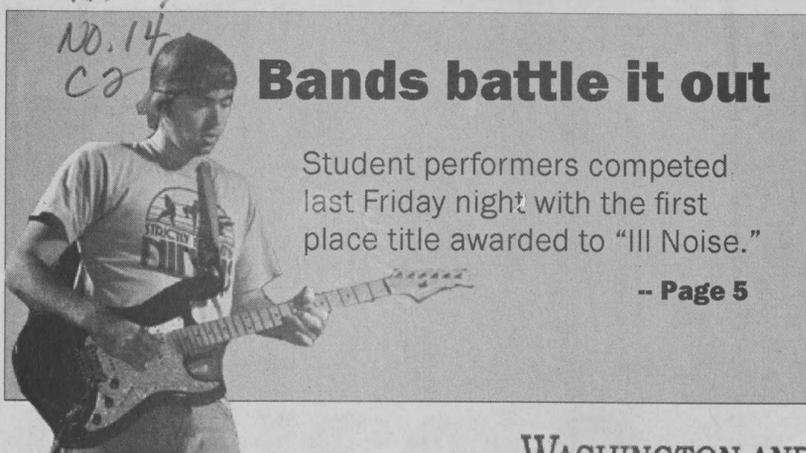


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## Bands battle it out

Student performers competed last Friday night with the first place title awarded to "Ill Noise."

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## Men's swimming wins conference title again

Generals edge Wingate University and win fourth straight Bluegrass Mountain Conference title by 22 points.

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## Students show off

Conference schedule is filled with presentations from a wide variety of majors

By Emily Peck  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, March 2, 2007, W&L held its second Science, Society, and the Arts Conference. Students from both the undergraduate and law schools along with members of the faculty participated in book discussions, presented paper topics, posters, art, and performance work throughout the day.

The idea for the conference began about five years ago, says professor and chair of the conference, Robin LeBlanc. Dr. LeBlanc said she was trying to think of ways to build bridges between Williams School students and other W&L students when the idea for a research conference occurred to her.

Her proposal was accepted by faculty members on a Williams school retreat, and soon after a committee of faculty, students, and volunteers was formed to plan the event. The first SSA Conference was held in November 2004.

This year the conference was again run by a committee, and over 200 students and faculty members participated.

"The W&L community has responded with tremendous enthusiasm," says Dr. LeBlanc. "I am amazed by the kinds of works students have proposed to present."

The material presented during the day was indeed diverse, covering everything from reality television to nuclear weapons policy. Students shared work from study abroad expe-



riences, senior theses and independent study projects.

Groups of students and professors gathered to discuss reading on topics such as gender, sexuality, and religion. The Art Showing provided an exhibition of paintings and artwork.

Scientific research was presented on topics from student alcohol use to "The Kinetics of the Hydrolysis of Bisacodyl." Students also presented original creative work including film and play readings.

In the evening a dance recital was held in Keller The-

**The SSA conference closed with an evening dance recital in Keller Theater (above). The recital was open to performers of all different styles and experience levels. The act shown above was set to a gospel song.**

**Christine Giordano (right) discusses her poster with Yo Miura. Giordano worked with Marcurius Byrd and Professor Matthew Tuchler of the Chemistry Department. The poster presentations included research findings from across the science departments.**

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Photos by Lenora Nunnley



## School explains hazing hotline

Anonymous website has been used this year, but administration still uses other resources

By Hilary Craig  
STAFF WRITER

During the dreary months of January through March, fatigued freshmen males at Washington and Lee University are seen falling asleep in class, wearing coat and ties daily, and making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on an ironing board in front of Leyburn.

Welcome to pledgship.

During the eight weeks of "new member education," beginning with tear night and culminating with the alleged "hell week", freshmen males are supposed to be learning about brotherhood, albeit through largely secret and controversial methods (i.e. haz-

ing). Hazing is defined as a harassing, excessive task associated with initiation or membership in an organization. It involves mistreatment of prospective members by those who exercise control over them.

Both students and administration are attempting to make Greek life at W&L a more positive experience, primarily by putting a stop to hazing.

"This is an honorable place, people are supposed to exhibit honorable behavior," said Director of Public Safety Mike Young. "Hazing is not honorable and it's dangerous."

Nearly four years ago, after a series of hazing incidents, a committee convened to determine

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MIKE YOUNG, Director of Public Safety

what should be done to stop hazing. The committee recommended having a W&L hazing hotline as an opportunity for sources to report hazing incidents while remaining completely anonymous. Students can access the hazing website at <http://hazing.wlu.edu> and send any concerns directly to Dawn Watkins, Dean of Students.

According to Greek Life Director Jason Rodocker, the administration has no way of finding out who sent the email.

"The university does not do anything to violate the anonymity of the email," said Rodocker.

While all emails are taken seriously, it is often hard or even impossible to follow up on vague emails. Both Rodocker and Young

adamantly encouraged specific information and as much identification as a person is willing to offer.

"Clearly, a message with detail and someone to follow up with allows us to be much more effective," said Rodocker.

While the hotline is "a legitimate opportunity to report things," said Young, it is just one way that the administration receives reports of hazing. The administrators receive information from a wide range of sources, including people who work with W&L, parents, active fraternity and sorority members, new members, RAs and DCs, peer counselors, and independent students.

While some are concerned

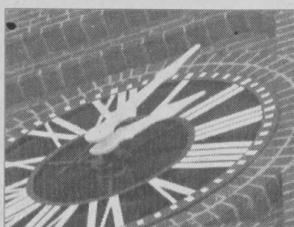
that the majority of tips the hotline receives are unfounded, the administration is conscious of the possibility that the anonymous emails are either not accurate or exaggerated. A single anonymous email does not warrant a full investigation.

"Any house that was investigated this year, we received multiple reports from multiple sources on multiple occasions, which when cross-referenced revealed information to warrant an investigation," said Rodocker. "There are definitely no witch-hunts going on."

After receiving a number of reports about the behavior of a

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# news



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# Cooking for a cause

*Chi Omega's chili cook-off on Saturday raised money for the Make a Wish Foundation.*

By Jacob Geiger  
MANAGING EDITOR

After 20 hours of cooking, the Chemistry Department's "Hazmat Chili" was bound to taste good. Professors Steven Desjardins, Marcia France and Fred LaRiviere stood behind signs urging everyone to try out Chilium, the newly discovered element 138.

These professors took first place and joined 16 other teams on Saturday at Chi Omega's Make a Wish chili cook-off. Teams came from academic departments, fraternities and other campus organizations. Each group paid a \$75 entry fee to compete.

Chi O juniors Mallory Frewer and Briana Gregory have been planning the event since last October. Frewer said she came up with the idea to help her house meet its goal of fulfilling one wish each year through the Make a Wish Foundation.

"We worked to recruit teams through invitations to fraternities, academic departments and all of the campus organizations," Frewer said. "We're trying to start a tradition of doing a wish each year, and those usually take about \$5,000-\$7,000."

The organizers also sent out invitations and entry forms to local schools, churches, businesses and community service groups. Frewer said the invitations explained the event and why Chi O was organizing it, but no local groups decided to get involved and enter the contest.

Frewer said she is still adding up final totals but thinks the event raised about \$3,500. Money was raised through the entry fees, a five dollar fee to sample and vote on the chili and a raffle of items donated by local businesses.

Each team worked to bring its distinctive style to the table. Chi O's Red Hot team battled with Sigma Nu's squad to see who had the spiciest dish.

Bill Larson, a Sigma Nu senior, said his fraternity brothers used his family recipe.

"We found out about the event

from some of the Chi O sisters," Larson said, "so a bunch of us got together and cooked this up yesterday afternoon."

Kelly Hemminger, the Biology Department's molecular technician, said her team -- which won second place -- was calling itself the Capsaicin Crew. Capsaicin is a molecule in peppers that can improve your health.

"We're promoting the health benefits," Hemminger said. "Capsaicin can lower bad cholesterol, raise your endorphins and up your metabolism."

To make sure nobody forgot about the molecule's health benefits, Hemminger and her team put up a poster and a model of the molecule. She said, however, that her team decided not to add too many spicy peppers.

"We decided to focus on taste over health," she said.

Her team succeeded on the taste front, fixing up a nice dish made with chicken and chorizo sausage.

Desjardins said the chemistry team made its recipe with six pounds of ground chuck roast. After cutting it up, they stuck it in a crock pot and let it simmer for 20 hours. To make sure everyone could find their station, the chemists put up an enormous trident brand on the table.

While the chemistry professors stuck with lab coats and goggles, Greatful Chili broke out tie-dye t-shirts for the event and the journalism department wore hats that print setters at the Roanoke Times used to wear. Department chair Brian Richardson and department secretary Melissa Cox called their entrée "Journalist's chili - What a crock." Their recipe worked in unusual ingredients like chocolate, pecans and beer, giving it a unique flavor.

Frewer said the sorority will receive information about possible wish candidates once the event's total revenues are added up.

"We're hoping we can pair with someone nearby so we can stay involved with that person and help with their wish," she said.



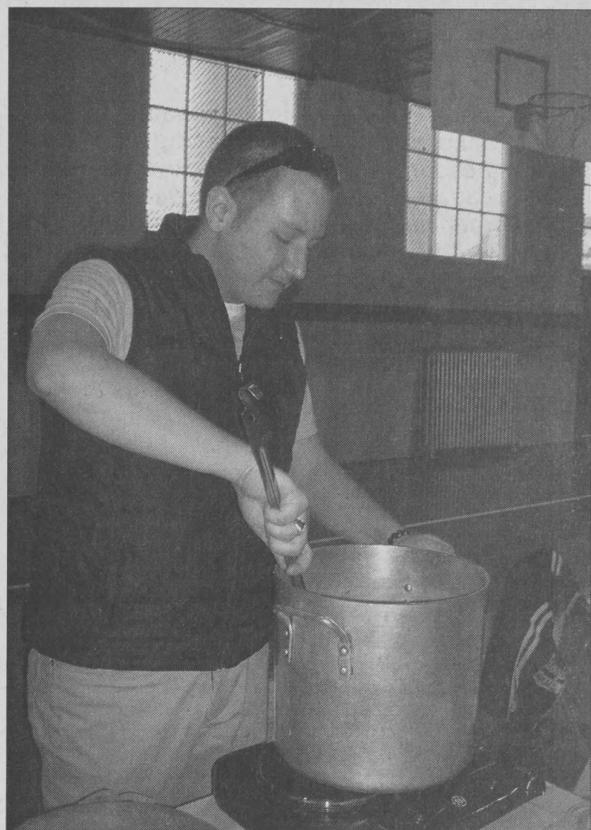
Chemistry professors Fred LaRiviere, Marcia France, and Steven Desjardins (above) hawk Hazmat Chili, which won first place on Saturday.

A young visitor to the cookout (right) tries some chili from the Biology Department's second place entry.

Sigma Nu senior Michael Waggoner (bottom left) spoons up some of his team's spicy chili. The team kept a gallon of milk on hand help people wash the taste away.

Journalism department chairman Brian Richardson and department assistant Melissa Cox (bottom right) wore hats similar to those worn by print room staff at the Roanoke Times. Their chili included chocolate, pecans and beer.

Photos by Drew Scarantino



# Hazing inquiries continue

## what's going on:

- The IFC is continuing to investigate hazing allegations against Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) and Kappa Sigma
- The president of FIJI and incoming president of Kappa Sig have both declined to comment
- After the IFC concludes its investigation they will make a recommendation to the SAC
- Director of Greek Life Jason Rodocker said the investigation is focusing on more than just information from the hotline.

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chapter, the Inter-fraternity Council (IFC) or Rodocker conducts a "preliminary inquiry," the first step toward an investigation. During the inquiry the IFC questions the chapter, or the chapter meets with Rodocker.

