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W&L welcomes accepted students



MARY GUY/The Ring-tum Phi

BY IMRAN NAEEMULLAH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, high school seniors accepted for fall enrollment visited Washington and Lee one final time before the universal response date of May 1.

Accepted Students' Day "is generally split 50/50, with half of the approximately 160 visiting students attending in the fall for sure, many of them turning in their deposits that day, and the other half less certain," said Kelly Kocpial, assistant director of admissions. "It is a great way for them to get a last glimpse of the campus before they have to decide."

Alongside family members, students attended an information session, departmental open houses, sat in on classes, met current students, and possibly spent the night with a freshman host.

Some students' visits reinforced their decision to enroll at W&L.

"I've already decided to come to W&L in the fall, but since I've never visited campus, this was a great way for me to make sure I was making the right decision," said a male prospective from Cincinnati, OH.

Another student who had already spent several days during an earlier honor scholar competition, was less sure.

"I'm really uncertain about where to go," he said. "I've also been accepted at Dartmouth."

Dean of Students David Howison, Health Center Director Jane Horton, and seniors Justin Arnold and Katie Cedarholm presented a wide range of topics to parents and students, including academics, the honor system, residence life, dining services, the Greek system, and the new alcohol policies.

Parents were especially concerned about W&L's alcohol regulations, spending about twenty minutes on the subject.

"The alcohol culture is present at many schools," said Howison. "Therefore, you should absolutely understand your values wherever you go, and know your limits. We're here to help students make the right choices."

Howison elaborated further on the strike system, explaining, "We're committed to engaging parents. The premise is that everyone makes mistakes."

Howison believed the session was "a great way for students and parents to get a better feel for life at W&L."

"The session was very informative," said one parent. "It's hard to know what's going to happen in college before you actually get there. It's especially hard to know the social scene"

"This session has made me feel even better about my decision," his daughter agreed.

"I'll see you next year!"

HAIL TO THE THIEF



HAIL TO THE CHIEF. Bush arrived in a helicopter (insert).

JEFF BROOKS/The Ring-tum Phi

Traveller kicks off

BY CATHERINE C. GUY
W&L LIFE EDITOR

After last fall's tragic accident that claimed the lives of two students, there has been an increase in interest in providing safe rides.

Last year, the campus worked on improving Live Drive and Safe Ride, two sober ride programs that ran three nights a week from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. This Spring Term, GASD (Generals Advocating Sober Driving) has come up with a streamlined sober driving system. Traveller runs every night until 4 a.m. W&L students volunteer to drive their cars, and adorn them with white flags. Also instrumental were several faculty members, including Dean Howison, Dr. Horton, Jane Kaufman, President Boetsch, and the Board of Trustees.

On Thursday, Apr. 25, GASD and SAE sponsored a program in Lee Chapel entitled "Deliberate Driving" to coincide with the kickoff of Traveller. The students brought in speakers, who shared their drunk driving experiences. The first speaker, Buddy Parsons, is a Houston high school senior and brother of W&L senior Whitney Parsons. Last year, an intoxicated Parsons struck a tree, killing his friend. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail, 10 months probation, and 400 hours of community service. Parsons closed by stating that "Life is too precious to waste. I'm just an eighteen year old who's been through hell and back." Next were Sean and Amber Barry, an Atlanta couple. Sean drove drunk from the

Atlanta Steeplechase in 1998 and hit a tree, killing the couple's two best friends. Sean was tried for intoxicated vehicular manslaughter and was sentenced to ten years probation. Sean observed, "Alcohol is your choice, and so is driving, but drinking and driving is not."

After the speakers, senior Baxter Lee, the president of SAE and a member of GASD officially kicked off the program. He stated that within the three nights of operation, over 500 students had already used its services. Lee thanked all participants, and said that Traveller had been founded as an extension of one of W&L's founding policies that, "Each student has to take personal responsibility for his or her actions. In this situation, it means finding a safe way to get home." As the students left, they received Breathalyzer strips and replicas of the Barrys' car key.

Traveller has been running for a week, and many are thrilled with its success. States sophomore Richele Cole, "I love Traveller." However, not all are enthusiastic. Another sophomore girl states that she's had difficulty obtaining a ride. "I've called four times now and have not been picked up. They don't show up, or don't give you a timeframe for when they can come. I don't think it's as efficient as Live Drive was." Hopefully, Traveller will be able to work some of these kinks out, for as Lee said, "We hope to save some lives."

Music industry seeks Internet alternates

BY IMRAN NAEEMULLAH
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

After all the fuss over the Napster copyright violation trials, the recording industry has come up with an alternative way of fighting copyright violations. The five biggest recording companies (Sony, Universal, EMI, BMG and Warner) have finally united their efforts to lure music fans away from the temptation of breaking copyright - the two new music sites PressPlay and MusicNet offer thousands of hot music picks at low prices.

When discussing copyright enforcement actions, most people talk about the legendary trial cases of the Recording Industry Association of America and *Metallica v. Napster Inc.* or the restrictions that different governmental agencies and educational institutions impose on their members on using software tools that might cause copyright violation. During all the years while Napster was being dragged from one court hearing to another, many of the IT-interested people were very pessimistic about the success of this method. The immediate future showed that they were right - the web site "After Napster - The Beat Goes On..." (www.afternapster.com) displays a list of 32 Napster-like peer-to-peer products. The famous in W&L Morpeus/Kazaa software is just one of those 32. Since it took around 2 years to sue Napster and Napster violates the copyright law texts quite blatantly, just imagine how much time it would take to sue all the 32 others.

Also, many people have disputed the benefits of closing down peer-to-peer software tools. The main purpose of developing these tools was enable people to share all kinds of useful data - scientific research results, geographical maps, different kinds of statistics... Illegal music and video files, even though they are the most commonly distributed ones, are just a part of the picture. In fact, even the US military ordered some months ago to have a peer-to-peer based software tool developed for improving communications between military units in special operations.

