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Student body plagued by flu

Stress, midterms add up to health problems

By Max Smith
STAFF WRITER

Junior Rachel Bowes went to Chicago for reading days and came back with more than a few souvenirs.

"I feel a little stuffy," Bowes said. "It feels like the precursor to a cold. I think I brought it back with me from Chicago."

Bowes is not alone on campus. Several students have been suffering from respiratory illnesses in the past month, and exposure to viruses during last week's vacation may be another factor contributing to their hold at Washington and Lee.

Student Health Director Jane Horton said her office has seen plenty of students.

"We've already had a busy start to the year," Horton said. "We're seeing more students with respiratory illnesses, especially in the last two weeks or so."

Horton said the Student Health Center had more than thirteen hundred visits in September, when the monthly average is 900. Horton said some of those visits were simply to update records, but the usual cycle of respiratory illness has begun. Horton said stress from midterm studies can contribute to a lot of these illnesses.

"I wouldn't say we have an epidemic on our hands," Horton said, "but we have a lot of sick people who are pretty miserable."

Geology professor Chris Connors noticed the onset of illness in his lab class Tuesday.

"I noticed some students coughing and sneezing," said Connors. "A lot of students seemed to be congested in class."

Connors said despite his students' symptoms, most are still coming to class.

"I'm not sure if that's good or bad," Connors said.

Indeed, life at Washington and Lee may make students sick in the first place. Balancing the "work hard, play hard" philosophy leaves students with plenty of responsibilities and time constraints.

Horton said illness strikes students more often when they are stressed about academic work and don't get enough sleep. For that reason, students usually fall ill in the time period around midterm exams.

A lot of interaction with people at parties and around campus can also make students more susceptible to illness. This interaction exposes students to viruses and bacteria carried by their peers.

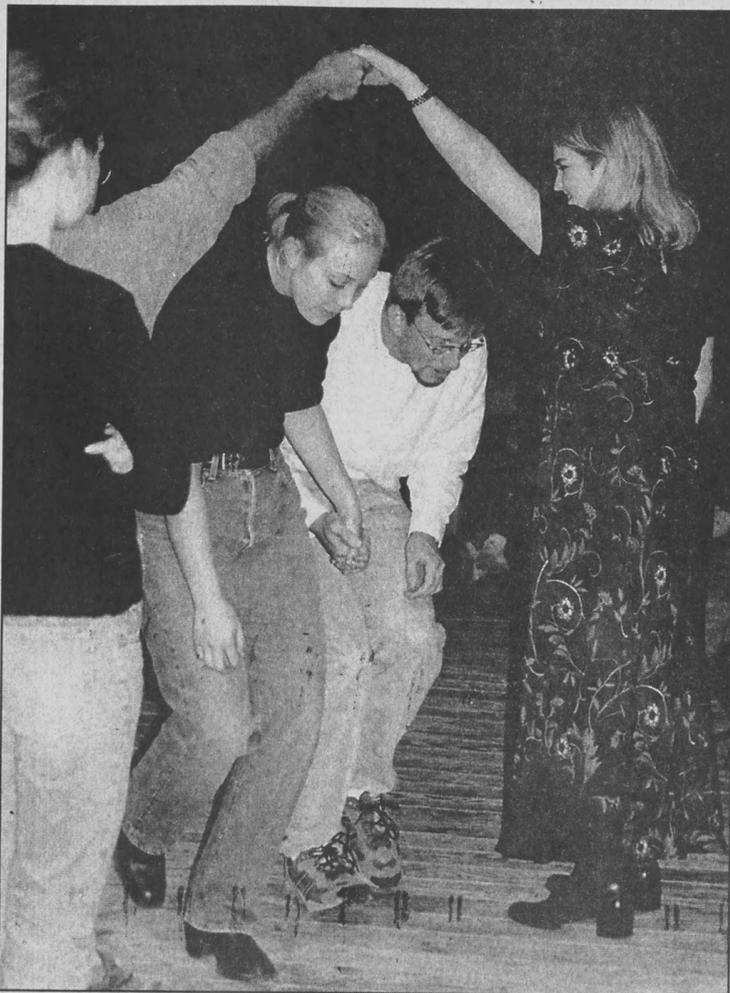
When students do get sick, they can be more prone to other illnesses as well.

"People getting sick and getting run down may make them more susceptible to the other bugs floating around, not just one thing that's going around," Horton said. "There are lots of different varieties of these viruses."

If you're already sick, Horton recommends several actions to help you get better faster and avoid other infections. You must get adequate sleep, at least seven to eight hours, every night. Additionally, you should drink plenty of non-caffeinated liquids like fruit juices and take multivitamin supplements to ensure the right nutrients for your body.

Horton said the two most important steps for prevention are frequent hand washing and avoiding primary or second-hand tobacco smoke.

Hand washing removes any organisms that you might have picked up using the same phone and keyboards as people already infected. Horton said



"SKIP TO M'LOU MY DARLIN'." Seniors Ben Thompson and Katie Hudson make quite a couple at the Habitat Barndance Friday.

photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

some organisms can stay on hard, dry surfaces for days. You want to pay specific attention to your hands because actions like rubbing your nose or eyes are some of the most common ways for those organisms to enter your respiratory tract.

Primary and second-hand smoke damages the cilia, tiny hairs that coat

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Jefferson still baffles experts

By Heather McDonald
STAFF WRITER

Put the emergency room feeling of urgency and dedication into a room full of computers in Tucker Hall, and you've got University Computing when the Jefferson server crashes.

A similar scenario played out Wednesday afternoon in the control room of University Computing. System and Network Specialist Jeff Knudson was describing the server problems when the screen froze. Knudson immediately stopped talking, wheeled his chair over to the computer, and frantically tapped the keyboard a couple of times. He picked up the phone, dialed into phone mail, and updated the Server Status hotline; he also paged all University Computing employees, alerting them

of the situation. The system is even set up so that when a system crashes, a message is automatically sent to the pagers, so if the system crashes after office hours, the situation can be remedied by remote. At this point, however, all Knudson could do was wait the six minutes it takes for the server to reboot and reload.

The emergency had been taken care of. Somewhere, in a not-so-distant computer lab, someone's paper could now be printed out, and another student could log in so he could check his e-mail.

A few weeks ago, this situation would have caused mass panic within the student body because Jefferson used to hold all of the student home directories. When Jefferson locked up, students could not access their home drive.

Files were lost, programs wouldn't run, and the system simply wouldn't work.

Over Reading Days, University Computing transferred the student home directories onto the Lee server. The Jefferson server is no longer used for anything but printing queues and controlling the desktops of computer labs. This means that when the Jefferson server crashes now, students are still able to use the network, although the lab printers will not work for a few minutes and students may have trouble logging into the Novell account. The Lee server has been running almost a week and has not yet locked up at all.

Yet, adding to University Computing's worries, the Madison server, which holds all the faculty direc-

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photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? Officer F.W. Clarke administers a Breathalyzer test to participants of the Controlled Drinking Experiment. Participants were cut off when their B.A.C. reached 0.1.

Mock Con-cert to be Keen

By Michael Crittenden
NEWS EDITOR

Washington and Lee students have to find their cowboy hats and blue jeans for the November 6th Robert Earl Keen concert in the pavillion.

The concert, part of the festivities of Mock Convention Gala weekend, will feature the country singer from Texas. According to SAB President Dave Levinson, the group is sure the concert will sell out quickly when tickets go on sale November 1.

"Without a doubt this show will sell out," Levinson said. "We wanted a band with wide student body appeal, and I think we got one."

Student reaction to the concert announcement has been fairly positive. Freshman Van Taylor said he is calling people from home to come to the show.

"I can't think of a better person to get for a show," Taylor said. "I have already called some friends who are going to come up for the show. It's going to be great."

