idea. "Ideally we want to use it (social media) to get the word out about all the events that we have," he said. "For example, we're hosting a tennis tournament this weekend, and Twitter can help us get that information out there."

Rooney said she knows that involving all student organizations will be a process. "Eventually, we hope that all

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BRIDGET ROONEY, member of #wluSocial

reach to the W&L community living in Lexington," Rooney said. "What does a W&L student want to know each day? How does he or she go about finding that important information? In answering these questions, we decided to skip the guessing games and reach out to students directly--and #wluSocial was born."

#wluSocial's Twitter handle, @wlulex, is "the team's first effort to consolidate and communicate the information relevant to W&L students via social media," according to Rooney.

The team tweets University updates, pictures and links to important events,

student organizations at W&L will use social media to inform, organize and act," she said. #wluSocial is a promising start to the University's goal of incorporating social media.

"Our goals for @wlulex and #wluSocial are to create and nurture a living and breathing social idea of what it means to be a student at W&L," said Rooney. "What do you want to know? What do you want to see and improve? #wluSocial is creating a platform for both of those questions and more. Follow us - it's going to be a busy year."

Follow #wluSocial at @wlulex.

Greek recruitment feels the pressure

Competitiveness of rush is highlighted in various recruiting methods

By Graham Colton
HEAD COPY EDITOR

With the start of informal recruitment of Washington and Lee University's Greek system, fraternities and sororities are beginning to feel the pressure of ensuring new membership.

For sororities, potential new members (PNMs) are informally recruited from Sept. 15 to Dec. 7. For fraternities, PNMs are informally recruited during the entire fall term.

Alexandra Frazier '13, President of the Panhellenic Council, said that informal recruitment is a time of acquaintance between first-year women and upperclasswomen. "During informal recruitment," she said, "PNMs have the opportunity to meet upperclasswomen sorority members, go on 'rush dates,' and attend Panhellenic-sponsored 'Meet the Greeks' events."

Fraternity recruitment, on the other hand, is less structured.

Many fraternities, like Kappa Alpha, do not recruit in a systematic manner. "Sophomores generally have the best relationship with first-years in class and in clubs," said Lawson Neal '13, fraternity President. "We have first-years over who we like for dinner, or skeet shooting, or parties and stuff like that."

"Frankly, there's really not all that much to [recruitment]," said John Paul Beall '14, Kappa Sigma fraternity President. "Rush is really groups of people socializing and getting to know each other."

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. refrains from recruiting entirely. Instead, it offers information sessions during the fall and winter terms. Matthew Locke '12, fraternity President on Campus, said that limited recruiting makes PNMs inform themselves about the fraternity. As a result, new members are sure of their decision to join.

Although fraternities recruit differ-

ently than sororities, they both feel pressured to break the rules of recruitment.

Kaelin Fraley '13, Recruitment Chair of the Panhellenic Council, said, "In any sorority recruitment process at a variety of schools that have a prevalent Greek system, rush violations can and usually occur."

falls under the category of 'dirty rush.'"

Clay Coleman, Director of Greek and Residential Life, also said that recruiting through this program is not a rush violation.

Greek organizations can also recruit PNMs by following them on Twitter or befriending them on Facebook.

"I don't know if it [the University Big/Little Program] falls under the category of 'dirty rush.'"

LAWSON NEAL '13, President of Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Neal said, "It's hard out there, because you know you're competing with other fraternities."

Many students on campus have been made aware of this pressure recently via a leaked email, in which a member of a Greek organization encouraged fellow members to recruit PNMs through the Big/Little program and through Facebook.

Regarding this issue, Danny Murray '13, President of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), said, "Ideally, with all sorts of violations, respective chapters will use an internal judicial process."

Despite the heavy greek influence on campus, the First-Year Orientation Committee does not encourage Greek organizations to recruit PNMs through its University Big Brother/Big Sister program.

David Thomas '15, FYOC Big/Little Co-Chair, said that University Bigs are chosen for their personalities and hometowns, not for their Greek affiliation. "The goal of the program," Thomas said, "is to provide first-years with the perfect transition from summer to school."

On recruitment through the Big/Little program, Neal said, "I don't know if it

However, Brendan McGoldrick '14, Sigma Chi Rush Chairman, said: "I've never heard of stalking kids and finding out what they like. I've never heard of somebody going online on Facebook and seeing what pages [a PNM] likes. I've never seen or experienced it. If that's a fraternity's rush plan, then that's its rush plan."

Opinions differ on the definition and extent of recruitment violations.

"I don't think dirty rushing is prevalent," Frazier said. "W&L's honor code extends to all aspects of Greek Life, and I generally feel like upperclasswomen respect the recruitment rules that Panhellenic has put in place."

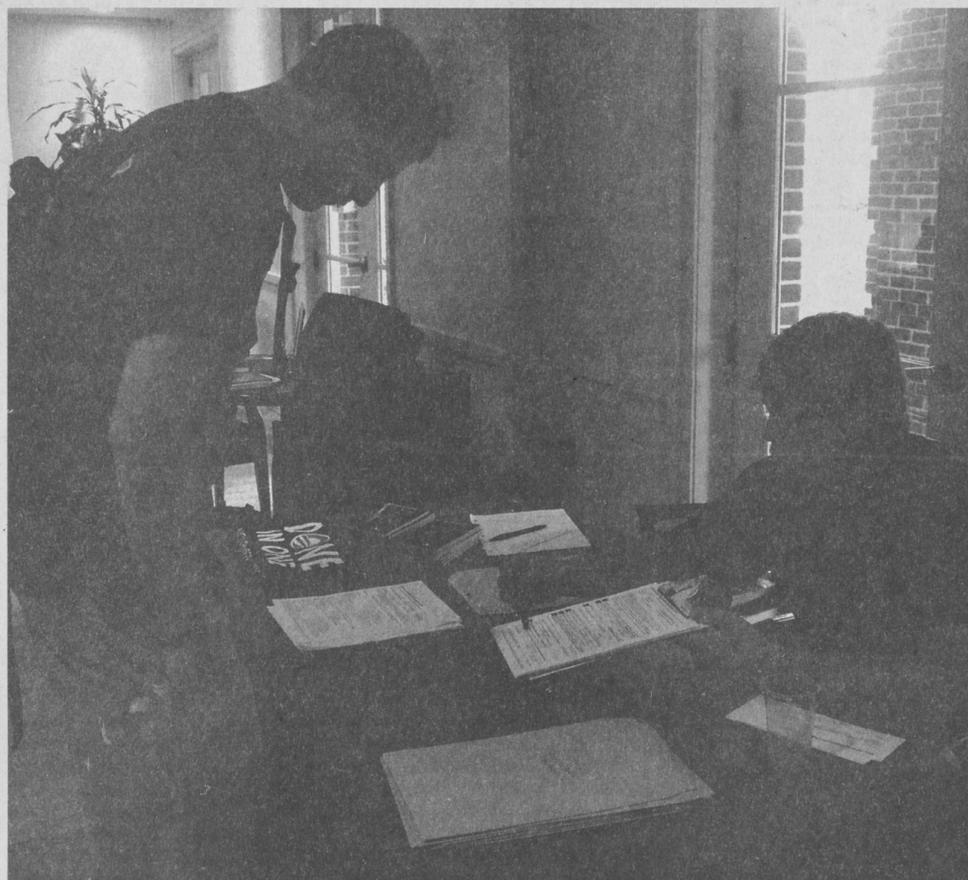
When Greek organizations incur potential recruitment violations, they punish themselves. "I feel like it is the culture of fraternities to handle those sorts of problems amongst themselves," Murray said.

Self-governance is key. "Fraternities need to look at creating their own internal judicial board if they don't have one already," according to the minutes from the IFC's Sept. 24 meeting.

Voter registration drive reaches ten percent of W&L

College Republicans ran a voter registration drive in the Commons, encouraging students to vote in Virginia

By Randy Karlson
STAFF WRITER



The College Republicans are promoting their cause in the upcoming election with their "Done in One" shirts in the hope that Obama's presidency will end after one term.

COY FERRELL / staff photographer

One of the biggest goals of the College Republicans this upcoming year was to get as many students registered to vote in Virginia as possible. This was addressed quickly with a voter registration drive on campus this past week. The group set up a table inside the John W. Elrod Commons for most of the week,

including the numbers from the Activities Fair.

When asked about the week-long drive, Luther had commented on the massive number of voters registered, "We exceeded our goals, but if you look even closer at the numbers, we reached more than ten percent of students on

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LEX LUTHER, President of College Republicans

and had a tent and table outside on Tuesday all day.

