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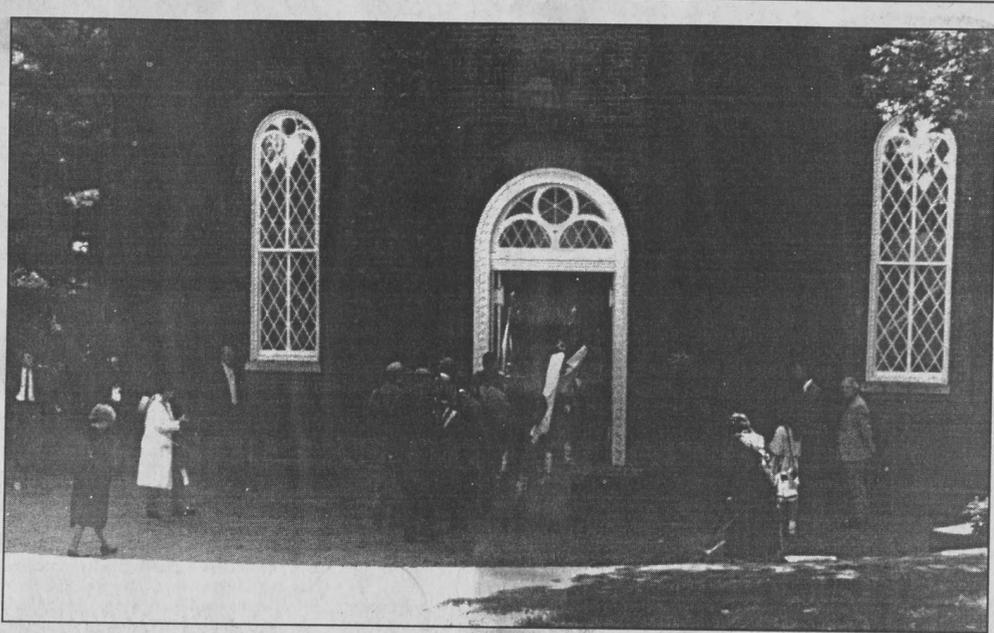
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Robert E. Lee remembered



Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

Mourning a lost era

As the Liberty Hall Volunteers march into Lee Chapel, the W&L and Lexington community gather for the memorial service commemorating the 125th anniversary of General Lee's death.

BY KERI ANNE DUNPHY
Phi Staff Writer

For many, Thursday was merely another "same-old, same-old" day in Lexington. Perhaps they did not notice the black bows lining the columns of Washington Hall; perhaps they did not think it strange that the bells tolled at 9:30 a.m.; maybe they did not see the color guard or the Liberty Hall volunteers walking on the hill; or maybe they were just plain oblivious to the historical importance marked by Thursday: the 125th anniversary of the death of Robert E. Lee.

The memorial service held on Thursday was instituted in 1987, though this was only the second consecutive year in which Washington and Lee colonnade has been wrapped in black ribbons in honor of Lee's death. Encasing the columns in black ribbon dates back to October 15, 1870, the date of Lee's funeral, when the columns were lined in black and Washington College began to mourn the loss of Lee.

This mourning resurfaced on Thursday at 12 noon when the memorial service was held in Lee Chapel in honor of the former president of Washington College. The opening procession featured the Color Guard, Col. Harry W. Gilmor Camp #1388, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Washington and Lee Liberty Hall Volunteers. An opening prayer was said by Dr. Thomas V. Litzenburg, Jr., the acting chaplain, who prayed for the souls of the dead, especially for "Thy servant Robert E. Lee" whose spirit is at home in Thy presence.

After the invocation, President John Elrod gave his welcome and his reflections upon Lee's impact on the university now called Washington and Lee. Lee shaped the college, said Elrod, by reconciling two seemingly opposing views of knowledge: the Greek ideal and the laconian understanding. The Greek ideal is that of knowledge for the sake of knowledge while the laconian vision understands the importance of knowledge for bettering the human condition. Lee embraced both ideals, argued Elrod, and molded the curriculum and character of the university accordingly.

Hand in hand with this respect for knowledge, Lee instilled in his students a sense of moral character, for Lee held that a trained mind is incomplete without a concomitant training of character. Lee has bequeathed this vision to us, and today, he said, we carry out his legacy and salute his memory with our firm commitment to the necessary symbiosis of knowledge and character.

Following Elrod's remarks, W&L Professor of History J. Holt Merchant introduced the guest speaker, Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr., C.P. Miles Professor of History at Virginia Poly-

technic Institute and State University. Robertson, the author of several biographies, including a soon-to-be published biography of Stonewall Jackson, spoke of Lee and his lessons for us even today, 125 years after his death.

Robertson claimed that Lee is a key illustration of the nationalistic decline this country is facing. He said we no longer have great figures like Lee to emulate. Honor, duty and valor, integral to Lee's life, are words that have lost all meaning and seem in danger of extinction.

Robertson quoted, "Mountains are a mystery when one looks only at lowlands." It was "spiritual hunger," he said, a searching for a sense of this "mountain" figure, that brought people to the service on Thursday. It is this "spiritual hunger" that makes us idolize Lee. Sadly, he claimed, "no one like Robert E. Lee lives today."

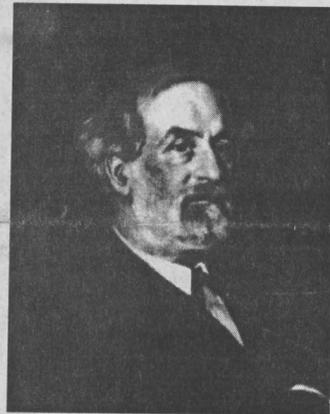
But why was Lee a "mountain" figure for this nation? After all, he did lead the South in its quest for independence. Lee was selfless: It is said that after a battle he went searching to find food for his men, not caring about the potential risks to his own life, and not thinking about his own survival. Lee had a strong sense of duty.

After the South had been defeated, he exerted his influence to restore the unity of the country. Despite the fact that he was called a traitor and was not granted citizenship, he worked hard to restore peace in the torn country and insisted that the South accept its defeat and work toward reestablishing unity. It is Lee's simplicity, modesty, commitment to duty, selflessness and faith, said Robertson, that we yearn for today.

Robertson asserted that it was "because of Robert E. Lee that modern America lived at all." After the battle of Appomattox, Lee had three options: to fight, to surrender or to pursue guerrilla warfare until the Yankees surrendered. Guerrilla warfare, not uncommon in civil wars, would have, argued Robertson, "destroyed America forever." Lee, aware of this, chose instead to accept defeat. Furthermore, he demanded this of others. He held that all must accept defeat and let the past be the past. He urged the South to work with the North for the common good.

Robertson told of a mother who asked Lee to persuade her sons not to go to college in the North. Lee responded, "Forget your animosities and make your sons Americans." It is this sense of duty, commitment and teaching by example that made Lee the "mountain" that he was, and it is this vision that lives on at "General Lee's University" today.

Finally, Robertson denounced modern "revisionist" scholars who try to taint Lee's image which, said Robertson, "cannot be scarred by such ignominy." His vision and ideal live on today at the University and his name will live forever. Robertson asked that we "leave him alone in his glory."



Off-campus Liberty users plagued by e-mail pranksters

BY EMILY BAKER
Phi Executive Editor

In order to prevent e-mail abuse, off-campus users of Liberty, Washington and Lee's on-line network, should take care to log out completely after a session.

Bob Williams, W&L's network and systems administrator, said he has heard about 15 cases of e-mail tampering beginning last year.

Williams explained that the problem occurs when an off-campus user's Liberty session is interrupted before logout. Off-campus Liberty users must dial the university's e-mail number, 463-8965, which connects them with the server, which handles all e-mail connections.

A session can be interrupted before logout due to a power outage or call waiting signals that can disconnect an off-campus user.

Whether the session is interrupted, or the user does not log out completely, the university's server does not receive signals that the session has been stopped. Instead, it keeps the account open.

The next user who dials in is connected to the previous user's account. The second user is free to send mail under that person's electronic identity or enter into user groups.

The most common abuses include sending threatening or obscene messages under someone else's e-mail or entering user groups.

Williams told of one student who began receiving messages from a homosexual chat group. A prankster had entered the group using the

student's identity, saying that he was wondering if he was gay. The student soon began receiving mail from members of the group, encouraging him to explore his sexuality.

"These pranks have proved to be really embarrassing and insulting for the people they're happening to," Williams said. "Although W&L is in its fourth year with Liberty, it's only now becoming a widely used tool." Williams said this is why cases of e-mail abuse are happening now as opposed to three years ago.

While he's not sure who the pranksters are, Williams has an idea. Computer records show the identities, times and locations of people logging in. These records can help him narrow the list of possible culprits. They could be from either inside or outside the W&L community.

He hopes to install a new server by the end of this month that will receive signals whenever a session is ended, regardless of whether the user logged out or not.

In the meantime, part of the problem could be alleviated if users would make sure to log out fully every time. But users cannot anticipate power outages or thunderstorms.

If you find yourself in another person's account, Williams said, log out immediately, and send him a message notifying him that his account was open.

Williams said that masquerading as someone else on e-mail does not fit with the high standards of honor the school tries to maintain.

"People think that standards of decency don't apply simply because they're using higher technology," he said.

Gross speaks on Jefferson

BY DAN ODENWALD
Phi Executive Editor

Most, if not all, Virginia residents know what three accomplishments are inscribed on Thomas Jefferson's tombstone. He authored the Declaration of Independence and the Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom, and was father of the University of Virginia.

According to Dr. Robert A. Gross, Director of American Studies at the College of William and Mary, he should also be remembered for serving as Virginia's first school superintendent.