Junior Etan Levine agreed with Taylor, saying he hasn't always been a Robert Earl Keen fan, but that it "grows on you".

"I hadn't heard of him until I came to school here," Levine said. "My roommate is from Texas and he plays it all the time, so I guess I have just learned to like it."

Tickets for the show go on sale November 1 in front of the Co-op from 11-3, with student tickets costing \$12 and for the general public \$18. Levinson said students shouldn't wait until the last minute to get their tickets.

"We definitely encourage W&L students to buy their tickets early, because there is no limit to the number of tickets a person can buy," Levinson said. "The interest at W&L and in the local community should make ticket sales brisk."

The concert will take place the Saturday of Mock Convention Gala weekend. Doors will open at 8 p.m. with an opening band starting at nine, and Robert Earl Keen to follow.

MP3's too much fun to be legal

By Heather McDonald
STAFF WRITER

"I don't think I know anyone who doesn't have any MP3s on their computer."

Washington and Lee sophomore Brad Battista has over 900 MP3s on his personal computer. Found on sites all over the Internet, MP3s files of recorded music that can be downloaded onto personal computers to make collections of songs, much like an electronic mixed tape. These music files are individual songs which take up about three to five megabytes of space on the computer. Some sites, like MP3.com, provide users with legally recorded MP3s, which are allowed to be distributed.

However, many MP3s are recorded by private individuals, without permission from the musician or the recording company, and those files are in violation of federal copyright law. The real problem is when the MP3s that were recorded without permission are distributed to a mass audience. According to the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), which President Bill Clinton signed into law 1998, the network provider is required to remove or block the materials copied without permission once the service provider has been notified of the problem.

Despite the DCMA, people across the nation gather and distribute MP3s for entertainment. The trend is prevalent on college campuses because the on-campus networks have the capacity for high-speed file sharing.

"It was the thing to do freshman year because it was so new, it was so cool," Battista said.

The demand has made the problem of MP3s spread faster than can be currently controlled. As Network and Systems Specialist John Knudson said, the problem isn't simply the MP3s.

"MP3s by nature are not bad. Not all MP3s are illegal. However, this is a situation of technology getting ahead of policy," Knudson said. The University Computing and Network Use Policy is not explicit in regards to MP3s, it only agrees to follow and enforce federal, state and local laws concerning copyrights.

Recently a student had a large collection of MP3s on the network, and was giving out his IP address as an FTP site. Users from all over the nation were using this student's site to download MP3s. Certain recording compa-

nies found out about this, and sent letters to University Computing asking for the site to be shut down. Van Assendelft shut down the site and spoke to the student.

Many students simply share their collections of MP3s through their own computer. However, this is not an active distribution of the materials to a mass audience. The real problem is when students have distributed MP3s through the Shared folder on K: drive by setting up a folder and then uploading their personal collections. Because the files are uploaded anonymously, there is no way to track down the student who puts the MP3s in the Shared folder. Twice last year the network server actually crashed because somebody filled the K: drive with MP3s. More than one gigabyte of space was used. This year, van Assendelft has already deleted one-and-a-half gigabytes of MP3s off the K: drive. Furthermore, this year's frequent server lock-ups cause even more concern.

"We are supersensitive to anything that aggravates the network, seeing the server situation lately," van Assendelft said. "I will delete them if I run across them in the Shared folder."

While University Computing will remove the files and talk with the student if he or she can be found, the punishment for violating W&L's Computing and Network policy is not outlined within the policy.

"We have not aggressively gone after students [who violated policy]," van Assendelft said. "Generally after

we point out to somebody that they're breaking the rules, the problems stops. A lot of times the student in question didn't know he was breaking a rule."

However, if a student were to repeatedly violate network policy, after being warned, Assendelft said that University Computing would suspend that student's network account. The student would not be able to access anything on the W&L network.

The punishment under federal law is not as lenient in comparison. Last spring, a University of Oregon student was convicted on charges of illegally distributing copyrighted material. A former student set up a site on the University of Oregon computing network making MP3s available for distribution. State officials noticed an unusually large amount of traffic on the university network. The student now faces up to three years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for breaking federal copyright laws.

Despite the serious consequences, students still question whether or not the distribution of MP3s is really a crime. Battista said that the situation poses an interesting question: "Is an MP3 more like stealing a CD from a store or copying a tape from a friend?" While he would not elaborate further, Battista said that if it was like stealing from a store, W&L's Honor System would be overwhelmed.

"The whole school would get kicked out because most people would be guilty of MP3 possession and distribution," Battista said.

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the respiratory tract, to the point that they cannot move the thin layer of mucus that traps foreign materials in the air you breathe. So bacteria, viruses and pollen rest in your lungs and increase your susceptibility to colds and allergies.

Another preventive tool in your fight against illness is the flu shot. Horton said flu shots are the best way to prevent influenza, a specific viral cause of respiratory illness. The flu tends to be more severe than the common cold and infects people in outbreaks. Horton said the flu usually appears on campus "anywhere from December to March."

"Last year we saw quite a bit of [the flu] right around final exams of fall term in December," Horton said. "A lot of people were very miserable as they were trying to finish up their work."

Horton said flu shots are about 85 percent effective in preventing illness from the viral strains included in the vaccine. Viral protection starts two weeks after the shot and lasts six months. Flu shots are available 24 hours a day

in the Student Health Center for \$5. Horton was quick to point out that students shouldn't dismiss the shot if people around them are already getting sick.

"It's never too late to take [the flu shot] and fight any infection immediately."

Contrary to popular belief, Horton said flu shots don't give you the flu in any form. Most people get only a sore arm from the shot.

Remedies like flu shots are coming too late for W&L students like freshman Will Teichman. Teichman had an unidentified respiratory illness several weeks ago and began taking antibiotics. When he started feeling better he stopped taking the antibiotics and got a sinus infection last week that hasn't gone away. Teichman said his illness has led to a stressful last couple of weeks, especially in his academic life.

"It's hard to function when you're sick," Teichman said. "It puts a damper on your ability to concentrate. . . [when] you can't keep your head upright while you study."

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atories, has been locking up in a fashion similar to Jefferson's. Both the Madison and Jefferson servers are on old hardware, yet the Lee server was bought new this summer when University Computing upgraded the network from three servers to 13 servers. The network that previously had a four gigabyte capacity now has 90 gigabytes.

Until Reading Days, Lee was under-utilized. University Computing dismantled the Jefferson and Lee servers, transferred the directories and files from Jefferson to Lee, and then rebuilt both servers.

While problem has been remedied through by making Lee the main server, the problem has not been solved. Even though the reduced work load on Jefferson, the system is still locking up frequently and without warning.

"We don't know where the problem is," Knudson said. "Consultants have been here many times, and they don't know. No one knows!"

University Computing does know the Jefferson server is working harder than it should be, according to the server statistics which are continually displayed. Jefferson was not transferring files or saving files at the speed it should have been when the student directories were on it.

Knudson said that one pattern that University Computing has noticed is that Jefferson tends to lock up during the first ten minutes of the hour. To further complicate the matter, when Jefferson locks up, there is no disk or no keyboard activity within the control room in Tucker Hall. Usually when a server crashes, the problem is automatically recorded in one of the logs, but Jefferson records no errors. No warnings or error messages come up on the screens. The server just stops.

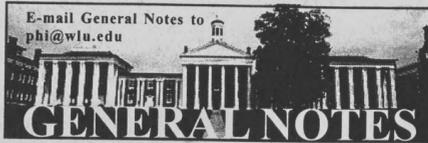
"We are literally the last ones to see it. There are no symp-

toms, no events, no clue to even start with, when Jefferson locks up. If we aren't looking at the screen (for the CPU which runs Jefferson) when it locks up, then we find out when someone calls us and says 'hey, the server is down,'" Knudson said.