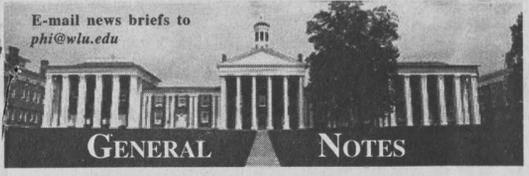
Because of these two reasons there was a call for searching for alternative solutions of the copyright violation problem. Finally there is some result - the five big recording companies united themselves and produced two websites, PressPlay and MusicNet, which enables their users to listen to and download copyrighted songs legally and even burn their own CD's in return of a monthly subscription fee.

PressPlay (www.pressplay.com) contains a large archive of music from three big recording companies (Sony, Universal and EMI) and also a number of independent labels. The site offers a 14-day free trial and after that a choice of 4 subscription plans. The Basic Plan allows for 300 streams (listening to a song without actually downloading it) and 30 downloads (copying the song file to your hard drive) at the price of \$9.95/month. The Silver Plan offers 500 streams, 50 downloads, and 10 CD burns for \$9.95 during the first 3 months and \$14.95 after that. The Platinum Plan

offers 1000 streams, 100 downloads and 20 burns for \$24.95/month and the Gold Plan allows for 750 streams, 75 downloads and 15 burns for \$19.95/month. This means that the price for a stream can fall down to 2.5 cents without including all downloads and streams you get!

MusicNet (www.musicnet.com) features music from the selections from BMG, EMI, Warner and Zomba, showcasing more than 10,000 artists from all musical genres. Their Real One MusicPass service allows for 100 streams and 100 downloads for \$9.95/month. For \$19.95 you get their Real One MusicPass Gold service which allows for all of the stated above and also for recording and mixing your own MP3's and unlimited CD burning.

So, how successful are these solutions of the copyright violation problem? The two projects have both advantages and disadvantages. The advantages are the very low prices they offer for guaranteed high-quality music (sharing programs do not guarantee that) and the fact that they allow music fans enjoy their favorite bands completely legally. Their major disadvantage so far is that they are not united. For example paying the subscription fee for PressPlay would enable you to listen to U2, Santana and Shaggy (if they happen to be your favorite artists), but if you want to listen to Red Hot Chili Peppers, 2Pac and Britney Spears, you will have to pay the subscription fee for MusicNet, too. So, even though this is a step towards solving the copyright violation problem, there are more steps for the recording industry to take.



GENERAL NOTES

Van Ness wins national grant

Kenneth Van Ness, professor of physics and engineering at Washington and Lee University, and colleagues from Rutgers and Princeton were awarded a five-year \$2.35 million seed grant from the New Jersey Commission on Science and Technology. Federal agencies, foundations and industrial sponsors have committed additional monies, bringing the grant total to \$7.7 million.

The project, "Advanced Functional and Structural Materials from Immiscible Polymer Blends (IMPBs)," will create a collaborative, interdisciplinary industry/academic center for the development and commercialization of IMPBs.

The multi-year grant will provide Van Ness with funding to concentrate on the processing and characterization of a number of new IMPB's. Recently, Van Ness was awarded a Thomas Alva Edison Patent Award by the R&D Council of New Jersey in the category of emerging technologies, which is directly related to this project.

The Edison Patent outlines the development of an IMPB with unusually superior mechanical strength. The technology currently is being used to produce commercial railroad ties which are in place at various Class I, mass transit and short-line locations. The stability of the product, as compared to wood, makes the ties more suitable for use in locations difficult to access, such as bridges and tunnels.

Earlier attempts at creating IMPBs, which are blends of two plastics which normally do not mix well, yielded products with poor physical properties. The main advantage of the improved IMPBs described in this proposal is that the two polymers are processed (blended) together so that they become interlocked mechanically. Using blends, explained Van Ness, rather than pure polymers, is more cost effective.

Fraternity Rankings

1. Phi Gamma Delta 3.290
2. Sigma Chi 3.283
3. Sigma Nu 3.265
4. Sigma Alpha Epsilon 3.237
5. Lambda Chi Alpha 3.235
6. Pi Kappa Phi 3.176
7. Phi Kappa Psi 3.159
8. Kappa Sigma 3.114
9. Phi Delta Theta 3.062
10. Phi Kappa Sigma 3.048
11. Sigma Phi Epsilon 3.013
12. Chi Psi 2.981
13. Beta Theta Pi 2.976
14. Pi Kappa Alpha 2.934
15. Kappa Alpha 2.892

Freshmen GPA

1. Pi Beta Phi 3.355
2. Kappa Alpha Theta 3.271
3. Chi Omega 3.182
4. Kappa Kappa Gamma 3.180
5. Sigma Alpha Epsilon 3.096
6. Lambda Chi Alpha 3.094
7. Kappa Delta 3.026
8. Phi Kappa Psi 2.984
9. Phi Gamma Delta 2.976
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12. Pi Kappa Alpha 2.889
13. Kappa Alpha 2.884
14. Beta Theta Pi 2.874
15. Phi Delta Theta 2.822
16. Sigma Chi 2.786
17. Sigma Nu 2.778
18. Chi Psi 2.706
19. Sigma Phi Epsilon 2.684
20. Phi Kappa Sigma 2.675

Other Scores

- All Sorority 3.304
- All Women 3.277
- Non-Sorority Women 3.217
- All Students 3.177
- All Fraternity 3.110
- All Men 3.096
- Non-Fraternity Men 3.048

Sorority Rankings

1. Pi Beta Phi 3.462
2. Chi Omega 3.358
3. Kappa Alpha Theta 3.328
4. Kappa Kappa Gamma 3.215
5. Kappa Delta 3.200



Today
6:00 p.m.—Java-Palooza. Java-Palooza and Habitat for Humanity present Poston Brown opening for Agents of Good Roots. This is the Habitat for Humanity Spring Kickoff. BDG Quad. Cookout is 6-7 and concert is 6-10:30. (rain location: Doremus Gym)

Wednesday, May 1
12:00 p.m.—Environmental Studies Luncheon 2001-2002. "Reading the Roots: American Nature Writing before Walden," Michael Branch, associate professor of Literature and Environment at the University of Nevada, Reno. Room 114, University Center. RSVP to Lynda Bassett de Maria, ext. 8932.