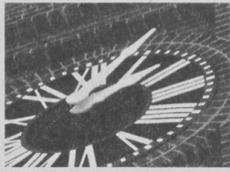
The President of the group, Lex Luther, had set a goal of 100 voter registrations for the week, and said he was pleasantly surprised when he looked at the final numbers for the drive. By the end of the week, the drive had generated 160 registered voters in Virginia; included in that number are 25 Virginia absentee ballots, as well as over 36 swing state registrations.

The drive had also included the sale of more than 40 of the group's "Done In One" t-shirts, bringing the total number of t-shirts sold on the year to over 180,

campus. That's an impact on such a small campus, if it could be replicated across the state it would be a huge impact."

Because of this sort of turn out in such a small school in an important swing state, Luther said, "Needless to say we are really excited for the upcoming election."

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Statuses, tweets & j-interns

Social media is now playing a major role in the work of journalism interns

By Krysta Huber
STAFF WRITER

Social media is beginning to play a major role in journalism education at W&L outside the classroom.

Every summer, W&L journalism students complete internships in radio, television and print positions at media organizations across the country. These internships are a requirement for W&L students majoring in journalism and business journalism and also include a presentation in the fall term following the internship, according to wlu.edu. On Sept. 24-26 and Oct. 1 and 2, journalism majors highlighted their internship experiences to peers and professors.

Throughout the presentations, a common theme emerged – social media is progressively playing a larger role in the

station Comcast SportsNet Chicago and the second with the radio station 89 WLS, for the Roe & Roeper Show. Maragos said that Twitter was vital for the radio show.

“Going live for four hours over the air means you need to adjust to slight changes in news or new angles that are presented,” Maragos said. “I was on Twitter daily at the radio station and I had to be as up to date as possible to make sure the station didn’t miss any breaking news that would be pertinent to the day’s rundown.”

Senior Caitlin Doermer, who worked for the investigative unit of NBC 5 Chicago, typically used Facebook and Twitter as a research tool.

For one story in particular, Doermer had to investigate the safety of babysitting websites, in which Facebook played a significant role. “I would use potential babysitters’ Facebook

because it tracks neighborhood news, down to the specifics of a single city block, according to everyblock.com. EveryBlock made it easier for Doermer and her coworkers to narrow in on the pertinent issues of different areas of Chicago. “Chicago is so big that looking at issues covered in City Hall are of almost zero help,” she said.

Junior Laura Beth Ellis, who interned with Rialto Theatre in Atlanta, Ga., also used Facebook as a research device. Unlike Doermer, Ellis researched information about Rialto Theatre’s competitors.

Ellis said: “I used social media to make the Rialto Theatre’s own social media stronger. I looked at all of the social media for Rialto Theatre’s competition in Atlanta and compared what they did to what we did. By gathering this information, the Rialto Theatre could see what worked and didn’t work for competitors.”

Junior Logan Nardo worked for K95, 96.5, Hot 100.9 and 103.7, which are all radio stations owned by Cox Media Group, a company based in Richmond, Va.

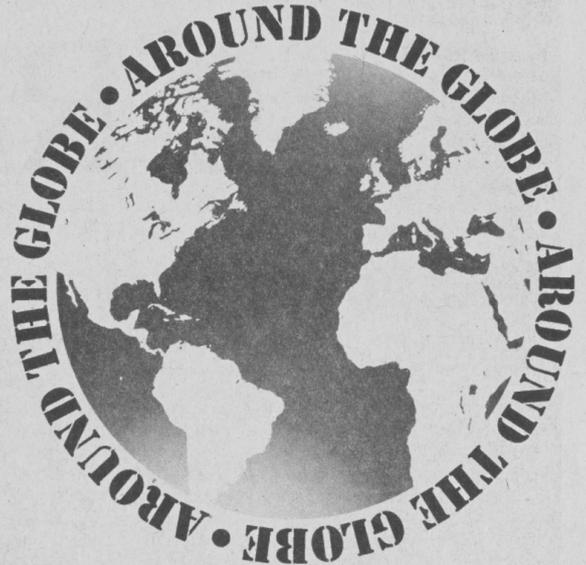
Nardo used Facebook for promotional purposes, such as informing listeners about different contests and prizes that the radio stations were running or giving away. Nardo worked at concert venues where he had to take pictures of the radio station’s booth and then post them on the station’s Facebook page. That way, listeners could log on to Facebook to find out where to win prizes.

Many of the journalism students who interned this summer believe that this is only the beginning for social media’s involvement in the news industry and it will continue to grow for a number of reasons.

Doermer said she sees a future for social media because of its simplicity. “Social media is not very time consuming. It’s quick and easy and it’s pretty much a one-person job,” she said.

Ellis said that social media effectively reaches younger audiences, which is crucial for a company like the Rialto Theatre because it doesn’t always attract teenagers and young adults.

“In the research that I conducted, the number of Facebook check-ins, likes on the Rialto page and followers and re-tweets on Twitter continues to grow immensely year after year,” Ellis said. “I can only see positives for the Rialto Theatre where social media is concerned.”



Water shortages at devastating levels

UN and non-profits try to deal with an issue unknown to many college students

By Hannah Howard
STAFF WRITER

People cry out for water in the streets of Liberia. Citizens lament the lack of water in cities in Nigeria. Children in refugee camps in Sudan are unable to find drinking sources. Despite continued efforts by the United Nations (UN) and many non-profit organizations to solve the problem, water shortages in Africa are at devastating levels.

The World Health Organization reported that worldwide, nearly a billion people lack access to clean drinking water – that’s one out of every eight people. This has led to 3.4 million deaths each year. In sub-Saharan Africa, where the effects of water shortages are felt the most, one out of every nine children dies before reaching the age of five. This is in large part due to malnutrition and poor water sources, according to UNICEF.

According to the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting, the problem is only growing more severe. Population is expanding, urbanization is occurring and city planning simply can’t keep up. Thus cities in third world countries aren’t having water needs met. It’s even harder for people to get water to rural places in these areas.

In Liberia, water can cost more than 35 dollars for a gallon. It’s a hard commodity to come by, especially during seasons of drought. The Pulitzer Center reported that people struggle to find drinking sources everyday and in some places may spend up to half of their income on water. People often can’t even guarantee if this purchased water will be clean. Sanitation processes in Africa are sub-par at best and nonexistent at worst.

For many people in countries such as Nigeria, their only access to water is a pump shared by a whole community, according to the Pulitzer Center. When these pumps break, families are left without any way to get water. Water rations also make it hard to maintain continual access. These rations are put out disproportionately to poorer areas of cities. Poor planning by city officials has also resulted in many areas lacking pumps and water lines.

Many people trying to help within their own nations simply don’t have the resources available to take care of everyone. Refugee camps in Sudan are currently fighting against water shortages, according to the African Press Organization. People housed at the camps are drinking contaminated run off water.

College age students caught up in the chaos of campus life around them seem to be unaware of the crisis.

When asked to estimate the amount of people living without access to clean drinking water, most responded by throwing out random numbers and said they had no idea.

The majority of students overshot the actual statistic. One said, “I figured it would be better to end up assuming the problem was worse than it really is rather than assuming it was better.”

Only 2 of the 20 W&L students surveyed came close to the actual figures. All students interviewed said they were aware that water shortages were a global problem but didn’t know any specifics regarding the problem.

Organizations such as People Water, Global Water and Water Missions International have recognized the need to educate students on college campuses about global water issues. All three of these organizations offer campus initiatives and positions for student ambassadors.



news industry. A majority of interns reported daily interaction with social media sites like Twitter and Facebook, as a means of finding story ideas, promoting articles and keeping developing stories up to date.

Senior Alex Maragos had two internships this summer: one with the television

pages to get their birth date to run their information in the Cook County record system,” Doermer said.

According to Doermer, NBC 5 Chicago also relied on other, lesser-known media sites such as EveryBlock. This site was helpful for the nature of Doermer’s work

ComfortCare comes to Lex

ComfortCare offers services for women and hopes to work with W&L

By Yejean Kim
STAFF WRITER

ComfortCare Women’s Health, a clinic specializing in unplanned pregnancy, opened its Lexington branch on 631 Waddell Street on Sept. 24.

ComfortCare first opened in Staunton in 1983 and expanded to a second location in Waynesboro in 1996. The Lexington office is its third location.

According to Sommer Hansen, President and CEO of ComfortCare Women’s Health, the clinic specializes in pregnancy confirmation, nurse’s consultation, peer counseling on pregnancy options and STI testing, and aims to provide “medical services, education, and compassion” to women who are facing “the complex physical, emotional, and spiritual aspects” of unplanned pregnancy.

As a non-profit medical clinic, all services provided by ComfortCare are complimentary.

