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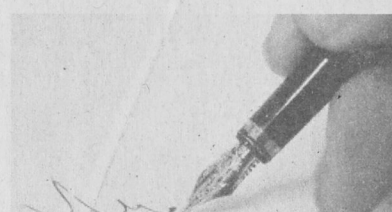
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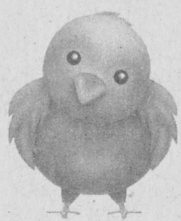
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### Dear seniors...

So begins a love letter to W&L. Seniors look back at their most memorable moments as they head into their futures.

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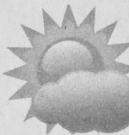
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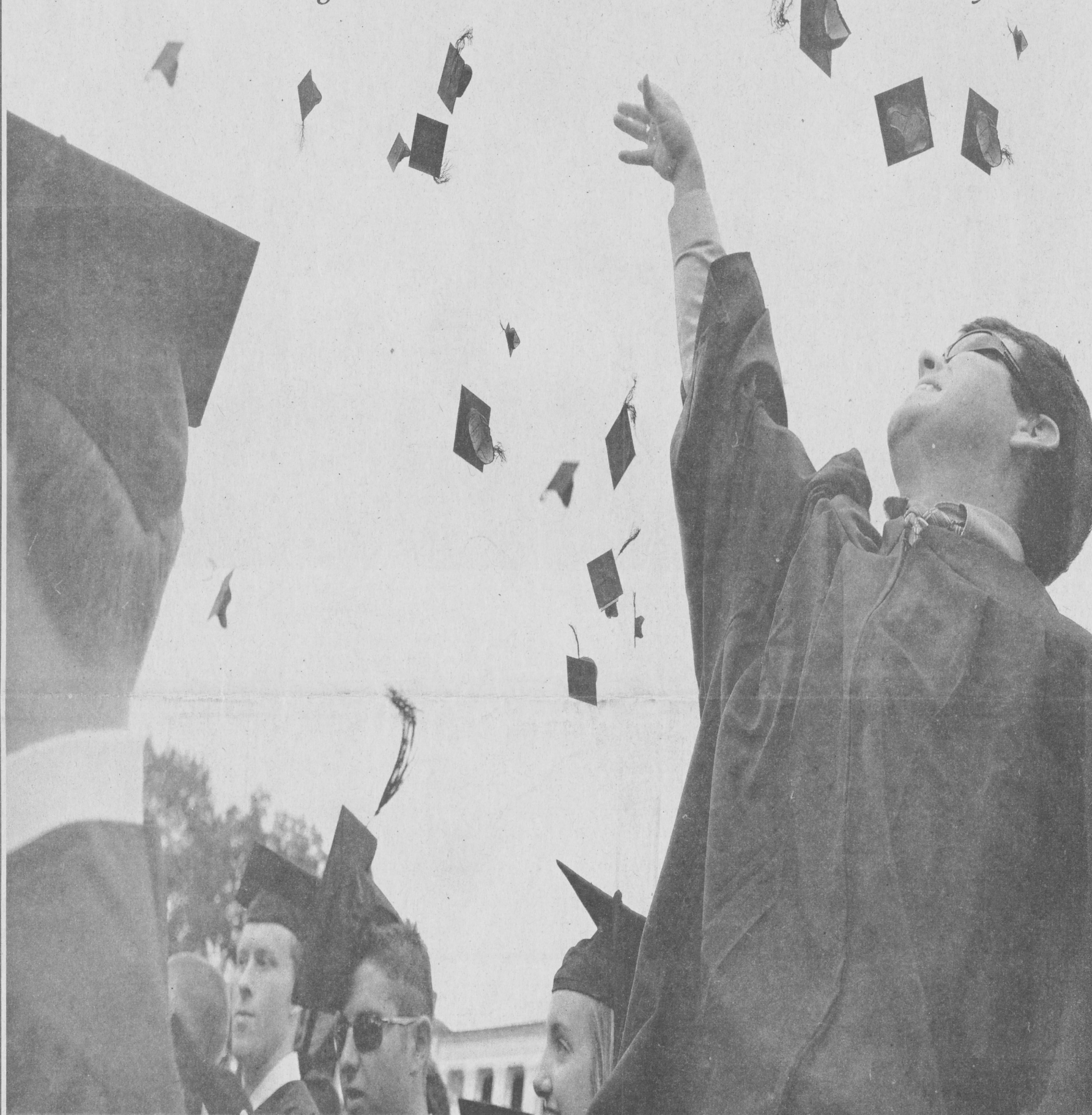
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## Congratulations Graduates!

The 226th undergraduate commencement is to be held May 23



## Six W&L Students win Fulbrights

By Dane Davis  
STAFF WRITER

After submitting the highest number of applications yet, six out of sixteen W&L students have received Fulbright awards this year.

After competing with almost 10,000 students across the country, seniors Max Chapnick, Derek Barisas, Rachel Urban, Isaac Webb, Bethany Reynolds and Kendra Barnes were selected for the Fulbright Award.

The Fulbright Scholar Program is an international exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. It provides both US scholars and foreign scholars the opportunity to educate students, conduct research, and become immersed in their host country's culture.

W&L's Fulbright Scholar Program Adviser Japanese Professor Janet Ikeda said that the Fulbright Scholar program looks for post-graduate students who are eager to engage with their host countries.

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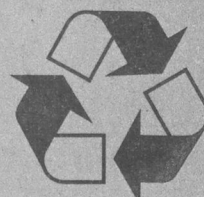
## PHI AWARDS!

Every year, the Phi recognizes four seniors from the graduating class for their impressive achievements. Education goes far beyond the classroom, and these students have been noted for everything that they have done both on and off campus during their time here. From tutoring local elementary school kids from Rockbridge County to raising over \$30,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, these seniors stood out for their remarkable commitment and dedication. Regardless of what they have done, they have truly made the most out of their four years at W&L. Congratulations to all of the winners!

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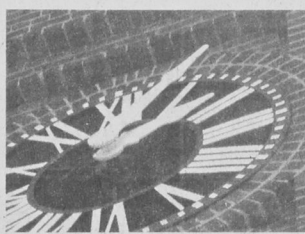


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# news



## Traveller drivers recognized

By Andrea Owen  
STAFF WRITER



Director of Public Safety Michael Young, Traveller Chair Megan Bock, and Traveller Communications chair Katie Jarrell presented a Certificate of Recognition Award to Traveller Transit drivers Dennis Patterson, Jerry Massie, Chris Fauber, and James Hickman in a ceremony Friday evening in Commons Lobby.

John Smith was away, but will receive an award from Young next week.

"I could never imagine doing the job that they do," said Bock in an interview. "They are very patient, they work very hard, and I think everyone here really appreciates them."

Bock described how the drivers go out of their way to keep students safe. For example, she said drivers will pick up students stuck at Windfall even if it is past 2 a.m., when Traveller is scheduled to shut down.

Patterson, who has been with Traveller for two years, said he was grateful for the recognition.

### Impact

In the 2011-2012 school year, there were 67,027 rides recorded on Traveller, up from 56,854 the previous year.

Dean David Leonard, who has seen Traveller evolve since he came to W&L in 2003, described Traveller's impact.

"Ideas for improving the system are often implemented," he said, "and we've witnessed a decline in the number of charges for driving under the influence and other tangential issues pertaining to the law."

Young said in an interview that although one cannot measure the amount of lives saved from Traveller, the system has done a lot of good.

"The best part is the amount of kids we get home safe," he said.

