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# why safety matters

*Police say crime rates are dropping but warn students to keep taking precautions*

By Katherine Greene  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**I**t was a dark, still night, so still that the absence of sound left a vacuum the wind kept trying to fill. The woman walking down the street didn't notice, and she shattered the silence with her too-thin, too-high heels, clattering over the cobblestones in a pattern of chaotic stumbling. She didn't notice the three men following her. In her drunken determination to make it home, she didn't notice much of anything. The men moved quickly, slinking through the shadows in a quiet conspiracy, coming closer to their prey with each stealthy stride.

### Lexington crime statistics:

Each year Lexington compiles its city-wide crime data and sends it to the FBI. Here are the statistics for 2005.

#### Population: 7,010

Violent	Rape	Aggregated Assault	Burglary	Auto Theft
7	0	2	14	6
Murder	Robbery	Property Crime	Theft	Arson
0	5	102	82	1

Source: FBI, [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

The woman did not make it home that night. She spent it in jail.

A similar situation happened in October—and it has the Lexington Police Department worried that students are making themselves too vulnerable to criminals around town.

Officer Ron Condry, who came across the scene as it played out one Saturday night, arrested the woman and charged her with underage possession of alcohol and being drunk in public.

She wished to remain anonymous until her case is heard in court on Nov. 14.

Though the charges are serious and could result in the loss of her license, they may have saved her life.

The men following her, according to police, were "just local troublemakers, up to no good."

But Chief Steve Crowder warned the members of Washington & Lee's Inter-Fraternity Council that unless students avoid dangerous situations, something awful is bound to happen.

"You guys have got to be careful," Crowder said to the men.

He said that the women at W&L are particularly vulnerable because they feel safe enough to walk home at night, even when they are drunk.

"You've got to look out for the girls," Crowder said. "That's the way my momma raised me."

The woman's arrest earlier this month is not the only case that has authorities on edge.

Michael Young, director

of public safety at W&L, said that several women have been "grabbed on the street," but that the incidents were never reported.

Young sent out an e-mail to W&L students on Oct. 27 warning them of "an increased presence of suspicious persons lurking on the streets."

Since school began, a few local residents have been arrested and charged in incidents relating to W&L students.

One 25-year-old Lexington man was arrested and charged with peeping into the Massie Street home of a student on September 20. It was his third offense, according to police.

One of the men following the woman arrested by Condry was later found by police officers. They picked him up a few hours after the incident with the student and arrested him. He was charged with being drunk in public.

But police say that students are not always the victims.

Two men ran from the police in two separate incidents during Homecoming weekend. One is a student at W&L, but the other was an alumnus. According to the police reports, both men were intoxicated when they ran.

On Halloween, a man threatened a police officer with a meat cleaver in the kitchen at the Palms.

Despite these incidents, the crime rate in Lexington has dropped over recent years. In 2005, the city only reported 219 crimes to the FBI, compared to 2004's 308 crimes.

In addition, none of the

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### safety checklist:

#### Lock your doors

As obvious as this seems, it is one of the most common problems in Lexington crime. Nobody in town locks their doors and everyone knows it—including possible thieves. Don't make yourself vulnerable to attacks and theft by inviting them into your home.

#### Be aware

Don't be oblivious to what's going on around you, and don't ignore your instincts. Keep an eye out for suspicious people and activities so you can avoid them.

#### Don't give rides to strangers

Just because someone looks drunk and is wandering the streets of Lex does not mean they go to W&L. Make sure you at least recognize someone before letting them into your car.

#### Have a cell phone—but don't talk on it

Keep it with you so you can call someone for help if you feel uncomfortable. But remember that just talking on it does not make you safe. It could distract you from the warning signs of danger.

#### Practice the buddy system

Go out as a group and come back as a group. When you go out, don't get separated. And if you're going home with someone else or want to stay at the party when your friends leave, make sure they know who you are with and where you are going.

#### Leave before Traveller stops running

Nothing good is going to happen after 2 a.m. Ensure you have a safe, smart way home and take Traveller. Leave your valuables at home.

#### Always have your I.D.

It doesn't matter whether you're 21—if anything should happen to you, there should be at least something on you to tell authorities who you are. Carry your student I.D. or your driver's license in your pocket whenever you go out.

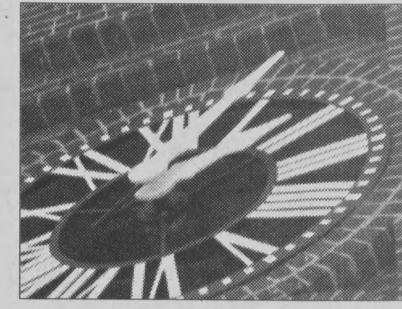
#### Don't drink too much

Nearly every dangerous incident at W&L involves alcohol—whether the student is a victim or the culprit. Keep control of your actions by keeping control of your consumption.

#### Never walk alone

Always have company with you at night. Just because the town looks cute and safe doesn't mean that nothing bad can happen.

# news



## Students trash Traveller

*Sober ride service might lose its bus contract if abusive behavior does not improve*

By Cody Beauchamp

STAFF WRITER

Drivers for Traveller, Washington and Lee's safe ride system, reported multiple incidents of abusive, inappropriate and violent behavior among students and alumni over homecoming weekend.

The incidents involved a range of problems involving multiple drivers at different locations on the Traveller circuit.

One Traveller Express driver quit following Saturday night. According to an e-mail sent from Traveller advisor Ed Bulger to Director of Public Safety Mike Young, the driver seemed like she "had just about had it."

One incident Saturday night involved a number of alumni who refused to get off an overloaded bus.

After the driver requested that they leave, the alumni "got in her face," according to the incident report.

The report said "they refused to give their names," and yelled obscenities at the driver.

The driver turned off the engine and exited the bus, at which point "the alumni followed her

out of the bus as she walked around it" and continued using obscenities.

The alumni eventually got on another bus that arrived at the scene, leaving—according to reports—the driver crying on the sidewalk. The report noted that "the undergrad students on the bus apologized to [the driver] for the behavior of the alumni."

"It's a sad day when undergraduates have to apologize for the behavior of alumni," Bulger said.

Another incident Saturday night involved students at the Davidson Park stop who "beat on the side of the bus" and "threw beer cans on the roof," according to the incident report. The cans "rolled down over the windshield," forcing the driver to "turn on the windshield wipers to clear the windshield."

In a separate incident from Saturday night, a different driver in the Red Square area had a beer bottle "thrown at the bus she was driving."

The window was "fortunate...not open far enough" for the bottle to hit her, although beer did spill on the driver's face, forcing the bus to a brief halt.

Hartung said while she understood the frustrations involved in getting rides when the buses are filled to capacity,

In yet another incident Saturday, a driver was forced to request security assistance after two students got into an altercation on the bus.

Before security arrived at the bus, both of the students exited the vehicle. According to the incident report, the students were slapping each other.

These events prompted a broadcast e-mail from Traveller Chair Kaylee Hartung, co-signed by Executive Committee Chair Rob Rain and Student Judicial Council Chair Matt Krieg, in which Hartung labeled the behavior "unacceptable."

"If this kind of behavior continues, we risk losing our contract with our carrier and the program could be terminated," Hartung wrote.

In an interview, Hartung said she was overwhelmed when she received the incident reports.

"Traveller is not an entitlement," she said.

"There comes a point when alcohol is not an excuse. There is no excuse for behavior like that."

Hartung said that while she understood the frustrations involved in getting rides when the buses are filled to capacity,

Traveller is still bound by Virginia laws that prohibit overcrowding.

"If it were up to me, I'd pack them in there," said Hartung.

In separate interviews, both Hartung and Bulger raised the possibility that Traveller might be shut down if incidents like those on Homecoming weekend continue.

"This program is at the mercy of the students," said Hartung.

She believes it would become probable that the company who runs the buses, A Goff Limos, might not continue their charter with Traveller if the situation continues.

Bulger placed the responsibility for change squarely on the students.

"There are a few in the W&L community who are ruining it for everyone," he said.

"[The problem] can only be solved through peer pressure...when students decided they want this program and will stick up for it and defend it," Bulger said.

Otherwise, said Bulger, W&L's students could lose Traveller.

"That would be such a sad day," says Hartung. "I shudder to think about it."

### Number of students recorded as transported by Traveller:

The Traveller sober ride system has been under increasing strain as demand for rides increased this year. Dispatch runs every night. The buses run three times a week.

#### Traveller Express Bus:

Sept 2006	Sept 2005	percent increase
5952	4523	32.0%

#### Traveller Dispatch:

Sept 2006	Sept 2005	percent increase
2127	1504	41.4%

#### Total Students Transported:

Sept 2006	Sept 2005	percent increase
8079	6027	34.0%

\* It should be noted that the September 2006 Bus Numbers account for 13 days travel. Additionally, during the month of September 2005 the larger 25 passenger bus ran on test for eight of the days, while in 2006 it ran for 13 days. The Dispatch vehicles ran 29 days this year in September.

## SAE takes a hit

*Frat takes strike instead of turning in brothers*

By Alden Wicker

STAFF WRITER

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity showed where its loyalties lie when it took a house-wide strike instead of turning in several brothers for marijuana use in the beginning of October.

Just before 6 p.m. on Sept. 27, security officer Daniel Rexrode was doing his usual rounds between fraternity houses, according to his report. As he walked toward SAE, he noticed some brothers on the third floor porch.

"Hey, guys, security is coming," Rexrode heard someone say. Interest piqued, he entered the house and started walking upstairs to the third floor. At that point, he reported that 15 to 20 people came "running" down the stairs. That's when Rexrode became suspicious.

Rexrode decided to investigate further when he smelled what he suspected was marijuana. He talked to SAE President Jordan Wesley but was unable to get a satisfactory answer.