Research into a possible Lexington branch began in 2007. After recruiting a local advisory team, ComfortCare and its Board of Directors and staff studied community statistics, had discussions with local healthcare providers and consulted with other Virginia professionals, concluding that such a center would be beneficial to Lexington women.

The various funds needed to establish the clinic took several years to procure and allocate. “The community has been overwhelmingly supportive,” stated Hansen, and to date, over \$125,000 has been raised in support of the clinic by hundreds of individuals from the Lexington community.

Although founded on a Judeo-Christian framework, ComfortCare strives to serve all women regardless of any income level, race, or religion.

However, the clinic does not provide any abortion services, nor does it provide any referrals to clinics that do. “We believe education for women in unplanned pregnancy should be free of these ties,” stated Hansen.

While the clinic does not have a direct

She went on to say that the clinic wanted students to be “supported and equipped to make a pregnancy decision out of education and power, not questions and fear,” and that ComfortCare found it “disturbing that no organization existed in Lexington to support W&L students.”

Hansen also expressed the desire to have ComfortCare work with various campus groups, but details have yet to be finalized.

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Sommer Hansen, President and CEO of ComfortCare Women’s Health

relationship with Carillion Stonewall Jackson Hospital, there is a referral relationship as well as other professional relationships with local doctors and the health department.

When asked if W&L’s proximity was a factor in the clinic’s opening, Hansen said: “A woman in college faces certain unique pressures when faced with unplanned pregnancy. This woman, in particular, deserves access to convenient, affordable pregnancy confirmation. She deserves information and compassion.”

The clinic has also developed workshops to benefit campus groups, sororities, and fraternities by providing pertinent information about topics relating to unplanned pregnancy such as hooking up, the morning after pill, real life stories of unplanned pregnancies, and continuing education after unplanned pregnancy.

“We’re privileged to serve W&L women,” Hansen stated.

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Reps

By David Thomas
GUEST WRITER

Republicans and Democrats alike are passionate about the topic of immigration, and it is very understandable why. Immigration is an issue that is important to millions of Americans because immigration affects livelihoods, wallets, and, most importantly, the future of every individual granted the opportunity to begin a new chapter in our great land.

Critics often label the Republican Party as the 'anti-immigration' party, but nothing could be further from the truth. Republicans cannot stress enough the importance of legal immigration to

our economy and our national identity. The United States is, in all meaning of the phrase, a nation of immigrants and Republicans embrace and cherish this truth as we shape our immigration policy.

D.C. politicians of the opposing party have called for a complete focus on illegal immigrants currently living in the United States, advocating a change of legal policy and granting amnesty or deferred deportation. Republicans believe this is an ineffective short-term approach in solving immigration issues because in order to resolve a problem, you must first stop the cause of the problem.

Our government must work to stop illegal immigrants from entering the country and discourage future illegal immigrants from taking advantage of current policies. This approach is a vital step in

preventing future illegal immigration while simultaneously reassuring those immigrants who enter legally that they are receiving equal opportunity for the American experience.

Unlike those who advocate an amnesty-only approach, Republicans including Senator Marco Rubio and Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney have specific policy plans for advancing legal immigration while simultaneously discouraging illegal immigration.

To encourage immigration, Republicans would: reform the current visa process using current policies that promote efficiency while eliminating outdated and negative practices that lead to excessively long waiting periods. Uphold current immigration laws to ensure equality in immigration. Finally, Republicans would incentivize current temporary residents and students with advanced degrees to stay and contribute to our economy.

To discourage illegal immigration, Republicans would: bolster border defenses using updated technology and border agents,

implement an e-verify system which would prevent businesses from hiring illegal immigrants, encourage states which test immigration policies, and make required the use of the S.A.V.E. program which verifies the lawful presence of applicants prior to the granting of any government entitlements. Finally, Republicans would follow current laws to discourage unequal treatment under immigration law.

Ultimately, a good immigration policy should promote two basic principles: fair and equal treatment under the law and the assurance of mutual benefit for society and individual. Republicans realize both of these principles are vital and unfortunately lacking in the current administration. It is important to remember that the Republican Party is the party of legal immigration, the party of economic prosperity, and the party of positive results in ensuring our immigration practices benefit current and future generations of Americans.

College Republicans

College Democrats



Dems

By Maureen Nalepa
GUEST WRITER

How do I put this gently? Jeb Bush is not running for president.

Do you know who is running for President? Mitt Romney. Governor Romney, while he may have started off as a moderate, is no longer a center-of-the-road candidate. An evolving party, a tough primary, and significant amounts of money from the far right have pushed Romney down a radical path. He can't keep his base without extreme positions, and those positions seriously hurt the 11.5 million illegal immigrants in this country without any real gains. Romney is not a moderate.

Romney is against amnesty, which leaves immigrants already in the country in a very sticky situation. This past December, the former governor stated that these immigrants would need to leave the country and reapply for green cards. Illegal immigrants make up 3.5% of our population. That's equivalent to the population of Ohio.

Now, though I can see why Romney would wish to get rid of a state where he is currently polling 5 points behind his opponent, it's hardly feasible to just send that many people "back home."

In fact, for many of them, this country is home. The DREAM Act would provide young adults who came to this country illegally as children with a path to residency and citizenship. Jeb Bush acknowledges the benefits of this bill, but Romney has said that he would veto it. This is exactly the kind of behavior that has stalled this legislation, which was at one point bipartisan, in the House.

This is the kind of behavior that led President Obama to issue an executive order that would reprioritize deportations, effectively halting the persecution on these students that Congress will not protect. The actions of these congressmen and -women, and Mitt Romney's promise to rescind the executive order, are not moderate positions to

have.

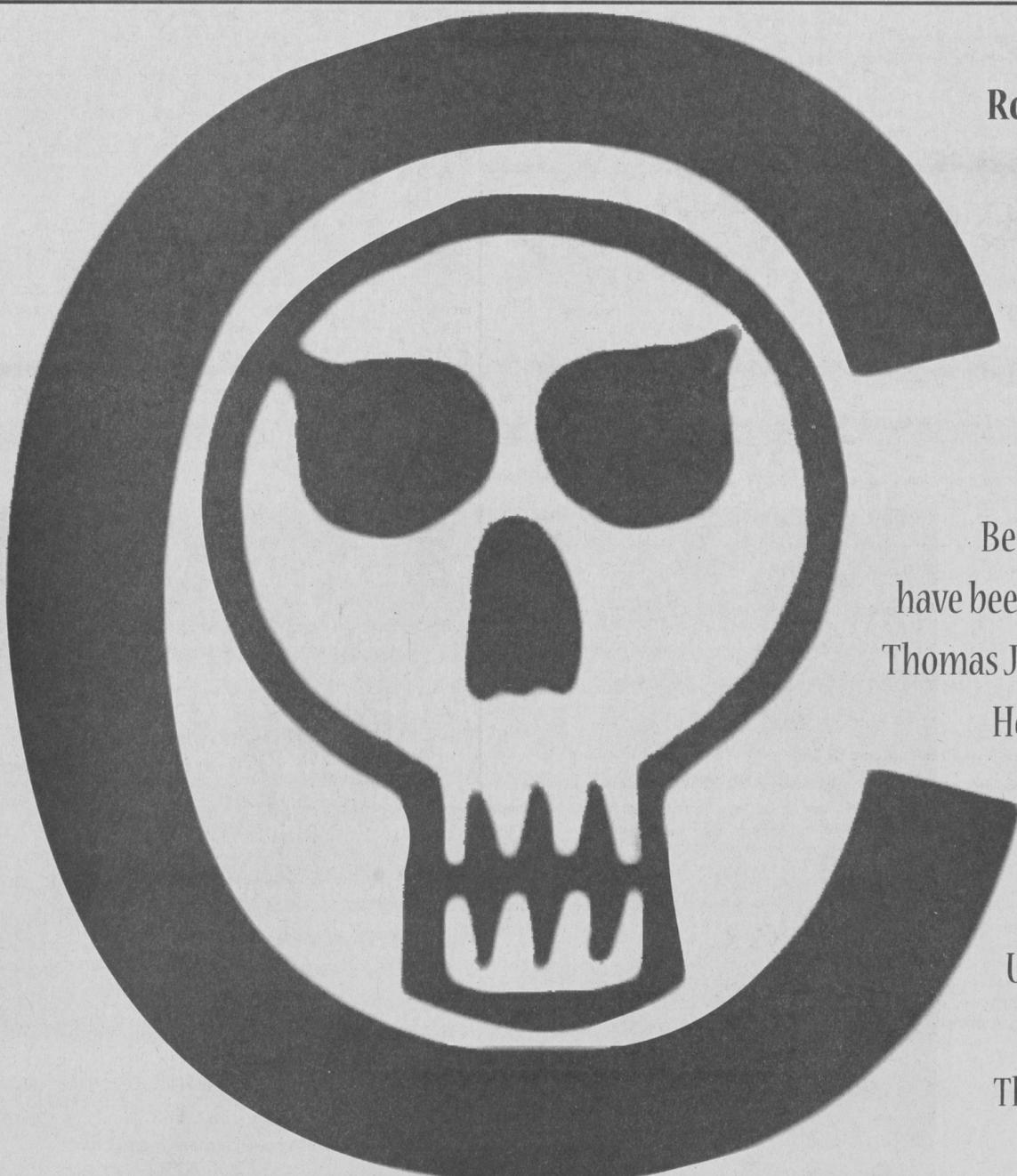
Mitt Romney supports building "a high-tech fence" on the border between the United States and Mexico. Herman Cain, Romney's former opponent, was ridiculed when he suggested a similar idea during the primaries. This is not a moderate position.

