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## Swipe your way to safety: Security system added to upperclass housing

By LIZ DETTER  
Phi Staff Writer

It's Wednesday night. A student makes his way to the door of Woods Creek West Apartments. He is tired after a long night of partying. He pulls on the door handle, anticipating the warm comfort of sleep awaiting him. But what is this? The door is locked! He mutters an expletive under his breath and pounds on the door, but to no avail. If only he had his University Card! Oh well, he thinks as he vaults onto a first floor balcony, calmly strides through the empty common room, lets himself into the main hall of the building, and climbs the stairs to his apartment.

This scenario actually occurred. The new security system in Woods Creek and Gaines Hall has led to some creative solutions to the predicament of being locked out.

The security system installation began last year with the freshmen dorms. Over the summer, an identical card-swiping system was installed at the main entrances to the upperclass residences. This was the second phase of the implementation of a more comprehensive security system on W&L's campus.

In the past, the University had been concerned with the security of the dorms. W&L Chief of Security Mike Young said, "I felt, and the Dean of Students felt, we were not providing the security we should for the students. The extension of the University 'One-Card' was an easy jump."

The card-swipe system is designed to limit access to University housing to members of the W&L community. It is very simple. Just swipe your University Card, wait for the green light, the door unlocks, and

re-locks behind you. The trick is to have a University Card.

What about pizza delivery? Young said, "What we anticipated was going to be a problem last year was not. People that wanted pizza just had to meet [the delivery guy]."

Sophomores are accustomed to the system, and got into the habit of carrying their University cards as freshman. It's no big deal to them, nor will it be to the Class of 2000. With a shrug of her shoulders, sophomore Laura Cohen said, "We're used to it; we did it last year. We know we can't live without our cards."

Juniors and seniors are having more difficulty adjusting to the new system. Marisa Frost, a junior, said, "It's a chafe. I appreciate the concern for our safety, but I don't see the necessity. I'm sure it will cut down on thefts, but when I forget

my card, it's a pain to bang on the door."

According to Young, thefts were not the primary reason for the extension of the system. "We weren't thinking about that. We were thinking about extending all of our housing under the same system."

Nonetheless the benefits are evident. Young said, "Two years ago we had 30 instances of theft from [freshman] dorm rooms. Last year we had 2 instances."

Junior Celeste Rasmussen, an R.A. in Gaines expressed feeling safer this year. "Last year there were random people from town who would wander through the halls, digging through trash cans. Although all the bugs aren't worked out, I still it's a good system."

According to Young, "We're working to adjust those problems." Last year, one of the glitches was that library copy

cards unlocked the doors. This is no longer the case. The back doors of Woods Creek West and Central are currently being replaced and outfitted with new locks. Additionally, doors that walk slowly are being adjusted.

As part of the security system, emergency phones were installed outside Woods Creek Central and beneath the Gatehouse in Gaines. This brings the number of security phones up to 4. These phones can be used to call security, or to buzz someone to let you in.

The card-swiping system, is the wave of the future at W&L. The openness and accessibility of the campus has been strong selling points of the school. The new system runs in tandem with those ideas.

Although no formal plans have been made, the law school, the library, and computer labs

are possible sites for future security systems. Fraternity houses, which are campus-owned, may not be immune, either. Young stated, "It's something that's in my mind and has been discussed."

Lexington seems very safe, and some students came here trying to escape the worries of the real world. However, after reports of theft and the occasional "Peeping Tom," it appears that Lexington is not quite so idyllic.

Young encourages students to lock their doors. Students can reach the security office 24 hours a day at x8999, and should call any time they feel hesitant to walk home, or see anyone suspicious lurking about.

And remember—the University One-Card—don't leave home without it, unless you want to break in to your building.

## GENERAL NOTES

### W&L MOVES TO 13TH IN U.S. NEWS:

According to information released by U.S. News & World Report magazine, Washington and Lee University is now ranked 13th among the nations top liberal arts colleges and universities. Last year W&L was ranked 15th. This year marks the third consecutive year that Washington and Lee has moved up in

the U.S. News rankings.

Among the categories used to evaluate the institutions are academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, freshman retention rate, and alumni giving rate.

Washington and Lee was also ranked number 20 by the magazine in the category of best value-discount price.

### UNIVERSITY TOP IN ALUM SUPPORT:

Washington and Lee University ranks among the top colleges and universities in the nation in support per student according to a recent study by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE) entitled Voluntary Support of Education Survey 1995.

Washington and Lee ranked fourth in alumni support and 19th in support by all sources (alumni and corporations) in the category "The 20 Colleges or Universities Reporting the Most Voluntary

Support Per Student in 1995."

The Voluntary Support of Education Survey, conducted by the Council for Aid to Education, is designed to obtain information on the amounts, sources, donor-specified purposes, and forms of private gifts, grants, and bequests received by educational institutions. The 1995 survey collected data on funds raised from private sources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994 and ending June 30 1995.

### LAW SCHOOL EARNS ABA AWARD:

The Washington and Lee School of Law was one of three institutions to receive the American Bar Association's E.Smythe Gambrell Award for Professionalism. The award, presented at the Bar Association's annual meeting in Orlando, was established in 1991 by the A.B.A. Standing Committee on Professionalism to recognize bar associations,

law schools, law firms, and other law related organizations that "further the professional and ethical development of lawyers, before they even become lawyers."

The W&L law school was recognized for the "Professionalism Through Law and Literature Studies" program offered to upper-level law students and alumni.

Compiled by David Balsley and James Sammons

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By RACHEL GODDU  
Phi Staff Writer

It's not often that someone decides it is time for change here at Washington and Lee, but that day has finally arrived for the Student Conduct Committee. This decision was prompted by the vision of SCC Chair Robert Covington '97 as well as the University's desire to break away from its hard drinking, hard partying national reputation.

The plans for the future are radical, and not just by W&L standards. The Student Conduct Committee which deals with infractions such as hazing, vandalism, and fighting will be renamed the Student Judicial Council (SJC). In order to make the hearing process more efficient the SJC will follow a plethora of new rules as dictated in the Blue Book. Similar to the Executive Committee's White Book, the Blue Book outlines penalties for most digressions from gentlemanly conduct. Like the White Book, the SJC's own version of Crime and Punishment will be

available for students to read soon and is already being used to ease the transition from the Student Conduct Committee to SJC.

