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Years of dedicated service to W&L spread over three sports makes an impressive legacy

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Walden fever.

On assignment, Josh White spent the night channeling Thoreau.

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W&L experiences flu outbreak

By Andrea Owen
STAFF WRITER

W&L has met the criteria for a "flu outbreak" this month, said Dr. Jane Horton.

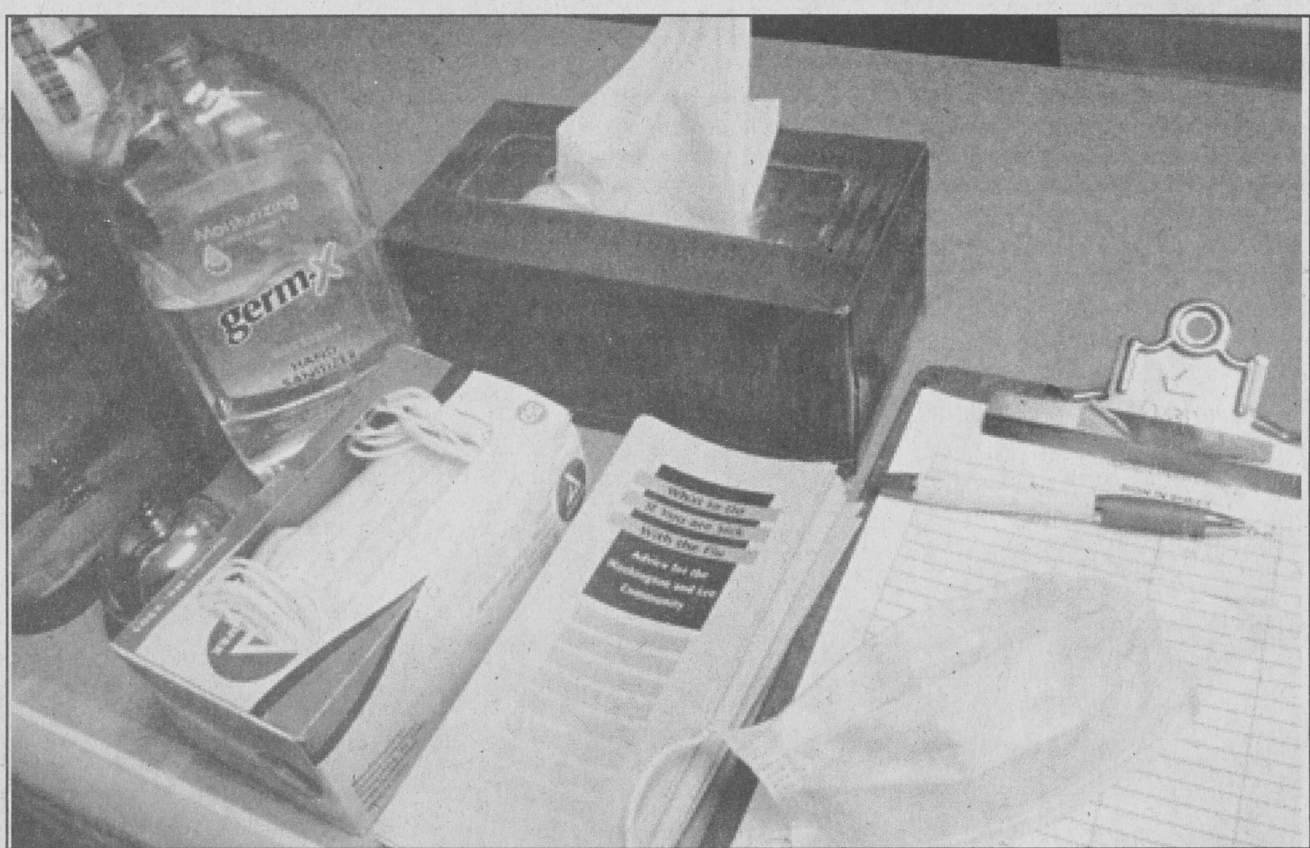
According to Horton, Director of Student Health and Counseling Services, 15 to 17 percent, or 160, of this month's 932 Student Health Center visits had been for influenza-like illness as of Friday. This percentage is about double what the community has seen.

Horton said that the 100 doses of flu

vaccine the SHC had at the beginning of the term were gone within the first week, much quicker than usual at this time of year.

"I think there was much more interest at the beginning of winter term because of what was happening nationally," said Horton.

Horton said that CVS and the Rock-bridge Area Health Center still sell flu



The Student Health Center is an outlet for students with flu-like symptoms. Sick students are asked to stay away from other students and use the beds in the health center.

ANDREA OWEN / Staff Writer

shots, although it does take 2 weeks for the vaccination to build up immunity.

"We encouraged [getting flu vaccines] in the fall so people would have time to build up immunity," said Horton.

However, the SHC does its best to help those with the flu and protect those who are well.

Horton said that the SHC uses Tamiflu, an antiviral medication, for those who already have flu symptoms or have been exposed and have not been vaccinated.

The SHC also uses isolative measures. "We encourage roommates who are

sick to come down and stay with us to avoid exposing a well roommate," said Horton, who also said that a student with a sick roommate may choose to stay with a friend until the roommate is off medication and without fever for 24 hours.

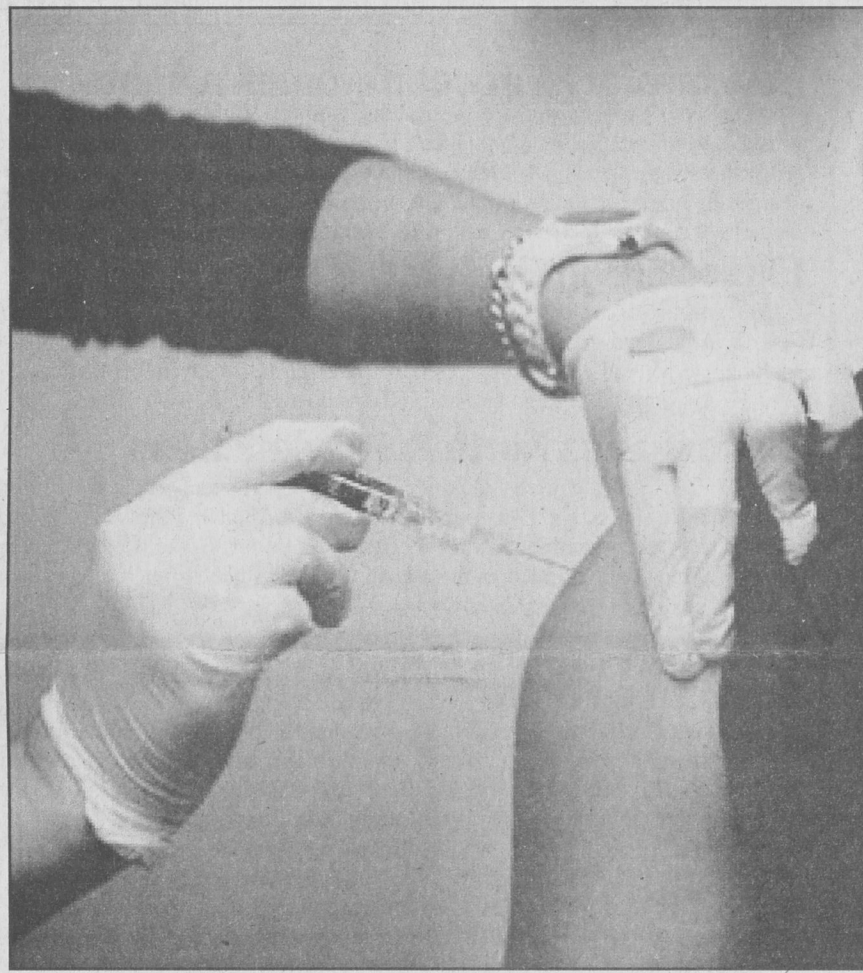
"We are asking [sick] people to get their friends—a flu buddy—to get them meals to go, rather than coming and exposing those people in the dining hall," continued Horton.

Sick students can fill out the brief "Sick Meals" form on the W&L website to let their "flu buddy" pick up a meal

for them.

A "flu buddy" is asked to wear a mask around their sick friend. The SHC employees use these masks themselves whenever they are around people with influenza-like symptoms and ask these sick students to wear them whenever they are in public.

More information about flu buddies, as well as preventing and fighting the flu, may be found at the W&L website's Health Library.



Students take flight in summer study

By Krysta Huber
STAFF WRITER

While many students choose to study abroad during the fall or winter terms of the school year, others are restricted from that option as a result of their major's heavy course load. W&L sponsors several summer study abroad programs to make study abroad a viable option for all students.

One popular summer study abroad experience is the Virginia Program at Oxford. The summer school program is run through St. Anne's College at Oxford University in England. According to Associate Professor of English Holly Pickett, VPO is a six-week study of the literature and history of Renaissance England. Students earn three credits in both history and English that they can use to fulfill FDR requirements.

Senior Jillian Oyama participated in VPO because she felt that studying at Oxford would provide her with the most in-depth understanding of English history and literature.

"I wanted to go to Oxford because I wanted to have a study abroad experience that would fully immerse me in what I was studying," said Oyama. "And I had always wanted to go to England, so this seemed like the perfect opportunity."

Junior Sarah Williams was attracted to VPO because the courses satisfy W&L's FDR requirements.

Said Williams: "As a dual-degree student, I'm required to have 140 credits rather than the typical 113. Going abroad in the summer rather than the school year enabled me to garner extra credits I would have otherwise needed to overload to get."

By studying at Oxford, students get a taste of the English college class structure, which, according to wlu.edu, combines daily lectures and weekly tutorials. Oyama explained that the tutorial classes consisted of three students who were led in discussion by a tutor.

"During tutorials we would have an

intellectual battle basically, which really forces you to think and develop your ideas thoroughly, and often on the spot," said Oyama.

An additional unique aspect of the program is that students from multiple Virginia colleges and universities participate and study all together at Oxford. Both Williams and Oyama agreed that this was one of their favorite parts of their experience abroad.

"I was able to form friendships with

Academic Exchange Service, DAAD. This summer, DAAD is offering W&L's Research Internships in Science and Engineering program, known as RISE. The RISE program is geared toward students majoring in the sciences and will send students to research institutions throughout Germany. Although the program is in Germany, students are not required to speak German.