Wesley says that at that point, Rexrode "put on his glasses and looked around the computer room."

The security guard's suspicions were confirmed when he saw a few flakes of marijuana on the counter.

That was enough. Rexrode wrote up a report charging SAE with possession and use of marijuana, an offense punishable by a strike from the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Wesley talked to Campus Security Director Mike Young, IFC Senior Justice David Mitchell, and Student Judicial Council Chair Matt Krieg. "Everyone told me that it wasn't gonna be a problem," Wesley said.

Wesley said he understood that he would be allowed to handle the matter internally.

"Part of the deal I struck was that I would do an internal investigation," said Wesley. "I asked people involved to come forward. I told them I wouldn't release

their names."

Several people came forward to Wesley, expecting to receive a punishment from just the fraternity.

"Then the IFC took charge," Wesley said.

The issue went to the IFC, which gave the house a strike, despite Wesley's fight to keep the matter internal.

"I don't [think it's fair]" he said. "I understand that they have to follow policy, but the way that it was handled, the information I understood was that it wasn't going to be a problem."

What doesn't bother Wesley is the fact that the whole fraternity had to take the fall for a few individuals.

"People did come forward under the impression that their names would be kept confidential," Wesley said. "I gave them my word. I decided that it was the best thing to do. They trusted me so I kept it secret."

"The brothers look to me to stick up for them," he said.

SAE sophomore Reiss Eagan echoed that opinion.

"I think the frat did the right thing in stepping up," Eagan said, "because multiple people might have been involved."

As a result, SAE had two weeks of social probation, lasting from Oct. 3 to Oct. 20. They had to postpone their annual toga party, along with other events, such as Thursday nights at Hooterville.

The house also had to pay a \$500 fine and will have a strike for a calendar year. Letters will also be sent to the national headquarters and to their parents.

Now the SAE's just seem eager to put the repercussions behind them, and look forward to the weeks ahead when they will be able to party again.

"I'm glad it is finally over and we can move on," said Wesley.

It is not the punishment imposed by the IFC that really worries members, though.

It is their image they are concerned with.

"It's not good for our reputa-

tion," said Eagan. "It looks irresponsible. People might look down on us."

"It's kind of embarrassing for me," Wesley said. "You're doing a good job, the fraternity is running smoothly and all the sudden something like that happens and it stains your reputation."

Director of Student Activities and Greek Life Jason Rodocker said Wesley did a good job handling the situation. Rodocker said he was impressed with how Wesley behaved.

"I think that Jordan Wesley

*"The information I understood was that it wasn't going to be a problem."*

**JORDAN WESLEY, SAE President**

and all the members of SAE did a great job of meeting to discuss the issue, of taking the issue seriously, accepting the decision of the IFC and moving forward," he said. "They were very cooperative."

Rodocker points out that all those steps are important in making the process run smoothly.

Eagan was also happy with the way his fraternity president acted on the issue.

"He was very controlled about the whole situation. He handled it very well."

One of the biggest issues for SAE will be how the incident affects fall rush.

"I think it has hurt rush," Eagan said, "because people might look at us differently, with the fact that we have a strike. Hopefully it will pan out."

However, Wesley is more optimistic. "If anything, it's helped us, because we saved money. We have some exciting weeks coming up, with all the parties we will be having."

## Campaigns call for student help

*While YD runs voter registration drives, other students get ready for 2008 Mock Convention*

By Wes O'Dell

STAFF WRITER

For some students, the approaching November elections represent more than an abstract political contest. For those who donate their time and talents toward their preferred candidate's campaign, it's a labor of love.

For Senior David Mitchell, "labor" is the operative word; he spent the summer in a paid position with the campaign of Mike Beebe (D), Arkansas' current Attorney General and, according to Mitchell, its next governor. He has a knack for picking winners: he previously worked on the campaigns of victorious Sen. Mary Pryor (D-AR) and Rep. Vic Snyder (D-AR).

On the Beebe campaign this summer, Mitchell's responsibilities included organizing and recruiting volunteers to operate phone banks, canvassing, and attending campaign events. He also coordinated the statewide yard sign distribution plan.

"I knew that I wanted to be involved in any capacity possible," said Mitchell, an active member and former president of the Young Democrats.

The opportunity to get involved attracts many students to the College Republicans and the Young Democrats; both organizations campaign actively throughout the year. Current YD president Adam Hockensmith points to voter registration drives his group has conducted this year with Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Phi

Alpha, and the Gay-Straight Alliance as particularly valuable contributions to the campus.

Hockensmith says his organization has put a great deal of effort into the Virginia senate seat race.

"YD has promoted phoning for Jim Webb and has helped organize ... a fundraiser for Webb in late September ..."

**ADAM HOCKENSMITH, President of Young Democrats**

State Chairs are responsible for a plethora of activities, including fundraising and managing research teams. They will all "be very involved in the politics of '08," said Little.

Despite widespread interest in Mock Con, veteran campaigner Mitchell agrees that many students miss out on the regular political process.

"So much is demanded of W&L students both academically and socially," he said. "I would guess that [many students] simply don't feel like they have enough time."

But all the student political organizations—College Republicans, Young Democrats, and Mock Con—have big plans in the works to increase participation. YD and CR are planning for a debate during the Mock Con Kickoff festivities, while Little and his associates are working hard to deliver another successful, accurate, and memorable Mock Con.

With elections looming large in the minds of a few, these student organizations continue to work to expand participation—and to ensure the victory of the candidate of their choice.

# Doctor calls for action

*W&L health center and local doctor worry about possible flu pandemic*

By Nicole Mooradian  
STAFF WRITER

Local authorities have begun talking about a new threat: pandemic flu. Not a "regular" flu virus, experts say the pandemic virus will form when a human influenza virus combines with an avian influenza virus.

In addition to their usual flu advice, some doctors are recommending that, in case of a pandemic, everyone stock up on N95 standard surgical masks. These masks can keep viral particles from entering someone's mouth or nose.

Dr. Fred Fevrier is one of those doctors.

He recently presented his pandemic flu recommendations at the Rockbridge County Library as well as a Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors meeting.

"You ought to buy some N95 masks," he told the Rockbridge County Supervisors. "I recommend it strongly."

N95 masks are designed to prevent viral particles from entering a person's respiratory system. Since the size of the initial dose of the virus determines how sick someone will get, Fevrier believes that wearing a mask will lessen the severity of or prevent

the flu.

"It's the single most and only technological advantage that we have [to produce] some degree of protection over what the people in 1918 had," he said, referring to the 1918 influenza pandemic.

Still, the Center for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) only recommends masks for those who work in health-care settings. Fevrier disagrees.

"It is ill-advised of the CDC to not have recommended the use of the mask to the public," he said. "I would personally opt to wear a mask."

The Student Health Center at Washington and Lee University has begun to stock the masks. According to Dr. Jane Horton, health center employees have just completed "fit testing" for N95 masks.

Fit testing involves pumping a

foul tasting and smelling gas into a hood the tester is wearing. First, the person wears the hood without the mask, before wearing the hood with the mask. If the person can smell or taste the gas while wearing the mask, the mask does not fit.

"An N95 mask that doesn't fit is no more effective than a surgical mask," Horton said.

She also does not see the need for students to go out and buy N95 masks. If absolutely necessary, a regular surgical mask will work.

"I don't see [stockpiling N95 masks] as an effective use of resources," she said.

Fitting the entire campus with N95 or surgical masks is not high on the campus agenda. Instead of worrying about a possible pandemic flu, Horton thinks students should focus on avoiding the sea-

sonal flu.

"I would strongly encourage anyone to get a flu shot," she said, noting that flu vaccinations have already been proven to be effective. "Seasonal flu will happen this year, here."

To prevent the seasonal flu, Horton encourages ill students to practice "respiratory etiquette" — covering a cough, staying more than three feet away from other people, and washing hands frequently.

"If you could do only one thing, hand hygiene would be the most important," she said.

Horton emphasized that students should also take care of their bodies by getting adequate rest, eating a healthy diet, not overdoing alcohol, and taking multivitamins.

She also appeared to understand the stress students are under, and encouraged them to stay healthy because "losing a week of school can be deadly."

The health center will receive its next flu shot shipment in the middle of November, and notices will be sent to the student body.

If students do not want to wait until the health center vaccines come in, Stonewall Jackson Hospital will hold a drive-through flu clinic on Nov. 11.

## how to protect yourself:

- Avoid close contact with people who are infected
- Get adequate rest
- Eat a healthy diet
- Always wash your hands

# Police call for more vigilance

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crimes reported were violent.

Still, police want citizens to be aware.

Officer Nathan Kesterson said that the city is lucky to have avoided any major crimes in recent years.

"It's a double-edged sword," he said of the numbers. "There are a lot of things that happen that aren't reported," he said.

Kesterson also said that the low numbers might lead to unsafe behaviors.

"People get a sense of comfort," he said.

Miller said that students were not doing enough to protect themselves.

"As vigilant as I'd like to say you are, you aren't," Miller said of the students.

Miller said that the students' behavior would eventually lead to disaster. He said that students have

a "mentality that's not going to change until something really bad happens."

Young said that the honor system keeps the crime rate low, at least on campus.

He also said the close environment of campus should help promote safety, but that it doesn't always work that way.

"We pretend to have a family atmosphere here," he said, "but we need to generally care more about each other—it's our job."

The small atmosphere may give students a false sense of safety.

Crowder said that despite the lower crime rates, citizens still need to be on the lookout for danger.

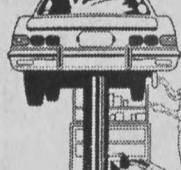
"We can't leave people with the thought that they don't have to still be cautious," Crowder said.

"Even though it's a safe community, we still have to keep our guard up."