In the past, the existing committee has not always exercised its authority and the administration has intervened. The new system hopes to change all that and bring back more "students governing students."

The SJC will be staffed by four elected justices, one from each undergraduate class, and the three law school class presidents, an SJC chair and secretary elected by student body. These nine people will be voting members of the committee. In addition to the nine voting members, four permanent advisers, the Head Dorm Counselor, Head Residence Assistant, the Heads of the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic, will also sit on the committee.

"[The permanent advisors'] input is designed to raise the level of SJC decisions and maintain the highest sense of justice in SJC decision," Paul Saboe, current SCC secretary explained.

Unlike the current system, undergradu-

ate class officers will not be involved in the hearing of conduct cases. The issue of what will happen to class officers has not been resolved yet.

The new program seems to benefit both the accused and the council. Students, by reading the Blue Book, will have a better idea of what they can expect and board members will have an easier time deciding their fate. The entire overhaul centers around the fact that specific guidelines for each infraction are already known in advance. This will make the system stronger, easier and more efficient.

Discussions have already begun with campus leaders to inform them of what is going on and to take into consideration their ideas. In late October it is expected that the proposal will go to the Student Affairs Committee and if it succeeds there, will travel to the faculty for final approval. If all goes as planned by many hard working W&L'ers, the SJC will be a reality in fall 1997.

Now...don't you wish you hadn't thrown that last beer bottle???

## 1996 Convocation Initiates new tradition

By DAVID BALSLEY  
Phi Staff Writer

On Wednesday, September 11, Washington and Lee University initiated the 1996-1997 academic year by hosting Opening Convocation. This year's convocation, unlike the Convocations of previous years, was open to all students. Although the Front Lawn had been the intended sight of Opening Convocation, the event was moved to the Warner Center.

Until the mid-1960s, Opening Convocation was open to all students. However, for the past three decades, only seniors and representative law students were invited to the event.

This year, President John W. Elrod re-established the tradition of inviting all students to Opening Convocation. Elrod based his decision on his belief that "a university-wide occasion to remind ourselves of our purpose as a university" should be open to the whole school. Looking to the future, Elrod commented that Opening Convocation will be open to the whole university each year. He added that he would like to make convocations, which would be open to all students, "regular occurrences" at W&L.

Elrod, in conference with the faculty and administration of W&L, selected Paula P. Brownlee to speak at this year's convocation. Brownlee is the current President of the Association of American Colleges and former President of Hollins College. Brownlee was recommended to Elrod by Linda Lorima.

Approximately seven hundred and fifty students, faculty members, and visitors swarmed into the Warner Center to hear

Brownlee speak on the value of a liberal arts education. Elrod stated that he was "pleased with the freshman attendance, and with the senior attendance," and that he was pleased that a number of sophomores and juniors were present at convocation. Elrod summed his impressions of the turnout at Opening Convocation by commenting that attendance was "quite good." In addition, Dean of Students David L. Howison praised the Class of 2000, stating, "What was exceptional was the attendance by the freshmen."

Elrod bemoaned the necessity of moving Opening Convocation from the Front Lawn to the Warner Center. "It is always desirable to have university events which involve the whole University on our picturesque campus," Elrod stated. "The Front Lawn, with Lee Chapel in the background, is a natural amphitheater." Elrod continued, "The Warner Center is noisy and hot and a great place to play basketball, but no place for an opening convocation." Sharing Elrod's sentiment, Howison stated that "having it inside changed the character of the Convocation."

Opening Convocation was followed by a dinner sponsored by the President's Office and catered by Washington and Lee University Dining Services.

Elrod praised the hard work of Brian Shaw and Holt Merchant, to whom he gave credit for planning all the details of Opening Convocation. Elrod also expressed his great appreciation for all the work that Buildings and Grounds and Dining Services did in preparing for the event. The speed and efficiency of these groups, Elrod stated, was highly commendable.

## Harvard's 'Bad Boy' storms Lex

By HILLARY COOMBS, Phi News Editor  
AND JOSHUA HESLINGA, Phi Staff Writer

The "Bad Boy of Harvard" stormed Northern Auditorium Friday. The facility sustained no damage, but many audience members were held hostage by his rapier wit.

Dr. Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr., the Harvard University William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Government and *Boston Globe* declared "Bad Boy," delivered a lecture "On Political Correctness" to an overflowing auditorium September 13. Dr. William F. Connelly, Jr. of the Politics Department sponsored Mansfield's speech which was funded by the William Lyne Wilson II Symposium Fund.

"Mansfield is one of the top politics professors in the country," Connelly explained. "[W&L] got him at a discount rate because we were piggy-backing on a visit he was making [to the University of Virginia]."

Mansfield is the author of many books including *Statesmanship and Party Government*, *Taming the Prince: The Ambivalence of Modern Executive Power* and *The Spirit of Liberalism* and was voted by students the 1993 "Best Professor at Harvard."

During the lecture, Mansfield expounded his theories on the origins of political correctness. He believes that the term "politically correct" was coined by the Communist Movement of the 1930's and bestowed as a compliment upon those who supported the state. However, the modern American movement grew out of the philosophy of such German greats as Friedrich Nietzsche. Mansfield commented that the German phi-

losophers effectively, "stole from the British the colony that which had once been theirs."

Mansfield explained that German philosophy created an atmosphere in which sometimes harsh 1960's "self expression replaced the thoughtful expression and polite evasion" of earlier generations. The feminist movement evolved from this atmosphere as well, and he credits it with making political correctness an essential part of contemporary liberalism.

This legacy of feminism and political correctness has now created an intellectual atmosphere in which certain terms and even subjects are so confused that coherent discussion of them is no longer possible.

As an example of this, Mansfield pointed out the hypocrisy of many modern PC conventions, citing a Harvard orientation brochure designed to help students find the proper way to refer to other students with disabilities. After listing many traditional phrases such as "handicapped" and "crippled" and criticizing them as non-PC terms which highlighted student handicaps, the brochure ended by recommending that students not use PC terms like "differently abled" because such terms trivialized a student's disabilities.

While some would say that the dual use of this term "PC" makes it insignificant, Mansfield argued that it's an example of intellectual decay to which America and classical liberal philosophy must respond.

