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what's inside**Dazed at the Derby**

After Kappa's dramatic victory in Derby Days, check out the Phi's full coverage of the entire week. Check out pictures and the final standings.

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Extra innings on tap

The baseball team has wrapped up their regular season and is headed for the ODAC tournament as the number six seed. Details from the regular season's final weekend and a look at the upcoming tournament are inside.

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goingson**Sitting with Jeb**

Students from Florida State University, Florida A&M University and Tallahassee Community College wrapped up a 33 hour sit-in at Governor Jeb Bush's office to protest the death of 14-year-old Martin Lee Anderson. Anderson died after being beaten by security guards at the juvenile boot camp he had been sent to. Last Friday Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson joined Anderson's parents and the student protesters in a march at the capital. Anderson's parents and the protesters are calling for action; 105 days have now elapsed since their son died. Gov. Bush ordered a second autopsy performed on Anderson's body; the original one said the 14-year-old died of a sickle cell trait. Preliminary results from the second autopsy appear to indicate Anderson did not die of natural causes. No arrests have been made in the case.

Cops feeling foxy

This weekend's Foxfield Races will be patrolled by over 200 officers from various Virginia police agencies. Plainclothes and uniformed cops from the Virginia ABC department, the Albemarle Police Department and Virginia State Police will be patrolling the event site and taking a no tolerance policy. The departments will be monitoring race visitors when they arrive, checking for signs of intoxication or indications of underage drinking. Anyone found to be in violation of Virginia alcohol laws will not be allowed into the race area.

I-81 expansion

Debate continues over the proposed expansion of I-81. Officials from the Virginia Department of Transportation have been hosting public meetings up and down the I-81 corridor, which includes Lexington. Some proposals involve creating "truck only" lanes, while others would make the highway a toll road for cars and trucks. The collected tolls would help pay for the cost of the interstate's repair and expansion. Opponents of the expansion say it will destroy the Shenandoah Valley's beauty and dramatically increase air pollution. One other proposal calls for the expansion of the area's rail corridor to reduce the amount of truck traffic on I-81.

hotticket

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 26-27, students can donate a portion of their meal plan cost to the Campus Kitchens by paying for a meal in the Marketplace and then only eating bread and soup broth. Reservations are due no later than Tuesday.

Protests rock UVa

University police arrest seventeen students at living wage sit-in

Though University of Virginia President John

Casteen says he cannot fully change some staff wages, students, faculty and staff continue to protest outside the school's Madison Hall, saying workers should make \$10.72 per hour.

By Jacob Geiger

NEWS EDITOR

The arrest of seventeen University of Virginia students on April 15 has brought intense controversy and debate to the school's normally apolitical grounds. Students arguing that the university should pay higher wages to entry-level staff staged a four day sit-in at the school's administration building Madison Hall.

The sit-in began on Wednesday, April 12 and ended Saturday evening when the students were arrested by university police officers. One faculty member was also arrested for trespassing when she tried to enter Madison Hall early in the standoff. Each student faces trespassing charges and, if found guilty, could be fined \$2,500 dollars or sentenced to a year in jail.

The Washington Post, Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Daily Progress and other Virginia newspapers have covered the protests and debates extensively, and local television stations have also been spending time on the grounds of UVa.

Todd Rosenbaum, a spokesman for the UVa Living Wage Campaign, said the arrests will not stop continuing student protests.

"We're looking to keep public pressure on John Casteen. This movement started with 15 people and has grown to over 500 hundred. We're looking to engage in other forms of direct action and will have more protests."

The UVa students argue that the university's lowest paid employees need a salary of \$10.72 per hour plus benefits to live in Charlottesville, where the school

has been located since it was founded by Thomas Jefferson. The university currently pays its lowest salaried employees \$9.37 per hour and says that other benefits, including health care, raise the hourly wage to \$12.66.

One of the students' chief complaints is that the university employs a large number of contract workers. Companies that work with the university, including food service provider Aramark, are not required to pay the \$9.37 minimum wage.

In March the university asked the Attorney General's office if the school could force contractors to pay certain wages. The Attorney General replied that the school did not have the legal authority to impose a minimum wage on their contractors.

Carol Wood, Assistant Vice President for University Relations and the school's spokeswoman on the issue, said the school is constrained in its choice of contractors by the state's Procurement Act.

"As a public institution ... we're required, in most cases, to take the lowest bid," she said.

Rosenbaum disputed the school's assertion that they cannot affect the contractors' wages. "The Attorney General's opinion is just that - an opinion. There's no legal precedent, and Alexandria and Arlington have living wage ordinances. We don't think the Attorney General will challenge them."

The city of Charlottesville has a minimum hourly wage of \$9.36. George Mason University, located in Fairfax, Virginia, has a minimum wage of \$10.40. That

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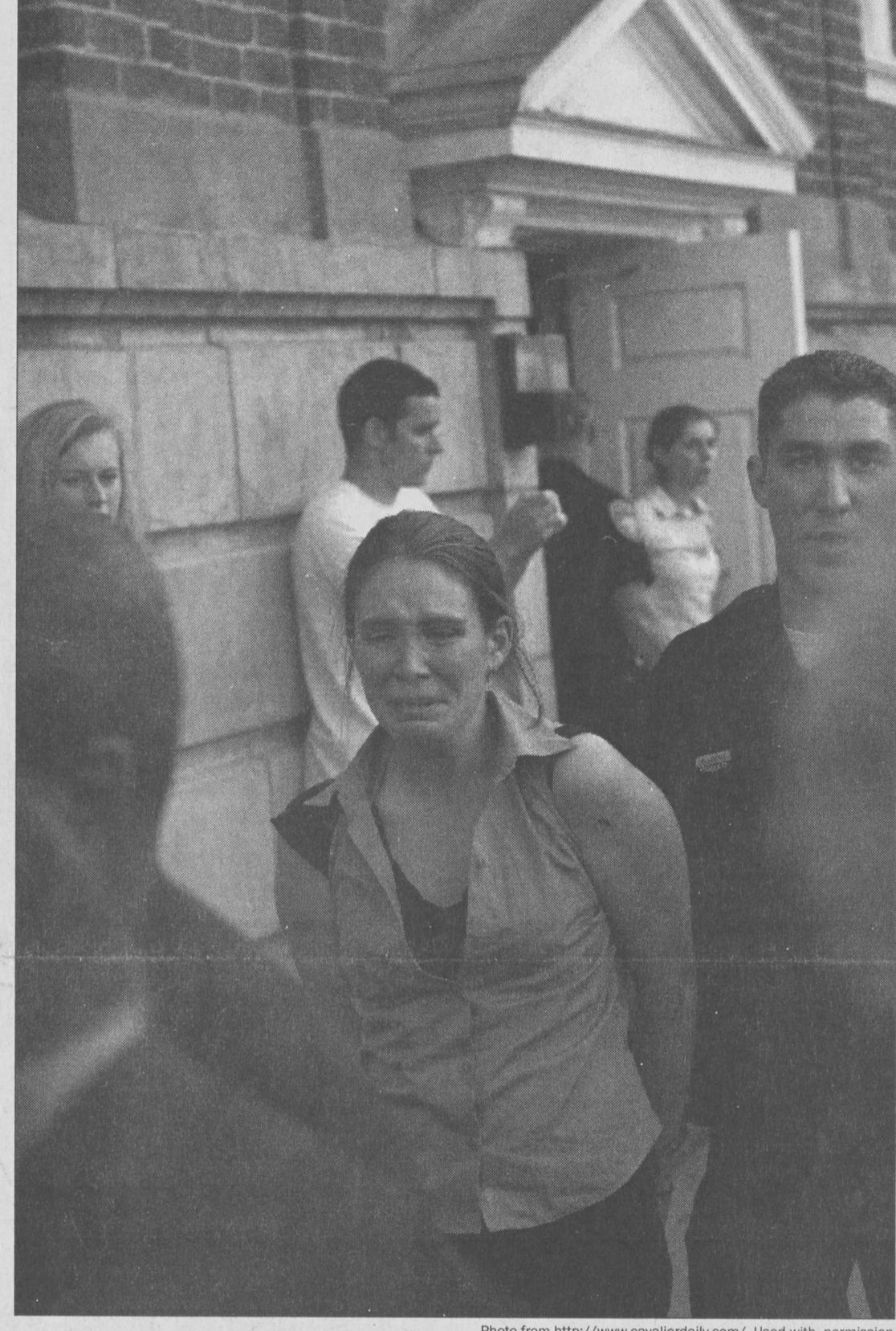


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Student protesters are led out of Madison Hall in handcuffs on Saturday, April 15 after being arrested and charged with trespassing. The students staged a four day sit-in to protest the wages UVa pays its entry-level staff.

Students examine gender relations

Gender Relations Committee plans special barbecue and future upperclassmen luncheon

By Stacey Grijalva

STAFF WRITER

A common complaint of upperclassmen is that men and women do not interact as much as they did freshmen year.

One student group, the Gender Relations Committee (GRC) has decided to tackle the issue head on.

"The GRC wants to give students more opportunities to hang out together on campus, broadening their selection of activities," said Kristen Powell, assistant director of student activities.

On Tuesday, the GRC will have a campus-wide volleyball game along with a barbecue on the Canaan Green. People can either sign up to play or jump in during a game.

Then in May, the fraternities and sororities will have a chance to eat lunch together in Evans Dining Hall.

On that day, the Greek houses will not offer lunch for the day. Instead upperclassmen can eat in Evans, recreating the fresh-

men experience of guys and gals eating and interacting in d-hall.

"It's something different," said Powell. "It's a chance to eat with different folk."

FIJI President Andrew Rothey, who has been working closely with the committee on the luncheon, agreed that it was a great opportunity.

"Everyone can take advantage of it to eat as men and women," said Rothey. "You can also eat with other fraternities or people that you don't see anymore."

In the past, students repeatedly brought up the idea of forming

an occasion for men and women to eat together instead of separating at lunchtime to eat at their respective houses.

The idea came up at the Day of Dialogue in both 2005 and 2006 and at the most recent Greek Summit.

"[For upperclassmen] it's not the same as when you were a freshman and just had to go up or down a floor to see the opposite gender," said Matthew Loar, the incoming chair of GRC.

If this trial run of the luncheon goes well and students support the event, then co-ed lunches may become a monthly

opportunity next year.

The luncheon will be open to all upperclassmen. For independents, the meal can swiped.

One past function of the GRC is Date Night.