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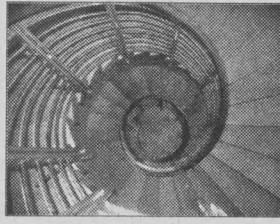
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# opinions



# Laundry code violations

*Basic laundry room rules: borrow detergent infrequently, try not to sniff everyone's rain-fresh dryer sheets*

By Grace Andrews  
COLUMNIST

**T**oday's topic is one of my favorites: laundry room etiquette.

Once again, I must place a disclaimer here. What I am about to say may apply to you, but that is not to offend anyone, solely to enlighten.

Around two weeks ago, I was in the laundry room located in Gilliam when I was not only a victim, but also a witness to bad laundry room etiquette.

To begin, my roommate and I had loaded our laundry in an almost vacant laundry room. There were a handful of open washing machines, and since it was almost 11 p.m., we weren't too worried about having any laundering problems. Boy, were we wrong!

After getting too involved in an episode of "Veronica Mars," my roommate and I returned to the laundry room about twenty minutes after our clothes had finished washing. On our way there, we both laughed at how funny it would be if someone had removed our clothes to use our washers.

When we entered the laundry room, we were shocked (by shocked, I mean a little upset in our spirits) to find that our clothes were located outside of the safety and warmth of a Washington and Lee washing machine.

My clothes had somehow mysteriously grown legs and found their way to the countertop located across from the machines. My roommate's clothes were on top of the machine I had used and

the one next to it. Not only were the clothes located on top of the machine, but the machine was being used by someone else.

I couldn't help but laugh during that moment. I could not believe it. There, on top of the counter were my brightly polka-dotted undergarments for all the world to see.

No, seriously, my undergarments were on top of my pile of clothes.

To make matters worse, there were two young men in there who had the pleasure of watching me try to conceal my intimates. To make matters worse, the young man who had hijacked our washers suddenly walked into the laundry room.

I could not believe my eyes. The washer-watcher walked in whistling and shuffling his little machine-stealing feet while I gave him my fire-starting glare (which he did not notice).

The thought of this total stranger taking my unmentionables out of the washer made me a little uncomfortable. What he did next truly disturbed me.

The dryer door-opener proceeded to open dryers that were currently in use, for what reasons I'm not sure of, and close the doors without restarting them. Then, he removed clothes from a recently finished dryer to use. When I say recently finished, I mean that he waited next to the dryer until it beeped despite the fact that there were two empty ones.

To make matters worse, this young man went around to various boxes of Snuggle and other

*This Bounce sniffer smelled the sheets so hard, I thought they might lose their freshness.*

various dryer sheet brands sniffing and "borrowing" sheets.

When I say sniffing, I mean sniffing. This Bounce sniffer smelled the sheets so hard; I thought they might lose their freshness.

Now, I'm not sure if this laundry room renegade ever returned any of these sheets or not, but I thought it was a bit bold to be so picky. I think the saying goes, "beggars can't be choosers."

After undetectably observing this clear and disturbing violation of laundry room etiquette, I quickly set my cell phone alarm for approximately one hour. I was stricken with a fear of coming in and finding my clothes placed upon some unclean surface.

As I walked home, I wondered if 'ole Sir Sniffs-a-lot had "borrowed" some detergent too, and how picky he had been. You see, common sense would tell you that if you do decide to "borrow" detergent from someone, you should find a really full bottle to use. However it seems to me that people don't think this through.

That's probably why there is a sign in Gilliam's laundry room informing students that detergent theft is an honor code violation

too. It is one that I was a victim of so many times last year that I went through a bottle of detergent and Shout per month, even though I only did about five loads in that time period.

I quickly got hip to the jive (yes, I just used that line, and no, you're not seeing things) and took my washing aides to my room.

The irony of the situation was that on my way home, I accidentally took an unnamed bottle of Shout that I thought was mine. However, when I realized it wasn't mine, I screamed loudly (I thought I had committed an accidental honor code violation) and ran back to the laundry room to return it.

As much as I wanted to judge the washer-watching Bounce sniffer, I realized that I was just as guilty as him of violating good laundry room etiquette.

Last year, my roommate and I "accidentally" took so many socks that we could have socked a barefoot centipede. It's not that we did it on purpose; it's just that when you take your items out of the washer or dryer, you never notice what could have been left there by someone else.

I remember one time last year

when I asked my roommate to get my things out of the dryer for me. She returned with about three new t-shirts and some more socks (surprise, surprise).

The problem in that situation was that I didn't fold my clothes for several days, and it was right before a break. Thus, when I noticed strange un-Grace like items in my basket, it was already too late.

Even though I took the stuff back, folded and fresh, and placed them on a clean surface, no one ever retrieved the items, and they became property of the laundry room.

I think that is why there are so many clothing items on the floor – people don't know what's theirs and what is not. Out of fear of committing an honor code violation, they just leave the stuff on the ground or counter and walk away.

Honestly though, who's going to pick up their underpants off of a linty ground after several days? That's right, not me. Short of the mortifying idea of having to do that in front of people I don't know, I bet the clothes aren't as clean anymore.

I'm not saying that people shouldn't take a washer or dryer that they need or "borrow" detergent and dryer sheets when they are running low, but there should be some sort of discretion that is applied.

For instance, I myself have neither removed someone else's clothes from the dryer, nor the washer. I always sit and wait, or wash my clothes at another time.

In my public laundering opinion, I think that you should give everyone thirty-minutes to come and get their stuff. You never know if the owner of the items you want to remove is doing something important, such as a take home test or watching "Veronica Mars".

Nonetheless, I must say that I hate when people just leave their clothes in washers or dryers for hours and never pick them up. I know that I personally have friends who will put their stuff in the dryer at some god-forsaken hour (during the night that is) and return the next day to pick them up.

I don't advise doing that, especially since if this method is applied to the washer, you may have some strange bacterial culture growing on your favorite t-shirt and trying to befriend the lint on your towel.

However, if you are in a hurry and cannot wait, please be kind enough to place the clothes on a clean surface and conceal any items that may be deemed embarrassing for others to see. Also, don't go around taking only the rain-shower fresh dryer sheets and leaving the tropical-mist ones in the discarded scents pile. The tropical-mist sheets have feelings too.

Please remember to "borrow" responsibly and "replace" when you can; most importantly, remember that friends don't let friends become washer-watchers, dryer door-openers, and Bounce sniffers.



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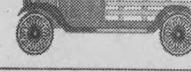
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# opinions

## staffeditorial

### Student apathy on election day

*Why college kids will stay home from the polls*

America goes to the polls Tuesday.

Students at Washington and Lee will be doing lots of things that day: sleeping off hangovers, catching up on homework, and spending time with friends in the Co-op.

Most of them will not be voting. And the vast majority of other college students around the country will do the same thing.

This fact may disappoint parents and the politics department.

But really, why should Virginia college students care about what Senate candidate Jim Webb wrote 25 years ago?

So he put some sex into his novels. Sexually explicit passages in a novel probably are not going to bother your typical W&L student. Sorry, we just do not shock as easily as the average 50-year-old voter does.

Even if college students cared about the issues, a vicious year of mud-slinging in almost every close race has completely obscured the true nature of each candidate.

Few Virginia residents know how the senate candi-

dates feel about expanding I-81.

But almost everyone knows by now that George Allen called one of Webb's staffers a "macaca." Nearly all the voters know that Webb once argued that women should not be allowed into the Naval Academy.

These incidents — whether recent or decades-old — might tell voters something about the character of each man. But do they offer a compelling reason for a Virginia college student to head for the polls?

That does not mean there are no issues of interest to students. But since students rarely vote, candidates see no point in talking about these issues.

Consider the rising cost of college education. W&L students may not have to worry about this themselves, but many of their parents certainly do.

The federal government provides Pell Grants to help low-income students attend colleges. In recent years the government has chosen to give more grants but less money per grant.

When is the last time Allen

and Webb — or any national candidates for that matter — took up the issue? Financial aid is something many students and their parents care about. But candidates from both parties would rather squabble over "values" issues like abortion and gay marriage.

To bad a college education is not considered valuable enough to talk about.

If students are not worried about college prices, perhaps the war in Iraq might concern them.

Regardless of personal opinions, every student should realize that the new Congress will shape America's policy on Iraq.

This is the last chance voters will have before 2008 to decide how the United States will fight this war.

Want the United States to keep troops in Iraq indefinitely? Or do you want American troops to leave Iraq in the next year? The new Congress will be deciding that.

America goes to the polls Tuesday. Even if we do not go, perhaps we should know what the voters are deciding without us.

### Traveller driver abuse intolerable

*Homecoming weekend harassment an isolated incident*

By Abel S. Delgado  
COLUMNIST

Last Wednesday, I was the quintessential Washington and Lee student. I woke up early to study. I went to class, read, read, and read some more. After dinner I went to a club meeting where religion, philosophy, and social life were openly and respectfully discussed.

Then I got on a bus filled with fully inebriated people and partied until it was no longer Wednesday.

They call it Traveller, and as we might be reminded of soon, it is a privilege, not a right. As nearly everyone I know would argue, Traveller is an integral part of campus life.

I'll admit, being a student that openly abstains from getting intoxicated and likes his parties close to the dorm, I don't use Traveller much. But after hearing what happened homecoming weekend, my curiosity got the best of me.

For those of you who haven't heard, during homecoming weekend, numerous students and alumni harassed, verbally abused, and even assaulted Traveller drivers with beer cans. One driver quit following an incident.

Frankly, this came to me as little surprise. It's always bothered me that a community that can be so gentlemanly and ladylike by day could flip the switch and by night forget how to act with the help of a few drinks, from a trash can of course.

It's something about this cam-

pus that everyone knows but no one likes to talk about, or at least not with authority figures. Students get drunk on a regular basis and many aren't 21. No AlcoholEdu or subsequent programs have or will stop this.