Jeb Bush is not running for President. Mitt Romney is. And do you know who else is? Barack Obama.

Obama has focused immigration enforcement on the people who should not be in our country—criminals and terrorists, not students and seniors. He has repeatedly supported the DREAM Act, and proposals in the Senate that would provide amnesty to those who would pay fines and back taxes. Obama is the moderate here, while Romney is chasing the xenophobic policies of the far right.

Immigrants own businesses. Illegal immigrants pay at least \$11 billion in income taxes. They are not receiving cash handouts from the government, and, in many cases, they are legally barred from receiving welfare of any sort. The 1 million people per year who immigrate legally do not deserve to live in fear of racial profiling because it "might" be illegal. Such policies are figuratively and literally attacking the surface of immigration reform. Romney would be forced by his base to agree with these extreme policies. He simply isn't allowed to be a moderate.

Jeb Bush is sensible. For obvious reasons, I don't agree with him on many issues, and immigration is one of them. I can, however, respect his position because it is at least relatable. But Jeb Bush isn't running. Mitt Romney is. And, thankfully, so is Barack Obama.



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To B a kid again...

New York's flight to "Plan B"

By Allie Weiss
DESIGN EDITOR

There are many rites of passage in a young teenage girl's life. The first day of high school. The first time she gets behind the wheel of a car. Her first date. The first time the school nurse offers her birth control...

That is, so long as she lives in New York City. Students in over 50 public NYC high schools now have access to birth control as a result of an initiative to put an end to the teenage pregnancy epidemic. The New York Post reports that 28% of students beginning high school in NYC have had sex. 7,000 girls younger than 17 were pregnant last year, 64% of whom aborted their pregnancies.

That means that 2,200 girls not yet old enough to vote suddenly had someone calling them "mommy." 70% of these girls stopped showing up to classes.

Perhaps it was this startling realization which had Board of Education members clamoring for a more effective solution than the condoms which schools already dole out in oversized fishbowls. Obviously, the old plan wasn't working. And so they went to Plan B.

Plan B emergency contraception is a form of birth control that women can take after having sex. When used within 72 hours of intercourse, the pill is 90% effective at preventing pregnancy. Sometimes called

the "morning-after pill," Plan B works thanks to the use of a hormone called levonorgestrel, which has now circulated through the bloodstreams of at least 576 girls as young as 14 in NYC high schools.

While pills can cost between \$10 and \$70 at a clinic, there is no charge if a student gets them from the school nurse. Furthermore, this isn't your over-the-counter kind of drug. Teenagers under 17 years old need a prescription from their pediatrician to have access to Plan B. But high schools don't bother with such things—in fact, the students' parents don't even have to know.

The idea is that parents can sign an "opt-out" form, which means that, if their daughter happens to be sexually active and possibly pregnant, they'll at least get a phone call. But without that piece of paper, schools now have free reign to pass out pills to whomever they like. According to the NYC Health Department, only 2% of parents have signed this form.

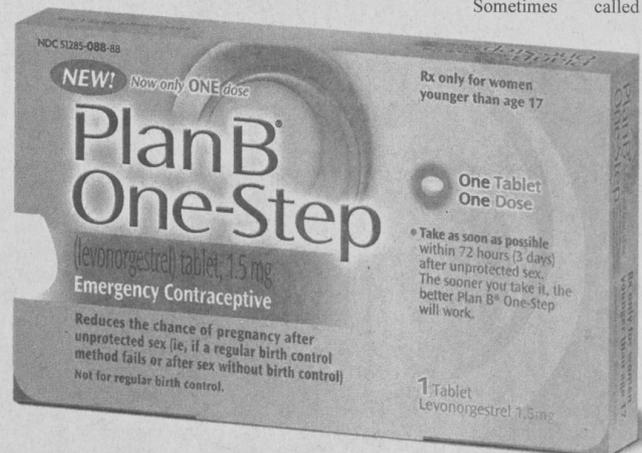
Now, some people may say that such a program only encourages teenagers to have sex. Some may say that this kind of under-the-table drug dealing fosters communication problems between parents and their teenagers where sex is concerned. Some may even say that this new initiative provides a false safety-net for teenagers who

no longer believe that unprotected sex is a big deal, since they are just one visit to the nurse's office away from being in the clear.

However, there is another school of thought which takes into account that in 2010, teen pregnancy reached its lowest

dents may overlook the fact that Plan B does not protect against sexually transmitted infections and that schools may only be using this program as a temporary Band-Aid while forgoing much more important programs like sexual education.

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rate since 1946 (according to the Center for Disease Control). Since making condoms available to students seems to be working, why not offer another form of birth control?

Of students polled at W&L, the majority found the program to be a non-issue. Considering the fact that pregnancy can be a far worse fate to a young girl than the risks associated with Plan B—namely, nausea, abdominal pain, dizziness, and a whole host of other flu-like symptoms—most students found that this was a warranted preventative measure in a city where teenage pregnancy is so common. There were fewer students who found that the potential for harm outweighed the benefits, given that stu-

Maybe there's a middle ground here. Perhaps this new program is on the right track. After all, teenage pregnancy is a reality. Someone had to confront it sooner or later. The real problem with this issue is that the program seems to operate the way pot deals do—under a fog of secrecy and risk. Maybe there should be an "opt-in" form, so that parents are kept in the loop. Maybe one of the stipulations in getting Plan B should be attendance in a sexual education class, rather than just "fixing" the problem by freely handing out the pill, thereby cutting students off from the need to become educated about their own sexuality. If birth control is a necessity in today's world, at least it doesn't have to be a barrier.

"Aporkalypse:" Save your bacon

A grand review of the country with 40 days left before the election

By Victoria Bell
STAFF WRITER

Facts are stubborn little things. Some quick poll numbers: 53% favor the repeal of the health care law, 35% say

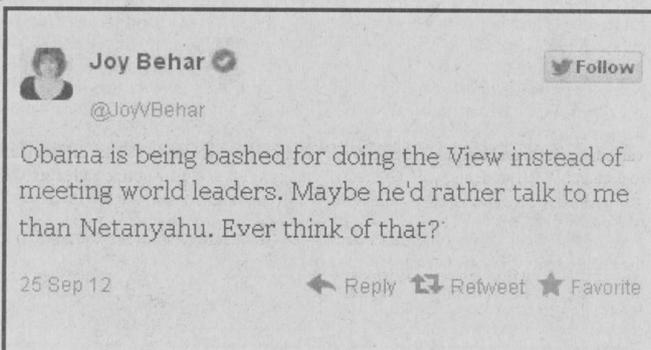
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to resemble a "commander in chief." We have a "campaigner in chief."

According to the Huffington Post and the White House, Obama has not met with the jobs council in six months because he's had too much on his plate. Let's talk common sense for one second, folks. The POTUS is declining meetings with foreign leaders in a time of international turmoil and reportedly has "too much on his plate" to meet with the jobs council for six months, yet the POTUS has made regular appearances on The View as recent as this week? I don't care what ideology you believe or who you support, this doesn't add up. Unless you, like Behar, find The View of greater importance than meeting with foreign leaders in a time of international turmoil.

Maybe Obama thinks the Middle East turmoil is just another "bump in the road."

In other news, save your bacon, people. A worldwide pork shortage is

expected in the coming year. Twitter fanatics are calling it the "aporkalypse." This shortage is expected as a result of the recent severe drought conditions that negatively affected this year's corn and soybean crop. My prediction? Expect your gas prices and overall grocery bill to sky rocket, too.

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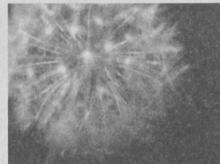
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It will be a great time to reconnect with old friends and the W&L family, eat great BBQ, taste local wines & beers and listen to a great band.