8 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting. Fairfax Lounge. All W&L students, faculty/staff and the Lexington community are welcome. Coffee is provided.

Thursday, May 2
8:30 p.m.—Reunions 2002: Opening Assembly. Keynote Speaker: Lamar J.R. Cecil, professor of history emeritus. Lee Chapel.

9:30 p.m.—Reunion 2002: Welcoming Reception. Alumni House.

Friday, May 3
11 a.m.—60 Minutes with the President.

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THE RING-TUM PHI STAFF EDITORIAL

Introducing the spring lineup

Twenty-five of the Phi's best issues have come and gone, and in accordance with tradition the new staff must be introduced.

Fresh from South Central Chevy Chase, our new opinions editor brings his own brand of street smarts to his section. Rejecting his predecessor's donnish trappings of academia, Andrew Alvah Latimer isn't fronting, he's phat and real.

Brett Timothy Kirwan, the former opinions editor, is working for an Ohio senator. Democrat, naturally. Ohio is the land that is high in the middle and round on the sides, and it now has W&L's most vocal commentator on the barricades of the culture wars.

On the sports page, David Michael Crowell replaces Jeremy Scott Franklin. Franklin is on special assignment to Germany, hoping to introduce American sports (and photographer Meg Ferrara) to a country that sorely needs them. No more cricket or bocce for the citizens of the Federal Republic!

Crowell is currently pursuing his undergraduate degree at Washington and Lee University.

Fair Photo Lass Mary Guy remains on staff.

The Life page mourns the passing of Matthew Coursen, who undertakes the rigors of senior year. Catherine Clare Guy remains, a stalwart figure not unlike the Statue of Liberty, safely directing scores of immigrants to freedom.

Imran Naemullah remains in news, and newsworthy. He enjoys long walks on the beach, British cinema, bloody steak dinners, and foreign travel.

Like Sirius Vega Centauri, a migratory star that abandoned its planetary system for the void, the Phi's brightest celestial body Katie Jane Howell, associate editor, leaves for California. Although temporarily absent, editors everywhere still fear the long reach of the Evil Queen's pica sceptor.

Editor-in-Chief Matthew Buchan McDermott will remain on staff, dispensing grandfatherly advice and Christian cheer.

Volume CV's new editorial board pledges to continue the fine work begun in the previous edition, ensuring continuing strides in story and layout quality.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

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Needle exchange a good idea

American officials need to rethink the way they combat the spread of AIDS

Now there has been nothing in the news of late to really bring the subject of my article this week to light, but it is something I encountered in the reading for one of my courses. So, I thought I'd pollute your minds with my liberal slant on the matter.

In the United States it is proven again and again that many beneficial harm reduction policies concerning drug use do nothing but meet an overwhelming opposition. Of these proposals, arguably the most controversial is the idea of needle-exchange programs for users of illicit intravenous drugs.

That this means is local clinics and hospitals provide an opportunity for intravenous drug users to exchange their dirty, used needles for new ones.

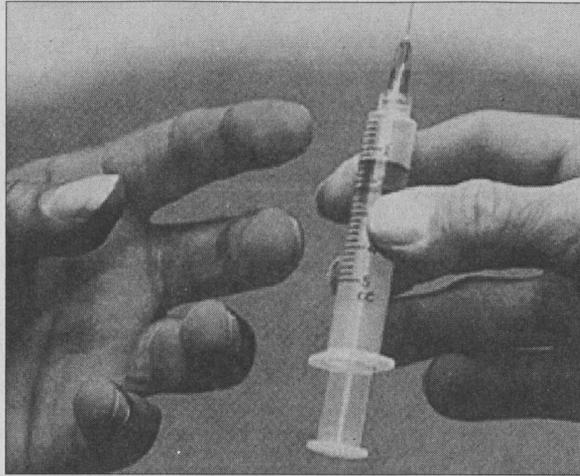
There are several reasons that these types of policies continually meet resistance among politicians and their constituents alike. Primarily, it is believed by many that these types of policies will "send the wrong message." To illustrate this, I will use an example of another harm reducing policy.

Many of America's illegal immigrants live in situations in which their children and families suffer from malnourishment because these families live well below the poverty line. Some have advocated policies that would give these families benefits to help them out.

The opposition to such proposals believes these types of policies would do nothing but encourage a steadier flow of illegal immigrants to come to the United States. The same is believed to be true for needle-exchange programs. Opponents to the idea believe that such policies would send the wrong message to the public.

I ask, is it likely that someone will say, "Well, I can get free needles from the local clinic. I should develop a smack habit."

Moreover, addicts are not going to increase use of their addictive drugs because the needles are free. We know that they are already sharing needles with other drug users because they cannot get sterile needles. The problem



A SHOT IN THE ARM: Successful needle exchange programs in other countries could serve as a model for a similar venture in America.

here is one of addiction, not a shortage of clean needles.

But, as is shown by such programs in other countries, if we can make these needles available then addicts will take the effort to use clean needles.

Moreover, the biggest reason for concern is obvious. We know that needle sharing has been shown to be just as likely to spread HIV as promiscuous sexual activity between homosexuals or heterosexuals. I believe our government has a responsibility to keep this disease from spreading amongst all of our country's communities, including illicit drug users.

