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W&L Law ranked #20

W&L drops one spot in *U.S. News* and *World Report's* Law School ratings

By Polly Doig
NEWS EDITOR

Just in time for undergraduate seniors who are struggling to make a decision about which law school to choose, *U.S. News & World Report* has released its graduate school rankings.

This year, the Washington and Lee University School of Law was ranked 20th out of the 181 accredited law schools surveyed, a drop of one place over last year.

"I'm pleased that we're ranked as highly as we are," Dean of the Law School Barry Sullivan said, "but there are some problems with the rankings and one should not take them too seriously."

For undergraduate students, however, the slight drop may be too little, too late to mean anything.

"These don't come out in time for us to look at recent rankings when we're applying," senior Hillary Coombs, who has been accepted at the W&L School of Law, said. "It seems that *U.S. News* is trying to persuade some people's judgement by releasing this information at the time when people are making decisions as to what school they want to go to."

Third year W&L law student Steve Gosney says that the slight drop is relatively insignificant.

"It seems to me that it's really more a matter of the fact that we're in the top tier," Gosney said. "I think it's probably pretty accurate as far as placing us there."

Coombs says that though she factored last year's rankings into her decision as to what schools to apply to, the new rankings will likely have little impact on her final decision of what school to attend.

"I don't know where I'm going to school," Coombs said. "I'm just kind of skeptical of the overall ranking procedure; it tends to make people a little superficial, make them wonder about injuring their earning potential."

"I think they do have a significant impact for some people," Gosney said. "But I feel that the Princeton Review does a much better job of ranking than *U.S. News*. It's a dangerous thing just to pick a school based on rankings. It's really more important to visit the schools."

Many law schools themselves object to the ranking system used by *U.S. News*, claiming that the methodology, which considers criteria such as reputation, student selectivity, placement success and faculty resources, is insufficient.

According to Harrison Rainie of *U.S. News & World Report*, 169 law school deans endorsed a letter that was sent out to all law school applicants this year encouraging them not to give the rankings undue importance. Sullivan was one of the deans who signed.

"The rankings are only one of a variety of resources available to help students make an informed decision," Sullivan said. "I'm not sure that there's any better scale, but I'm not sure that this is a good one."

Among problems that Sullivan cites are the lack of division between national and regional law schools, and the inaccuracy of certain numbers.

"One thing we get a low score on is that about 60 percent of our students are employed at graduation, while 97 percent are employed nine months out," Sullivan said. "This is based on self-reporting, and therefore fluctuates because of differing methodologies. The poll attributes substantial weight to reputation, so that puts us at a disadvantage because of our small number of alumni in comparison to other schools."

For both Sullivan and Coombs, however, the small size of W&L is one of its largely ignored attributes. "I haven't heard from a couple of schools, but of the schools I've gotten into, W&L is my first choice," Coombs said. "I have a class there this term, and I've felt very comfortable with the way students interact with their professors. And that makes me very comfortable with the idea of continuing my education at W&L."

Gosney agrees, maintaining that the law school maintains a high degree of excellence in spite of its small size.

"I've found that the quality of students and professors here is really high," Gosney said. "There's nobody here that shouldn't be here."

Other Virginia law schools included among the top 50 were the University of Virginia (7th) and the College of William & Mary (32nd).



Photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

Midfielder Zeb Mellet defends against an attack by a Franklin and Marshall attackman. In the battle between the Generals and the Diplomats, the Generals performed admirably, crushing the Diplomats 24-2.

Generals crush Diplomats

Men's lacrosse outplays opponents and stays at #3 in NCAA Division III

By Brendan Harrington
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team improved their record to 4-0 against teams from Pennsylvania after they destroyed Franklin & Marshall 18-2 on Saturday afternoon at Wilson Field.

"From the very first whistle, we jumped all over them," W&L head coach Jim Stagnitta said. "F&M is not a bad team, but we didn't give them even a chance to win that game."

The Generals (4-1) scored three goals in the first 1:32 seconds of the game and never looked back. Sophomore attackman Matt Dugan had five goals and two assists as seven different Generals found the back of the net. Sophomore

midfielder Pope Hackney had four goals and two assists, junior attackman Chris Brown tallied three goals and two assists and junior attackman Colin Dougherty added two goals and two assists.

Sophomore Wes Hays and junior Dan Grattan combined to make eight saves in goal for the Generals. The Generals dominated the Diplomats (2-3) in almost every statistical category, outshooting F&M 51-13 and winning 18 of the 22 faceoffs.