Be sure to pre-register on Wednesday or Thursday in the Elrod Living Room, 9:00am - 3:30pm. Doing this will let you enter the event faster!

Thank you for making this weekend a success, and for your contributions to W&L.

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Where the wild things are...

Lisa Stoiser finds herself face-to-face with the wild side during a spontaneous day trip to the Virginia Safari Park

By Lisa Stoiser
STAFF WRITER

We've stopped the car and left it to idle, somewhere in the third and last mile of a gravel road that winds through 180 acres of the beautiful green, blue, and gray layers of the Shenandoah Valley. A balmy breeze blows over the scene and plays with the little tufts of grass that haven't yet been mowed over by the quietly grazing herd of Watusi cattle. It's a wonder that the occasional cow head is able to rise from the ground to chew... it seems like the two enormous horns that grace the Watusis' heads would be heavy enough to make even these large animals living plows. The little 14-page "safari guide" we're given says the horns can span up to eight feet and weigh up to 100 pounds - each.

Suddenly, the breeze picks up, and the clouds that had made such a pleasant backdrop for the scene turn the kind of gray I remember from cleaning too many colors off my paint brushes in a glass of water. Thunder starts to roll from somewhere near, and all of the Watusi cattle stop their grazing to give us an accusatory look. One guy, a big, muscular dude decorated in red and white patches with horns thicker than my thighs, starts to make a run straight towards us. The other dozen or so cattle follow behind, and for a moment I know exactly what Simba felt when the wildebeests came running.

Fortunately, Virginia Safari Park is an attraction to be experienced from the

safety of a car. We just put the car back into gear and continued down the gravel road to enjoy the rest of the park, as the cattle raced to their shelter somewhere behind us. It had been an adventurous day trip... within a few hours we had nearly been trampled by traditionally African cattle, slobbered on by zebras, and spit on by emus. After concluding our drive, we got out of the car and checked out the Safari Village, where we got to pet kangaroos, chase peacocks, and roar with tigers.

If you can stomach the sadness of a zoo, where animals live at the mercy of their keepers and their rather unusual cage mates in wildly foreign environments, then Virginia Safari Park is not

such a terrible place to spend a Saturday afternoon. The animals all seem healthy and happy to put on a show for visitors, and 30 minutes in front of a cage of brilliant primates can provide years of philosophizing material for kids and adults alike.

Need a philanthropic incentive? The park will open its gates and donate their entire day's proceeds to purchase new winter coats for children in need in the Rockbridge County area on November 23.

Virginia Safari Park Additional Information:

Rates: \$15.00 per adult
Hours: Open 9 am-5:30 pm.
Gates to safari area close at 4pm.

Directions: Take I-81 S. After 7.7 miles, take exit 180B for US-11N. Continue on Oak Bank Drive until turning right onto Killdeer Lane. Check out virginiasafaripark.com for more info.

Hey there, "Will you be my Nabor?"

Students from W&L and VMI came together on Nabors Service Day for an afternoon of "naborly" volunteer work

By Caroline Hamp
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday afternoon, Washington and Lee and Virginia Military Institute students joined forces in volunteer efforts all over Rockbridge County for this year's annual Fall Nabors Service Day.

Nabors Service League (NSL) originated thirteen years ago in honor of Jonathan Nabors. During his first year at W&L, he passed away in a tragic car accident. A highly-involved, dedicated student, he was well known for his good intentions and is now remembered through the spirit of service. The goal of NSL, which was established by his family in his memory, is to continue to spread his generous and happy nature through various projects and events. NSL strives to connect W&L students with the greater volunteer and non-profit community of Rockbridge County.

Mr. Eddie and Doris Nabors, Jonathan's parents, attend the Nabors Service Days each year, and this time was no different. Throughout the afternoon, they stopped by the various volunteer sites and got to know the people in the community. Each site was full of joy and generosity (Mr. Nabors' favorite site is Boxerwood Gardens), but there was also an attitude of solemnity. In remembering their son, the community both hon-

ors and mourns the loss of a loved individual.

"Jonathan loved this place," said Mr. Nabors, referring not only to W&L, but to the area as a whole.

This year, NSL teamed up with VMI for the first time, and the outcome was overwhelmingly positive. The NSL Special Events Staff included Kathryn Marsh-Soloway '13 and Natsumi Alvarez '15 from W&L and Hunter Harvey '14 from VMI. Only with their cooperation was Saturday's event possible.

"I think that having service as the common goal created a fantastic atmosphere," said NSL General Co-Chair Kendre Barnes '13. "The differences that we all seem to notice faded as we worked together, and we took the time to get to know one another."

Combining W&L and VMI led to an incredible amount of student involvement, with over 130 students participating on Saturday. The unexpectedly large turnout resulted in even more students than t-shirts! (Speaking of t-shirts, NSL got punny this year: under a headshot of Mr. Rogers, the t-shirt read, "Will you be my Nabor?")

With incredible strength in numbers, NSL headed into Rockbridge County

to multiple site assignments. Groups of students attended to different non-profits in the area, which including everything from the SPCA Animal Shelter to Habitat for Humanity to the Woods Creek Montessori, to complete many much-needed projects and tasks.

The day of volunteering was long, but rewarding. The local non-profit community welcomed the students with open arms and said good-bye with grateful smiles. The group at Maury River Senior Center was even thanked with tasty ice cream bars as a token of appreciation.

After multiple hours of working, all the participants gathered at the BDG Quad for a barbecue dinner and live music provided by Drew Martin '13, Steven Stites '13, and Keith Trump '14, providing the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind, and reflect on a meaningful day of service.

NSL's biggest events of the year are the Fall and Spring Nabors Service Days, but it doesn't end there. Throughout the year, NSL is determined to spread the spirit of service and connect W&L with the Rockbridge community.

If you are interested in participating in a bit of volunteer work, or just want to get to know some of the non-profits in



Students lending a helping hand on Nabors Service Day.

Rachael Samuels/GUEST CONTRIBUTOR

the area, check out the Nabors Service League online at www.wlu.edu/x29569.xml. Filling out a volunteer profile is a quick and easy way to get involved to-

Take a BITE out of Lex.

For a restaurant that has sandwiches called "Dirty Harry" and a menu longer than my arm, Macado's sure knows how to keep "local" and "tasty" - the top two adjectives that describe it perfectly. Right in the heart of Lexington on Main Street, this Virginia chain restaurant takes the very best of local historical moments and every ESPN channel to create an atmosphere that every college student should experience.

The extensive menu stretches on and on, combining creative sandwich names with huge variety. There's no way you could eat your way through this menu in a year, let alone the four that most students spend in Lexington. It's easy to pick favorites as well, mine being the "Tonto," two buttered buns holding together a tasty combination of breaded chicken, honey mustard,

bacon, lettuce, and tomato.

Many sandwiches on the menu are no more than eight dollars, and with the many specials and offers that Macado's serves up daily, a two-person meal could easily end up being less than 25 dollars with tip. For the health-conscious diners, the salads are hearty and come with a wide selection of dressing options. The KC Mac and Cheese, a popular entrée which combines creamy macaroni and cheese with broccoli and grilled chicken, is a nice change from the normal sandwich choices and is a favorite among customers.

On Mondays, you can expect to find yourself with sticky fingers after enjoying thirty-five cent wings. The specials change from half-priced spinach and artichoke dip on Thursday (which I happily enjoyed with lightly seasoned pita bread) to "Kids Eat Free" 4pm to 9pm on Tuesday. The servers know the never-ending menu well and can give good opinions on food and drink choices.

The downstairs of Macado's includes some booth seating in the bustling bar area, where you'll always be sure to spot some VMI cadets and locales enjoying a night out in town. A quieter mood is offered upstairs and outside on the balcony, which comes with a beautiful view of Lexington. Of course, Macado's offers a nightlife option as well, and if you're under 21, you won't be allowed in after 10 pm.

For a simple \$11.90, I enjoyed splitting an already half price appetizer with a friend, a "Tonto" sandwich, and still managed to leave an 18 percent tip. Considering the more heavily priced restaurants in Lexington, Macado's offers a more suitable, college student-friendly environment along with a tantalizingly long menu that can keep even the pickiest eaters smiling.

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Abell-ity to Transition

W&L's new football head coach proves to be a versatile replacement for Miriello

By Pat McCarron
STAFF WRITER

"A few weeks ago I celebrated my 67th birthday and on that day I found myself pausing and reflecting on my life's journey. I have been coaching for 45 years and it feels like it is the right time to retire."