"The results could be that things get cleared up, or that they do not get cleared up," said Rodocker.

If the IFC and administration still have concerns, Young conducts a formal investigation and issues a report to the IFC. It is the IFC's job to have a hearing and consider the report and any other information it has from talking to chapter members and officers. The members look at the totality

of circumstances and make a decision based on what they think is best for the Greek system and the chapter. Rodocker applauded the IFC's attempt to improve Greek life without losing traditions that are worth keeping.

"The IFC officers give an enormous amount of time to a volunteer position in an effort to do what is best for the Greek system by preserving and improving it," he said.

However, with respect to hazing issues, the IFC's decision is not the final outcome. It is simply a recommendation that goes to the Student Affairs Committee, which consists of half faculty and half students and is chaired by Dean Watkins. This committee's decision is the final outcome.

Currently, both the Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) and Kappa Sigma chapters at W&L are being investigated for "behavior they shouldn't have exhibited and wasn't part of their new member education," said Young.

FIJI's President Andrew Rothery and Kappa Sigma's incoming President George Hunter will not comment until the final adjudication by the Student Affairs Committee, which is expected to come within the next three weeks.

"The confidentiality of it is intended to protect the chapter before the full facts are determined and before any decision is made," said Rodocker. "We don't want to encourage the rumor mill or taint the process."

According to Young, the hazing hotline has been a complete success.

"Before we had this, we didn't have the opportunity for students to give us this information," said Young. "It allows an area for people to report sensitive information, but it's a shame that you have to be anonymous to report things."

Rodocker agreed that the hotline has had a positive effect on the Greek system, but emphasized that it is only a small part of the investigation process.

"Focusing on the hotline would not be an accurate assessment by itself," said Rodocker. "The majority of anything that's come out this year has not come directly from the hotline."

While big improvements have been made to the Greek system over the past few years, the administration still hopes for more changes.

"I would love to see chapters have conversations about ways to build brotherhood that would be transparent," said Rodocker. "You could do worthwhile activities on Canaan Green and not be embarrassed."

Young agrees that pledgship should be focused on building healthy relationships, which does not include causing harm to fellow "brothers."

"I wish our students were more humane and caring about their fellow students and would not allow themselves to do harmful things to others," he said.

# Event highlights students' work

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ater showcasing original Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, and Contemporary Modern Dance performances.

The day culminated in a luncheon and address by keynote speaker Mario Livio. Dr. Livio is a Senior Astrophysicist at the Hubble Space Telescope Science Institute.

He gave an engaging talk titled: "Symmetry: From Human Perception and Mate Selection to the Laws of Nature." Dr. Livio's address covered key concepts from his new book, "The Equation That Couldn't Be Solved: How Mathematical Genius Discovered the Language of Symmetry." Following his talk, Dr. Livio held a book signing in the Elrod Commons.

The diversity of talent and research exhibited by participants during the conference is a testament to the vivacity of intellectual life at W&L, says Dr. LeBlanc, a life that too often gets overlooked by students in wake

of the school's thriving social atmosphere.

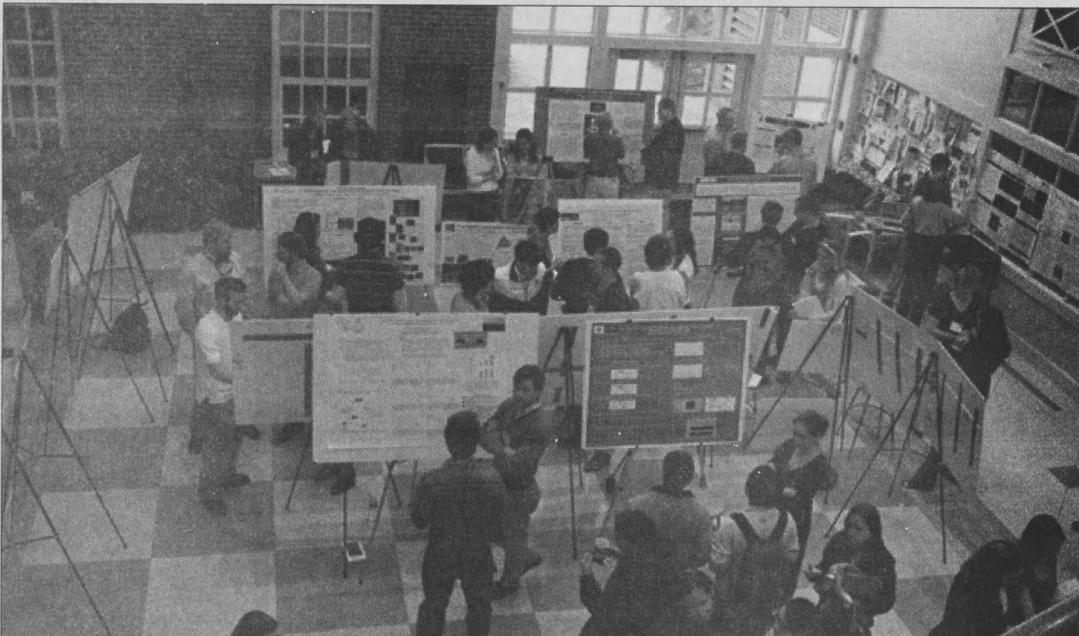
That's really the point of SSA, continues Dr. LeBlanc, "to remind ourselves that it's really cool to be a learner and a teacher and to be involved in college life."

Dr. LeBlanc says the most satisfying part of the day are the huge smiles on students' faces as they celebrate "The Life of The Mind."

These smiles were indeed evident throughout the day as students, faculty members, and members of the community commemorated intellectual achievement.

At the luncheon Dr. LeBlanc also announced exciting news: the conference has just received \$50,000, enough money to secure at least two more SSA events in future years.

The applause and overwhelming support exhibited by the W&L community at the news suggest that the day will indeed become a tradition—one that will continue to acknowledge W&L's intellectual life well into the future.



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Students present their research during a poster session and presentation in the Science Center's Great Hall.

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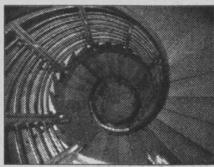
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# opinions



## A musical present to all the readers

*Pause your iPod and try something new. Learn musical trivia and expose yourself to a few unheard of artists*

By Dylan Merrill  
COLUMNIST

First of all, I'd like to say that this article is a gift to you, noble reader.

Let me explain with a few pieces of rock and roll trivia:

- Stevie Wonder's real name is Steveland Hardaway Judkins

- When Elvis Presley was drafted into the Army in 1958, his monthly salary dropped from \$100,000 to \$78.

- Although the root of the magazine Rolling Stone's name is widely debated, many have cited the songs of blues musician Howlin' Wolf and folk god Bob Dylan as the original source of the magazine's moniker.

- Having previously sent a few demo records in search of a contract, the Beatles received a dismissing letter from the Decca Recording Company that said, "We don't like their sound and guitar music is on the way out."

- Folk singer Paul Simon got the title of his song "Mother and Child Reunion" from the name

of a chicken-and-egg dish at a Chinese restaurant.

- The rights to the South Carolina state anthem are owned by Michael Jackson.

- When Prince decided to become a Jehovah's Witness in 2001, at least 50 songs were too explicit to be performed.

- The most valuable guitar in the world "Blackie," is a Fender Stratocaster once owned by Eric Clapton and it is worth almost a million dollars

- Jimmy Page, founding member of Led Zeppelin, played as a session guitarist on the Tom Jones hit, "It's Not Unusual."

- According to guitarist Robbie Robertson, Bob Dylan's backing band vowed to resist conformity, which included giving their band a name. Their record company later pressured them into naming themselves, but the execs had to settle for simply "The Band."

- Crooner Frank Sinatra once described rock and roll as "The most brutal, ugly, degenerate,

vicious form of expression it has been my displeasure to hear."

See? Music is interesting.

The new reality t.v. series "I'm from Rolling Stone" has recently brought criticism to the program's featured magazine, which is known for its roasting of generic and ridiculous reality shows.

Regardless of its criticism, Rolling Stone's reality show is laudable, because it shows that they are both observers and participants in popular culture.

Why don't we try this? I mean why can't we just stop Facebooking and listen to some music or read a book? There's a lot of culture out there...

So do me a favor: pause your iPod, delete your Three Six Mafia, and try out a little Caexico or some David Vandervelde.

However, I *did* say this article is a gift.

I don't have enough money to give you all an iTunes gift certificate; I would if I could. But I do have about 3,000 CDs and very little respect for copyright laws.

You're welcome.

## staffeditorial

# School needs to give frats space

*Hazing hotline is a good resource, but school should not expect a totally public pledgship*

Campus has been buzzing this winter with news – or rumors – about the anonymous hazing hotline.

Everyone has a new story about which fraternity has just been turned in, who's under investigation or who's back in the clear. Nobody can agree on how exactly the hotline works.

The on-line hazing hotline is undoubtedly a good resource for freshmen as they go through pledgship, and it's reassuring to see that the administration – in theory – is relying on more than just anonymous tips when it investigates the activities being held by different fraternities.

The IFC has established a solid track record of recognizing what should and should not be permitted during pledgship. Though they often rely on Mike Young and the Public Safety Department for assistance with their investigations, the decisions about punishments should stay inside the IFC.

If W&L trusts students to govern and administer the Honor System, that same trust

should be extended to the fraternity system. Is the Student Affairs Committee – a group comprised of administrators, faculty and student leaders – really more qualified than the IFC to judge fraternities?

But the administration must keep working hard to avoid basing investigations off of hearsay and rumor. DCs, parents and independents can all provide valuable tips about hazing, but none of those groups are actually present when hazing occurs. Anyone who spends more than 48 hours on this campus knows how stories mutate and grow almost instantaneously. The only 100 percent reliable sources are the pledges and upperclassmen present when pledgship activities occur.

After hazing problems both at W&L and nationwide, a focus on stopping hazing is appropriate. Nobody in the student body or administration wants to see another frat house left empty after a hazing scandal. Between Beta and Sig Ep, W&L has seen enough frats thrown out during the last four years.

While the focus on hazing is relevant and appropriate, the administration has unreasonable expectations for its fraternities. Yes, as Jason Rodocker suggested, perhaps more pledgship activities could be held in public (Phi Psi already does this, but maybe that's not what he meant).

But fraternities should not be required – or even expected – to conduct all of their business in the public eye. There's a reason each house keeps the chapter room locked.

There is a middle ground here. Fraternities should be able to shape their pledge classes without falling back on pointless physical punishments and without the administration peering over their shoulder.

There's an issue of trust at stake here. The fraternities need to believe that the administration is not out to get each house in trouble. At the same time, the administration must give the fraternities some leeway and privacy to conduct pledgship.

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## Homeless need your help

*Working with a Houston charity turned nameless faces into real people*

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**N**ine. That's the average age of a homeless person in Houston, Texas.

If all the men, women, and children people who are homeless in Houston decided to sleep in the beds provided by the numerous shelters, thousands would have to spend the night in the cold.

Half of the homeless population deals with either a mental or physical disability.

Not all homeless people are drug addicts or uneducated, contrary to stereotypes.

Fifteen students, myself included, learned all the above while volunteering at a day shelter in Houston for a week.

As part of the Nabors-sponsored alternative break, we worked with SEARCH. The Houston alumni chose SEARCH for us to work with because it focuses on helping homeless people reach self-sufficiency.

SEARCH has a job training center that includes GED classes, healthcare, a day care for homeless children whose parents are usually attending classes or working, a van for giving out food and offering services, and a catering company where the culinary graduates can work.

Each one of us said the week was eye-opening.