At the most recent Date Night, held in November, students swiped home vouchers for restaurants around town.

"Date Night was our most popular event," said Loar. "Obviously people like the idea of a date. There's something romantic about it."

In fact, Powell said that one student told her that it was his "first real date."

That's great news for the GRC, whose primary mission is to improve gender relations on campus.

"Normal gender relations are a way to get to know each other and talk when not intoxicated," said Jan Kaufman, Director of Health Promotions.

"It can be a meal, a walk together or going to the movies. How well can you know somebody when you're drunk?"

As part of its mission, the GRC also focuses on sexual assault on campus. A current project is a comprehensive booklet on sexual misconduct, including what to do if it happens to

you, what to do if it happens to a friend, information about consent and statistics.

It will be given to incoming freshmen but should be available to other students at matriculation.

"Sexual assault is a big issue," said Loar. "It shouldn't happen as much as it does. The hooking up culture fosters a lot of the problems that lead to sexual assault."

By providing opportunities to interact without alcohol, GRC hopes to reduce the high number of sexual assaults at Washington and Lee.

The results from a recent student health survey will tell the GRC how great an impact they have had.

No matter the results, the GRC will keep working to help W&L students.

Jennifer Sayre, co-adviser of GRC and school counselor, is hopeful about the changes the committee will bring to campus, mostly because the organization is student-run.

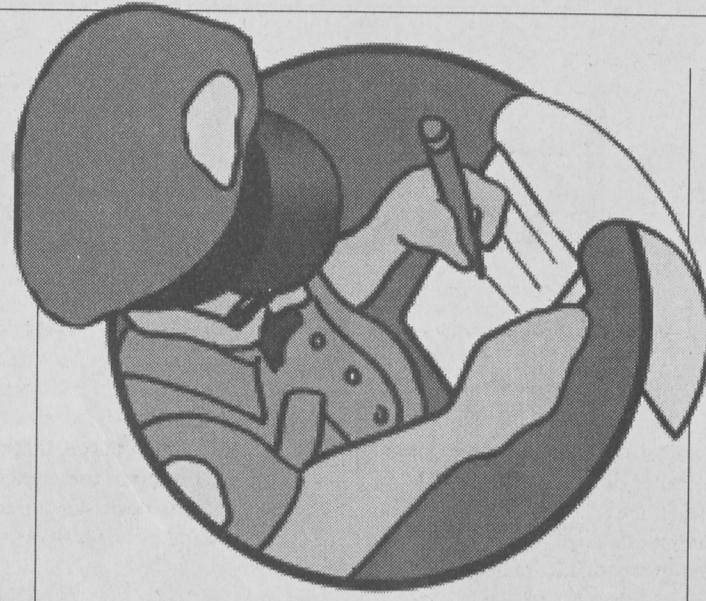
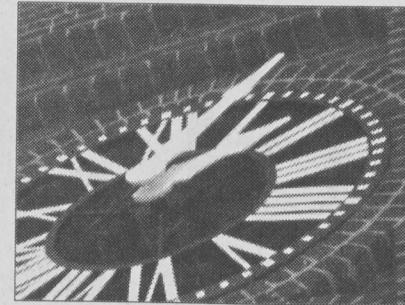
"It has been my experience that most important changes at W&L are student driven," said Sayre.

"When students become involved and concerned, great progress is made," she said.

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JAN KAUFMAN, Director of Health Promotions

news



BEHIND BARS

Here's the latest update on who ran afoul of the law during the last few weeks. We took a peek at this week's police reports to see what you've been up to...

DUIs on the rise?

Wesley Whagner was arrested and charged with a DUI Sunday, March 26. Whagner, who lives near the Natural Bridge area, was stopped for driving 42 mph in a 25 mph zone.

Mind the signs

Mark Cruciani, a resident of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, was arrested on Friday, March 24. Cruciani was arrested around 11:30pm outside of Malone's restaurant. He was charged with public drunkenness and damage of property less than \$1000. The responding officer arrived at the Palms, where a person reported that Cruciani was damaging property at Malone's. After exiting the restaurant, Cruciani reportedly ripped a banner off the side of the building and began tearing it up. He then kicked in a window on the wall of the Malone's building.

Double trouble

The residents of 106 Taylor Street continue to have problems with the police. In December one person

was charged with a DIP and another was charged with a DUI on the same night. This time Emmanuel Harris was charged with a DIP. The arrest was made around 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1.

Not just a young person's pastime

Goshen resident Paul Rutherford was also arrested and charged with a DIP on April 1. Rutherford, age 75, was arrested around 7:20 p.m.

Always get the proper license

Lexington resident Martin Nicholas was charged with attempting to obtain money by false pretense, a felony charge. According to Lexington Police Chief Bruce Beard, the arrest was made on Wednesday, April 5 around 8 p.m. Nicholas was also charged with attempting to practice bail bonding without a license. That charge is a misdemeanor. The offenses were committed in Rockbridge County, not Lexington, but Lexington officers served the warrants.

Drunk walkers beware

26-year-old Jonathan Strumb was arrested around 9 p.m. on Friday, April 7. He was charged with public drunkenness.

Unfriendly fisticuffs

Linda Lasley and Katrina Zirkle have charged each other with simple assault. Police Chief Bruce Beard said the two had filed what is called cross warrants against each other. Essentially each woman claimed that the other woman assaulted her. The incident was reported around noon on Saturday, April 8. Lasley is a Lexington resident, and Zirkle listed her address as Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The one way sign strikes again

Thomas Clarke, age 25, was arrested on DUI charges on Saturday, April 8. The arrest occurred around 9 p.m. Beard said Clarke was arrested on Jackson Avenue. He was stopped because he was traveling the wrong way on a one way street. He was

issued a ticket for that as well as for failing to obey a "Do Not Enter" sign.

Driving recklessly won't help you hide

Richard Clark was arrested and charged with driving under the influence on April 8. The time of arrest was listed as 11:22 p.m., and Clark was also charged with reckless driving. Furthermore, he was ticketed for failing to have registration.

Back to back

Fairfield, Virginia resident Edgar Bryant was arrested two days in a row and charged with public drunkenness. The first DIP arrest came on the morning of Sunday, April 9, and the second arrest came Monday night. Beard reported that both arrests came in a parking lot garage. During the Sunday arrest, Officers Stewart and Coffey reported that Bryant showed signs of public intoxication, and on Monday, Officer Fitzgerald said Bryant showed indications of intoxication, including slurred speech and bloodshot eyes.

Protests continue at UVa despite student arrests

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school's wage reflects the high cost of living in the Washington, D.C. area. Virginia Military Institute and University of Virginia at Wise, in contrast, have a minimum hourly wage of only \$6.83.

Wood said reports that the students were going hungry were overblown.

"President Casteen asked them if they needed food and at least one said they were fine. They later voted to accept some food and we delivered it to them."

Once the sit-in began, UVa police officers limited access to Madison Hall. "We limited the people coming in," Wood said, "because with seventeen people in the lobby it made daily operation difficult."

Casteen eventually ordered the students to be arrested because of the disruptions the sit-in was causing for university employees.

"I'd say if we combined police and staff maybe 60-80 people were working," Wood said, "but that's around the clock. Not all of those people were there at one time."

Wende Marshall, an assistant professor of Anthropology, was arrested on Wednesday, April 12 when she tried to get inside Madison Hall. Wood referred questions about Marshall's arrest to the university police, saying that the arrest was "really a police matter."

University professors have been largely supportive of the student demonstrators, holding teach-ins and speaking at the daily rallies. On Wednesday, April 19, 223 UVa faculty members issued a press release urging Casteen to approve the proposed wage increases.

"Luckily professors and faculty have been tremendous and very supportive. The students inside [Madison Hall] haven't faced any academic punishments and sanctions. Thankfully the movement is big enough for other people to cover for you when you need to go get things done," Rosenbaum said.

Mo Nichols, a recycling technician at UVa, provided an insider's perspective on the issue. When asked if she thought UVa would meet the protesters' demands, she

offered an interesting answer.

"I don't like to think of them as bending so much as I think of them as standing up and saying everyone who works at UVa – contract or regular workers – deserves to make a fair wage."

Nichols said that very few of her colleagues are getting involved with the issue.

"What I've noticed is that very few [employees] are engaged. There's a real culture of fear among employees. People in poverty don't know the power they have," she said.

Washington and Lee's acting-president, Harlan Beckley, is well aware of living wage and poverty issues.

Beckley helped found the

W&L's Shepherd Poverty Program. Beckley said the school pays a minimum hourly wage of \$9.00.

"The difference [between UVa and W&L] is that [UVa is] contracting out some jobs. We don't have very much of that," Beckley said. "By design this is a community staff."

"I don't know how productive communications are if they exist," Nichols said. "Things move very slowly and people don't have a lot of faith in getting action."

Beckley said he could not imagine ever having to arrest students camped out in Washington Hall. "I wouldn't say never, but I can't imagine it," he said.

While UVa does offer some

courses on poverty, acting-President Beckley said that the Shepherd Poverty Program has improved understanding of poverty issues at W&L.

"I'd like to think that because of the poverty courses students and faculty have become more conscious of the issue," he said.

"Does that mean our compensation is adequate and we don't need to do anything more? No."

Charles Shackelford, a first year student at UVa, said that students are conscious of the issue but not all are involved.

"We had our school elections last month," Shackelford said, "and about 80 percent voted to have the school use a living wage or take the issue to the General

Assembly. People agree with the proposal but don't realize somebody has to pay for it."

"People like to avoid poor people," Mo Nichols said. "They don't realize how bad it is and how many full-time employees at UVa have two or three jobs and are part of the working poor."

As all parties involved in the debate look ahead, serious disputes remain between the different parties.

On Thursday, April 20, Casteen issued a letter to the community regarding competitive compensation. Casteen met, without success, with the sit-in protesters on several occasions. A student forum on poverty will occur on Tuesday, April 15.

"If [the activists] are interested, the president is very open continuing dialogue. He's been clear about that," Wood, the university spokeswoman, said. "We'd like to move from an adversarial role to joint advocacy."

Wood and Rosenbaum both commented on why this issue has captured the attention of an often apolitical campus.

"This issue puts a human face on the issue. It makes it very personal," Wood said.

"This takes people from both sides," Rosenbaum said. "It's not a liberal versus conservative issue – it's more a moral issue. People feel genuinely about this as a human rights and human dignity issue."