In a lecture entitled "Educating a Citizenry," Gross discussed Jefferson's goals for education in Virginia around the turn of the 19th century.

Sponsored by the Washington and Lee History Department and the Society of the Cincinnati, Gross spoke to a full house at Leyburn Library's Northern Auditorium Monday night.

Gross analyzed Jefferson's belief that the health of the young republic depended on the education of its citizens. Given the statesman's European Enlightenment training and revolutionary ideals, Jefferson wanted education for all.

In 1779 he proposed a bill before the Virginia state legislature calling for public schooling of all white children at public expense. Furthermore, he provided for grammar schools which would prepare the brightest students for college life.

He also completely revamped the curriculum for the College of William and Mary by eliminating all religion courses and placing a heavy emphasis on the liberal arts. Jefferson believed a college education should be secular and avoid the trappings of theologians.

In his bill, Jefferson also provided for scholarships for poor students. If a student was successful at the lower levels of education, the state would pay for his higher learning. The selection process was extremely rigorous. Few indigent students actually were granted admission to William and Mary, but Gross pointed out that Jefferson did not believe education was for the individual.

"For Jefferson, education was an instrument of citizenship (to be used in) service to the republic," said Gross.

Ironically, Jefferson's proposals were contrary to the prevailing attitudes of the day. He advocated tax-payer support for public schools and increased state government control — two widely despised concepts in revolutionary America.

"His plan was radically at odds with the society in which he lived," said Gross.

Ultimately, the bill failed. Virginia did not provide for public education until the 20th century.

Gross believes that the legacy of the legislature's failure to enact Jefferson's bills was an current educational system badly in need of help.

Gross is the author of two books on revolutionary America, *The Minutemen and Their World* and *Printing, Politics, and the People*.



Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

Kappas and bikers unite in the KKK's first prize Homecoming float on Saturday.

BEYOND THE BLUE RIDGE

Serbs continue brutal ethnic cleansing around Banja Luka

BOSNIA, HERZEGOVINA—As the United Nations' planned cease fire between the Bosnian government and Bosnian Serbs was postponed until Thursday due to inadequate power supplies to Sarajevo, Serbian continued what officials are calling brutal ethnic cleansing in and around Banja Luka. Muslim and Croatian women and children living in Banja Luka, a Serbian military stronghold and a refuge for thousands of displaced Serbians, are being expelled from the town and surrounding areas while all men of fighting age are being sent to detention centers and what officials call an uncertain fate. The brutality of the treatment of the Muslims and Croats by the Serbian forces is being condemned by neutral forces, and the Red Cross is becoming increasingly alarmed by the refusal of the Serbian military to allow them contact with the thousands of men who have been detained.

Simpson backs out on NBC

NEW YORK—In the wake of widespread criticism of what NBC viewers called the extremely distasteful decision to air an interview with O.J. Simpson, Simpson last night backed out shortly before air time. The planned interview with Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric was to be an hour-long, commercial and profit-free first public appearance for Simpson since his acquittal last week in the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman. Simpson postponed the interview in light of the civil suit filed by Ronald Goldman's family, which is still pending, stating that in his lawyers' opinion, it was not in his best legal interest to respond to certain questions which might arise in the interview.

Webber's new contract grants highest salary in NBA history

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA—Chris Webber's new contract with the Washington Bullets will pay \$57 million over six years, setting a record for the highest NBA salary ever, excluding the now banned balloon payments. This sum is likely to become a standard against which the salaries of free agents like Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal will be judged in the coming season.

Neo-Nazi group assumes blame for Amtrak derailings

HYDER, ARIZONA—On Monday, five Amtrak passenger cars derailed and crashed into a ravine, resulting in one death and over one hundred injuries. A group calling itself "The Sons of Gestapo" is claiming responsibility for the sabotaged tracks which apparently were responsible for the crash. Meanwhile, government agents begin a sweeping investigation of both the crime scene and the typewritten notes left there, allegedly by this neo-Nazi group. Federal agents and President Clinton have vowed to bring the parties responsible to justice, but in the wake of the false accusations against Muslim terrorists in the case of the Oklahoma City bombing, officials refuse to place blame on paramilitary organizations at this early date.

GOP WATCH

EDITOR'S NOTE: GOP Watch is a special weekly feature to keep Washington and Lee's students informed about the Republican Presidential Campaign in advance of Mock Convention.

Candidates make history with early ads in New Hampshire

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE—It is four months until the first Presidential primary takes place in New Hampshire, but the Republican candidates' advertising in the state is already in full swing. It is the earliest television campaign in primary history. Former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee has been advertising since June, and Governor Pete Wilson of California began broadcasting commercials in late August. Nevertheless, it remains uncertain if early advertising will be effective.

Since Senator Bob Dole was pronounced the front-runner for the Republican nomination this year, none of the other ten candidates have come close to challenging his position. In a recent poll, Dole had 35 percent of the vote whereas his closest challengers were in the single digits. Yet there still remains plenty of time for new developments, especially with Dole's weak showing in a recent straw poll in Iowa, and the fact that the heavily favored General Colin Powell has yet to announce his intentions.

Buchanan's tough tariff talk rattles Republican Party

FORT DODGE, IOWA—Pat Buchanan, on a recent campaign tour through Iowa, advocated a strict policy of economic nationalism which sent shock waves through the field of Republican candidates.

He supports a 10 percent tariff on every import from Japan and a "social tariff" on products made in Mexico and other developing economies to "insulate us from un-American competition with workers making 75 cents or a dollar an hour." Buchanan also encourages a five-year suspension of all immigration until American wages begin to grow again.

As a surprise to his colleagues in the Republican Party, Buchanan attracting large crowds and often placing second or third behind Senator Dole in polls. The overall effect, many analysts believe, of Buchanan's tough talk is to drag the Republican party platform further to the right as the other candidates attempt to embrace Buchanan's ideas in order to attract voters.

Beyond the Blue Ridge and GOP Watch are compiled by Peggy Stuntz and Laura Knapp

Mock Con gets \$10,000 grant

By EMILY BAKER
Phi Executive Editor

The 1996 Mock Convention received a \$10,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation, an Oklahoma City foundation. This grant is Mock Con's second largest source of funding so far.

The money will go to the Media Committee, which puts together press releases and press packets for the news media that cover Mock Con.

"Hopefully with this money, Mock Con will become more of a learning experience for students," said Mock Con Political Chair Bob Ross. "We hope to provide students with hands-on experience."

Mock Con's total budget is around \$220,000. The Media Committee's budget is \$14,000. The Media Committee plans to invite a speaker to talk about how the media shapes politics.

"The money will help the Media Committee have more activities that students can get involved in," said Aloise Bozell, one of the committee heads.

Not only will the money allow more students to get involved, Bozell said, but it will attract more media attention by allowing the committee to distribute more and better press kits.

Mock Con's largest source of funding comes from the Sumner's Trust from a Dallas organization, which contributes around \$80,000 to every Mock Convention. Ross hopes that Ethics and Excellence in Journalism will also become a regular contributor.

"At the end of the year we turn in a report to them," he said, "and if they like what they see, it might happen every four years."

The Foundation was established in November 1982 to support projects designed to improve the quality and ethical standards of journalism in the media. The Foundation is funded by Edith Gaylord Harper, whose family publishes the Daily Oklahoman. The Foundation gives out ten grants a year, said Roger Mudd, one of Mock Con's media advisors.

"They give money to a smorgasbord of journalism projects," Mudd said, including small journalism schools that request computers and writing workshops for small newspapers.

Bozell said the Media Committee hopes to bring back the McNeil-Lehrer News Hour, which came to cover the 1992 Mock Con. C-Span might also come, Bozell said.

Libertarians

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a three-part series highlighting different political organizations on campus.

By CELESTE RASMUSSEN
Phi Staff Writer

One of Washington and Lee's newest political organizations is the College Libertarians. President and founder Jason Sorens started the club at the end of last year and hopes that its presence on campus will cause students to think more philosophically.

For those not familiar with the tenets of the party, Sorens describes Libertarianism as, "neither liberal nor conservative. It is liberal on personal issues and conservative on economic issues. Basically, it is for limited government and against governmental interference in social and economic policy."

Although the club has not had an organized meeting, its members communicate by e-mail. Next month they hope to sponsor a speaker, Jacob Hornberger, from the

Future of Freedom Association. They also hope to sponsor a seminar along with W&L's other two political party organizations, The College Republicans and the College Democrats. The seminar would feature student speakers and would be an exchange of ideas between the different campus political groups. In the future, they would also like to bring Libertarian Party Presidential candidate Harry Browne to campus as a speaker.

As far as long-term goals are concerned Sorens says that, "We are more concerned with the spreading of ideas than electing candidates." They are also interested in increasing their presence on campus.

The faculty advisor of the College Libertarians is Wayne Dymacek from the Math Department. Sorens urges anyone interested in the College Libertarians, whether an undergrad or a law student, to get in touch with him via e-mail.

Drinking for science

Michael HEWLETT
Phi Associate Editor

On October 25, students don't have to travel to fraternities for alcohol. Instead, they can go to the General Headquarters.

The Health Education Committee and the Peer Counselors will sponsor the 4th annual Controlled Drinking Experiment. Representatives from different campus organizations will drink one beer every twenty minutes and then take a breathalyzer test.

This year, along with the Controlled Drinking Experiment, the first annual Mocktail will be held.

Senior Mary Lynn King, who organized the event, said Mocktail is a contest where students organizations submit recipes for their favorite alco-

holic beverages. She said student representatives will make the beverages that night.

The beverages will be judged by a panel of student and faculty. King said the list has not been finalized, but Dean of Students David Howison, Professor Erich Uffelmann, and Drayton Virkler '97 are on the panel.