In reality, it seems callous for our government to sit idly by as more and more drug users become infected. Nearly sixty percent of tested drug users in New York were found to be HIV-positive and these numbers are found to be only slightly less in Eastern Europe and Asia.

Studies in 1998 showed that approximately one-third of new AIDS cases here in the US were linked directly or indirectly to drug use.

Currently, countries like England, Canada, Australia, Sweden and the Netherlands have been successfully operating needle-exchange programs. Some started as early as the 1980s. These programs

exist only in the dozens here in the US, often operating underground. They are forced to do so because no tolerance laws in many states forbid such programs.

Meanwhile, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Academy of Sciences have all endorsed these exchange programs. Sadly, government policy cannot seem to be as progressive as scientific research needs it to be.

Lastly, I do not believe that this type of action would be another economic drain on society. Sterile needles are much less costly than the drain of AIDS research and care for infected patients could ever be. And lastly, whatever opinion you may have of these addicts, no one deserves to be put at such a blatant risk of contracting this horrible disease.

While those who are clean cannot comprehend the physical and mental addiction that drug users have, it literally makes them unable to behave in a way where their own well being takes precedent. Drugs are always their first priority.

Therefore, if our government can take actions to keep drug users from getting infected, thus slowing the spread of AIDS, and decrease the economic drain these new cases create on our economy, then why shouldn't they?

Letter to the Editor

W&L students who favor maintaining status quo should start packing

Dear Editor,

I am writing out of concern for the young men who have recently voiced their discomfort with discussions about the course of cultural change at W&L. I think they've got it backwards and may need to reconsider whether they made a mistake when deciding that W&L was the right choice for them.

While it seems that some students may have decided on W&L, looking for a homogeneous outlook among their peers, I am certain that Admissions was not presenting W&L in that light.

Our Admissions experience portrayed a different view of W&L leadership moving in another direction, encompassing an appreciation for the richness of intellectual life that comes as a result of intentional efforts to recruit a freshman class offering a broad representation of human experience as an overall goal in selecting from among the most promising applicants each year.

As a W&L parent, I know that my daughter views both the heritage and present W&L with sincere passion and positive appreciation. She enjoys intellectual debate and would be very unhappy at the lack of opportunity for growth if W&L students all shared common viewpoints.

For those who are discounting the value of growth and change at W&L that has taken place after the Presidency of Robert E. Lee, it may be a benefit to read some of his own writing about education. As a leader, he embraced intellectual growth and accomplishment.

If the intellectual climate at W&L were frozen in time, as suggested recently, W&L would not have maintained the stature that Robert E. Lee envisioned for a great institution of higher learning.

The idea that those who are not in line with the "status quo" thinking at W&L ought to attend elsewhere seems to suggest that the author(s) of that opinion have written their own remedy. Since they are not in sync with goals at W&L, their logic would lead them to get their transfers in order.

For the time being, since young women were not admitted at W&L until recently, these young men ought to stick to their convictions and abstain from any social activities with any of the female students at W&L.

I am certain that my daughter, among others, will not mind that at all.

Sincerely,
A W&L Parent
Judy L. Konkel
Parent of Robyn J. Konkel '05

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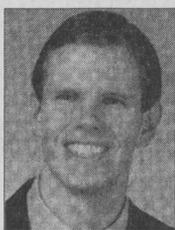
TALKBACK: What is your favorite excuse for skipping Spring Term classes?



"A bottle of Scotch and a good cigar."
-Mike Agnello '02



"My teachers require me to go, so I go."
-Susan Slopek '04



"Sleep."
-Robert Floyd '04



"Moi? I never skip classes."
-Mehul Srivastava '04



"Sleeping."
-Maria Golubiewska '04

Oh, the bums, the hippies, the anthrax

A report from the front lines of the battlefields on Capitol Hill

The latest article from Brett Kirwan marks the first installment in a series of "Dispatches From The District" as he embarks upon Washington Term. This week: protesters, the looming fears of anthrax, supporting the homeless and other perils.

The Washington Term class has arrived in Washington; one week down and if any anthrax is yet to come through the Capitol, we'll be the first to know.

Constituent mail takes up much of the time of Senate side staffers, although the Honorable Senator from Ohio, has, thankfully, decided that interns shouldn't be on mail duty, so I have a reprieve.

However, the paid staff in my office has been sorting through nearly five thousand copies of the same letter—voters really do mail in the form letters sent to them from lobbying groups.

Other mail highlights include letters explaining why and how to get rid of daylight savings time, all manner of threats to Senators, the Senate and the United States and the always exciting irradiated letter that crumples when touched. Not only are the security measures rendering mail anthrax-free, but oftentimes illegible as well.

Washington is never a dull city, though, no matter how many hours one spends in the mail room. In fact, our very first commute was punctuated by idiotic, yet colorful, protests. Several hundred rich white suburbanites and burned-out hippies were blocking traffic and trampling the lawn in front of the Capitol.

The average protestor really has no gripes with the government or America. Most probably go to Georgetown and have daddy's credit card in pocket. As such, they dress in rags, but film their pointless rallies with \$700 video cameras.

Everything is on tape. A dirty look from the police is filmed as evidence of the terrible treatment dealt to the well-heeled, worthless wimps who chant in solidarity with the oppressed in the third world.

Who knows what these unwashed granola-eaters are angry about? Their one-verse chants included complaints about the SOA, military aid to Columbia, the plight of the Palestinians and a litany of the usual liberal boilerplate. They cheered loudly and applauded when one of their number was arrested and carefully escorted to a waiting Metro bus.

There were, of course, more chants that praised the great courage of the arrestee, as if being carried away for stepping into the street when politely asked not to by a police officer who could, and had every right to, break you in two demonstrated any courage or deep political insight rather than incredible immaturity and a juvenile rebelliousness.

All in all, the protestors are easily ignored and accomplish little more than giving headaches, early mornings and overtime to the hard-working men and women of the D.C. police department.