# Things to do in Lexington when it's dead

**GreenLand**  
Betsy Green '97

I stayed in Lexington all summer. About half an hour after graduation last June, just about all of the students cleared out. A dog could have taken a nap in the middle of main street and would have been undisturbed until the law students came back.

In spite of the fact that Lexington is rather, er, quiet in the summer, there were a lot of ways to keep myself amused here.

For one thing, I worked a lot. I gave tours for the admissions office. So, in essence, I spent most of my summer walking backwards

*"The most fun you can have... in Virginia."*

while high school students followed me around asking questions. And what questions they were. There are some really weird people out there. Like the guy who wanted to know how many acres of land W&L has. Yeah, an important factor in any college decision. I assured him there's plenty of room for everyone. One dad asked me several technical questions about the computers in our labs, perhaps thinking his son would use them for something other than writing papers or e-mail. After telling him for the fifth time, "I don't know, but I'd be happy to direct you to University Computing," I gave up and told him that most of the computers were either grey or beige and that was all I knew.

A lot of sticky questions came from overprotective parents. I think I have finally come up with a good way to answer The Alcohol Question that is honest, yet doesn't make us look like drunken heathens. A lot of parents asked me about smoking, panic-stricken that any smoke might enter Junior's lungs. Some of them were supposedly severely allergic to smoke. If that's the case, they are going to be screwed wherever they go for the rest of their lives.

Some parents went so far as to

worry about how the kid would get to the airport without a university-certified shuttle service. Rather than sending their kids to W&L, where they can learn to take care of themselves, these parents should keep their kids locked up like veal, safe from the outside world.

I had to laugh at people who asked me detailed questions about our placement in graduate schools for Korean Footwear studies or something. Supposedly, these kids already know what they are going to do with the rest of their lives. Hello? They're only seventeen! I'm not sure I want to do, but at least I know *that*.

One thing's for sure; work was never boring (ask me sometime about the tour I gave to a priest). And I can walk backwards like a champ.

When I wasn't walking backwards, there were still ways to have fun here. My favorite thing to do was go to the different fairs around here. My fiancée Steve and I lost at bingo at the Buchanan fair, and watched girls with big hair fight with their boyfriends. The Lexington fair was also a lot of fun. Many of the stuffed animals to be won were red bulldogs, just like Red Dog beer. Why isn't someone in Congress protesting this marketing idea? But the most spectacular sights to see were at the Salem fair. People came in from the mountains and made the Salem fair their vacation. And at the Salem fair, Steve and I saw one of the oddest things ever.

We went into a free information booth which featured fun facts about ostriches. How fast they run, how big their eggs are, things like that. At the end, we saw live ostriches, running around in their pen. We were then given a coupon for the stand next door, which sold ostrich meat. Whose idea was that? Were people supposed to learn about ostriches and think, "y'know, that sounds tasty?" Could we have chosen our own ostrich, like a lobster? There were commercials for weeks for the Salem fair. The jingle promised that it was, "the most fun you can have... in Virginia." I should have never doubted it.

I'd recommend a summer in Lex Vegas to anyone. Nothing beats walking backwards eating an ostrich burger.

## GENERATION LEX



## Minimum wage, mininumum pay

**Ends & Means**



Joshua Heslinga '98

Just this year, I became a work-study here at Washington and Lee. This past spring, the opportunity presented itself, and I figured that I could certainly use a little extra money to cover expenses that were substantially higher than they would have been at home.

So you can imagine my excitement, and I'm sure many of you felt the same way, upon hearing that the increase in the minimum wage had passed. The extra money was practically in my bank account already.

Now, I should say that I'm a conservative Republican. Had I been in Congress, I would have voted against raising the minimum wage, but upon initial examination, I figured that as long as it had already been raised, why continue to cry over spilled milk when I'm one of those people who will realize the increase?

You may remember at the time of debate, Democrats in Congress trumpeted the measure, saying that it would finally give struggling Americans a "living wage." (Never mind that in the two years in which they controlled Congress and the White House, they never saw the need to "help" Americans in this

way.) They also demonized Republicans who favored a small-business exemption, designed to reduce the number of jobs lost and businesses closed because of the increase.

Bill Clinton used the occasion to chide Bob Dole for not wanting to give American workers more money, despite the fact that in the February 6, 1995 issue of *Time* magazine, Clinton argued that an increase in the minimum wage, "is the wrong way to raise the income of low-wage earners."

While many Republicans agreed that this made good policy (or maybe political?) sense, another group, led by House Majority Leader Dick Arney (R-TX), argued that the minimum wage hurts precisely the same low-skilled, impoverished Americans that proponents said it would help by destroying job opportunities that would otherwise be available. Arney and others argued that the increased costs to business of the increased minimum wage would only be passed on to workers in less benefits or less job openings.

The economic consensus on this point is pretty clear. Yet while few economists would deny that raising the minimum wage costs jobs, some will argue that the societal benefits of increased wages would outweigh the costs of lost jobs.

Many of you may remember hearing in Econ 101 that if the mandated minimum wage is higher than the benefits a business would reap from hiring another worker, that business will refrain from hir-

ing. Absent that government mandate, that business might be willing to hire someone at a lower wage. This is particularly true of small business.

As I soon found out, W&L does not rank as a stupid organization. In September, every university work-study student, including me, got a letter telling them that the university would now require that upperclass students work no more than eight hours a week, rather than the previous ten.

*"... you, the person the increase was supposed to help, lost money."*

Doing the math on this change tells you that this reduces your potential weekly earnings from a gross of \$42.50 (10 x \$4.25) to \$37.60 (8 x \$4.70). By my count, this amounts to a loss of \$68.60 per student over the 14 eligible work weeks of fall term alone. Multiply that by the 360 work study students W&L employs, and the total amount of money students will lose during fall term alone reaches an astounding \$24,696.

Even when the next phase of the minimum wage increase takes ef-

fect, each student will still be losing \$1.30 per week.

We're not talking about insignificant amounts of money here, especially to students who need the financial aid a work-study job provides. W&L actually made money on the increase in the minimum wage, while you, the person the increase was supposed to help, lost money.

This type of business action to avoid the increased costs of the raised minimum wage occurred across the country. As Arney and other warned, businesses won't stand still as government imposes new mandates upon them; they will quickly find a way to avoid the new costs. (Although you can credit W&L with going the extra mile to find a way to make money in the process.) Government action does cause change in the economy.