Saturday April 15:

1:00 A.M. – President Casteen meets with the students. They discuss a proposal he had submitted to them shortly before midnight. At this meeting he asks if they would like food to be brought in. Some of the food that had been left outside the building is brought inside at 3:00 a.m.

3:00 P.M. – Casteen meets with the students in Madison Hall for the third and final time. He asks for their response to his earlier proposals and reviews their counter proposal. The students decide that Casteen's proposal does not merit a response.

7:00 P.M. – University administrators say the students will be arrested if they fail to leave Madison Hall. When the students refuse to leave, university police officers arrest all seventeen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14: Rallies

are again held at 1:00 and 4:45 p.m. Access to Madison Hall is formally restricted to only those people who have appointments with administrators working in the building. Students outside of Madison Hall are blocked from passing food and books to the seventeen protesters inside.

Living Wage Debate: Timeline of events on UVa campus

MONDAY, OCT.

31 – FRIDAY,
NOV. 4: Living Wage Week at UVa draws coverage from the school's independent student paper, The Cavalier Daily.

WEDNESDAY,

FEB. 22: Over 100 people gather at the UVa Rotunda to campaign for a living wage of \$10.72 per hour.

SATURDAY,

APRIL 8: Students protest outside a Board of Visitors meeting in the Rotunda, protesting the university's current wages and campaigning for a wage increase.

THURSDAY,

APRIL 13: Rallies are held at 1:00 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. in support of the students sitting in the Madison Hall lobby.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

DEC. 1 – 2: Opinion articles in The Cavalier Daily call on the university to consider raising staff wages.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7:

Living Wage Campaign students celebrate an announcement by President Casteen that minimum hourly wages at UVa will increase from \$8.88 to \$9.37.

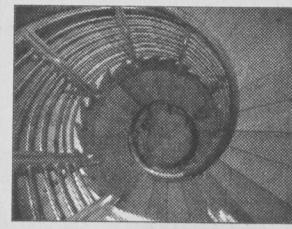
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12:

9:30 A.M. – Seventeen students enter Madison Hall and begin a sit-in to campaign for the \$10.72 hourly wage. They arrive, dressed in professional attire, with computers, textbooks, sleeping bags and food.
5:30 P.M. – Police seal the off Madison Hall and allow students to stay the night. Anthropology professor Wende Marshall is later arrested on trespassing charges when she enters the building.

11:00 P.M. – Casteen meets with the students inside Madison Hall and delivers the Attorney General's opinion regarding contract workers.

MELISSA CARON / Design Director

opinions



to the editor

Parent questions double standard

To the Editor:

I have attempted to "join the conversation" on the strategic plan and provide some feedback in an effort to help point out what I believe is a policy that is detrimental to the University.

I received no response. After three weeks, a follow-up email and telephone call, I was brushed off and advised that since I disagreed with University policy that I need not join the conversation. The Provost's response, or lack of one, to my e-mails speaks volumes.

To the Provost:

I emailed the Admissions Department about this issue and I was advised by Jonathan Webster, Associate Dean of Admissions, that "W&L's Board of Trustees sets the institution's admission policies and has affirmed the value of ethnic diversity on campus and its consideration in our (the) admission decision-making."

Sarah Kientz' article, Minority Report, in the Ring-tum Phi, published on Parents' Weekend, reported that at Washington and Lee "many believe that minority

students are favored in the admissions process." However, Admissions Counselor Charlie Boisky admitted that the Admissions Department gives many incentives, including financial, to minority students to expose them to the campus and to get them to apply; however, everyone is on equal ground when it comes to applying to W&L. He further added that no students are accepted based on ethnicity and that "minority students are every bit as qualified as everyone else." Erin Hutchinson, Assistant Director of Admissions and Coordinator of Minority Recruitment, said that minority status often comes into play when the department is "separating equals." I strongly suspected that the quoted Admission's Officers were spinning their responses and not being forthright in regards to black and Hispanic applicants.

Also, during Parents' Weekend, Harlan Beckley gave the President's Report to Parents, in the Lee Chapel, with a large focus on diversity. Afterwards, in a question and answer session, he responded to a parent's question

about that same article, Minority Report, in a rather unsatisfactory manner. The questioner asked if minorities are given preference in the application for admissions process. In fairness, President Beckley acknowledged that he had not read the article, but he went on without answering the question to express repeatedly how important he believed racial diversity is to the University without substantiating the benefits or expressing what costs there might be to increasing racial diversity. After this event concluded, I overheard more than just a few other parents in discreet and polite conversations discussing this issue.

Jonathan Webster and I had a brief discussion at Glenelg Country School about that article. He acknowledged that numerous types of incentives, including financial, are offered only to minority students in an effort to have them gain interest in the University and apply. He went even further by analogizing the preferences the Admissions Department offers minority students

in admission by expressing, "It's no different from how we treat athletes or legacies." Those were his words, not mine. So that there was no misunderstanding he further explained "that it is the only way we can get them in."

In the Strategic Plan, the Admissions Task Force lists one of their charges as follows: increase American racial and ethnic diversity on campus to a level approximating the mean among rural, national liberal arts colleges. What discernable difference is there between this goal and a quota?

I emailed Dean Hartog requesting standardized test score data for the entering freshman class for the past ten years, broken out by ethnicity. Unfortunately, Dean Hartog very courteously declined to honor my request. A different member of the Administration, who shall remain anonymous informed me, in writing, that the information I requested is regularly tabulated and readily available. So what is any reasonable person to conclude? If the Admissions Department is unwilling to release this information it is because they

have something to hide and are not being forthright. If there is nothing to hide, you put it on the Institutional Research site.

So what do I make of this? The Consortium on Financing Higher Education (COFHE) compiled and shared SAT scores, and other statistics, on entering classes at 26 of the nation's top colleges and universities with those member schools. The difference between black and white scores was less than 100 points at only one school, Harvard. It exceeded 200 points at nine schools. So,

to think that at W&L, which has increased black enrollment more than 100 percent in the last decade, is only using race as a way of "separating equals" is so statistically improbable, bordering on impossible, that it can't help but stir up suspicion and resentment. Do I have a problem with minorities attending W&L? No. Uniquely, if a student of any race is the best academically qualified and merits a position I salute him. But, I do have a problem with helping one group of people by hurting another group. What I

do believe with every fiber of my body is that skin color should not be a factor, one way or the other. I appreciated Jonathan Webster's candor. And I respect his sincerity, though I do not agree, that an admission's policy of preferences for minorities is necessary to enrich the educational experience of all.

I received the Feb. 27 copy of the Ring-tum Phi, which contained the article Urban Development. It describes the Posse Foundation Program. How is it that the youthful, inexperienced founder of the Posse, Deborah Bial, has miraculously developed an alternative way to judge a student's capabilities? I ask that you revisit these policies. The Posse program should be summarily rejected. Please know that I have sophomore in high school that will be making her college decision in the not too distant future. I would love for her to attend W&L; however, your consideration of this matter will rightfully be a consideration for her.

A Concerned Parent

Alumnus not celebrating

To the Editor:

I was very unhappy to receive an email promoting the "Celebrating Women at W&L" event. At first glance, I truly thought it was a joke. With topics such as "Be Comfortable in your GENES" and "Honor and Feminist Ethics," I was sure that W&L could not have become just another university, catering to those who worship at the altar of political correctness.

This event purports to celebrate coeducation at W&L, but by its very existence further divides the sexes. Celebrating half of the student body is as offensive and discriminatory as having a "Men's Day," or "Celebrating White People at W&L" day. Why not

celebrate the accomplishments of men at W&L? Certainly, men have done SOMETHING worthy of celebration in the first 90 percent of W&L's history? Why is there a "women.wlu.edu" and no "men.wlu.edu?" Isn't that a huge double standard? Why not celebrate the admission of African Americans? Or homosexuals? Or Jews? Haven't these groups also added to the W&L experience?

Without question, the admittance to women was one of the most significant improvements to Washington and Lee over the course of its 250-plus year history. As a member of the Class of 1989, I saw the transition first hand. The women who enrolled were not trail-blazing feminists

with an agenda to "right a wrong" at W&L. They didn't enroll to end 200 years of oppression. They enrolled to be a part of the tradition, not to end it. They were well-rounded, intelligent women who were there for the conservative, honorable, highly respected education. The very reason they came to W&L was to become a part of the community, not to create a separate group at the University. They didn't get upset when Professor Futch made them wear ties to class. It didn't bother them when the campus watering hole was called the "Cockpit." They were not there to be a separate class but to be a part of the University.

Clearly, the addition of women

has greatly enhanced the university in many ways. Some of my best life-long friends are women from the first class. It is extremely upsetting and disappointing to see how PC W&L has become in 20 short years. The unfortunate thing is that this shift in attitude is permanent, as there are a great number of alums being alienated by these positions. I received an email from a fraternity brother of mine last week. It was short, but prophetic. "Our W&L is dead, never to return." I hope that is not the case, but I fear that W&L is becoming just another PC liberal arts university. Resist the urge to follow the flock.

Chris Wood
Class of 1989

staffeditorial

It's protest season

Ah, spring.

The time of year filled with sunshine and flowers brings with it something worse than allergies: Protest season.

It seems to be a nation-wide phenomenon.

Suddenly, as students emerge from the confines of their cinder-block living structures and realize that there is, in fact, a world outside of exams, they realize injustice around them.

Locally, the protests at the University of Virginia sprang up after students had been fairly stagnant on the issue all winter.

But that is not the only place students have taken up a cause.

In Florida, students from three colleges held a sit-in in the state capitol, demanding investigation into the death of a 14-year-old boy at a boot camp.

In Washington, several groups are meeting, including some from Washington and Lee.

There are Earth Day protests, and vigils against oppression, and marches against genocide all month.

Could be that this is coincidentally a very politically-charged time in our lives.

Or, the weather is nice and it beats going to class.

The Phi is certainly never against using your Constitutional rights to help institute change in your government.

By all means, get out there and shout—but only if you believe in the cause.

The students at UVa seemed

surprised that they were actually arrested for holding a sit-in.

They thought it was not fair that they were denied food and comfort.

For some reason, the glamorized image of protesting has led students to think it's easy.

Throw a fit, get what you want, right?

Not in the real world.

The students at UVa should have considered other routes before going off the deep end.

For example, could they, for a moment, sit down and reasonably consider the implications of their demands?

How would the school pay higher wages to its employees?

By raising the students' tuition, of course.

But because the students do not actually pay tuition, it becomes an imaginary number: largely confusing and easy to ignore.