King said the first place winner will receive \$50. Other prizes include Arizona Ice Tea, t-shirts and gift certificates to places such as Sweet Things.

Chairman Mathew Smith said the Health Education Committee will plan other events during the year.

"We will be doing brainstorming throughout the year to come up with new ideas," he said.

He said new members are welcome to come to the meetings, which take place every Tuesday in the Women's Center at 6:30 p.m.



Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

The Lexington Coffee Roasting Company will now have extended hours for those in Lex who need a late-night caffeine and cheesecake fix.

Lexington Coffee Roasting Company extends hours

By BETHANY BAUMAN
Phi Assistant News Editor

Lexington Coffee is now experimenting with extended later hours. This past Friday and Saturday, the shop stayed open and was quite busy until 11 p.m. According to co-owner Melissa Scholl, the idea of staying open later has been on the table for a while. It was, however, the shop's May 1st move that played a big role in the realization of that plan.

"The fact that we finally found a larger space enabled us to be open late at night...Being open late in the other space simply wasn't viable because we couldn't fit enough people in there," Scholl said.

Before Lexington Coffee moved across Washington Street to its new location, Scholl got some general impressions from customers about what they would like out of the new shop. The two most popular responses were "the same quiet, intimate sort of atmosphere" and late evening hours. Scholl says that it may take some time to

get those later set though.

"It's all on experiment right now... [We need] to see when it is that people want to come in. We're trying to come in. We're trying to give it the biggest window possible to see when people actually want to be here."

Scholl also stated that she and her husband and co-owner, Terry, are willing to keep the shop open late on weeknights as well, if there is a demand for it.

During the new late hours, Lexington Coffee will be serving a few more desserts, like cheesecake and truffles, rather than just the cookies and biscotti that they serve during the day. Another new addition for the late hours was a guitarist on Saturday night. Scholl said that the music was well received and complemented the shop's quiet, intimate atmosphere.

"[The music] went over real well, so that's something we'll try to do as frequently as we can...We'd be interested in some other instruments, a flute or a violin..."

Lexington Coffee is now open Fridays and Saturdays until 11 p.m. and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in addition to their regular hours during the week.

Yearbook Pictures

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COFFEE & VERSE

W&L's Society
for the Arts
brews culture at
the GHQ

By Tarah Grant
Phi Staff Writer

Alex Christensen thinks Newt Gingrich may be President Clinton in drag. While it might not be wise for him to express this opinion in the C-School, he found a place to share his thoughts at the Society for the Arts poetry reading this past Tuesday. Over 40 students and faculty members showed up at the GHQ to attend the event, the occasion commencing a long list of activities planned by the Society for the Arts for this school year.

"I think that it went really well," said junior Denis Riva, this year's Vice Chairperson. "We had great contributors for the open reading and we were very pleased with the turnout."

The Society for the Arts was formed three years ago to foster an appreciation and understanding of the arts on the W&L campus. In addition to poetry readings, the Society also sponsors play readings and musical events. Such activities allow student artists to share their talents and express themselves in nonconventional ways.

"My poem was inspired by the fact that some of the things that people take as just news seem to me signs of the impending end of the world," explained Christensen. He believes that poetry is essentially a verbal art and reading aloud with an audience reveals new possibilities. "Writing is an intensely private thing; people's reactions to it let poets see things they might not know they meant, and focus their poetry more exactly."

The evening began with five featured readers: Aaron Wilkinson, Sarah Anne Ryder, John Harper, Jason Shaffer, and Cathy Resmer. The floor was then opened to audience members who had work to share. The subjects of the resulting poetry ranged from a tribute to a cousin killed in a drunk driving accident to an ode to the library's copy machine.

"All the lights were on me and I had forgotten that I was ever jitting down," Resmer laughed, describing her experience as a first time featured reader. "It was all very *Twin Peaks*-esque."

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While the idea of a poetry reading may evoke images of beatniks sitting around in a smoky room playing bongo drums, W&L's version of the '50s-style coffeehouse, while a bit more conservative, still embraces a wide range of styles and subjects. Resmer explained that her poem "America, the Silk Plants" was written in an Allen Ginsberg/ Walt Whitman phase while her fellow poet Scatter, addressing audience member Professor Duvall, said that his poem "Seed" was the result of "a Yankee reading too much Faulkner."

The final performance of the evening was by Michael Hewlett, who delivered his pieces in a style reminiscent of "Street poet" Reg E. Gaines. Gaines' hip-hop beat was featured in last year's Free Your Mind Spoken-Word Tour that MTV sponsored in response to the public reading culture brewing in coffeehouses and bars across the country. Hewlett had the audience not only listening to the poem but feeling its rhythm.

"Everyone looked like they were having lots of fun," said junior Erin Gnidziejko of the event, who took a break from studying to come and see her friend perform. "I definitely plan on coming back."

For Gnidziejko and everyone else who plans on attending other such events, the Society for the Arts promises to offer many opportunities throughout the coming year. Upcoming plans include more poetry readings, play readings, student art exhibits and musical coffeehouses, and interested students need only keep an eye out for signs posted about campus.

Sewing, knitting, & NASCAR races...?

By Darcey Livingston
Phi Staff Writer

Professor: Lisa Trevey Alty
Title: Associate Professor of Chemistry and Coordinator of Pre-Med Studies Program.
Birthplace: Lynchburg, VA, where she currently resides.
Family: Greg, her husband of 12 years, and Issac, her 14-month-old son.
Pets: Max and Lizzie. ("They're the son and daughter of Dr. Russell's cat. She didn't want to take them to the pound, so she conned us into taking them!")
Greek Affiliation: Alpha Chi Omega

Professor Lisa Trevey Alty did not always want to be a college chemistry professor. When she was a child, she was a bit more musically inclined. "I thought that being an organist would be really great," says Alty, who began playing the piano when she was only seven years old. "It wasn't until late junior high or early high school that I thought about being a college professor."

Alty's former teachers are the main reason she got into her current vocation. "They inspired me into thinking that would be a profession that would be rewarding—that it would be something that you could feel good about at the end of the day when you went home."

The professor loves her job for two main reasons, the first being the chemistry department. "The thing I like best about being in the chemistry department is the people that I work with," relates Alty. "We're a pretty kooky bunch. Individually, we're all very different people, but all of us have a philosophy about being straightforward. We say what we think to one another. That openness is probably the best thing about my day-to-day interactions in this building."

Outside the department, Alty likes the quality of the students at W&L. "The students here stimulate me intellectually," she says. Alty spends three afternoons a week in the organic laboratory, where most of her interaction with the students takes place. "I really enjoy finding out what makes people tick. I find the students here very interesting people to know."

Alty believes that W&L students are in an ideal educational setting. "This is the exception, not the rule, in university life," Alty explains, adding, "It's a good exception because you guys have a lot more personal interactions with the people who are teaching you—a lot more than most folks do," explains Alty.

Personal interaction is important to the professor, not only with her colleagues and students, but with her family as well. In fact, Alty wishes she could spend even more time with her son, Issac. "There are some days when I only see him for two or three hours, because he goes to bed at eight o'clock, and I have an hour commute from work."

Since Alty devotes most of her spare time to her family, she does not engage in many of the activities she used to. "I sewed a lot of my own clothes for work. I used to knit quite a bit. And, my husband and I enjoyed going to NASCAR." (Sewing, knitting, and NASCAR? What's wrong with this picture...?)

Prof. Alty explains that a number of years ago, her sister asked her to get some tickets for the NASCAR races in Richmond. "I sort-of rolled my eyes and said, 'Oh gee,'" admits Alty. However, her sister, brother, husband, and she ended up going to the races that day. The experience got her hooked.

"It's kind-of boring to watch it on TV," she concedes, "because you don't really get a feeling for the power of the automobiles and the skill it takes to maneuver them at those high speeds in such tight quarters. When you're there, you really get a feel for how difficult it is for these guys to do what they do every Sunday."

Now, when Prof. Alty has a spare moment, she likes to read fiction—especially Ken Follett spy thrillers. "One of his books that I liked a lot was *Night Over Water*, in which I didn't know exactly what would happen until I read the last page of the book. That rarely ever happens!" says Alty.

reading days '95

Stress relief for the weary

By Rachel Goddu
Phi Staff Writer

Many moons ago the Faculty Executive and the Registration and Class Schedule Committees put into works the idea of a few days devoted to destressing before Thanksgiving break and catching up on homework. Thus Reading Days were born...

This year's Reading Days fall on Thursday and Friday, October 19 and 20, and, like last year a good number of students will be staying on campus. Studying will be a popular activity as well as sleeping and hanging around.

In a survey executed last year by the Registrar's Office the following information was gathered. Out of 465 responses on a survey that encouraged multiple answers, 43% of the students who answered vacationed or at least took a break during the days, with 40% staying in the Lexington area.

Of those looking to the future, 1% visited a graduate or professional school, and 1% had a job interview.

46% of the students surveyed caught up on past assignments, and 41% studied for upcoming academic assignments.

Some students here at W&L will be working as hard as usual during Reading Days. Men's and Women's Cross Country, Men's and Women's Soccer, Football, Volleyball, Water Polo, and Golf all have games on or the weekend of Reading Days.

Also staying here for Reading Days

are the students involved with the theatrical production *Children of a Lesser God*. True to the maxim "the show must go on," Professor Martinez, who is directing, said, "Rehearsals are not canceled during Reading Days," something the cast knew before they auditioned.

Reading Days could have come at a better time for W&L's Theatre Department, as Professor Martinez elaborates, "[they] occur a week before audiences arrive."