But as I was reminded Wednesday night, homecoming was not a case of students being drunk. This was a case of students being jerks.

"Even if I were plastered, like I am right now," one student said on a bus ride, "I wouldn't do that s-. Whoever did that was an a- before he got drunk."

On that bus ride I heard various students talk about why R.L. Stine was a better author than C.S. Lewis, why raising cheetahs after retirement would be fun, and why the word hypothesis is so difficult to pronounce.

On a second ride, my friend, who was in a state our generation would call "tipsy," and I discussed health care, education, and the need for Traveller on every campus.

On both these rides, every single person getting off the bus would first say thank you to the driver, whether they were drunk or sober. Many others would make conversations with the driver, and

still others would apologize for the actions that were committed on homecoming weekend by other students. Although I hadn't seen them drink, most of these people seemed to be drunk. None of them were jerks.

Traveller has become such an important part of campus life that we couldn't stop talking about what happened homecoming weekend. People were upset and with good reason.

And worse yet, they were worried what would happen if there were no longer a Traveller bus system. Campus life as we know it would have to be changed dramatically. The party habits many of us have would not be sustainable. I'm not even going to talk about how many lives would be put in dangerous situations on a regular basis without Traveller.

I'm not going to condone or condemn those who drink more than they should. That's their call, and as long as they don't hurt anyone in the process, then I'll live and let live.

But those who act like jerks, whether verbally or physically, whether drunk or sober, should get the message: we don't want you on our campus.

We want Traveller.

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### No excuse for Limbaugh

*Medicated Fox not playing up Parkinson's shakes for stem cell research*

By Cody Beauchamp  
COLUMNIST

Rush Limbaugh just might be the most callous idiot alive. I don't care how conservative you are. There's absolutely no excuse for his recent attacks on Michael J. Fox.

In case you hadn't heard, a brief introduction:

Fox, who has had Parkinson's disease for 15 years now, recently filmed a series of television ads encouraging people to vote for Clair McCaskill and Ben Cardin, Democrats running for the Senate in toss-up races in Missouri and Maryland, respectively.

McCaskill and Cardin both support stem cell research, while their opponents, Jim Talent and Michael Steele, don't.

In the ads, Fox, shaking and clearly having trouble controlling his movements, pleads that people vote for McCaskill and Cardin in the hopes that they would use their offices to support the research, which Fox said "offers hope to millions of Americans with diseases like diabetes, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's."

Enter Rush Limbaugh, stage (extreme political) right.

On the Oct. 23 broadcast of his conservative radio talk show, Limbaugh charged that Fox was acting during the television spots.

"In this commercial, he is exaggerating the effects of the disease," said Limbaugh. "He is moving all around and shaking. And it's purely an act.... Either he didn't take his medication or he's

acting, one of the two."

Limbaugh even had the brass ones to call Fox "shameless" for doing the spots.

Limbaugh based a large part of his charge that Fox purposely wasn't taking his medications on what Fox actually did while testifying before a Senate subcommittee examining Parkinson's effects in 1998.

In his autobiography, Fox explained that the reason he chose to testify without medication was because "it seemed to me that this occasion demanded that my testimony about the effects of the disease... be seen as well as heard."

Let's get one thing straight—Michael J. Fox IS an actor. And he has done some fine acting because of his Parkinson's.

BUT the acting I'm talking about is the acting he did for years to hide his disease, not to exaggerate it.

Anyone familiar with Fox's personal story knows that for years he did everything in his power to hide his disease from the public.

From 1991 to 1998, Fox was very much in the public eye thanks to the success of his sitcom "Spin City."

He gave what may be the performance of a lifetime—he hid from the world that he has a disease with symptoms that are almost impossible to hide.

To Fox, the person he was in public, the man who did not have an incurable disease, was the act.

The man who could barely control his movements, who shook and bounced all over, was the real person.

When Limbaugh attacked Fox for "exaggerating the effects" of Parkinson's, he was confusing something. Fox wasn't being an actor.

He was being himself.

People afflicted with Parkinson's really do behave like that, even medicated.

I should know—for the last 5 years of his life, I watched my grandfather die of Parkinson's.

I watched him shake uncontrollably even with medication. I watched him become bed-stricken because of loss of muscle control. I watched my mother tear up when her father couldn't even recognize her because of the memory loss that afflicts Parkinson's sufferers in the last stages of the disease. I watched my grandmother cry at his funeral.

As dying men and women, Parkinson's sufferers absolutely deserve to hope and work for a cure.

That's what Fox is doing by promoting stem cell research and those elected officials who also support it.

Stem cell research is a controversial issue for very good reasons.

People have the right to decide where they stand on the issue. But before they decide to oppose it on account of their morals, they had damn well better look into the eyes of someone dying from a disease it can potentially cure.

If you can do that and still be against stem cell research, fine.

Even after watching my grandfather die, I don't support it. And that's a perfectly justifiable decision.

But to do what Limbaugh did and accuse these dying people of "acting" and playing up the real effects of their diseases is not justifiable.

Even if they do go without medication to show the full effects of their afflictions (which Fox says he didn't do for the political spots), they are still not doing it.

Even if you don't agree with them, people like Fox still deserve to be treated honestly. They still deserve respect should they decide to let the realities of their diseases be seen.

Otherwise, you are being as ignorant and callous as Limbaugh.

And that's what's really shameless.

# arts&life



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**Sophomore Alden Wicker paints a heart on the hand of Jessie Falls at the Chi-Omega booth at the Halloween Carnival in the Wal-Mart parking lot last Saturday afternoon.**

## Students reach out

*Volunteers devote time to Lexington community by hosting, participating in numerous Halloween events*

**By Julie von Sternberg**

STAFF WRITER

**W**ashington and Lee students offered their time and efforts to the Rockbridge community for festivities surrounding Halloween.

Last Saturday, students showed up in large numbers last Saturday to volunteer at the first Halloween carnival of the season.

Junior Kelly Boss said she was glad she took advantage of the opportunity.

"I especially had a great time playing with the kids. It was nice to see them having so much fun."

The carnival was held Saturday afternoon in the parking lot of Wal-Mart.

The store worked together with the area's Young Life Group and W&L students Lauren Travis and Justine Dargahi to coordinate the event.

Wal-Mart donated the concessions and Young Life provided all of the carnival equipment.

In return, all the proceeds of the carnival went to the Rockbridge Young Life ministry.

Travis and Dargahi said they were pleased by the event's turnout.

"I think everything went very well," they said. I am excited to see that so many Greek organizations showed up. I'd say that's success in itself."

Each sorority and fraternity

was assigned a certain booth, which they set up and managed during the day.

A variety of different games and activities were provided such as musical chairs, face painting, putt-putt and pumpkin painting.

Kappa Kappa Gamma Philanthropy Chair Brooke Segodnia was in charge of the treasure chest booth, which was a popular activity among the younger children.

Segodnia spoke positive about the event.

"It was nice for once to focus on something besides school work and W&L social events," she said. "I enjoyed doing something good for the community."

W&L students were not the only ones enjoying themselves. Eight-year-old Brianna Sears was very enthusiastic about the carnival.

"This year is definitely better than last year," Sears said. "My favorite is the dunking booth. I hit the mark three times because I'm a girl, and girls rule."

Last Saturday's carnival was followed by another on Monday night at the Natural Bridge Juvenile Correction Center.

NBJCC is a more relaxed prison for juveniles who have proved themselves responsible at other facilities.

It has no walls and provides education and discipline lessons for its inmates.

At the carnival, cadets were able to relax and enjoy the holiday by participating in activities

that are not usually allowed.

"It's kind of like a reward for good behavior," said sophomore Kelly Bundy.

"The guys work hard in their classes and on jobs they are assigned, and this gives them a chance to kind of unwind."

Bundy thought the cadets responded well to volunteer efforts.

"It was awesome" said Bundy. "All the cadets loved it. They had a great time, and they were very appreciative."

This event has inspired many students to further their connection with NBJCC.

Students can volunteer during the day at this facility as tutors for the GED test.

"A lot of the volunteers want to start tutoring there now because the carnival made them realize what a great place it is," said Bundy.

The activities continued with student participation at a Halloween festival at Effinger Elementary School.

Also, students interacted with young children in costume as they trick-or-treated in Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad.

Volunteers also dedicated their time at a Haunted House at Rockbridge County library.

Boss said these activities helped broaden her perspective and reach out to community members.

Boss said: "It's nice to get out of the W&L bubble and see what else is happening in Lexington."



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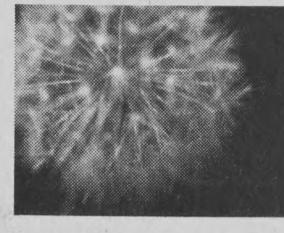
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**Junior Anthony Nardini awaits a stream of water from a young girl at the Phi Psi booth (top). Sophomore Diana Burgreen lets a girl choose a prize from her pumpkin basket (left). Sophomore Erik Ball retrieves a ring for a boy at the ring-toss booth (right).**



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# arts&life



# Arts expand to new hall

*University dedicates Wilson Hall to former president, celebrates fine arts education, excellence*

**By Dane Davis**  
STAFF WRITER

The brand new Wilson Hall was officially dedicated to John and Anne Wilson this Saturday. The dedication ceremony celebrated the rich and long tradition of musical excellence at Washington and Lee University.

The night began with Philip Norwood, Rector of the Board of Trustees, welcoming the guests and detailed all of the work, support, and time that went into the construction of Wilson Hall.

Rector Norwood then presented President Ruscio with the "key" to Wilson Hall, which was an oversized swipe card.

After receiving the key to Wilson Hall, President Ruscio spoke on the importance of music and art to a liberal arts education. He emphasized that despite W&L's small size, it has accomplished great achievements in the field of music.