"All of the people we've contacted have confirmed that we are doing everything right," Assistant Director of Computing Ruth Floyd said. "It's a very obscure problem. We kept hoping for a quick answer, but there is none to be found. They are looking at the right problems, but no one is really providing answers right now." Knudson added that University Computing has talked to both the hardware and software engineers and writers in order to figure out what the glitch is, but none of them have seen anything like this before. The last step University Computing took was to record a half-gigabyte electronic image of Jefferson when it crashed, and send it to Novell, which is the company who makes the software the server runs on. Novell will analyze the information and provide feedback in relation to the problems with Jefferson.

"Part of the problem is the increasing complexity of the servers," Knudson said. "The network tree is a distributed database. This means that instead of one database, there's now nine smaller databases within the larger. We are constantly adding stuff to the database — new groups, users, workstations. The database is now more spread out, it's bigger and more complex and more powerful." This kind of complexity is needed to keep up with network needs and demand. However, Knudson said this complexity leads University Computing back to where they started with the Jefferson problem.

"It is not any one problem, and it's no one easy piece to fix," Knudson said.



W&L named to Templeton Honor Roll

Washington and Lee University has been recognized for leadership in the field of student character development in The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development, a guidebook released nationwide today. Washington and Lee is one of 100 colleges and universities nationwide named to the Templeton Honor Roll for its comprehensive commitment and programs that inspire students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives.

Designed for students, parents and educators who believe that character matters, The Templeton Guide contains profiles of 405 exemplary college programs in 10 categories. W&L's Honor System was profiled in the academic honesty category and the schools' Shepherd Poverty Program was profiled in the civic education category.

"Washington and Lee's strong commitment to character development and the strength of its program make it a model for other colleges and universities nationwide," said Arthur J. Schwartz, Ed.D., director of character development programs at the John Templeton Foundation.

"Gods and Monsters" at Troubadour

The next presentation of the Washington and Lee Film Society will be the bittersweet "Gods and Monsters" (USA, 1998), directed by Bill Condon.

Screenings will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, in the Troubadour Cinema, at the corner of Main and Henry Streets. There is no charge for admission.

"Gods and Monsters" is based on the novel "Father of Frankenstein," a speculation about the last days of British filmmaker James Whale. The film combines the events of Whale's final days with flashbacks to his Frankenstein films, his Hollywood heyday and more painful memories. Whale was gay in an era when such things were kept quiet, and his sexual orientation frames his personal and professional relationships. The film won the Oscar for best adapted screenplay.

Career services receives Hecht's gift

Washington and Lee University's career services department recently received a \$2,500 donation from Hecht's and a matching contribution from The May Company, parent company of Hechts for a total donation of \$5,000. Judy Bamping, manager/executive recruiting and placement for Hecht's, made the announcement at a luncheon in Lexington earlier this month.

Hecht's recruited five W&L graduates last year and has several senior alumni with the organization.

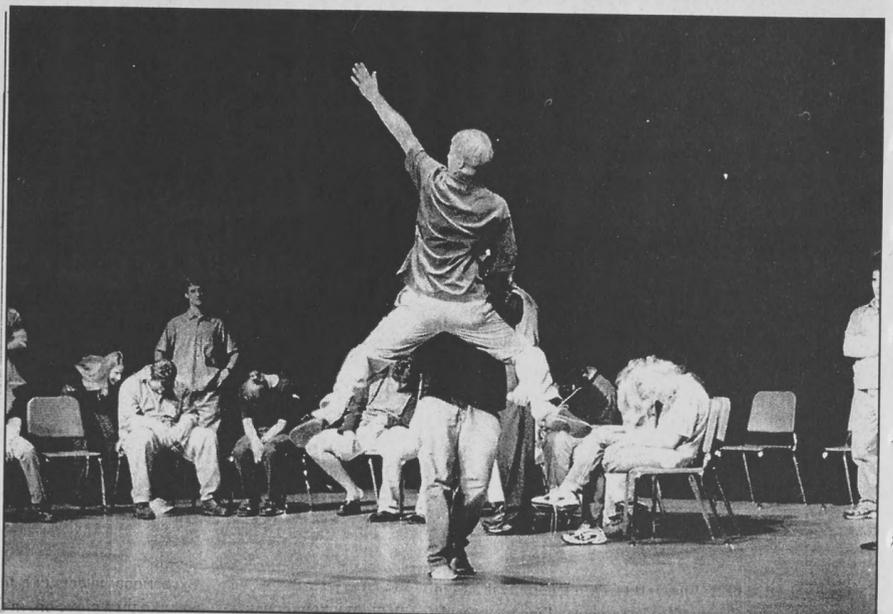


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YOU ARE FEELING VERY SLEEPY: Sophomores Rick Schnatz and John Cimina show off their ballet skills, after being hypnotized by Tom DeLuca.



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Avoid the meat market, taking a friend is more fun

Thankfully we have another date function coming up to worry about getting a date to. The upcoming Mock Convention Gala hearkens another round of Washington and Lee students getting drunk the week before and randomly asking someone who they are bound to have an awkward time with. Maybe it's just me, but past experience tells me that a random hook-up, or asking a girl while you are trashed is no way to guarantee a great time. This is not to say that having a drink and asking someone isn't all bad. Hell, maybe a couple of beers in you will help you ask that girl

you really, really like and have a crush on (just don't let your friends

know who you like, because that's how they get you). But, as far as a random person for absolutely no reason aside from 'she's hot', is not a good idea.

What happens too often however, is that you ask someone you think is hot that you know nothing about. This is bad. It turns your date into a pressure-filled, awkward situation where both parties are unsure where they really stand with each other. This is no way to have fun, and also leads to bad situations with people misinterpreting signals and ruining any chance to create a good friendship/relationship.

Also, there are too many hassles involved in formal functions: making sure you have the right clothes, organizing dinner plans, ironing out fraternity schedules for cocktail parties, etc.; worrying about having to be a "good" date shouldn't have to be a concern. And this is always a concern when going with that random girl.

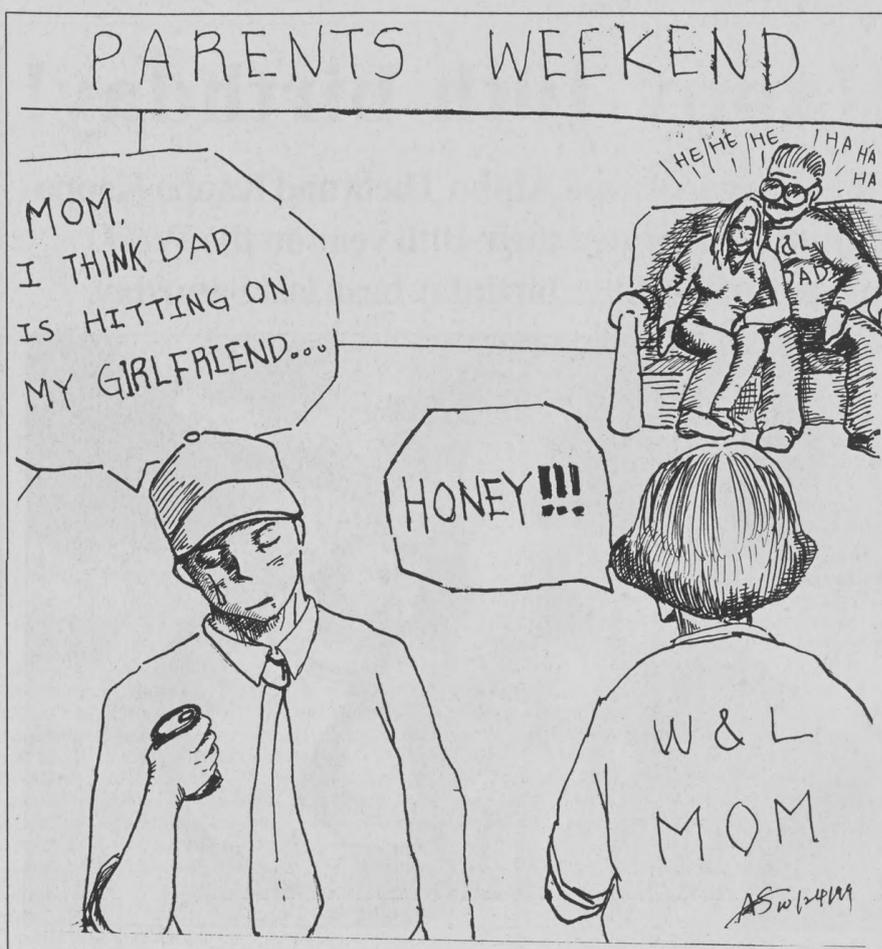
For this reason, I suggest a simple solution to those out there who are already worrying about having to go to Chi Psi late night in order to find a date between flashes of the strobe light.