According to wlu.edu, RISE participants work with a post doctorate scien-

receive a scholarship as a stipend for their living expenses.

German Professor Paul Youngman, who is new to W&L's campus this year, is W&L's DAAD ambassador. As the DAAD Ambassador, Youngman is the point of reference for students interested in applying for this summer's RISE program. Youngman's job is to spread the word about opportunities in Germany for both students and faculty.

As a new faculty member, Youngman

tensive experience working in Germany.

"I think a lot of students don't understand why they need to go see someone in the German department for this, but I've been working a lot with scientists so that's why I'm connected to the DAAD," Youngman said.

Outside of the DAAD, Youngman also works with another study abroad program called AmCham and he is promoting it for the first time this year at W&L. It is designed for business, engineering, physics and computer science majors. AmCham provides participants with paid internship experience at a German company.

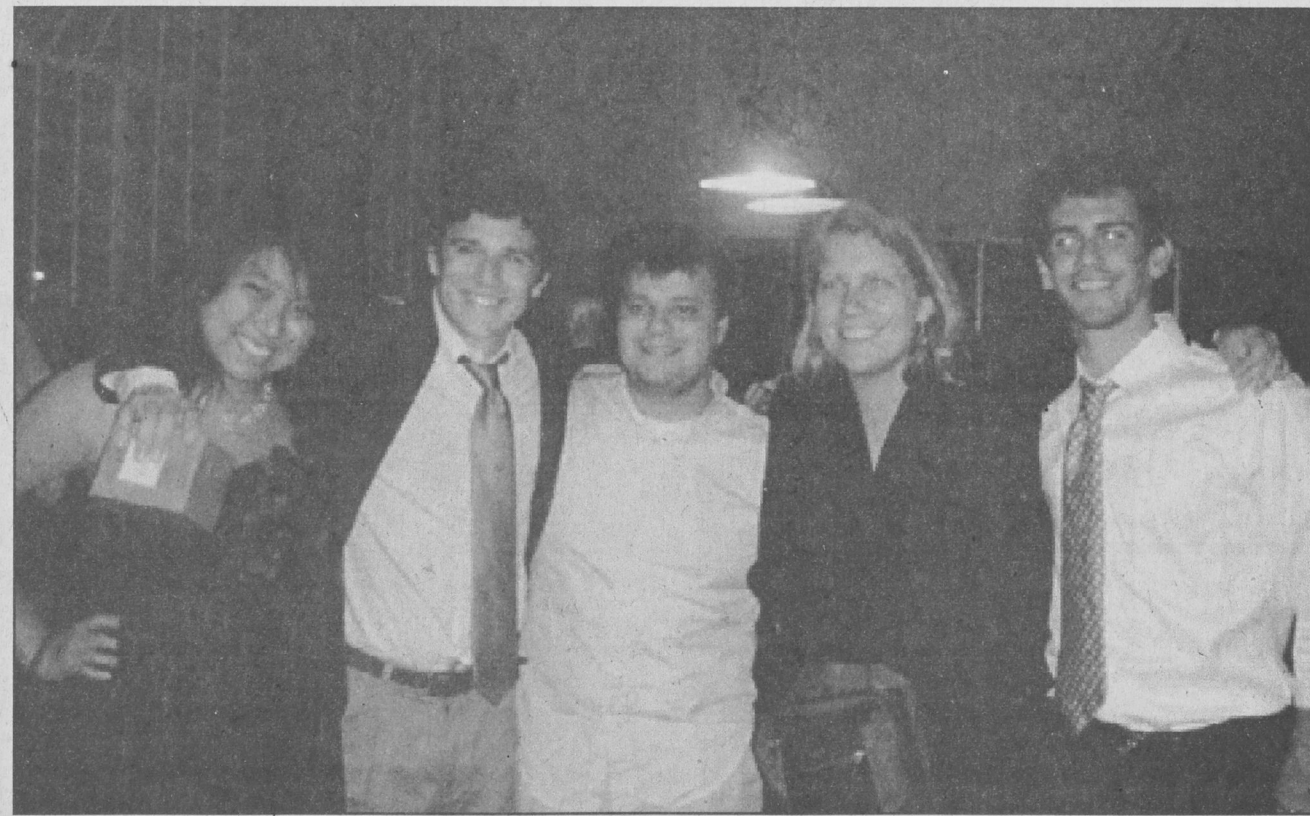
"AmCham was started by a German lawyer in Atlanta. He decided that he was a little frustrated with the state of German study in the US, so he combined the US Chamber of Commerce and the German Chamber of Commerce to promote business and German as a language," Youngman said.

According to Youngman, because AmCham internships exist in the private sector and require more social interaction, students must be a double major in German and one of the business or mentioned science majors in order to participate.

Youngman said he hopes that AmCham will be successful at W&L, but said it is difficult to find students who double major in both German and business. He has seen more overlap in the majors like chemistry, biology and other sciences, which are better suited for the RISE program.

Applications for the RISE program are due Jan. 31 and applications for VPO are due Feb. 15.

"It's all totally worth it - if for no other reason than making connections with people for future opportunities," Youngman said.



W&L students and faculty participate in the Virginia Program at Oxford. Pictured left to right: Jillian Oyama '13, Chris Schneck '12, Eric Gehman '13, Professor Holly Pickett and Kyle McGinnis '12.

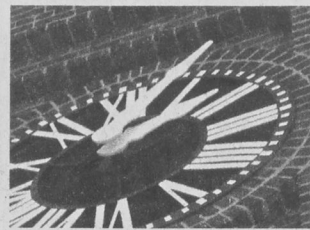
people from colleges all over Virginia that I typically wouldn't have met," Williams said.

Another summer study abroad opportunity is available through The German

tist in Max-Planck-Institutes, which are free standing research institutions. Undergraduates gain hands-on lab experience and are exposed to Germany's science social network. RISE participants

wants more members of the W&L community to be aware of his role within the DAAD. Youngman became involved with the DAAD about five years ago. He was approached because he has had ex-

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Potential in bio-sensing

By Graham Colton
HEAD COPY EDITOR

Last Tuesday in the Science Center, Courtney A. Peckens, a Ph. D. candidate in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Michigan, delivered a lecture entitled, "Highly Compressive Real-time Sensing Nodes for Structural Monitoring Application based on Cochlea-Inspired Design."

In other words, Peckens explored the functionality of a low-power sensor node as demonstrated on a structural monitoring application.

Using sensing and data integration by the biological nervous system, Peckens plans to make great improvements in data management and overall energy consumption in engineered systems.

"In an age of a crumbling U.S. infrastructure, the upkeep and maintenance of bridges is a challenge worth undertaking in an innovative, scientific fashion," she said.

erland and the Tamar Bridge in Saltash, England employ this structural monitoring system.

When installing this system, one must choose between wired and wireless monitoring. The advantages of the latter seem to greatly outweigh those of the former.

Wireless monitoring installs at a low cost, deploys dense networks of sensors and is capable of parallel processing. The Jindo Bridge in South Korea and the New Carquinez Bridge in California are the latest bridges to be installed with wireless monitoring.

Whether wired or wireless, however, the sensing system is not without its limitations.

"There is an inherent delay in the system due to conversions between analog and digital domains," said Peckens. "The system requires a reliable power source."

Biological systems, according to Peck-

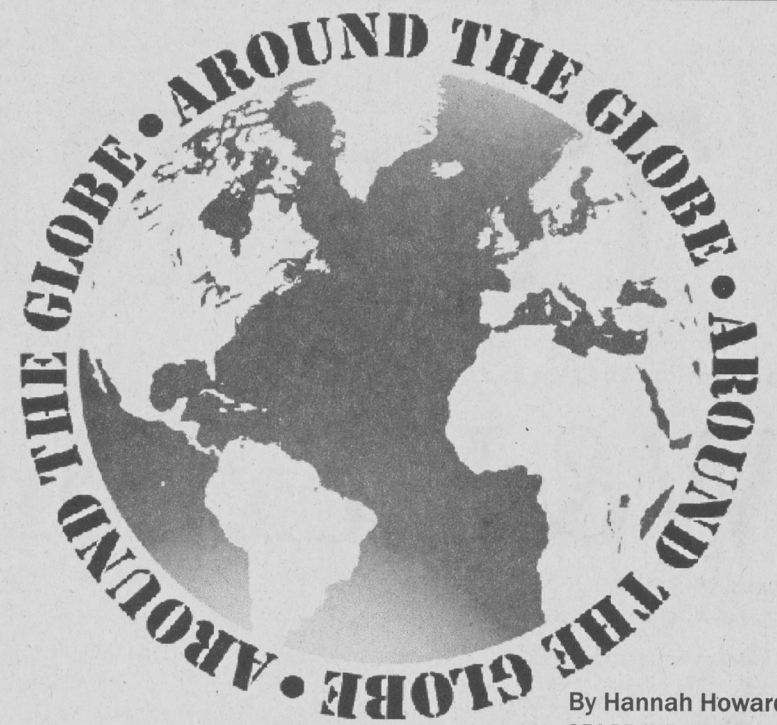
ens, is converting the magnitude of the vibrations of bridges to electrical pulses.

Utilizing an Optimal Filter Bark Design, Peckens' goal is clear.

"My colleagues and I hope to minimize signal distortion incurred through frequency decomposition," said Peckens. To do so, Peckens has constructed modular, low-power and low-cost neural sensing units.

Using a test bed at Pusan National University in South Korea, researchers have tested Peckens' technology by applying an input signal to shake the table as a bridge might be rocked by an earthquake. The bridge was unharmed.

"A stack of sensors monitored responses to the breach in the structure," said Peckens. "The information was sent to a centralized location, where human intelligence immediately prompted and



By Hannah Howard
STAFF WRITER

Rebel Eritrean soldiers call for release of political prisoners

Rebel Eritrean soldiers sieged the Information Ministry on Monday calling for a release of all political prisoners in the state. After some negotiating it seems that the mutineers have surrendered. Reports released on Tuesday stated that the capital of Asmara was "calm" again. However, many officials remain unclear as to the details of the negotiation.

New law for Moroccan women's rights

After many protests and demonstrations, women's rights groups in Morocco were happy to see the first step taken towards ending violence against women. A new law was passed on Tuesday ending the law that stated rapists could avoid charges by marrying their victims. This reform comes a year after a rape victim committed suicide when she was forced to marry her attacker.