President Ruscio then introduced John Wilson, the honoree of the night. Mr. Wilson rhetorically asked the audience: "What is it, as alumni, that draws us back to this place?"

Although regretting that there were not one thousand vocalists to sing Mahler's eighth symphony, Mr. Wilson was nevertheless impressed at the quality and skill of the University's musical edu-

cation.

After a short introduction by Professor Timothy Gaylord, the night's spectacular musical performance began.

In addition to a piece written by Professor Terry Vosbein entitled "Music's Empire," two other musical selections were performed as a tribute to Wilson's appreciation of Irish culture and Gustav Mahler.

The University Chorus and Chamber Singers sang the exciting and vibrant "Music's Empire" with music by Terry Vosbein and text by Andrew Marvell.

The traditional Irish anthem, "Danny Boy," was conducted by Gordon Spice and sung by The University Chamber Singers. The night concluded with the Finale from Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No. 2."

It was a night of celebration, because not only does Washington and Lee have a new hall, it also has the talent to fill the corridors of the hall with vibrance and beauty.

A piano instrument major of Washington and Lee's music program, Shu Gao, summarized the excellence of the Fine Arts department when she said, "I am a music major because it is enjoyable and fun. Plus, the music major department is very small, so [you] get personal attention which is necessary to excel as a

musician."

The idea for a new building for the fine arts department arose shortly after the construction of Lenfest Center. Dupont Hall, built in 1953, could no longer fill the needs of the University's growing fine arts department.

W&L reached out to its alumni base for the development of a new building, which together with Lenfest would house all of the W&L's fine arts. The architecture firm, Zimmer, Gunsul, Frasca, and the construction company, Brice Building Company of Birmingham, both had alumni ties to W&L.

As the building began to take shape, unexpected budget costs forced W&L to again turn to its alumni base. The alumni, including the Lenfest family, were more than happy to give, under one condition: the hall be named after one of W&L's most distinguished presidents, John D. Wilson.

Wilson, who served as W&L's president from 1983 to 1995, and his wife Anne Wilson, both showed a love for music that continues to shape the University.

The completed hall now has a state of the art auditorium with excellent acoustics, studios and classrooms. The roomy 65,000 square-foot building will give current and future W&L students the space they need to achieve their artistic potential.



**MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer**  
**Student art is displayed in a studio in the new fine arts building, Wilson Hall. This building houses a performance hall, classrooms and various labs and studios.**

# SAIL fundraises for Sudan crisis

*Karaoke, talent show fund relief efforts for refugees*

**By Jessica Shaw**  
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

Villages are bombed. Civilians are killed. Women are raped. Children are maimed.

These atrocious acts are occurring daily in the African nation of Sudan. Hundreds of thousands of Sudanese civilians have been killed by an Arab militia in a complex ethnic and religious power struggle.

While the United Nations refuses to define this as genocide, the conflict persists. Several Washington & Lee students have made it their mission to make a difference in this crisis.

The Student Association for International Learning (SAIL) strives to introduce the student body to cultural issues outside of its boundaries. It also seeks to aid others in times of natural disaster or national turmoil, according to International Development and Relief Group co-Chair sophomore Liza Njuguna.

Sophomores Grace Andrews and Njuguna represent SAIL at W&L. They have organized several fundraisers to both contribute funds to Sudan relief as well as promote awareness of this crisis around campus.

Money gained from these fundraisers will be donated to the CARE foundation, which is working out of Chad, a country that borders Sudan.

Millions of refugees escaping the genocide in Sudan have fled inside the Chadian borders and are in dire need of aid. According to Njuguna, CARE is trying to

promote sanitation, provide food, and aid the refugees and citizens of Sudan in any way it can. It has been met with resistance from the Sudanese government.

According to Andrews, Sudan has become the main effort of SAIL this year.

"I think Sudan is definitely going to become the focus of this year because of the exposure it's getting at the moment and the rate at which the conflict is intensifying," Andrews said.

Njuguna said that Sudan is important also because of the ignorance that surrounds it.

"I think we decided to focus on Sudan because we are from Africa and we think that it's really sad that nobody really knows what's going on there," she said.

This week in the Commons, they have set up five jars with professors' names on them.

Students must place money in the jar of the professor they would like to see perform karaoke during halftime of the Parent's Weekend football game.

By Friday, the faculty member with the most money will sing on Saturday. Andrews and Njuguna are also accepting donations at the football game.

Saturday Nov. 11, SAIL is hosting a talent show at 8 p.m. in the Marketplace from which proceeds are donated to Sudan relief. The organization will be requiring a three-dollar entry fee.

The show is currently comprised of 16-18 acts of dancing, singing, and other unique talents performed by students and faculty members. Andrews will be comi-

cally hosting the show.

Because this is its first year, Njuguna said that much of it is an experiment. The organization hopes to raise between 1,000 and 2,500 dollars.

Andrews said that either before or immediately following the performances, she is going to give a brief presentation and summary of the crisis occurring in Sudan, and more specifically, Darfur.

She and Njuguna both said that one of the goals of SAIL is to promote campus awareness.

"We would like to decorate the marketplace with pictures from the conflict," Andrews said.

"As the judges are tallying the score, I will be giving some facts and a brief background of what's going on in Sudan."

Everyone who attends the talent show will know why we care so much and how they're helping. This way, we can make a difference and have fun at the same time."

Both students stressed that the goal almost as important as fundraising is increasing awareness in the W&L community and beyond.

Njuguna said: "If nothing else, I hope people are aware of the situation, of what is going on and realize that the majority of the people who are affected by the situation didn't ask for this, don't want this and really feel completely powerless over the situation."

We're in a position where even though we can't physically help the situation, we are able to support those persons or organizations that are there."

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Sophomores Julie Peterson and Matt Amling perform at the Student Showcase on Saturday at the Keller Theater.

# Actors display talent

*Students illustrate stage abilities in showcase via song, dance, drama*

**By Queenie Wong**

STAFF WRITER

The lights dimmed in the Keller Theater Saturday night, illuminating the talent of fifteen well-rehearsed acts of singing, dancing and acting.

A wooden bench was centered on the stage, as Master of Ceremonies Mark Heavens Tshuma emerged from the darkness, puffing smoke from his cigarette. Tshuma calmly began his monologue from Death of a Salesman and was followed by flashes of red, black and neon lights. Dancers emerged act by act, as the third annual Student Showcase progressed.

Audience members summed up the showcase in one word: "amazing."

Senior Eka Akpaki, who attended the showcase last year, said that the "diversity and overall quality of the acts were better [this year]."

The showcase, which offered free admission, attracted an audience of all different ages. Fred Massey, a local Lexington resident, said that he was very im-

pressed with the energy and talent of the students.

"[The community] would like to see a little more advanced notice in The News-Gazette though," said Massey.

The showcase may have begun with Tshuma's monologue, but it certainly wasn't the last time the audience would see this one man showcased. Tshuma randomly emerged time and time again in various dance numbers, even performing to his own version of ballad and belting Kelly Clarkson's "Since You've Been Gone."

Tshuma's comedy was well received by the audience.

The showcase displayed everything from Broadway musicals and opera, to tap dancing. Christine Lee's tap dancing group mesmerized the audience by using glow sticks to enhance their performance. All the performers were properly dressed in attire to match their routine as the show alternated between dancing, acting and singing.

Every audience member seemed to have their favorite act. Junior Theresa Dougherty praised Lauren Kampf, the co-director

of the event, who sang "The Life of the Party" near the end of the show, as her "personal hero."

"Lauren definitely has a future career in theatre," she said.

In addition, Dougherty enjoyed the break dancing routine, preformed by freshman Rasaq Lawal.

Akpaki called freshman Sophie Xiong's contemporary dance routine to Panic At the Disco's "Build God Then We'll Talk" the most original act of the show but couldn't pinpoint a favorite.

According to the Chairman of the Theater Department Joseph Martinez, the showcase was originally started by Technical Director Tom Anderson, who wanted to give students, especially freshmen, the opportunity to show the directors and the student body what they could do.

Because the Lenfest Center, usually showcases dancing, singing and acting separately, the event, according to Martinez, was a good way to combine all these acts together. In its first year, said Kampf, the event only showcased talent by freshmen and sophomores. The event later expanded

to all classes.

Performers were asked to audition, said Co-Director Jenefer Davies.

The auditions, however, were inclusive, meaning that most of the acts made it into the actual showcase. She said this year their goal was to have an even number of dancing, singing and acting pieces.

The performers, who usually have prior experience in theater or dance, went through two weeks of rehearsal, Kampf said. The first week, they met with their directors. The second week, the performers worked on technical aspects of their routines.

Lenfest Center Director Rob Mish also called the showcase a great opportunity for students, who don't have time to participate in an actual play or dance performance, to demonstrate their talent. According to Mish, the event, which attracted approximately 350 audience members, had a better turnout than previous years.

"This year it was clearly students coming to see students," said Mish.

# Performers aid ministry

*Annual acoustic extravaganza helps support service opportunities*

**By Joel Poehlhus**

STAFF WRITER

Musical talent was abundant at One Acoustic Extravaganza Sunday night, though audience members were somewhat scarce. The empty seats in the Lenfest Center didn't seem to put a damper on the performers or the responsiveness of the crowd, which applauded generously and consistently.

Proceeds from the show went to the Catholic Campus Ministry for sponsoring students on spring break service projects and building a school in Haiti.

There was a sense of amateurism pervading much of the show, which contributed to rather than detracted from its enjoyment. Organizers attributed this to an emphasis on more artists and an attempt to tap local talent.

"We're trying to get back to the roots of the event being acoustic... not having instruments that need to be plugged in," commented CCM Treasurer Matt Harrison.