Leonard continued to support what Traveller has brought to the campus.

"It's purely anecdotal, but increased ridership has made more students aware of those who may need extra assistance," he said, "and our students have been more active in ensuring that intoxicated students are placed in good hands for the evening."

"It does an awful lot of good, and people don't think about that," Young said.

### Student Reaction

Young said that he is sometimes disappointed in the way students treat drivers and the Traveller system as a whole.

"It seems that there are a lot more students now who take it for granted," he said.

Leonard agreed that some students

can disrespect the Traveller system.

"Most students are good passengers and good citizens, but overcrowding at some of the bus stops occasionally leads to pushing and shoving to secure a seat," he said. "On occasion, those who have consumed too much alcohol are unruly to Traveller monitors and/or drivers."

Bock said she also wishes students gave more recognition.

In addition, Leonard added that many people would prefer seeing less trash at various Traveller stops.

Young expanded on the need for different attitudes from students.

"People work hard to make sure our students are safe...and they shouldn't be abused or cursed or thrown up on or things like that," he said. "Students need to be a little more respectful...and respect the system for what it is."

## 2016 Mock Con Tri-chairs announced

By Randy Karlson  
STAFF WRITER

The 2016 Mock Convention Tri-Chairs were announced last weekend.

Andrew McCaffery was named General Chair, Katherine Hodges was named Political Chair and Tanner Waggoner was named Executive Treasurer of the quadrennial tradition at Washington and Lee.

All Tri-Chairs are first-year student because the convention will be held during their senior year.

McCaffery said that he was drawn to

search on a grassroots and national level and acquiring prominent political speakers for the convention.

Hodges's interest in the position comes from a serious interest in politics. "Tri-Chairs have the most important responsibilities in Mock Convention and I knew that there would be no position more fulfilling in the organization than Political Chair," said Hodges.

Waggoner, a first-year out of Scottsdale, AZ, will take the final position

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**ANDREW McCAFFERY, General Chair**

the position "by the opportunity to manage a company, as Mock Convention is not just an event."

"Mock Convention has...stuck out as one of W&L's most outstanding features -- it's that extra element that distinguishes us from so many other great, similar schools," said McCaffery. "This is because Mock Convention is rooted in student involvement, and showcases this unanimous participation on a national level."

Not only is McCaffery excited to get started on his work, but he also has big plans and has put the wheels in motion almost three years before the event. "We have already started working, believe it or not, after being selected the second weekend of Spring Term," said McCaffery. "We are developing a hiring strategy for the fall, as well as defining our long-term goals and hopes for the 2016 convention."

Hodges's main responsibilities as Political Chair include overseeing the regional and state chairs, conducting re-

search on a grassroots and national level and acquiring prominent political speakers for the convention.

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## Knapp and Conner appointed to new campus positions

By Yejean Kim  
STAFF WRITER

With spring comes new beginnings, even in the Washington and Lee University faculty.

Elizabeth Knapp, associate provost and associate professor of geology, has been appointed senior assistant to the president and director of the Johnson Program in Leadership and Integrity. Marc Conner, the Jo M. and James M. Ballengee Professor of English and head of the English Department and director, was appointed associate provost.

### Elizabeth Knapp

Knapp graduated from W&L in 1990 and returned in 1997 as assistant professor of geology. She received her PhD in environmental science from the Univer-

sity of Virginia, and teaches geochemistry, hydrology, and biochemistry.

Knapp has served as associate dean of the college for four years, balancing the responsibility with teaching and research in the Geology department. She joined the provost's office July 2011. Some of her responsibilities included undergraduate academic advising, new faculty orientation, student research opportunities and teaching award nominations.

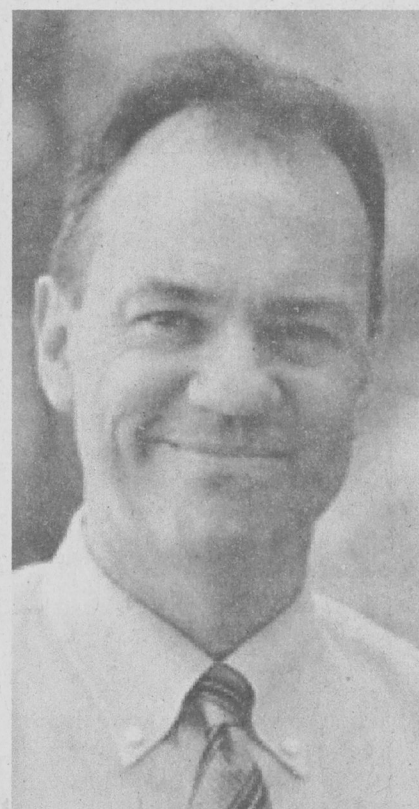
Previously held by Valerie Cushman, the position has been redefined.

Knapp will work with about 160 Johnson scholars currently attending W&L, as well as administer the new Johnson endowment, designed to help Johnson scholars conduct special summer projects and research. She will also assess the Johnson program, and work on initiatives for the president's office.

### Marc Conner

Conner joined W&L's faculty in 1996 after receiving his B.A. from University of Washington in English and Philosophy and PhD in English literature from Princeton University. Conner created the Spring Term program in Ireland, taking W&L students there to experience the literature and culture of Ireland since he "started it in 2000" and is director of Spring Term. Conner also teaches courses in Shakespeare, the Bible as literature and courses in literature and religion and literature and philosophy. His appointment as director of Spring Term in 2010 has led to the creation of almost 300 new courses. He will continue to serve as director while also serving as associate provost.

"I'm very excited about taking on these new challenges, but also I feel a



bit daunting because it is a new set of responsibilities," said Conner. There's a set of high expectations for this position but I'm looking forward to it, because that's obviously what I was seeking."

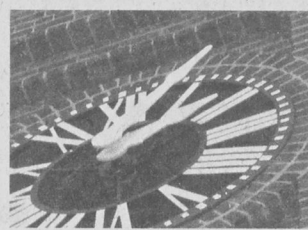
Conner will perform two main roles in his new position.

"There's a whole lot of initiatives I get to work on, like spring term, faculty, and students together, the other part is more open-ended it's really supporting the new provost and all the other aspects of his job," said Conner.

Conner will continue to teach one course a year and will teach his Bible as literature course the upcoming fall term.







# news



## EC sets budget allocations

By Rachel Adams-Heard  
STAFF WRITER

The Executive Committee held interviews with student organizations to decide budget allocations for the 2013-2014 academic year last week.

Each year around 50 to 60 school recognized organizations fight for funds. These funds come from the student activity fee, which pays for student organizations, as well as Traveler.

The process of allocating budgets to these organizations is not an easy task. The EC spends several days holding interviews and meetings until an agreement is made. Vice President of the Student Body Daniel Raubolt plays a critical role in the process. As VP, Raubolt is responsible for proposing an overall budget plan to the rest of the Committee.

The EC looks over each organization's projected allocation as proposed by the VP until all members reach a consensus. Members then vote on the overall budget, and the majority decides whether or not it is passed.

"Usually, the General Activities Board, Contact Committee, the Student Bar Association (the law school's student government), and Mock Con receive the most funding," said Raubolt.

These organizations all have high expenses and are unable to generate the necessary revenue on their own. Smaller organizations that may not have as many expenses or that earn money through their own means typically receive less funding from the EC.

Junior Matt Hesser was one of the many student leaders vying for funds. Hesser is president of 1 in 4, an all-male student organization that aims to prevent rape and sexual assault.