Now I do not want to sound bitter, because I'm not. We are lucky — most people working in marginal minimum wage jobs for businesses that can not afford the increased costs just get fired or lose the opportunity to be hired. And it is usually not extra money for them.

But the next time you hear a liberal Democrat telling you hoe government can intervene in the economy, whether in the realm of health care, the minimum wage, or some other measure, and not cause any problems, think about the extra course in economics W&L work-study students are receiving this fall.

### Quote of the Week:

*"Is there a single computer in the dorms that works?"*

-A frustrated Sophomore

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## Letters to The Ring-tum Phi

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly the entire W&L community for providing such an enthusiastic welcome to the Class of 2000 during the Freshman Orientation program. Of particular importance was the work of the Freshman Orientation Committee, and its extraordinary president, Amy Gorham; the unflinchingly dedicated committee chairmen: Hollis Leddy, Hillary Olson, Atticus Gill, Neal Kohl, and Anurag Chandra; Ms. Michelle Richardson; the Dormitory Counselors; the Small Group Leaders; the Big Brothers and Big Sisters; and Mrs. Bonnie Walker, whose behind-the-scenes work made much of orientation possible. All of these people gave unflinchingly of themselves, planning and organizing orientation activities and staffing virtually every orientation event—from Casino Night to airport shuttles.

Thanks also go to: our Build-

ings and Grounds staff; our Food Services staff who furnished the culinary touches for several meetings and special occasions; Jim Farrar, Rob Mish, Frances Smith, Kathekon, Southern Comfort, JubiLee, General Admission, and Gordon Spice for the Alumni Association BBQ; Ms. Jan Neel with Project Safe and Sound; Habitat for Humanity and APO Service Fraternity for excellent leadership of the community service activity; Sandy Hooper, Professor Cecil, and the Executive Committee for such a meaningful orientation to the Honor System.

Others too numerous to mention also contributed to the Freshman Orientation program, and this general note must suffice as a thank you. I am pleased that the Class of 2000—our Millennial Class—was the beneficiary of such a community effort!

Dennis G. Manning  
Dean of the Freshman Program

## The stars are back

(or those people who never should have tried film)

C.E. MILLER  
Features Editor

Baby, they're back. Those stars who made television worth watching in my earlier less busy teenage years are back trying to convince me that I have other nights besides Thursday to watch television.

CBS hopes that Ted Danson (sans toupee) former co-star Rhea Pearlman (more gentle) and Bill Cosby (sorry no sweaters) can help nudge NBC's sweep of Neilson's top ten. ABC is relying on television veteran Michael J. Fox, and "Designing Woman" Annie Potts to stiffen the competition.

The other three underdogs (UPN, WB, and FOX) rely on the usual additions to spice up otherwise predictable programming schedules. UPN's "Homeboys in Outer Space" proves how low some executives will go to get an audience. I mean what is that about?

NBC is still the master of sitcoms. Two additions stand out as exceptional. First "Men Behaving Badly" is a must see (even for this die hard Thursday nighter.) The first episode which previewed on Wednesday was exceptionally funny. The writing in strong, and the jokes down to earth. Justine Bateman (Family Ties) is a little bigger, and less into mall shopping and relatively unimportant in this show. Ron Eldard, who spent last season on the critically acclaimed "ER" and Rob Schneider perfectly portray what happened when Beavis and Butt-Head grew up. The best line of the night had to be, "Some discussions need beer."

NBC's other sure fire hit, only because of its time slot, is "Suddenly Susan." If you like stupid people doing stupid things that would never actually happen then maybe you'll love it. Personally I feel it resembles the other poor, poor NBC sitcom "Third Rock From The Sun." The humor in both seems forced and trivial. However Brooke Shields squeezed in the after "Seinfeld" slot should make big Neilson numbers.

It isn't as if I really have time to waste adding new sitcoms to my list of things to do instead of Russian homework, but this season does offer some great reason to put off that memorization a few more hours.

The best advice, be thankful we don't get WB or UPN as part of our cable package and just tune in for the reassuring laughter of Thursday night television, besides new ER the 26th of this month what more can a girl ask for?



Rob Schneider in "Men Behaving Badly" and Michael J. Fox in "Spin City" shine against the other new contenders.



# For senior eyes only Reality 101

DAN ODENWALD  
My View

The g-word is off limits.

At least that's the official agreement of Senior Hollis Leddy and her other friends in the Class of 1997. Graduation — life's passage out of the secure and comfortable dorm room into the proverbial "real world." It's coming all too fast. (My dad has already made hotel reservations for my entourage). And like most seniors, it scares the hell out of me.

Whether you've grown four inches, put on 20 Natty Lite pounds, or grown that ever-so-chic goatee, Washington and Lee seniors are certainly not those wide-eyed freshmen of September 1993. It's time to start planning for the future. So, step by step, we're making our way out of the Palms and into reality. And we're looking to our university for direction.

Take Opening Convocation held last Wednesday in the gym. About 200 brave seniors donned their blazers and sashes and turned out for the official start of the academic year. Due to inclement weather, the event was held in the gym where temperatures skyrocketed to what felt like 145 degrees. (Thank you, Mother Nature.)

Through the fluttering of programs doubling as hand-held fans, seniors listened to the words of Dr. Paula P. Brownlee who spoke on the merits of a liberal arts education. That's all well and good, mind you, but nobody I know is listing John Locke as a reference on their resume. Indeed, Convocation was about as functional as wallpaper. Sure, it makes everything seem pretty, but it won't pay the electric bill.

Okay, so I wanted practical advice — something I could actually use. So, I trotted down to the Northern Auditorium on Tuesday and attended the first of many "senior meetings." Greeting us upon our arrival was a triumvirate of smiling ladies from the Career Development and Placement Office. In the span of 45 minutes, Director Beverly Lorig gave us more useful information than I have accumulated in the entirety of my first three years of college — including Sexpert Suzy Landolphi's condom demonstrations.

We learned everything we needed to know about SLAC, GREs, recommendation forms, interviewing, resumes... yadda, yadda, yadda. It's enough to make you crawl under a rock and wait out the storm. Perhaps Senior Class President Sasha Hartman was right on the ball when she exclaimed, "I need a

Valium." No kidding. How about a dozen... (Oh, by the way, Sasha, can we pay for those out of the penalty tax on our senior dues?)