After 17 years of coaching Washington and Lee's football team, Frank Miriello retired this past January. Under normal circumstances, this would have catalyzed a mass search to fill the void of the vacant head coach position. Luckily for W&L, the football team needed only to look within its system to find the perfect match.

Scott Abell had spent six years as head coach at Amherst County High School before coming to W&L as the offensive

coordinator in 2008. Abell said his aim was to get his foot in the door hoping one day become head coach of a college football team. Abell did more than just that. He made an immediate and sustained impact during his three years in this position, bringing to W&L what he describes as a "unique offense." The team's average yards and points per game increased steadily throughout his tenure.

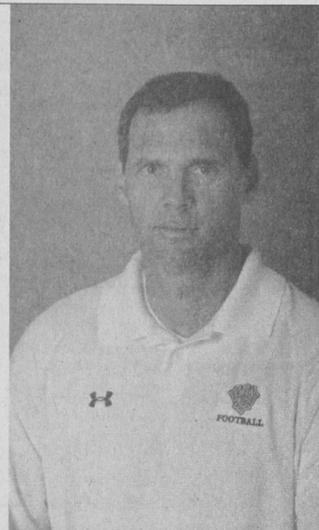
Abell's promotion to Assistant Head Coach in 2011 was a sign of things to come. After Miriello's retirement W&L picked the experienced Abell as head coach. Abell said that the promotion was "a desire I've always had." The prospect of coaching in three different positions

in as many years seems daunting, but Abell says the transition was as "smooth as I could've imagined." This was due in part to Abell's relationship with Miriello. Miriello gave him a leg up by granting him liberties to exert his own leadership from the positions of offensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

While Abell's coaching abilities were unaffected as his role on W&L's football team shifted, the relationship he had with his players inevitably would. The offense had already recognized Abell as their leader, but he has taken pains to ensure that the defense would as well. During preseason practices he paid special attention to the defense, getting more involved in the areas he previously had

not. It was important that he built trust, and he did just that. Abell met with each defensive player individually so that each player understood his specific role. Now, according to Abell, his relationship with his defense is analogous to that of his offense.

The W&L football team is 3-1 under Abell's reign, and the Generals have a promising year of football ahead of them. Abell and company will take the field against Emory and Henry this Saturday at home.



Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Heinsohn breaks scoring record

Football easily defeats Guilford in their first ODAC matchup

By Sarah Ward
STAFF WRITER

Washington & Lee's senior running back Luke Heinsohn scored three touchdowns and completed six extra point attempts to score 24 of the Generals' 42 points in a 21 point win over Guilford in Greensboro, NC on Saturday night.

Heinsohn's effort breaks the previous all-time scoring record at W&L with a total of 228 career points, edging out Marc Watson by eight points, whose record stood since 2001.

Junior quarterback Nick Lombardo posted the first points on the board for the Generals with a 1-yard touchdown run with 13:43 left in the second quarter. The lead was increased to fourteen as senior running back Sasha Vandalov rushed for a touchdown from four yards out with 8:44 left in the half. The Generals entered the locker room at halftime with a 21-0 lead after Heinsohn scored his first touchdown of the night from

thirteen yards out with only 3:43 left in the half.

Heinsohn continued his dominance by scoring the first two touchdowns of the second half, finding the end zone with 12:47 and 0:36 left in the third quarter. The Generals' sixth and final touchdown was scored by junior quarterback Luke Terna on a 45-yard run with six minutes left in the game.

W&L recorded 426 rushing yards out

of 505 total yards with Heinsohn recording 146 yards on the ground and senior running back Brett Murray contributing 104 yards.

The Generals' defense was led by senior safeties Jake Pelton and Russell Stewart. Pelton made eight tackles while Stewart recorded four tackles and made an interception.

Guilford scored all three of their touchdowns in the fourth quarter, marking

their first points against the Generals in seven quarters.

The Generals (3-1) are now 1-0 in Old Dominion Athletic Conference competition. W&L continues ODAC action against Emory & Henry on Saturday afternoon at 1:30pm for the Homecoming contest.



Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Boles reaches milestone

Boles kills 1,000th over the weekend while the Generals go 4-1 on the week

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee volleyball team finished last weekend 3-1 after a tough mid-week loss to Randolph-Macon. With the victories, the Generals improve to a 14-6 overall record.

On Wednesday first-year defensive specialist Kasey Cannon and junior outside hitter M.A. Boles led the W&L defense with 10 digs apiece but the Randolph-Macon offense successfully shut down the Generals. Only senior right side hitter Taylor Maxey was able to reach a .300 kill percentage in the match.

Boles said that Randolph-Macon ran an offense similar to W&L's with fast sets and strong hitters spread throughout the front and back row. Senior outside hitter Mallory Carter, junior middle hitter Tori Puryear, and first-year middle hitter Katie Rossberg led the Yellow Jacket charge against the Generals.

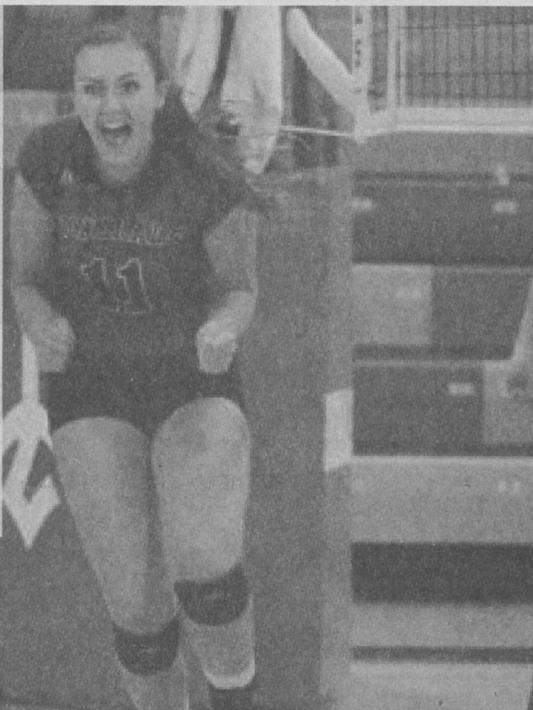
Two days after the Randolph-Macon match, the W&L volleyball team trav-

eled to Washington, D.C. to play four non-conference matches in the Gallaudet Worthington Classic.

In the first match at the tournament, Boles recorded her 1,000 career kill at W&L in a 3-2 loss to Geneva. She becomes only the ninth player in W&L history to reach that number. Boles currently has 1,055 kills in her three-year career.

After the loss to Geneva on Friday, the Generals defeated Shenandoah, Mesiah, and Trine to finish the weekend 3-1 at the Worthington Classic. Many players contributed in the victories because the Generals were limited to only eight of their 14-player roster due to injuries and illness.

Boles says the team will focus on recovery this weekend so they can be prepared for their next match at Christopher Newport on Tuesday at 7 p.m.



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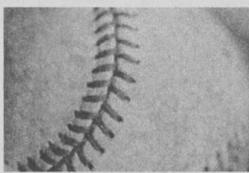
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The Miami Heat became NBA champions in one of the most exciting Finals match-ups of the decade. As the playoffs progressed, you could almost sense a sort of divine intervention. It was inevitable that the Heat and Thunder would meet in a clash of the titans. Ultimately, the Heat came out victorious, winning in five games in the highest rated five game finals since 2004.

The trio of LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, and Chris Bosh came together in the summer of 2010, creating a polarizing effect that no one could have seen coming. On the day that will live in infamy as "The Decision", LeBron James became the arch-nemesis of almost every non-Miami NBA fan in the world. I seemed to be an outlier on this matter. I celebrated LeBron James for his decision. For the first time, one of the best players in the league took matters into his own hands. James refused to subject his future to the wills of owners and executives. How can one blame James for teaming up with two of his closest friends (both superstars in the league) to chase a championship? I welcomed the decision! I would rather watch the Heat than a smaller market team like the Bucks or the Timberwolves 10 times out of 10. It was exciting to me that James had single handedly shifted the power in the league. No longer were players trapped, taken advantage of by front office figures and miserable on the court. LeBron James gave superstars freedom!

After the Heat won the championship this season, I think more fans started to understand my position. Player movement has increased greatly, and this offseason we saw two teams form their own "superteams." The Nets flirted with Dwight Howard all summer, eventually settling for a nucleus of Deron Williams, Gerald Wallace, and Joe Johnson. The Lakers landed the biggest names, adding Dwight Howard and Steve Nash to their already impressive roster. These big name moves also benefited small market teams – the 76ers added Andrew Bynum, and the Nuggets received Andre Iguodala through a trade.