The Generals, who are ranked third in the latest STX/USILA Division III National Poll, have outscored opponents from the Keystone State a combined 74-12. The Generals' only loss was a one-goal defeat at the hands of Washington College, the defending national champions and first-ranked team in Division III.

"This is an extremely talented group of kids and it's amazing how hard they have worked," Stagnitta said. "And we're just going to continue to improve because we're so young."

Many people believe that W&L has the tools to not only win the ODAC, but maybe even make a run at the National Championship. Stagnitta says the team's first and foremost goal is to win the ODAC, but he adds that this year's team has tremendous potential.

"As long as the kids maintain this level of excitement and intensity, they can go as far as they want," Stagnitta said.

The Generals crushed Dickinson 24-2 on Wednesday afternoon at Wilson Field. The game was tied 1-1 with 10:00 left in the first quarter

before the Generals scored 13 straight goals to take a 13-1 lead midway through the second quarter. Dugan had four goals and three assists to lead the Generals while Brown tallied five goals and one assist. Dickinson fell to 1-3 with the loss.

The Generals begin conference play on Wednesday afternoon when they take on twelfth-ranked Lynchburg.

The Hornets are 5-0 and surprised everyone when they upset eighth-ranked Ohio Wesleyan earlier this season, who defeated W&L in the quarterfinals of last year's NCAA tournament.

"We will not be caught off guard, we know Lynchburg is a good team," Stagnitta said. "They have a lot of seniors and an excellent goalie."

Gleeful Harvard visits Lex

By Polly Doig
NEWS EDITOR

Lee Chapel will reverberate with the sounds of America's oldest all-male college chorus, the Harvard Glee Club, on Wed., March 31.

A sub-group of the Glee Club, Harvard Lite, is also scheduled to sing with Southern Comfort Thursday night at the Ruse.

"We're going to try for around 10 p.m. because some of the guys in the group have another concert at 8 p.m.," Chris Edwards, of Southern Comfort, said. "But the guys at the Ruse gave us the okay to go ahead with it."

Though arrangements aren't complete yet, Edwards says plans should be finalized soon.

"I'm excited," Edwards said. "I think it'll be a great opportunity for us to get to sing with a bunch of talented guys that we wouldn't normally sing with."

The Glee Club was founded in 1858, and was initially a social club at Harvard, performing college songs and "glees." Since then, they have performed with the L.A. Philharmonic and the Boston Symphony Orchestra, as well as in the Vatican.

The group will stop in Lexington as part of its 79th spring tour. They have previously toured throughout North America, Europe and Australia since 1921, when they became the first American college chorus to travel to Europe.

The Glee Club consists of more than 50 members and is expected to perform music ranging from the Renaissance to contemporary composers.

The concert is being sponsored jointly by the Emily Edmondson Penick Pearse Memorial Concert Series and the

R. E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church. The Glee Club will inaugurate the Pearse Memorial Concert Series, a bequest from the late Mrs. Pearse, who was a Lexington native, longtime hostess of Lee Chapel, and lifelong organist and parishioner of R. E. Lee Church.

In lieu of tickets, a free-will offering will be collected during the concert, in order to promote future concerts in the Pearse series. Suggested donations are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children and students.