Explosions in Baghdad

Three separate explosions occurred on Tuesday in and around Baghdad. The first occurred near an army base outside the city when a suicide bomber drove past in a car packed with explosives. Two other car bombs went off that day. At least 17 are reported dead and another 50 wounded.

U.S. expands North Korea sanctions

On Thursday the United States recently expanded sanctions against North Korea and denounced their ongoing nuclear testing. The UN followed with their own set of stricter sanctions against the state. On Friday, in the wake of this international tension, North Korea threatened to attack South Korea if they support the UN sanctions.

Feminists protest outside World Economic Forum

Ukrainian feminist activists protested outside the World Economic Forum in Swiss resort of Davos. The activists were from the group Femen. The topless women set off flares while trying to cross a security fence. They claimed that the Forum, which finally drew to a close on Saturday, was not presenting the interests of women.

Protests in Baku

Protesters gathered in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, on Saturday. The protest was sparked by a similar demonstration in a small northern town earlier in the week. Protesters called for the resignation of the current president, Ilham Aliyev. Police came quickly to the scene and arrested about 40 of the protesters.

Czech Republic elects new president

Milos Zeman is the new president of the Czech Republic, bringing in at least 54.8% of the vote on Saturday. His victory is the result of the first direct election within the country and ends the ten-year presidency of Vaclav Klaus. EU officials are confident that Zeman will take more of a pro-European stance than his predecessor.

French and Malian forces fight to push out rebels

French and Malian forces continue their fight attempting to push rebel forces out of the northern part of Mali. The troops were under attack early Saturday but by that afternoon had captured the rebel stronghold of Gao. No official report on casualties has been released. The liberation forces allowed for the return of the town's mayor who had previously fled to Bamako.



What remained of the I-35W Mississippi River Bridge in Minneapolis after it collapsed in 2007. The collapse could have been prevented by Peckens' biologically-inspired sensing nodes.

Peckens proposed using a structural monitoring system, in which a bridge is maintained by a sensing system which acquires data, which is ultimately processed by an end user. In turn, the end user reverses the process, sending evaluations of the data all the way back to the sensing system, thereby "teaching" the system how to respond to new data.

The Stork Bridge in Winterthur, Swit-

ers, can offer a potential solution.

Drawing inspiration from signal processing techniques used by the central nervous system, Peckens is exploring the use of biology for the next generation of sensors and actuators.

By engineering the same process that occurs when the cochlea, in the human auditory system, interprets a sound wave through mechanical vibrations of the bas-

thereafter taught the monitors how to correct the problem."

In summary, Peckens proposes the widespread use of a sensing unit that utilizes the mechanisms employed by the biological functions of the human auditory system.

NY investment trip launches careers

By Douglas McNiel
STAFF WRITER

On March 13 20 Washington and Lee sophomores will depart for New York City for the New York Investment Trip. The Trip lasts through Saturday March 16.

The students will have the opportunity to visit big name firms such as Wells Fargo, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, J. P.

mercial real estate. They will get to meet with Washington and Lee alumni at each of the 12 firms. They will also attend an alumni reception with over 50 former generals who currently call New York City home.

Jensen said highly recommends the trip. He said he has proof that not only

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JOHN JENSEN, Assistant Dean of the Williams School

Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Deloitte, Ernst & Young LLP, New York Stock Exchange, Morgan Stanley, Marcus & Millichap and Bank of America; and will hopefully gain a better understanding of the world of investment banking is right for them.

According to John Jensen, Assistant Dean of the Williams School, as sophomore and junior year internships are becoming more important the trip has switched from seniors looking for a post college career to younger students looking for advice and potentially summer internships.

The students will visit 12 firms ranging from investment banking to com-

is the trip informative but it is also lucrative.

Nine students who attended the trip last year will be interning at firms they visited this summer and two students from last year interned in a commercial real estate firm they visited last summer.

"There is no doubt there is a correlation between going on this trip and gaining success in the job market," said Jensen.

Jensen wants to emphasize that being a Williams School Major is not a requirement for the trip. The skills needed to succeed in finance or similar industries are not only learned in Williams School majors. He cites himself as an example.



Jensen was a History major at Washington and Lee University and he later went to spend ten years working on Wall

Street. Students interested in applying for the trip should sign up by February 8 on the

sign up sheet located outside Jensen's office in Huntley Hall.



opinions

The Red Lines of Friendship

By Yates Wilburn
STAFF WRITER



While the UN Security Council (UNSC) has been largely a non-factor in the brutal violence of the Syrian Civil War as a whole, the council's individual members have played significant roles outside the organization for better or for worse. While each of the P5 has brought something to the table in an effort to resolve this situation for their own favor—whether that involves Bashar al-Assad in power or not—the United States has made the most effort and effected the most change in terms of international action on Syria, hoping to ride the wave of the Arab Spring and knock over a belligerent dictator and constant ally to Iran and its proxies. Regardless of its intentions or efforts, the United States has repeatedly allowed challenges to its numerous “red lines” go unanswered. This conflict has taken tens of thousands of lives and has once again put the inadequacies of the UNSC and uncompromising multi-lateralism in the spotlight.

How did it get this bad?

The United States' current position resulted from failed attempts at peace ever since the violence began almost two years ago. Previous efforts to stop the violence failed primarily due to the resilient protection of al-Assad by Russia and China from any meaningful and real action from the UNSC. Primarily motivated by economic investments in the form of arms sales (China) and a lone friendly Mediterranean port following the Cold War (Russia), these P5 members have done all but publicly encourage al-Assad to continue slaughtering his people. In the case of Russia, al-Assad receive direct assistance in the form of

helicopter gunships and a half-hearted, later aborted Spetsnaz landing in June of 2012. While China hasn't even pretended to have an idea for peace, Russia offered to act as a mediator between the two sides early in the conflict provided al-Assad stayed in power. Later, as that became a lost cause, Russia offered al-Assad a safe haven in Russia should he decide to jump ship. All things considered, this would probably be a favorable and practical alternative to other efforts both past and present to end the war.

American efforts at conflict resolution have taken the form of the “Friends of Syria” international diplomatic task force that has successfully managed to isolate al-Assad, his family, and inner circle from most of the outside world financially, and has put incredible pressure on their remaining international allies Russia and China. This effort was the culmination of the multiple failed attempts to halt the violence in Syria through peace deals and considerably mild resolutions via the UNSC (in both February and July of 2012), Arab League, and European Union. More specifically, the US organized this effort during the implementation and assumed failure of the UN-Arab League peace plan (UNSC Resolution 2043) put into action in April of 2012 under the guidance of Kofi Annan. Designed to act to stop the violence, the US put together this body of over 90 nations following even a denouncement resolution in the UNSC. Through this body, member states have been able to coordinate actions against Syria outside the UN and the influence of Russia and China. With

four meetings so far, the coalition has been the most coherent effort to halt the violence so far.

In addition, the United States helped facilitate the election of a unified leadership of the military and political wings of the countless rebel groups operating in Syria, bringing what was a disorganized rabble of fighters and activists—each with their own goals—under one united command as the Syrian National Coalition. This group only came together at the urging of the US, who refused to recognize the Syrian National Council as the legitimate government of Syria, with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton criticizing it as a body made up of people who “have in many instances not been in Syria for 20, 30, or 40 years,” calling on a new group to be formed with representatives from the frontlines being present before any recognition could be given. The Obama Administration feared that demanding anything less would risk a repeat of Iraq, where recognition and reliance upon a similar body of expatriates made a complete mess of any transition and left the United States running the government of the country for several years before even a provisional government could be put into place. This demand motivated the SNC to finally put aside their disagreements with other rebel factions and unite, allowing more aid, weapons, and political support to be given by the international community.

In the future—aside from the obvious concern of continued violence by traditional means—the United States must concern itself with the considerable stockpile of chemical and biological weapons possessed by al-Assad and his military, as he grows more desperate. As President Obama, Sec. of State Clinton and many others in the US government have warned, the use of these weapons is a “red line.” While there have been many other “red lines” drawn in the sand during this war by the same people, this one must be completely unbreakable.

The final “red line” has been drawn at chemical weapons, a possibility that looks more and more realistic with each passing day. Now, this country is in a situation where action is not only an option, but also the only option. There is no more bluff al-Assad can call. Allowing the use of these weapons and responding with anything less than devastating retribution against Assad and his forces would be setting a horrifying precedent that future tyrants will look to as they carry out violence against their people. Military intervention (at the very least one that is limited to securing said weapons) in such a contingency must not “be on the table,” nor should it be a “threat,” it should be an unquestioned promise the United States must be prepared to follow through with.

Registration Schedule

Tuesday, January 29: Seniors Register
Opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30: First-years Register
Opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 31: Juniors Register
Opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, February 1: Sophomores Register
Opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m.
Registration re-opens for all class years at 3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 4: Waitlist offers begin
Registration remains open through drop-add.

Friday, March 1: Last day to drop domestic spring course without fees.
Students planning to declare Spring Option should submit the form and register for INTR 995. Sophomores should declare initial major.

to the editor

By Marc Conner
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHAIR

Dear Ring Tum Phi,

I was pleased to see Krysta Huber's article in the January 14 edition about the “quirky” courses being offered in the W&L Spring Term. The range and unique nature of our Spring Term courses is garnering national attention, and everywhere I go in academic circles, people want to know more about the Spring Term, how we work it, what the courses are like, how it is for students and faculty. I think one of the great things we have going with the Spring Term is the contrast it gives us with our long terms—going from the steady, intense pace of the 12-week fall and winter terms, into the fully immersed, downright wild pace of the 4-week Spring Term, offers a variation and a change that I find energizing. Today's students are SO active and SO busy, doing classes, service work, being involved in church and community, athletics, student leadership, and an active social life, that the academic year can seem overwhelming at times. How wonderful, then, in the Spring Term to focus on one thing and only one thing, a trans-

formative course that engages the mind and spirit in such rich and provocative ways as does “The Physics of Music,” or studying Moby Dick on a whaling ship, or computer forensics, or the chemistry of cooking (in Italy!). One other point that bears emphasis, as we approach registration: as with any academic term, not every student will get her first choice for a Spring Term course—and this can seem especially tough with the Spring Term, when that one unique course isn't available. But our studies of student experience in the Spring Term tell us that 98% of the students end up “very satisfied” with the class they eventually end up with, even if it wasn't their first choice—98%! That's a success rate that is virtually unheard-of in such a major academic initiative. It's testament to how many great courses our faculty have created for this dynamic, and truly “W&L,” Spring Term.