Without fully understanding the implications of their actions, students will like the idea of making a difference and rush to make posters and camp out in public lobbies.

The school was probably wrong, but more just stupid, to arrest the 17 students camping out in their administrative buildings.

Because now they have an army of stir-crazy students just waiting to jump on the bandwagon of anything touting goodwill.

And during protest season, anything can happen.

This represents the majority opinion of the editorial board.

Rugby ad writer examines his choice of words

To the Editor:

I am writing this article in response to the attention that was brought to a campus notice written by myself several weeks ago titled, "THE RUGBY TEAM WANTS TO BE YOUR B*TCH! RUGBY AUCTION TODAY!" When asked by members of the team to write a campus notice publicizing our fundraiser for our trip to Argentina, I made a decision to use provocative language, obnoxious capitalization and anecdotal content in order to draw attention to the cause.

The Rugby Team has a standing tradition of using an "off-the-cuff" means of addressing the school in public advertisements or articles. After all, it is a Rugby Team, composed of a group of hardworking though stereotyped college aged men, most of whom do not take themselves too seriously. As a result, I felt that the campus notice was in keeping with the comic nature of the auction and the general disposition of the team.

Because of this, the subject of concern of this article is not the boisterous approach taken to the notice or the teams decision to auction off our time and labor, but my choice of the word "bitch."

When I first heard that the title had drawn some public attention, I was less than concerned. After all, my objective was to advertise our auction, and I quickly discovered that student and faculty awareness of our cause as well as sales were up significantly.

However, I was forced to rethink my unabashed resolve upon receiving a strongly worded e-mail from a faculty member for whom I have a great deal of respect. In the communication, the professor reemphasized to me that the title contained a degrading epithet for a woman to describe someone who obnoxiously performs service at someone else's whim. The professor explained how,

"In the most tired and trite way, [my notice] takes for

granted women's subservience and our worthlessness beyond our usefulness to others; in the most tired and trite way, it feminizes and vaguely sexualizes anyone who performs degrading work at others' behest."

My initial response to this criticism was one of defensive indignation. After all, one need look no further than the top rated shows on Comedy Central, the lyrics of popular urban music or even the Trident's own prestigious "Raging Intellectuals" article for verification of the word's foundational place in popular culture. Why then was I "unjustly" being singled out, among all these others, for such a mundane thing as a title to a campus notice? "I would not call myself a chauvinist," I thought to myself, "I am not even referring to women, but to myself and my own teammates!"

Yet, the more that I rationalized with myself and consulted other female students about the situation, the more I realized that perhaps this is the very problem. I began drawing parallels between the word and other equally derogatory epithets for other groups. Why then, I asked myself, is the word "bitch" so different? Does it not denote a similar inferiority or subservience? Was the indignation felt by myself and others who joked about the campus notice completely hollow and baseless? Yes, I think it was.

The entire situation has forced me to rethink not only certain preconceptions of appropriate and inappropriate behavior, but the level of consideration that I allot the vocabulary of my every day conversations. Perhaps this is a topic that we as a school and society need to consider more fully. By analyzing the offhand remarks or habitual slanders common in our daily speech, we might all find something worthy of change.

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arts&life



Chi Omega freshman form an intimidating offensive line during the sorority football tournament on Thursday

Down and Derby

Derby Days is for a good cause, but the competition can be brutal

By Bree Melton

STAFF WRITER

Hosted by Sigma Chi chapters across the nation, Derby Days is a week of events coordinated with the intention of reaching out to the community.

It seems of late, though, that the original aims of promoting brotherhood, the spirit of community service and a positive Greek image have fallen by the wayside for exclusive parties and inter-sorority rivalry.

The first week of spring term finds the five sororities on campus pitted against each other despite a yearlong campaign encouraging Panhellenic unity as they vie for the affections and approval of the brothers of Sigma Chi.

All in the name of good fun and fundraising for Campus Kitchens, sorority women began the week by participating in field day activities ranging from dizzy

bat to egg toss to tug of war.

The week continued with a cook-off, powder puff football and skits. In addition, the sorority women competed in a banner competition and penny race.

Each event was scored, and the sorority with the most points won Derby Days.

This year Kappa came out on top with Theta in a close second.

Though most people find it hard to believe that there is, in fact, a philanthropic motive behind the events of Derby Days.

There was an entrance fee for the cook-off.

Each sorority donated \$150 and all of the proceeds went to Campus Kitchens, "a groundbreaking initiative that brings colleges and universities together with student volunteers, on-campus dining services professionals, and community organizations to combat hunger in cities across the United States."

With such a visible and nationally recognized event, the fraternity has the opportunity to use Derby Days as a way to promote a positive image of Greek life and really give back to the community.

But somehow the true meaning of Derby Days is lost among the drive to put on great parties, chug beer and make fools of the sorority women, especially the new initiates.

Says one junior, "[Derby Days] is a fun relaxing way to start off spring term and a good way to spend time with your sisters."

Not all would agree with this statement. For most sorority women, it can be stressful coordinating an impressive skit, organizing a football team with little or no help from the assigned Sigma Chi coaches and painting a banner all in the first week of a new academic term.

One of the biggest problems the sororities face, especially with the administration moving to make spring term more academically rigorous, is encouraging attendance not only to participate in the different events, but also to provide support and spirit for their sisters.

Dean Watkins commented that she did not know much about Derby Days because, even though she was aware of it during her own college years, it was not nearly as

consuming on her campus as it is here at Washington and Lee.

She believes that this is a function of the predominance of the Greek system among the student population.

Unfortunately, this means that there is a significant group of students noticeably left out of the festivities.

While Derby Days is traditionally a good time remembered for afternoon bands, hilarious misadventures and sorority foolery, the true goal of Derby Days seems only secondary.

As it departs more and more from the charitable objective, the events of Derby Days fall dangerously close to exploiting the sorority women who participate in the competition.

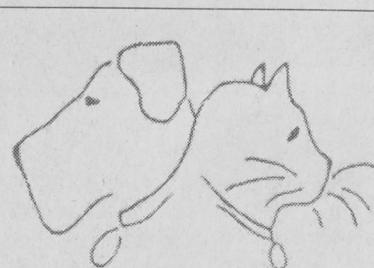
Spring term should be a time for enjoying friends and exploring new opportunities.

And Derby Days should serve as an example to the rest of the campus by setting philanthropic goals and creating awareness for important issues all the while encouraging relationships between Greek organizations.

If Sigma Chi focuses on encouraging friendly competition, Derby Days can still foster the sense of fun and relaxation with which spring term at W&L has become associated.

Final Standings of Derby Days

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| 1. Kappa | 2175 |
| 2. Theta | 1850 |
| 3. KD | 700 |
| 4. Chi-O | 675 |
| 5. Pi Phi | 400 |



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Remembering the Holocaust

Hillel sponsors numerous events to commemorate the victims and keep us from forgetting the Holocaust

By Abri Nelson
STAFF WRITER

speech featuring George Salton, a Holocaust survivor.

"It is our hope that such a tragedy never happens again anywhere, to any people," said Hillel faculty sponsor Joan Robins. Robins added that the activities of the week are meant to be for all students and that anyone is welcome at any event.

Salton, the author of the well-known Holocaust memoir *The 23rd Psalm*, is a friend of Dargahi's family and is flying to Lexington from Florida for the talk, which will be followed by a book signing.

"There is no better way to learn about the Holocaust than to hear the first hand story of survival," said Dargahi. "People become more passionate about something if they know or have met someone personally affected by it."

The candlelight vigil in front of Lee Chapel is the newest addition to the program and will be led by Burr Datz, W&L's Coordinator of Religious Life.

According to Dargahi, it is meant to be a way for students to speak out against oppression in any form, be it racial, sexual, religious or anything else. The event is co-sponsored by the W&L Multifaith Council.

"I feel that everyone on campus should be affected in some way by the week," said Dargahi. "The more we work to educate people and learn about past atrocities that have been spawned from hatred, the less likely things like the Holocaust will happen."

Holocaust Remembrance Week (April 24 - April 28)

• Tuesday, 4/25, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Commons Theater:

Talk by George Salton,

Holocaust Survivor. A book

signing will follow the talk.

• Tuesday, 4/25, 11 a.m.

- 1 p.m., Commons Atrium:

Sign a scroll for someone

who died in the Holocaust,

receive a photo of the

victim and a remembrance

paper clip.

• Thursday, 4/27, 4 p.m.,

In front of Lee Chapel: Vigil

Against Oppression - Take

a stand against oppression

(Darfur, Holocaust, Bosnia,

Kashmir, etc.) This public

witness supporting victims

and justice will feature

poetry, reading, silence,

candles and music. Led by

Burr Datz, Coordinator of

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inside Lee Chapel.

• Friday, 4/28, 5 p.m., Com-

mons, Room 345: Special

Yom Ha-Shoah service.

Rabbi Kogan from Roanoke

will lead. The service will

include readings by stu-

dents, remarks by the rabbi,

candle lighting, music, and

the Kaddish (prayer for the

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Debauchery in denial

Is Derby Days a shameless exhibition or the best part of Spring Term?

SHE SAID

Another spring term, another set of Derby Days which brings us another round of penny collecting, t-shirt buying, and powder-puff football.

We find ourselves donning our newly purchased spring term clothing and heading out to Pole 3 or the Dojo and even out to Jacob's Ladder.

There we find ourselves crowded into these houses and forced to bump back and forth between people on our way to the bathroom. Ahhhh... I love spring term.

Why do we do it? Why do freshmen girls fight to the death to win this competition?

Is it just to hook up with the fabulous men of the Sigma Chi house? Understandable.

Are you tapping into your charitable side for that wonderful new organization on campus known as Campus Kitchen Program? You're a better person than me.

Or do you just want to win? Yeah you do.

The glory and you're srat pledge class picture in the paper is enough to make any girl yell "insert sorority here" what?" Some of these girls seem willing to do anything to win.

Desperately they collect coins from the corners of couches at random party houses and frat basements.

Even their domestic side comes out as they call up mom and ask her how to marinade the steaks they plan on serving on the frat lawn.

All of this competition in the name of tradition. Welcome to Dubyahnell.

I personally am a fan of Derby Days. Why is it that when girls play football behind the pole houses it's a "shameless exhibition of women" but when they do it for something else- like a school function, people consider it ok?

This week's Hot Topic was written by columnists Tim Livingston and Madeline Gent.

HE SAID

Let the girls play. They're having fun. CKP is making money. Sigma Chi is hosting another successful Derby Days.