Another aspect of the commute that Lexington doesn't offer is the homeless people sprawled along the sidewalk and around the Metro stations. One in particular, Steve, is on the street begging for food with a sign that assures any donations won't be used for booze or drugs, but is always eating. Every time we have seen this bum he has either been sleeping or eating, yet he wants my money! A friend of his, Al, provides passers-by with oldies hits playing from his boombox.

Creativity abounds among the homeless community. One lady who is stationed outside the Metro in the afternoon used to carry a sign claiming she has three children to feed. The last few days she has brought a child to sit next to her and look extra pathetic.

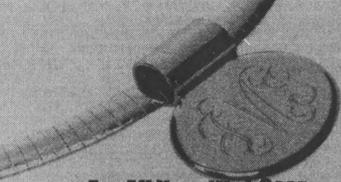
Others seek to provide a service to the community in exchange for handouts. The sidewalk in front of Union Station is filled with bright trumpet music from a man who knows everything from "Charge!" to "We're off to See the Wizard." Thursday afternoon he had to compete with a violin duet for the travelers' money.

Hilarity is easily found inside the Senate as well. Who knew that Idaho had a Senator named Mike Crapo? Who knew that Hillary's trailer is a double-wide?

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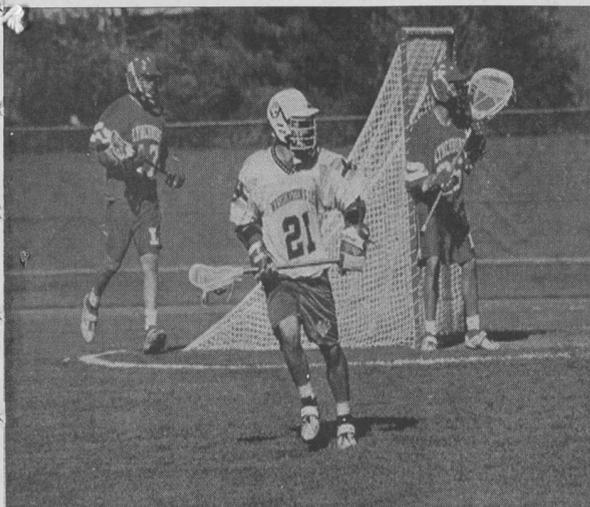
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Generals earn trip back to NCAA Tournament

W&L survives late scare in beating Lynchburg 14-12 in semifinals, then avenges April 14 defeat to Hampden-Sydney to seize ODAC Tournament crown



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RUNNING THE OFFENSE: Freshman Gavin Molinelli awaits a pass during the Generals' 14-12 semifinal win over Lynchburg on Tuesday afternoon. Molinelli tallied three goals and two assists in two ODAC tournament victories.

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

destroyed W&L's playoff hopes a season ago.

For fans of the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse program, April 14 was a bleak day. On that Sunday afternoon, the Generals dropped an 8-5 contest to Hampden-Sydney, the team that

Two years, two straight defeats. When the squad needed a victory the most, however, they found a way to win, defeating the top-seeded Tigers 8-3 to claim the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship and an automatic

berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"Coming in, this was a team we knew we could beat," freshman Gavin Molinelli, who tallied an assist in the championship game, said. "We had a mental lapse the first time we played against them, but if we just played our game, we knew we would beat them."

In the April 14 contest, the Generals got out to a quick 3-1 first quarter lead behind two goals by junior Tom Melanson. The Tigers, however, dominated the second quarter, scoring five unanswered goals to take a 6-3 halftime lead. At this point, coach Mike Cerino believes Hampden-Sydney took his squad out of the game.

"I think we played a little tight since we were anxious about a big game," the first-year coach said. "You have to give them credit. They knocked us out of our offensive flow a little bit."

"They put us into a lull with their offense and we started to do the same thing on the other end. That's not our style of play."

The Generals got the opportunity to revisit their style of play by trouncing Randolph-Macon and Virginia Wesleyan by scores of 11-2 and 18-1 respectively. Molinelli and sophomore Matt Fink each tallied three goals in the victory over

Randolph-Macon while sophomore Dustin Martin scored four goals to lead the Generals over the Blue Marlins.

Cerino believed these games were very good for confidence heading into the ODAC Tournament. He believed it was "important for us to concentrate on our play down the stretch and click as a team a little bit."

The defense, offense and sophomore goalkeeper Ansel Sanders all seemed to click early in Tuesday's 14-12 semifinal victory over third-seeded Lynchburg.

After giving up an extra-man goal to Lynchburg, the Generals erupted for eight unanswered scores, punctuated by sophomore defenseman Lawson Grumbine picking up a ground ball, running the distance of the field and delivering a nifty pass to Molinelli for a score at the 7:55 mark of the second quarter.

The Generals went into halftime up 9-2, a lead they held the rest of the way despite a frantic comeback attempt by the Hornets.

"I think everybody played really well," Molinelli said. "There were some problems late, but we stuck together and that's what championship teams do."

Lynchburg took advantage of nine W&L penalties and scored three extra-man goals in the second half.

"It was a tough situation, going to the penalty box while winning," Cerino said. "We plan to take care of our fouls by playing a little smarter. We were playing hard, but I think we lost a little bit of our focus in the second half."

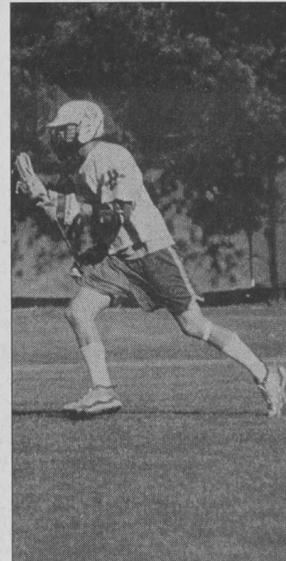
Cerino added that a key to the game plan was limiting Lynchburg's second chances and gaining key ground balls. The Generals control of the ball started with Melanson, who won 15 ground balls.