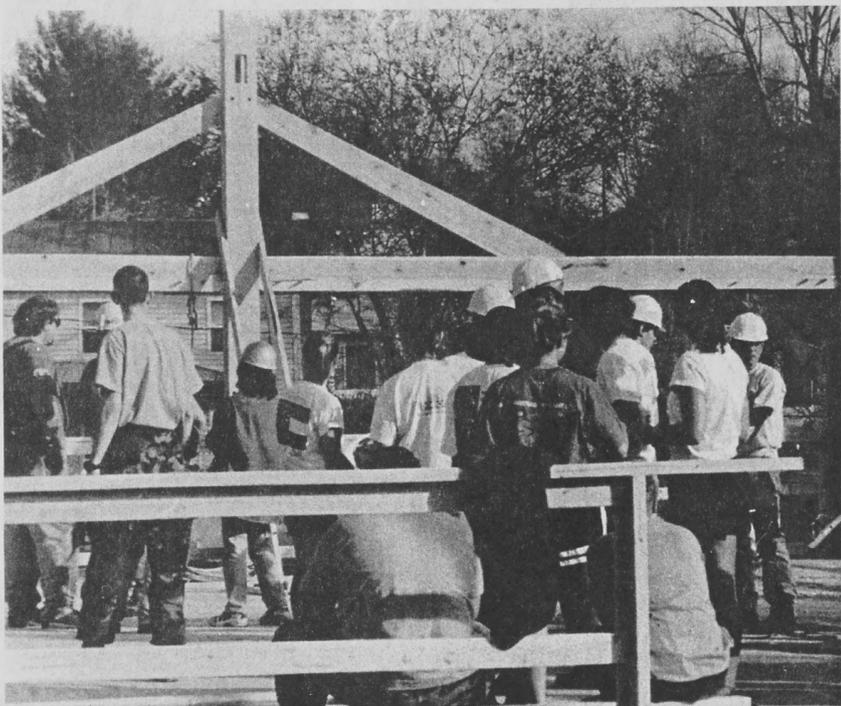


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Volunteers raise the frame of the Project Horizon shelter for victims of domestic violence.

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A truly frightening insight into my inner monologue

Sometimes I think that I wasn't meant for life as a human being. I'm not alone in this thought, for my family and friends tell me the same thing all the time. In fact, perfect strangers (one of my favorite shows from the '80s, I must say) quickly pick up on my blatant misunderstanding of the human way of life. Don't ask me to tell you just what it is that I don't understand because I don't have the foggiest. I do think, however, that I could easily grapple with some other form of life.

Growing up in Catholic school, we used to have this little song that went something like, "If I were a bird in the sky, I'd thank you Lord that I could fly..." et

cetera, et cetera, et cetera, "but I just thank you Father for making me me." Sometimes my mind didn't quite get to that last line. I'd sit there in music class thinking, "Golly, I really wish I were a fish in the sea. How cool would that be?"

Well, I guess that fateful day in Mr. Louie's music class set the course for my inner monologue for well over the next decade of my life. Constant dreams of "Golly, I really wish I were a cow on the farm. How cool would that be?" dash though my mind. Over the years I've come up with many alternative life forms that I think would suit me.

I'd like to share some of them with you. Maybe you can get a kick out of the fact that your mind isn't as distinctively skewed as it obviously could be. Or perhaps you can relate to the desire to step out of the human realm into the more exciting Animal Kingdom.

Ranking number one on my list would have to be "a bear in the

woods." The top selling point of the bear is hibernation. I hate winter. I hate snow. I hate cold weather. I love to sleep. Hibernation would totally eliminate the most miserable season of the year, replacing it with glorious sleep. Furthermore, I'm a big fan of the simple bare necessities and forgetting about my worries and my strife. I wanna be like you, Baloo.

"A fly on the wall" is a close second. All right, so flies only have a two-day life span. But that's one of the only downsides. First of all, as the name indicates, you can freakin' fly. How cool would that be? On top of that, your only job in that two-day life span is to find a mate, and that can be one of your dozens of sisters.

Not very honorable, but certainly not very stressful. Hey, if I'm lucky I can find a bowl of soup in a restaurant. I like soup. And to whoever's soup I find, "Sure, it may be disgusting. But hey, free soup!"

Tying for second, "a bird in the sky" would be up there on my choices. Like the fly, you can fly. The life span is a bit longer and you have a pretty voice, but the stress factor goes up incredibly. You have to worry about b-b guns and Alka-Seltzer. There is, though, more opportunity to branch out from the family as far as getting a mate. But then again, there's more responsibility when that family does come. Those kids are going to need worms and flight lessons. In any case, bird is right up there with the coolest of life forms.

Flesh-eating bacterium! Well, that goes without saying.

"A shark in the sea" would also be right up there. The first thing I would do if I were a shark would be to go to Candice Bergen's house, knock on

the door, and when she asks, "Are you that pesky shark again?" I'd say, "No ma'am, I'm just a dolphin, just a friendly dolphin." Then when she let me in, I'd bite her head off. Sharks can also have a good time screwing up a little kid's first trips to the beach. I guess that is something that the juvenile sharks do. Eventually, I'd mature and stop doing that.

Two words: Mon Key! (That's French for monkey.)

"If I were a gator in the swamp," I probably wouldn't have that recurring nightmare that I am eaten by a massive alligator. And if I did, I would be the gator instead of the frightened little boy who wakes up in a cold sweat. I'd be the big reptile that wakes up hungry and hunts down small children who've lost their way. Oh, the vengeance is finally mine.