Just invite a friend. That's right, just invite a friend. I promise you, you will enjoy yourself a lot more. I know it sounds like a wacky idea, but give me a chance to explain myself. Your friends are people that you have a good time with on a regular basis and that you enjoy the company of (at least one would hope since you label them 'friends').

Friends are also more understanding when you accidentally spill a drink on them, pass out at 8:30 and never make it to the ball, or happen to disappear. Not to mention a lot of the time they are happy if you meet someone and decide maybe she is the person to spend most of your time with that night.

Friends also have your best interests in mind most of the time (unless, of course, they are trying to get you). Sure you won't be getting any booty and will be flying solo late night, but that is but a small price to pay. Twenty years from now you won't remember the random girl you took to Mock Con Gala (of course you probably won't remember her the next day anyway). The people you will remember is your friends and all of the good times you had together.

Instead of wasting your money and not having the best time possible because you invited a random person, just invite a friend because they are the people that really mean something in this world. I promise you that unless you have a really good prospect or a steady date, you will have a much better time with a friend. It would also make things a lot easier for the young ladies, our friends, who may not get a date to the gala. Friends are important, so make sure you remember that when thinking about who to ask to Mock Con.



Φ Backporch Balderdash
Michael Crittenden '01

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

University needs to understand homosexuality

Dear Editor,
As a W&L student I was often frustrated by the infuriating regressiveness of a large part of the student body. It was the sense that things were getting better that made staying seem worthwhile. Jeff Cook's election was a high point, when a majority of students were willing to put aside their personal preferences and vote for the candidate they thought best. But as I hear of open and unacceptable attacks on the EC President for entirely irrelevant issues, I get angry, sad, and embarrassed. These stories *do* get around, and I am frequently unable to respond when people ask me how I could have gone to a school so full of bigots. When a student can base his campaign on a substantive issue like "I'm not gay," those situations become even more awkward.

Everyone should remember that Jeff has never made an issue of his sexuality. He never hid it when running for office, but recognized, correctly, that it was irrelevant. He is the first to claim that he is not defined by his sexuality, and would never support special privileges for minorities at W&L. He knows that it is not identity that matters, but energy, commitment, and all the other qualities that make good students and campus leaders. He has those qualities, and many others as well. His extraordinary composure despite repeated insults may be the best evidence of his exceptional character. That character, not his personal life, which is now on display, is what makes him a great

student and a fine EC President. He, perhaps more than any other student, is an absolute gentleman and should not be subjected to infantile attacks.

At some point the university community — students, faculty, administration and alumni — will have to consciously decide what kind of future it wants for W&L. It can actively address the issues it faces now, or follow Hampden-Sydney example and do nothing. If it chooses the latter, it will lose many exceptional talents like Jeff, many of whom now take a look and then move on. In the end it will bring disaster to the university. Yet that seems to be what many of the students want. It's inexplicable and a shame.

Sincerely,
Kristoffer Neville '99

Good advice for Mr. Herbert

Dear Editor,
I have a slogan Mr. Herbert may want to use in his campaign for E.C. President: "I Believe the Bible (when it suits me)".

Sincerely,
David Ross Cobb '87

Student pleads for school to take mercy, have double-ply

Dear Editor,
I am taking time away from studying for a test, because something in the Leyburn Library bothers me quite a bit. I have known this for quite some time, but the times that I am upset about it, I am also quite busy. Tonight, I have had enough.

One-ply toilet paper. No home uses it, no bathroom is comfortable with it, but whoever makes these types of important decisions in our school has chosen to put us through this torture. The times in which we really suffer from this are nights we need to be comfortable. I think we need to raise a fuss, and get this changed.

I do not want to make a big to-do about this, and I am not trying to be overly funny either. I know that your newspaper is not used to people voicing genuine concerns. Normally it is a place for people to get on their soapbox and build up their egos just a little bit more. I have two reasons for using this forum: 1) I am not sure what authority is in charge of this, and 2) If I was, I would feel like an idiot making an appointment with some suit in his office to discuss toilet paper. Of course, having everyone read this doesn't seem foolish at all. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Thomas C. Field '01

Discriminatory alcohol policy needs to be reviewed

Dear Editor,
I am writing to you today regarding the gross hypocrisy that engulfs the university's alcohol policy. All aspects of it seem to be either contradictory or discriminatory.

Page 73 of the university catalog states that "fundamental principle of the Washington and Lee University Policy on Alcohol is that students are adults who are personally responsible for conforming their behavior to state and local laws and university policy." The fact that resident assistants are on the loose to bust independent sophomore males and sophomore females — Greek and non-Greek alike — seems to completely contradict this policy of personal responsibility.

Now, let's move on to the discriminatory nature of this misguided policy. It seems that the university completely discriminates against sophomore females with regard to this policy. Sophomore males are discriminated against if they do not join the Greek bandwagon. For some reason, the administration completely disregards these rules for Greek organizations, but ruthlessly enforces them for all other freshmen and sophomores. So, independent sophomore males and sophomore females are not allowed to store alcohol in their rooms. Meanwhile, the university completely ignores such practices partaken by their Greek sophomore male counterparts — is this a farce or what? The argument that fraternities are not university housing is trivial since the university owns the vast majority of fraternity houses and also since all sophomores "are required to live in university housing."

This evidence seems to prove that the existing university alcohol policy is totally hideous in that it is totally discriminatory and contradictory. Since a completely dry sophomore year is quite simply not going to happen, why can't Washington and Lee follow the same policy of having no rules regarding alcohol in the dorms as some other institutions — just like what is apparently the case at some of my friends' universities such as Princeton. Alternatively, why can't the university straightforwardly use its official policy of making students "personally responsible" for adhering to the rules as opposed to having resident assistants taking this responsibility away from them. Of course, only part of the sophomore year seems to not be trusted with having this personal responsibility anyway.

Please note that I am by no means attempting to take anything away from fraternities as university social life is truly dependent upon them. I merely want there to be a level playing field and for the university to halt the hid-

eous discriminatory policy that they inflict upon independent sophomore males and all sophomore females.

Thanks a lot for your time.
—name withheld

Evolution article correction

Dear Editor,
I have been dismayed to learn that few who heard me speak at the recent discussion of creationism and evolution understood the crucial evidence that I cited. Unfortunately, Max Smith's report on the meeting, published on the front page of the Phi (October 11, 1999), does little to clarify what I said. The text that I read in my opening statement was far more explicit than Smith's quote and read as follows. "New species have been observed to arise in nature during historical time." I then went on to name the new plant species (*Spartina anglica*, *Tragopogon mirus* and *Tragopogon miscellus*) and the progenitors from which they arose. Next, I said, "scientists have re-synthesized naturally occurring species from their progenitors." I gave the example of "the naturally occurring plant, *Galeopsis tetrahit*, which was re-synthesized from *Galeopsis speciosa* and *Galeopsis pubescens* by Munzing in the 1930s." Finally, I cited "the important crop plant and new genus, *Triticosecale*, known commonly as *Triticale*, which was synthesized from *Triticum* (wheat) and *Secale* (rye) by plant geneticists." I added, "this was a macroevolutionary step!"