"Melanson was unbelievable, he's one of the best in the country," Cerino said. "If he's at the top of his game, he makes us a special lacrosse team."

Despite some problems late, Cerino also praised the play of Sanders, saying that "Ansel is one of the reasons we're here and he'll take us as far as we go. He held one of the highest-scoring teams in the country to two goals in the first half."

Before the tournament began, Cerino said that he wanted to see his younger guys, including Martin, Fink, and classmates Mike McNamara and Mark McLewee to be aggressive and take their shots.

His wish was answered in the championship win against Hampden-Sydney, as Martin exploded for four goals against the third-ranked in the nation, including the Generals' first three of the game.



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MARCHIN' ON: Senior Andrew Barnett tallied six points (3 goals, 3 assists) in two ODAC Tournament victories.

Fink also scored his team-leading 32nd goal of the season and dished out two assists. Sanders made 10 saves.

The Generals return to action on Saturday with a 1:30 p.m. home contest against Division II Limestone.

Women's lacrosse feels sting of Yellow Jackets, falls short in defense of ODAC title

BY MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team began their road through the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament by hosting Sweet Briar in a quarterfinals game for the ODAC tournament.

In a completely one-sided match, the second-seeded Generals annihilated the seventh-seeded Vixens with a final score of 16-1.

The Generals played the first half with consummate skill, jumping to an early lead and never looking back. Freshman Kitt Murphy scored four goals in the first half, while sophomore Kelly Taffe put in three goals and an assist. Sweet Briar's Ginger Tripp scored their only goal of the game with 13:31 remaining in the first half. The Generals held a commanding 12-1 lead at halftime.

The second half brought a bit more restraint from W&L's offense, but the Generals scored four more goals to wrap up the game. The scoring was decidedly distributed throughout the game, with nine Generals scoring and two others contributing an assist each. Sophomore goalkeepers Joanna Perini and Annie Tompkins each garnered a single save for the Generals.

Senior captain Courtenay Fisher felt her squad held a great deal of confidence and was enthusiastic about the matchup with Sweet Briar.

"We played them earlier in the season (to a 23-5 win) and kind of expected that we would win," Fisher said.



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BALANCING ACT: Senior Julie Carskadon attempts to elude an opponent during the Generals' 16-1 victory over Sweet

Briar on Wednesday afternoon. The defensive unit had very little trouble, as the visitors only mustered three shots.

With the conclusion of the ODAC tournament approaching, Fisher looked ahead. "I'm excited for this weekend - there will be more challenging teams that we'll be ready for."

Head coach Jan Hathorn was also pleased with her team's performance, saying "it's always nice to win."

Hathorn stopped short of naming individual out-

standing efforts and praised her team's performance.

"Everybody does something in a game like that - it was a very good team effort."

The Generals advanced to the semifinal game against Roanoke on Saturday, and defeated the Maroons in an 8-4 decision at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA.

At the half, the Generals had a 5-1 lead, with two goals each from sophomores Kelly Taffe and Lee Wheeler, and another added by senior Emily Owens.

The second half brought another goal from Taffe and two more from junior Leslie Bogart.

"We played Roanoke over a week ago and beat them by one goal. We were very excited to play them again - they're a good team," Fisher said.

With the victory, the Generals proceeded to the ODAC Championship game against the top-seeded Yellow Jackets of Randolph-Macon on Sunday afternoon. That, unfortunately, proved to be the Generals' Waterloo.

After a stellar ODAC Tournament, the Generals could not hold onto an 11-4 lead and eventually lost to the Yellow Jackets 12-11 in overtime, on a goal by senior Erin Riedy, who tallied seven on the day.

Bogart led the Generals with a goal and three assists.

The Generals will play their final game of the season when they host Longwood at 12 p.m. on Saturday.

W&L track competes at ODAC Championships

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's and women's track programs competed in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday afternoon, with both squads taking a fifth place finish out of five teams. The men finished with 61 points while the women totaled 14.5 points.

The Lynchburg men finished with an astounding 217 points en route to winning its fifth straight ODAC Championships. The Roanoke women earned the championship with 195 points.

Junior Chris Sullivan led the men's squad by earning top seven finishes in four different events. Sullivan won the long jump with a leap of 6.69 meters and also placed second in the 100 meter dash (11.20), fifth in the 200 meter dash (23.55) and seventh in the javelin throw (43.18m).

"Chris had an outstanding meet," coach Norris Aldridge said. "Guys like Chris, that worked really hard through the entire season, found great success at this meet."

Junior Mat Ropoza also took home an individual title in the shot put, throwing 13.66 meters on his final toss to seize the championship.

Senior co-captain Mike Hegg returned from nagging injuries in order to finish second in the 110-meter hurdles (15.85) and also took fifth-place finishes in the 400-meter hurdles and javelin throw.

"Considering how little time Mike had in order to prepare himself, he did an excellent job," Aldridge said.

In team events, the Generals also took home a second-place finish in the 4x100 meter relay, coming in at 43.06, a season best.

Despite finishing in fifth place, behind Roanoke by a mere four points, Aldridge was not disappointed by his team's performance. The veteran coach played up the importance of injuries to the final outcome.

"We had some injuries to key competitors. (Freshmen) Wes Bell and Reid Childers didn't run. Wes being gone cost us about 20 points," Aldridge said. "I thought we could've finished as high as third without injuries."

On the women's side, field event competitors led the way, with senior Sarah Schmidt taking a third-place finish in the javelin with a throw of 37.60m. Schmidt failed in her attempt to win four straight ODAC titles.

"Sarah threw farther than she's ever thrown in ODAC competition," coach John Tucker said. "Unfortunately,

she was up against two national performers and we hope she'll reach the qualifying distance in the next few weeks."