We worked with all the programs, but the most memorable was the Mobile Outreach, where we actually handed out sandwiches and talked to the people who

*I was also impressed that SEARCH did not push people to come to the building for help. A person has to be ready to come off the streets.*

were homeless.

I admit that before this trip, I would always avert my eyes when I saw a homeless person outside stores or by the freeway. I didn't want to see them and I definitely didn't want to help them.

I thought that they didn't deserve my pity or my money and if I did give money, I assumed it would promptly be spent on alcohol or drugs instead of on food or clothing.

I even justified my behavior by saying that no one wants pity and that money would only continue a vicious cycle, so I was saving them a lot of trouble.

Excuses. Yes, some of the people I met had been addicted to drugs. Yes, I saw people with disabilities. And yes, no one I met wanted or needed my pity.

In Houston, I met a man in his fifties who had a business degree and ran his own restaurant before he lost both of his legs in a horrendous accident.

Suddenly unable to walk, he lost his business, his family, and his home.

He turned to drugs. He lived under an interstate overpass. He knew the people from SEARCH

for more than year before he was ready to leave the streets. SEARCH helped him enroll in a detox program.

He works for SEARCH's catering service and speaks to others about his time when he was homeless. He now also walks with the help of artificial legs bought with contributions from the program's donors.

While giving out sandwiches, we met people who were on the streets for different reasons.

People who knew what SEARCH does would run down the van signaling us to stop.

We also met people who waved us on. That was a surprise because I thought that everyone would be happy and grateful for the van's services.

Our team leader, Don, who himself used to be homeless, told us that people may have enough food already or would not want to be bothered.

I was also impressed that SEARCH did not push people to come to the building for help. A person has to be ready to come off the streets.

For people who are ready, SEARCH employees are always available. Our team leaders

knew the people by name that we stopped for and would hand out their card with cell phone numbers on it.

Everything revolved around the client.

I had never thought about how hard it would be to get a job when you're homeless.

The Urban Plunge gave W&L students the actual experience of being homeless, and SEARCH is the next logical step. They offer food, laundry, showers, computers, voicemail service, and so much more.

The people we met were homeless because of job losses, mistakes, and other unexpected and uncontrollable reasons.

These people were smart, had the skills for a job and made an effort. None of them had planned on becoming homeless. They didn't deserve what had happened to them, but they were working past that.

I guess before the trip I had never really thought of the homeless people I see in front of stores or by the freeway but for different reasons. Don told us that money would not make a positive difference but helping out at a local shelter would be a better choice.

As one of the other people on the trip said, I may never go home again. I just want to volunteer on trips for the rest of my time here.

# arts & life

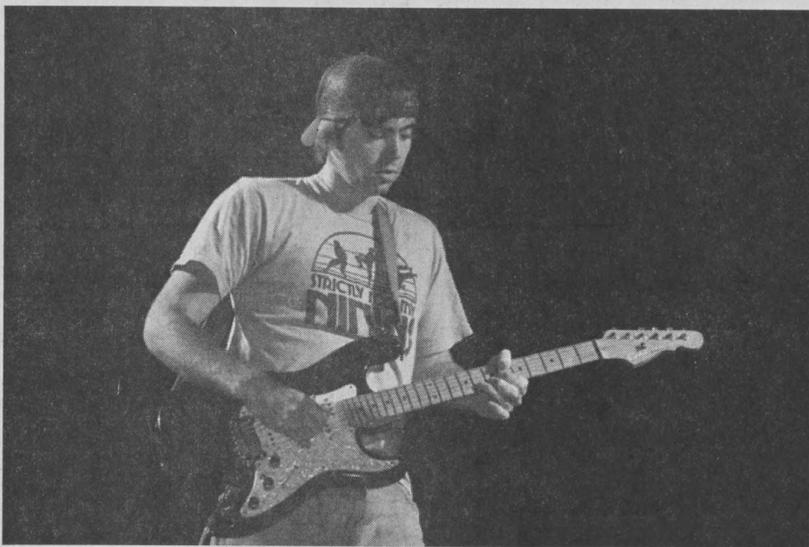


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Agent Flynn performs at Battle of the Bands last Friday night. This band entertained the audience with cover songs from The Clash and The Rolling Stones.

## Battle of the Bands

*Student bands dedicated hours of practice to showcase their abilities and vie for a title at a contest Friday night*



Sophomore Spencer McElroy plays the electric guitar in Battle of the Bands last Friday night in the Doremus Gym (above). Sophomore Chris Rucker hands out plastic roses to an adoring crowd. Rucker is in the band, Ill Noise, which earned first place in the competition (left).  
Photos by Michael Keenan

By Queenie Wong  
STAFF WRITER

Many Washington and Lee students have never heard of Ill Noise, the band that won the \$1,000 first prize at last Friday's Battle of the Bands, and for good reason. Until two weeks ago the band never existed, said band member Derin Harrison.

Ill Noise, whose name came from the word Illinois, was originally started by seniors Frank Lee, Sam Wilmoth and Harrison. Lee, a native of Chicago, is credited with coming up with the band's name despite the fact, he claimed, that some members didn't like it. As friends they always thought about forming a band, he said.

The band ended up with a total of six members. Others include students DeVarion Jarelle "DJ" Carter, Jameson Graber and Chris Rucker.

Before their performance, the band practiced for about 20 hours, experimenting with different songs and sounds.

"It was just a bunch of us having fun," said Harrison. "Our biggest problem was focus."

Yet the members were surprisingly modest about their award, saying that they never expected to win. Rucker seemed overwhelmed with enthusiasm, comparing the night to the Grammys.

The event, organized by the General Activities Board and Student Activities, included a total of eight bands, each of which performed at the Doremus Gym.

Ill Noise's biggest challengers were Velva Bar Lights who placed second, winning \$500, and Dr. Kenneth and the Googleplex, who finished third, winning a \$250 prize.

Although many bands came out with clean, precise music, Harrison and Lee summed up their strength in one word: energy.

"We moved the crowd more

*"It was just a bunch of us having fun. Our biggest problem was focus."*

DERIN HARRISON, class of 2007

than the other bands," said Harrison.

Combining hip-hop and R&B with the sounds of jazz and rock, the band achieved a unique sound that seemed to get the crowd dancing and waving to the beat. Rucker began the performance by rapping to Jay-Z's "Show Me What You Got."

Lee later wowed the audience with his freestyling, and Harrison stood out by jamming with his saxophone, giving the songs a different vibe. DJ Carter pounded the drums, Graber played the guitar and Wilmoth played the bass. The band took audience participation one step further when Rucker jumped off stage, handing plastic red roses to cheering audience members.

"I really wanted a rose so I could feel special! So I reached for one when he started handing them out, so yeah I was pretty much ecstatic to get one," said freshman Kim Holland.

According to the contest rules, bands were judged on four criteria: musicianship, originality, stage presence and overall impressions. The judges' votes were worth 75 percent while the crowd's reaction was worth 25 percent.

Yet the night was off to a rough start with the first band Sheep Herders. Despite its unusual name and equally unusual sound, the band didn't seem to "herd" the enthusiasm of many of the audience members. The instruments drowned out the singers' voices, and this reporter could not hear the lyrics clearly.

Agent Flynn, led by singer CJ Boyd, got the event started with

their raw rock and roll vibe. The band sang cover songs by The Clash and The Rolling Stones. At one point, electric guitarist Joel Poelhuis revved up the crowd by jumping from the stage and jamming to the music.

Second place Velva Bar Lights provided a strong contrast to Agent Flynn's rock and roll sound, including songs such as Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower."

Students close to the stage momentarily waved their lighters and cell phones to the pop music of band Jon Bovi. However, lead singer of the band Matt Amling couldn't hide his lack of memorization from the audience or the judges as he constantly looked down at the lyrics placed on the music stand in front of him.

Third place winner Dr. Kenneth and the Googleplex sang Stevie Wonder's "Superstition" and Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing," creating a Motown feel to the band.

Their performance included beatboxing by lead singer Malcolm Hines and a drum solo by Spencer McElroy. Other bands included Conviction, who sang their original song "Immortal Man" and Bluegrass band Rikki Tikki Tavi's performance came complete with a banjo and a harmonica.

Freshman Rasaan Lawal, who commented on how loud the music was, was seen wearing "fashionable" orange earplugs throughout the concert to soften the volume.

"[The music] was beating against my chest," he said.

# sports

## sportsbriefs

### Golf

The Washington and Lee University golf team has been listed at eighth in America by the Golfstat. Heading into the spring season, Methodist College sits atop the rankings and is followed by Guilford, Huntingdon, Whitworth, Transylvania, Oglethorpe, Rhodes, W&L, Wisconsin-Eau Claire and St. John's (Minn.). The Generals are coming off a fall campaign where they had a 306.1 team stroke average and captured the title at the Randolph-Macon Ted Keller Invitational. Junior Nathaniel James, a third team All-American last season, leads the way for the Generals. James won two out of the Generals four tournaments in the fall season, averaging 73.9 strokes over nine rounds during the fall. Freshman Joe Gibson also capture the title as top individual golfer at the Greensboro Invitational. Gibson shot a 70-69--139 in Greensboro and averaged 79.6 strokes over seven rounds in the fall. The Generals open their spring campaign on March 12-13, when they compete in the Barton College Intercollegiate held at the Wilson Country Club in Wilson, N.C..

### Riding

The W&L Riding Team has had great results so far in their winter and spring seasons. Starting their winter campaign with a strong fifth-place finish at Sweet Briar College, the Generals went on to claim the Reserve Title at the Bridgewater College IHSA show. The Generals defeated perennial powerhouses UVA and Hollins at the Bridgewater show. Part of their success can be contributed to their year-round training, which has clearly made a difference for the Generals. At the Bridgewater College IHSA, co-captains Kiltie Tompkins and Lilly Haywood captured first place ribbons, while Alice Shih and Brooks Vardell captured second place in their respective events for the Generals. Four additional riders qualified to ride at the IHSA Regionals held last weekend at UVA. Brynne Archer had already qualified earlier in the season, and she was joined by Sarah Bujtas, Kathryn George, and co-captains Brittany Bansak and Lilly Haywood. Ashley Billman finished third in Open Over Fences, at Bridgewater's meet while Vardell finished fifth. In the Intermediate Fences, Kiltie Tompkins finished in fifth place. Brittany Bansak finished fifth in the Novice Fences, while Brynne Archer finished sixth. In the Open Flat, Vardell captured second place for the Generals, while Billman finished in fifth. In Intermediate Flats, Kiltie Tompkins and Lilly Haywood tied for first place, while Catherine Hook took fourth place in Novice Flat. Alice Shih finished second in Walk-Trot-Canter, while Hila Yashar finished fourth in Walk-Trot. At Sweet Briar College, Billman finished second in the Open Flat. Bansak finished third in the Novice Flat while George finished fourth in Walk-Trot.

# Track sets records

*Teams break seven records as women finish second and men fifth at ODAC meets*

By Michael Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's and women's track teams finished their indoor campaigns with impressive showings at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championships.

The women finished second out of five times, while the men placed four out of six teams.

The W&L women set a new school record for the most points recorded in ODAC championships with 161 points, and they lost to champion Roanoke College by a mere 13 points.

The Generals had five conference champions, 13 all-conference citations, set two conference championship records and, most impressively, toppled seven school records throughout the course of the meets.

The W&L women accumulated 161 points, three more points than the highest-ever winning total in ODAC Championship history but 13 points fewer than the total scored by Roanoke College. The men tallied 42 points.

Leading the way for the women was sophomore Stacy Doornbos, who competed in an incredible seven events for the Generals. The star was the champion in the triple jump and finished second in the long jump and the high jump. Doornbos also crossed the line fourth in the 400 meters and sixth in the 200 meters.