I hope your readers will ponder these quotes. They are important claims because they provide concrete evidence that species arise from preexisting species and that higher taxa (e.g. genera) arise merely by an accumulation of the same kinds of differences that distinguish species. The technical details supporting these claims are available for all to study in the peer reviewed research literature. I don't think you'll find these data in the Bible.

Sincerely,
John S. Knox
Professor of Biology

Quote of the week:

"There was no sleeping involved."

— Anonymous senior girl

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TALKback... How are you dealing with midterms?



"One at a time, one at a time."
—Geoffrey Marshall '02



"I'm not. I'm still in denial."
—Pat Lawler '03



"Not as good as I hoped I would — not enough sleep."
—Charene Jones '02



"Same way you deal with a brain tumor. . . not well."
—Sarah Pollan '01

Happy 10th birthday!

Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma celebrated their 10th year on the W&L campus with a huge birthday bash last Saturday.

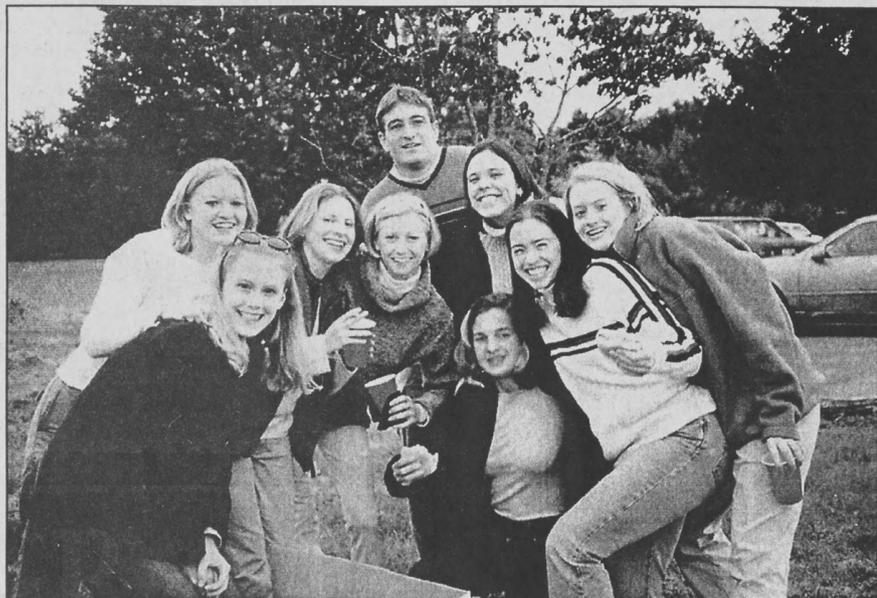


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US: (Above) Stephanie Leffler '00, Stephanie Bianco '01, Lauren Ivanick '01, Elizabeth Murchison '01 and Kristi Peterson '01 show off the delicious birthday cakes made for each of the three sororities. "I think the birthday celebration went really well," Murchison said. "It gave all three sororities a chance to get together to just have fun, put aside any differences that they might have and celebrate something that they all have in common — 10 years at W&L."

HAVING A GREAT TIME: (Left) From the smiles on these Chi Omega sisters' faces, the birthday bash was a complete success. Sorority women munched on barbecue prepared by W&L security officer Baner and danced to the sounds of the band BS&M while at the party. "Everyone had so much fun," Kappa sophomore Stephanie Sweet said. "Usually only two sororities get together at one time, so it was great to have three this at this party."

Trick or treat: spooky legends of All Hallows' Eve

By Elianna Marziani
FEATURES EDITOR

Knock, knock, knock. "Trick or treat!" Virtually everyone has been on either the giving or receiving end of this October tradition. Few,

though, know how the holiday that we call Halloween originated.

Most people trace Halloween's roots to a Druid festival of the dead celebrated by Celtic tribes living over 2000 years ago in what today is the United Kingdom. November 1st was their New Year, when they had a joint festival honoring their sun god and Samhain, lord of the dead.

The Druids believed that on the eve of this festival (hence our October 31st), Samhain called together

the souls of those wicked people who had died in the past year and released them on the earth in the forms of ghosts, spirits, and witches. These spirits returned to their old homes and demanded entertainment

from those currently living there. The people built bonfires to guide the spirits and made a proper greeting of food and shelter available for the spirits so

that they would not ruin their crops, kill their babies or otherwise haunt them. Some people believe that this practice was the root of current "trick-or-treating." The celebration of Samhain involved nuts, apples, skeletons, witches, and black cats, and was a night of the supernatural.

The Romans conquered the Druids, but they kept part of the druidic holiday tradition alive by continuing to pray for the dead during that time of the year. They had a holiday in February called Feralia to give rest to the dead. Pope Boniface IV replaced the pagan festival with a church day in May for remembering the dead. In 834 A.D., Gregory IV named All Saints' Day the official church calendar day for remembering the dead, celebrated November 1st. Our current day Halloween is the eve of All Saints' Day: the Eve of All Hallows, hence Halloween.

Because of the apparent link to Druidic cultish tradition, some groups throughout the United States do not celebrate Halloween. Some parents do not want their children involved in a holiday that has druidic origin and involved interaction with evil spirits.

Other groups believe that the history indicated above is flawed because the Druids had an oral tradition and did not write things down, so any history of them was probably written by unfriendly Romans. Others doubt the likelihood of the blending of pagan beliefs into a Roman holiday because the Roman culture

was never present in Ireland, so it is unlikely that Roman culture was influenced by Irish beliefs. In addition, many argue that whatever Halloween once was, it is an entirely different entity in the modern day United States, an innocent and fun diversion for children of all ages.

Differing views also surround the origins of current Halloween traditions, such as trick-or-treating and carving jack-o-lanterns.

Most accounts agree that jack-o-lanterns come from the Irish. An Irish folktale held that there was an evil man named Jack who was constantly being tormented by the devil. One day, he caught the devil in a tree and would not let him down without the promise that he would never bother

Jack again. About a year thereafter, Jack died. His evil life caused him to be denied entrance to heaven, and the devil would not even let him into hell to spite Jack for the tree incident. The devil threw a burning coal to Jack, to light his way as he searched the world for a home. Jack put the burning coal in a turnip and used it as a lantern to guide him on his journey. The Irish used turnips to make their jack-o-lanterns initially, but after emigrating to America they switched to pumpkins, which were in much greater abundance.

Many believe that trick-or-treating originated from the old Irish peasant practice of going door-to-door to collect money and different foods in preparation for their celebration hon-

oring St. Columb Kill. Others trace it to an event much closer to home: vandalism in the 1920's USA. They say that in the 1920's vandalism in U.S. cities got so bad that communities would host "beggar's nights" when children would go to shops and private homes to get treats, thus keeping the troublemakers away. They hold that the phrase "trick or treat" became common in association with these nights.

Whatever the origin, Halloween is still alive and thriving in the United States today. A glimpse at Lexington will prove this. Following the lead of the Roanoke city council, many citizens plan to host Halloween festivities around town on Saturday night rather than on Sunday night.

Upcoming events...



- 4:00 p.m. Mathematics Department student reports on summer projects. Bryant Adams '01 and Emilie Wiesner '00. Room 6, Robinson Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. Film Society. "Gods and Monsters" (USA, 1998), directed by Bill Condon. Troubadour Cinema.
- 8:00 p.m. Parents' Weekend Choral Concert. Lee Chapel.