Despondent and disillusioned, I've been wandering around the Hill this past week in a daze. Lost and angst-ridden, I was searching for answers. And then I found my kindred spirit.

Picture a glorious and sunny day. The rocking tunes of the Grateful Dead pour out of the speakers in front of the Co-op. The annual poster sale has drawn an unusual crowd of stragglers, late to their one o'clocks. The poster guys look like they just stepped off the set of "Trainspotting." Everything's the way it should be.

Yet something is out of place. Yes, there she is. Perched behind a giant poster of a scantily-clad Uma Thurman is the voter registration lady. Her chalk-white hair-helmet sits firmly upon her head, unwavering in the September breeze. Her plain and dumpy frock — the envy of any 70-something D.A.R. member — clashes with the wild colors of the electric posters.

She has this look of complete bewilderment. The chick is shell-shocked. I bet she never bargained for this when she volunteered at the Ladies Rotary Club meeting. Yet, she sits there silently as scores of students pass by her table to inquire about the cost of Beavis and Butt-Head posters. Amy Heckerling, where are you? If you're looking for the next Alicia Silverstone, I've got her. She is adorably, terminally, and utterly clueless.

Honey, we know how you feel. We look at the future with the same awe as you do the Magic Eye posters.

We are as speechless, confused, and downright frightened. Nevertheless, we follow your example. We do not turn away from what approaches. We do not run from the bleach-blond dude with the nose ring and neck tattoo.

Indeed, we fully realize that the future is here. Tomorrow has turned into today. It's time to hang up the bong and get in line. Take charge of our destiny. *Carpe diem...*

Wait a minute! Stop! What the hell am I thinking? I only have nine more months of childhood left. I don't want to leave school. I don't want to grow up. I don't want to have to go to bed early on Wednesday nights.

The future can wait. For now, I think I'll throw on my flip-flops, hang out at the Co-op, and figure out a way to eat my frozen yogurt without being attacked by those swarms of killer bees. Hey, it worked for Thoreau!

If you haven't seen this film

# You don't know Jack

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At the beginning of the summer, I listed *Jack* in my review of *Mission: Impossible*, as one of the summer films I was really looking forward to. What a disappointment, then, when I saw the finished product. The beginning is cool, with neat-o effects and plenty of interesting business going on, but as soon as Robin Williams comes into the film as Jack instead of the cute little baby, it all falls down.

It seems irresistible, of course. Stick Williams in the role of the little kid who lives in a man's body and just stand back. And it is a wonderful idea. In fact, it's so wonderful that they've already done it six times. First, they called it *Mork and Mindy*, and then they called it *Hook*, and then they called it *The Fisher King*, and then they called it *Toys*, then they called it *Mrs. Doubtfire*, and then they called it *Jumanji*. And they were all pretty good. So *Jack* is money in the bank, right?

Right! As far as box office receipts. But instead of saying anything new or significant, or perhaps being just light and entertaining and touching, director Francis Ford Coppola, who admits he only directed the film for the CAISHI, decided to make it a big fart joke. Literally and metaphorically.

The film is full of little Robin Williams Moments™, and some are vaguely amusing, interrupted by short bursts of earnest, concerned, idealistic pap, which serves to try to dupe the audience into believing something is happening. Unfortunately, taken as a whole, there's just no "there" there.

The story: poor old Jack ages at four times the normal rate. This is not a real disease, which is made obvious by the fact that the effects it has on Jack's life have not even a nodding acquaintance with the circumstances of real life. Jack is a bright, inquisitive kid, and his tutor, played by Bill Cosby, who can't even get in a good movie even if he waits for one directed by Francis Coppola, recommends to his parents, Diane Lane and Brian Kerwin, that he be introduced to regular school with other kids. Apparently in addition to keeping him out of school, his parents have also kept him locked in the attic or confined on a leash in the backyard, because the neighborhood kids all think he's some kind of monster, even though he's lived on their street for ten years.

School is tough at first but ultimately rewarding for Jack. The kids, getting no explanation for why he's six feet tall and really old-looking, naturally think, "He must have the cooties." They tease him or avoid him, until one smart kid, Louie Durante, played by Adam Zolotin with much skill, figures out that he might be an asset on the basketball court, and befriends him. Everyone else falls immediately into line, cherishing Jack's *joie*

★ 1/2 of 4 stars; can a movie about farting be expected to bring a tear?

The pitch: "It'll be like *The Elephant Man* meets *Big!*"

*de vivre* and ability to buy porn. They go to a treehouse and fart in cans. Oh sweet Lord, the hilarity.

Jack collapses with a heart problem brought on by his disorder, and his mother panics and takes him out of school (?). But then when Jack gets all depressed and grows a beard and all the kids ride by on their skateboards and yell "Can Jack come out and play?" over and over again, his mom decides that to avoid all that unpleasantness, she'll let him go back to school. You might be thinking, this is a plot? Well, no, not in the technical sense of the word, but everyone in the film seems to think it is, so maybe they're right.

There are several weird threads which interrupt this action, ultimately leading nowhere. Louie's mom, played by Fran Drescher, hits on Jack when he pretends to be the principal, and this leads Jack to a bar later where he gets in a fight and gets arrested. Also, Jack gets a crush on his teacher (Jennifer Lopez, absolutely magnificent) and asks her to the school dance, probably the only sorta honest scene in the film. Some of these subplots are surely viable, but *Jack* can't decide which direction it wants to take. It wants to depict the life of a kid growing up with a disease that makes him an outsider, in a humorous, warm-hearted way, but it just doesn't know how.

Williams's performance is a muddled mishmash of everything he's ever been in, but with farting. You want to laugh when he's onscreen, and the physical sensation which results from not being able to is actually painful.

As an interesting sidenote, you may be interested to know that during the opening and closing credits, Canadian "rocker" Bryan Adams can be distinctly heard singing the improbable lines, "There'll be times/You'll be dancing and s—t." Four-letter words long ago invaded PG films, but perhaps we can draw the line at cheap bubble-gum pop.

To recap, this film was directed by Francis Ford Coppola, the same Francis Ford Coppola who directed the *Godfather* films, *Apocalypse Now*, *The Outsiders*, *Peggy Sue Got Married*, *Tucker: The Man and His Dream*, *Bram Stoker's Dracula*, and other great or passable films. If I didn't tell you now, you might not be able to figure it out from the film.