Freshman Maggie Sutherland also was a key contributor for the Generals, competing in five events, capturing first in the high jump and third in the triple jump. Sutherland set a new record in the 55 meter hurdles, besting her own time from an earlier meet.

Junior Elizabeth Brandler finished second in the pole vault and fifth in the triple jump (9.86 m), and sophomore Jackie Burns placed second in the 5,000 meters with a school-record time and finished third in the mile. The Distance Medley Relay squad crossed the finish line first, setting a meet record.

Sophomore Becca Taylor won the mile with a school-record and meet-record time of 5:17.42 and also placed sixth in the 800 meters and fourth in the 5,000 meters. Freshman Elizabeth Krausnick won the 800 meters with a

meet-record and school-record time of 2:23.88, while sophomore Elizabeth Webb placed second in the 800 meters, also setting a new school record.

Going into the spring outdoor season, the Generals have a lot to look forward to and a great deal to be proud of. "Everyone seemed to put their heart into the meet because we knew we not only had a chance at coming home with first place, but we were prepared to do it," Brandler said.

Doornbos said that the women's season was a great success. "Overall the season was great. It was a lot of fun having so many new freshmen on the team that really stepped up and had a great indoor season," she said.

Taylor said the support of her teammates was crucial.

"It's amazing how well this team works together and supports each other. For instance, one of my events last weekend was the 5000 meters. And even though this is usually a very long, dull 25 lap race, the whole team lined the track cheering and yelling for us. ... I know it was the support of the team that made all the difference," she said.

On the men's side, the Generals were once again led by freshman Billy Billington, who finished second in the shot put and fifth in the weight throw. Freshman Ben Goetsch, who joined the indoor track team at the conclusion of the men's basketball season, placed second in the high jump, and sophomore Drew Martin finished third in the pole vault.

The Generals 4x400 meter relay team of Chip McCoy, Marshall French, Brian Bondurant and Matt Harrison placed third overall, while the Distance Medley Relay squad of Alex Jackson, Harrison, Rob Saliers and Welsh placed fourth.

Billington said the indoor season was a success, but he expects better results as the team shifts to outdoor competition.

"The indoor season went well and most everyone improved throughout the season. The team is almost all freshmen and sophomores, so we expect to improve as we become more experienced. ... I expect our practice to pay off as we enter the outdoor season and hopefully we can improve," he said.



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Junior Elizabeth Brandler competes in the high jump for the Generals at the ODAC Championships. She cleared 1.43 m while also finishing second in the pole vault.

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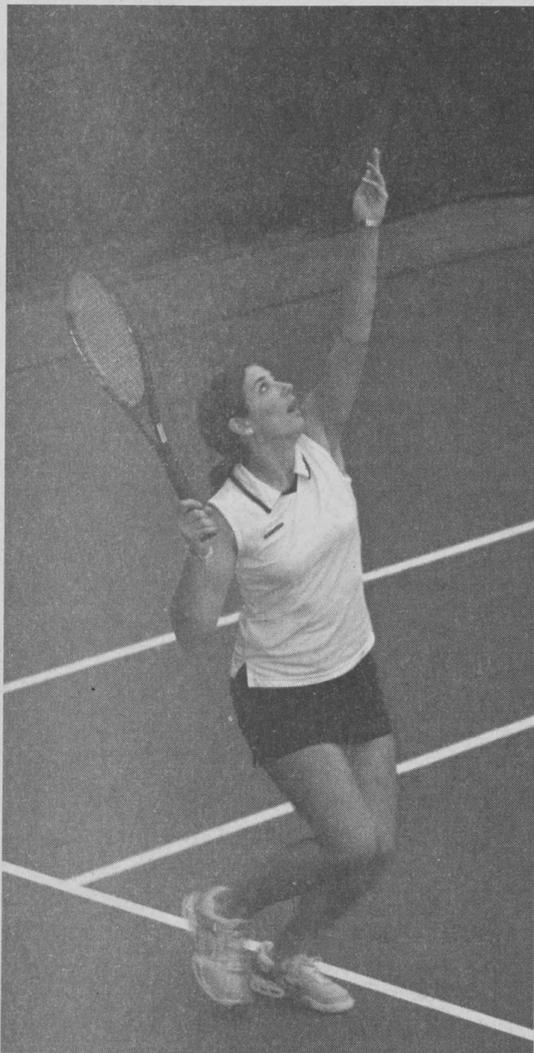


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Sophomore Katie Tabb tosses up her serve in her match against Hollins. Tabb won 6-1, 6-0 at first singles, and teamed with freshman Lauren Caire to win first doubles.

**Women's Tennis:**

# Women hoping for return to the finals

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her opponent 6-1, 6-1. Juniors Lauren Cook and Katie Duncan were victorious at fifth and sixth singles. Cook won 6-1, 6-0, while Duncan didn't surrender a single game winning 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, Will paired with Christmas for an 8-1 victory at first doubles, while Haines and Proctor paired together for a 8-2 victory at second doubles.

Cook and Duncan were victorious as third doubles by a score of 8-1. The team is extremely deep, returning all of last year's starters.

Christmas said, "We definitely have depth. [Head Coach] Cinda [Rankin] schedules us two matches in the same day and can send half the team to the away match and keep half the team to play at home."

Not only does the team have great depth, but it also features girls that are capable of playing anywhere in the lineup, depending on the opponent.

Weston added, "We are fortunate to have a team with depth. Regardless of what position someone plays they still are able

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**TORI CHRISTMAS, Class of 2009**

to compete strongly at their position or at a higher position against various teams."

Aside from their demeanor on the courts and the perennial dynasty that the Generals have established, the team is close off the court too.

Weston said, "We have a team with great chemistry, which has definitely impacted how well we have done in previous years. Not only are we teammates but we are very good friends. Being so close to everyone on the team is probably the greatest strength we have besides having talented tennis players," she said.

Intercollegiate experience is not the only place where the Generals have expertise.

Wortham said, "I think one of the greatest aspects of our team is that everyone is a great tennis player and comes in with a solid

junior career behind her. We, therefore, have so much depth on our team that we constantly push our teammates to be better."

The Generals are a highly talented team, with players that come in with an extensive background in the sport. The players also have different styles of play, which is a major strength.

Bouret said, "Our team is filled with so many players of different playing styles, which makes us a very tough team to play against."

With three seniors in the top six for the Generals, there is a great deal of leadership on the team, which is excellent for the younger players on the team.

Bouret said, "Our seniors have been so supportive and serve as great role models for the rest of the team. I'm very happy to be a freshman on such a talented team; it definitely keeps me on

my toes."

The Generals also have a new assistant coach who has been helping the team out in various different ways.

Christmas said, "Doubles hurt us last season, so our new assistant coach Eric is really helping us work on that. I think he's doing a really good job of keeping us all focused. Nationals is definitely in the back of everyone's minds, but we have to focus on one match at a time, because if you don't teams will surprise you."

As the team continues with their campaign, they have main different goals in mind.

Tabb said, "Obviously we're competing against the best of the best -- especially when we have to play each other at individuals, but I'd like to keep a strong record this year. And unfortunately, the individual event takes place right after the team event [at the NCAA Tournament], so there's always the chance that you play at the team event and have to turn around and play a teammate, which is a necessary evil in any individual sport."

W&L, currently ranked third nationally, next returns to action on Tuesday at Randolph-Macon.

# Wrestlers wrap up strong season

*Young but experienced team finishes fifth, the Generals' best conference tournament result in several years*

**By Mike Fahey**  
SPORTS EDITOR

With eight wins and the best finish that the team has seen in almost a decade, the Washington and Lee wrestling team can only take positives away from their 2006-2007 campaign.

It was a season full of accomplishments. With their fifth place finish out of eight teams, it was the first time that the Generals had finished out of last place since the 1999-2000 season, and it was W&L best result since finishing fifth at the Centennial Conference championships during their 1998-1998 campaign.

Also, the Generals had the most meet victories since the 1985-1986 season, and knocked

off the top two teams in the Centennial Conference. Ursinus, one of the teams that W&L upset, had been undefeated in 27 consecutive conference matches. The Blue and White handed Ursinus their first defeat of the season as well.

In the Centennial Conference Championships, Ursinus, who W&L defeated, took home team title with 85.5 points and was followed by Muhlenberg, another team the Generals defeated, Johns Hopkins, and McDaniel, yet another team defeated by the Blue and White. The Generals finished fifth with 48.0 points.

At the conference championships, the Generals had one runner-up finish, three third-place finishes and one fourth-place fin-

ish.

Junior Anthony Boniello finished as the runner-up in the 165 pound weight class. Boniello posted a technical fall over Kings Point's Trevor Muhler in the first round and prevailed in an 8-3 triumph over Mike Schwager of Ursinus.

Boniello was then pinned by Stevens Tech's Brandon MacWhinnie in the championship bout. MacWhinnie would go on to be named Centennial Conference Wrestler of the Year.

Juniors Jesse Sataloff and Kirk Adamson and sophomore John

Christopher (Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons) all placed third, while junior David Shubick took fourth place.

Sataloff, who wrestles in the 174 pound weight class, pinned Aaron Balk of Gettysburg in the first round, but was pinned by McDaniel's Drew Winfield in the semifinals. Sataloff went on to capture the their place crown by defeating Troy McGuinness of Kings Point, 3-2.

Adamson, who wrestles in the 197 pound weight class, had a major decision over Ferris Bond of McDaniel in the first round,

but was defeated by Muhlenberg's Matt Loesch in the semifinals. Adamson then proceeded to thrash Stevens Tech's James Rorarty, 11-4, to finish third for the Blue and White.

In the heavyweight division, Christopher downed McDaniel's Ryan Deiter, 5-2, in the first round, but was then defeated by Joe Tartar of Muhlenberg. Christopher followed that up with a 4-1 win of Jonathon Freeman of Johns Hopkins to take the bronze.

Shubick, competing in the 133 pound weight class, was victorious in his first round match-up,

pinning Michael Sumner of Johns Hopkins in 4:50, but Shubick went on to be pinned by Ursinus' Trevor Beard in the semifinal. He then fell to McDaniel's Steven Colasuonno in the third-place bout.

A young team, the Generals will only graduate one senior, making their prospects for next season great.

Adamson said, "By having only one senior on the team, we are in a great position for next year. I know everyone wants to win the conference and won't be satisfied with anything less."

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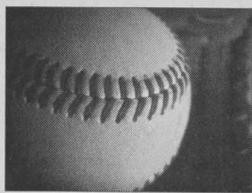
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# sports



## Men lose to Va. Wes. in tourney

*Up-and-down season ends for the men when they lose to the defending national champions in the ODAC tournament*

By Brian Devine  
STAFF WRITER

Though this was one of the best seasons in recent memory, the Washington and Lee men's basketball team has seen rough times of late.

After a promising start, including winning the W&L Invitational in December and a string of victories against conference opposition, the team faltered after losing three straight conference games by a total of eight points. These demoralizing defeats at the end of January and the beginning of February were but the start of a nine-game stretch that included eight conference losses. These performances dropped the Generals to 11 wins, 13 losses (6-12 in conference) and placed them in an unenviable position for the March ODAC postseason tournament.

In the tournament, which decides the conference's automatic entrant to the NCAA Division III championships, the Generals were paired in the quarterfinals with top-seeded Virginia Wesleyan, the 2006 National Champions. The Generals had lost to the Marlins twice during the season, by 24 points in December and 12 in February. This time was no different, as VWC advanced 82-48 on the strength of a 25-4 run in the second half that widened a gap that was as narrow as seven points before the halfway

mark. The Marlins forced the Generals out of their comfortable half-court offense with a high-pressure defense. The early lead and the fast pace set by Wesleyan made the Generals play catch-up, a situation that was nigh impossible given the Marlins' stingy defense. In the end W&L was simply outclassed by their opponents.