Another creature I often want to be is that mysterious insect that crawls around my bathroom. What the hell is that? I'm telling you, these things have mutated and evolved from some other form of insect into this very specific species that only lives in my bathroom. It looks like a cross between a scorpion and a doodle bug. I refuse to kill any of them because I think that one day they may advance the causes of science, or aid in the study of the effects of uncleanness. In any case, that's what I want to be. At least then I'd have the serenity of knowing.

I don't care what anyone says about that old mushroom joke, the one where the boy mushroom can't understand why the girl mushroom won't go out with him. He says "Why not, I'm a Fungi." That's funny. I'd like to be "a mushroom on the lawn," so I could use that one.

"A duck on the pond" could be fun. Not a swan, too showy. Not a goose, too mean. But a duck, yeah that's right, a duck.



Trident's McManus abandons humorous for offensive

In Wednesday's edition of *The Trident*, Sean McManus, in a pitiful attempt to revive *The Trident's* anemic back page, blatantly and needlessly insulted a student's personal life, and thus ruined the reputation of his publication.

First, regardless of what McManus's views are on classes being cancelled, there was no need to mention the Executive Committee or this particular student. Not only was it an insult, but it also was a deliberate attempt to barb someone by using the power of the press.

I cannot condemn this without being a hypocrite, but when I go after someone, I try to make it for the right reasons. Perhaps I'm being a little too presumptuous, but I'd like to think that if I can make one person see another

side of the story, I've done my job. There was no such attempt on McManus's part. Calling someone a "lavender Teletubby" is merely an offensive, intolerant display of immaturity.

Second, why does he care so much about this student's personal life? You can think whatever you want about this issue, but for God's sake, don't be judgmental. Don't like it? Don't be his friend, avoid him, whatever, but there is no need to put him down in this manner.

God forbid someone on this campus fit into any other mold except the khaki-wearing, apathetic, egotistical, drunken brat who pretends that he never studies.

Finally, the ultimate responsibility for this ridiculous excuse for journal-

ism lies with *The Trident*. McManus is merely another renegade columnist and can be controlled. Why did the editors allow such filth to find its way onto the page?

They're W&L students, so I assume they have some semblance of intelligence. Anyone with half a brain could figure out that McManus's last paragraph should never have seen the light of day. The only reasonable excuse is to get attention for the publication, not caring what kind. Though this might be understandable, it is in no way excusable.

Therefore, I propose a challenge. McManus should apologize to the offended student, and *The Trident* should print a retraction. Doing so would not only preserve personal and journalistic integrity, but he'll keep alive the traditions of honor and civility here at W&L.

Poison Pen
Mike Agnello '02

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summer scholar bereaves potential lose of Night Owl

Dear Phi,

This past summer, I was a participant in the W&L Summer Scholars program during the month of July. In walking around town, I discovered the music store Night Owl. I ended up visiting the store several times throughout the month, and I bought a couple of CDs there. Now, I'm sorry to read that Wayne Raynal, owner of the store, might have to close his business due to competition with Crossroads.

Let me just say that I urge you to take your business to Wayne. Like he said, everything he sells is a buck cheaper than the other guy. Not only that, but Wayne is also a great guy — he can tell you just about anything you would want to know about any band, and he'll open up a CD and play it for you in the store if you want to hear it. I enjoyed doing business with Night Owl this past summer, and I hope I will be able to continue to do so when I start school at W&L in the fall.

Sincerely,
Glenn DeLaney
Gainesville, FL

Phi editor offends independent

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in regard to a section of "The Last Word" by Kevin McManemin in Monday's *The Ring-tum Phi*. This section of an otherwise-humorous piece on special-interest publications, "The Daily Indepen-

dent," was just plain mean-spirited.

As a female independent, the things McManemin describes don't really apply to me, but I still felt personally insulted by what he said. Just because a guy isn't a member of a fraternity — for whatever reason — that is no reason to classify him as a reject without a social life. That is an intensely self-important and intolerant outlook.

This is the reason why people are critical of the Greek system in general. Attitudes such as this which influence the "us-versus-them" mentality really don't do a lot to change the stereotypes of the intensive, rich, white-boy frat culture that is hostile to anyone that isn't one of them.