Harrison also explained that while in the past, the program has been called One Acoustic Evening, it was changed to 'Extravaganza' this year to reflect the greater number of musicians and styles involved.

"We tried to incorporate as many people as possible," he said. "With more variety, everyone can find at least one act that they really enjoyed."

Stylistically, the show was amazingly diverse, featuring traditional acoustic guitar acts, pianists, A Capella groups and bluegrass bands.

The show could be divided into roughly three parts. First were three solo acts, opening with Ben Goldsmith, followed by Bill McCorkle, and then CJ Boyd.

Next came the A Capella groups and bands. General Admission started off the set with a stunning rendition of "Africa."

Frank Lee III then played an original piano piece entitled "You Make Me Smile" before going on to conduct Joyful Noise in three A Capella numbers.

During "He Loves Me," members of the crowd (including myself) clapped along with the singers.

Jude 24 closed out the segment with their piano-backed Christian rock.

After this, the tone shifted radically. There was a short

break as the drums and other equipment used by previous bands was cleared from the stage to make room for Poison Bottom Boys and Monrovia, who wrapped up the night.

These last two groups displayed an amazing array of string instruments, including a mountain dulcimer (a four stringed instrument laid across the lap), a mandolin and a dobro (which looks like a guitar with a metal dish in it and is played horizontally).

The Poison Bottom Boys introduced to the crowd the bluegrass style, which Monrovia continued in full swing. Monrovia provided a great ending to the night, closing with "Wagon Wheel," led by Burr Datz.

The evening was organized by Harrison, Madeline Gent and Josh Harvey of the CCM.

Harrison covered the funds for the show, Gent worked on promoting it and Harvey (who also played piano during Joyful Noise's segment) was in charge of the musical logistics.

The CCM is a national organization, but this section's advisor as well as much of its funding come from St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

One Acoustic Extravaganza is an annual event the ministry holds to raise money for service programs on spring breaks and to build a school in Haiti.

In the past two years, students from Washington & Lee and VMI have volunteered in West Virginia and the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina.

"We work in tandem with... anyone who wants to go for a great cause and give up their breaks," Harrison said.

"With hands on activities [such as constructing housing], you can see you made a tangible difference in people's lives."

Tickets for the event were \$10. Musicians registered with the event for free, but had to perform at a talent tryout to ensure a standard of quality.

"Initially I was approached by Matt Harrison about doing a set. When I heard Burr Datz and Josh Harvey were involved, I was like 'this is going to be wicked,'" Boyd said. "I love to perform. It's what I do. And it was for good cause, which counts for something."

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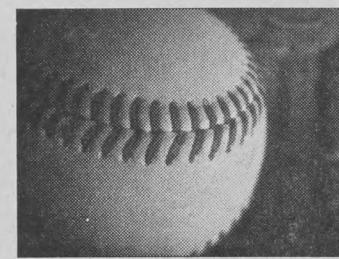
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# sports



## sportsbriefs

### Men's Swimming

The Washington and Lee men's swimming team opened its season with two big wins over Transylvania and Centre this past weekend. Led by senior Mike Ginder, who was named Division III swimmer of the week after setting four pool records and winning four events, the Generals won by a decisive margin in both contests. In the Centre match, the men set pool records in five events. Senior Kevin Hayes set a pool-record in the 200 IM, and junior Tim McGlaston took first in both the 50 free, which he set a pool record in, and the 100 free. Sophomore Chris Diebold took first in the 500 free, and freshman Dan Austin won the 1000 free in the Centre meet. In the Transylvania meet, the W&L men were paced by freshmen Jonathan Giesen and Winston Stagg, who won two events each. Giesen took the 1000 free and the 100 fly. Stagg finished first in the 200 fly and the 200 IM.

### Women's Swimming

The Washington and Lee women's swimming team split decisions with Centre and Transylvania. The Generals opened their weekend with a win over Transylvania. Against Transylvania, sophomore Lindsey Strachan won a pair of events and swam on two winning relay teams. She finished first in the 100 back and 200 back and swam a leg on the winning 200 medley and 200 free relay teams. Freshman Sarah Simpson also won two events and anchored the 200 free relay squad. Junior Amy Roberson won the 100 fly and also swam on both winning relay squads. In the Centre match, Strachan won the 100 back and finished second in the 200 free. Simpson won the 1000 free and placed second in the 500 free.

### Field Hockey

The Washington and Lee field hockey team will be making its bid for a second consecutive ODAC championship this coming weekend when they takes to the field on Saturday against Eastern Mennonite in the semifinals of the ODAC tournament. The game will be played on Lynchburg College's new turf field. This past weekend, the Generals were victorious in their quarterfinal game against Roanoke College. The Generals were in fine form, defeating Roanoke by a score of 6-0. The Generals were led by junior midfielder Kay Dyt, who notched a pair of goals, and freshman forward Sallie Armstrong, who added one goal and two assists. Armstrong has led the Generals in scoring with seven goals and 11 assists for 25 points, and Christina Merchant has been second on the team in scoring with nine goals and six assists for 24 points.



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Sophomore forward Erica Giordano (15) battles to move the ball upfield against a Virginia Wesleyan defender in the Generals 1-0 loss on Wednesday afternoon.

## Women's soccer falls

*Soccer team drops 1-0 decision to Virginia Wesleyan, ODAC bid still possible*

By Mike Huntress  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team had its 18-game unbeaten streak snapped yesterday afternoon, losing a tough 1-0 battle against Virginia Wesleyan.

Score W&L O Va. Wes. 2 Their previous game this season on Sept. 3 was one of the two blemishes on the General's otherwise flawless regular season record.

Virginia Wesleyan scored on a goal early in the first half, which proved to be the difference in this battle of strong defenses.

In goal for the Generals, Kiki Moreo made one save in the game. W&L was held scoreless

on 10 shots on goal.

It was only the second goal that the Generals had surrendered all season long.

However, with their strong record and national ranking, the Generals still have a great shot at securing an NCAA tournament bid.

They are awaiting the announcement of the at-large bids on Sunday afternoon, when they will find out if their season will continue.

In the quarterfinals of the ODAC championships, W&L won 2-0 against Emory & Henry, which came as no surprise to anyone who has been tracking their progress, as win is pretty much all they've done this season.

Through 18 games this season

the Generals remain undefeated and still have only yielded one goal.

The two goals were scored by sophomore Anne Van Devender, whose second goal in the 56th minute (she wasted no time with the first, scoring only five minutes into the game) represented a milestone.

It gave her 51 points on the season (20 goals, 11 assists), which ties the W&L single-season record for points, formerly held exclusively by Karin Treese, who pulled off the feat in 1997.

Van Devender's accomplishment just adds to the long list of gaudy stats that the Generals have posted this season.

The second goal spelled the end for Emory and Henry, who

was unable to mount an attack all game, recording exactly zero shots at W&L keeper, Kiki Moreo.

Her seventeenth clean sheet of the season extended her own W&L single-season record. The stats jump out at any sports fan, but watching the Generals play on Saturday, it was obvious they were in a different class than their opponents.

There was visible frustration on the face of E&H's second half keeper, Megan Smith, as the ball was constantly on the E&H side of the field.

W&L's formidable defense repeatedly beat back any offensive attempts by the Wasp's strikers. W&L's goalie, Moreo, seemed almost bored at times.

This was one of the most re-

vealing examples of W&L's pure domination: the clear contrast between the cool and calm nature of Moreo and the frazzled look that characterized E&H's goalies (they pulled the starter after the first half), the second of which seemed like she spent half her time on the ground, diving after W&L's many shot attempts.

What was really remarkable was that the score was as close as it was.

The only previous meeting between the two teams resulted in a 7-0 win for W&L. The game on Saturday could easily have had a similar result.

All the Generals can do now is wait until Sunday to find out if their season will continue on to the NCAA tournament.

## Six game win streak snapped

*Generals suffer tough loss to Bridgewater amid poor conditions and injuries*

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

Before Saturday's game against Bridgewater College, the Washington and Lee football team knew that a victory was not essential to their goal of winning the 2006 Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship.

That fact did not lessen the blow when the Generals fell 27-8 in Bridgewater, Virginia.

Handicapped by injuries and weather, the Blue and White faced an uphill battle against the five-time reigning ODAC champions.

Jopson Field on the Bridgewater campus was muddy enough to turn the Generals' white road uniforms brown, and winds over the stadium reached forty m.p.h.

The Generals' running game never materialized, as tailback Jordan Campbell (10 net yards) and wingback Colton Ward (20

yards rushing) struggled to gain solid footing and find open running lanes against a swarming Eagles defense.

Already missing usual starter Stuart Sitterson, the Generals suffered another backfield blow when Ward left the game in the third quarter due to a mild concussion. Both Sitterson and Ward are questionable for next Saturday's game against Emory and Henry.

The Eagles, however, had no such problems on the ground. The hosts split rushing duties between 210-pound tailback Winston Young (26 carries, 94 yards, one touchdown) and his teammate Philip Carter (14 carries, 79 yards, one touchdown).

Coming into the game, Young and Carter were ranked first and second in the conference in rushing yards.

The Generals' usually stingy defense allowed 367 total yards

and were led by safety Kyle Luby, credited with 16 total tackles, though only seven of those were solo.

It was an oft-repeated event on Saturday to see Young or Carter drive into a pile of linemen from both teams, break several tackles and rumble forward until three or four W&L players could bring him down.

While Carter and Young made primarily downhill runs, running parallel to the sideline, Ward and Campbell's runs were often dependent on cutting from one sideline to the other, a game plan that was particularly ineffective under such miserable conditions.

Freshman quarterback R.J. Varner emphasized the Eagles' field position when describing the disparity in offensive statistics between W&L (11 total rushing yards) and Bridgewater (266).

"In the first quarter," said Var-

ner, "we had a couple of three-and-outs, then we had the wind in our faces when we punted away."