Most students are nonchalant about the brief respite, with the exception of

one freshman from Washington State, who claims, "On Reading Days I will be rotting away in my dorm room, weeping over the fact that I can't go home and everyone else can."

...studying will be a popular activity, as well as sleeping and hanging around...

Some miscellaneous student plans are clandestine fraternity pledge class trips, and drives to visit friends or siblings at nearby colleges.

Last but not least among plans is the ever popular and always enviable trip home to Mom, Dad, and apple pie.

Sometimes we all wish we were Virginians...

Dead Presidents alive and well



By Kirk Susong
Phi Reviewer

Dead Presidents- 3 stars

Twenty-year-old twins Allen and Albert Hughes made quite a mark on the film world two years ago with their acclaimed debut, *Menace II Society*. And though much has been expected of their follow-up, *Dead Presidents*, their eager public will not be disappointed. *Dead Presidents* is both well directed and well acted, and yet, much like their first movie, it is poorly scripted. It is this flaw which prevents the beautiful film from being an absolute classic.

Though it seemed like Hollywood had finally grown tired of Vietnam films several years ago, *Dead Presidents* focuses on a protagonist greatly shaped by that war. The story revolves around one Anthony Curtis (Larenz Tate), a young black man from the Bronx who finds himself directionless after graduating from high school in 1969.

Though his parents want him to go to college, he decides to join the military with two of his friends, Skip (Chris Tucker) and Jose (Freddy Rodriguez).

The time in Vietnam produces the expected trauma, and when he returns home in the seventies, it is to a world strange to him. Jobless and prospectless, with hungry mouths to feed and a cheating wife, he and some friends decide to rob an armored car carrying old bills.

The first thing to say is that Larenz Tate (O-Dog in *Menace II Society*) gives the most amazing performance I have seen all year. It would be a travesty of justice if this young man didn't receive at least an Oscar nomination for this role. Tate's character is young and growing, and goes through all sorts of changes, from being an innocent young graduate with a thousand hopes and dreams to a confused, disillusioned veteran with little to look forward to.

In one scene that sticks out particularly in my mind, an older, stronger tough guy has just shoved him down a stairwell and now holds a gun to his face, threatening to kill him. Rather than simply broadcast fear, Tate conveys a dread mixed with the courage of a war-hardened veteran,

who knows both the horror of death and its inevitability. This performance bodes well for the future of this young man's career.

As fabulous as Tate's performance is, it would be a shame to focus on it to the detriment of the rest of the cast, notably Chris Tucker as Skip, Keith David as Kirby, and Bokeem Woodbine as Cleon. Although not well-known actors, they too are fabulously expressive; the only thing that constrains them is the size of their roles.

Although the acting alone makes this film worth seeing, it is also an amazing sophomore effort from the Hughes brothers. Since *Pulp Fiction*, we have seen a spate of films that loved style for the sake of style, artsy direction simply to bedazzle the audience, without adding anything to the substance of the film (e.g., *Desperado*). Here, the Hughes brothers manage to incorporate style without sacrificing any substance; the camera's movement, its angles, even the sense of editing is flawless and contributes to our understanding of each scene. When we are amazed by the beauty of a particular shot, it doesn't exclude what is actually being depicted on the screen, but magnifies and emphasizes it.

Nevertheless, this film still has one gaping hole in its construction: the script is lifeless, predictable, and tired. Much like *Menace II Society*, the Hughes brothers developed one "story idea" and then let another person (in this case Michael Henry Brown) actually write the script.

It's not so much that the dialogue is not authentic or something; the problem is more that the whole storyline goes nowhere. This movie tells one very old tale, that of youth being disillusioned by the tough realities of an uncaring society, and tells it rather plainly.

The script doesn't take us over any uncharted ground or lead us down unexpected alleyways, but instead meanders its way through the same land that has been covered a thousand times before, with varying levels of effectiveness, in literally dozens of movies, from *The Best Years of Our Lives* to *Born on the Fourth of July*, passing *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Rambo* along the way.

As annoying as this is, it shouldn't stop you from seeing the film. *Dead Presidents* is an amazing effort by the Hughes brothers, and more importantly marks the emergence of another fine black actor. In a short amount of time, Larenz Tate will stand beside the likes of Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman. Go see this film now, before you lose the chance to catch it on the big screen, where we can fully appreciate the Hughes brothers and their cast.

3 stars- Go see this film now, while it's still on the big screen. It's worth a few Oscar nominations and the seven bucks you'll pay if you see it outside of Lexington. Overall, "Better than *Cats!*"

The Ring-tum Phi

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W&L values all its history

Yesterday, the Washington and Lee community took a few moments to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the death of Robert E. Lee. The pillars of Washington Hall were draped in black crepe, and a memorial service was held in Lee Chapel.

It is only right that we celebrate the memory of General Lee. During his time here, Lee changed the character of our school forever. His legacies include the establishment of the journalism school, improved academic standards, the Speaking Tradition, and implementation of the Honor System. Robert E. Lee made Washington and Lee a better place.

This year also marks the anniversary of another change that bettered life at Washington and Lee. It is the tenth anniversary of co-education at Washington and Lee.

Admitting women to W&L markedly improved the academic standards of our university. It increased the number of applicants and allowed W&L to be more selective. In their ten years here, W&L women have made their mark as athletes, as scholars and as leaders. We should be proud of the legacy of co-education, just as we are proud of the contributions of Robert E. Lee.

Sadly, the administration has currently made no plans to commemorate the ten year anniversary of co-education. The contributions of alumnae and current W&L women will not be recognized.

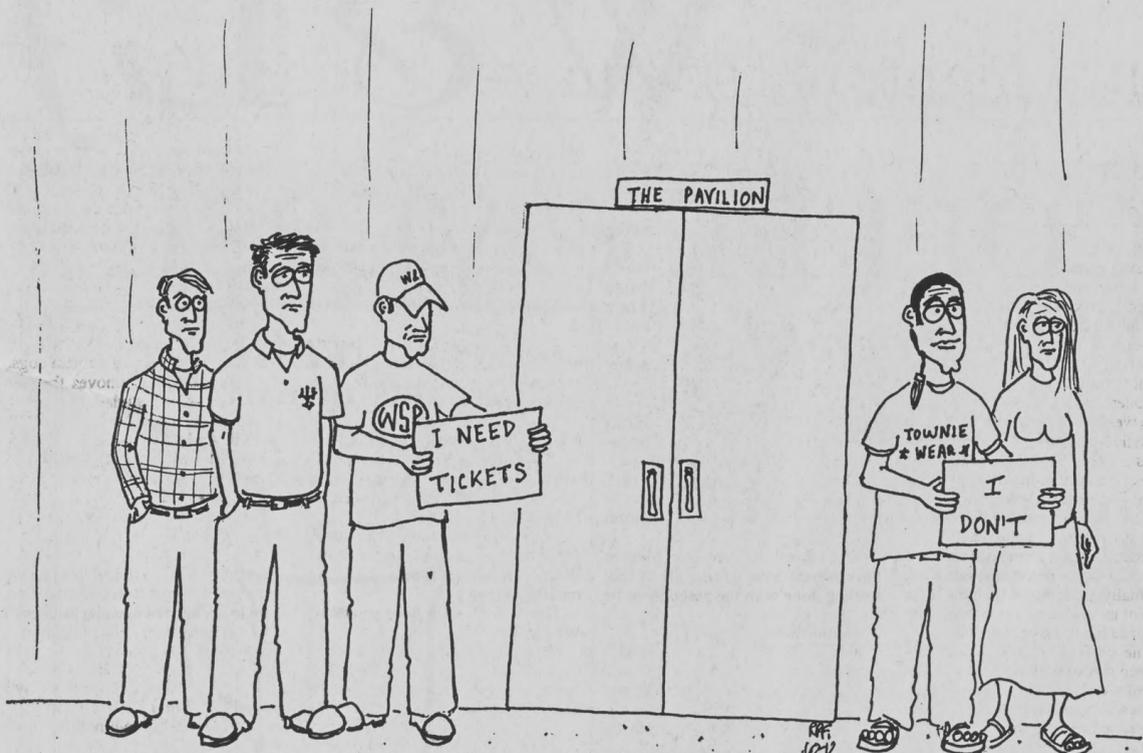
Washington and Lee is a school fiercely proud of its history. To not celebrate the anniversary of co-education is to ignore an important chapter in the history of Washington and Lee.

—B.G.

Quote of the Week

"Yes, I admit I was looking at your ass."

—Phi Associate Editor Michael Hewlett enlivens the Society for the Arts's poetry reading



Can we sacrifice ties to our land?

NOVA
CLARKE,
'96

In his book, *Blue Highways*, William Least Heat Moon travels around the heart of America on the rural roads of the title. The blue highways of the title are those rural highways, like Route 11 around here, that go through all the small towns and allow the traveler to see the country he is traveling through, as opposed to the strip malls and asphalt travel plazas that are characteristic of the huge interstates.

On the Outer Banks of North Carolina the author meets an old man who tells him that Jimmy Carter became president because, "He showed us he came from the land. To an American, land is solidity, goodness, and hope. American history is about land." The members of the 104th Congress in some ways seem to be working from that premise about the central nature of land in the American character.

The validity of this statement is evident right here in Lexington. Part of the character of the area is the land. The surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains cradle the valley and become part of the memory of the years spent here. When I go home to Miami, the mountains are one of the things I miss because they have been there for all of the times I spent here.

In a more indirect way, the history of this school and one of its namesakes is tied to the value of the land. Part of the conflict of the Civil War was the fact that the landowners of the South were being told what they could and couldn't do with their land and those that worked the land.