Marc C. Conner
Ballengee Professor of English
Chair, Department of English
Director of the Spring Term

They asked, “How are you?”
(Do you actually care how I am?)
I replied, “Good, how are you?”
(I'm not very well, though. And I don't truly care about your well-being.)
Sometimes, we don't really mean it. My thoughts, in parentheses, might even resemble yours at times.
Once I asked someone, “How are you?” They replied, “Good, how are you?” I responded without thinking, “Good, how are you?”
I, and maybe even you, ought to be more sincere.

By Graham Colton
HEAD COPY EDITOR

to the editor

By Anna Brodsky
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RUSSIAN

To the Editors,

I write to correct an error in your story “Lee-Jackson Day Flags a Tradition,” (January 21, 2013, p. 2). There, your reporter incorrectly refers to a controversy over the “traditional flying of Confederacy-related flags for the [Lee-Jackson] holiday in Lexington.” In fact, there never was a tradition of flying Confederate flags from the city flagpoles. It has been the traditional annual practice that on Lee-Jackson Day, private groups

assemble in Lexington to parade down Main Street and carry the Confederate flag. That was an unobjectionable exercise of their First Amendment rights.

In 2011, however, a private group insisted that the City of Lexington was obligated to fly Confederacy-related flags from municipal property. That amounted to serious over-reaching. Far from exercising their free-speech rights, the private group in effect argued that others, too,—all the citizens of Lexington, in fact— had to send their message

for them, by flying their flag from city-owned property. Nothing in the First Amendment requires that. It would be a crazy world where private groups got to dictate to cities what they had to display on municipal property.

Your reporter quotes Brandon Dorsy, commander of the Stonewall Brigade Camp, who claims that opponents of forcing Lexington to fly the Confederate flag from its flagpoles are “older, affluent, liberal, white people.” I can assure you that it is not simply affluent

whites who opposed the measure. When collecting signatures to oppose the flying of Confederate flags from municipal property, I spoke to a lot of people from a broad racial and economic spectrum: many of them told me that they felt incensed and threatened by seeing the Confederacy related flags waving from the city's flagpoles.

The city has now passed an ordinance limiting the flags to be flown from Lexington flagpoles to the flags of the United States and the State of Virginia. That

does not prevent private groups from exercising their First Amendment rights. And, in fact, in the two years since the enactment of the ordinance, private groups have assembled on Lee-Jackson Day to carry their flags and send their message.

Anna Brodsky
Associate Professor Russian

arts & life

May the foods be ever flavorful: let the Hungry Games begin

By Graham Colton
HEAD COPY EDITOR

From 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. last Saturday in Evans Dining Hall, the Multicultural Student Association (MSA) hosted its first annual Hungry Games, a cooking competition where three judges assessed the presentation, originality and taste of the cultural food creations of eight teams.

The team of Kennedy Castillo '16, Oyumaa Daichinkhuu '16 and Karen Villarroel '16 were awarded the top prize of a \$75 Walmart gift card for their ripe plantain casserole.

For their candied yams and deviled eggs, Randl Dent '15 and Candace Maynard '15 finished in second place and took home a \$50 Walmart gift card.

And in third place, taking off with a \$25 Walmart gift card for "Sandy Beach," a version of pineapple fried rice, were Christy Cui '14, Ginny Huang '14, Wenda Tu '14 and Cathy Wang '15.

Lest you think that the first place team simply whipped up a ripe plantain casserole out of thin air, let it be known that they had to overcome their fair share of adversity to bring home the blue ribbon.

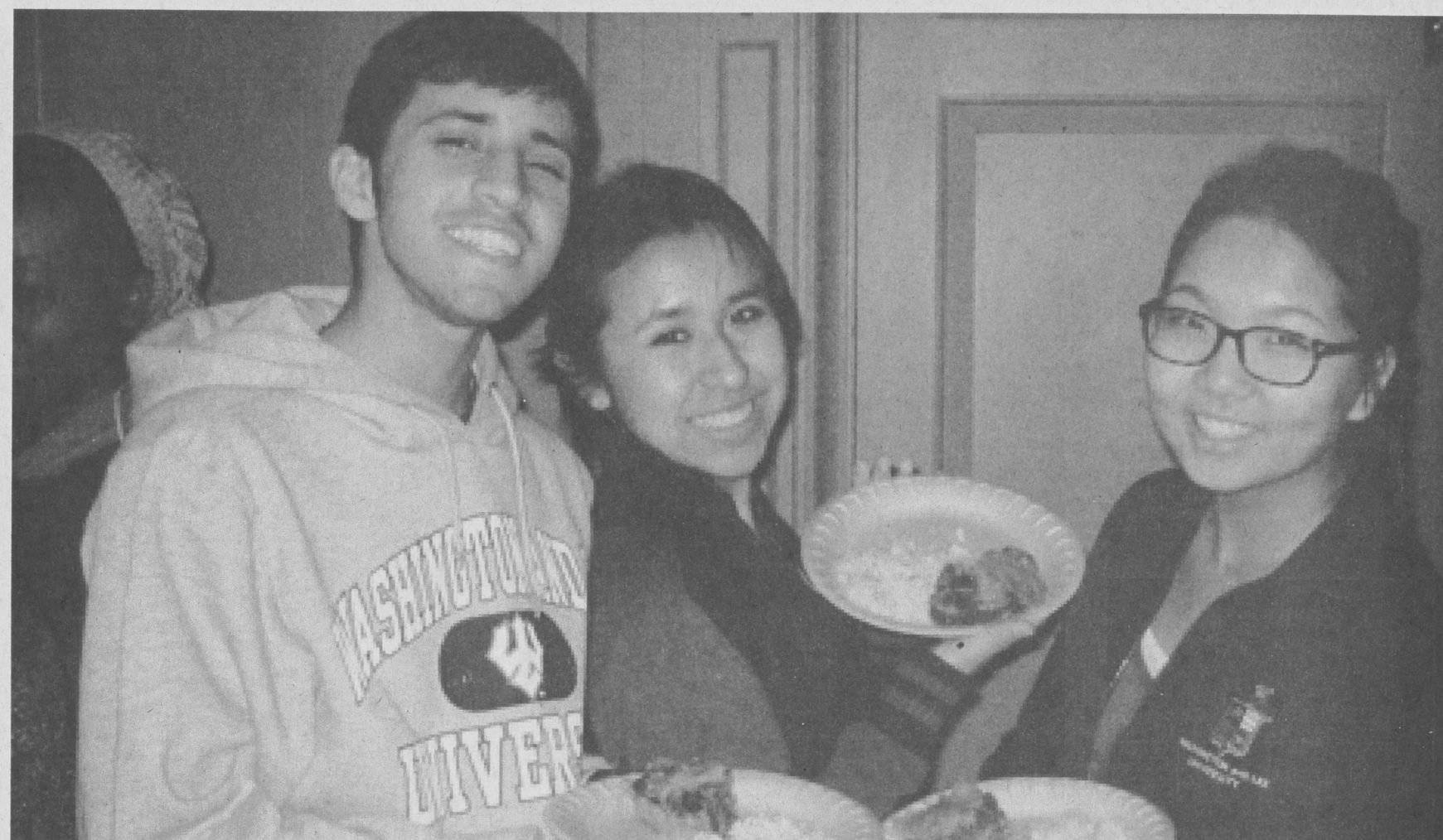
"Finding a kitchen was really hard," lamented Castillo. "First, we wanted to work in Hillel, but that didn't work because this dish has beef and dairy. And then [the] other dorms' kitchens were occupied."

But Castillo and company kept faith.

With some help, Castillo and company chopped, cured and caramelized their way into culinary celebrity. "We cooked in the I-House, so thanks to some people in the I-House who made this possible," acknowledged Castillo.

Second-to-best and crestfallen was the dynamic duo of Dent and Maynard. Maynard, visibly upset yet admirably willing to be interviewed, defended her team's dish.

"We really wanted to capture something that's Southern, something that captured the African-American community, but something that everyone, regardless of where you're from, could enjoy," Maynard said. "The candied



Pictured above: Kennedy Castillo '16, Karen Villarroel '16 and Oyumaa Daichinkhuu '16 pose with their first prize-winning plate, ripe plantain casserole, at the first annual Hungry Games hosted by the Multicultural Student Association this past Sunday.

yams were sweet, but they also had a lot of flavor. And with the deviled eggs, that was a good combination."

Despite just falling short of the top spot, their bone-stickin', tongue-lickin', down-home Southern sustenance really hit the proverbial spot, in the opinion of myself and many other foodies interviewed.

And last but certainly not least was "Sandy Beach," the tropical take on classic fried rice, brought to you by Cathy Wang and her gang. But who would

have known how to turn a plain ol' Asian dish into such a crowd-pleasing hit?

Mom, of course. Cui explained: "It was a homemade dish that my mom made. She sent me the recipe, I looked at the picture, and it looked fun."

The recipe really can't be found anywhere else. "It comes from a little island in China," Cui clarified. "People there, they eat a lot of tropical fruit. Pineapple's one of them, and it tastes really good."

The Hungry Games started, as Presi-

dent Jillian Oyama '13 opined, "because MSA is kind of seen as the minority club a lot of the time. But one of my goals as President is to get rid of that impression because I want it to be a blending of cultures. Cooking is a great way to do that because every culture has food. We were originally deciding to have a potluck, but we thought it would be more interesting to make it a competition, so that way we could bring in a Dean, too."

Dean David M. Leonard, his wife Cindy and Oyama served as judges for

the Hungry Games.

In addition to the teams listed above, fellow competitors were: Kendre Barnes '13 and Hannah Esqueda '13, who made fajitas and horchata; Jordan Edgren '15 and Deirdre Tobin '15, sticky toffee pudding; Thomas Groesbeck '14, Cuban crushed potatoes; David McKennon '14, clubhouse chicken squares; and Lauren Mosely '15, taco pie.

Students make 25th annual Lip Sync a smashing success

By Lindsey Burke
STAFF WRITER

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Every year, Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger (SARAH) hosts a dance competition fundraiser at the school's Pavilion. This time around, contestants from different sororities, fraternities, and the student dance group, The Klazics, choreographed and performed dances in front of the crowd.

Senior President of SARAH Perry Given served as the main announcer of the event, by introducing each dance group on stage. With the help of junior Vice President Christopher Ives, the two made it possible for a smooth show.