Bridgewater's average start in the first quarter was at the W&L 47-yard line. All three of the Eagles' offensive touchdowns came before halftime, and all three scoring drives came off of W&L punts into the strong gusts from the west.

The Generals' passing attack fared only slightly better than their ground game, achieving 137 yards. W&L's usual game plan is to run the ball in order to set up the passing game.

Missing Sitterson and later Ward, the visitors were unable to do so, enabling the Eagles to keep two defenders on wideout Jack Martin nearly all game. Despite that, Martin excelled when he was thrown to, catching three passes for 85 yards and the Generals' lone touchdown.

Martin's 63-yard reception to set up the touchdown electrified the dozens of brave souls who traveled to Bridgewater to see the game.

The W&L contingent, although smaller than the home crowd, was consistently more vocal. W&L students are rarely dedicated enough to attend road games, and several players commented on the loud support from the visiting stands.

Though disappointed with the loss, the traveling supporters were able to walk away knowing that the W&L cross-country team had won both men's and women's ODAC titles—results that were announced over the Public Address system at halftime.

The Generals need only beat Emory and Henry at home on Parents' Weekend to win their first outright conference title since 1981.

# Breaking down the AP rankings

*Lewis launches "Adam's Poll" for college football*

By Adam Lewis  
COLUMNIST

I hate to break it to all you Big East fans, but the Big East sucks. Well, to put it less bluntly, it is overrated.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but your undefeated teams



of West Virginia, Louisville, and Rutgers have been playing high school teams that disguise themselves as Syracuse, Connecticut, Pittsburgh, and so on, and it would simply be unfair to compare them to schools in the SEC or Big Ten. Again, I am so sorry.

Following the loss of Southern California to Oregon State, West Virginia moved up to the #3 ranked team, Louisville to #5, and Rutgers to #12.

With this said, there is a chance that the winner of this week's West Virginia v. Louisville game could potentially go on to the National Championship (pending the finishes of Michigan and Ohio State). Yes, it is true. The national championship!

Is that not typically reserved for the two best teams in the country? I thought so too.

I mean, just looking at schedules, one can see that neither of these possible national championship contenders (WVU or UL) has played a ranked team yet, save for Louisville's match-up against Miami.

Now don't get me wrong, they are still great teams, and there's no reason why they shouldn't be in the top ten, but when you compare their competition with that of every single SEC team, it almost seems like a crime.

Let's take LSU for example,

*I would however, like to propose 'Adam's Poll' of the top 15 teams (the new AP), which barring any difficulties should be in effect nationally by 2007.*

which is ranked #17, five behind Rutgers.

Sure they may have two losses, but at the time of each of these losses, they played the #2 team in the country, Auburn and Florida respectively.

And while they were holding Auburn to a single touchdown for a hard-fought loss on the road, Rutgers was allowing the same amount to Ohio for an easy victory at home, (and just to clear up any confusion, Ohio does not have the word "State" following it).

Furthermore, LSU still must finish out its season with teams like #8 Tennessee, #12 Arkansas, and Alabama. Two of those games take place on the road in some of the toughest places to play in the country. Rutgers, on the other hand, does face West Virginia and Louisville, but fortunately enough, gets bye weeks in between when they play Cincinnati and Syracuse.

Now when I mention LSU, I'm not using them because they are the only example of a team in the SEC with a tough schedule.

In fact, if you look every other team in that conference, you will see that week in and week out, they must go up against defenses known for being extremely tough and relentless.

And in most cases, these games occur within a week or two of each other, leaving every team worn out.

In addition, the Big Ten boasts some of the country's best offenses, including the #1 and #2 teams, Ohio State and Michigan. Teams

in the Big Ten can never afford to take a week off, knowing that at any given time, their conference opponents, which include teams like Penn State, Wisconsin, and Iowa, can put up huge numbers.

I could go on forever, taking every team in the SEC and Big Ten and comparing their schedules with those of the Big East.

And maybe it would be best for the BCS if I did, because I don't know if they get it just yet. But, seeing that I have probably already angered more than a few fans, I'll save myself future asaults.

I would however, like to propose "Adam's Poll" of the top 15 teams (the new AP), which, barring any difficulties, should be in effect nationally by 2007:

1. Ohio State
2. Michigan
3. Texas
4. Florida
5. Auburn
6. West Virginia
7. Tennessee
8. Southern California
9. Louisville
10. Notre Dame
11. Arkansas
12. California
13. Louisiana State
14. Oklahoma
15. Clemson

If you notice, Rutgers is nowhere to be found on this list, and a lot more would have to happen for West Virginia or Louisville to reach the National Championship.

But hey, I guess that's never out of the question when you play teams who Washington and Lee would beat!

# Utter domination

*Volleyball wins 63rd straight ODAC contest*

By Lara Jordan  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee volleyball team won their first round match of the ODAC championship in convincing fashion over 8th-seeded Randolph-Macon Women's College 30-25, 30-17, 30-15.

The team improved their overall record to 25-7. The win was the Generals' 63rd consecutive conference victory, and as the tournament's number one seed, W&L is in the driver's seat as they move into the conference semifinals.

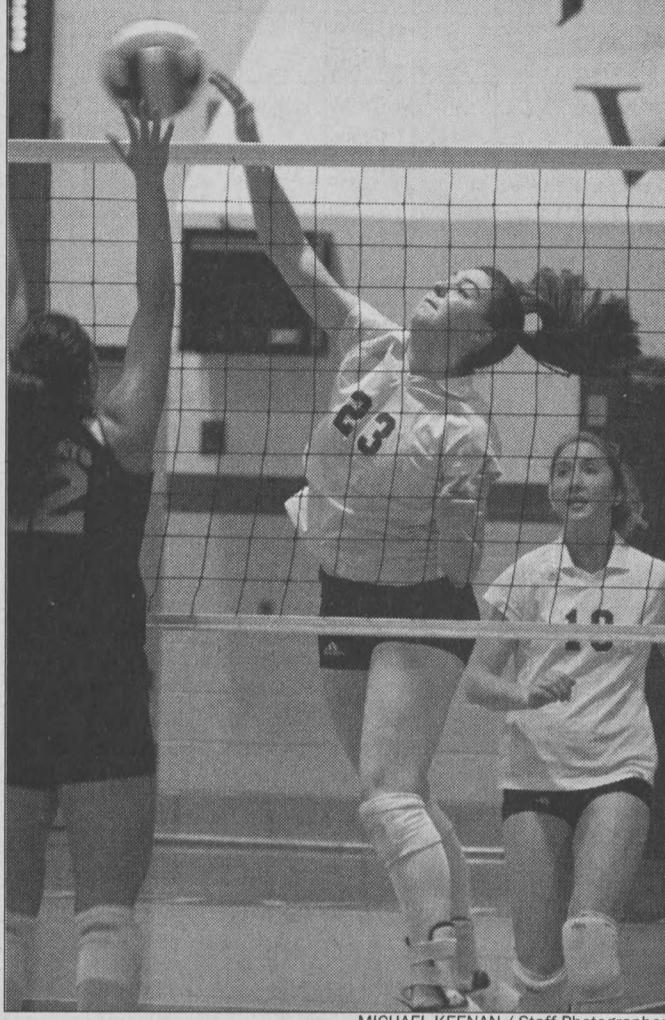
The team has different motives for the wanting to win the championship. Freshman Jess Bunnell sees the win as a gift to the graduating seniors.

"Volleyball has been such a strong program here for the last few years, and I want to keep that winning tradition alive," said Bunnell. "A team should always be improving, and for the senior's sake, I would love to make it farther. I would love for us to make it farther into NCAAs than last year's team."

In the R-MWC game, the Generals were led by sophomore outside hitter Laura Maurer, who recorded 10 kills, 10 digs and three service aces.

Freshman setter Kristi Stevens racked up a team-high 28 assists, while senior libero Lauren Edmonson added 20 digs.

Sophomore right side Jessica Ulrich added an ad-



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer  
**Sophomore Laura Maurer spikes one of her 10 kills against Randolph-Macon Women's College**

ditional nine kills, nine digs, four service aces and two blocks.

Part of the reason for the girl's success is the unification of the team.

"We set a lot of goals at the beginning of the season and keeping our focus on the same goals unifies us," said Megan Steinhardt. "We know we can always count on one another to help each other out."

With the win, the Generals are in position for another ODAC championship and bid to the NCAA tournament.

Senior captain Ashley Hurt added, "The win for the Gener-

als' volleyball team put us one step closer to our season goal, which is to win the ODAC tournament. Randolph Macon Women's College definitely put up a fight on the defensive side of things, so we were forced to play some long rallies, which is good preparation for the games to come this weekend."

The Generals return to action on Saturday when they host fifth-seeded Virginia Wesleyan at 11:00am. The final is scheduled to start at 3:30 pm.

# Hockey blanks Roanoke

*Field hockey team advances to ODAC semifinals with 6-0 win*

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee field hockey team cruised to a 6-0 victory over Roanoke in their quarterfinal ODAC game.

The Generals were led by junior midfielder Kay Dyt who notched a pair of goals, and freshman forward Sallie Armstrong, who added one goal and two assists.

The Generals opened strong when Armstrong scored the first goal of the game two minutes into the first half, off an assist from junior midfielder Kendall Korte. Dyt then scored her first goal less

than four minutes later.

Sophomore forward Melissa Dolan added the Generals third goal of the game in the 28th minute off of a pass from sophomore forward Christina Merchant, to take a dominating 3-0 lead into the half.

Dyt added some insurance shortly into the second half, when she scored her second goal of the game off of an assist from Armstrong. The Generals continued

their domination as freshman midfielder Alex Caritis and senior defender Kim Babbitt added goals later in the second half.