It's spring term- most professors are lucky if students show up to their afternoon classes sober let alone at all.

It is meant to be enjoyed by all, and Derby Days is the best way to introduce freshmen to these wonderful six weeks.

I don't know why the administration thinks we'll want to spend our spring term anywhere else.

Well- unless we're going abroad with fellow Washington and Lee students. Then we're just taking our spring terms with us.

I know that those abroad wish that they could have taken Derby Days with them to their assorted locations, But alas, they cannot- making them jealous of all of us here.

Not to worry- those abroad just need to thank the creators of hillhumor.com for only taking one class so they can keep the site updated.

Derby Days is just one part of spring term, but it remains one of the best parts.

So thank the men of Sigma Chi for letting us partake in their tradition. Tradition is after all what makes Washington and Lee, Washington and Lee.

Maybe we're not speaking as much on the hill anymore, but we are chatting it up out at these functions such as Derby Days.

So just go and enjoy yourself this spring term. I know I will.

Last year I was forced to miss Derby Days due to athletic obligations, and after witnessing all of the festivities last week, I must say that I was extremely impressed.

Of course, it wasn't the sororities or their activities that left me in awe.

It was the power of Sigma Chi to convince girls to partake in the debauchery that was truly impressive.

Perhaps Derby Days is merely Sigma Chi's way of proving their frat superiority.

Most fraternities have mixers with sororities in order to get girls drunk and dance around, whereas the Sigma

Chi's employ the likes of Clayton Edwards to persuade girls to get inebriated and amuse the frat lords.

Derby Days is a contest reminiscent of something that would take place in a land where males contain power over their female counterparts.

Last time I checked, this metaphorical realm that Sigma Chi has created doesn't reflect our contemporary society.

This begs the query, what makes girls participate in these events for this obviously dominant fraternity?

Although my friend Madeline Gent suggested that Derby Days represents a means for the forlorn princesses of W&L to be swooped up by the classy, fratty, and sophisticated men of Sigma Chi, I feel there must be another answer.

First of all, those who argue that girls partake in these silly fraternity games because the proceeds go to a good cause are definitely mistaken.

I believe I've discovered the true reason why sorority women, who are used to being venerated and pampered by fraternity men, agree to take part in Derby Days.

The reason does not reside in the awesome men of Sigma Chi (even though guys like Richard Simms might disprove this theory); on the other hand, the spring term festivities are a result of the female desire to always be the center of attention.

In reality, how would Derby Days be affected if there was no sorority involvement and the contests were ousted?

Nothing would change because for all those who aren't Sigma Chi's, Derby Days is not about the competitions.

The week's fun only relies on the fratastic parties.

In fact, I believe all who attended the DOJO on Thursday would agree that the only damper on the night was when the crowd was hushed to allow the sororities to present their skits.

Whoever seriously believed that a majority of the party desired to halt mingling and macking (if that's a real word) on hotties to watch a couple of sorority girls make fools of themselves was greatly removed from the general consensus.

Many contend that Derby Days is demeaning to women, and feel that is the primary reason for modifying the week's activities.

I maintain that sorority involvement in Sigma Chi's week of parties is superfluous and annoying.

Maybe I'm envious that girls dislocate shoulders and puke on themselves for a cooler fraternity, but I feel I speak for the whole non-Sigma Chi male community when I say this:

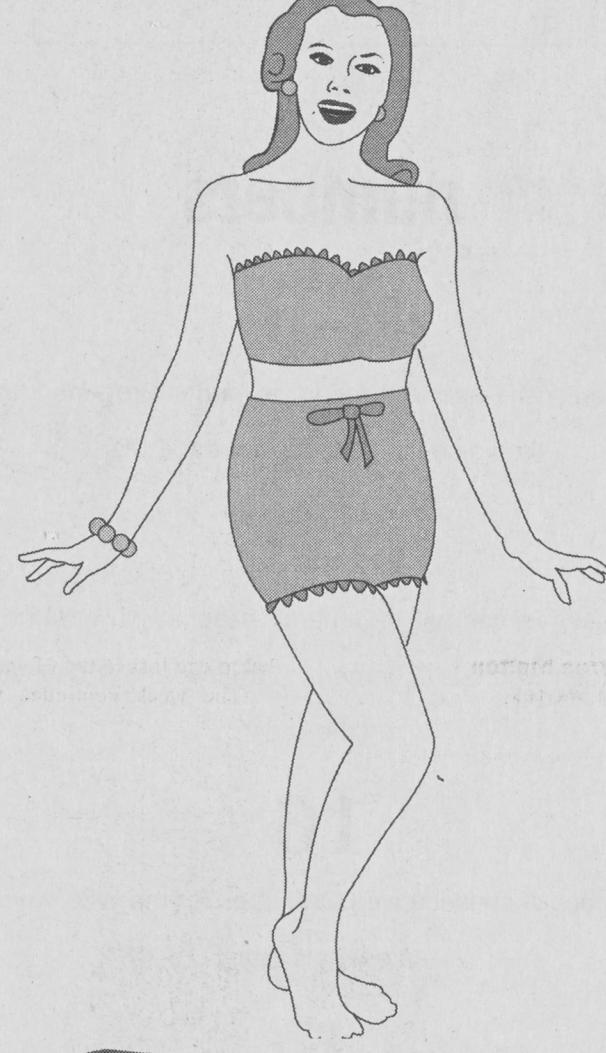
None of us care that Kappa Kappa Gamma won the grueling competition.

Until sororities sponsor a tournament in which I have an excuse to drink all day and play football, I refuse to support Derby Days unless sororities are totally taken out of the picture.

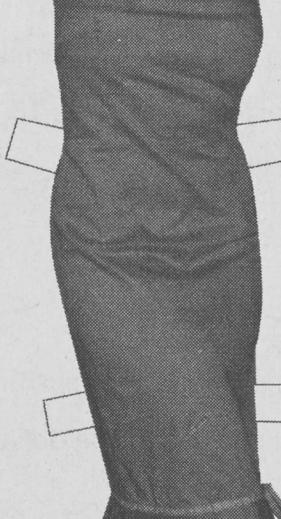


Foxfield fashion

While Foxfields may be advertised as a horse race, we all know that it is actually an opportunity to flaunt your spring finest. So bring out your bright colors and get ready to dazzle the crowds.



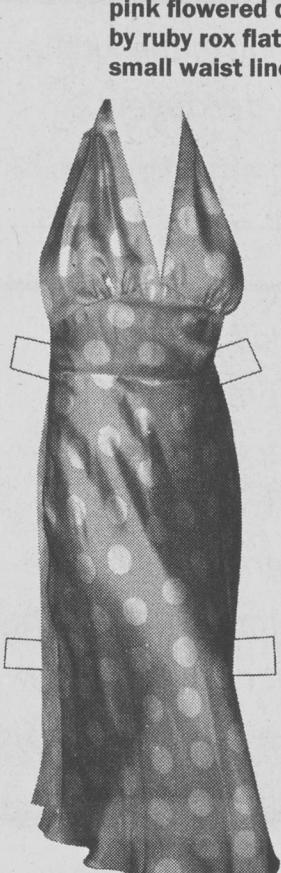
This silver-blue tube dress with pink trim by Ruth is perfect for showing off those toned shoulders you worked so hard for.



A big bow and a wide brim makes this hat by Betmar New York essential for protecting your nose from sunburn.



With classic lines and a full skirt, this bright pink flowered dress by Ruby Rox flatters a small waistline.



This light pink polka dot satin halter by Laundry is clingy in all the right places and makes your back your sexiest feature.

How to land your dream job

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching as seniors are for employment and underclassmen are looking for internships and summer jobs. A&L Editor Kathryn Krall gives you what you need to ace the interview.

WHAT TO SAY

Practice commonly asked questions. Ask a friend to play the part of the interviewer and go through the possible questions.

Some examples:

- What have you achieved that makes you proud?
- Why should we hire you rather than the other candidates?
- What is a weakness that could hinder your performance?

Be honest. W&L students are terrible liars, probably because we have been out of practice for so long, so don't even try.

In addition to honesty about accomplishments, be sincere about weaknesses as well. When the interviewer asks about your faults, do not give him or her the classic "I am just too perfect," but rather elaborate on a weakness that you will be able to de-

velop into a strength.

Research the company beforehand. This sharpens your ability to give answers that will enable that interviewer to imagine you working for the business. The more you understand both the activities and the overall business philosophy of the organization, the better prepared you will seem to fit in.

Make the interview a two-way conversation. This is as much about you getting to know the company as it is about them getting to know you. Look around. Can you see yourself working for this company? If the interviewer asks if you have any questions, use this time to determine whether you would fit in.

Use lots of examples. Instead of speaking in abstract terms, use concrete examples to describe your talents. Instead of "I work

well with others" say, "I worked as a member of a group to successfully complete a project." Tout yourself, but instead of using adjectives, use stories.

WHAT TO WEAR

Be conservative. Now is not the time to make a fashion statement. Go easy on the jewelry, and tone down the nail polish and make-up.

Dress accordingly. Try to fit your attire to the style of company, but dress a notch or two more formally.

Be modest. Make sure the hemlines are not too high or the necklines too low. Remember, you are selling your brains. Girls, wear stockings.

Follow conventional rules. You know, no white after Labor Day and all the other delightful rules your mother taught you.

No flip-flops.

HOW TO ACT

Smile. Even the most qualified applicant can be turned away for lack of common courtesy.

Make sure your handshake

is confident. Also, a non-sweaty handshake is preferred. If you are nervous, wipe your hands on a tissue just before you begin your interview.

Make eye contact. This shows your confidence and is a sign of respect to the interviewer. Lack of eye contact is an immediate turn off.

Don't be afraid to pause. A moment of silence may seem awkward, but the interviewer knows you need to plan what to say. A pause is always better than jumping right in or an "ummm."

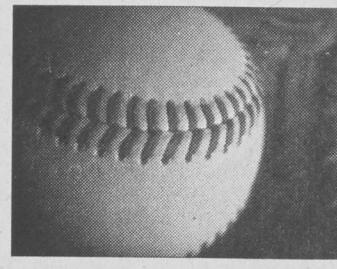
Turn off your cell phone. And if you accidentally leave it on, never ever answer it.

REMEMBER

Relax. You will be more impressive if you take a few deep breaths and remind yourself that there are many other opportunities out there if this one does not work out.

The worst case scenario is that you don't get the job. If they don't want you, it probably wasn't the right place for you anyway.