The entry fees for the audience and the entering groups formed the proceeds that SARAH donates to the Rockbridge Area Relief Association (RARA) and the Glasgow Food Pantry.

"These proceeds are one step forward in fighting against local hunger," said Sam Campbell, Co-Sophomore Chair for SARAH.

This year, the judges were three of the school's very own faculty members. For each dance, the judges indicated to Campbell and Brett Bauer, the other Co-Sophomore Chair, when to "gong" a group off stage. At the end of the night,

the judges were responsible for naming the winners.

"Essentially, the groups are trying to win the crowd's vote as well as the judges' vote," said Campbell.

Freshman participant Claire Townsley commented on the judging process. Said Townsley, "The show was judged fairly and accurately, keeping the competition entertaining and civil."

Groups this year ranged from the cheetah-themed to nineties throwbacks to boys in cut-off jean shorts. However, every dance was kept sufficiently appropriate for the faculty and kids that came to watch the event.

The Klazics came out with yet another crowd-pleasing performance. However, Kappa Alpha Theta finished up on top this year, followed by Chi Omega at second place and Chi Psi at third.

"It was a fun way to bond with my sisters while supporting a great cause," said freshman Sarah Schaffer, a member of the winning Theta group. "Winning was just an added bonus, because we put so much work into our dance."

Last year, SARAH raised around \$8,000 through the event.

According to Campbell, SARAH aimed to surpass those numbers this year. This goal was reached by Thursday, when sales were already comparatively higher than the previous year. Over 200 tickets were sold before the event, and numbers were raised even higher with door ticket sales.

"It was great to see so many people involved for such a great cause and for a night of fun," said freshman participant Katie Wildes. "The upperclassmen that came were so supportive and really encouraged the freshman up there to do their best and have a good time."

Congratulations!

1st Place:
Kappa Alpha Theta
2nd Place:
Chi Omega
3d Place:
Chi Psi



Pictured above: The members of the winning Kappa Alpha Theta team smile and pose for the camera after the Lip Sync last Friday night, a highly successful event which raised over \$8000 for charity.



arts & life



CK presents Souper Bowl Sunday

By Caroline Hamp
STAFF WRITER

Nothing tastes better than a hearty bowl of soup, especially after the cold weather this past week. Except maybe twenty cups of soup. And no, that's not an exaggeration.

This past Sunday, Campus Kitchen at Washington and Lee hosted an all-you-can-eat local fundraiser, creatively titled the Souper Bowl, where twelve Lexington restaurants served a variety of soups in Evans Dining Hall from 11 am-2 pm.

Plenty of businesses were offering their best soups: The Red Hen, Lexington Golf and Country Club, the E-Café, Full Circle Catering, and many other nearby eateries were there. From chili to lobster bisque to chicken and rice, the

multitude of soups was incredible. My personal favorite was the sweet potato and chicken from The Bistro, but all of them were delicious (and yes, I tried every single one).

The first ever Souper Bowl put a new spin on fundraising. For students, the suggested donation price was only ten dollars – quite a bargain for eating until you explode, especially since the proceeds went to charity. The earnings will benefit the Weekend Backpack Program, a program dedicated to eliminating local child hunger.

Through school lunch programs, most children are guaranteed breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday.

However, when the weekend arrives, no such meals are provided. The Backpack Program was started in 2009 in hopes of feeding local children on Saturday and Sunday. Campus Kitchen fills different backpacks with at least seven food items each, then distributes them to the kids in need every Friday. On Monday morning, the kids return the backpacks to repeat the cycle.

This program is essential to the Rockbridge County education system; many teachers acknowledge the fact that their hungry students often struggle to concentrate on empty stomachs. At Waddell Elementary, 20 percent of students receive a backpack, the lowest percentage

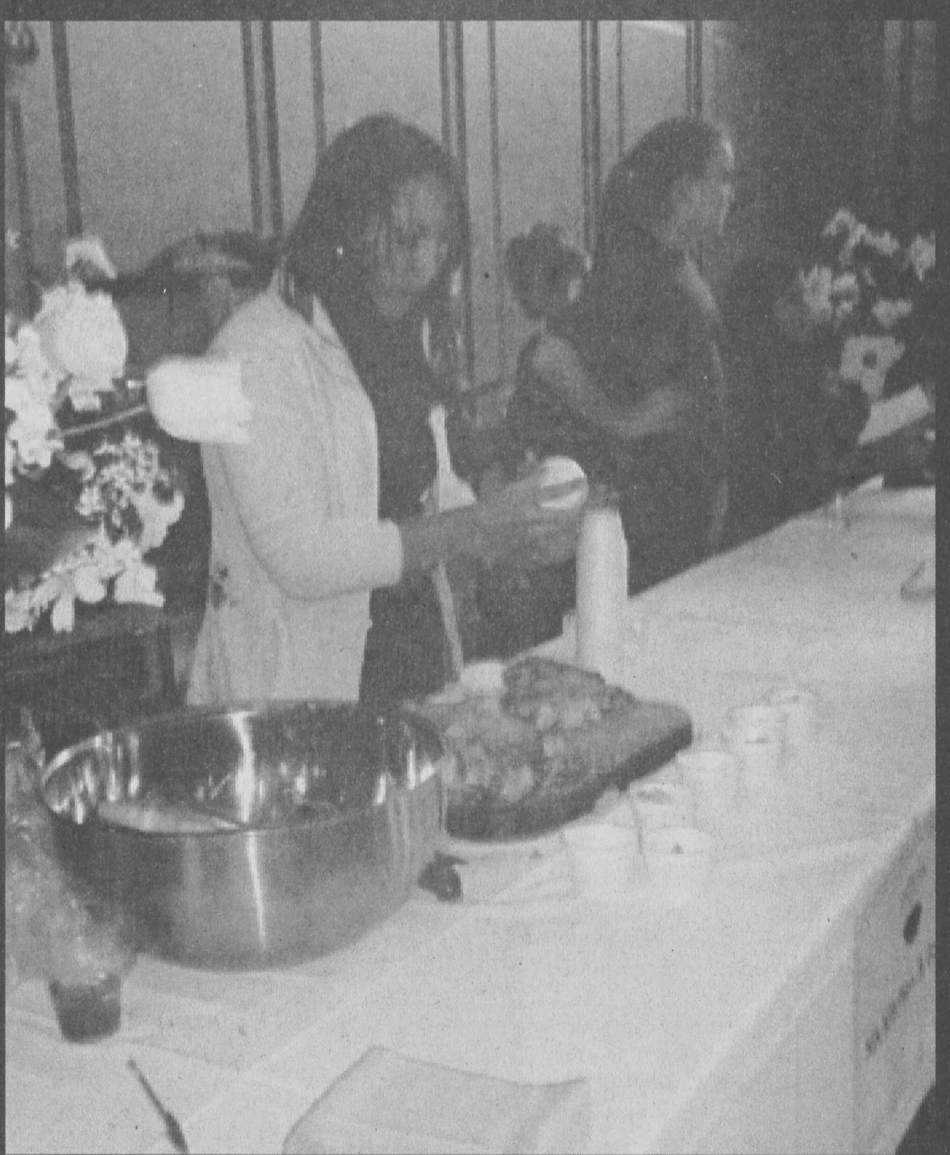
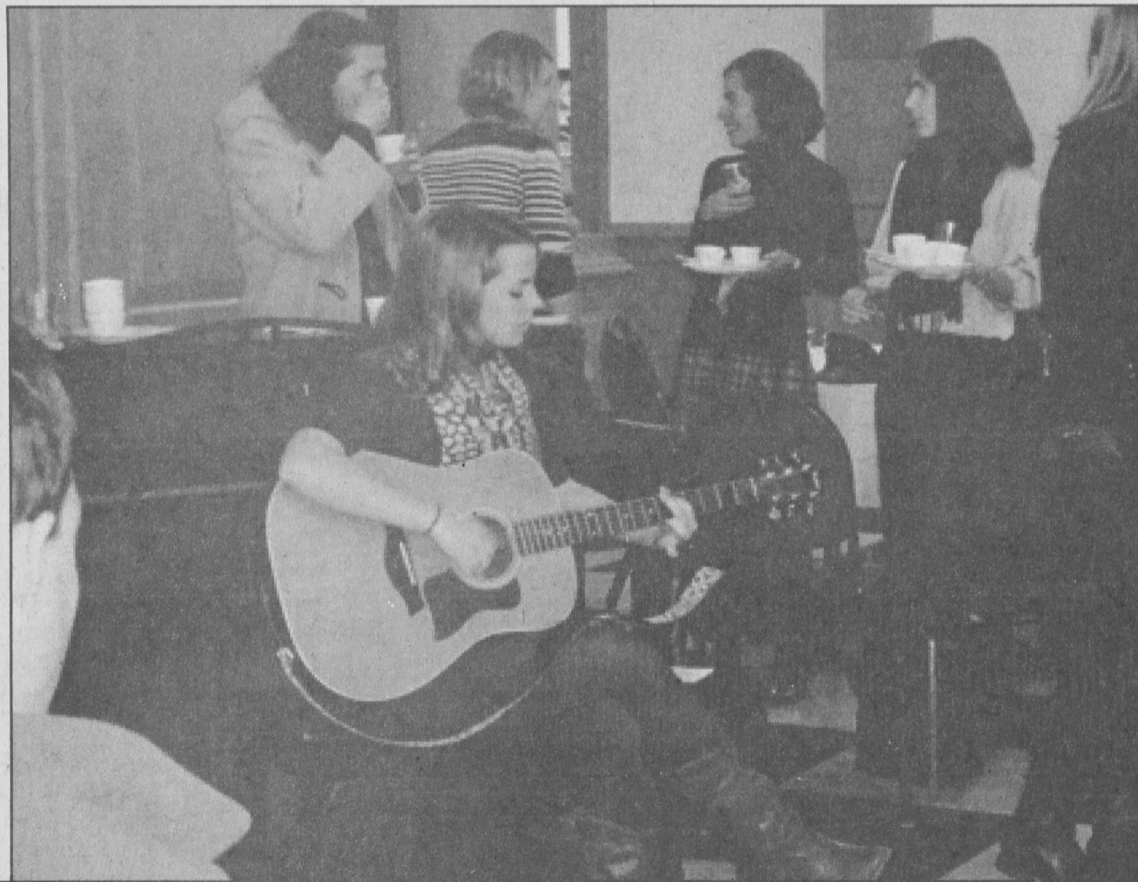
number of the schools involved. In contrast, at Natural Bridge Elementary, 64 percent of students receive a backpack, the highest comparative percentage.