Hesser said he wishes to expand the organization and change the message from one of harsh statistics to an encouragement of healthy relationships. As is often the case, this expansion brings an increased need for funding.

This year, the General Activities Board was given the biggest allocation with \$120,000, followed by the Student Bar Association with \$109,000 and Contact Committee with \$91,000. Other large budgets include Fancy Dress (\$18,000), Mock Trial (\$16,500), Nabors Service League (\$14,000) and Mock Con (\$10,000). 1 in 4 received \$5,500, which is comparable to the \$5,250 allocated to its female equivalent Speak.

Below is the full list of budget allocations as posted in last Wednesday and Thursday's Campus Notices.

23 \$1,100  
1 in 4 \$5,500  
Active Minds \$1,400  
African Society \$750  
Arts League \$1,500  
Brazilian Club \$350  
Campus Community Coalition \$1,500  
Campus Kitchen \$15,000  
College Access \$1,350  
Community Financial Freedom \$2,250  
Contact Committee \$91,000  
Dance Company \$5,600  
Engineers Without Borders \$3,100  
ESOL \$1,300  
Fancy Dress \$18,000  
GAB \$120,000  
GenDev \$7,000  
German Club \$50  
GLBT Equality Initiative \$6,000  
GRAAC \$500  
Habitat for Humanity \$250  
In General \$4,800  
Jubilee \$900  
LIFE \$2,750  
Literacy Campaign \$1,000  
Men's Volleyball Club \$2,250  
Mindbending \$2,250  
Mock Con \$10,000  
Mock Trial \$16,500  
Model UN \$2,500  
Muse \$2,950  
Nabors Service League \$14,000  
P.L.A.Y. \$1,500  
P4T \$2,000  
PAACE \$5,000  
Parliamentary Debate Team \$1,500  
Peer Counseling \$3,500  
Political Review \$2,000  
Production \$2,000  
Quest Scholars \$1,000  
Relay for Life \$2,000  
Rugby \$3,500  
SABU \$2,500  
SAIL \$6,000  
SARAH \$750  
SBA \$109,000  
SEAL \$1,900  
SPEAK \$5,250  
Student to Student \$1,000  
Students for St. Jude \$1,500  
WITS \$350

## Pakistan elections a milestone

By Hannah Howard  
STAFF WRITER

On May 11 the people of Pakistan took to the polls in what proved to be a monumental election for the country.

The voting for this election shaped up to be unlike any other Pakistani election in the past. For the first time in the history of the state, political parties were allowed to campaign in the Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA). This region didn't even have the right to "one person, one vote" until almost this century.

Despite strength in the arena of trade, people in FATA have never held much – if any – political power. Historically, political representatives from this area were not associated with any of the political parties, but were instead independents who merely supported the government at the time in order to receive resources.

"With the introduction of free campaigning and the entry of political parties proper into the race, as well as the large number of independents, it is clear that old electoral trends may no longer hold," said Analyst Zalan Khan, before the election. "What they are to be replaced by, however, remains to be seen."

This landmark election and the campaigning that led to it displayed a fierce battle between six of Pakistan's largest political parties. These include the Awami National Party (ANP), a left wing, secular, Pashtun nationalist party; the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), a secular, liberal but fiscally conservative group; the Pakistan Muslim League - Nawaz (PML-N), a center right, conservative party that was the leading opposition in the outgoing parliament; the Pakistan Muslim League - Quaid (PML-Q), a center right party formed by defectors from PML-N; the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), a secular, socialist group that was the incumbent party heading

into the May 11 election; and finally, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), an anti-status quo and anti-corruption party that was the "wildcard" in this year's parliamentary election.

Throughout the campaign season, Pakistan has been consumed with violence. On May 9, the son of former Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani was kidnapped. People on a motorcycle and others in a car opened fire on the prime minister and his son during a campaign rally then forced his son into a car.

The campaign was also hampered by threats from the Taliban. The vote that took place on Saturday was a democratic milestone for a country ruled for so long by its military. For quite some time it looked like this milestone would be prevented by potential suicide bomber attacks at polling stations.

On the eve of the election, one of the candidates was shot and killed along

with two of his supporters while campaigning in Karachi, the financial capital of the state. The attack was the last of many along the campaign trail, which brought the death total to 127 since mid-April.

On May 10, as it all was coming to an end, 600,000 polling staff and 70,000 army and security forces were deployed to the various stations throughout the country. The election was one defined by a "raucous mix of celebration and violence," according to reporter Asad Hashim.

The final voting process had 15,000 candidates competing for 849 seats. There were explosions at a few polling stations but overall, the day was marked by an outpouring of democratic participation. Voting hours were even extended in many cities.

The country must now wait patiently for the results of this landmark election.

## Continued from Fulbright scholars

By Krysta Huber  
STAFF WRITER



Meet the scholars! From left to right: Kendre Barnes, Isaac Webb, Derek Barlasas, Max Chapnick, Rachel Urban, Bethany Reynolds.

Chapnick added that he believes the purpose of the Fulbright scholar programs is to emphasize the importance of being a cultured individual.

"In my understanding, the mission of the Fulbright grant is to provide students with unique study abroad experiences," he said. "And in doing so, foster cross-cultural awareness."

The program offers three different opportunities. Students can apply to work as researchers, English teaching assistants or in the arts. W&L will be represented in each area.

Chapnick is the first W&L student to be working and studying in the arts program. Chapnick will be studying in New Zealand, where he will earn a Masters in Writing for the Page in Poetry at the International Institute of Modern Letters at Victoria University.

He will be completing a Masters thesis, which involves writing a poetry manuscript. Chapnick's poetry will focus on the intersections of poetry and physics.

In addition to the Master program, Chapnick will also be auditing graduate-level physics classes at Victoria University. And he will be teaching middle school and high school students how writing and science can work as complements.

Chapnick said he is confident that his experience will prepare him well for graduate school and his future.

"I think that the opportunity to live on my own in a foreign country as a representative in the US will teach me a host of invaluable skills, whatever I do next," he said.

Urban and Barnes were selected to work as English teaching assistants in Bangladesh and Panama, respectively.

But after much consideration, Urban decided to turn the opportunity down to attend graduate school at the University of Michigan. Urban received a full fellowship and a living stipend for the university's Masters program in Japanese Studies.

"The Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Michigan is the oldest in-

cause she felt it would be a great setting to gain teaching experience and explore her intellectual curiosities.

"I have a particular interest in questions concerning race, identity, literature, and the experience of diaspora and marginalized communities and voices in the Spanish-speaking world," she said. "And Panama has such a rich history as a ra-

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JANET IKEDA, W&L Fulbright Scholar Program Adviser

terdisciplinary center in the US devoted exclusively to Japanese Studies, so it was quite an honor to receive this opportunity," Urban said.

Urban plans to reapply for the Fulbright Scholar program in the future.

"I am really sad that I wasn't able to do the Fulbright this year, because it's something that I feel so passionate about," she said. "I sincerely hope that I'll be able to have the opportunity to do it again."

Barnes, a Spanish and English major at W&L, said the Spanish department had a significant influence on her decision to apply for the Fulbright award.

"I am extremely grateful for [the department's] confidence and encouragement throughout the entire process," Barnes said.

Barnes said that she chose Panama be-

cause she felt it would be a great setting to gain teaching experience and explore her intellectual curiosities.

Barlasas, Reynolds and Webb were all selected for Fulbright's research program.

Barlasas will be doing genetic testing of the black-tailed godwit in Iceland. He said that Iceland's unique environment encouraged him to select the country for his Fulbright experience.