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Golf		ODAC Championship at Poplar Grove (April 24-25)					
Men's Lacrosse		vs VMI 7:30 p.m.			at Ran dolph- Macon 1:00 p.m.		
Women's Lacrosse		ODAC Quater -finals		ODAC Semi -finals	ODAC Finals		
Track			at Penn Relays (April 27-28)				

in the numbers

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Currently the age and record of hurler Greg Maddux who also holds an ERA under 1.00.

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Slugging Percentage of Generals baseball player James Madden who has 7 homers, 5 triples, and 9 doubles on the year.

16

Number of consecutive ODAC titles for the W&L women's tennis team.

5

Number of points the Women's Lacrosse team has lost by in their 3 losses this season. The squad is 13-3 overall and 8-0 in the ODAC.

14

Number of assists by Men's Lacrosse freshman Tim Skeen. His 14 make up almost one-third of the Generals total assists.

soapbox

"I won't say women belong in the kitchen, but they don't belong in the dugout."

— Mets broadcaster Keith Hernandez, as reported by ESPN.com

"My upper body is outdoing my lower body. My lower body, there's nothing there. When you're older and that happens, it's twice as hard to get it back. So I'm frustrated. I'm fighting to get the strength back at the same time I'm fighting to stay in shape. But I can't run. How do you do it?"

— Barry Bonds about his body, as quoted on MLB.com

James paves the way

Sophomore's skills have the Generals ranked seventeenth in the nation

By Kathryn Krall
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

With straight soaring drives, consistently low scores and unshakable poise, Nathaniel James is an essential contributor to the success of the golf team and is establishing a reputation for himself on the national level.

He has the lowest scoring average on the team and has tal-

lied the most wins this sea-

son. James's talent extends beyond stats. He provides an example

of hard work and a burning desire to win that motivates the entire team to play their best.

James was taught to play golf by his father, who began instructing him at a very young age.

"I don't remember when I started because I was so young," said James.

He competed in his first tournament at age six. James played at first because it was a family

event, but he found the competition enjoyable.

"When I was young, I won a lot. That kept me interested," said James.

James' older brother is also a golfer. As a young golfer, he looked up to his big brother, both wanting to be like him and wanting to beat him.

"Part of the reason I wanted to get better was to be able to win against him," said James.

There was always a good-natured competition between the brothers.

"In some sense there is a rivalry between us," said James, "but we always cheer for each other."

As a freshman, James' con-

NATHANIEL JAMES

ODAC Leader in

Stroke Average: 72.9

Tied for eleventh at Jekyll Island Tournament

Information courtesy of athletics.wlu.edu

"Right now, putting is my weakness," he said, "I'm in a putting funk."

The highlight of the season both for James and for the entire team came at the Virginia State Championship, which was won by the Washington and Lee team. James was tied for first, and in a dramatic finish defeated his competitor to win the tournament.

A low point for James was the Jekyll Island tournament. James held the lead for two rounds, but choked in the third round to finish in a disappointing eleventh place.

James sees golf in his future. "If I continue to improve, I would like to play golf professionally, at least for a while," he said.

Due to his outstanding performance this year, James may possibly compete at Nationals. The announcement will be made on May 1.

The team is currently ranked seventeenth in the nation, and will compete at ODAC Championships on April 23-24, in Poplar Grove, Virginia.

Optimistic about loss

After disappointing showing, lacrosse says it can improve

By Madeline Gent
STAFF WRITER

The men's lacrosse team remained busy over break and the beginning of spring term improving their record to 5-5 and 2-3 in ODAC play.

With games against Roanoke, Guilford and Virginia Wesleyan during Spring Break, the Generals found themselves progressing while preparing to qualify for the ODAC tournament.

The generals lost to Roanoke 16-7 on April 9 but defeated Guilford 13-3 on April 12. Freshman midfieler Harry St. John led the Generals to a 11-5 victory over Virginia Wesleyan on April 15. St. John scored a career-high four goals.

"He's really been a great asset as a freshman... He draws the best defensive midfielders from the other team. It's a real testament to the kind of season he is having," coach Mike Cerino said of the April 16 ODAC player of the week.

Sophomore Ned Rider, who netted four goals in the three games, said of the play over break, "It was a tough loss against Roanoke. It was all mental, and I think we'll get them if we play again. We beat Guilford, but we

had a really good game against Virginia Wesleyan... we are building on our games and starting to click as a team."

On Saturday the Generals faced the Hampden-Sydney Tigers. Hampden-Sydney jumped to a 4-1 lead over the Generals. The Tigers held that lead to the end of the fourth quarter when the Generals came within two goals.

Freshman Tim Skeen led the Generals with four goals, two of which came off assists from junior midfieler Charlie Clarke.

Yet that wasn't enough against the Tigers, who were led by Thomas Jennings and Eamon Thornton.

The pair scored three goals each.

"We didn't shoot very well, and we didn't handle pressure well. We didn't take enough shots and had a lot of unforced errors which is not like us," said junior attacker Grant Martin.

The Generals took 33 shots which is the least amount taken since the 29 they took against Franklin and Marshall on March 19.

An overworked defense may be one reason for the General's loss.

The Tigers' goalie made 13 saves compared to Generals goal-

ie Chris Lalli, who had four.

"We didn't play well in the first half at all so our defense played the whole half which really wore them out," said Rider.

Rider finished the contest with a goal and an assist.

"I don't think we came ready to play, and I don't know why.

We didn't play anywhere near our best lax," said senior midfieler and captain Perrin Monroe.

The Generals will continue their season Tuesday in the Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic. They will play Virginia Military Institute under the lights at 7:30 p.m. on the turf field.

PERRIN MONROE

Midfield

G	A	Pts	Shots	SOG
5	3	8	17	12

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

What his coach thinks:

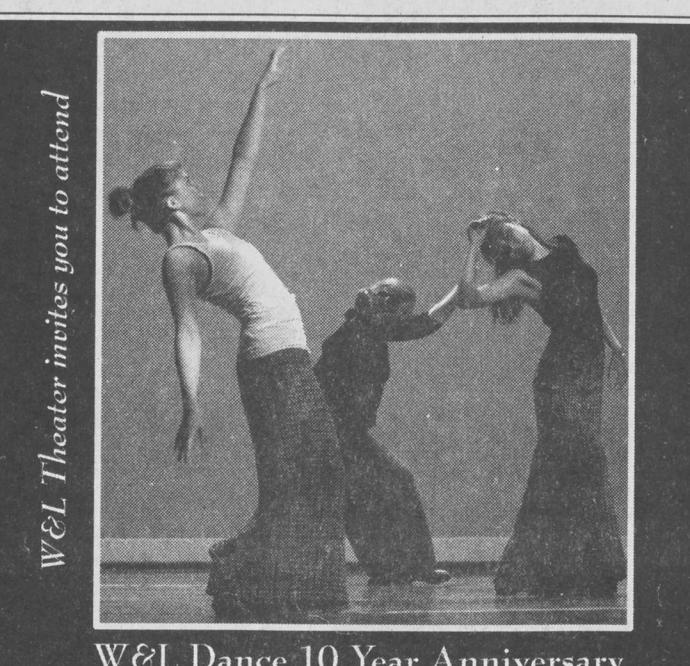
"He plays at an under-recognized position and he's one of the most attacked players on the field... but he's an offensive threat in transition. He's having an outstanding season."

What his teammates think:

St. John: "He's the ultimate leader by example. When I show up in the locker room he's already out on running laps around the field. He's a workhorse." Rider: "He has great leadership in such a tough spot where he's one of only two seniors on the team."

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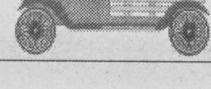
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Team looks forward to tourney

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hit it in his last home game at W&L.

Also in that game, the Generals committed six errors.

Two were charged to left-fielder Madden, three to second baseman David Miller, and one to senior Gosselink.

"That happens," Stickley said.

"You just hope it doesn't snowball."

He pointed out that he was glad the team was able to "stop the bleeding," and still play a close game.

Meanwhile, catcher Wesley suffered an injury in the bottom of the fifth inning and was taken out of the game.

Stickley said Wesley had pulled a muscle in his back or chest, and though they were not sure of the culprit, they did not want to take any chances.

After the game, however, Wesley said he was feeling better.

Wesley, who has caught all but a few innings this year, will likely remain behind the plate for the rest of the season.

"Calling a majority of the games is tough," Stickley said, "but he's done a great job."

Assistant coach Eric Brookes pointed out that Wesley has done a lot of hard work, especially in the recent high temperatures.

He talked about a game two weeks ago when Wesley caught 19 innings in 85-degree temperatures.

"That is asking a lot out of a young kid," he said, but added that he thinks the catcher can handle the rest of the season.

Even when doing a job his head coach calls "physically and mentally tough," Wesley has confidence in himself.

"Even if I break a finger, I'll still tough it out," he said.

Brookes explained that Wesley has played so much this season based on his experience in the past two years as a hitter and backup catcher.

He added that Dan Harris and Chris Bolger, the two backup catchers, have improved a great deal throughout this season.

"We feel a lot better about the backup situation," he said.

Harris came into the game when Wesley was taken out. Stickley said he performed well, hitting a single in the sixth inning, and catching a foul bunt off the bat of Daniel Mullins in the

eighth.

"He did a nice job," Stickley said.

Harris also filled in when Stickley gave Wesley time to rest during Tuesday's non-conference loss against West Virginia Tech.

Another player in need of rest is first baseman McConnell, who has battled a back injury all season.

He was given a break when coaches sent in freshman Andrew Henderson at the end of Tuesday's game.

Stickley said that the coaches were "really on edge" about McConnell's back.

"We want to try to cut down on the chances that he could hurt it," he said.

But the coaches do not want to take McConnell out in the last few games of his college career.

Brookes said, "We just try to take it easy with him."

Without two of their key starters, the team did not perform well on Tuesday, losing 11-0.

The coaches pointed out that the loss was not because of the backup players.

Brookes called it "one of the few times this year when we weren't ready to play and it showed."

Stickley agreed.

"I was not pleased with that effort," he said, "and the guys weren't either."

Stickley said that the men lacked "mental preparedness" for the game, in part because it was played during the week.

He added, though, that he expects the team to bounce back.

"I'm sure we'll respond well," he said.

Brookes agreed that the team is ready to move on from Tuesday's loss.

"That's behind us and hopefully the guys learned from it," he said.