The Generals were once again led by the steady play of junior forward Greg Bienemann of Chatham, NJ, who finished the Wesleyan game with 1,014 points in his career. He is the first W&L player to record a four digit career total since 1996, and Bienemann has another year to add to his number.

Though Bienemann's totals are remarkable, it is unlikely that he will enter the W&L record books for career points as he would need an additional thousand points to approach the all-time school record.

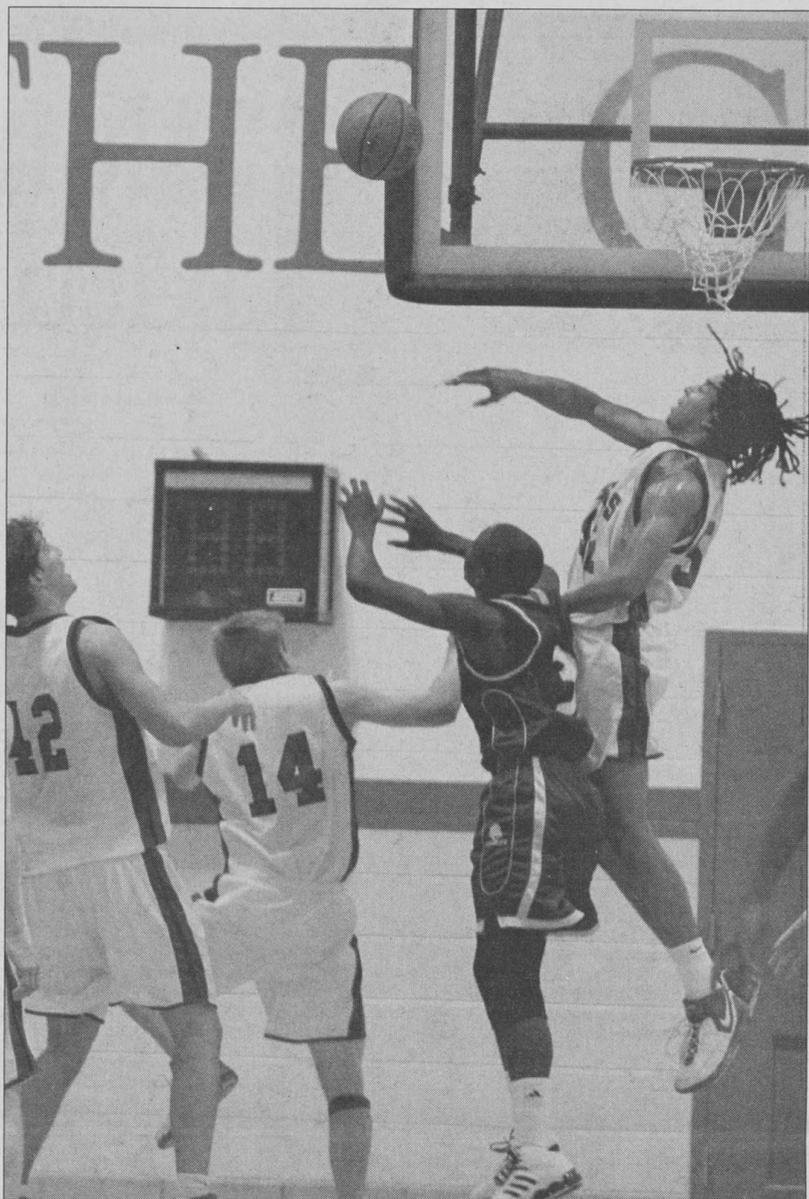
Bienemann's performance against the Marlins in the quarterfinal, held at the Salem Civic Center west of Roanoke, was slightly below his average, a modest 16 points and 13 rebounds, both of which were highs for the team. No other player for the Generals reached double figures in any category, as Wesleyan showed why they were ranked second in the country in Division III and were the top seed in the conference tournament. The Marlins

had four players in double figures and held the Generals to their second-lowest point total of the season. Wesleyan senior center Brandon Adair, the ODAC Player of the Year as a junior, registered fifteen points and seven rebounds, while his teammate Ton Ton Balenga added fifteen and six to his account.

Adair had totaled 44 points against the Generals in their previous two meetings. Wesleyan would go on to lose the conference semifinal against fifth-seeded Hampden-Sydney, the eventual tournament champions, but they received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament based on their 23-4 overall record and should remain highly ranked nationally.

Though the loss is disappointing for the Generals, even reaching the ODAC tournament was an improvement on last year. The 11-14 record set by the team this year is W&L's best in sixteen years. Bienemann added to his list of accomplishments last week, as well, when he was named to the all-ODAC first team along with Adair.

Bienemann is the only Generals player honored by the conference this year. He finishes the season with 445 points, an average of 17.8 points per game, and leads the team for the season in points, rebounds, minutes played, field goals, free throws and personal fouls.



Senior Alex White swats the ball away as Greg Bienemann and Chris McHugh look on. White averaged 4.8 points and 3.7 rebounds in his final season with the team.

## Girl's lax already off to a quick start

*After a training trip to Dallas, the women defeated No. 13 St. Mary's and then beat Roanoke and Randolph-Macon*

By Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITER

The women's lacrosse team had a big week, defeating their first two conference opponents. The Generals look to be one of the best in the ODAC again. They won the conference last year and are working to accomplish that goal again.

Sophomore Kelsi Robinson said of the team, "We are so excited for the season and would love to win the ODAC again, but, as always, we take it one game at a time and try not to get ahead of ourselves."

W&L fields another strong team this year with some key upperclassmen leaders and some impressive young talent.

Wednesday the Generals faced the Roanoke Maroons in their first ODAC game. With three starters sick, the Generals knew they had to step it up.

After Roanoke scored the first goal, W&L rolled off five straight goals and took a 5-2 lead at half time.

The second half started slow as the Maroons cut the lead to 6-4. The Generals then ratcheted up the pace to a level the Maroons could not handle. W&L went on their second five goal run of the game, tallying the final five goals of the game to secure an 11-4 victory.

Throughout the contest, the Generals played solid defense and connected well in the midfield. The attackers also had a good

showing. Key individual contributions were made by sophomore attacker Kelsi Robinson with two goals and two assists, freshman attacker Britten Matthews with three goals and sophomore attacker Katie Flippen with two scores. Senior midfielder Kelly Evans tallied a goal and an assist and senior attacker Avery Lovejoy had two assists.

Between the pipes, junior Sarah Tilbor accumulated five saves, and sophomore Ali Hillyard also had a stop. The Generals were happy to start out their season on a positive note and look forward to a strong showing in the ODAC again this year.

Saturday, fresh off their first conference win, the Generals went up against ODAC rival, Randolph-Macon. This is always a tough, intense game, and W&L was ready for the challenge.

The Generals started the first half hot, taking a 7-2 advantage at the break, led by three of Kelly Evan's game-high four goals. The team's strong defense and potent

offense kept the Yellow Jackets off balance throughout the half.

After the break, the lead got as low as three goals at 9-6 due to some "sloppy play," as one player put it.

However, the Generals refocused and closed the game strong to leave with a 13-7 win. Aside from Evan's big performance, Kelsi Robinson also added four points with three goals and an assist.

Sophomore Colleen Evans also had a solid showing with three points (two goals and an assist). Sarah Tilbor and Ali Hillyard again shared the time in goal with Tilbor recording four saves, and Hillyard stopping two.

Next week, the Generals take on their toughest competition yet when seventh-ranked Franklin and Marshall comes to Lexington for a non-conference matchup of two annual powerhouses. The eleventh ranked Generals are looking forward to a solid performance to prove they deserve to be a top ten team.



Kelsi Robinson, Sophomore

### Randolph-Macon:

Three goals and one assist.

### Roanoke College:

Two goals and two assists

## Men's Swimming:

### Team is looking forward to rematch with Hopkins

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place finish, to the General's lone scoring swimmer, junior Evan Fitzgerald, who finished eighth. Wingate shocked the Generals in the 800 Free Relay, out-touching the team of Brett Tatman, Alex Sweet, Brandon Barnds and Paul Crook by nine-tenths of a second to give Wingate a six point advantage going into the final day of competition.

"We were a little shocked to be losing," said Paul Crook. "Wingate brought in an incredibly strong freshmen class, which made the meet much closer this year."

The final day's first event was the 1650 Free. Even though Wingate's Matthew Dugan won the event, Freshmen Jonathan Giesen and Dan Austin had excellent swims, taking second and fourth for W&L. Mike Ginder captured the 100 backstroke title in the next event, out-touching Wingate's Brian Parks by six tenths of a second to finish in 1:49.94.

"Mental toughness was the key to success on the final day. We didn't let the fact that we were losing get to us. Instead, we used it as motivation to swim even faster," said Paul Crook. "Plus, when you have 20 of your teammates going and cheering hard for every race on the pool deck, it's hard

not to go fast."

The Championship Heat of the 100 Free was one of the most important swims of the meet.

"The 100 free was an intense race," said David Croushore. "Before the race in the ready room, not a word was spoken, as four Generals, three Wingate Bulldogs, and one third party understood the significance of that race."

Even though Sweet broke the school record and qualified for nationals, finishing in 45.40, he came up short of the title as Wingate's Gus Chagas won the race. However, the Generals took fourth, fifth, and sixth, giving them the higher point total for the event.

"The key races were any race where we went up against a Wingate guy," Sweet said. "We always had to make sure that we beat them out in the morning to get into finals and then swim well at night to beat them again."

Wingate wasn't finished yet. In the 200 Breaststroke, Sergey Vlashchenko and Kyle Corcoran finish first and second to keep them in the meet.

In the 200 Fly, the freshman duo of Winston Stagg and Josh Gonzalez finished third and fourth. Evan Fitzgerald, having already swam the 200 Backstroke earlier in the evening, out-touched Wingate's Carlos Jones for 13<sup>th</sup> place.

One of the differences in the meet was "having Evan swimming up in the 200 back and 200 fly on the same day," said Tim McGlaston.

"Winston Stagg and Josh Gonzalez's swims at the end of the last day was vital," said Alex Sweet. "They both beat two Wingate swimmers ... which secured us a victory in the meet."

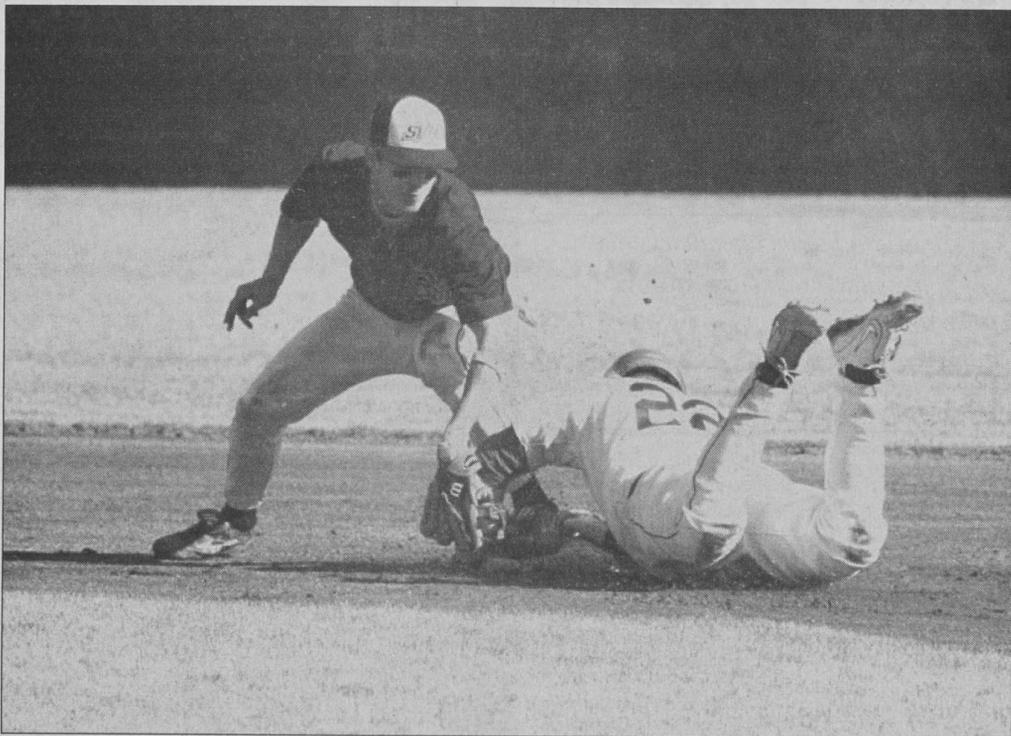
In the competition's final event, the 400 Freestyle Relay, W&L's foursome of Sweet, Tim McGlaston, David Croushore, and Mike Ginder sealed the team victory by winning in a provisional cut time of 3:04.49, good enough for a school and meet record. The win gave the Generals a total of 755 points to Wingate's 733.