Saturday, October 30

- 10:00 a.m. Student recital. duPont Auditorium.
- 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Rockbridge SPCA bake sale at Kroger's.
- 11:30 a.m. Report to parents. President John Elrod. Lee Chapel.
- 12-1:20 p.m. Parents Weekend luncheon. Front Lawn.
- 12:30 p.m. Volleyball. W&L vs. Randolph-Macon. Warner Center.
- 1:00 p.m. Football. W&L vs. Bridgewater College. Wilson Field.
- 1:00 p.m. Swimming (M&W). W&L vs. Marymount University. Twombly Pool.
- 1:00 p.m. Student Bar Association picnic for law students and their families. Sydney Lewis Hall Lawn.
- 2:00 p.m. Theatre Series. "Arms and the Man," by George Bernard Shaw. Directed by Al Gordon. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.
- 5:00 p.m. Orphan's dinner for international students. BJ's Oasis.
- 6:00 p.m. Acapella concert. Jubilee, Southern Comfort and General Admission. Lee Chapel.
- 7:30 p.m. Film Society. "Gods and Monsters" (USA, 1998), directed by Bill Condon. Troubadour Cinema.
- 8:00 p.m. Parents Weekend University Wind Ensemble concert. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.

Sunday, October 31

- All Day Daylight Saving Time ends.

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Monday, October 25

- 7-9:00 p.m. Mock Convention Delegate Fair. Doremus Gym.
- 8:00 p.m. Theatre Series. "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw. Directed by Al Gordon. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

Tuesday, October 26

- 7-9:00 p.m. Mock Convention Delegate Fair. Doremus Gym.
- 8:00 p.m. Lenfest Series. The Waverly Consort presents "Revelation 1000-2000." Keller Theatre, Lenfest

Thursday, October 28

- 4:00 p.m. Math department colloquium. "The Values of Pi," John Terilla, University of North Carolina. Room 6, Robinson Hall.

Friday, October 29

- 10:00 a.m. Seniors begin winter term web registration.
- 3:30 p.m. Phi Eta Sigma initiation. Lee Chapel.
- 4-5:30 p.m. President's Open House for freshmen and parents. Lee House.
- 4:00 p.m. Theatre Series. "Arms and the Man," by George Bernard Shaw. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

Football grabs two: the start of a streak?

By Mike Weil
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee football team has often felt victim to blowing big leads this season. Saturday the Generals reversed their fortunes, pulling off a 31-28 comeback victory at Sewanee. The Tigers dominated the first quarter, starting off the scoring with a 10-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Max Fuller 10:46 into the game. The lead would double on Fuller's one-yard quarterback sneak, ending the first quarter with a Sewanee 14-0 lead.

The Generals showed excellent poise and heart as they have done all season by not letting this lead deflate them. Freshman standout Chris Sullivan cut the lead in half with

a two-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter. Only five minutes later senior fullback Scott Moses plunged two yards into the endzone to end a roller coaster half tied at 14.

W&L lost its momentum 2:54 into the second half, as the Tigers picked off a pass by senior quarterback Christian Batcheller and returned it 10 yards to paydirt for the only points of the third quarter. But Batcheller refused to let the interception effect his play. He responded just 36 seconds into the fourth quarter with a 41-yard touchdown strike to freshman tight end Davis White to tie the game at 21.

“It’s about time something went our way.”

— Freshman Chris Sullivan

Sewanee rebounded with 11:22 to go as Fuller tallied his second rushing touchdown of the game, this time from two yards out.

The Generals refused to let this one go. Andy Vendig's 34-yard field goal cut the lead to 28-24 with 5:09 to play, and Sullivan's four yard touchdown run gave the Generals a three-point lead less than a minute later.

Sophomore linebacker Jeff Bahl provided the last big defensive play needed to seal the game. With :50 seconds to play and the Tigers driving in W&L territory, Bahl recovered a fumble ending the game as a 31-28 General victory. Bahl's fumble recovery gave him four on the day, to go

along with his 15 tackles, sack, and pass deflection.

The Generals' season, which looked so bleak only two weeks ago at 1-4, is now becoming respectable. After being on the downside of many comebacks this season, beating favored Sewanee on the road does wonders for the players' confidence. "It's about time something went our way," said Sullivan who rushed for two touchdowns. "It just gets frustrating after a while. Aside from the first game we haven't lost by more than a touchdown. When you win, the players start having fun and playing better football. Winning two straight games can only improve confidence."

The Generals look to use this confidence to reach the 500 mark this Saturday against a hot Bridgewater squad. Kickoff at 1:00.

Women's soccer finds focus in loss

By Frances Groberg
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer season has been one full of ups and downs, and certainly bumps and bruises. Saturday's game against Randolph Macon was no exception.

The Generals went into the match tied for third in the ODAC with the Yellow Jackets, and although the game did not end in their favor, the team may have gained something much more important: confidence and a team mentality.

The Yellow Jackets scored first, just 13 minutes into the game, but the Generals roared back just 57 seconds later with a goal from freshman Jenny Thomas. Fellow freshman Ruth Hill Yielding put the team up 2-1 early in the second half off a pass from junior captain Shana Levine.

Randolph Macon answered back with two goals of its own, making the score 3-2. From the Generals' point of view, however, one of those goals should not have counted.

"From our point of view, there were three or four people off-sides when the ball was sent into the box," Head coach Jan Hathorn said. "The officiating on that call was suspect at best."

Despite a flurry of opportunities in the final minutes of play, the buzzer sounded without another General goal.

"We were pounding them in the last four or five minutes, but it just turned out to be one of those games when a bounce of the ball makes the difference," Hathorn said.

Though they lost, the Generals scored a victory in another category. "We played for the whole 90 minutes for the first time," Levine said. "It was a great overall trip for the team."

Hathorn applauded the team's gutsy effort. "It was the kind of team effort and heart we'd been searching for all season."

Thursday's game against Emory and Henry put one in the win column for the Generals, 1-0. Sophomore forward Noelle Beckman scored the only goal of the game, her third of the season. The Wasps managed only three shots on the game to the Generals' 18.

With its regular season over, the Generals head to the ODAC tournament as the fourth seed behind Lynchburg, Roanoke, and RMC. The team will take on Virginia Wesleyan in the first round on Tuesday at the Liberty Hall Fields.

The Generals beat Wesleyan by a score of 2-0 earlier in the season, but Hathorn is very hesitant to count them out as a serious opponent. "Roanoke only beat them by one, and that was on a penalty kick. They're at their peak right now."

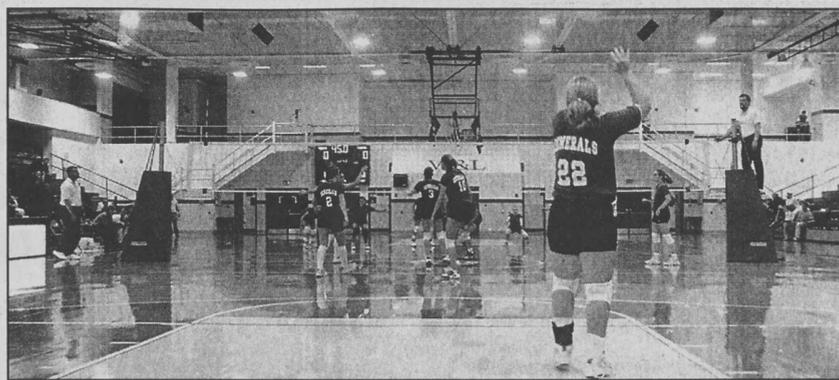


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ANYBODY FOR SECONDS? Junior setter Katherine Kline serves one up for the Generals.

Volleyball digging for gold

By Sarah Schmidt
STAFF WRITER

The W&L volleyball team made the most of Reading Days, traveling to Atlanta to take part in the Emory Invitational. The Generals faced a strong field, including Greensboro College, the team that ended their six match winning streak.