Looking forward to the conference tournament Thursday, the team seems pretty confident.

The men play Bridgewater in the opening round of the tournament.

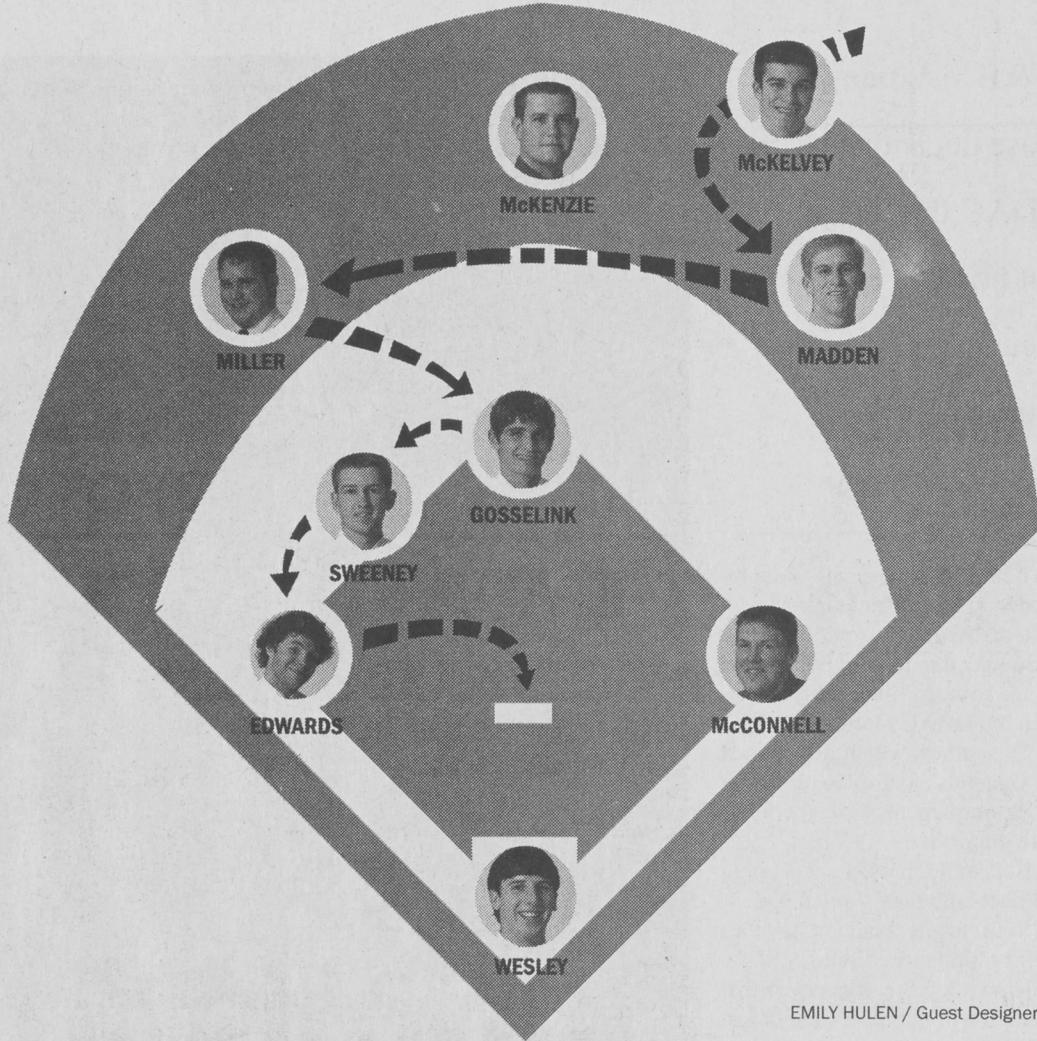
They lost two heartbreaking games to Bridgewater earlier this year, each by only one run.

In the March 28 game, the men were making a comeback in the seventh inning when the game was called because of darkness.

Despite the history, the Generals do not seem intimidated by their opponents.

Gosselink said he is unafraid of playing the top-ranked team in

doing the shuffle:



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When Edwards pitches, the Generals make quite a few changes. To fill his place at third, Ray Sweeney moves over. He is replaced by Gosselink, who has played short for W&L in the past. Miller comes in from left to play second. Madden moves from rightfield to left, and is replaced by freshman Terrence McElveen, who has made regular rounds in the batting order this season. "All of them can play their positions," Stickley said. "It's not really that big a deal."

the conference.

"We can beat any team in this tournament," he said.

Teammate Wesley agreed.

"Overall, I'm not worried about the tournament. Every year, we come to play," he said.

Though the games were close today, he said Randolph-Macon would not be a concern.

"They are not going to do any damage in the tournament," he said.

He pointed out that last year, W&L was in a similar situation to Randolph-Macon's.

"No one expected us to do that well, but we got hot in the middle of the season," he said.

He added that pitching would make the difference in how far

The Generals beat three teams in the ODACs last year, making it all the way to the third day of the tournament.

Wesley said that the team this year is even better than last.

"We're deeper this year," he said. "It's just a matter of who is going to step up."

Hedrick said that his team faces the same challenge.

"Our biggest handicap has been our pitching," he said.

Despite having one of the best pitchers in the state, Randolph-Macon's other pitchers have not been as consistent, he said.

He added that pitching would make the difference in how far

Randolph-Macon goes in the tournament.

Gosselink said that because this is not his first time at the tournament, he is not expecting to play two games and go home.

But it is exactly that lack of experience which has fueled Randolph-Macon to the momentum they have reached going into Thursday's tournament.

"It's kind of a big deal for us," Hedrick said.

"I don't think anyone expected us to do as well as we have."

Thursday should be an exciting day for the Generals as well.

"We're going to win the damn thing," Gosselink said.

Boys on the side

Women's sports dominate, while men's athletics are slipping

**By Tim Livingston
SPORTS EDITOR**

The 2005-2006 season has been an extremely successful one for Washington and Lee. With the success of this year's sports teams, many onlookers question where the '05-'06 season ranks among the best in W&L history.

If this season is truly the most prestigious in our school's history, it can be attributed to the women.

The football team was one heartbreaking loss away from the ODAC championship, men's swimming ended the season ranked fourteenth in the country, and baseball, lacrosse, men's tennis and soccer remain strong programs.

Who cares?

When W&L allowed women to attend our fine institution, who would have thought that they would pave the way in athletics?

Who would have believed that they would embarrass almost all men's sports in 2006?

Perhaps this statistic will help all the non-believers to comprehend how thoroughly women have dominated the ODAC this season.

Does anyone have any idea how many games the women's volleyball, tennis, soccer, swimming, lacrosse and field

hockey teams have lost in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference this season?

The answer is one. One game. The culprit for the only loss was the girl's field hockey team, who dropped a game to Virginia Wesleyan, but later won the ODAC and advanced all the way to the NCAA tournament.

What is the reason for the success of our women? Who knows.

Of course, Hampden-Sydney must be feeling pretty foolish for their decision to shun the temptation of going co-ed.

The truth remains that because they started less than 20 years ago, none of our women's sports have a rich tradition.

Nonetheless, our women's tennis team is the top team in Division III, and our field hockey team, volleyball team and lacrosse team are all nationally ranked.

Moreover, these programs continue to recruit and obtain talent from around the country to bolster their rosters. In other words, women's sports at W&L show no signs of decline in the near future.

Ironically, the fields that were once confined to only the male persuasion are now owned by the opposite sex.

As the girls continue to thrive in the athletic realm, one can only speculate how the men will compete in the future.

The truth remains that as the women flourish, the men are slipping. Guys, it's time to regroup. Robert E. Lee must be spinning in his grave.

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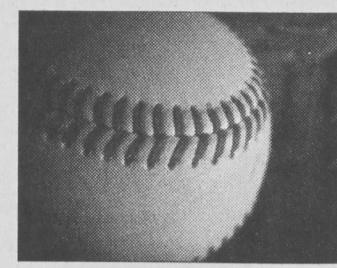
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Riding

Washington and Lee claimed its first ever ODAC championship in riding on Friday. The Generals posted 19 team points to defeat defending champion Bridgewater. Senior Caitlin Lane was named ODAC Rider of the Year and will compete at the Intercollegiate Horse Show (IHSA) National Championships from May 4-7. Senior Katie Goodrich was also named the ODAC Scholar-Athlete for the 2006 season.

Baseball

W&L split with rival Randolph-Macon (8-7, 6-7) to finish the ODAC with a 10-8 record for the third year in a row. The Generals were losing 7-6 going into the last inning, yet senior Taylor McConnell and sophomore James Madden homered in the final frame to give the Generals the 8-7 win. Working in relief, sophomore Jeff Pharis earned his first career win after pitching effectively for the Generals throughout the season.

Women's Lacrosse

A goal by Christine Bender with less than 5 minutes remaining in regulation led the women's lacrosse team to a 9-8 victory over conference foe Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday. The win was important for the Generals who claimed the number one seed in the ODAC tournament with the victory. Sophomore Megan Slosson also was a key contributor and scored two consecutive goals to bring the Generals back from a 7-5 deficit.

Men's Lacrosse

The Generals fell 11-8 to Hampden-Sydney on Saturday, dropping them to 2-3 in the ODAC and threatening their playoff hopes. Freshman Tim Skeen led the Generals with 4 goals while sophomore Will Englehart added 2 more.

Golf

W&L ended the first round of the ODAC Championship in third place behind Guilford and Bridgewater. Freshman Beau Allen led the way with a 74 and junior Anthony Zappin shot a 75 for the Generals.

Women's Tennis

The ladies tallied 99 team points to defeat the second place Emory and Henry who tallied 72 points. Senior Emily Applegate was named ODAC player of the year after she defeated Elizabeth Kristofak of Randolph-Macon 6-0, 6-0 in the finals. The Generals are now the top ranked women's tennis team in the country and are a perfect 24-0 (10-0 ODAC) on the season.

Baseball finishes sixth

The Generals split with Randolph-Macon in close games to end regular season

W&L lost many close decisions in the ODAC this season, but hope to reverse their fortunes in the tournament

By Katherine Greene
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When the baseball double-header against Randolph-Macon was rescheduled from Saturday to Sunday due to rain, both teams started to worry about their chances in the ODAC tournament.

The games, which determined the Generals' sixth-place standing in the tournament, were not otherwise important.

But come Thursday, it is going to affect both teams' pitching.

Both teams planned to start their best pitchers Saturday.