The American character is one that resents anyone telling us what

to do with our land. Land is a symbol of liberty and freedom from the dictates of others and we resent the idea of anyone telling us what to do with it.

That is one reason that the Republican provision in the "Contract with America" that expands private property rights is so popular. Unfortunately, it pits the survival of a species against the liberty of the individual to do with the land what he wants.

There is a bill in Congress that would require the government to pay a landowner the loss of potential return on land if its value may be diminished by a restriction put on land usage to save a species. What this ignores is one of the other sovereign principles of ownership: the responsibility to take care of what is owned.

Now we pay land owners who build in the flood plain or don't build up to standards that will survive the force of hurricanes or earthquakes. We give people the freedom of land without giving them the responsibility. Those people who build on a barrier island should recognize the fact that the land shifts and houses are in constant danger of having their foundations move on without the rest of the house. Land teaches both freedom and responsibility, and the government should remember that.

One of the other bills moving through Congress is backed by the chairs of both the House and Senate Resources Committees. Rep. Young and Senator Murkowski are both from Alaska, a state where 90 percent of the land is owned by the federal government. The bill that they have been backing would turn the majority of federal land held by the BLM and other government agencies over to the states, who would undoubtedly let the majority of the land be privatized.

To some extent I can see the reasons behind the argument. Very little of Alaska is owned by Alaskans, and when people don't own land, there isn't a sense of having roots. Think of how many people moved out to the suburbs so they could have their ranch house and a lawn that was their own as a connection to

the land. In addition, parts of Alaska were taken over by the federal government after people had lived on it for decades. I remember seeing a house along a highway into Wrangell-St. Elias Park, created in 1980, that said, "The Park Service took my land, my home, and my family." To Americans, the loss of land is a loss of much more, for in some ways it defines us. The land that our grandparents farmed is part of the

history of our family and to give it up takes away part of history. I understand giving those who lost their land some land in return. However, I disagree with the suggestion that all federal land should be turned over.

Just as private property is part of the history of the individual and the country, the wild open lands are part of the history of the country.

When Lewis and Clark traveled to the Pacific, they were traveling without cars, highways, and motels where they could rest. The same goes for the settlers who domesticated the West; they traveled on trails with no guarantee of safety and had to build their homes when they arrived at an unknown destination.

The federal lands in Alaska and other parts of the U.S. should remain federal and wild for the same reason that land is kept in a family: to remember history. How are we to feel a connection to American history if the land is all covered in housing developments and high-rises? We won't feel the connection to our wilder past.

Alaska is the only state in America where you can still get 50 miles from a road and feel like the pioneers of the past did. That attachment is important because it is that spirit that drives America forward, and if we become too comfortable, we begin to stagnate.

In his *Desert Solitaire*, Edward Abbey writes, "A civilization which destroys what little remains of the wild, the spare, the original, is cutting itself off from its origins and betraying the principle of civilization itself." The members of the 104th Congress should remember that when they consider whether to give the land over to private interests. They might be turning the country away from the proud history of individual challenges and accomplishments that they praise so much.

basic character. In the broader perspective of history, therefore, in hating WASPs we are really hating ourselves; we are rejecting a core element of who we are. And self-negation, as any psychologist will tell you, is rarely a healthy practice. This situation is indeed very dangerous; no social edifice can long stand when its foundation stone is being eagerly picked apart.

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WASP culture, American culture one



NICHOLAS L.
WADDY, '96

When America first emerged onto the world scene, when she first wrested her independence from Great Britain in 1776-1783, she was unquestionably one of the most dynamic and promising powers the world had ever seen. Down to the present the American people have maintained this vitality; America is today, as it is commonly said, "the sole remaining superpower"—an achievement which speaks volumes about the enduring strength of our people.

But even as Americans today recognize the enormous significance of their past achievements, and even as they take pride in their continued dominance on the world stage, they seem disturbed, pessimistic, deeply cynical. Even the American left has picked up on this theme; Hillary Clinton has called for a "politics of meaning" to redress our country's perceived moral-spiritual decline. And of course Republicans echo this view as well in their ballyhooing over the issue of "family values."

But why does America seem to be faltering? We are, after all, indescribably rich, far richer than any country in history has ever been. And our place in the sun is not meaningfully threatened by any up-and-coming powers (at least none that do not have tremendous problems of their own). So why the national angst?

Let us first remind ourselves of what a nation is (faithful readers of this column, of course, will already know). A nation, put simply, is a community like any other—only, of course, bigger. It is a group of people, an extended family if you will,

bound together by ties of language and history, and usually also of religion and blood. A nation is never founded solely on a political creed. The Socialist International, for all its menacing strength, was not a nation. And neither is America a nation if it is held together only by shared political principles. A proper national identity, in short, always includes an ethnic-cultural component.

So when we ask why the tired and disunited America of today differs so radically from the emerging and united America of 1776, we might offer the simple observation that the binding forces of yesteryear—common culture, ancestry and history—largely have been blotted out.

The America of 1776 was almost entirely Christian; official American culture was exclusively North-European White and almost exclusively British in origin. Indeed, 75 percent of all White Americans in 1776 were of English descent.

Of course, in the intervening 200 years, a variety of immigrant groups have contributed much to our progress as a nation; but it bears repeating that each of these new influences (however positive) was essentially an add-on to what has remained an enduringly British core. That explains, after all, why we speak English in America and not Spanish, German or Dutch.

But now, 200 years after our country was founded,

we have come full circle. This is now a country, for example, that systematically and legally discriminates against the very people who founded it.

In addition, WASP culture, once a rallying point for Americans, has become the favorite whipping boy of revisionist historians. Can anyone doubt that most members of today's cultural elite are fundamentally hostile to our nation's established Anglo-Saxon heritage? Is it only coincidental that we are awash in mandatory enthusiasm for the contributions of various minorities, and yet at the same time, the traditional heroes of American history, like Robert E. Lee, are now under unprecedented attack?

We now hate WASPs, in short, because we blame them for having dominated America for almost 200 years. But here we err in our logic, for America in truth can never be completely abstracted from the very people who historically have determined her

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Late night, in the tunnels under W&L...

GREEN LAND

Betsy Green

Setting: Late at night in one of the darkest corners of the tunnels under Washington and Lee University. Several W&L professors and administrators are gathered around with evil looks on their faces.

Professor Cruel: Well, colleagues, we meet tonight to discuss Dubyan L. Student and his fate for the rest of the week.

(A slide of our hero, Dubyan, flashes across a screen behind the professors. Dubyan is a normal-looking guy in his fraternity shirt and W&L hat. If you look closely, you can detect dark circles under his slightly glazed eyes.)

Cruel: Dubyan has had it too easy lately. Our spies report that last week he actually got some sleep. Now is the time for us to all conspire against him and make his life complete hell!

(The professors laugh ghoulishly between sips of coffee.)

Professor Death: I'm Dubyan's English teacher, so I thought I'd increase the required reading for the class.

Cruel: Death, that's not like you. It seems so easy. C'mon, don't let us down.

Death: Did I mention that the extra reading was the complete works of Charles Dickens?

(The professors applaud Death loudly until he calls for them to be quiet.)

Death: Naturally I'm also assigning a paper to be written about the reading.

Cruel: Excellent, Professor Death!

I'm sorry I doubted you.

Death: The topic of Dubyan's little paper will be, "What's the meaning of all of this, anyway?"

(More stomping and applauding from the professors.)

Professor Pain: Wonderful, Death! There's no way he can address that in less than a hundred pages even if he's being lazy! But that's nothing on what I have planned.

Cruel: How could you possibly top that?

Pain: For my class, Dubyan will have to read 450,000,095 pages of material, all written in Russian, if he intends to have a prayer on my midterm.

Death: But you're a math teacher!

Pain: Exactly! (Admiration and applause from the masses.)

Professor Evil: Dubyan is going to have a hard time getting all of that reading done with the assignment he has for my class.

(More cheering.)

Pain: Fabulous, Evil! What is it?

Evil: I'm making Dubyan go hear four different speakers next week, then write ten-page reactions to each one.

Cruel: Evil, that's annoying, but it's not that bad.

Evil: Did I mention that three of the speakers will be performing on the same night and that one of them is speaking in Baltimore?

(The professors give Evil a standing ovation.)

Evil: Top that, Professor Unfortunate.

Unfortunate: In addition to being one of Dubyan's professors, I am also his adviser. I plan to spend all of next week calling him to harass him about

his thesis, then hiding whenever he tries to come to my office to discuss it.

Pain: Unfortunate, that's delicious! Dubyan's only a freshman!

Unfortunate: Maybe so, but don't you think next week would be a good time for him to start worrying about graduation?

(Thunderous applause from the professors.)

Unfortunate: I'd also like to report a bit of good news that none of us had even thought to pursue. Dubyan seems to be coming down with something!

(The excitement of the professors is palpable.)

Cruel: And none of us accept late work! What a stroke of luck.

Evil: But that's not all. Gentlemen, I have a surprise for you.

(Evil disappears into a dark corner of the tunnels and emerges with two W&L students, hands tied and mouths gagged.)

Death: Evil, what have you done? Who are they?

(Evil removes the gag from one of the students. He is wearing a hat with fraternity letters that match the ones on Dubyan's shirt.)

Evil: Student, who are you?

Bob: I'm Bob. Dubyan is one of the pledges in my fraternity. I'm his pledge trainer.

(A gasp of admiration for Professor Evil fills the room.)

Bob: I hate to do this to Dubyan. He's a really good guy. But Professor Evil told me I have to if I want to get any sleep during my time at this university.

Unfortunate: Enough of your whining. Next thing, you'll be talking about

student autonomy. We want to know what you're going to do to Dubyan.