With such an overwhelming need in the area, I was pleasantly surprised by the light-hearted and festive atmosphere at the Souper Bowl. There was live entertainment scheduled throughout the entire event, thanks to many talented folks; a cappella groups sang and a few daring musicians played instruments, including a guitarist and a cellist.

The children who participate in the Backpack Program helped run the event, serving food and cleaning up, all the while smiling and chatting. Plenty of

people attended, from W&L students and staff to community members and families. The first ever Souper Bowl was such a smashing success; I'm keeping my fingers crossed that it will become an annual event.

But it doesn't stop here - Campus Kitchen can use your help all year round! If you want to continue to support the Backpack Program through donations or Wednesday afternoon volunteer shifts, please email Jenny Davidson at jddavidson@wlu.edu or check out the Campus Kitchen website online.



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A needed escape: night at Walden

By Josh White
STAFF WRITER

There are, it seems, a surprising number of students on campus who are unaware of one of W&L's most recent spectacular additions. That is the Walden Cabin, located right here on the university's own back campus. The Cabin, built by Henri Hammond-Paul '12, was based off the one famously depicted in Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*.

Last Thursday evening, I decided to visit the cabin for myself. Although I hadn't read *Walden* yet, I was familiar with the story, and was eager to get outside and experience it for myself.

I packed up my bag at around 12:30 p.m. after finishing my homework for the night. I brought two sleeping bags (due to the arctic weather forecast), a pillow, an extra flashlight to go along with the lantern provided by the Outing Club, some scalding hot chocolate, a journal, one subpar pen, and some other extraneous camping supplies that always stay in my pack.

I was given very specific directions to the cabin, and if it had been daytime, I expect it would have been easy to find. Sadly, however, due to the overcast sky and time of day, I found myself wandering through the woods as snow came down in flurries for quite a bit longer than would have been enjoyable. Trust me when I say the woods can get quite eerie when you're walking around alone at night. Against all odds, I finally spotted the cabin through the trees at around

1:30 am, and it was a welcome sight, indeed.

The cabin is quaint and peaceful, and the surrounding wooded area couldn't have been chosen more perfectly. At the entrance, there is a porch and awning with a wooden rocking chair for quiet reflection. The cabin itself consists of just one room and includes a cot in the corner, a neat hand-powered lantern, a few windows, and a lock for your peace of mind after a long journey in the dark.

I would have liked to sit outside for a while, but due to the time and temperature, I had to make some sacrifices. After snuggling into my doubled-up sleeping bags, I took some time to just sit and think for a while. The absence of technology was actually something I hadn't experienced yet since coming back from winter break, and in the middle of a stressful school week, I couldn't have imagined anything better.

Pulling out my journal for a truly Thoreau-like experience, I began to write down some of my reflections (as well as a few notes for this article). Unfortunately, the ink in my pen was freezing so I didn't get to write as much as I would have liked. I checked my handy thermometer - it was 12° - and realized the night wasn't going to turn out to be as pleasant as I would have liked. After the pen drew its final breaths, I called it quits and closed myself into my cocoon. The 'chilly weather failed to improve



throughout the night, and my goal shifted from getting a solitary experience to merely not suffering hypothermia.

With that said, I can't exactly recommend you to visit the cabin during a night of such extreme weather, but I can say that the cabin is definitely worth

giving a visit once it gets a little warmer out. I, for one, plan on returning in the spring. If you want to reserve the cabin for a night, either now or in the future, you can contact either the Outing Club or Emily Crawford '14 to schedule a time and receive further instructions.

With this awesome getaway located right on campus, it would be crazy for you not to take advantage of it at least once during your four years here, so get outside!

Goldsmith's take on post-fiscal cliff era

By Athena Cao
STAFF WRITER

Taxes for most Americans will go up, and with the interest rates continuing to drop, portfolio managers should not expect a strong return from the stock market or the bond market, said Washington and Lee University Economics Professor Art Goldsmith.

By raising the tax rates without cutting government spending, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 will hurt consumption and we can expect to see a diminished capital stock, Goldsmith told the university's Williams Investment Society in a meeting last Wednesday.

"About 77 percent of American households are now going to pay higher taxes, an average of \$1,600 a year," Goldsmith said. Even though the Congress voted to extend the Bush tax cuts in 2001 and 2003 for all but the wealthiest, it allowed the two-percent Obama tax cut to expire.

Facing a January 1st deadline for the Bush tax cuts to expire, Congress voted just after New Year to keep them

for most Americans permanently. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 takes away the Bush tax cuts only for individuals making more than \$400,000 a year and couples making more than \$450,000. It also increased the payroll tax by two percent for incomes up to \$113,700 and tax rates on dividends and capital gains to 20 percent, in addition to the 3.8 percent Medicare surcharge, from 15 percent for the top earners.

The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, a bipartisan, 12-member panel, was created in August 2011 by the Budget Control Act to reduce the FEDERAL deficit by \$1.2 trillion over the next decade. But Goldsmith said the act would raise only 10 percent of that \$1.2 trillion total because the government spending will not be affected at all.

According to statistics from the Congressional Budget Office, if there had been no change in President Clinton's economic policies after he left office in 2001, there would have been a \$5.6

trillion federal surplus accumulated in a decade.

But at the urging of President Bush, Congress passed tax cuts in 2001 and 2003, which lowered both income tax rates and capital gains tax rates, decreasing tax revenue by \$1.8 billion from 2002 to 2009. At the same time, Bush spent \$1,469 billion on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and defense.

After President Obama took office, Congress passed a \$787 billion stimulus package to cut taxes and create jobs, and create the Troubled Asset Relief Program, which committed \$470 billion - and has paid \$387 billion - to bail out the banks and other financial institutions. By the end of 2012, the interest rate had declined and the federal budget deficit totaled \$1.1 trillion.

In theory, bondholders will be able to make a capital gain from the decline in the interest rate, but they should not expect much return, because the interest rate is already close to zero.

Said Goldsmith: "If you give this

reduction in the interest rate, interest-sensitive industries will do well, but the consumption spending is going down even more than the investment spend-

ing is going up. It just doesn't look great for the stock market."

Finance Tip of the Week: Get a Bank Account!

If you don't have one already, sign up for a savings account. Not only do banks offer interest on your money, they also provide valuable services specifically tailored for college students: check cashing, debit cards, online banking, balance alerts, personal loans, and direct deposit are just some of the many perks!

Celebrating MLK Day with Roberts

By Caroline Hamp
STAFF WRITER

The third Monday of January, which fell on January 21st this year, marks the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. It is a national holiday, so banks, post offices, and public schools close for the day. And yet, Washington and Lee's class schedule forges ahead as usual.

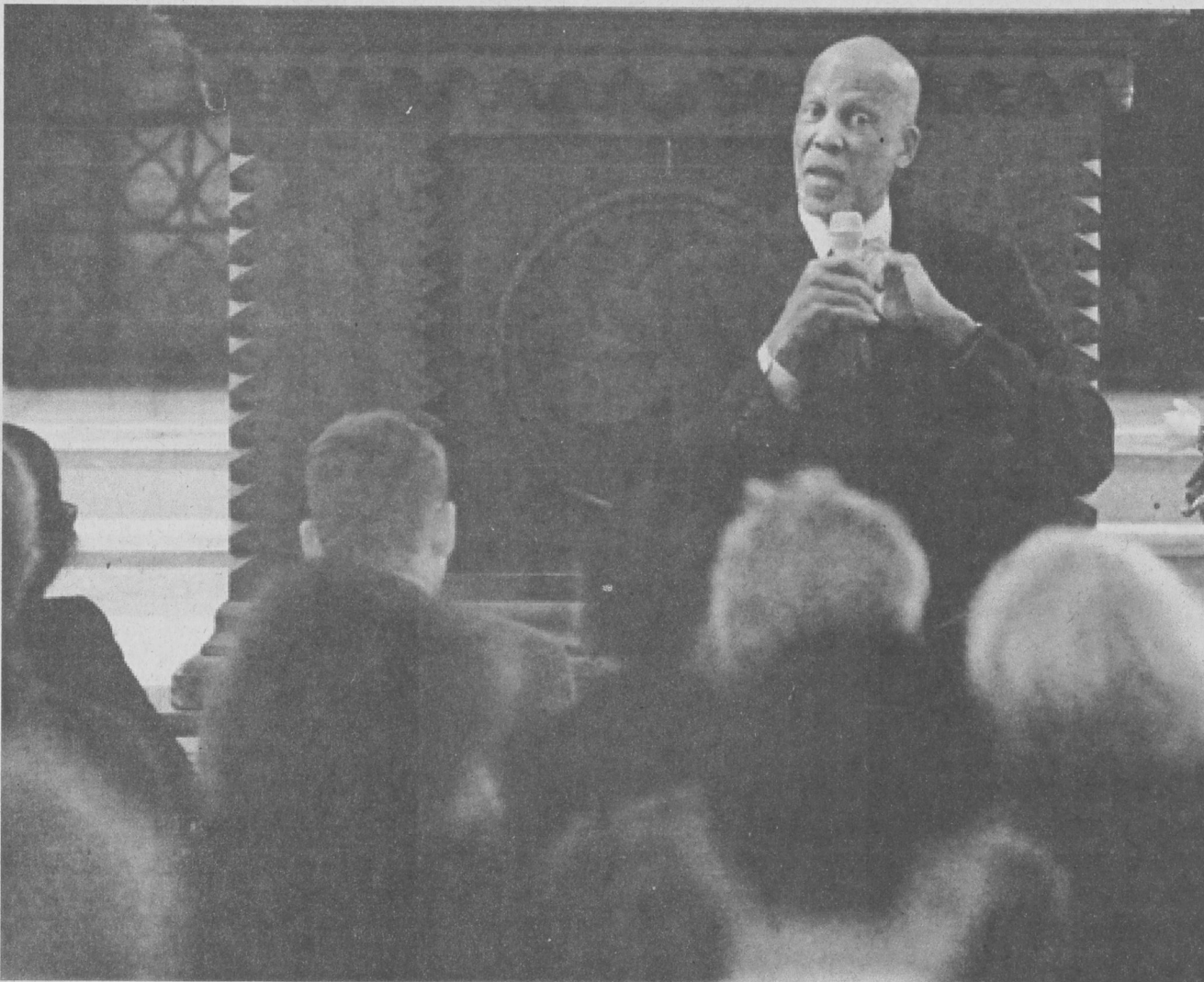
I heard a million and two complaints last Monday about how we don't celebrate MLK Day and how disrespectful that was. Let's be honest, you all just wanted to get out of classes! Because we did celebrate MLK Day, and in a big way: Terrence Roberts, one of the Little Rock Nine, spoke in Lee Chapel on Sunday evening in honor of King.