We should not kid ourselves – a select few teams have always dominated the NBA. The "big three's" of teams like the Spurs and the Celtics have dominated in recent history. The only difference now is that players have a larger voice in when, where, and with whom these "big three's" are formed. NBA players are notoriously fickle – just look at Howard – which means we can look forward to more and more movement. The league will get shaken up each and every offseason. And for fans that refuse to accept this progression, praising instead the Thunder's success through the draft, all I can say is good luck. The Thunder are not a model, they are an anomaly.

Fans, we are witnessing a revolution in the NBA. Instead of griping about "big market teams", we should buy NBA season pass! This could be one of the most exciting decades in the history of the league! The Heat have risen to the top, proving that "superteams" can be successful – embrace it! Let's all cross our fingers for a Heat-Lakers finals!

In recent years NBA franchises have been putting superstars on the same team in their attempts to win championships. Is this good for the league?

Kyle and Hailey give you their take.

"Not one, not two, not three, not four..." we all know how it ends. LeBron James was a little hyped at the party they threw for his and Chris Bosh's arrival in South Beach, and proclaimed that the Miami Heat would win at least eight championships with his arrival. And this is after his prime-time appearance when he crushed the hearts in every fan in one of the unluckiest sports cities in America. Since then we've seen Chris Paul attempt to move to the Lakers, and Dwight Howard and Steve Nash successfully make the move. The NBA has gone absolutely crazy, and while the personnel moves may be great for the Lakers and the Heat, they're terrible for the NBA.

LeBron James is arguably the most talented player in the NBA right now, and yet he needs to surround himself with Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh to win a championship. They set themselves up as the villains (and wear fake glasses while doing it). We're forced to watch them on TV non-stop; and they're always expected to win. Yeah sure, those are some high expectations, but they brought it upon themselves. The Lakers are in a very similar situation, with about 100 years of extra experience, but maybe I'm exaggerating. No one wants to see these teams win. Dwight Howard has set himself out as a selfish diva, though maybe that will change in L.A. It's hard to judge how the moves will play out. Did I mention the Lakers 150 million dollar per season TV deal? But honestly, is there anyone who's not a *cough, bandwagon* Heat fan who watched the finals this year and thought, "Yeah, I'd like them to win."

Smaller market teams are ultimately paying the price as well. We have seen some of these teams make a statement; the Oklahoma City Thunder made it to the finals this year, which was huge. Kevin Durant is an amazing player, who deserves to win a championship, and most likely will within the next year or two. Who's to say that Durant won't want to move in a couple years when his contract runs out? If elite players continue to stack themselves on teams it may be less possible for these smaller market teams to win championships.

And who can argue the stupidity of players joining together without a quick mention of players like Michael Jordan, and Larry Bird? Both won multiple championships after joining teams with less than stellar records. The average fan could probably name Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman as teammates of Jordan, but how many people can name teammates of Bird? These guys took good teams and made them elite. The '86 Celtics and '90-'92 Bulls will go down in history as some of the greatest championship runs.

Would Bird, Jordan, and Magic Johnson have come together and created their own big three? Unlikely. Will anything but a championship be acceptable in Miami while Bosh, Wade, and James play together? Absolutely not. Is the concept of a "big three" dangerous to the players' legacies and the NBA as a whole? Without a doubt.

XC takes 7th at Don Cathcart Invite

Thomas leads the way for the Generals in MD

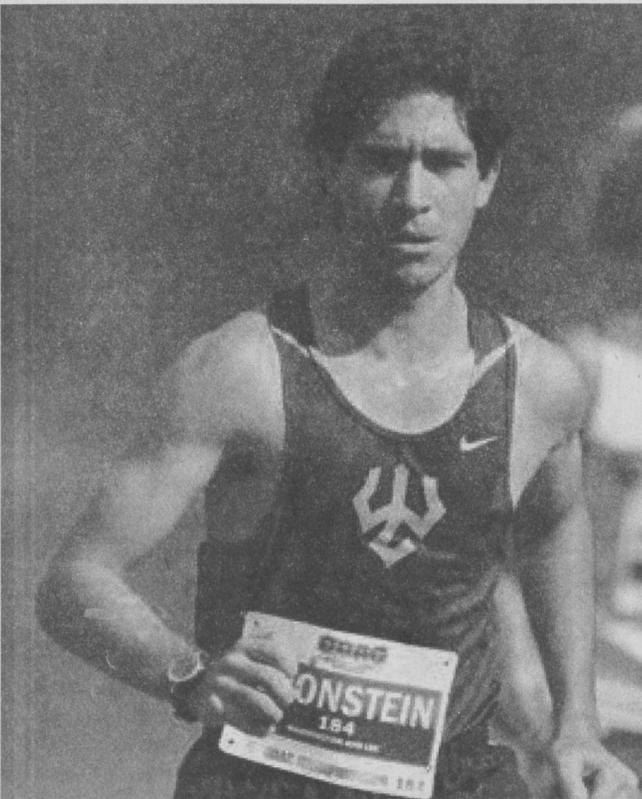
By Bailey Russell
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's cross country team placed seventh out of fourteen teams at the Don Cathcart Invite on Saturday. Wilmington took the top spot with 34 points, Franklin & Marshall took second with 71 points, and host Salisbury placed third with 72 points. W&L finished with 204 points.

Junior Kane Thomas finished first for W&L in 23rd at 26:48.00. Scott Sugden, a sophomore, placed 52nd with a time of 27:48.00.

Sophomore James Busch came in third for the Generals, taking 56th place in 28:01.00. First-year Levi Waring came in 60th in 28:01.00, and Jake Mack, also a first-year, rounded out W&L's scoring in 61st at 28:07.00.

Men's cross country will compete next at the DeSales Invitational on October 13, their final meet before the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships.

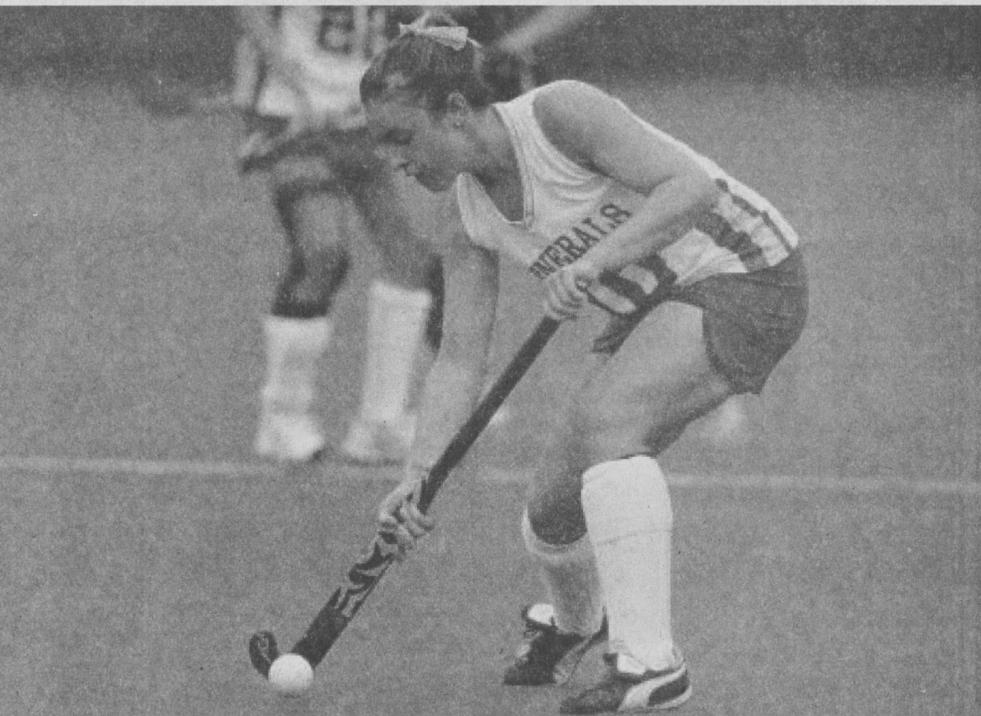


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FH finishes week 1-1

Hampsch scores game winner against Roanoke on Tuesday

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After falling behind 2-0 the Washington & Lee field hockey team could only pull within one point in their 2-1 loss at Wilson last Saturday. The loss drops the Generals to a 3-6 overall record.

Senior forward Maggie Sipps scored both goals for Wilson. Sipps's goal in the first half was assisted by junior midfielder Megan Schneck. Sophomore forward Hillary Swartz recorded the assist for Sipps's second score.

"Wilson's offense was very scrappy and played with a lot of heart," sophomore defender Mary Virginia Long said. "After their first goal, [our] defense quickly adjusted and made it very difficult for them to get shots off and score."