W&L started the weekend by falling to Averett College (15-10, 17-15, 15-10) on Friday evening. Averett is ranked eighth in the South Region and is a likely first round opponent for the Generals in the national tournament. The squad went on to defeat North Carolina Wesleyan later that night (14-16, 15-6, 12-15, 15-8, 15-11). The Generals went 2-2 on Saturday as well. W&L came out on top against Greensboro, putting them away in three games (15-12, 16-14, 15-6). Leading the way for the Generals was sophomore middle blocker Lindsay Ruckert, who finished with 13 kills and 11 digs. Senior outside hitter Nancy Reinhart racked up eight kills, four blocks and 10 digs. Junior setter Katherine Kline contributed a team-high 22 assists.

Next up for the Generals was the host Emory, ranked 12th. W&L fell in four games (5-15, 15-11, 1-15, 14-16). Reinhart notched 15 kills and 18 digs in the loss. Ruckert tallied 12 kills and 19 digs while junior outside hitter Tori Hays totaled 19 digs. Kline once again led the setters with 29 assists. Ruckert's efforts earned her a spot on the all-tournament team while Reinhart surpassed Hilary Martin's (1994-97) career record for kills, setting a new W&L record of 1,091. Reinhart already claimed the ODAC record for career digs in the first match against Greensboro earlier this season.

The Generals came back home to take on conference foe Eastern Mennonite on Thursday. W&L sent EMU

packing after three games (15-6, 15-3, 15-3). The match continued W&L's dominance over the ODAC as they improved their conference record to 8-0. Ruckert and Reinhart led the way again, tallying 11 and six kills, respectively. Reinhart also added 12 digs in her quest to break another ODAC record. Kline came up with 20 assists in the effort.

W&L had another big weekend this weekend, taking on Greensboro again and Centre College in the W&L tri-match. The Generals split the matches, defeating Greensboro in the first match of the day (15-9, 15-9, 10-15, 15-12) and falling to Centre in the last bout of the weekend (11-15, 15-12, 15-11, 15-7). In the win against Greensboro, Reinhart totaled 12 kills and 21 digs. Ruckert dominated the net with 11 kills, 3 solo blocks, and 1 block assist. Hays came up big on the back line for the Generals with 21 digs while Kline notched 33 assists. W&L set the pace in the first two games, but after jumping out to an early lead a series of serving defaults and defensive miscommunications downed the Generals in the second game. W&L was able to put the match away in the fourth game. The Generals now post a 2-1 advantage over arch-rival Greensboro this season. This is the last regular season match-up between the two teams, but there is a good chance they may face each other in the national tournament.

The final match between W&L and Centre ended in a W&L loss, leaving unranked Centre (9-18) the only team to escape the tri-match without a loss. Ruckert totaled 23 kills and 15 digs, while Reinhart finished with 12 kills and 27 digs. Freshman outside hitter Stacy Kimmel posted seven kills and 17 digs. Kline once again led the setters with 32 assists. The Generals resume action against ODAC opponent Roanoke College Tuesday in Roanoke.

Men's soccer hopeful after ODAC wins

Generals improve to 8-6

By Robert Turner
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee's men's soccer team capped off a busy and impressive week Saturday with an hard fought 1-0 win over Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. The match's lone goal came at

“If everything goes right we'll win the tournament.”

— Senior Matt Arnold

the 13:00 minute mark of the first half when sophomore Andrew Grimes scored a nice-goal off a cross from senior captain Scott LeTourneau.

The ODAC victory improved the Generals' overall record to 8-6 and 5-3 in conference play.

The Generals also had two other games this week, coming away with victories in both contests. On Thursday W & L easily defeated Ferrum 5-1, getting two early goals from senior Jamie Parker followed by scores from senior Jon Wilson, junior Jacek Mucha, and freshman Micheal Stoeckle. The Generals tallied all five of their goals before Ferrum put a shot on the scoreboard.

Tuesday the Generals got another important ODAC victory over in-state rival Lynchburg, winning 1-0 behind another goal from Mucha. This game concluded an especially successful week for the Generals' defense, anchored by goalies freshman Brad Hearn, freshman Tim Foley, and junior Jordan Ginsberg. The team narrowly outshot Lynchburg 13-12 in the game.

The Generals leave this triumphant week looking forward the conclusion of their regular season and the ODAC tournament.

"The team is really confident right now going into the tournament that we will perform well against all our ODAC foes, and that on any given day we can beat all nice of them" Arnold said, adding that "if everything goes right, we will win the tournament."

The Generals' next step on their journey to the ODAC crown is Wednesday against Bridgewater College.

Swimming splits season opener

Women defeat Transylvania (154-108); Men fall (138-122)

By Steele Cooper
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swim teams hosted Transylvania University on Saturday. The Generals split the dual meet with the men's squad falling to the Pioneers 138-122 and the women winning their meet 154-108.

The women came away with the win in the first meet of the season driven by a strong group of returning swimmers and an impressive freshmen class. The squad looks prepared to further build on the strength of last year's season especially after the performances from underclassmen swimmers.

Leading the Generals with three wins apiece were freshman Blair Huffman and sophomore Katie Kennedy.

Senior Lauren Beckenhauer, freshman Kelli Austin, sophomore Laura Ingoldsby and the 200 free relay team of Ingoldsby, sophomore Cynthia Smith, senior Lezael Haynes, and freshman Katherine Kolle all posted wins for W&L.

Last season, W&L's women's swim team defeated Transylvania in an incredibly close match that came down to the final relay of the day.

Again this year, the competition tested the Generals. "We were evenly matched teams but we came out on top," Huffman said. After this win the Generals are looking forward to another successful season.

"I think we're going to have a great season," Ingoldsby said. "We've gotten a lot stronger and this meet wasn't as close as it was last year."

Changes to the Generals' training regimen have made an impact as evident by their performance on Saturday.

"We were in great shape for the beginning of the season and we'll only improve upon that. Now that we lift weights together as a team we have the added strength and endurance that we'll need in future meets," Ingoldsby said.

"We're going to surprise a lot of teams this year, and I think that we're a lot tougher than we were last year," Ingoldsby said.

The men's team may have dropped their season opener to Transylvania but prospects for the season still remain high.

Freshman Pat Frankfort led the men's team with three individual wins. Junior Colin Hayes won two events for the Generals' cause.

Senior Jared Fribush continued his unwavering dominance in the sprints with a win in the 50 free. Fribush's time of 22.20 seconds set the new meet record.

That performance was one more in slew of individual meet, conference, and All-American honors that Fribush has racked up over the course of his storied career as a General.

With seven returning letter winners on the men's side, accompanied by the promising performance of Frankfort, the talent is there for a winning season.

"The team is going to be strong again this year. We've got the strong returners and the solid talent in the freshmen class that a team needs to continue success," said Fribush. "I know that we will continue to improve throughout the season. We all have a good outlook for where the team is going this year."

The men's and women's teams will face Marymount University on Saturday for their second meet of the season. Meet time is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. in the Cy Twombly Pool.