The Little Rock Nine was a group of nine African-American students who, in 1957, were enrolled in Little Rock Central High School in hopes of initiating gradual integration. It was a huge step forward for the American people and the Civil Rights Movement. Segregation and racism had been openly practiced since 1619, dominating American culture since the intentional implementation of enslavement.

"If you practice something for 335 years, you tend to get good at it. We, the American people, had become practiced at discrimination," explained Roberts.

So, after 335 years of segregation, how is direct and forceful integration handled? With a lot of anger, hatred, violence, and fear. Every morning when Roberts walked into his tenth grade homeroom, he knowingly accepted what the rest of the day would entail: there was 100 percent certainty that he would be beaten up. Every day.

"Here is the dilemma: we get upset with the people who have imperfections



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TERRENCE ROBERTS, a student from The Little Rock Nine

different than our own," said Roberts.

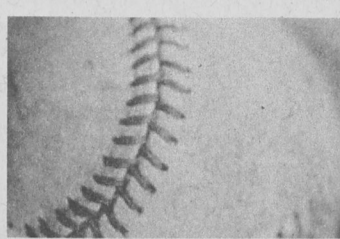
Roberts, self-aware of his potential anger, knew that he could not face those imperfections with hatred. That would turn ugly, fast. Instead, he took some wise advice from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. King had visited Roberts early in his ministry and taught him one very important lesson: There will not be progress unless you truly love your enemies. This principle of nonviolence has stayed with Roberts for his whole life.

For example, while teaching about racial tensions, Roberts learned from one of his students that she had a racist grandfather. Roberts was neither angry nor judgmental; he simply told her to continue to love him with even more care than before.

Many people who attended Central High with Roberts have since then called him to express their deepest apologies and guilt for treating him poorly. One man, who would stand and watch every day as Roberts got beaten up in gym class, regretted his inaction. Roberts, filled with love, understood that this man feared for his own life and immense courage is not always easy to come by.

"In my wildest dreams, we could progress without legislation," said Roberts, who believes in considerate communication over angry action. "We would have a giant, nation-wide dialogue on issues that matter."

Instead of rash or violent decisions, the American people need to practice more understanding and respect. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in nonviolent principles. He believed in love, not hate, and that is why he is still celebrated today.



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Women's basketball falls to York

By Bailey Russell
STAFF WRITER

Thursday night York College claimed a 61-48 victory over Washington and Lee women's basketball.

York (15-4) made good on only 36.7 percent (22-60) of its field goal attempts, but they took 11 additional shots and out-scored W&L by eight points (13-5) at the foul line.

The Generals (6-10) held an early 4-3 lead, but the Spartans took a 16-6 lead at the 9:28 mark of the first half. W&L made four more field goals out of 19 attempts for the remainder of the half.

W&L opened the second half with a 16-7 run over the first 5:49. Senior guard Megan Marks scored five points, and four points came from both senior forwards Rachel Warrick and Katy Wilson to make it a 37-32 game with 14:12 remaining. But after York's junior forward scored the next nine points of the game, the Spartans held a 46-32 lead with 8:32 left on the clock. York carried a double-digit lead the rest of the way toward the win.

As a team, W&L shot 40.8 percent from the floor, but had 19 turnovers, while just eight for York. Wilson and first-year forward Shelbi Hendricks led the way with 11 points each.



First-year Shelbi Hendricks
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Club Bball in its first year

By Hendley Badcock
STAFF WRITER

This winter has much activity to offer as basketball fans add yet another sports team to the list of Washington and Lee clubs. Club Basketball, created by first-year Kyle Jaeger, perfectly combines competition and enjoyment for players of all levels.

Jaeger started the club at W&L to keep up with his high school pastime. "I missed playing highly competitive pickup basketball," Jaeger said. He says that once he officially brought club basketball to the University "a lot of great basketball players were excited to be a part of it."

Around 20 men make up the team. Not all participate at once, so that gives the players some flexibility. "We try to practice two times a week on week nights," Jaeger said. Jaeger is solely responsible for organizing practice, dealing with the budget, and managing the team. There is no official coach, but the men learn from one another and encourage each other on the court. Club sports offer the unique opportunity to be completely student-led, entirely peer-oriented. Relationships form quickly simply through love of the sport and the drive to be out there playing.

Jaeger explained that they have had a lot of schedule changes, since this is their first year as a club. The team hopes to create a solid schedule to carry them through the rest of winter term. For more information regarding Club Basketball and its schedule, contact Kyle Jaeger at jaegerk16@mail.wlu.edu.

Remembering the legendary Joe Lyles

By Pat McCarron
STAFF WRITER

To play a professional sport, coach at the college level, or to serve in the Army would make a great career for any individual. Joe Lyles did them all. Washington and Lee lost a cherished member of its family when on Nov. 13 Joe Lyles passed away at the age of 83, leaving behind multiple lifetimes' worth of achievements.

Lyles was born on October 28, 1929 in St. Louis, and began to build his legacy by becoming a member of St. Mary High School's Hall of Fame, playing multiple sports. He went on to receive Bachelors and Masters degrees in physical education at Springfield College.

His studies, however, were put on hold, for good reason. From 1949-1954, Lyles played professional baseball with the St. Louis Browns organization as an outfielder and pitcher. He also split the years of 1949-1953 playing professional basketball with the St. Louis Bombers as a guard and forward. In the midst of his professional sports career, Lyle served for the Army in 1952. It was also during this year Lyle traveled the globe as a member of the United States All-Stars, visiting 44 different countries to take on

the Harlem Globetrotters.

After playing multiple professional sports and completing his education, Lyles began his career at W&L. His coaching career was not only long, but varied: Lyles head-coached baseball from 1959-1978, soccer from 1959-1976, and assistant-coached basketball from 1959-1969. He achieved a 108-229-3 record in baseball and a 100-85-17 record in soccer during his tenure. He was a two-time W&L Coach of the Year, once for baseball in 1972 and once for soccer in 1974.

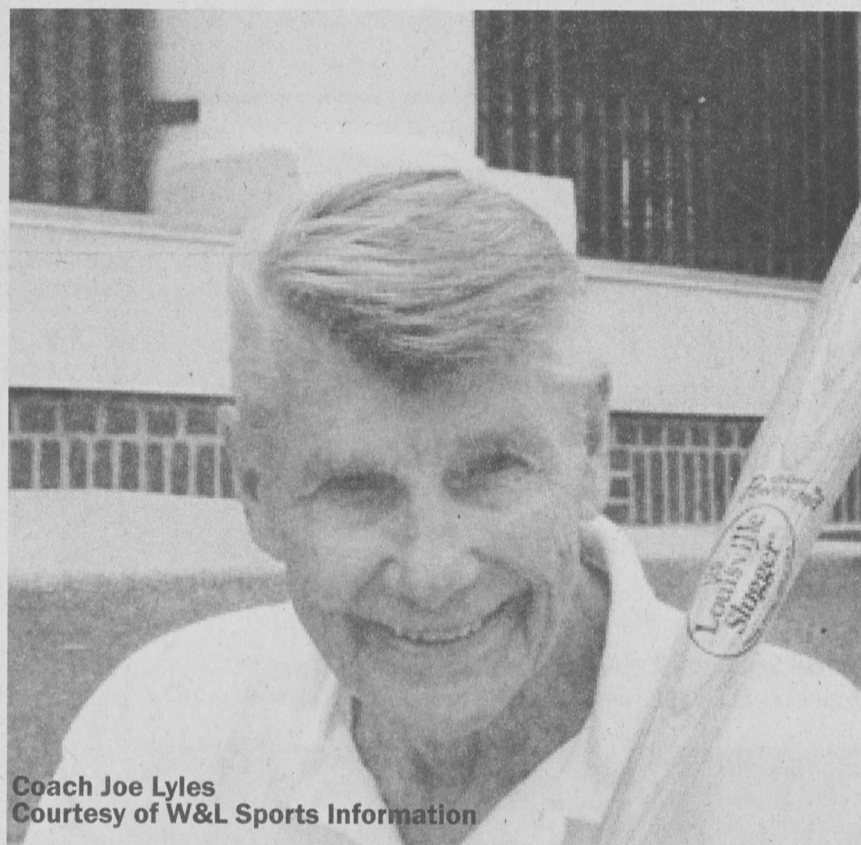
Lyles' influence spread far beyond the confines of the W&L campus. He fulfilled the position of chair for the Penn and South Region Conference, the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's predecessor. He also served on various committees for NCAA baseball, including national chair for Division III baseball and as a member for the National Baseball Rules committee.

More telling of Lyles' altruistic personality was his participation in programs through which he could serve others. During off-seasons he served as a consultant and recreation specialist for the

U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity. He trained staff members of the Springfield College Job Corps and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). Lyles' also devoted his summers to directing summer camps in Virginia and New Hampshire.

While Lyles will be remembered forever as one of W&L's great athletic leaders, he was equally beloved for his sense of humor. Lyles often displayed his wit through his famous "Lylesisms." Whether he was taking inventory on his teams, "I want the left-handers over here, right-handers over there, and the rest of you come with me," or bestowing valuable knowledge upon his players, "This year, all our home games are going to be here," Lyles' always prevalent and sometimes dizzying style of comedy garnered the love of everyone in his presence.

On Nov. 18, Joe Lyles was buried down the street from W&L in Stonewall Jackson Cemetery. The memory of W&L's most legendary coach and the Generals' biggest fan will forever prevail on campus.



Coach Joe Lyles
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

KYLE JAEGER

While the San Francisco 49ers are the popular pick to win the Super Bowl – with their exciting young quarterback Colin Kaepernick, a massive offensive line, and stingy defense – I believe the Ravens will pull out an upset. The 49ers are certainly a strong team, but the Ravens present some challenges that the Niners will not be able to overcome.