## Basement Band Parties :music to rival WREL

Uncle Mingo  
Friday @ Sigma Nu

Doxy's Kitchen  
Friday @ Chi Psi

Nathan Sheppard Band  
Friday @ Kappa Sigma  
Saturday @ Kappa Alpha

SweetBox & The Lucious Root  
Saturday @ Sigma Alpha Epsilon

The Breakfast Club  
Saturday @ Sigma Phi Epsilon



**Generals in action this week:**

FOOTBALL - Sat. at Guilford, 1:30  
 MSOCCER - Sat. vs. Lynchburg, 2:00; Wed. at Emory & Henry  
 WSOCCKER - Sat. vs. Maryville, 4:30; Sun. vs. Greensboro, 1:00  
 VOLLEYBALL - Fri-Sat at Maryville Invitational  
 WATER POLO - Sat. at Navy Invitational, 11:45 am  
 CROSS COUNTRY - Sat. at Dickinson Open  
 GOLF - Fri-Sat in W&L Fall Golf Classic  
 WTENNIS - Today vs. Meredith, 3:30

# The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

**Last week's results:**

FOOTBALL - L. 27-0 vs. Ursinus  
 MSOCCER - W. 2-1 vs. Shenandoah; W. 2-1 vs. Catholic  
 WSOCCKER - W. 3-2 (OT) at Va. Wesleyan; W. 6-0 vs. Hollins  
 VOLLEYBALL - Won W&L Invitational; W. 3-0 vs. RMWC  
 WATER POLO - L. 21-6 vs. Navy; L. 17-6 vs. Villanova  
 CROSS COUNTRY - Men 10th, women 9th at Lebanon Valley Invitational

## Volleyball holds serve for second W&L Invitational

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER  
 Phi Sports Editor

There has been no letdown for the Washington and Lee volleyball team.

as W&L shrugged off the pressure of being defending ODAC champions last weekend, cutting up the competition to win the sixth annual W&L Invitational.

The Generals registered victories of 3-0 over Bethany and 3-2 over Johns Hopkins on Friday night before breezing to the title Saturday afternoon on the coattails of a 3-0 shellacking of Sewanee and a 3-1 thumping of Catholic.

With the four wins, the Generals have now defended their home turf successfully in the last 14 matches.

W&L kicked off the tournament with a relatively easy three-game sweep of Bethany, winning by the scores of 15-10, 15-8 and 15-6.

Junior co-captain Hilary

Martin was back in top form, racking up twelve kills to tie freshman Nancy Reinhart for team top honors.

It was the nightcap Friday that almost proved to be the Generals' undoing as they collided with a tough Johns Hopkins squad.

After W&L took the first game 15-12, Hopkins came roaring back. They posted wins of 15-13 and 15-11 to move within one game of breaking the Generals' homecourt mastery.

But the Generals weren't about to get chased out of their own tournament. They stood their ground for a 15-13 squeaker to force a deciding fifth game.

With momentum now on their side, the Generals finally put away Johns Hopkins, 15-6, to prevail in the match.

Reinhart continued her big Friday night, leading the team with 11 kills against Hopkins.

W&L started Saturday the

same way it started Friday by sweeping a match in three games. This time Sewanee was the victim, falling 15-10, 16-14 and 15-3.

The Generals started the final match against Catholic in style, cruising 15-7 and 15-11.

Catholic then rallied for a 15-13 win, but it only postponed the inevitable as the Generals finished off the match and the tournament with a 15-6 victory.

Co-captain Virginia Yoerg was the star Saturday for the Generals, heading the team with 11 and 12 assists, respectively, in the two matches.

The senior middle blocker was named to the all-tournament team after compiling an impressive 40 kills and 22 blocks during the tournament.

Junior outside hitter Holly Thomsen joined Yoerg on the all-tourney team with her 26 kills and 35 digs.

Martin, as usual, proved to be a force, collecting 31 kills and 35 digs in the four games.

Also contributing mightily to the Generals' cause were Reinhart with her 23 kills and 23 digs, junior setter Ali Beard with 86 assists and sophomore outside hitter Megan Snodgrass with 17 kills and 33 digs.

Now armed with a 4-0 record, the Generals hit the road Wednesday night to open their conference season in Lynchburg at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

RMWC wished W&L had stayed home as the Generals breezed in three straight, 15-11, 15-7, 15-7.

Martin led the way for the Generals on Wednesday, amassing 11 kills, while Reinhart added 7 kills. Beard racked up 16 assists, and Yoerg pitched in with three solo blocks and two assists.

The Generals will take their 5-0 mark into the Maryville Invitational this weekend but face a daunting challenge there in the form of Savannah, which is ranked fifth in the South Region.

The Savannah match Saturday will be W&L's fourth of five matches in the tournament. The Generals are also scheduled to play Emory & Henry and Maryville today and Rhodes and Eastern Mennonite tomorrow.

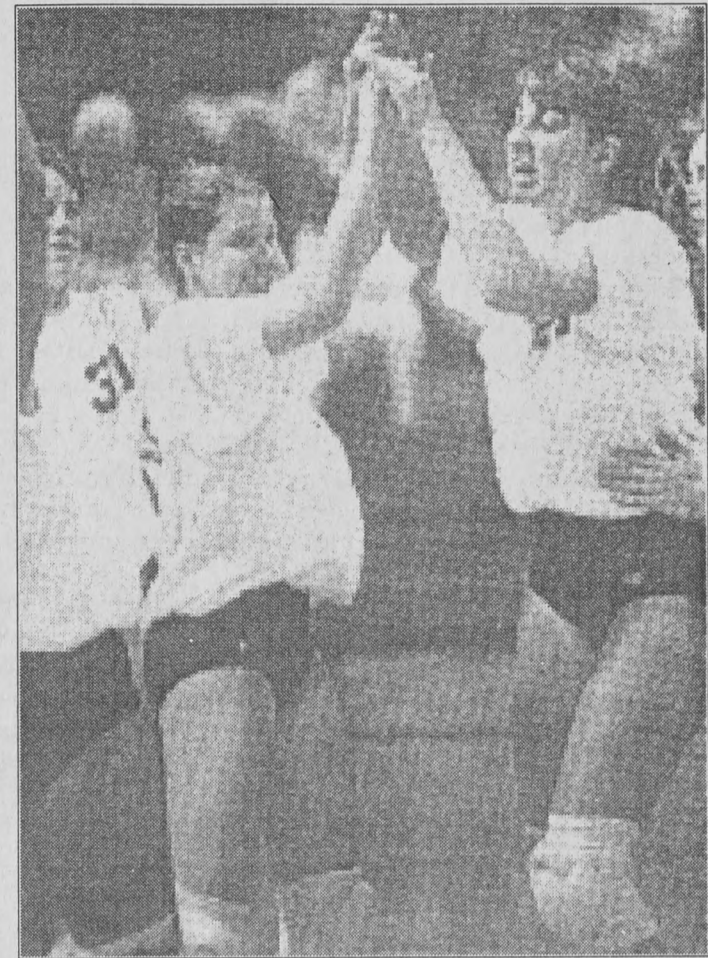
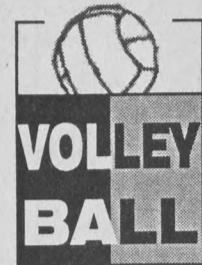