Reynolds will travel to China, where she will be conducting education research for migrant children in China's Zhejiang Province.

Webb declined to comment on his experience, but will be conducting research in the Ukraine.

When discussing the application process, Ikeda and many of the Fulbright re-

cipients stressed the importance of starting early. Ikeda said that she is happy to see sophomores and juniors in her office to start conversation about the Fulbright programs.

"The application process only has one on-campus interview and after that the selection committee relies on the students' paper application," Ikeda said. "It is important for me to get to know the students well so that I can help them be sure their application conveys who they are."

Ikeda added that her experience as the Fulbright program adviser has given her the opportunity to meet many interesting and driven students.

"Working with this year's group was very enriching," Ikeda said.

Urban and Barnes strongly encouraged anyone interested to apply. Urban said that the application process is beneficial to the job search in general, even if a student isn't selected for the program.

"You will have the experience of writing a personal statement and putting together a resume – all of which are necessary skills for other postgraduate applications," Urban said.

Barnes added that applying for a Fulbright grant is inspiring.

"We can never see what the outcomes of our decisions and efforts will be, but leaving ourselves open to be surprised and learn is an experience that cannot be underestimated," she said. "Those are the experiences and the moments that in the end we are not only grateful for, but that encourage someone else to start their own journey."





# The BEST and WORST of 2012-2013

## BEST

### D-Hall Steps it Up

Although your waistline may not be lovin' D-Hall's new improvements, it is hard to resist the burrito bar, endless array of desserts AND a pizza bar!

### Puppy Love

President Ruscio's family adopted a furry new member named Miley this year. At only 6 months old, Miley is already a YouTube sensation.

## WORST

### R-I-P. SPECIALTY FRIES

The beloved specialty fries were removed from the Co-Op's menu leaving many heartbroken students.

### LEX PO TAKIN OVER COUNTRY

The line between "raise the roof" and "put 'em up" got blurred this year as cops became the new unwanted guests at country parties.

### A-listers hit campus

SPOTTED on campus: Ron Paul, Hillary Clinton (well, at VMI), and Aaron Ralston. Can I get an autograph, please?

We're, like, never getting back together, like ever.

TSwift new single, "We Are Never Getting Back Together" became the new break-up anthem.

### THE END OF A BROMANCE... OR THREE

PiKA, FIJI, and Kappa Sig all get the boot. For one reason or another, all three frats were kicked off campus...some for longer than others.

### Party Like it's 1920

Fancy Dress brought Fitzgerald's greatest character to life for attendees. With all the glamour of the Roaring 20's, the Gatsby theme was a hit.

### NATURAL DISASTER STRIKES THE SCHOOL

From the fire on Preston Street to Hurricane Sandy, the elements were never in our favor.

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### Gettin' Derby

Sigma Chi's Derby Days, as always, kicked off Spring Term with a bang.

**Majorly Crushin' Out**  
Campus cuties got their day when social media pages such as WLUCrush and Compliments allowed students to pour out their heart and soul anonymously. WLUBeef on the other hand...

### Performing for Parent's Weekend

The Gennies brought their A-game Parent's Weekend. Aka, they actually won...and people actually went to the game.

### GETTIN' A LITTLE TOO DERBY

Derby Days and cat fights, oh my! Between a broken nose and a broken elbow, the Frosh clearly took their competition seriously.

### It's a Snowpocalypse!

When it comes down to it, students will chose sledding over Sociology any day. Several Fridays were snowed out...who wouldn't want a three-day weekend?!

### SKUNKS INVAID SRAT ROW

Srat row was blessed with several smelly inhabitants this year.

### STUDENT BODY HEARING... THAT NEVER HAPPENED

Students were saddened to learn of an EC hearing that was open to the student body. Though it never happened, the trial was a reminder of just how seriously we take our Honor System.

### MARK COLLINS: TAKING PERSISTANT TO A NEW EXTREME

The infamous Mark Collins hacks the wlu.edu mail system. Who wouldn't want 10 emails a day about becoming his "lucky new assistant"?

### The Ultimate Midnight Snack Hub

Even after Dominos and Papa Johns turn off their ovens for the night, munchies are still available. As of this year the Co-Op remains open until 2 AM.

### The Phi Gets a Much-Needed Makeover

After attending a conference in SanFran, the Phi staff gives the paper a little primping and pampering. Get ready for a totally revamped paper in the upcoming year!

### A NOT SO HAPPENING HALLOWEEN

Students called it a night early on Halloween's Windfall Wednesday not because they "had too much fun"; rather, it was because of the unexpectedly early arrival of the Po Po.

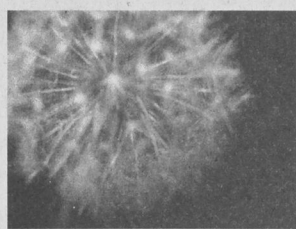
### COLEMAN CLEARS OFF CAMPUS

Student favorite, Clay Coleman, headed south to sunny Florida.

# Here is to a great year!



# arts&life



## Meet the 2013 Ring Tum Phi Award Winners

By Cynthia Lam  
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

### Angela Tuminno

Hometown: Buffalo, NY  
Major(s)/Minor(s): English and Classics  
Activities: RA, Students for St. Jude, Work Study in University Store, Latin Tutor, FYOC  
Awards: Richard J. Miller Physical Education Scholarship, Residential Adviser of the Month

"Be yourself, and put 100% into everything you do. While academics are important, know when to put down the books—W&L isn't just about the GPA!"



Together with her two friends, Angela brought Students for St. Jude back to campus in 2009, after a long hiatus, refueling the organization with exciting annual fundraisers and passionate enthusiasm. Through her work as a member of the Executive Board, she has helped W&L raise over \$30,000 for the hospital.

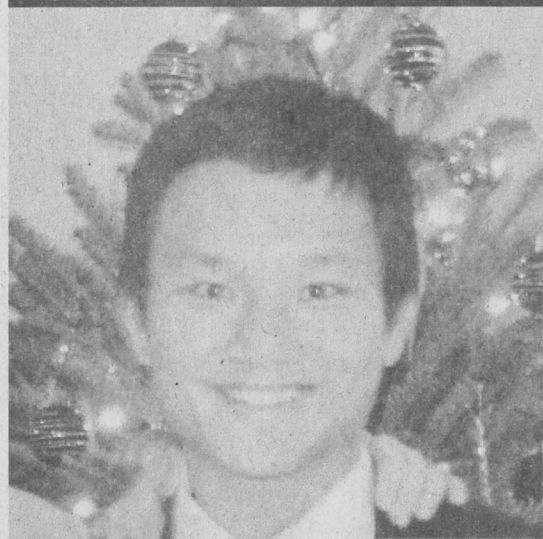
Favorite memory: I've loved every minute of working in the W&L Store. The full-time staff has become like a family to me over the past four years, and I love how close the work study staff is!

Proudest accomplishment: My proudest accomplishment is simply the fact that I was selected to be a member of the Residential Life staff. I've had over 30 residents over the past two years, and they've all added so much to my life that I can't even put into words. I've learned an incredible amount from them and loved watching them grow over the course of their first years at W&L.

Describe yourself in one sentence: I aspire to be the kind of person who makes a difference in the lives of others and puts a smile on people's faces.

Post-graduation plans: I'll be on an archaeological dig with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece.

"Don't stop yourself from experiencing, growing, and changing through your time at college. This is a great environment for you to figure things out; explore your options and paths. I'm a much different person, with much different goals and priorities, than when I first came here."