I know that's usually not the case and that for the most part Greek guys are just as nice as non-Greek guys. But cases like this just reinforce those same images that I'm sure the greek community would like to do away with. I would ask that in the future McManemin give some real thought to what he writes; he's not just reflecting on himself, but on the entire Greek community. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tara McCook '02

Phi editor offends another independent

Dear Editor:

Usually I find the Last Page hilarious. Kevin McManemin has talent. Monday March 15th's issue was no exception. As I sat down with my chicken poppers in the d-hall, discussing the much-celebrated Snow Day with my friends, I read "The C-Schooler" and laughed uproariously.

However, as my eyes wandered down to the "Gross Incompetence" newsletter, I immediately thought of the slew of letters to the editor in a newspaper a while back, after a student had written a "well, I thought it was funny" article about the security staff. Like the security staff, the B&G staff works hard every day, many of them at odd hours. Yes, I have heard stories about a bad apple or two in the past, but my encounters with the

B&G staff have always been positive. Every morning, I see Roxanne cleaning our halls in Graham-Lees and am amazed that in everyone else's state of grogginess, she maintains an upbeat and pleasant disposition.

Portraying the entire B&G staff as a bunch of grossly incompetent, unintelligent thieves is no way to promote good town-gown relations. It is also just plain mean, especially since the B&G staff really does have a REAL newsletter.

Kevin McManemin must have something better to do with his time than think up ways to be little honest, hardworking people for making a living that he happens to find demeaning. Also, it is prejudiced and cruel to portray modern Southerners as the racist, anti-Catholic, incestuous bigots that the "Southern Gentlemen's Quarterly" depicted. "Do minorities have too many civil rights?" Give me a break. There are fine lines between sarcastic humor and degrading insults.

Emily Whitmire '02
An Independent Who Has Fun...Imagine That!

Editor presents A mature and intelligent response

Dear Reader:

A) I am not prejudiced against any particular group. I'm a misanthrope — I don't like anybody.
B) I really don't have anything better to do than belittle "honest, hardworking people." I'm a mass communications major, I don't exactly work very hard.
C) Are you joking?
D) Thank you for taking the time to write.

Kevin McManemin '00
Last Word editor
The Ring-tum Phi

Quote of the week:

"My mom always told me that nothing good ever happens after midnight... but this is good."

—Female student enjoying a late night trip to The Ruse.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Putting together a newspaper every week in a small town like Lexington on a small campus like Washington and Lee often presents a problem. On most campuses, something can happen one day and students may not know about it the next day. That's where a newspaper's role comes into play. When students know everyone on campus and everything that goes on around campus, a newspaper runs into problems.

When the student body knows everything before the newspaper does, it is forced to run things like the men's lacrosse game and a visiting glee club on the front page. (Not that there is anything wrong with men's lacrosse, everyone loves lacrosse.) One editor expresses anger that time spent with the *Phi* has contributed to her complete lack of contact with the opposite sex over the past year. The rest of the *Phi* staff concurs.

In any case, *The Ring-tum Phi* and *The Trident* certainly try like the dickens to put out interesting little rags, but sometimes there is just not enough new, fresh, exciting information to captivate the readers' attention. The *Phi* truly tries and tries to do and do for you kids, so if we fall a bit short on some (or most) occasions, please forgive us. We're not getting any for Christ's sake.

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Destination: Spring Break 1999

Students have options for planning and executing great vacations away from Lex over April break

By Erica Prosser and Elianna Marziani
FEATURES EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

Look around you. The weather is slowly but surely warming up, the days are getting longer, and you only have two (count 'em, two) weeks of classes left.

Though it might be difficult to see even two weeks into the future, rest assured that, at the other end of finals week, you will find a week of freedom.

Yes, spring break is just around the corner, and many students are already salivating for it. "It's important to leave town because everyone needs a break and a change of scenery," senior J.R. Leitch said.

So what are you doing for that much-anticipated week?

Some students, like freshman Ken Jackman, will head home over spring break.

"I am going to go car shopping, interviewing for a job, and go see 'Phantom of the Opera,'" he said. "Then I am going to Washington to visit my girlfriend for a few days."

Freshman Mandy Cannon, too, plans to return to her hometown for a week of relaxation.

"I'm going home [to Cincinnati]," she said. "I'm going to rest."

Some students will forgo the homeward trek in favor of trips to domestic vacation spots.

"I'm flying to Florida," Leitch said. "I'm going to spend the week in a beach house."

Still other students, like many members of the Washington and Lee Chorus, will be traveling to exotic locations abroad. The chorus will be visiting Costa Rica.

"I think it is going to be a lot of fun," said freshman chorus member Veronica Griffith. "We're going to be doing some sight-seeing. We're going to a volcano and a hot spring and the beach, so it should be nice."