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Virginia Yoerg (right) keyed W&L last weekend.



Coming off a record-smashing 29 victories last season and their first ever ODAC title, it would seem difficult for the Generals to set their sights higher this season, particularly with the huge loss of Cheryl Taurassi.

But it has been so far so good

## No gold for NBC

### THE BIG FAN

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER

Welcome back to the land of the Big Fan! After a summer's respite, I'm back and ready to write once again (maybe). For those of you who are not familiar with this column, I am the self-proclaimed Big Fan (and yes, I can tend to get a little windy every now and then). I will be chronicling the glorious and not-so-glorious moments in sports that you may hear during those few moments when you can turn on a TV or pick up a newspaper. Since I've now been shifted to a bi-weekly basis, I'll have to make a conscious effort not to rag on people like Albert Belle and Michael Irvin twice as much.

It was a busy summer in sports both on and off the field. From boxing riots to wild bench-clearing brawls to drug cases, there was a little of everything.

Although you're probably sick of hearing it by now, I'd be remiss if I didn't start with the Summer Olympics. Bombing incidents aside, it was a successful Olympics for the U.S. It is difficult to choose between Kerri Strug's courageous final vault and Michael Johnson's golds in the 200 and 400 meter dashes as the highlight of the U.S. effort.

As a sidenote, I was in Canada for a week in August and couldn't believe that they're still talking about Donovan Bailey, the winner of the 100 meter dash. Supposedly, some people had the nerve to bestow Johnson with the cheesy title of "World's Fastest Human" instead of Bailey, and the Canadians took exception to it. While the national pride on each side of the debate is admirable, WHO THE HECK REALLY CARES?!

Bailey and Johnson reportedly have agreed to race each other in a 150 meter dash in the future, which the always modest Bailey said he would win easily. It was even suggested that the race be held on the Rainbow Bridge which connects the two cities of Niagara Falls. Interesting idea, but if Johnson didn't stop fast enough to give his name, destination, length of stay in Canada, license plate number and dollar value of his jewelry, he might get hauled in by U.S. Customs officials.

Unless you were lucky enough to attend an Olympic event in person, you were stuck watching NBC's abysmal TV coverage. I couldn't decide which was worse: the unending coverage of gymnastics, swimming, track and field and my favorite, rhythmic gymnastics or the annoying egotistical announcers who were covering them. For instance, take John Tesh (you'd be doing us a favor). In between his brilliant descriptions of the atmosphere of the gymnastics arena, he had enough time to compose another song or three for his keyboard. Then there's Tesh's cohort Tim Daggett, who makes Bob Saget look hilarious and Regis Philbin look sane. How many "OOH, THAT'S A MAJOR DEDUCTION! She looks really clumsy out there" s could we take? When Daggett wasn't spouting off, we were treated to another replay of China's Li Xiaohuang slipping on the rings and not bringing honor to his family, or even the occasional Dick Enberg moment.

OK, enough on the Olympics. We also had the Michael Irvin farce of a drug trial to keep us semi-entertained this summer. The obvious thing to say is how can he be so stupid, but remember, this is Michael Irvin we're dealing with. He didn't exactly come from a sparkling-clean college program (Miami) and Barry Switzer and Jerry Jones aren't known as disciplinarians. With the drug and exotic dancer allegations, Irvin is fortunate he's not doing hard time instead of lining up beside Prime Time in three weeks.

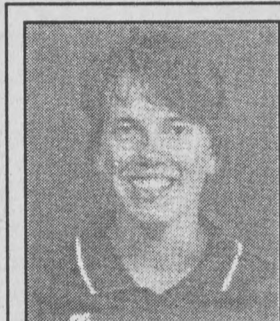
Even with Irvin and Jay Novacek's absences, I can't bring myself to count out the Cowboys, as much as I'd like to. They're still too talented not to contend for the Super Bowl. On the same token, the Steelers shouldn't be erased from contention, despite the loss of Greg Lloyd for the season and the ongoing QB controversy (Mike Tomczak?). Before it gets any later in the season, I'll hazard a guess on who will make the playoffs:

AFC: Division Winners - Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Kansas City  
 Wild Cards - Miami, Denver, Indianapolis  
 Houston and San Diego should contend as well.

NFC: Division Winners - Dallas, Green Bay, San Francisco  
 Wild Cards - Philadelphia, Chicago, Carolina  
 Look for Detroit and possibly Washington to be factors.

While I won't predict a Super Bowl winner yet, it should be an NFC team once again. The NFC is just too top-heavy with talent to not win the big one. Green Bay has looked very impressive thus far and San Francisco will be around at the end, as long as Steve Young holds up.

Finally, is there anybody that is not relieved to see Tiger Woods turn pro? More speculation surrounded that decision than on which NCAA basketball players would declare for the draft. It must be nice to be twenty years old and have Nike CEO Phil Knight after you instead of the IRS or Baner. Hey, Tiger, if you think you're so hot, you can take me on in a game of golf anytime. Mini-golf, that is.



Hilary Martin

## W&L soccer squads kick competition

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER  
 Phi Sports Editor

### Men's Soccer

The men jumped out to a 2-0 start thanks to a pair of 2-1 wins last week on the Liberty Hall Fields. The Generals edged Shenandoah, 2-1, on Thursday the 12th, in a fight-marred contest. W&L then knocked off Catholic by an identical count last Saturday afternoon.