### Weining Bai

Hometown: New Orleans, LA  
Major(s)/Minor(s): Physics-Engineering and Economics  
Activities: Honor Advocate, Sigma Nu, Volunteer at Hull's Drive-In, Habitat for Humanity  
Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma

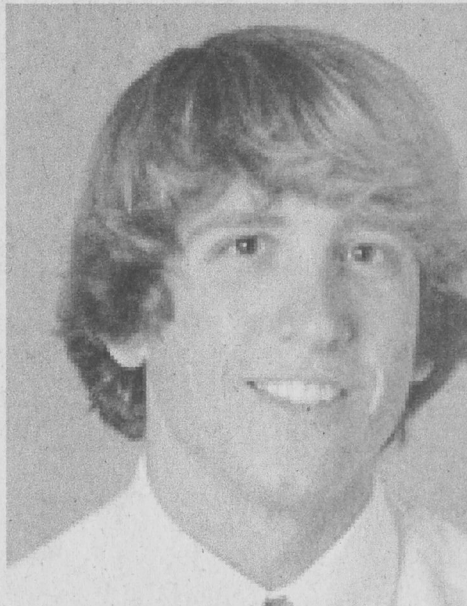
Ever since he was a freshman, Weining has been extensively involved as an Honor Advocate for the EC, SJC, and Student-Faculty Hearing Board, finally serving as the Assistant Undergraduate Head of the program this year. All of these experiences have proven to be especially valuable, as he heads off to law school at the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Favorite memory: I have a hard time picking out a single most memorable experience honestly. I enjoy my happy moments too much to be able to rank them.

Proudest accomplishment: My proudest accomplishment in college is definitely making the group of amazing close friends I know I'll have for the rest of my life.

Describe yourself in one sentence: I live life doing just enough of what I have to, so that I can do as much as possible of what I want to.

Post-graduation plans: I will go to law school at the University of Pennsylvania.



### Wade Marsh

Hometown: Milford, DE  
Major(s)/Minor(s): Politics and Religion  
Activities: Varsity Swimming, Track and Field, Omicron Delta Kappa, RA, Special Olympics, 1 in 4, Phi Kappa Psi  
Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, General of the Month, 3-Time Swimming School Record Holder, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Scholar-Athlete for Track and Field and Swimming

"Take advantage of the many incredible opportunities that are available only at W&L. We have some of the most brilliant, but also the most helpful and caring professors in the country as well as one of the strongest and most honorable communities anywhere. Use these to get the most of your time at W&L because it goes very quickly."

A holder of multiple school records and bearer of countless extracurricular achievements, Wade is the epitome of the well-rounded scholar athlete. Not only is he an accomplished swimmer and runner, but he has also shown incredible dedication to his studies in religion, which he will continue to pursue at the Duke Divinity School in the fall.

Favorite memory: Competing on the swimming and track and field teams. I can't narrow it down to just one memory because the grueling practices, exhilarating meets, and hours long bus rides competing for both teams have taught me more than I ever thought possible about myself and other people.

Proudest accomplishment: My proudest accomplishment is finishing my Senior Honors Thesis in Religion and successfully defending it before the Religion Department. It was a grueling but extremely rewarding process in which I grew as a young inexperienced scholar and as a human being seeking to understand some of the great historical events that have defined eras. It taught me to value the process of reflection, both solitary, and in conversation with my incredible professors and always helpful fellow religion majors.

Describe yourself in one sentence: I was blessed with the opportunity to attend my first choice college, where I was able to pursue every opportunity I wished to pursue and was prepared for a life of personal growth and service in ministry and academia.

Post-graduation plans: Duke Divinity School, Masters in Divinity program, as a Duke Endowment Scholarship recipient. I will pursue a PhD in New Testament and Early Christianity after my Masters in Divinity is completed.

### Liv Kantwill

Hometown: Lorton, VA  
Major(s)/Minor(s): Economics/Poverty  
Activities: Alpha Delta Pi, Bonner Scholar, Campus Kitchens, Students for St. Jude, Student to Student Mentoring, Kathekon  
Awards: Danny Thomas Leadership Scholarship for Executive Director of the Year (St. Jude), Johnson Opportunity Grant, Cabell Brand Scholarship

Through her dedication to service, Liv has volunteered with numerous organizations both on and off campus, from serving meals at Campus Kitchens to mentoring kids through Student to Student Mentoring. No matter what she does, she has always remained committed to the ideal of giving back to the community and making a real difference.

Favorite memory: As cliché as it is, I will never forget the first time I walked down the Colonnade to go to class on my first day of college. Besides that, my senior economics capstone class was the epitome of what I think W&L classes should be - a small group that works together, supports each other and has a great relationship with their professor.

Proudest accomplishment: My proudest accomplishment has been maintaining a mentoring relationship with a local little boy for the last four years [through Student to Student Mentoring in Rockbridge County]. It has been amazing to watch him grow and to be able to teach him more about college as he has gotten older.

Describe yourself in one sentence: (This one is hard!) I am an energetic, outgoing, extremely close to my family, a diehard Chicago sports fan and I strive to make the lives of those around me better, in whatever way I can.

Post-graduation plans: I will be doing Teach for America in Charlotte, NC, and teaching high school math for the next two years.



"Your life will never again be as simple as it is now, but instead of wasting your time, find the things that will define not only your college experience but also your life, whatever they may be, and make those a priority"

### Becky Mickel

Hometown: Monroe, LA  
Major(s)/Minor(s): Journalism and Mass Communications  
Activities: Rockbridge Report, inGeneral Magazine, Kappa Delta, Voting Regulations Board, Mock Convention  
Awards: Rouse-Bottom Journalism Scholarship

"Remove the word, 'maybe,' from your vocabulary. Commit yourself to your actions, decisions and goals sooner rather than later, so you don't look back and wonder where you made a wrong turn"



From blogging for Martha Stewart Living Magazine to covering the latest news at the Rockbridge Report, Becky has gleaned valuable first-hand experience while pursuing her passion for journalism. Her enthusiasm and dedication shines through in all that she does, preparing her well for a future career in communications.

Favorite memory: During my junior year spring term, I studied abroad in Dingle, Ireland with Professor Conner engaging with Irish literature and history inside the classroom and its culture outside the classroom. There's something about surfing in the Atlantic Ocean in a wetsuit by day and sipping a pint of Guinness in a bar by night that you just makes you stop and think, "Why did I only sign up for a month?"

Proudest accomplishment: For Mock Convention 2012, my fellow chairs and I surpassed the record for most money raised by 7 percent during a recession and while the school's "Capital Campaign" was underway. It made me proud not only to say that we had raised the most money in Mock Convention's history but also to know that the entire student body benefited from our efforts. Oh, and then there's that time I stayed awake for over 48 hours ...

Describe yourself in one sentence: I'm constantly growing, and I come closer to who I am by the day with the more I learn from my friends and family.





# arts&life

## Mandatory Heartwarming, Slightly Sappy Graduation Letter

With graduation right around the corner, seniors reflect on the highlights of their past four years here at W&L

By Caroline Hamp  
STAFF WRITER

### Dear Seniors,

Washington and Lee is not just four years of your life. It is forever. No matter how you spent your four years here, you have changed, and that change will impact the rest of your life. Maybe you grew into a different person, or maybe you just became more of yourself. Whatever the case, I hope you have become the person you have always wanted to be.

But, for now, let's pretend we don't have to let go quite yet, that the imminent future is not right around the corner, and instead, let's look back at the past four years.