Senior Megan Babst took home a fifth-place finish in the high jump with a leap of 4'-10".

Senior captain Melissa Palombo just missed earning points for the team by seizing a sixth-place finish in the triple jump.

Numerous competitors, including sophomores Vanessa Adams and Lauren Egbert, and freshmen Liz Crawford and Audrey Walker finished seventh place in various events.

These athletes also reached a number of personal best. Tucker said that team members achieved 16 new personal bests.

Tucker also stressed the continual improvement of his younger athletes and the possibility for growth in the future.

"There is promise for the younger athletes like Audrey who, if they keep improving, will be earning big points for us in a few years," he said.

The women's squad returns to action when they compete at the Christopher Newport Invitational next Saturday. The men's squad next competes on May 11, at the James Madison Invitational.

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Generals, James sweep ODAC foes

BY IAN R. MCLROY
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team steamrolled over its conference competition to claim its seventh straight Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship. Held at Lynchburg, the championship marked the Generals' 21st conference championship in the last 26 years.

Picking up 72 points, the Generals dominated their strongest conference rivals. Lynchburg College placed second with 55 points, and Hampden-Sydney finished third with 49 points.

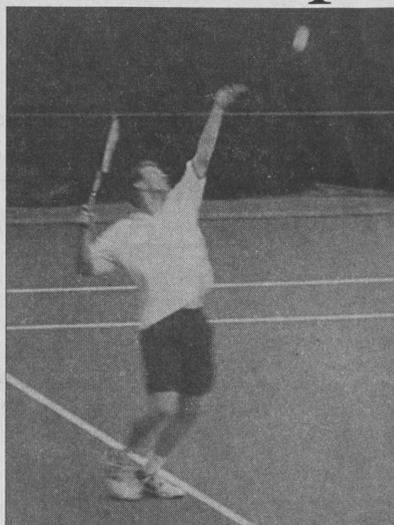
W&L demolished all match play opponents, capturing the championship of all six singles and all three doubles flights.

Senior Rhys James was named the ODAC Player of the Year after winning the No. 1 singles and doubles flights.

Freshman Paul McClure and senior Andrew Roberts overcame tough competition in the championship round of their flights to win the number 2 and 3 singles, respectively. Roberts partnered with James for the number one doubles victory.

Doubles partners and sophomores Graham Nix and Austin Kim easily captured the No. 2 doubles flight. Then, in singles play, Kim proceeded to win the No. 4 bracket, while Nix breezed through his competition in the No. 5 flight.

In his last ODAC championship, senior Rob Moynihan lost only one game at No. 6 singles in three rounds of tournament play. Rounding out the scoring for the Generals were McClure and sopho-



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PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Senior Rhys James serves in a March 16 win. James won the ODAC No. 1 singles and doubles championships on Tuesday afternoon.

more K.C. Schaefer, who captured the championship of the No. 3 doubles flight.

On his selection as ODAC Player of the Year, James remained fairly modest.

"The fact that we won every match at this year's

tournament was truly special, although it is an honor to receive the award from the coaches."

James' teammates could not agree more with the coaches' selection.

"We were all really pleased that Rhys was named player of the year," said Schaefer. "It was a great accomplishment to top off his already very accomplished career at W&L."

Fresh off their win at the ODAC tournament, the Generals have begun preparations for the upcoming matches in the NCAA South Regional.

"We have two intense weeks of practice left, so we just need to remain focused and work hard," James stated.

With a top two finish in the regional, the Generals would then move on the national tournament. With a berth in the national tournament as their goal, the Generals hope to cap off their successful season with a couple of big wins.

The Generals faced a potential opponent in the South Regional when they defeated Sewanee, 4-3, on April 18.

James faced defeat at No. 1 singles, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, at the hands of Adam Kent, but W&L responded by winning four of the next five singles flights.

McClure, Roberts, Kim and Moynihan all won their respective singles flights.

In doubles competitions, Sewanee stole away two of the three flights, with McClure and Schaefer picking up an 8-3 victory at the No. 3 doubles flight.

The Generals will learn whom they have to face in the postseason sometime this week.

W&L ousted from postseason play

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

For most college baseball players, it's definitely beneficial not to play 162 games, or any number remotely close to the Major League model. With fewer games, however, each individual contest means that much more.

The Washington and Lee baseball team learned this truth the hard way in the month of April, losing a key doubleheader to Lynchburg that ultimately removed them from postseason play.

Guilford officially removed the Generals from the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament with an April 20 split.

"Our number one goal at the beginning of the year was to go to the tournament, but we're not devastated," coach Jeff Stickley said. "We knew what we had to do in conference play, but it was tough coming off the break against Lynchburg. In the end, the top six teams in the conference probably could've finished anywhere from one to six."

Junior Brian Gladysz, leading the team in hitting with a .383 batting average up to Sunday afternoon, showed a bit more emotion.

"It's very frustrating to lose any games to teams that you know you can beat," he said. "But it really becomes frustrating when they are teams that you need to beat to get into the postseason."

In an April 13 doubleheader against Lynchburg, the Generals suffered from a lack of offense in 3-0 and 4-3 losses. In the first game, Lynchburg southpaw Blair Hayden tossed a complete-game, three-hitter, striking out five batters.

"(Hayden) is one of the top pitchers in the league. He threw a one-hitter against Eastern Mennonite, so we can't feel frustrated with that," Stickley said.

In game two, Gladysz ensured the Generals would not go scoreless on the day, hitting an RBI double in the top of the first inning. The Hornets, however, responded with four runs

in the bottom of the inning, getting help from a W&L error and a balk by sophomore Dan Kagey.

The Generals attempted a comeback, as a third inning RBI double by senior Todd Gosselink and a seventh inning RBI groundout by senior Matt Kozora cut Lynchburg's lead to 4-3. W&L couldn't move the winning run across the plate in the seventh however.