At the conclusion of the meet, seven Generals had qualified for nationals, giving them a chance at the school's first top-five finish.

Nationals will be held March 15-17 in Houston.

"Our goal for nationals is to swim fast, bottom line. Last year we were just happy to go, this year we have determination to become a dominant swimming threat year in and year out at nationals," said Alex Sweet. "Every race is key, and if we can bring back one or more relay or individual national championships, that would be great too."

## Baseball kicks off season in winning fashion



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

The men's baseball team has been off to a great start in their 2007 campaign. Senior Clayton Edwards pitched a complete-game shutout and went 3-for-5 with two RBIs as the Generals swept a doubleheader from Emory & Henry. The Generals took the first game, 6-0 and then won the second contest 16-14. In the first game, W&L was led by junior James Madden, who went 1-for-4 with two RBI and the homerun, and junior Tim Livingston, who hit 2-for-3 with one RBI. Edwards hurled all seven innings in the first game of the doubleheader, racking up 11 strikeouts and only four hits and three walks.

# The reason why people are so much taller today

*The actual reason for increase in average height in America can be blamed on ballers*

By Adam Lewis and Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITERS

Since 1960, the average height of a United States citizen between the ages of 20 and 74 has risen over an inch to approximately 69.4 inches, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

And the increase in the heights of children is even more significant. Now, it may seem like this change is due to improvements in diets, technology, lifestyles, medicine, etc.

But what if we were to tell you that I knew the exact cause of this, and further, that diets, lifestyles, and medicine are merely cover-ups for the real scapegoat: the NBA?

Founded in 1946, the National Basketball Association has boasted the world's most talented, richest, and yes, tallest athletes ever.

But what sometimes gets swept under the rug is that these athletes are also some of the planet's most sexually active human beings.

Combine that with the fact that they are extremely tall, and there is my reasoning why the change in human height is due strictly to the NBA.

Having said this, let's take some actual statistics into account.

In his autobiography, Wilt Chamberlin claimed to have slept with 20,000 women, and we will assume that he abided by the Washington and Lee Honor System when he stated this.

Clearly, because "Wilt the Stilt" is regarded as one of the best players of all-time, he probably did better with the ladies than the majority of other athletes in his sport.

I mean, let's face it, the nickname "Wilt the Stilt" could only mean one thing.

Given this, let's assume that other NBA players only sleep with an average of 5,000 women, a generously low estimate considering it is merely a quarter of Chamberlin's count.

While he was indeed superior to almost all athletes in the league, it is obvious that with new training and technology, modern-day professional basketball players have greater than 25% of Chamberlin's athletic ability.

And moreover, with all the new pick-up lines, online services, and brands of alcohol, these players are probably not much worse in the seduction realm than Wilt was.

However in spite of this, we will keep this minute number of 5,000, giving "the Stilt" some well-earned respect.

As of 2001, 51 out of every 1,000 women experienced an unintended pregnancy according to "Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health." That is an unplanned pregnancy rate of roughly 5%.

Now, if we stick with the estimated number of women that the average NBA athlete fornicates with, it would hold that there are approximately 250 children created per NBA player.

And this is assuming that none of these players throw a "pimp game" that is at all comparable to that of "Wilt the Stilt."

Moving on, there are 450 professional basketball players currently in the NBA.

With the mean rate of procreation amongst these athletes of 250 children per, the total number of offspring produced by current NBA-ers would be 112,500.

Yes, that is quite a number, but it is clearly based on factual proof so there should be no discrepancy.

In conclusion, I think I have made it pretty evident that changes in food, lifestyle, and medicine have little if any impact on the overall increase in height.

It is obvious that the members of the NBA are responsible, whose abhorrently pimpish lifestyles have accounted for over 100,000 children, all of whom are (and will be) significantly taller.

Wait a second. Oh my God. I am 6'2". Does that mean my dad is Shawn Bradley?

# Laxers off to slow start

*Men come up short against second ranked Gettysburg on Saturday*

By Madeline Gent  
STAFF WRITER

Eugene McCabe's first win as head coach of the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team was bittersweet, as it was sandwiched between two rough losses for the Generals.

Washington and Lee opened its season ranked sixteen in the preseason polls but fell out of the top twenty after suffering a 6-5 defeat at the hands of Cabrini.

The Generals entered halftime with a lead but were held scoreless in the second half. A strong defense was not enough to stop the 20<sup>th</sup> ranked Cavaliers, who scored two goals in the third and fourth quarters.

"We were upset about the way we played because we couldn't do anything offensively, which was tough," said junior attacker Ned Rider.

McCabe recorded his first win as a head coach of the Generals with a 9-3 victory over visiting York College this past Wednesday.

The Generals dominated the first half, holding York to only one goal while scoring eight of their own. The second half saw the Generals battling.

"They played a zone 85 percent of the game. We struggled to get into rhythm," noted McCabe.

The Generals are still look to bring their offense up to a more consistent level after they only managed two goals in the second half against York.

With a young offense fighting to put an entire game together, a positive light shone in the form of junior long-stick defenseman Spotty Robins.

Fellow teammate Rider said, "Spotty is playing really well. He is really consistent more than anyone on the team... He's been playing awesome and I would

say he is the best long pole in the league."

Robins notched his first goal of the season against Cabrini. "Spotty played a great defense, scored a goal, and overall really stepped up his game," said McCabe.

Also on defense, senior goalie Chris Lalli recorded 14 saves against the York offense. "We came out on a Wednesday and played hard... We were up 8-1 at halftime, and it was tough for them to come back from a deficit when Lalli is playing so well," noted senior defenseman and captain Peter Goodwin. "It was good to get coach his first win."

On Saturday, W&L hosted number two ranked Gettysburg. Again struggling to put a full game together, the Generals lost sight of a victory in the first half and went into halftime with an eight goal deficit. "Offensively we need to mature and grow a little," said McCabe. "It was an average performance."

The Generals' average performance was no match for the first half speed of the Bullets. Taking the opportunities when available, Gettysburg converted numerous strong defensive plays into offensive hustle.

"We let them get goals early and we couldn't really recover," noted Goodwin. "We had a good game plan which we executed in the second half. We let them get some transition goals in the first half which was something we wanted to stop. It's tough to go into halftime at 9-1."

The Generals did not score until the Bullets gained a 5-0 lead. Sophomore attacker Harry St. John had the first goal with 7:54 left to play in the first half of the game. "The bulk of our leadership is on defense," said McCabe, referring to his thirteen returning seniors, "We have strong recruit-

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PETER GOODWIN, senior captain

ing classes and these young guys just need to step it up."

The second half saw a drastic change in the play of the Generals. They kept up with their opponents, picking up their game both offensively and defensively. Only outscored by one goal in the second period, the Generals' younger offense showed great potential. "We played a lot better in the second half. We moved the ball better, we picked it up and the ball feeding improved," said Rider. "We realized we could play with them the second half, but it was too late."

"We have a lot of young guys so we just need to learn from it. We got better yesterday, and we have a good opportunity to go forward this coming weekend against Washington College," said Goodwin.

When asked what was next for the blue and white, McCabe was on the same page as his captain. "We are going to prepare for next week and get better for Washington College." The Generals look to improve their record and get another win for the new coach this Saturday, March 10 in a 7:00 p.m. game at Washington College.

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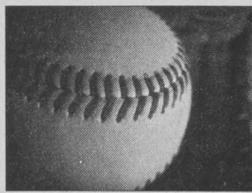
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# sports



## Men take down rival

*Men's tennis opens spring season with victories over three ODAC squads and rival, Sewanee*

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a road trip around the southeastern part of America that resulted in utter domination over an ODAC opponent, a close contest with a Division I foe, and a solid win against a perennial rival, the Washington and Lee men's tennis team is off to a great start to its 2007 campaign.

This past week, the Generals took on ODAC opponent Lynchburg College and local opponent Ferrum College, a team that the Generals had never played.

W&L dominated both contests, failing to lose a single match against either opponent.

Against Lynchburg, junior Seth Feibelman was victorious at first singles, while junior Nat Estes won at second singles. Both Feibelman and Estes won 6-1, 6-0.

Sophomore Jamie McCardell was victorious at third singles, and senior Andrew Ellison won fourth singles.

Freshmen Cliff Gaddy and Parker Swenson saw action for the Generals at fifth and sixth singles respectively for the Generals.

Both won in straight sets. The Generals also swept doubles action as Feibelman paired with Estes for an 8-1 victory, while McCardell paired with senior captain Jon Malooly for an 8-2 victory at second doubles.

Freshman Alex Brooke paired with Ellison for an 8-2 victory at third doubles for the Generals.

The match against Ferrum saw junior Tim Ross win at first singles for the Generals, 6-0, 6-4.

Feibelman and Estes won at second and third singles for the Generals, dominating their opponents.

Malooly and McCardell were victorious at fourth and fifth singles respectively. Malooly did not lose a single game.

Junior Stuart Sanford was victorious at sixth singles for the Generals posting a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

The Generals' biggest victory of the season came over Feb Break when the team traveled to Tennessee to take on Sewanee, winning by the close score of 6-3.

Ross had to play three sets in order to defeat Charlie Boyd in first singles, 5-7, 6-0, 6-4.

Feibelman and Estes captured second and third singles in straight sets. Malooly was also victorious at fourth singles for the Generals winning 6-2, 6-3.

In doubles action, Ross and Estes paired up to win first doubles 8-4, while Malooly and McCardell teamed up to win second doubles 8-2.

It has been a very strong start to the season for the Generals.

Malooly said, "The team has improved dramatically since we started practicing a few weeks ago, and it showed in our convincing win over Sewanee."

For a team to be successful on the courts, it takes many different elements. First the team must have a certain degree of chemistry.

Malooly said, "I think there is good team chemistry this year, which has made our team stronger. The whole team is motivated to practice hard and try to improve. Good communication

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**JON MALOOLY, senior captain**

between the players and coach Detwiler have allowed for quality practices where everyone can get better."

Experience is another element important for success. The Generals are a very young team, but at the same time, each of their top players had a tremendous amount of match experience.

Estes said, "Our strengths definitely include our experience, since many of the players have match experience, including five or so juniors and a senior recovering from surgery."

A final strength for the Generals comes in the form of depth. Having a talented squad allows for a multitude of different players to be able to compete on any given day.

Junior Nelson Bunn said, "We have solid guys all the way down the lineup. I feel that any of us could challenge one another on the court at any given time. Another strength this year is team bonding. The February Break trip [across the southeast] united us as a team."

This season has brought a few changes to the Generals.