Now, they are concerned that the men will not have enough rest before the tournament begins on Thursday.

Randolph-Macon coach Ray Hedrick said he is worried about Travis Beazley, his star pitcher.

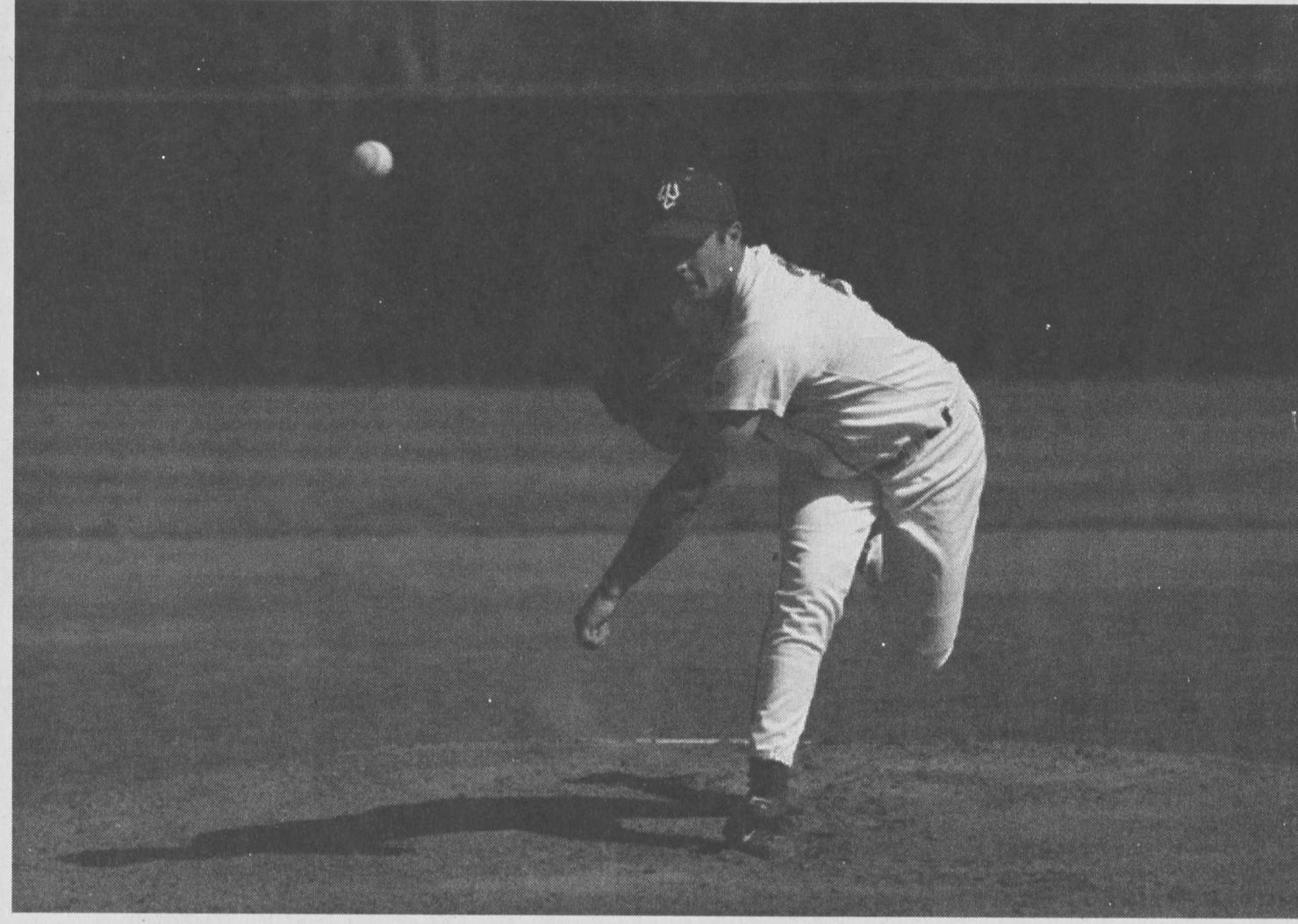
"It's definitely going to affect our pitching," he said, but pointed out that there was no alternative.

Catcher Jordan Wesley said that the teams have the same issue.

"Pitching is the biggest key to surviving in the tournament," he said.

The Generals have had a fairly good showing this year despite a recent slump. The success, in part, has been attributed to pitcher Clayton Edwards.

At the end of the regular season, Edwards carried a team-high



Sophomore John Parker hurls a pitch in Sunday's doubleheader. The games concluded the team's home season.

6 wins with a 4.06 ERA.

But Beazley, in comparison, had 8 wins and only a 1.77 ERA.

According to Generals head coach Jeff Stickley, Randolph-Macon has "probably the best pitcher in the league."

Despite this claim, Beazley allowed the tying and winning home runs in the final inning of the first game.

The two runs were hit by senior Taylor McConnell and sophomore slugger James Madden. It was Madden's seventh home run

this year.

Beazley started against Washington and Lee a year ago, but suffered an embarrassing loss 22-1.

Shortstop Scott Gosselink pointed out that last year's loss may have been an issue for the Randolph-Macon pitcher.

"We hit him incredibly hard last year," Gosselink said, and added that Beazley may have been working out of a "need for vengeance."

Stickley said that Beazley had vastly improved from that game.

"He's a different player this year," Stickley said.

Hedrick agreed, saying he felt lucky in his second year of coaching at Randolph-Macon to have such a solid player.

"I couldn't ask for more," he said.

Hedrick compared Beazley to W&L's Edwards, saying that they are both dynamic and talented players.

Both pitchers also play third base while not on the mound in order to stay in the batting order.

The biggest hitting in the games came from unlikely sources.

In the fourth inning, senior David Mackenzie was hit on the shoulder by a pitch, but the umpire said he had stepped over the plate into it.

In retaliation, Mackenzie homered on the next pitch. It was his first home run all season.

He said he feels "nostalgic" about the home run, because he

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Tennis aces ODAC championship

Womens' team captures fourth consecutive win, awaits invitation to Nationals

By Jessica Shaw
STAFF WRITER

Eight girls.

Nine perfect matches.

An undefeated season.

These ingredients fused as the women's tennis team swept its competition at Guilford College last weekend emerging victorious in its fourth consecutive ODAC tournament.

The Generals racked up a hefty total of 99 points, followed by Emory and Henry with 72 and Hollins with 70.

Juniors Emily Applegate and Katie Kingsbury represented the team earning ODAC Player of the Year and ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, respectively.

Applegate currently holds the number one spot on the team, and has maintained a flawless record this year. Though Kingsbury did

not compete in the top eight this season, she contributed at Division III Nationals as a sophomore.

"We do have a really strong team this year," Kingsbury said. "We have the talent. We have the drive. Especially this year, there are so many girls who believe they can win."

Not only did the Generals win the ODAC tournament, but they shut out every opponent, securing victory in every set.

"Winning all nine flights was

a good way to start our post-season," junior Ginny Wortham said.

Sweeping the six singles' flights were Applegate, freshman Katie Tabb, Wortham, sophomore Leah Weston, freshman Tori Christmas and sophomore Kelly Will respectively.

Tabb and Wortham captured first in the number one doubles' flight, followed by an identical first place performance by Weston and senior, captain Lisa Mabry. Applegate and sophomore Rebecca Timmis dominated their competition to place first as well in the number three doubles flight.

"We didn't drop a set," Mabry said. "We've had a lot of the younger girls do a really good job. I think that we're as close as ever, and that's what makes us so strong."

Currently ranked first in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the Generals await an official invitation to Nationals. If they win the first two rounds, defeating teams within their region, the girls will proceed to California for the final matches.

According to the ITA Division III National Rankings, Trinity University, Sewanee, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College and Emory University occupy the second through fifth spots.

According to head coach Linda Rankin, the team has been focusing on the match at hand.

"I think that helps us keep everything in the present," she said. "Once we finish with this, we look

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Overall	Dual	ODAC
19-5	13-4	3-0

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on to the next one. [The girls] are definitely buying into that. They are willing to take that type of approach."

Last year, W&L contended for the number one spot at Nationals with rival Emory. In the finals, they were defeated 5-3, ending with second place finish.

"Basically, whenever Emory is in a National Championship final, they bring another level that you've never seen before," Wortham said. "I think that I, personally, was not as prepared for the moment as I should have been. But, it's a new year, and we are focusing on what we can do this year. You can't do anything about the past."

The team has spent time this year analyzing its mistakes and preparing both mentally and physically for the competition this season.

"We've really focused on one match at a time, and we haven't really thought about Nationals

and getting there and how far we're going to get," Mabry said.

"Whether that's the next ODAC match, or whether it is the next big match against Sewanee next weekend, we really have to work hard now, because that's all that we can control."

April 16, the Generals defeated Emory at an Invitational in Atlanta.

"It was so exciting," Tabb said. "It was the first time in four years to finally beat them."

According to Rankin, the goal for each girl is to play every match with the intensity as though it were the most important.

"Sometimes you want it so much that you psych yourself out," Tabb said. "You want to win something in particular so much that you have trouble performing. It's hard to focus and make it seem like just another match—something you've done the whole season."

During Spring Break, the team underwent high intensity training in preparation for ODACs and potential post-season competition.

"It was probably one of the hardest weeks that I've ever been through in my tennis career," Tabb said. "It really paid off. We did really well at our Emory Invitational."

As the time before Nationals approaches, Rankin will cater more towards the specific needs of each athlete.

"You have to work as individuals to make the strongest team," she said. "We will be tailoring all

of the practices to the individuals."

According to Weston, the personalities on the team contribute to its broad success.

"We're definitely a tight-knit group," she said. "Overall, we had an amazing team last year, but this year, I think our team is just as strong, maybe stronger."

Kingsbury said the work ethic also strengthens the team.

"We all try hard in practice," she said. "Everyone brings 100 percent. I think that's why we are deep. Everyone motivates each other and themselves constantly."

According to Kingsbury, assistant coach Curt Speerschneider designs a theme for each season. This year, the motto is "trust".

"It can mean a number of things," Kingsbury said. "Trust your own abilities. Trust your teammates abilities. Trust that you can win."

May 6 and 7 mark the first two rounds of Nationals with the location pending. The following rounds of team Nationals will be held in Santa Cruz, California beginning May 17.

Individual Nationals will take place at the same location starting May 20. Individual athletes will receive bids on May 1.

"We know we can perform," Tabb said. "I think that's our main strength in winning and competing well."

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