Junior Tara Rubenstein and freshman Caroline Habliston

shared the goal keeping duties for W&L, combining to make four saves.

Following the victory, Dolan said, "Our victory against Roanoke was great since during the regular season they took us to overtime at their home field. I think we have come together as a team since that game, and we are definitely on right now."

The Generals will face Eastern Mennonite in the semifinals of the ODAC Tournament on Friday in Lynchburg, Va. The Lynchburg home field is new grass turf, which could pose a test to the Generals.

Merchant added, "We will be

playing on Lynchburg's new grass turf, which could be a challenge, since we have yet to play on grass turf this season."

However, as the Generals finish out to ODAC championship they are posed to challenge any team that stands up to them.

Dolan added, "The game against EMU on Friday will be tough; the last time we played them we won because we were so focused and psych'd up. If we win the ODAC, we have a good chance of hosting the first round of NCAA's, which would give our seniors one last game on our home turf."

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The Generals next return to

# Men shoot to secure NCAA berth

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are crucial to race planning and execution."

Friski added, "We log hundreds of miles to achieve the necessary fitness to bring back the ODAC title to Washington and Lee. Pure and simple, we run to get fast. After the gun goes off, it is you against every other runner. The fastest person wins and the best team of the day walks home with the hardware."

One of the keys to the Generals success can be seen in their coach, John Tucker. Tucker, a W&L alum in his 18th year as head coach, captured his sixth career ODAC championship with the Generals' victory in Harrisonburg.

"Coach Tucker is a remarkable coach. He takes what we give him in the form of summer training and gets us to the place we need to be at the end of the season. His coaching is easily the key ingredi-

ent to our success," Friski said.

Berry explained, "At the beginning of the season, our head coach, John Tucker, gave us some very simple goals. As he put it, 'Get in the best shape you can, stay healthy, and run up to your potential.' Looking back on what has been and continues to be a very successful season, we have accomplished each one of the three goals coach set out for us months ago."

The Generals next return to

action on November 11, when they travel to Atlanta, Ga., to participate in the NCAA South/Southeast Regional at Emory University.

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Taylor, Todd, Ratzel, Weather-

ley, and Krausnick all received Second Team All-ODAC honors following their finishes. Taylor was also named as the ODAC Women's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

With another excellent showing at the ODAC championships, the team showed their utter domination of the conference. However, it's important to note that while the Generals did have the fastest runner to cross the finish line, their championship was team wide. They relied on a great deal of depth and strength from all of their runners in order to win the championship.

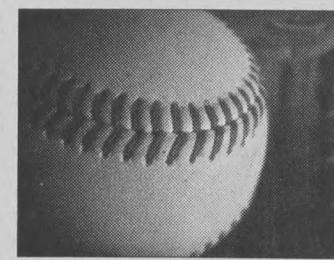
Ratzel added, "I'm really proud of the girls, everyone ran really well. And it doesn't matter whether they were number one or number 16, everyone has been working since June to earn this."

Fourth-year Head Coach Kris Hoey was named the ODAC Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Ratzel points to the leadership of Hoey as a key to the Generals' success, adding, "She's definitely our number one fan and a great friend."

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## in the numbers

**1554**

Number of all-purpose yards that Colton Ward and Stu Sitterson have combined for this season for the W&L football team. Ward has gained an overall total of 729, for an average of 91.1 yards per game, and Sitterson has 725 all purpose yards with an average of 103.6 yards per game.

**563**

Number of digs recorded by libero Lauren Edmonson this season for the W&L volleyball team. Senior captain Edmonson has tallied 563 digs on the season going into this weekend's ODAC championships. Edmonson broke her own record of 511 digs in a season.

**51**

Points scored by Anne Van Devender this season, tying the previous school record of 51 held by Karin Treese. Van Devender led the women's soccer team to a 2-0 victory over Emory and Henry on Saturday afternoon. She has 20 goals and 11 assists for 51 points on the season.

## soapbox

"The world thought he was tough and mean and gruff and all that – and underneath he was really a pussycat, if you knew him well. He'd be mad at me if he knew I said that."

–Bob Cousy, a Hall of Fame guard, on Red Auerbach, long-time coach of the Boston Celtics. Auerbach, who won nine NBA titles with the Celtics as a coach and seven more as a general manager, died after a heart attack near his Washington home Saturday at age 89, courtesy of SI.com.

"Playing with the new ball is like going to a gentlemen's club, seeing an exotic dancer and then going home and playing with a plastic blow-up doll."

–Shaquille O'Neal on the NBA's new ball, courtesy of SI.com



MORGAN HARRIS / Staff Photographer  
Members of the men's and women's cross country team pose for pictures after claiming their third consecutive ODAC championship this past weekend in Harrisonburg

## 3-peat for runners

### Men capture crown

Three Generals finish in top 10 at ODAC Championships

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's cross country teams claimed its third-straight ODAC Championship this past weekend in a dominant fashion.

The W&L men tallied 42 points and were led by sophomore Michael Welsh who placed third overall in a time of 28:29.30. Classmate Vance Berry finished the race in fifth with a time of 28:47.80. Junior Tom Brower crossed the finish line in 29:10.20, good for a seventh place finish. Welsh, Berry, and Brower were all named as First Team All-ODAC runners.

Junior Andrew Friski placed 12th with a time of 29:51.70, while freshman James Wolff finished 15th with a time of 30:03.80. Both Friski and Wolff garnered Second Team All-ODAC honors.

Berry said, "Winning the conference for the third straight year was unprecedented in the history of W&L cross country. It's great to be part of a history making

team, and there isn't another group of guys the world over with whom I'd rather share the distinction."

The elements and the course layout proved to be a major difficulty for the race, but the Generals handled the elements and excelled.

"The race itself was run under the hardest conditions I've ever witnessed," Berry explained. "The course was very hilly and slick with mud, and a constant 20-25 mph wind made passing difficult. The race became as much a mental battle as a physical one. Our team ran a very disciplined race, focusing on our goals to avoid being distracted by the race-day conditions."

Coming into the season after losing their top two runners, one to graduation and the other to transferring, the Generals faced some uncertainty as they headed into pre-season camp. However, with five solid runners they were poised to have another great season and contend for yet another ODAC championship. The team's first hurdle came when Alex Jackson injured his IT band injury in

a freak accident during pre-season camp.

Nonetheless, the team rose to the challenge of fielding a strong squad and put in the hard work and commitment needed to capture another title. With four strong runners at the top four spots on the team (Welsh, Berry, Brower, and Friski), the fifth spot was truly up for grabs.

As Brower explained, "We've had four different runners score as our fifth man during the course of this season."

In cross country, preparation is key. The Generals were practicing daily and spending countless hours in the gym. Preparation is what separates teams as they cross the finish line.

"The weekend before ODACs we drove up to Harrisonburg to do mile repeats on the championship course, essentially simulating the race with the addition of short periods of rest," Brower said. "In my opinion, this was the most crucial workout of the entire year. Not only did it provide us with some

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### Women continue dynasty

Burns honored as Runner of the Year

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

Dynasty. Threepeat. Domination. All of these words can be used to describe the W&L women's cross country team, who claimed their third consecutive ODAC championship this past weekend.

After running thousands of miles this season, the women's cross country team finally got what they had worked so hard for. From early Sunday practices to daily runs as a team, the Generals put forth the effort needed to capture yet another championship.

It all came together in Harrisonburg on Saturday morning, where the W&L women notched 32 points while their closest competitor Roanoke College scored 65 points. With an average time

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## Soccer advances to semis

Coach Rolf Piranian gets 250th victory as team captures 2-0 first round win

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team moved into the second round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament Saturday, notching a 2-0 win against Eastern Mennonite University and picking up the 250th career win for head coach Rolf Piranian.

The win comes on the heels of a disappointing home loss against Lynchburg earlier in the week. The Generals came into the game ranked 22nd in the nation, and the 2-0 loss dropped them into the third seed for the ODAC tournament, behind Lynchburg and Roanoke College. W&L finished the regular season

with a record of 11-2-2, going 6-2-1 in conference play.

Against the sixth-seeded Royals of Eastern Mennonite, W&L came out firing early, picking up both of their goals in the first half.

In the 21st minute of regulation, junior midfielder Josh Dodds scored the opening goal off of a rebound, and just 16 minutes later, Dodds' classmate and fellow midfielder Jamie Mallinson put the game virtually out of reach, scoring on a corner kick. Freshman Drew Crowley was credited with the assist on the second goal.

Credit for the victory must also be given to the Generals' defense, who allowed eight shots and only one shot on goal, which was easily turned away by junior goalkeeper Ted Sheedy.

W&L had a total of 36 shots

and 13 shots on goal.

The shutout was Sheedy's eighth of the season, and lowered his goals against average to 0.45 on the year. W&L has only allowed eight goals this season, while scoring a total of 42.

Coming into the game, the Generals were set on avenging their loss earlier in the week, looking toward the playoffs as a clean slate.

"No one was happy about losing to Lynchburg, but we looked toward the conference tournament as a 'second season,'" said freshman midfielder Strock Moore.

"We believe that we're a good team that has the potential to do well in the postseason."

Besides providing a chance to bounce back from a difficult loss,

the win also marked a personal milestone for head coach Rolf Pi-

ranian. The veteran coach gained his 250th career win on Saturday, bringing his overall record with W&L to 250-206-33 over a span of 31 years.

During this tenure, Piranian has been named ODAC Coach of the Year seven times and led the Generals to three conference titles. The team's 11-2-2 record this year is the best since 2000, when the Generals went 19-2, winning the conference and finishing ranked eighth in the nation.

The next step for the squad is the second round of the conference tournament, where W&L will face the winner of second-seeded Lynchburg and seventh-seeded Randolph-Macon College on Friday. The site and time of the game are yet to be determined.