Do you have a favorite memory? For some, there is that one moment that will forever bring back the rush of nostalgia, but for many people, their four years are a jumble of amusing events, all equally favored ("I've had way too many, but if I had to pick...")

For nearly everyone, those standout memories involve great friends. Jennifer Ritter '13, whose favorite memory was the tech week rehearsals with the dance company, and this year with the cast of "Bye Bye Birdie," knows that it is our peers who make our favorite memory. Said Ritter: "It's a lot of long hours spent in Lenfest before the performances, but it's always with some of the best people, so it's time well spent."

However, we can't forget about the other demographic that so heavily influences our time at W&L - the professors! Our professors are incredible, and we get to learn from the very best.

It was a tribute to how awesome they all are when I asked which one was the best and very few people could give a direct answer; people would name two or three different professors, or even an entire department. Regardless of whom they named (or how many they named), when seniors spoke about their professors, the phrases "support system," "inspiration," and "strong relationship" were all used frequently.

No matter who mentored them during these past four years, every senior is leaving with valuable experience and confidence in the future. W&L has prepared them well. Audrey Kerr '13, who will be teaching math at a high school in Dallas, Texas, as a Teach for America Corps member, said, "It is not going to be an easy experience, but I know my four years at W&L have prepared me to face any challenge thrown at me."

Caroline Sutherland accurately echoes the lessons learned when she talks about the future: "I'm becoming a stripper. Luckily, all those nights at Chi Psi Late Nite gave me some experience with a pole... just kidding! I'm getting a Masters in Greek and Latin from St. Andrews next year and hopefully a doctorate sometime in the future. I'm more than confident that W&L has prepared me for these endeavors."

So there you are: at the end of an incredible four years during which millions of moments together in this community have created unique experiences for everyone. Despite those numerous memories, your college experience can be summed up in three perfectly chosen words, as so eloquently described by Kerr: "Rewarding, fleeting, unparalleled."

Seniors, congratulations! Go out and live your dreams, but don't forget who gave you the resources and inspiration to do so.

Sincerely,  
The Community of Students at W&L

P.S. - I asked one question that most of the seniors didn't have an answer for, so they skipped over it, quietly pretending it didn't exist: If you could change one thing about the W&L experience, what would it be?

The only person who answered was Ritter, who simply said, "I really wouldn't change a thing."

## Reason #245 why Spring Term Rocks

The classes - all of them. Students go beyond the classroom, from Hawaii to Belize, to gain real, firsthand experience

By Lindsey Burke  
STAFF WRITER

From biking the terrain of local Lexington to snorkeling the waters of Belize and Hawaii, spring term courses at Washington and Lee clearly aren't confined to the classroom.

This term, courses offered include Mountain Biking, the Economics of Tropical Coastal Seascapes, Self Help and the Pursuit of Happiness, and the Geology of Hawaii.

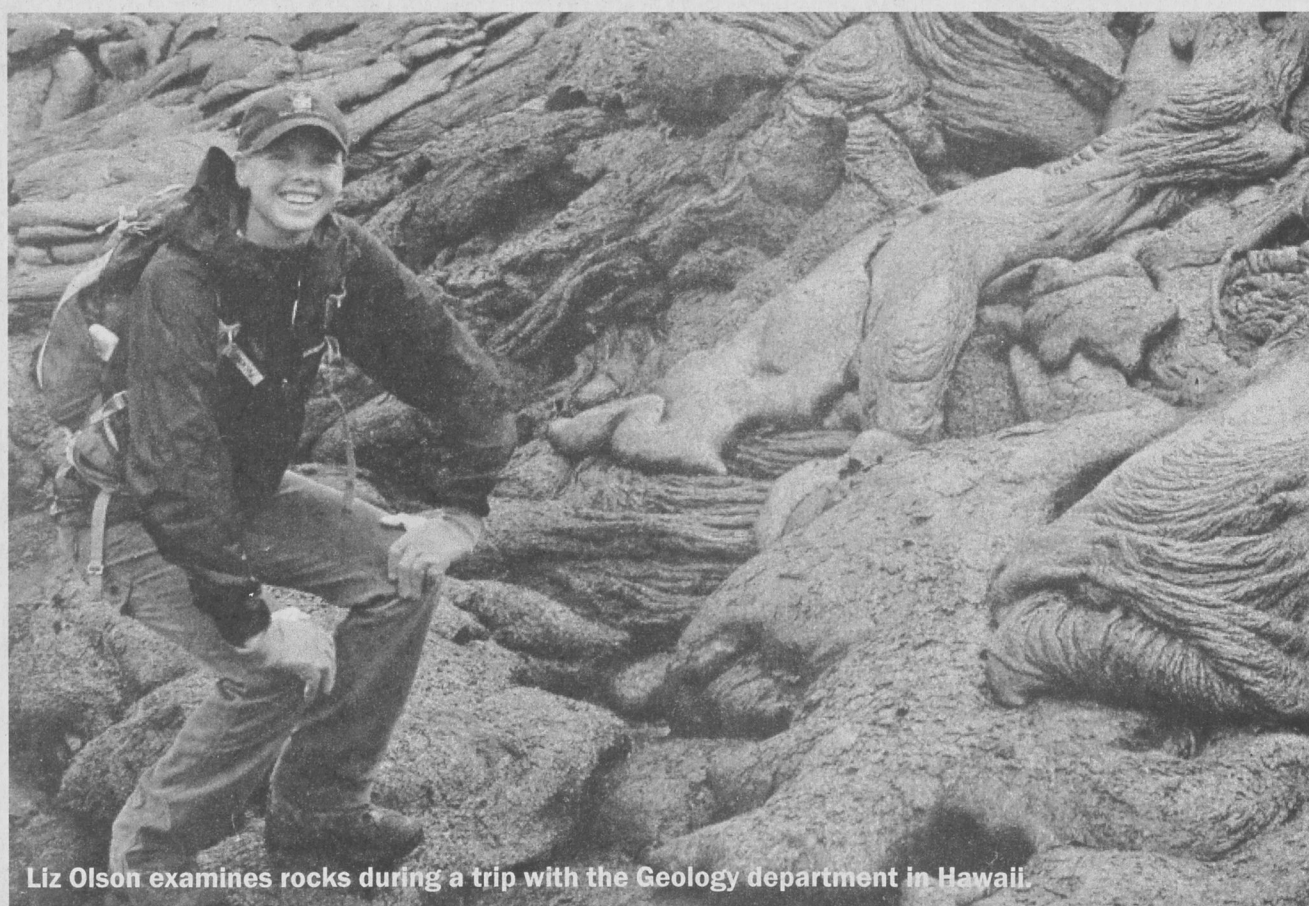
For sophomore Holley Beasley, learning economics while travelling to Belize has been an unmatched opportunity in her time at W&L thus far.

"It was an awesome experience," said Beasley, a student in the Economics of Tropical Seascapes. "We got to see first-

hand what we have been reading about in class."

This economics class, taught by Professor Casey, applies economic surveying techniques with environmental preservation in Belize. According to Beasley, the class studied "tourists' willingness to pay to keep whale sharks from going from vulnerable to extinct." In order to experience the nature around them and understand their studies through observation, the class did various activities such as snorkeling, a monkey river tour through the rainforest and a crocodile hunting tour.

"The opportunities were once in a lifetime," said Beasley. It is clear that these



Liz Olson examines rocks during a trip with the Geology department in Hawaii

Econ-288 students were able to turn their pages of their textbooks into real life.