What if you don't have any set plans yet for break, but you want to make some? What if you suddenly decide to spend that week on the beach instead of in your house? Worry not, intrepid travelers; there are ways to make last-minute vacation plans that won't put too big a strain on your budget.

One of the best places to plan a vacation is on the Internet. The 'net is full of discounted

airline tickets, cheap hotel rooms and travel packages for students. Don't know where to start? Keep reading as we plan an imaginary trip to Ft. Lauderdale over April break.

A good place to start looking for airline tickets is on the home pages of major airlines. US Air, for example, flies out of Roanoke, the closest airport to Lexington. The US Air home page is located at www.usair.com, and it includes methods for booking hotels and rental cars in addition to airline tickets. But for now, let us just consider this site for the airfare.

Under "Book a Flight" and "Check Fares," you can fill out a form that asks you when you are flying, where you are going, what time of the day you want to fly and what class you prefer. The site then gives you a list of potential flights each way, and you can pick from them to assemble your itinerary. A flight from Roanoke to Ft. Lauderdale on April 10 (and a return flight on April 17) costs about \$634 round trip through the US Air web site.

That price too steep? There are other ways to find airfare online. Discount airfare outlets also operate through the Internet, and these often investigate several different airlines in order to give you the lowest price, including potential student rates. One such site is www.airfare.com. The flight from Roanoke to Ft. Lauderdale and back that cost \$634 on US Air cost only \$222 through this site, but at this late date, all of the most discounted rates were sold out.

A few words of advice for airfare in general: to get the best fares, book as early as possible, usually no later than two weeks before you fly. Also, many of the discount sites will assemble great ticket rates, but they sometimes involve changing airlines mid-trip, so you must decide if the slightly increased hassle is worth it. Flying on a weekday is sometimes cheaper than flying on weekends, so if you can put off your trip until Monday, you might save.

Changing the time of day that you're willing to fly can also help the price or availability of seats, and flying from a more major airport (such as Washington's Dulles) can often mean cheaper rates and direct flights (the April 10-April 17 trip to Ft. Lauderdale, for example, cost a student rate of only \$174 from Dulles, and at press time, there were still seats available through www.airfare.com).

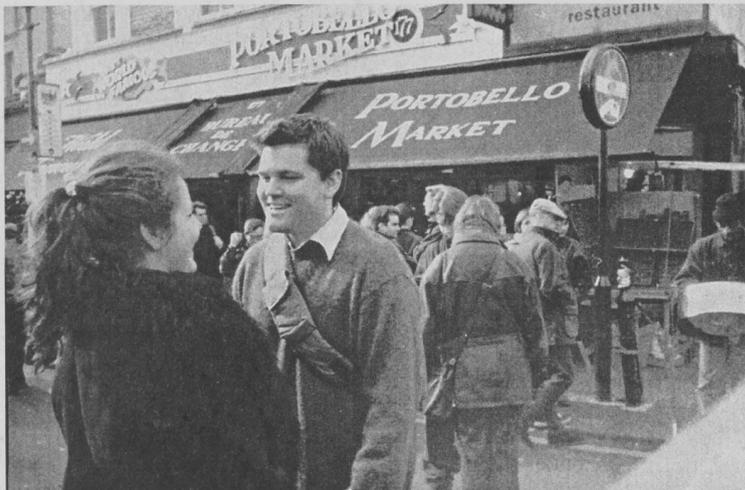


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Collin Gleason and Ashley Marano experience the joys of the Portobello Antique Market in London over February break.

What about hotels? Most major hotel chains have interactive web sites, too, and many feature special promotions and cheaper rates through the Internet. To check into Holiday Inn rates anywhere in the world, for example, visit www.1.basshotels.com/holiday-inn and take a look around. There are last minute discounted rates, spring promotional rates and standard reservations to choose from.

Back to our trip to Ft. Lauderdale. When you enter "Fort Lauderdale" on the Holiday Inn web site, the result is a nice list of hotel choices, each with amenities listed. Rates for the area hotels range from about \$80 per night (single occupancy) to more than \$140 per night (single occupancy), but many of the hotels offer a "rate change" (discounted rates) during some nights of the stay. Double occupancy may or may not affect the nightly rate; it varies by hotel.