In the recent past, the Super Bowl winners were teams that got hot at the right time. Teams like the Packers and Giants did not have great regular season records, but they were able to perform well in the playoffs. While the Ravens are not a wildcard team, they match this trend more closely than the 49ers. Momentum is key in the playoffs, and the Ravens have rallied around Ray Lewis, who announced this would be his last season. Many felt that Ray Lewis' announcement would not affect the team's performance, but it has proven to be just the spark they needed.

Ray Lewis headlines a strong, seasoned and savvy defense. This group has been together for many years, and they have been exposed to all types of offenses. No matter what, they always find ways to execute their defensive gameplan at the highest level. I expect this game to be no different. Colin Kaepernick has a unique skill set, and the threat of the Niners' read-offense has caused problems for other teams. However, I believe that the Ravens will expose this offense, proving it more of a gimmick than a threat.

Jim Harbaugh has been given a lot of credit for making a tough midseason switch – promoting Kaepernick to starting quarterback ahead of Alex Smith. However, John Harbaugh also made a difficult, less celebrated decision. John decided to fire Cam Cameron as offensive coordinator and hand the reigns over to quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell, former head coach of the Indianapolis Colts. This move has paid dividends, as the offense has exploded, averaging over 400 yards per game in the playoffs with a revitalized Joe Flacco

performing well because of increased freedom. Caldwell will surely have a strong gameplan for the Super Bowl that will overwhelm a terrific Niners defense.

The Ravens have demonstrated their ability to beat top teams like the Broncos and Patriots in the playoffs, and the primary reason has been Joe Flacco. Joe Flacco has always been a good, but not great quarterback. He almost led the Ravens to the Super Bowl last year, and this year he was able to get over the hump. During this playoff run Flacco has posted some incredible numbers. In the postseason, Flacco has tossed 8 touchdowns to only 1 interception, and has an average passer rating of 114.7. In several games, Flacco has proven he is able to put the team on his back, especially when Ray Rice struggles. Flacco has a chance to leap to elite status as a quarterback with a victory on Sunday. We can expect strong performances from both the Raven's defense and Ray Rice, but if the Ravens win the Super Bowl, it will be because of a great game by Joe Flacco, and I expect him to win Super Bowl MVP.



After 18 games of regular and postseason play, two teams have come out alive. The San Francisco 49ers and the Baltimore Ravens will face off in Super Bowl XLVII. Kyle and Hailey line up on opposite sides of the ball on who they think will win.

HAILEY HARTLEY

The Baltimore Ravens vs. San Francisco 49ers match-up is everything the NFL could have asked for in a Super Bowl. The headlines outnumber the writers to create them. There's the future retiree who has become a symbol of the town he represents with his pregame dance and passion for the game. There's the team that chose to switch starting quarterbacks halfway through the season under much controversy. And of course there's the fact that the head coaches are brothers, leading many to rename next week's game the "Harbowl" (the same name was used during their regular season match-up last year).

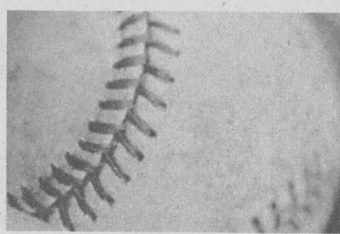
My personal opinion is clouded by the fact that I choose the 49ers at the beginning of the season to win the Superbowl (I admit, I worried when Kaepernick was named starting quarterback) and had a terrible experience at a Ravens game when I was in middle school and heckled by a grown man for wearing the opposing teams jersey. But personal opinions aside, I believe the Jim Harbaugh and the 49ers are going to pull this one out.

During the regular season, the 49ers were one

of the best all around teams in the league. They made some terrible mistakes sure, but they seemed to rally and overcome them with ease. The team has taken to Kaepernick and he has become a success story that no one saw coming. But it's not their new style of offense that has me convinced, it's their defense. I am of the personal belief that defenses win championships, and their defense is one of the top five in the league. And hey, if they can't stop Joe Flacco, they really don't deserve to win. The once dominant Ravens defense isn't what it used to be, and they won't be able to keep up with the Kaepernick led offense. If the 49ers are able to establish a passing game early the Ravens won't have a chance. Nonetheless, I think it will be a close game. Let's just hope it doesn't come down to field goals, which would be bad for both teams.



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in the numbers

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Lionel Messi became just the eighth player in La Liga history to score 200 goals. At the age of 25 he is the youngest player to do so.

3

The number of years in a row that tennis' Novak Djokovic has won the Australian Open after defeating Andy Murray in four sets on Sunday. It was his fourth overall title.

0.24

The amount of time between the United States and Germany's combined times at the Bobsled and Skeleton World Championships. Lolo Jones and teammates took home the gold to defend their title.

262

The total number of days between victories for the Washington Capitals before they defeated the Buffalo Sabres on Sunday. It is also the same number of days since Alex Ovechkin scored a goal. The Capitals won 3-2.

soapbox

"Most of the [NFL players] are well-compensated for the violence they do to their bodies... You read some of these stories about college players who undergo some of these same problems with concussions and so forth and then have nothing to fall back on. That's something that I'd like to see the NCAA think about.

—President Barack Obama in an interview with *The New Republic*. The interview will appear in the Feb. 11 issue.

Athlete of the Week



Sophomore Jillian Katterhagen of The Woodlands, Texas, broke the school record in the indoor pole vault this weekend at the Denison Lid Lifter Invitational. She vaulted 3.36 meters to take first place.

Gennies upset No. 22 Guilford

By Bailey Russell
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the Washington and Lee men's basketball team won its third straight game and ended 22nd-ranked Guilford's nine-game winning streak.

Sophomore guard Javon McDonald scored seven three-pointers (7-of-9) to lead W&L with 21 points. The seven triples tied a Generals record for three-pointers made in a game (done six times), with Mike Stuart '05 who most recently reached the record in 2004 in a game at Lynchburg.

The Generals never trailed in the game, and led for the final 15:13 of the second half. Guilford (14-3, 6-2, ODAC) cut W&L's lead to two points, 57-55, with 2:32 remaining in the contest on a layup. After a turnover by the

Gennies, the Quakers missed a jumper that would have tied the game.

Junior guard Kevin Gill hit a three from the top of the key to increase the advantage to 60-55 with 52 seconds left. Guilford responded with a layup, and GC immediately fouled to send Gill to the line for a 1-and-1. He missed the first, but the ball got back to W&L when GC sailed a pass out of bounds.

First-year forward Andrew Franz sealed the game, nailing two shots from the charity stripe creating a five point lead (62-57). Guilford's junior guard Jarren Hinton split a pair of free throws with .3 seconds left to reach the final score of 62-58.

The Gennies led 36-33 at the half, after

making 8-of-17 three-pointers in the opening 20 minutes. W&L led by as many as 11, 26-15, at the 8:24 mark, but GC finished the half on a 21-7 run to get back into the game.

McDonald hit six of his seven three-pointers in the first half and also finished the game with three rebounds, two assists, and one steal. Franz drained 10 points, while grabbing five boards and dishing out three assists. Senior forward J.D. Ey barely missed a double-double with nine points and 12 rebounds. He additionally added three blocks, two steals and two assists.

GC ended the game at 39.3 percent from the field, and connected on only 7-of-21 threes. They also turned over the ball 11 times.



Sophomore Javon McDonald
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Clancy new to job, not to basketball

By Pat McCarron
STAFF WRITER

Coach Christine Clancy is in her first year as Washington and Lee women's basketball head coach, and she brings more than just a knowledge for the game to the table. Having coached and received an education from some of the top schools in the country, it seems that Coach Clancy represents W&L athletics appropriately: with a combination of athleticism and intellect.

Coach Clancy spent her college years at Brandeis University, playing both basketball and tennis. Coach Clancy won the Coaches Award in both sports, and in her senior year led her basketball team as team captain. Coach Clancy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, and showcased her balance of athleticism and intellect by becoming a three-time member of the University Athletic Association All-Academic Team.

From 2006 to 2008, Coach Clancy was the assistant coach for women's basketball at Smith College. While coaching at Smith, Coach Clancy furthered her education by earning a Master of Science degree in sports and exercise studies. She also spent her tenure at Smith as an athletic administrative intern.



Coach Christine Clancy
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

In the following three years, Coach Clancy led the women's basketball squad at Colby

College, spending her first two years as an assistant before receiving interim head coaching duties in the 2010-2011 season. In her second season of assistant coaching, Coach Clancy helped lead her team to a school record 24 wins and its first NCAA Tournament berth in program history. In her first year as head coach, Coach Clancy's team followed up in similar fashion with a 22-6 record and another NCAA Tournament berth.

Coach Clancy's athletic and academic influence was evident in her first year as she helped coach Becca Bolton to the ODAC scholar-athlete award. In her second year at W&L and first year as head coach, Coach Clancy has also been named an assistant professor of physical education.

Having played, studied and coached at places like Smith, Brandeis, Colby, and W&L, Coach Clancy represents the University well, striking a balance between smarts and athletic ability. Her Generals are currently 7-10 and travel to Bridgewater on Thursday to face the Eagles.

W&L outswims neighboring VMI

By Hailey Hartley
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The Washington and Lee men's and women's swim teams won their meets this weekend across the street at Virginia Military Institute. The men's team defeated VMI, their only competitor, while the women's team took home wins against both VMI and Ferrum.

The men's team won 11 events, and the women tallied nine. Top performers included Rick Sykes and Stephanie Foster with three event wins each. Other winners include Brennan Haley in the 200-yard backstroke and

Wesley Sigmon in the 2000-yard breaststroke. The 200-yard medley relay team made up by Stephanie Foster, Sarah Schaffer, Caroline Hamp and Izzy Brassfield also won. Kelly Mae Ross and Billy Fries took first in the women's and men's 1000-yard freestyle respectively.

The next meet for both teams will be their respective conference championship meets. The women's team will travel to Greensboro, NC for the Old Dominion Conference Cham-

pionships on Feb. 8 for three days of competition. They will look to defend their title that they have had for five years running.

Then on Feb. 13th the men's team heads to Charlotte, NC for the Bluegrass Mountain Championships when they will take on teams like Johns Hopkins, Wingate and Randolph-Macon.

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Men's Basketball			at Bridgewater 7 pm			at Hampton-Sydney 2 pm	
Women's Basketball				at Bridgewater 7 pm		vs Virginia Wesleyan 4 pm	