Bob (sighing): I'm to tell Dubyan to report to the house for a cleanup. And to get me a Stop-In dog from the Stop-In in Buena Vista. My call is to come when he's about to take a nap and is starting to enjoy a moment's rest. Can I please leave now?

Evil: Thank you for your cooperation, Bob. Let's hope Dubyan remembers what you like on your chili dogs.

(Exit Bob. Evil removes the gag from the other student, a pretty young girl.)

Evil: And who are you?

Ashley: My name is Ashley. I'm Dubyan's girlfriend. Please don't make me do this.

(Ashley's complaints are met with boos and hisses.)

Evil: Speak, girl.

Ashley: I'm to tell Dubyan that we need to talk. Regardless of his reaction, I am to cry and tell him that he doesn't love me and doesn't understand me. I am also to scream and cry harder if he does not stay and hold me.

(The professors laugh diabolically.) Ashley: But I won't do it! You people are sick! I want nothing to do with any of you.

Unfortunate: I'm sorry you feel that way, Ashley. Because your schedule next week just took a turn for the worse.

(Ashley is led out of the room in tears.)

Cruel: On to our next victim.

(The slide changes, and every member of the newspaper audience gasps in horror as they see their own faces reflected in a large mirror in the darkness.)

GENERAL NOTES

Career Fair

The Eleventh Annual National Environmental Career Conference and Career Fair will be held Oct. 27 and 28 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia. The Conference provides panel discussions, workshops, networking and field trips. The Career Fair enables seniors to learn about specific organizations and career opportunities. For more information stop by the Career Development and Placement Office.

Flu Shots

Student Health will be giving flu shots starting Oct. 15. The cost is \$5.

Politics Panel

The Politics Department is sponsoring a panel discussion entitled "The Black Vote in the Republican Party at Century's End" Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. A reception will follow at the Alumni House.

Career Test

There will be a Career Test Interpretation on Monday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. in Room 108 of the University Center. All students who have taken the Myers Briggs and Strong Campbell Interest Tests and not had them interpreted should contact Ms. Saunders at x8595 to see if there is space left in this session.

RACASA

October is Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Throughout the month, the Tie-A-Ribbon campaign will display ribbons and thoughts in support of ending this violence. Oct. 16 from 8 to 10 p.m. at Mary Baldwin College, a bonfire and speakout will be held to speak out against violence. The Volunteer Training session for Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Mint Spring United Methodist Church will focus on child sexual abuse. For more information, call 463-RAPE. Personal Safety Workshops will be held Oct. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Coalter Street YMCA and Oct. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Waynesboro YMCA. All activities are free to the public.

Freshman Elections

Freshman class officer elections for president, vice president, and EC representative will be held Monday, Oct. 23. Students who wish to run for office can pick up a petition outside of Carol Calkins' office in the University Center. The completed petition must be returned to the box outside of the office no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16. For more information contact Sakina Page, VRB chairwoman, at 463-2507.

Glasgow Readings

The Glasgow Endowment Series will present a reading by fiction writer Lex Williford, author of *McCauley's Thumb*, Monday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. in Northern Auditorium.

Graduate School

Students considering graduate school are invited to "Getting into Graduate School: What Works, What Doesn't, and Why" Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. W&L students are also invited to the UVA Graduate School Day Thursday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Newcomb Ballroom on the UVA campus.

SLAC Job Fairs

Liberal Arts and Science majors interested in the SLAC job fairs should submit their resumes by Oct. 27.

Teacher Education

Dr. Patty Westhafer from Mary Baldwin College will be on campus Wednesday, Nov. 1, to consult with students regarding teacher education and licensure. If your future plans include teaching, please come by Fairfax Lounge between the hours of 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. to discuss particular needs with Dr. Westhafer. If you have questions consult Dean Westsettle at x8746.

LETTERS

Elrod invites W&L community to inauguration

To the editor:

My inauguration as the twenty-second president of Washington and Lee University will be held on Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m. Nothing would please Mimi and me more than for you all to be there in full force to participate in the formal opening of my presidency, and I take this occasion to invite you each and everyone to that event.

The date falls on the Saturday following your two-day reading break. I wish

that it were not so, but this date was the only one available to us in the fall given my desire to hold the inauguration before next spring and the crush of activities at both Washington and Lee and VMI that makes scheduling any event very difficult at that time of the year. In spite of the timing, I do hope that you will plan to be there and will look forward to your presence on that day.

John W. Elrod
President, Washington and Lee University

Ring-tum Phi sports coverage shows lack of respect for women's soccer

To the editor:

I have a few comments about the Sports section that I would like to share with you. First of all, why is it that the women's soccer team, and a few other teams as well, are always reported on in "JockShorts" and are rarely allotted a full article? I'd like to point out that the women's soccer team has a better record than either of the teams featured in the articles in the

Oct. 6 edition of the paper and that the game against Randolph Macon was one of the team's most important games of the season.

Also, if you are going to limit coverage of a sport to the "JockShorts," then at least get your information straight. The women's soccer team defeated Sweet Briar by a score of 9-0, not 8-0, as you reported. There is no "Katie Jenkins" on the soccer team; the player you wrote about is Katie Nichols.

Also, the women's soccer team is not 4-0 in the ODACs, but 4-1. I realize that the writers of "JockShorts" may find these details to be minor, but be assured that as a team member and a captain, I would greatly appreciate attention paid to detail. We work very hard and deserve proper recognition.

Ellen Wasilauky, '96
Via E-mail

Thanks for Homecoming tradition of community

To the editor:

On behalf of the Alumni Association, we would like to thank the W&L community for the tremendous support and assistance provided in the organization and execution of Homecoming 1995. A very special thanks goes to those that made the weekend possible: Randolph Hare and Bill Elswick, and the entire Buildings and Grounds crew; Gerry Darrell and John Taffe and the Evans Hall staff; Mike Young and Steve Tomlinson and the security officers, and of course the faculty, staff and students for their participation and warm hospitality.

The sense of community that abounds here at Washington and Lee is very real. Those of us here in Lexington have the privilege of living it every day, and our alumni look forward to experiencing it anew when they return to this special place. One alumnus told us that during this year's Homecoming the University had "cemented for this group [the War Years alumni] the feelings of camaraderie and loyalty they had been missing for the past 50 years."

We trust that future Homecoming and Reunion Weekends will continue to provide an opportunity for the University community to come together and celebrate this wonderful tradition of community. Thanks again.

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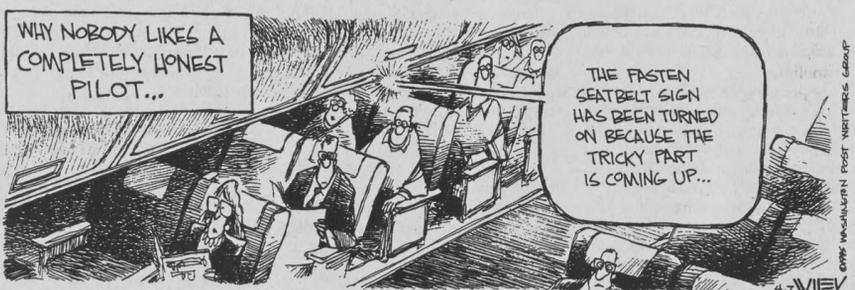
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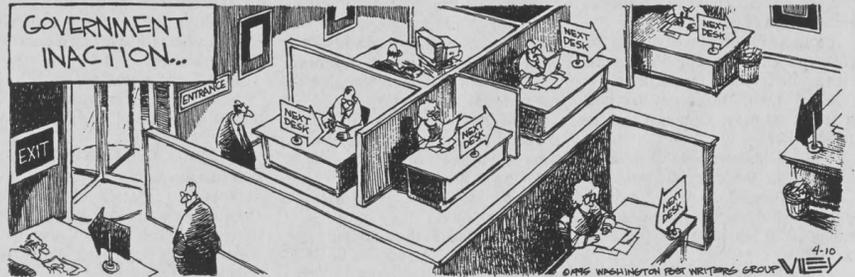
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By the Numbers

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AFTER SIX OF SEVENTEEN WEEKS

AFC			
East	W	L	PCT
Miami	4	1	.800
Buffalo	4	1	.800
Indianapolis	3	2	.600
New England	1	4	.200
N.Y. Jets	1	5	.167

Central			
	W	L	PCT
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500
Cleveland	3	3	.500
Cincinnati	2	4	.333
Houston	2	4	.333
Jacksonville	2	4	.333

West			
	W	L	PCT
Kansas City	5	1	.833
Oakland	5	1	.833
San Diego	3	3	.500
Seattle	2	3	.400
Denver	2	4	.333

NFC			
East	W	L	PCT
Dallas	5	1	.833
Philadelphia	3	3	.500
Washington	2	4	.333
N.Y. Giants	2	4	.333
Arizona	1	5	.167

Central			
	W	L	PCT
Tampa Bay	4	2	.667
Chicago	3	2	.600
Green Bay	3	2	.600
Minnesota	3	2	.600
Detroit	2	3	.400

West			
	W	L	PCT
San Francisco	4	1	.800
St. Louis	4	1	.800
Atlanta	4	1	.800
Carolina	0	5	.000
New Orleans	0	5	.000

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)

DALLAS 34, Green Bay 24
 TAMPA BAY 19, Cincinnati 16
 CHICAGO 31, Carolina 27
 MINNESOTA 23, Houston 17 (OT)
 PHILADELPHIA 37, Washington 34 (OT)
 BUFFALO 29, N.Y. Jets 10
 JACKSONVILLE 20, Pittsburgh 16
 DETROIT 38, Cleveland 20
 OAKLAND 34, Seattle 14
 Indianapolis 27, MIAMI 24 (OT)
 N.Y. GIANTS 27, Arizona 21 (OT)
 Denver 37, NEW ENGLAND 3
 KANSAS CITY 29, San Diego 23 (OT) (Mon)

* - NFL Record five overtime games in one week

(Atlanta, New Orleans, San Francisco, and St. Louis had open dates.)