Freshman Jamie Parker basked in the limelight for the Generals against Shenandoah as he scored both W&L goals. Parker snapped a 1-1 tie with under four minutes remaining as he kicked home the eventual game-winning goal.

Soon after, the emotion from more than 88 minutes of hard-fought play came to a boil as a fight erupted following a W&L foul.

Tempers flared between the teams, leading to an ugly melee in which a W&L fan joined the brawl. Officials were finally able to intervene and the game finished up with the Generals prevailing by the 2-1 count.

Things were less tense but still just as exciting two days later when W&L locked up with Catholic on the Liberty Hall Fields.

Sophomore Sam Chase took his turn as the one-man show as he tallied both Generals goals. Both scores came in the second half as W&L held off Catholic for its second straight 2-1 win.

Chase leads the Generals with 5 points after the two games, complimenting his two goals with one assist.

The Generals have also been rock-solid in the net. Senior Anthony Mazzarelli and sophomore Garry Hill have combined for seven saves in nine chances.

The men will remain at home for the third straight game when they host Lynchburg tomorrow. The game will also feature a 50th season celebration for W&L men's soccer.

### Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team has enjoyed similar success, taking its first two contests in extremely different fashions.

The Generals opened their season with a nailbiting 3-2 victory over Virginia Wesleyan last Saturday before returning home to maul Hollins, 6-0, on Wednesday.

W&L figured to be in for a tough battle Saturday in Norfolk and Virginia Wesleyan didn't disappoint. Wesleyan led 2-1 with only about three minutes remaining in regulation, but sophomore Erica Reineke came to the rescue for W&L as she netted a goal to force overtime.

The first overtime came and went with the teams still deadlocked at two goals apiece. The score remained the same throughout most of the second overtime until Michelle Bauman took matters into her own hands.

With only thirty seconds remaining in the second overtime, the senior tri-captain kicked home the dramatic game-winner, sending the Generals home weary, but 3-2 victors nevertheless.

Sophomore Nicole Johnson scored the other W&L goal in the Virginia Wesleyan contest and also assisted on another score.

Senior Beth Mozena and freshman Stephanie McKnight teamed up to frustrate Virginia Wesleyan, warding off 16 of 18 shots during the contest.

The Generals weren't in the mood for another tight contest Wednesday as they stormed out onto the Liberty Hall Fields and obliterated Hollins, 6-0.

Sophomore Karin Treese had an incredible day for the Generals. She tied a school record with nine points as she scored four times and assisted on another goal, giving the Generals plenty of ammunition against the overmatched Hollins squad.

Reineke and Bauman notched the other two goals in the Generals' conquest, which raised both W&L's overall and league mark to 2-0.

The women, now ranked ninth in the South Region, will be preparing for a busy weekend. The Generals host Maryville tomorrow following the men's game and then face off against Greensboro Sunday afternoon.



Photo courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Michelle Bauman scored the game-winner Saturday.

## Ursinus trounces Generals, 27-0

By BETHANY BAUMAN  
 Phi Sports Editor

The Generals football team dropped their home opener to Ursinus College last week, 27-0.

"Disappointed, but determined to move forward," is how head coach Frank Miriello described the team's mindset following the loss.

The Generals only trailed by 7 at the half, but the Bears connected for three touchdowns in the third quarter.

W&L's offensive unit stalled last Saturday, posting only 127 yards of total offense, including 32 yards rushing on 22 carries.

Cornerback junior John Benazzi was the Generals' primary offensive weapon. He

opened the game well, returning the opening kickoff for 46 yards to the Ursinus 44 yard line. He returned three other kickoffs for 42 yards while also contributing six tackles and breaking up one pass.

On the other side of the ball, the defense also turned in a less than solid performance. The Generals played two and a half quarters of solid, aggressive defense.

But, according to free safety senior Chris Watson, "...the defense didn't get the job done in the third quarter."

Coach Miriello believes that the defense failed to generate the "big plays" the team needed to post a win.

There were however some impressive performances on the defensive side. Senior line-

backer McGuire Boyd had a team-high 14 tackles, a pass breakup and one tackle for loss. Senior tackle Peyton Williams had 12 tackles, two tackles for loss and a fumble recovery.

The team's safeties also did well Saturday. Strong safety junior Lee Miller had the only sack of the game for the Generals. He also contributed seven tackles, including a team-high five solo stops.

Watson made the most of his first start, making 12 tackles, with four solo stops and a touch-down-saving tackle in the third quarter.

The Generals will get another chance to break into the "W" column when they open ODAC play at Guilford College in

Greensboro, North Carolina tomorrow.

Miriello believes this first road game will be critical. But the Generals will have to face several challenges, not the least of which will be the absence of tailback Seth McKinley and Floyd Young, who are both out due to injury.

The defense will have to contend with the quickness of the Quakers, but will hopefully also be able to take advantage of the young Guilford offensive line.

As for the W&L offense, the Generals need to move the ball more than they did against Ursinus.

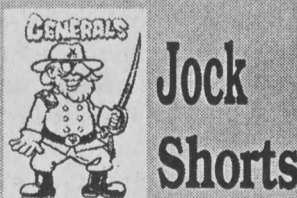
Despite struggling last week, the inexperienced offensive line has been improving in practice this week and will hopefully be able to keep quarterback Brooks Fischer out of trouble.

Watson said that, "Maintaining an intensity for four quarters will be a necessity."

"We need to pressure the ball on defense and sustain some scoring drives. If we all play like we can, we will win the game."

Maintaining an intensity for four quarters will be a necessity.

-Chris Watson



**Water Polo:**  
 The Generals dropped two games at the CWPA tournament in Richmond Saturday, losing to Navy, 21-6, and to Villanova, 17-6. Nathan Hottle performed well for W&L, notching two goals in both games.

**Men's Cross Country:**  
 The men came into last weekend's meet at Lebanon Valley ranked 25th nationally but managed a 10th-place showing out of 30 teams. Will Olson was the star for the men, finishing in 11th place in 25:18.

**Women's Cross Country:**  
 W&L placed ninth overall at Lebanon Valley with Carson Flowers leading the way in 23rd place. Both squads will run this weekend at Dickinson.