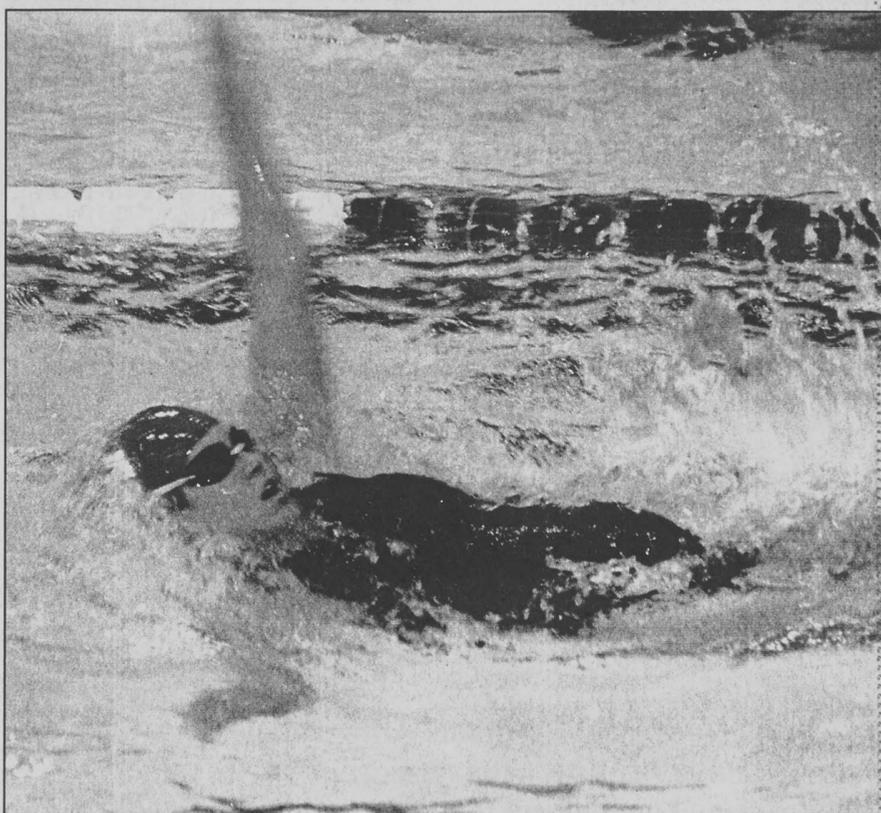


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THE ATTACK FROM THE BACK: Freshman Blair Huffman leads the pack of swimmers during Saturday's meet against Transylvania. Huffman's win in the individual medley was one of three she scored.

Cigarette manufacturers cough up \$500 billion

By Kevin McManemin
THE MADCAP LAUGHS

\$500 billion. That's a hell of a lot of money. It's more money than most continents make in a year. In fact, that's so much money, it would take Bill Gates almost 37 hours to make that much!

\$500 billion is the amount of money cigarette manufacturers stand to lose thanks to a couple of recent decisions in our judicial system. That's right, the American judicial system — the same folks who brought you such ingenious bits of jurisprudence as the "separate but equal" doctrine, the OJ verdict and the Judge Judy show. Only religions and governments are allowed to be so blatantly wrong so many times and remain in business.

In case you haven't heard, last week a Florida court ruled that smok-

ers may file a class-action suit against tobacco companies, which may cost the industry upwards of \$300 billion. Add this to the \$206 billion the tobacco industry agreed to pay the Federal government last November and you've got some \$500-odd billion the tobacco folks are going to be in the hole. And for what? For being good capitalists. For providing a product near and dear to the hearts and lungs of millions of Americans; a product that has been helping high school kids look "cool" for generations.

It seems our society's conception of personal responsibility has been eroded as significantly as the prestige of the phrase "produced by Lorne Michaels." By what possible stretch of legal logic can the court see fit to actually award the people who spent years putting hideous, foul-smelling little cancer factories in their mouths and puffing? Granted, the tobacco industry has been less than forthright in the past about the health consequences of smoking — but so what? For the past thirty years, any remotely intelligent person has known exactly what smoking does (and look, I'm not talking "remotely intelligent" like a parakeet or a bowl of surprisingly clever pudding might be "remotely intelligent," I mean "remotely intelligent" as in "entirely otherwise worthless but showing the faintest glimmer of any sign of a tiny chance that there may be, mired deep within the overwhelming confines of rock-like-ignorance, some semblance of a sort of simplistic kind of cognitive function whatsoever, even if at

a basic stimulus-response level, like a paramecium or a Backstreet Boy"). So, therefore, we have to place all smokers into one of two categories:

- 1) Those who are not just stupid, but are so exhaustively pebble-brained that their very existence offends humanity.
- 2) Those who knew exactly what they were doing, and as such should be held entirely responsible.

We live in a country where gun manufacturers are allowed practically free reign while cigarette companies are treated like the offspring of Hitler and Lorne Michaels. (Sorry for all the Lorne bashing, but the man just produced an entire movie on the Mary Katherine Gallagher sketch, the least-funny SNL sketch with the least-talented cast member since Kevin Nealon.)

So who wins when the cigarette industry is docked \$500 billion? Clearly not the industry itself. How about the American people? Our government is getting a hefty check for \$206 billion out of the deal. As a non-smoker, I can appreciate that I'm not going to waste my tax dollars keeping emphysematized morons alive through Medicare and Medicaid. But then again, I don't think I should have to spend my tax dollars giving old people trips to Atlantic City every Social Security payday, either. Part of democracy is paying for crap you don't like, and is it re-

ally worth the extra money if it means crippling the only remaining industry we're better at than the Japanese?

And I want to know why the fatsos are getting off so easy. I mean, it's scientifically proven that overweight people are several times more likely to have serious health problems, perhaps even more problems than smokers. I don't think it's fair that my taxes should have to pay so some tubby lardo can sit on his couch gorging on bag after bag of barbecue-flavored potato chips and then racking up the Medicare bills

for his third triple bypass of the month. So why isn't the government going after snack food manufacturers if they're going to prosecute cigarette makers?

Finally, the smokers themselves are certainly not going to come out ahead here. \$300 billion divided by millions of smokers divided by lawyers fees = about 98 cents a smoker (before tax). How do you think RJ Reynolds is going to foot the bill? Just explain nicely to their investors that they've had a very hard year, and, "sorry, shareholders, we can't raise prices just to keep up profit margins?" Of course not. They're just going to raise the price of cigarettes to about nine bucks a pack and take all the money right back from the addicts. The court is not helping smokers; it's actually obliquely taxing them.

Well my fine friends, 224 years ago, an inbred Euro twit named King George wanted to impose a moder-

ate tax on tea, but a bunch of drunk Boston ruffians decided to dump it in the harbor rather than submit to tyranny. And from this act sprouted a proud heritage: the heritage of all Bostonians to get plastered and act like idiots regularly. Also, America.

Smokers, are you really so pathetic and weak-willed that not only can't you summon up the basic courage to quit a filthy, destructive habit, but that when someone threatens to price it out of existence you're just going to roll over and cry rather than fight back? I

think it's time you took a stand for your God-given right to rape your lungs for a reasonable price. It's time to take every last ludicrously over-taxed carton of Camels, Kools, Newps, Marbs, and yes, even Lucky Strikes, and go out, find the nearest harbor and dump 'em in the water. Destroy your beloved cigarettes like Lorne Michaels destroyed American comedy rather than submit to The Man's tyranny over your lives.

And don't worry if you miss the party; the harbor should be easy enough to find. Just listen for the coughing fish.



How does this man live with himself? Why can't the police stop him before he produces again? Are we just supposed to sit back and do nothing while he gives the green light to "It's Pat II?"

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A few shots and you'll never be clear what happened that night

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Question of the week: which sounds like the most horribly dull section of English 105 offered winter term?

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THE ETERNAL FEMININE	24%
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PARENTS WEEKEND CHECKLIST

"Because you just weren't lucky enough to be an orphan"

Before the folks arrive, did you remember to:

- get the used condoms out of your sheets
- get rid of all the good stuff and restock the fridge with Snapple
- body piercings out, that ugly sweater grandma knitted on
- replace your hemp plants with gladiolas
- goodbye *Playboy*, hello *Newsweek*
- inform your folks that all of your professors are coincidentally going away this weekend

Parents Weekend tip: find the person in your dorm from Alaska. Chances are his/her folks ain't coming, so you can all hide your bong in the Alaskan's room for the weekend.

So, your girlfriend wants you to meet her new roommate.

Trouble is, you already met her two spring breaks ago.



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