THURSDAY'S GAME:

Atlanta at St. Louis, night

SUNDAY'S GAMES

New England at Kansas City 1 PM
 Seattle at Buffalo 1 PM
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 1 PM
 Detroit at Green Bay 1 PM
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay 1 PM
 Chicago at Jacksonville 1 PM
 San Francisco at Indianapolis 1 PM
 N.Y. Jets at Carolina 4 PM
 Miami at New Orleans 4 PM
 Washington at Arizona 4 PM
 Dallas at San Diego 4 PM

(Open date: Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Houston)

MONDAY'S GAME

Oakland at Denver 9 PM

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FINAL 1995 STANDINGS

American League				
East	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Boston	86	58	.597	---
y-N.Y. Yankees	79	65	.549	7
Baltimore	71	73	.493	15
Detroit	60	84	.417	26
Toronto	56	88	.389	30

Central				
	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Cleveland	100	44	.694	---
Kansas City	70	74	.486	30
Chicago W.S.	68	76	.472	32
Milwaukee	65	79	.451	35
Minnesota	56	88	.389	44

West				
	W	L	PCT	GB
xz-Seattle	79	66	.545	---
z-California	78	67	.538	1
Texas	74	70	.514	4.5
Oakland	67	77	.465	11.5

National League				
East	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Atlanta	90	54	.625	---
Philadelphia	69	75	.479	21
N.Y. Mets	69	75	.479	21
Florida	67	76	.469	22.5
Montreal	66	78	.458	24

Central				
	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Cincinnati	85	59	.590	---
Houston	76	68	.528	9
Chicago C.	73	71	.507	12
St. Louis	62	81	.434	22.5
Pittsburgh	58	86	.403	27

West				
	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Los Angeles	78	66	.542	---
y-Colorado	77	67	.535	1
San Diego	70	74	.486	8
San Francisco	67	77	.465	11

x - denotes division winner
 y - denotes wild card winner
 z - denotes one-game playoff to determine divisional champion

FIRST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS: (BEST OF FIVE)

AL
 Cleveland defeated Boston, 3 games to 0
 Seattle defeated N.Y. Yankees, 3 games to 2

NL
 Atlanta defeated Colorado, 3 games to 1
 Cincinnati defeated Los Angeles, 3 games to 0

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: (BEST OF SEVEN)

TUESDAY'S GAMES:
AL
 SEATTLE 3, Cleveland 2
NL
 Atlanta 2, CINCINNATI 1 (11 innings)

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES:
AL
 Cleveland 5, SEATTLE 1
 (Series tied, 1-1)
NL
 Atlanta 6, CINCINNATI 2 (10 innings)
 (Atlanta leads series, 2-0)

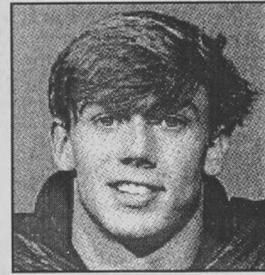
FRIDAY'S GAMES:
AL
 Seattle at Cleveland 8 PM
NL
 Cincinnati at Atlanta 8 PM

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY'S GAMES:
AL
 Seattle at Cleveland 7 PM
NL
 Cincinnati at Atlanta 7 PM

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Hilary Martin
Volleyball



Griff Russell
Football

Martin has made some huge contributions for the Generals throughout the season, and the Goucher Tournament on Saturday was no different.

The sophomore led W&L to five straight wins at Goucher to earn the tournament MVP award. Counting two games the previous week, Martin finished with 66 kills and 13 blocks in the seven matches.

When W&L needed a big play late in the Homecoming game against Davidson on Saturday, Russell stepped to centerstage.

With the Generals leading by only three, the senior turned the lights out on the Wildcats with his second interception on the day. In the first quarter, Russell picked off a pass at the W&L 31.

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Last Week:

VOLLEYBALL - Beat Marymount in finals to win Goucher Invitational; W, 15-4, 15-12, 15-8, vs. Sweet Briar
 MSOCCER - L, 4-2, vs. Roanoke; W, 5-0, at Bridgewater
 WSOCER - W, 2-1, vs. Virginia Wesleyan; L, 3-0, at Roanoke
 WCROSS COUNTRY - Josephine Schaeffer finished eighteenth at the Paul Short Invitational
 FOOTBALL - W, 19-13, vs. Davidson
 MTENNIS - Chris MacNaughton and Dale Pretilla advanced to semifinals in doubles at the W&L Fall Festival

The Ring-tum Phi SPORTS

This Week:

VOLLEYBALL - Today at Hollis, 6:30 PM
 Today vs. Randolph-Macon, 6:30 PM
 Sat. at Hampden-Sydney, 1:30 PM
 Sat. at Randolph-Macon, 5:00 PM; Mon. vs. Cabrini, 4:00 PM;
 MSOCCER - Wed. vs. VMI at Drewbaker, 6:00 PM
 WSOCER - Sun. vs. Haverford, 2:00 PM; Wed. vs. Lynchburg, 4:00 PM
 FTENNIS - Fri. Sun. in W&L Fall Tourney (Fri. 3:00 PM, Sat. Sun. 6:00 AM)
 Golf - Mon. Tues. at Ferrum Fall Invitational
 CROSS COUNTRY - Sat. at State Division II-III Championships, 10:00 AM
 WATER POLO - Sat. at George Washington EWPA Tournament;
 Wed. vs. Richmond, 7:00 PM; Thurs. at Richmond, 7:00 PM

Refusing to lose

THE BIG FAN

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER

Can anyone say the word "Cinderella"?

It may be one of the most overused terms in sports, but it definitely applies to Seattle, which up until now was known more for rainy weather and alternative bands than for baseball teams.

But the underdog Mariners, sporting their "Refuse to Lose" motto, have given the Northwest a prominent place on the baseball map in recent weeks.

Seattle, which was mired in third place in the AL West for most of the summer, caught fire in September to overtake the suddenly-punchless Angels and the perplexing Rangers to capture the division crown. Most of this was done without the services of Ken Griffey Jr., who spent the summer on the disabled list.

However, the Mariners celebrated their first appearance ever in the playoffs by promptly dropping their first two games in New York.

One game away from a trip to the AL Championship Series, the Yankees brought out their "Refuse to Win" T-shirts. After frittering away their two-game lead, the Yankees were feeling very sleepless in Seattle before the deciding Game 5.

The Seattle Kingdome, which had about as much atmosphere as a mausoleum for the last decade, was rocking on Sunday night when the Yankees and Mariners played a postseason game for the ages. In true form, Seattle rallied back from two late deficits to win, 6-5, on Edgar Martinez's two-run double in the 11th inning.

Seattle now is involved in a David vs. Goliath series against the big, bad, Cleveland Indians. Then again, Cleveland would probably rather take its chances with David slinging rocks than Randy Johnson firing 100-mph fastballs. Ask John Kruk.

Unless the Mariners begin dropping ceiling tiles from the Kingdome roof on the Indians, this is likely where Seattle's party ends.

Elsewhere, the Rockies shut up the tomahawkers in Atlanta for one game, but Colorado was no match for Greg Maddux in the Braves' clinching 10-4 win on Saturday.

Atlanta is now facing Cincinnati in what has quickly turned into a farce of an NL Championship Series. The Reds promptly blew their home-field edge with extra-inning losses in each of the first two games. Now the Reds have to go to Atlanta to face Maddux and Tom Glavine. Ouch.

This was another crazy week in football. There were an NFL-record five overtime games this past weekend. One occurred in Miami, where the previously unbeaten Dolphins somehow managed to torch a 24-3 cushion to the...uh...Colts. Also, AFC power Pittsburgh got bounced by suddenly dangerous Jacksonville.

Things were wilder in the colleges. Colorado and Texas A&M, both Top 10 teams, were upset. In the shocker of the day, Northwestern beat a previously undefeated Michigan team in Ann Arbor. Yes, Northwestern, the same team that was so pathetic during the '80s that a disgruntled fan once found an Interstate 94 sign in the Chicago area, and plastered a sign underneath it which read, "Northwestern 0".

Yet, all of a sudden, the Wildcats are leading the Big Ten conference. Remember, even Cinderella made it to the dance.

Generals hold off Davidson for first victory

By SCOTT BOOKWALTER
Phi Sports Editor

Maybe Washington and Lee should begin scheduling Davidson on opening weekend each year.

For the second straight year, W&L defeated Davidson in the fourth game of the year for its first victory. After winning 9-3 at Davidson last year, the Generals downed the Wildcats, 19-13, this past Saturday in front of a Homecoming crowd of 4,500 at Wilson Field. The triumph raised W&L's record to 1-2-1.

A touchdown catch by Nick Hodge midway through the fourth quarter proved to be the decisive score, and Griff Russell's second interception of the game preserved a crucial W&L victory.

The win also gave Frank Miriello his first victory as Generals' head coach.

"It should have happened two games ago," he remarked. "We played good enough to win the last two."

Unlike the Generals' last game at Randolph-Macon where W&L rallied back only to come up short, this time W&L grabbed the early lead and held onto it.

The Generals got off to an impressive start with a ten-point first quarter. Freshman Chas Chastain reeled in a 16-yard

touchdown pass from quarterback Brooks Fischer to get W&L on the scoreboard first. Placekicker Drew Thomas followed that up with his first of two field goals, a 23-yard boot which gave the Generals a 10-0 lead.