Fundamentally, scoring will not be conducted differently, with

doubles matches now counting for three points total, rather than only one point being contended in the doubles matches.

Malooly said, "The ultimate goal is to improve our games and advance past the second round of the NCAA tournament, where we have lost for the past several years."

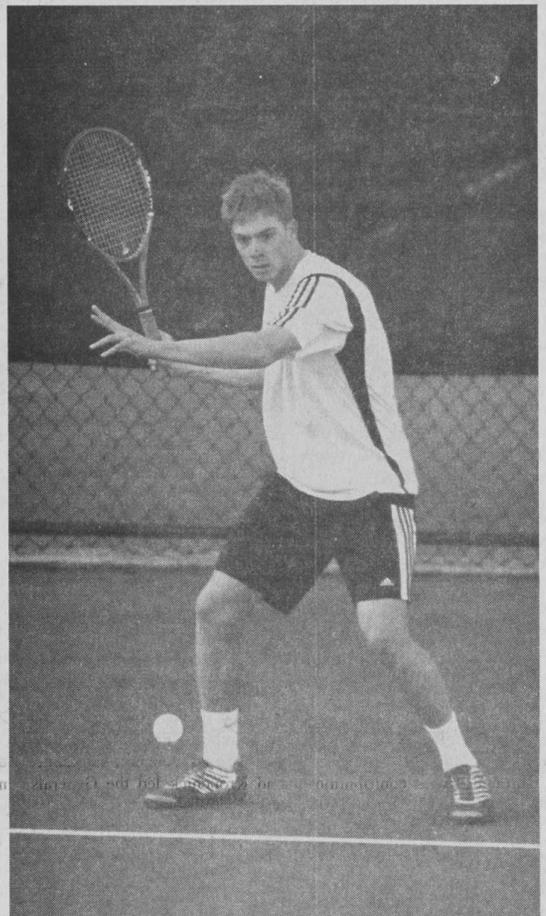
A final change that the team has witnessed is an additional strength within the region as evidenced through the fall season.

Estes said, "I would say that the impression that we got from our fall season was that the other teams in our region got much stronger this year, and that we should have plenty of tough matches this year."

However, given the success of the season so far this year, the Generals will be up to the task against any opponent.

Malooly said, "The team played very well in [their matches] and was ready to compete. Everyone was very focused on their matches and we were able to pull out a victory."

The Generals will return to action on Tuesday when they travel to Randolph-Macon to face their ODAC foe.



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

**Junior Tim Ross prepares to hit a forehand against Ferrum College on Wednesday. Ross won 6-0, 6-4 at first singles for the Generals. Ross has been playing the first singles position for the Generals this season.**

## Streak snapped by Macon

*Women's swimming sees thirteen-year winning streak snapped by six points at the hands of Randolph-Macon*

By Michael Keenan  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee's women's swim team's quest to win a fourteenth straight ODAC championship came up just six points short as Randolph-Macon College won their first ODAC title since first fielding a team in the 1999-2000 season.

The Generals knew they would have a stiff challenge in their title defense from the start.

Earlier in the season, the Generals had lost a dual meet at home to Randolph-Macon, 135-126, making for a charged atmosphere at Radford.

"The atmosphere at the meet was incredible, especially at finals. In every heat, there were Randolph-Macon swimmers and Washington and Lee swimmers, and you knew just how badly each team wanted their teammate to get their hand on the wall first," said Miata.

"Cheering and celebrating came from both teams, including the coaches, swimmers and even the parents. Everyone was really into it," Miata continued.

The Generals got off to a strong start on Friday evening as the 200 free relay team of freshman Jenna Worsham, junior Amy Roberson, sophomore Julia Miata, and freshman Sarah Simpson finished first. Sophomores Jessica Shaw and Lindsey Strachan followed

up with fourth and fifth place finishes in the 500 freestyle.

"Key races were at the beginning of the meet," said Miata. "Swimming well in the beginning was important, because it showed us that all the training and tapering had more than prepared us to swim well for the entire weekend."

In the 200 individual medley, Sophomore Susan Mahoney, Worsham, Miata, and Senior captain Abbie Sauter finished in the top six.

Though day one ended on a disappointing note as the Yellow Jackets won the 400 Medley Relay, the Generals still held a 188-147 advantage. It was clear this would be a two team meet as the other four teams combined had amassed only 192 total points.

"It was always between us and Randolph-Macon for first place, so the energy on deck was unbelievable," said Miata.

The Generals started out day two equally strong. The foursome of Strachan, Mahoney, Amy Roberson, and Worsham out-touched Randolph-Macon in the 200 Medley Relay by less than six tenths of a second for first place.

"The 200 medley was really a blast going into the finals: we were seated second, and were expected to stay in that position," said Worsham.

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**JENNA WORSHAM, freshman**

how tough we really are. It caught them off-guard and was an exciting race up to the very last second" Worsham continued.

In the next event, the 400 Individual Medley, Shaw, Mahoney, and Miata took first, second, and third. Shaw's time of 4:43.78 just missed setting a school record.

However, Randolph-Macon kept it close by finished fourth, fifth, and sixth, and put six in the top ten, including Shafer Busch's victory, in the next event the 100 fly.

In the final event of day two, the 800 free relay, the Yellow Jackets bested the Generals relay of Worsham, Strachan, Mahoney, and Simpson by just over three seconds, cutting the General's lead to ten heading into the final day of competition.

Though Strachan won the 200 backstroke to start the final day, Randolph-Macon took second, third, fourth, seventh and eighth.

In the 100 free, the Generals were led by Jenna Worsham's 55.94 and took third through

first place, finishing in a time of 3:44.20.

"I think that this victory made the following 20 minutes of accepting defeat more bearable for us all," said Worsham.

"We won the event for the final relay and final event of the meet, the 400 free relay. But even after the Randolph-Macon team touched the wall, that side of the pool began cheering. Right then, I knew who had truly won the meet," said Miata. "Losing by six points is nothing at a swim meet; it's the difference between a swimmer moving up two places, or a relay moving up one place. It was so hard to accept that the winning streak had ended. It just didn't seem real at first."

At the end of the meet, Randolph-Macon had amassed 609 points to the General's 603.

"I think the team is satisfied with their performance. A lot of people seem to focus on the fact that we broke a 13-year winning streak, but that does not do justice to every girl's individual performances. So many people had life time bests, moved up in place during finals or just had unbelievably strong and impressive races," said Miata. "So individually, we did some incredible things, and as a team, we realize that having four less people to score points automatically puts us at a disadvantage. We fought hard, and although we didn't walk

away with the gold, we swam the best we could."

"We are content with our own performance as a team. I mean, we out-swam Randolph Macon, out-fought them, and out-cheered them. In every way a team can be better—we were the best," said Worsham. "And that's what matters when you get to the core of it. But in the end, it was a game of numbers, and they had the upper-hand in that case."

The Generals are only losing one senior to graduation and are looking to start a new streak next year.

"We are more than prepared to start a new winning streak next year. Not only has this meet made us realize that someone is always going to come after us, but it also made us angry, said Miata. "The tension between the rivalry has escalated so much within the past year, and we want Randolph-Macon to know that we are not going to go down without a fight. Reclaiming the ODAC title will probably be the most important goal for us as a team next year, and there's no doubt in my mind that we will put Randy-Mac back in their place."

Miata continued, "It's good that they have a brief feeling of victory, and I hope they remember it for a long time, because they're not going to get it back again for a while. We'll be ready to dominate next year."

# Va. Wes. finishes women's season

Team finishes with 16-11 record while senior Jessica Hunsinger sets ODAC rebound record

By Kevin Trempe  
STAFF WRITER

Taking advantage of veteran leadership and dominating front court play, the Washington and Lee women's basketball team capped off a record-breaking season last week.

Although the 2006-07 campaign ended with a disappointing loss to Virginia Wesleyan in the second round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship, no one will argue that the season was one of the best in the program's short history.

Coming into the season, few outside the W&L locker room expected the program to enjoy the success it did. The team lost three seniors from a 2005-06 squad that went 11-15, and W&L had not won an ODAC tournament game since 1999.

However, the Generals were able to return some key players, namely senior center Jessica Hunsinger and junior guard Kristen Krouchick.

Through their contributions and the addition of a strong freshman class, the Generals began the season well, winning the Swarthmore Tip-off tournament on the way to a 3-1 record out of the gate. Although a six-game los-

ing streak during conference play put the Generals' hopes of reaching the conference tournament in jeopardy, the team responded by winning 12 out of their final 15 regular season games.

That streak included an historic first for W&L, as they knocked off 24th-ranked Bridgewater on Jan. 20, the first win over a ranked opponent in the program's history. In the first round of the ODAC Tournament, the Generals drew Eastern Mennonite University, a team that had dealt W&L two losses earlier in the season.

Behind 16 points and a season-high 12 rebounds by junior forward Haley James, the Generals finally bested EMU when it mattered the most, taking a 53-43 victory over the third-seeded Royals.

The thrill of the victory was short-lived, however, as W&L lost in the second round to Virginia Wesleyan by a score of 73-62.

Hunsinger scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds in what would be her final game, and Krouchick led the Generals with 14 points.

Despite the disappointing finish, one cannot overlook the record-setting season that preceded it. W&L finished at 16-11, the best record in program history.

Other records broken include most points in a game (with a 90-26 victory over Hollins) and longest winning streak (seven games).

Krouchick led the team in scoring with 13.2 points per game and added 6.8 boards a game.

With 99 blocked shots this season, Jessica Hunsinger shattered W&L season and career records for blocks, and finished the season as the fifth most prolific shot-blocker in Division III. She averaged 3.7 blocks per game.

Hunsinger finished just shy of averaging a double-double as she scored 12.5 points per game and hauled in an average of 9.9 rebounds each contest.

Hunsinger also became the first General to reach 1,000 career rebounds, and her 1,046 career boards set an Old Dominion Athletic Conference record. For their efforts, Krouchick and Hunsinger were named to the All-ODAC Second Team.

While it would be easy to rest on the successes of this season, next year's season looks just as promising for the Generals.

Five of the team's top six scorers will return, and freshman Kaitlyn Kamp and junior Amanda Kane will look to replace Hunsinger's presence on the post.



Junior forward Kristen Krouchick drives past a Lynchburg defender during conference play. Krouchick led the team in scoring with a 13.2 points per game average.

MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

# Rowing team is back on the water

After a 54 year layoff, junior Parker Sheppard is working to restart the school's oldest club sport

By Mike Fahey  
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's oldest club sport has found new life on campus, as the W&L Rowing Club is beginning practices for the first time in over half a century.

Junior Parker Sheppard started his quest to reinstate the club during his freshman year.

"The club really got off the ground last year when we got money from the EC, which we used to purchase a four-man shell, four oars, and a combination truck/trailer to carry the shells."

Unfortunately, the equipment didn't come together in time to start practicing and competing last year, but this year, the team has begun practicing.

After two practices in the fall, the team has already has been regularly practicing so far this

spring. The team will do its on the water training at Lake Merriweather, which is located near Goshen. The lake is owned by a local Boy Scout camp, but the team has secured permission to use their on site lake.

The first rowing club founded on campus was the Albert Sidney Rowing Club, named for the Civil War General Albert Sidney Johnston. The Harry Lee Rowing Club, named for "Light Horse Harry" Lee, a Revolutionary War general who was also Robert E. Lee's father, was another club founded shortly thereafter. The first race between the two clubs was in 1874.

The annual race held the week before finals was one of the biggest events of the year. On the day of the race, houses in Lexington would display blue and red flags, the colors of the respective clubs, and the spectators would drink

*"I'm really happy with getting people on the water and getting people experience. I want to let them see what it's like to be in a competition."*

**PARKER SHEPPARD, Rowing Club president**

blue and red lemonade at the race. Members of the clubs would compete to paint the statue of George Washington atop of Washington Hall either blue or red.