Of course, discount hotel services abound online. One great site is www.placestostay.com/index.html, which gives you rates for many nice resorts in a given area. It specifies the ones that are especially discounted, as well. For Ft. Lauderdale, this site returned vacation houses,

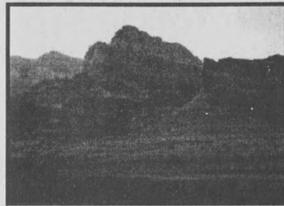
suites and bed-and-breakfasts that were comparable in price to the Holiday Inn hotel room rates.

If you prefer to travel using vacation packages, those can be found, too. At www.discounttravelwizard.com/, for example, packages to dozens of exotic destinations can be assembled for often comparatively low prices. Another great feature of this site? Special information links, such as the currency converter, global weather and State Department travel warnings. Just page down to see these helpful sites. To find other package sites, run a search for "travel packages" on a search engine.

Still a little shaky on travel, especially to someplace unknown? Research never helps. Most of the popular travel destinations, major cities and geographic areas have tourism web sites that you can explore (just run a search for your place of choice).

April break is fast approaching, so whatever plans you have yet to make, make them now. Above all, find a relaxing destination and get away from the stress for a while.

You deserve it.



The choices for vacation destinations abound, from (top to bottom) the beaches of Costa Rica, Old Faithful in California, EPCOT Center in Orlando, New York City's skyscrapers and the Grand Canyon.

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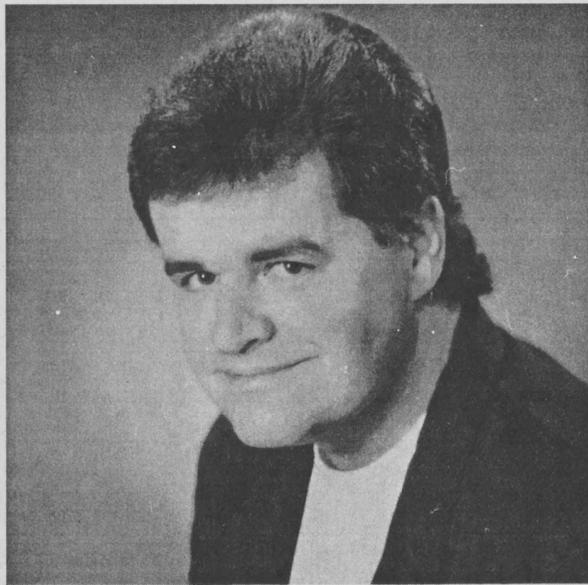
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Stand-up comedian Randy Riggle will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in the GHQ.



Student Activities' Office
March Comedy Series

Women's lax stunned by Yellow Jackets



Senior defender Karin Treese goes airborne on a shot late in the game against Randolph Macon.

By Frances Groberg
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team suffered a decisive loss to Randolph Macon at home for the first time in the team's history on Saturday afternoon.

The Yellow Jackets built two-goal leads on three separate occasions early in the game, but the Generals were able to fight back and cut the lead to 6-5 with just over 23 minutes remaining. Despite their efforts, W&L allowed RMC to penetrate the defense and score the last four goals of the game and hand the Generals the 10-5 loss.

"You have to give credit where credit is due, and they deserve the credit," Head Coach Jan Hathorn said. "They were very organized, and they executed well. We were just outplayed on a number of occasions. It's disappointing, especially when the loss is not from lack of trying. We were doing everything we could."

Freshman midfielder Erin Riedy led scoring for RMC with a hat trick. Junior attack Carrie Winkler added two goals and two assists. Junior goalie Amy Whitcomb recorded 15 saves on the day.

W&L was led by junior co-captain Katherine Riddle, who scored two goals. Junior goalie Ginny Jernigan recorded 13 saves on the day.

"We just didn't come ready to play," senior co-captain Cory Mettee explained. "They just wanted to win the game more than we did, and it showed."

Things went better for the Generals on Thursday in Lynchburg, as sophomore attack Liz Borges scored with 4:06 remaining to edge out the win 6-5.

Freshman Eloise Priest and sophomore Christine van den Toorn opened scoring to give the Generals an early lead. A free position goal by Lynchburg's Laurie Ward cut the lead to 2-1, but freshman Courtenay Fisher put a free position shot of her own into the back of the net. W&L's 3-1 lead stood at the end of the low-scoring half.

The Generals managed to score another free-position goal at the beginning of the second half before the Hornets went on a three-goal tear to tie the score at 4-4.