Junior Michael Hanson scored all three runs for the Generals.

"We got good pitching and decent defense," Stickley said. "But it was bad timing, coming off the break, and we couldn't get the key hits when we needed them."

In the first game against Guilford, the Generals benefited from a great performance on the mound by sophomore Peter Dean. Dean, who improved to 5-3 and lowered his earned run average to 1.52, threw a complete-game, six-hitter and struck out five, leading W&L to a 3-0 victory.

In game two, the Quakers exacted some revenge, scoring six runs in the second inning and eight runs in the third to cruise to a 15-7 win.

Kagey took the loss, lasting only 1 2/3 innings. Kozora finished the afternoon 3-for-3 with a pair of walks and two runs batted in.

With the completion of ODAC play, both Stickley and Gladysz agreed that hitting woes prevented the Generals from enjoying more conference success.

"The way we pitched and played in the field often gave us a chance to win; we just couldn't get the clutch hits," Stickley said.

Gladysz reiterated W&L's excellence in the field, saying "our pitching and defense has been solid throughout the year, just as it was last year. We just haven't been able to put runs on the board when we needed to."

The Generals return to the diamond with a Friday home contest at Cap'n Dick Smith Field at 3 p.m. against the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Golf places second at Fincastle C.C., Campbell earns top ODAC honors

BY MICHAEL LEE
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee golf team hit the links on Monday and Tuesday for the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships, played at Fincastle Country Club in Bluefield, VA.

Shooting a two day total of 604, the Generals took second place, falling to Guilford College by a mere five strokes. Third-place Hampden Sydney finished 14 strokes behind the Generals.

Junior Chip Campbell shot a two day total of 147 (74-73) to garner second place on the individuals' leader board, finishing five strokes behind Dave Patterson of Guilford.

Freshmen Carlos Spaht and Ged Johnson, and junior Chuck Green also turned in good performances, with all three placing in the top 10.

Campbell and Spaht, who placed sixth at the ODAC Championships, received proper recognition by earning spots on the All-ODAC Tournament team.

In addition, Campbell was named to the All-ODAC team, announced on Wednesday afternoon. He leads the Generals in stroke average this year, at 75.6 strokes over 18 rounds of play.

"It's a great honor to be voted to the all-conference team by the other coaches. It was a tough tournament - windy conditions made it hard, and Guilford was a little too much to over-

come," Campbell said.

Guilford swept the major postseason awards, as Savio Nazareth garnered ODAC Player of the Year honors and his coach, Jack Jensen, earned Coach of the Year recognition.

Campbell earned his second consecutive selection to the All-ODAC Tournament team. He earned a spot last season after posting a third-place finish at last year's ODAC Championships. It was the junior's first selection to the All-ODAC team.

Not basking in the limelight, Campbell offered praise to the younger players who performed well this season - Spaht and Johnson.

"Carlos is looking great - he's a very good player; he's got a solid swing and a good overall game. To

do what he did as a freshman is very good," he said. "Ged also did very well - he just missed making the All-ODAC Tournament team."

The Generals finished their season when they travelled to Middletown, Delaware for the Scotty Duncan Invitational on Saturday and Sunday.

W&L finished third out of 12 teams after shooting a two day score of 603 (302-301).

The Generals finished 16 strokes behind the team champion Navy and 10 strokes behind Lehigh.

Campbell paced the way for the Generals by shooting a 147 (74-73) and seizing ninth place.

Johnson finished one stroke behind Campbell, good enough to take 11th place.

Generals fall to Hollins, but look toward national competition

BY DAVID CROWELL
SPORTS EDITOR



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BACKHAND: Marie Trimble unleashes a shot in her semifinal.

The Hollins University women's tennis team sent a shockwave through Old Dominion Athletic Conference play by winning three singles brackets and all three doubles flights en route to claiming the league crown.

Hollins finished with 60 points, just outlasting Washington and Lee University. The Generals totaled 53 points.

Roanoke sophomore Ashley Fleming earned ODAC Player of the Year recognition after she won the No. 1 singles flight, defeating freshman Marie Trimble 7-5, 3-6, 7-6(5).

Washington and Lee University placed a competitor in all but one

flight, but faced defeat in six finals matches.

At No. 2 singles, sophomore Ellie Simpson was defeated 7-6 (2), 6-2 in the finals by Hollins sophomore Anne Stephenson.

Freshman Lora Farris led the Generals by winning the No. 4 singles flight, defeating Sweet Briar's Brooke Sagalowsky 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in a thrilling match.

"I was very proud of how Lora played," coach Cinda Rankin said. "She was down 5-1 in the tiebreaker set and came back to tie it."

"She picked up her game immensely, especially in her service game, and played with great composure."

Sophomore Emily Taylor faced de-

feat at No. 5 singles, losing 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 to Hollins sophomore Kendra Perry.

Washington and Lee freshman Kristin Crawford grabbed the final title for the Generals on Sunday afternoon, winning the No. 6 singles crown over Bridgewater's Anne Yust 6-3, 6-3.

In the doubles flights, W&L were present in each of the final matches.

At No. 1 doubles, Trimble and Simpson fell to the team from Hollins by a score of 6-4, 7-5.

Taylor and Farris fell at No. 2 doubles, while Crawford and freshman Meredith Bailey dropped the championship at No. 3 doubles.

"Those six got tremendous experi-

ence this past weekend," Rankin said. "They all really played their hearts out."

From a team standpoint, the ODAC Championships have no effect on national rankings. The Generals stand to still gain a top berth in the South Regional.

On April 20, W&L faced a key competitor in the South Regional, the Tigers of Sewanee. The Generals came out with a 9-0 victory.

"Rhodes College is a school that we will have to get by to get to nationals and Sewanee allowed us to see where we stand against Rhodes," Rankin added. "We also beat Trinity, a team Rhodes defeated, so I believe we're in a good position."

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