The last race between the two clubs was in 1953. Sometime thereafter, an irate fisherman broke into the boathouse and destroyed the teams' shells with a shotgun. A few students tried to revive the Rowing Club in 1988, but it never got off the ground.

The team is made up of 20 students, both men and women alike. Though the team only had two practices together in the fall,

Sheppard competed in the Novice Men's Single Scull at the Head of the Potomac, placing second and won the same event at the Chattanooga Head Race, defeating oarsmen from Tulane and Georgia Tech.

Sheppard started sculling - rowing with two oars, one in each hand - this summer while in Lexington. The club competes in sweep boats, in which each rower has only one oar.

As practices continue, the team plans to go to the Occoquan Sprints in Lorton, Va. on April 1.

Sheppard has many goals as

the season continues. "This year I'm really happy with getting people on the water and getting people experience. I want to let them see what it's like to be in a competition."

Sheppard's largest goal is to bring back the Albert Sidney-Harry Lee race, which has historical significance on campus. "When I came as a freshman, I visited the summer before freshmen year to look for possible rowing places. I did research on the past teams and found out about the Albert Sidney-Harry Lee race, and it's something that I've wanted to get started ever since then."

Rowing Club Vice President Julie Mancini has always been an oarswoman.

"I was on crew in high school, and I love the sport. Not being able to row on an already established teams was one of the sacrifices I made in coming to W&L,

but I think it's going to be just as rewarding in helping bring back crew here," she said.

Sheppard is also in contact with Stewart Bracken '54, an alumnus who's trying to garner support from oarsmen that competed in the Generals last season in 1953. Roger Mudd '50 and Robert Huntley '50, former President of W&L and namesake of the Commerce School, competed for the Generals in the 1950s.

Mancini also has her own set of goals for the Generals: "This season, we just want to make sure that everyone gets a taste of what crew is all about, which isn't just an erg machine facing a wall in the gym. Everyone should get a chance to get out on the water within the coming weeks, and we'll get some practices in. We'd like to get everyone comfortable enough on the water to actually go to a regatta later this spring."

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## in the numbers

# 1,046

Total number of career rebounds for senior center Jessica Hunsinger. Hunsinger shattered the previous ODAC record by 25 rebounds. Hunsinger also departs W&L as first and only women's basketball player in school history to record 1,000 career rebounds.

# 161

Total number of points scored by the Washington and Lee women's indoor track team at the ODAC championships.

The women set a new championship record for total number of points scored, but came up 13 points short of Roanoke College to place second overall.

# 17

Number of games lost by the Washington and Lee women's tennis team in two ODAC matches that were contested on the same day. The Generals only lost two games in singles competition against Hollins and only dropped 11 games in their nine matches against Lynchburg College.

# 7

Number of swimmers who qualified to swim at the NCAA Division III Championships from the Washington and Lee men's swimming team. Seniors Dave Croushore, Kevin Hayes and Mike Ginder, Juniors Tim McGlaston and Alex Sweet, and sophomores Brett Tatman and Paul Crook will be representing the Generals in the championships.

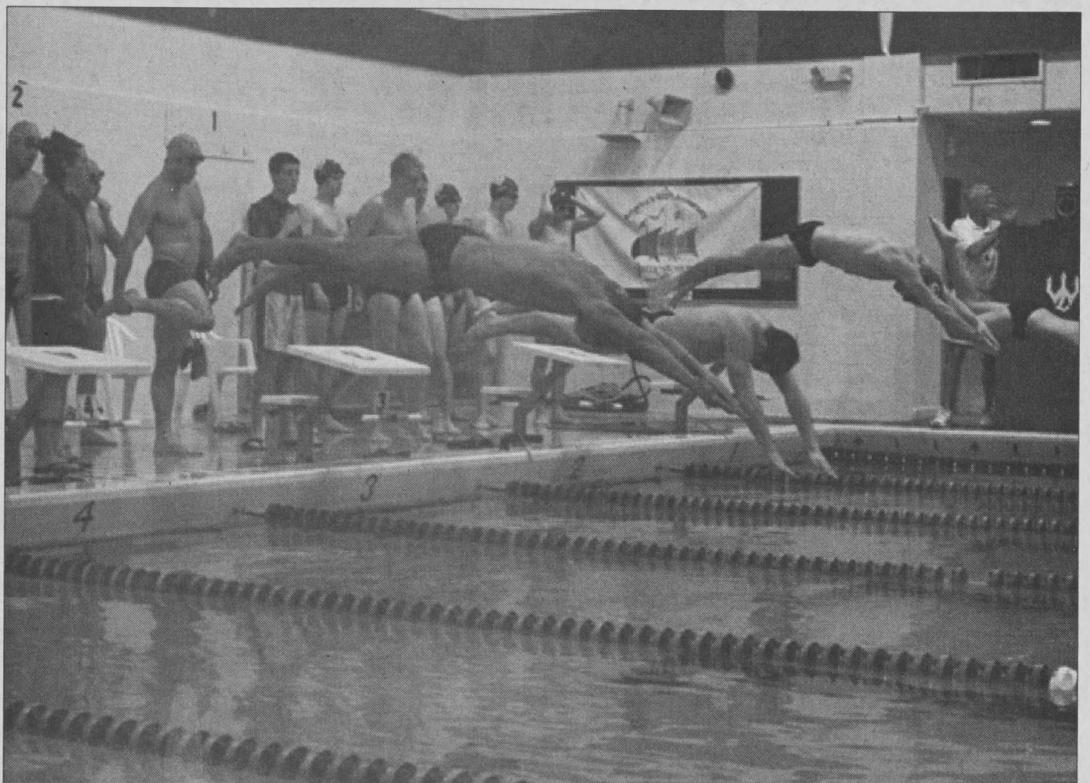
## soapbox

*"I wanted to look good with my shirt off. My wife still digs me. You have to keep your sexiness at all times."*

-- Yankees CF Johnny Damon on building a gym in his home this past offseason, from SI.com

*"When they put a tag on you, they don't take it off if you change. I know people say, 'Oh, he's a troublemaker.' You know, I've never been that. People just can't handle the truth. I don't have a problem speaking up and telling people the truth about them."*

--Seattle OF Jose Guillen, who has spent the last eight years with eight different teams, from the AP



Junior Tim McGlaston dives into the pool. McGlaston will be competing at the NCAA Championships for the Generals

# Next stop NCAAs

*Men swimming capture BMC title and send seven swimmers to NCAAs*

By Michael Keenan  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee's men's swim team overcame a five point deficit to Wingate University on the final day of the three day competition to claim the Bluegrass Mountain Conference title. The meet was not expected to be this competitive, especially with Wingate since Wingate's men's team is only a year old.

"We knew that Wingate would offer some good competition and we were confident that we had what it took to win, but we did not expect to trail after day two," said Senior David Croushore.

"We thought it would be competitive, but Wingate really stepped up and swam very well," said Junior Alex Sweet. "They had a couple foreign guys who they gave scholarships to and had just become eligible, so we didn't know what to expect from them."

The Generals got off to a strong start on the first day of competition. In the first event of Thursday evening, the foursome

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of junior Tim McGlaston, senior Mike Ginder, David Croushore, and junior Alex Sweet won the 200 free relay in a time of 1:22.94, good enough for an automatic bid to the national championships. Sweet anchored the relay, splitting 20.07.

In the next event, Paul Crook won the 500 free and bettered his school record-setting prelim by touching in 4:33.86. His time smashed the previous record 4:38.13, set by Frank Braden in 1995, and was good enough for a national "B" cut.

The Generals had six swimmers score in the event. After Crook, sophomore Brett Tatman place second in 4:43.40, freshmen Dan Austin and Jonathan Giesen took third and fourth, freshman

Kevin Corn was eighth, and freshman Ian Childers was fifteenth.

Kevin Hayes took second in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 1:56.29, good for a national "B" cut. Tim McGlaston placed second in the 50 free as the Generals placed fourth in the championship heat and scored six points.

The Generals finished the day taking second in the 400 medley relay to give W&L a 27 point lead over Wingate. By the end of day one, it was clear the BGMC had become a two-team meet.

The Generals started strong on day two as the relay of Mike Ginder, Kevin Hayes, David Croushore and Tim McGlaston won the 200 Medley Relay in a school-record time of 1:33.36,

which was good enough for a national "B" cut and, more importantly, beat Wingate's time of 1:33.90.

In the 400 Individual Medley, Kevin Hayes' third place time of 4:09.77 was good enough for a provisional national cut, but he was beaten by two Wingate swimmers. In the next event, W&L watched without a swimmer in the final while Wingate's Gus Chagas captured the 100 fly.

The Generals responded by scored seven swimmers in the 200 free. Mike Ginder won with a time of 1:41.13 and Paul Crook took third with a provisional cut time of 1:42.00. Brett Tatman, Alex Sweet, Brandon Barnes, Tim McGlaston, and Dan Austin also placed for the Generals.

Not to be outdone, Wingate's Sergey Vlashchenko won the 100 breaststroke as the Generals watched another final without a single swimmer. In the 100 backstroke, Wingate scored four swimmers, led by Brian Parks' second

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# Women start strong

*Women's tennis team opens with two big victories over ODAC foes*

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To play two tennis matches in the same day for any intercollegiate team is a staggering challenge. Even more so, to play two tennis matches at the same time in different locations would seem to be impossible. However, the Washington and Lee women's tennis team is clearly an exception to this rule due to their extreme depth and uncanny ability.

The Generals opened their season this past Wednesday facing conference foes Hollins and Lynchburg. The Generals took on Hollins at home on their indoor courts at the Duchusois Tennis Center, while the other half of the team traveled to Lynchburg to take on their ODAC opponent.

The most staggering statistic is that over the course of the 18 matches played on Wednesday, the Generals only lost 17 games.

The Generals, who made it all

the way to the NCAA Division III team championship game, before falling to archrival Emory, clearly have revenge on their mind as their season begins.

Sophomore Tori Christmas said, "We really really want nationals bad. We pretty much have the same team as last year, with a few strong additions like Lauren Caire and Katie Bouret, and with many seniors in the starting line up, this is the year to do it. It was hard beating Emory in the regular season on Easter last year and then losing to them in the finals of nationals. We are definitely out for revenge."

In the match against, Hollins, the Generals dominated, losing only two games in singles competition, and surrendering only four games in doubles action. The Generals were led by sophomore Katie Tabb, who played first singles and was victorious 6-1, 6-0. Senior Ginny Wortham was dominant at second singles for the

*"We have a team with great chemistry, which has definitely impacted how well we have done in previous years."*

LEAH WESTON, Class of 2008

Generals, shutting her opponent out 6-0, 6-0.

Juniors Leah Weston and Rebecca Timmis, who played third and fourth singles respectively, were also victorious in dominant fashion. Weston dropped only one game in the second set, while Timmis blanked her opponent 6-0, 6-0.

Two freshmen got their first action of the spring as Lauren Caire and Katie Bouret rounded out the singles line up for the Generals playing fifth and sixth singles respectively. Both posted matching 6-0, 6-0 wins.

In doubles, Tabb paired with Caire to defeat their opponents

8-1, Weston paired with Wortham to post an 8-2 victory, while Bouret and Timmis took the court together, dominating their opponents 8-0.

In the match against Lynchburg, junior Kelly Will was victorious at first singles 6-1, 6-1, and Christmas defeated her opponent at second singles, 6-0, 6-2.

Senior Amanda Haines and junior Rhodes Proctor were victorious as third and fourth singles respectively. Haines only dropped one game in her match, winning 6-1, 6-0, while Proctor lost only a single game in each set, defeating

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