First-year goalkeeper Megan Axelrod started off the first 16:24 for W&L. Senior goalkeeper Kirsten Kyne played the final 53:36 and tallied four saves.

Although they lost to Wilson, the Generals improved their conference record to 1-1 earlier in the week with a victory over Roanoke last Tuesday.

Junior defender Riley Hampsch scored the only goal of the contest 15:56 into the first half. Hampsch deflected the ball on a penalty corner for the score. It was Hampsch's first career goal in 41 games for the Generals.

The Generals decisively controlled the game and had 21 penalty corners compared to only three for Roanoke. The

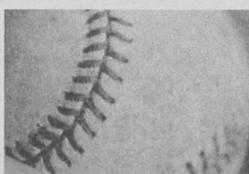
Generals took 11 shots with four on goal while Roanoke took seven shots with three on goal.

Axelrod and Kyne each played a half of the game. Axelrod made one save in the first half and Kyne had two saves in the second half.

"We will continue to improve," Long said. "We are continuing to grow and learn as a team, and we are looking forward to a successful rest of the season."

The Generals return to conference play at Lynchburg College on Wednesday at 5 p.m. and will return home to play Eastern Mennonite on Saturday at 12 p.m. on the W&L Turf Field.

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in the numbers

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The total number of turnovers that the Buffalo Bills had against the New England Patriots on Sunday. The Patriots came back from a 21-7 deficit in the third quarter to win 52-28.

This is also the total number of turnovers that the Kansas City Chiefs had against the San Diego Chargers. Chiefs quarterback Matt Cassel got picked off three times in the 37-20 loss.

556

The total number of yards that Miami University quarterback Stephen Morris threw for on Saturday. It is an Atlantic Coast Conference record. Morris threw five touchdowns, including a game winning 62 yard touchdown to Phillip Dorsett with 19 seconds left. Miami defeated North Carolina State 44-37.

30 and 40

Los Angeles Angels' center fielder Mike Trout hit his 30th home run on Sunday, becoming the first rookie to hit 30 home runs and steal 40 bases in a season. He is just two stolen bases shy of another record: becoming the third player in MLB history to have 30 home runs and 50 stolen bases. Only Eric Davis in 1987 and Barry Bonds in 1990 have done it so far.

23

The number of games in a row that the Atlanta Braves have won with Kris Medlen starting for them. This is the longest such streak in the modern era of the major leagues.

soapbox

"Tonight was a season-defining game for us. We could have gone down big like that and just packed it in, but that's not this team's M.O. That's not how we approach it."

- Yankees right fielder Nick Swisher after defeating the Toronto Blue Jays 9-6 on Sunday. The Yankees are currently tied with the Baltimore Orioles for first place in the American League East division. The Yankees only have only a three game series with the Boston Red Sox at home left in the season, from ESPN.com

"We expect to score that many points in a game, but the goal is to score more than our opponent and we came up a little short today."

- Baylor quarterback Nick Florence after losing 70-63 to West Virginia. Florence threw five touchdowns and 581 yards, breaking the Baylor record previously held by Robert Griffin III, from ESPN.com

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Golf	W: Generals Invite Day 1	W: Generals Invite Day 2				M: Ted Keller Memorial Day 1	M: Ted Keller Day 2
Volleyball		at CNU 7 pm					
Field Hockey			at Lynchburg 5 pm			vs Eastern Mennonite 12 pm	
Men's Tennis	ITA Regional Champs						
Men's Soccer			at Shenandoah 7 pm			vs Lynchburg 3 pm	
Women's Soccer			at Roanoke 7 pm			vs Eastern Mennonite 11 am	vs Greensboro 1 pm
Football						vs Emory & Henry 1:30	

Soccer does the splits

Generals lose on Tuesday before upsetting Bridgewater

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The men's soccer team split two at home this week, losing 2-1 against Ferrum on Tuesday and shutting out Bridgewater 3-0 on Saturday. The games bring Washington & Lee's record to 6-3 (3-1 ODAC).

Dave Phillips scored off of a goal kick 25 seconds into the game versus Ferrum, but ultimately the fastest goal in Generals soccer history wasn't enough to win. The Panthers scored two goals off of free kicks in the final ten minutes to tie and take the game.

The Generals had possession of the ball throughout the game and took 21 shots, but they were unable to overcome a strong Ferrum defense.

First-year goalkeeper Kieran McQuilkin



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had one save in the game for the Generals.

W&L came back from the loss to win a huge game against Bridgewater, previously undefeated in the ODAC. The Generals played an aggressive game, keeping the Eagles to just one shot on goal. Juniors Parker Wolfinger and Alex Zelinski and sophomore Zach Colby each contributed to the Generals' total.

First-year Cary Carabasi, senior Basti Richter, and sophomore Al Organ all contributed to a strong defensive effort. Sophomore Albert Civitarese made one save while spending the full game in the net for the Generals.

The Generals will play two more ODAC contests this week, traveling to Shenandoah on Wednesday for a 7 pm contest, and hosting Lynchburg on Saturday at 3 pm.

W&L keeps Lynchburg quiet

Lynchburg kept scoreless for the first time all season in 0-0 tie

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Washington and Lee was able to keep undefeated Lynchburg out of the net in a 0-0 tie on Sunday.

Hosting team Lynchburg, ranked ninth in the nation, was kept scoreless thanks to the goalkeeping of first-year Addie Healy. Healy made eight saves while spending 110 minutes in goal including three over the course of two overtimes.

The Generals were outshot by the Hornets 19-10 but did have several opportunities to score.

W&L had two close shots about 36 minutes into the game. Sophomore forward Katie

Rossi forced Lynchburg goal keeper Audrey Moore to make a save.

Less than a minute later the Generals earned a corner kick. Sophomore midfielder Haley Ward was able to get the ball to senior defender Alex Todd but Todd's shot was blocked by defenders.

Ward led the Generals in scoring attempts with five followed closely by Rossi with three of her own.

Earlier in the week the Generals were able to beat fellow Old Dominion Athletic Conference team Bridgewater at home. Ward struck first in the 17th minute and the Generals never

looked back, eventually winning 2-1.

Sophomore forward Katherine Rush added on another goal in the 58th minute of play.

Healy made five saves in the contest, allowing one in the 71st minute off a shot by Paxton Sauerwald.

After the week the Generals move to a 6-2-1 overall record and a 4-1-1 ODAC record. The Generals continue conference play this week with a game at Roanoke on Wednesday at 7 pm and hosting Eastern Mennonite on Saturday at 11 am.

Buell takes two titles

Women's tennis takes singles' and doubles' title at ITA Regionals

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The women's tennis team was able to take both the singles and doubles championships at the ITA Regional Championships on Monday.

Sophomore Meghan Buell took the individual title for the Generals. In her first match of the day Buell faced Katie Cecil of Carnegie Mellon in the semifinals. The match was close and went to three sets, but Buell pulled out the victory in 7-6 (5), 3-6, 6-1.

Buell then faced Elizabeth Martin, also of Carnegie Mellon. Buell was able to take the match in two sets, 7-6 (2), 6-4, to secure

the championship.

Buell teamed up with junior Claire Cahill in the doubles competition. In the championship match the duo faced Salisbury's team of Jillian Poppe and Natalie Savage. Buell and Cahill took the match in 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, to take the doubles' title and Buell's second regional championship of the day.

Women's tennis will continue their fall season next week. They face Emory and Henry at Wofford College in a 10 am contest on October 7.

XC takes top spot again

Women win their third in three meets

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The women's cross country team placed first out of 34 teams on Saturday at the Paul Short Run. Running at Lehigh University, the Generals took the number one spot with 59 points. Eastern Mennonite took second with 88 points and Lebanon Valley came in third with 178 points.

The Generals had three runners in the top seven and seven runners in the top 30.

Senior Lauren Schultz, the top finisher this season, led the Generals with a fourth-place finish at 22:58. Fellow senior Molly Ortiz finished seven seconds behind Shultz in fifth at 23:05. Junior Annelise Madison took seventh in 23:12.

First-year Rachel Solomon was the fourth scorer for W&L in 19th at 24:05, and rounding out the top five for the Generals Casey Mackintosh with a time of 24:10, good for 24th.

The other two Generals in the team's top seven were junior Brandie Huffman in 24:20 for 27th and first-year Kaitlin Bonaro in 24:23 for 30th.

The Generals have taken the top spot at each of the three meets the team has competed in this year, including the W&L Invitational on Sept. 8.

Solomon commented on the success of the team by saying, "It's really exciting, and

it makes us optimistic about our potential for the next meets."

The women's cross country team competes

next on October 13, at the Christopher Newport Invitational.



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