Senior Karin Treese regained the lead with a goal off an assist from sophomore Ellen Ritsch, until Lynchburg once again battled back to tie the game at five. Borges scored with four minutes remaining to give the Generals the win.

Jernigan came up big in the final two minutes of the game for the Generals, collecting two shots to ensure the victory.

The team will try to amend its thus far up-and-down season on Wednesday when it takes on Middlebury College at the Liberty Hall Fields. The contest will be a tough one for the Generals, as Middlebury reached the semifinals of the NCAA tournament in 1998.

Hathorn, however, is optimistic. "We have great capabilities on our team, that I think we've got what it takes to play with just about anybody. We'll be fired up and ready, because we have nothing to lose."

"We just didn't come ready to play...and it showed."

— Co-captain Cory Mettee

Boys of summer send Hokies home

By Tod Williams
SPORTS WRITER

The Generals stepped up their defense on Saturday to knock off D-II opponent West Virginia Tech in both games of a doubleheader.

In Saturday's first game, sophomore David Sigler threw a complete game to shut out the Golden Bears 2-0. Sigler gave up two hits, struck six Hokies out and walked three.

With the win, Sigler upped his record to 3-1 with an ERA of 3.13, the best on the Generals' staff of any pitcher with more than three innings of work.

Senior second baseman Patrick Hall led the Generals offensively, going two-for-three with two singles. Five Generals also had a hit apiece.

The Generals bats warmed up by the second game to help the team cruise to a 13-1 win. Senior E.J. Murphy led W&L, going two-for-three with an RBI. Junior Russell Wrenn and senior Bryan Lewis each had three RBI for the team, while Hall and sophomore Jason May each went two-for-two.

Junior Chris Stakem came in from centerfield to take the mound for the Generals. Stakem struck out five Golden Bears and walked two to go 1-1 on the season. He allowed four hits in his six innings of work. Tech committed five errors, accounting for seven unearned runs for the Generals.

Hall said the doubleheader was a great example of the Generals' slow starts this season. "It takes us a little while to get going," Hall said, "but if we can stay in the game for three or four innings, our hits will start coming."

On Thursday, the Generals

hosted Bridgewater College. Unfortunately, both teams forgot to bring their pitchers.

After being down as much as 12-1 in the fourth and 17-5 in the sixth, the Generals rallied in the last two innings, scoring 10 runs. Down 20-19 in the bottom of the ninth with the tying run on third, freshman Matt Kozora grounded out to end the game.

Junior Christian Batcheller led the Generals offensively, going five-for-six, with two home runs and three RBIs. Hall was again an offensive powerhouse, going three-for-six with a home run and five RBIs.

Freshman center fielder Brad Sipe led Bridgewater, going five-for-six

with four RBIs, while senior Mike Padgett went three-for-five with a home run and five RBIs. Junior Todd Campbell took the win for Bridgewater, as he improved his record to 2-1 on the season. Campbell gave up nine runs on 15 hits. Six other pitchers saw action for Bridgewater.

Hall said the Generals' ten-run rally was a little too late. "It showed a lot of character that we stayed in it even though we were getting our ass kicked. It was disappointing, but we shouldn't have won it. Our pitchers just couldn't get anyone out."

Senior right hander Bob Weston fell to 4-2 on the season for the Generals. He gave up nine hits and ten

runs in his three and a third innings of work. Weston now has a 4.72 ERA in his 34 and 1/3 innings on the mound. Three other players threw for the Generals, giving up a total of 21 hits to Bridgewater.

Hall leads all players with more than three at bats for the Generals with a .405 average, going 17-for-42, including five doubles.

The Generals will take to Smith field on Tuesday as they host ODAC challenger Hampden-Sydney at 3 p.m. Hall said he looks for the pitching and defense to be crucial on Tuesday as well as the rest of the season. "It doesn't matter if you score 19 runs in a game if the other team can score 20."



Taking a knee: team members look on as W&L takes on WV Tech in a double header.

At Home This Week

Tuesday

Baseball vs. Hampden-Sydney, 3 p.m.
Women's tennis vs. Eastern Mennonite, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Men's lacrosse vs. Lynchburg, 3 p.m.
Women's lacrosse vs. Middlebury, 4 p.m.

Friday

Women's tennis vs. Claremont 3 p.m.

Saturday

Men's lacrosse vs. Roanoke, 2 p.m.
Women's tennis vs. Emory 8:30 a.m.
Women's tennis vs. Trinity, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday

Women's tennis vs. Kenyon, 9:30 a.m.

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