Other students chose to venture into the landscapes of Lexington. Head men's soccer coach Rolf Piranian taught Mountain Biking this term. Since Piranian first introduced the P.E. course in the 1990s, students have come out from the adventures, both enthused and satisfied. Piranian describes himself as an "avid outdoorsman," and has been a mountain biking advocate since he was introduced to the sport in the 1970s. The class rides Mondays and Saturdays, where there is never a dull moment. This year, most

rides have been plagued by rain.

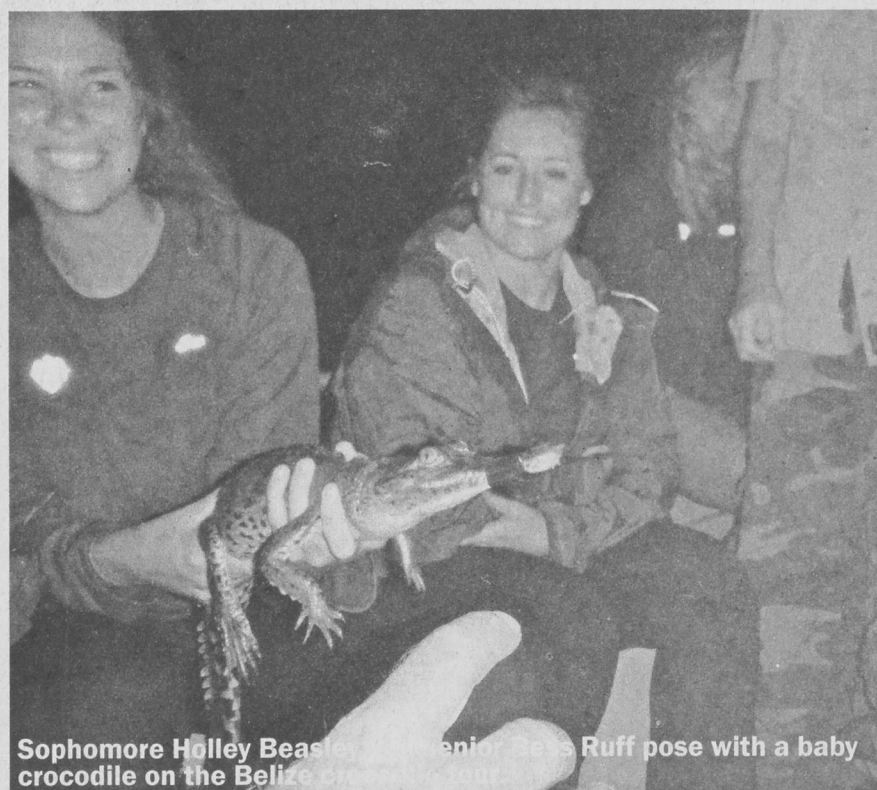
"There are a lot of war stories," said Piranian about the course. "Every trip, there's something new."

For those looking for a less intense class, Self Help and the Pursuit of Happiness also provides real-life explanation through observation. According to the syllabus, the course relates the pursuits to religion, by considering the "philosophical, psychological, and medical-scientific perspectives on these pursuits." The class meets Monday and Wednesday, with yoga on Tuesday and Thursday, and meditation on Wednesday

afternoons.

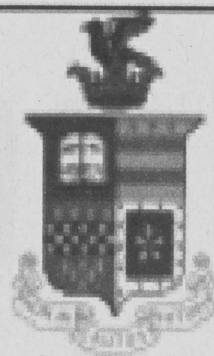
"I have learned topics that are incomparable to any other class I've taken at W&L," said senior Mike Jensen about the class. "Yoga and meditation allow us to apply concepts we've learned in the classroom to realistic settings."

Whether students are enjoying the sun exploring Hawaiian topography or travelling to the local Shakespearean theater in Staunton, it is clear that spring term this year has provided students with firsthand experience combined with their studies.



Sophomore Holley Beasley and senior Ruff pose with a baby crocodile on the Belize trip





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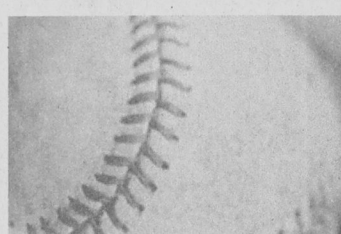
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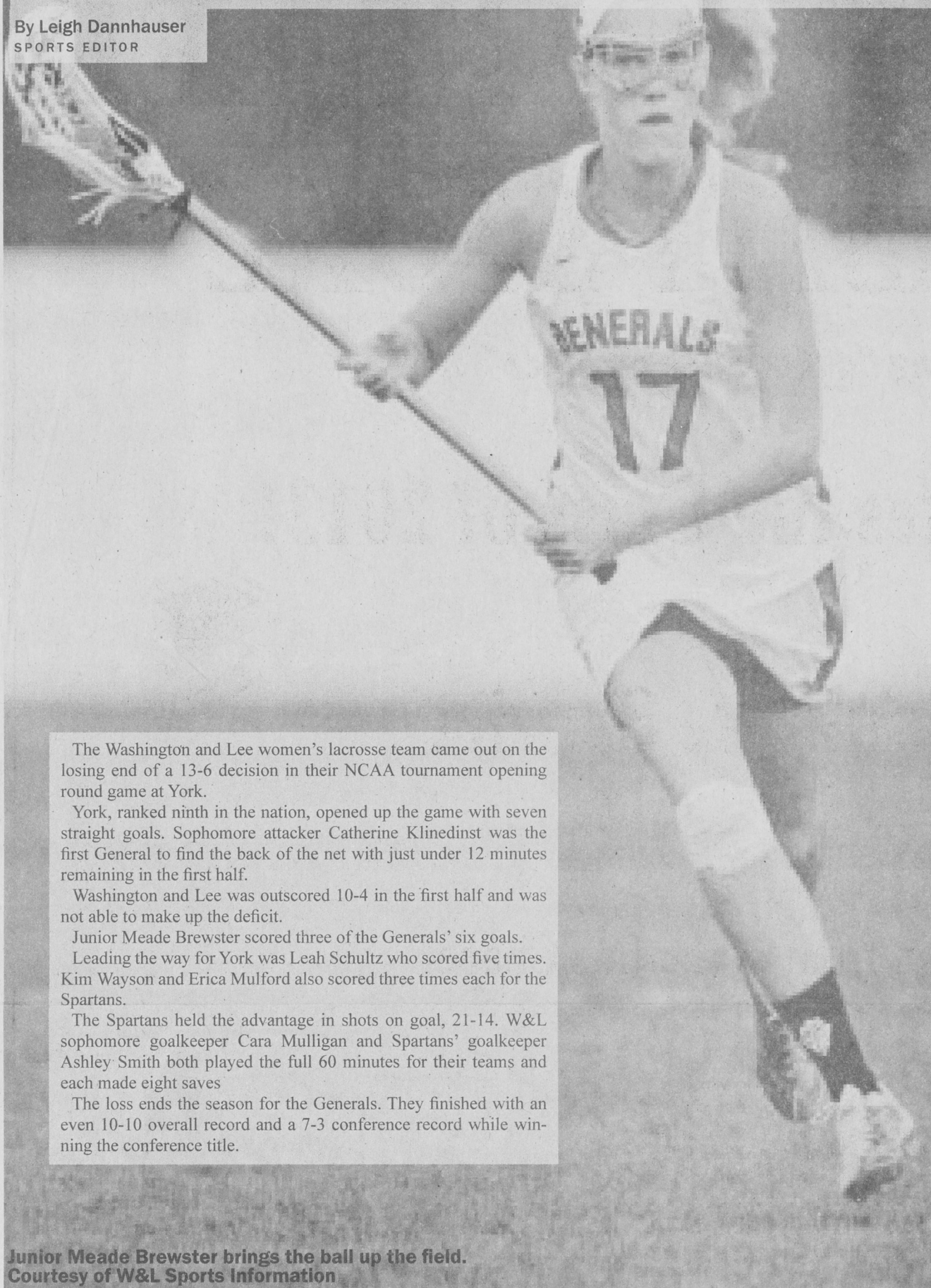


# sports

## York ends Generals' season

*W&L falls in the first round of the NCAA tournament 13-6*

By Leigh Dannhauser  
SPORTS EDITOR



The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team came out on the losing end of a 13-6 decision in their NCAA tournament opening round game at York.