The margin did not hold up for long as Davidson responded with a touchdown drive in the second quarter to bring the Wildcats to within 10-6 at the break.

Miriello mentioned that he was disappointed with the defensive play in the first half.

However, the defense would come up big for Miriello as the Generals pushed the Davidson offense around in the second half.

Davidson only completed 14 of 37 passes on the afternoon. Junior Peyton Williams, who made six tackles and one sack, and linebacker Travis Wisdom, who was credited with a team-leading nine tackles, were the major defensive contributors.

Still clinging to their 10-6 lead, the Generals appeared to put the game away when wide receiver Hodge made a 23-yard diving touchdown grab in the corner of the end zone with slightly under ten minutes to play.

Thomas ended his streak of 20 straight extra-point conversions, but the Generals still had a seemingly comfortable margin of 16-6.

The Wildcats, though, once again would not let the Generals out of their sight. Quarterback

Tommy Dugan scored on his second one-yard touchdown plunge of the game to pull Davidson back to within 16-13. When Davidson regained possession of the ball with three minutes to play, there were some unsettled stomachs in the vicinity of Wilson Field.

Not Miriello's. "I have confidence in the players that when the game's on the line, they'll make the big plays," he said.

The coach proved to be correct as Russell picked off his second pass on the afternoon to effectively end the Wildcats' hopes for a late rally. The interception set up Thomas for his second 23-yard field goal of the game with 1:55 remaining to extend the margin to 19-13.

"Griff is a great young man," Miriello commented. "He's getting better and gaining more confidence each week."

Davidson had one last gasp, but Dugan, harassed by defensive tackle Robert Hull deep in the Davidson backfield, threw away a fourth-down pass to ice the W&L victory.

Sophomore Seth McKinley made a dramatic return to the W&L starting lineup following a shoulder separation as he rushed for exactly 100 yards on 21 carries. Junior Aaron Wilkinson also picked up a large chunk of the rushing load with 62 yards on only eight attempts.

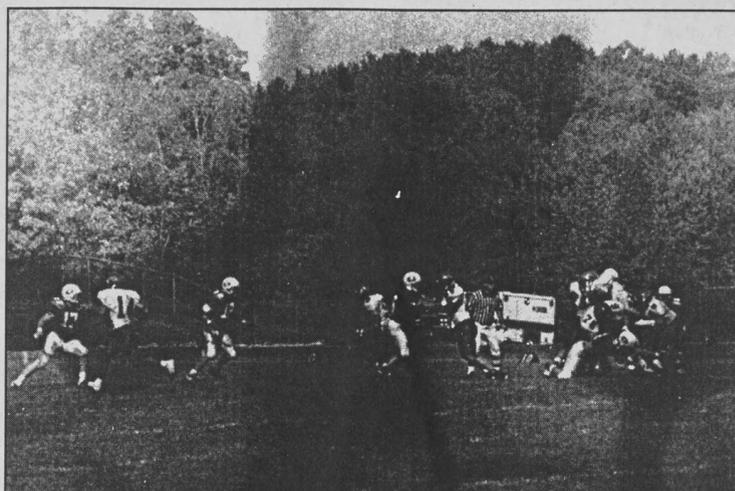


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W&L snared its first victory of the season on Saturday against Davidson.

Junior quarterback Brooks Fischer completed 12 of his 19 passes for a total of 135 yards.

Tomorrow, the Generals travel to Hampden-Sydney for an ODAC contest with the Tigers, a team which won a 21-17 decision last year on W&L Parents' Weekend.

W&L has played Hampden-Sydney (2-3) more often than any other college. This game will be the teams' 53rd meeting in a se-

ries which the Tigers currently lead, 27-23-2.

According to Miriello, the key to success for the Generals will be if they can control the Tigers' running game; therefore forcing them to throw the ball.

However, Miriello was pleased to finish with the larger number on the Wilson Field scoreboard for a change, before making the trip to Hampden-

Sydney tomorrow.

In fact, the scoreboard was adorned this past week with a blue falcon in memory of late Generals' head coach Gary Fallon. Miriello feels that the Generals may have drawn some inspiration from the banner throughout their first win since the death of their former leader.

"We finally got one for (Fallon)," Miriello said.

W&L volleyball continues its winning ways

By ROY BURNS
Phi Staff Writer

Washington and Lee's volleyball team captured first place at the Goucher Invitational this past weekend with wins over Sweet Briar, Marymount, Stockton State, Goucher, and Marymount again in the finals. These five wins, coupled with two wins last week over Lynchburg and Emory & Henry, and Wednesday's 15-4, 15-12, 15-8 home victory over Sweet Briar, capped off a perfect week for W&L.

The Generals have now taken sole possession of first place in the Old Dominion Conference. Their performance this week has virtually assured the Generals a spot in postseason play.

Led by Goucher tournament MVP Hilary Martin, the Generals have begun to hit their stride this season.

When asked about the team's performance this year, Martin replied, "We've had our share of roadblocks, but we're well on our way to playing like we're capable of playing."

Sophomore Alison Beard, who had 15 assists and four aces in the championship match with Marymount, agreed that the Generals are "playing excellent, despite a slow start this season."

Both Martin and Beard were named to the all-tournament team for their outstanding individual performances at Goucher.

However, both were quick to point out that the tournament wins would not have been possible without excellent play from the entire team.



Photo by Betsy Green, Phi Photo Editor

The Generals' volleyball team has been extremely successful the past week, capturing eight straight games, including the Goucher Invitational title.

"We've been thrilled with our team effort," said Beard, who had 17 more assists in the Sweet Briar match. "Everyone has stepped up and played solid ball."

The Generals have four remaining games this season, three of which are conference matches. They also play in the Gallaudet Tournament starting next weekend. These final games are all that remains of a season in which the Generals entered with high hopes and definitive goals after a strong finish last year.

One of these goals was to ensure that they played up to their abilities and not played down to their opponents' level.

If its record of 20-4 is any indication, W&L has certainly accomplished this goal.

However, W&L's primary objective of the season is to win the ODAC Tournament. This ultimate goal will only be accomplished by combining perseverance with teamwork, and its realization will be the basis by which to judge this season.

Men endure .500 week in ODAC

By RYAN BREMER
Phi Staff Writer

The W&L men's soccer team split a pair of games against conference rivals this past week to bring their overall record to 6-4, 3-4 in the ODAC.

Saturday's match at Liberty Hall Field was against Roanoke, the defending champions of the ODAC. Roanoke struck early, grabbing a one-goal lead a mere three minutes into the contest. W&L tied it up when Sam Chase rose above the crowd to head Gordon Meeker's corner kick into the back of the net.

After going to the locker room at halftime with a 1-1 tie, the Generals drew first blood in the second half. Chase connected again on a header, this time with assists from sophomore Colin Connolly and senior Jeb Wofford.

After Washington and Lee took the lead, Roanoke showed the Generals why they are the defending conference champs. The Maroons came roaring back, piling up three goals in only eleven minutes. That scoring barrage was enough for Roanoke to go home with a 4-2 victory.

After the stinging loss to Roanoke, the Generals took out their frustration at Bridgewater on Wednesday. Chase continued pounding balls into the net. He scored a hat trick and assisted on another goal to lead W&L to a 5-0 win. The freshman from Atlanta now has 13 goals in 10 games.

Chad Dobbins and Brent Christ also tallied scores for the Generals in the Bridgewater game. Jeb Wofford, Bill Sigler, and Geoff Wright found their way into the assist column.

The Generals will look to bring their conference record back to .500 when they face Randolph-Macon at Ashland on Saturday.

Women's soccer has strong stretch run

By JOSHUA HESLINGA
Phi Staff Writer

The women's soccer team continued to build on this year's success, scoring two different but equally impressive wins this past week over ODAC rivals Sweet Briar and Virginia Wesleyan.

To say the least, Sweet Briar was not a challenging opponent last Wednesday, as the Generals rolled, 9-0. Junior Michelle Bauman scored the soccer equivalent of a hat trick, recording three goals and an assist all in the first half against the hapless opponents.

Sophomore Erica Reineke reached the net twice, and freshman Karin Treese posted two goals and two assists.

Virginia Wesleyan proved to be more of a challenge, but the large Homecoming crowd at Liberty Hall Field spurred the Generals on to a dramatic 2-1 victory in overtime. With the win, the Generals avenged two losses at the hands of VWC last year, including a heartbreaker in last year's ODAC Tournament semifinals.

The Generals broke the defensive deadlock late in the second half on Saturday as Reineke scored on assists from freshman Caroline Keen and sophomore Leighton Kirby. But with just three minutes left, the Lady Marlins answered to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, Keen secured the win for the Generals, tapping one past the

goalie on an assist from Bauman.

When asked what has been the key to the Generals' success, Reineke cited the team's incredible talent and depth. "We have so much talent. We have such a strong bench that anyone who comes in can do the job."

She explained that this can prove to be the difference in grueling games like Saturday's contest, saying, "When someone goes on the field, they can give 100 percent all the time because they know they have someone behind them who can come in and do the job for them."

As W&L begins to look ahead to this year's ODAC Tournament, Reineke said the team will concentrate on improving communication and sharpening focus on key games, such as Thursday's at Roanoke, which decided second place in the ODAC.

The Generals, however, could not sustain their momentum in Roanoke as the Maroons blanketed them, 3-0.

W&L contained Roanoke most of the way, but the Maroons scored all three of their goals in a span of only 4:58. Sophomore Delia Coyle allowed all of Roanoke's goals.

Despite the loss yesterday, the Generals' mark still is an impressive 7-2 overall, 5-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

This weekend, the Generals will travel to Haverford for a Sunday afternoon non-conference game.

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