York, ranked ninth in the nation, opened up the game with seven straight goals. Sophomore attacker Catherine Klinedinst was the first General to find the back of the net with just under 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

Washington and Lee was outscored 10-4 in the first half and was not able to make up the deficit.

Junior Meade Brewster scored three of the Generals' six goals.

Leading the way for York was Leah Schultz who scored five times. Kim Wayson and Erica Mulford also scored three times each for the Spartans.

The Spartans held the advantage in shots on goal, 21-14. W&L sophomore goalkeeper Cara Mulligan and Spartans' goalkeeper Ashley Smith both played the full 60 minutes for their teams and each made eight saves.

The loss ends the season for the Generals. They finished with an even 10-10 overall record and a 7-3 conference record while winning the conference title.

Junior Meade Brewster brings the ball up the field.  
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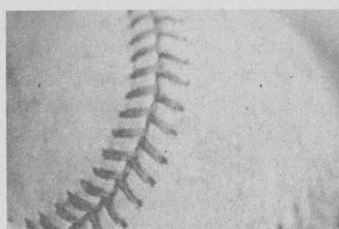
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# sports

Congrats to all sports teams for contributing to W&L's win of the Dan Wooldridge Cup for the 11th year in a row!

## soapbox

"I look at it that baseball has high standards for their umpires and I have high standards for myself and I didn't meet those standards last night, so I am absolutely OK with everything."

—MLB umpire Fieldin Culbreth after being suspended for two games on Friday for allowing Houston Astros rookie manager Bo Porter to improperly change relief pitchers in the middle of an inning. Porter was allowed to change pitchers twice when the first pitcher hadn't faced a single batter. The rules state that pitchers have to face at least one batter, even when a pinch hitter is sent up in place of who they thought was originally going to be at the plate, from ESPN.com

"If I can inspire people by doing what I think is easy, that's awesome."

- High school pole vaulter Charlotte Brown, who placed eighth in the Texas state championship meet even though she is legally blind. She uses turf mat alongside the runway to run straight, and counts her steps and listens for her coach for when to take off, from ESPN.com

## Athlete of the Week



This week's athlete of the week is junior Leanne Stone. Stone was chosen for as an All-American earlier this week. Stone, as a defender, also won First Team All-Chesapeake Region honors and First Team All-ODAC honors. She was selected for Third Team All-American honors for her first All-American honor.

### What is your earliest memory of lacrosse?

I remember playing pass with my dad in our backyard before 5th grade tryouts. I actually remember being so frustrated because I was dropping every pass and had no idea how to throw. The other sports I was playing at the time like basketball and soccer had come natural to me, but lacrosse definitely did not. I remember being so nervous and hesitant to even tryout, but my parents told me to at least just try it. Most of my friends were trying out as well so that was also a convincing factor. I don't really remember the tryouts, but I'm assuming I had a lot of fun and I'm pretty sure the sport grew on me really fast!

### What's been your favorite moment playing lacrosse?

I think the end of our season this year, bringing home the ODAC trophy, was definitely one of the highlights of my lacrosse career. Both in the semifinals against Guilford and then in the finals against Shenandoah we were the lower ranking and both teams had beaten us earlier in the regular season. To have a second chance to play both teams who we knew were beatable made the tournament competition that much more exciting for us. And then taking that second chance and coming out of top was such a rewarding feeling. Even more so, I would say, than in years past when we were the #1 ranking and the expected winner. During a team retreat at the beginning of the season, we were asked if we would rather be the underdog or not. Almost everyone answered that they would rather be the underdog, and after winning the championship, I think all of our opinions were confirmed.

### What's next for you? Do you have goals set for next year?

I definitely want to get another ODAC championship, but more than that I just want to enjoy my last year of playing a sport competitively at the collegiate level. For me, I tend to do my best when I'm just enjoying myself and remembering why it is I play a sport in the first place (to have fun!) I am so grateful that I have been given the opportunity to continue doing something I absolutely love, and I just really want to soak up everything I love about it for my last season.

## ondeck

# MEN'S LACROSSE

By Graham Colton  
COPY EDITOR



## Men's Lax Socks It to Sewanee

Thirteen different Generals score in an NCAA Tournament opening-round rout.

Senior Jack Switala works against a defender to get a clear shot. Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

In the opening round of the NCAA Division III Tournament on Wednesday, May 8 at Wilson Field, the eighth-ranked Washington and Lee University men's lacrosse team beat Sewanee 19-6.

Early in the second period, the Generals scored six straight goals to raise the tally to 9-2. During the scoring surge, senior midfielder Jack Switala and sophomore attackman Cameron Dabir each had two goals and one assist. At 12:37 of the second period, Dabir, assisted by junior midfielder Joe

Wood, scored a man-up goal. A few goals later, Switala finished off the Generals' flurry with goals at 8:38 and 5:39. Senior midfielder James Millard stopped the bleeding for the Tigers at 4:51. At the end of the period, W&L led comfortably by a score of 10-3.

W&L began the third period with three consecutive goals in the first 3:54 to break the game wide open by a score of 13-3.

With the win, the Generals tied the program record for wins in a season, going to 16-4 overall.

For the Generals, Switala led in scoring with three goals and one assist; Dabir kept pace with two goals and one assist; and sophomore attackman Cam Lewis, senior attackman Mac Means and first-year midfielder Christian Zanetis each contributed two goals.

For the Tigers, Senior midfielder Drew Lincoln scored twice and junior attackman Michael Morris assisted on two goals while scoring one.

## Men's Lax Ousted by Salisbury

Season ends, but team ties school record for victories.



The eighth-ranked Washington and Lee University men's lacrosse team was upset by the 12th-ranked Salisbury University Seagulls by a score of 7-4 in the second round of the NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Tournament last Saturday at Wilson Field.

Salisbury opened the game at a torrid pace, with two quick goals from first-year attackman Brady Dashiell, scoring unassisted at 1:19 and again at 10:53 with some help from junior attackman Rhett DePol. With only 1.5 seconds remaining in the opening period, sophomore midfielder Kyle Goss, assisted by senior attackman Evan Hammersly, found the back of the net.

Only 28 seconds into the second period, DePol scored to pad the Seagulls' lead to 4-0. At 9:43, however, senior attackman Mac Means put the ball in the back of the net all by himself. Only 1:29 later, sophomore attackman Tyler Goldman did the same, shifting momentum to the Generals and the score to 4-2.

Just before the break, though, Salisbury regained control of the game, as sophomore defenseman Knute Kraus converted on a man-down in transition with 2:04 left before the end of the period.

In the third period, the only goal was tallied by junior attackman Luke Phipps at 5:19.

Generals goalkeeper Warren Berenis keeps his eye on the ball. Courtesy of W&L Sports Information.

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