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Turning 100 in style.



By Jessica Shaw
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Students and alums crowded onto the Cadaver Bridge at 10:30 p.m. in elegant ball gowns and colorful masks. A few minutes later, the crowd enjoyed an exciting fireworks display as bright reds and greens lit up the sky.

After the show, couples trailed back inside under black canopies to enjoy live music from the Pat Patrick Band and snazzy jams from DJ Dwayne.

"We wanted the party to resemble Fancy Dress balls of the past, but we also wanted to incorporate some 'surprises' that will make this FD truly 'The Party of the Century,'" decoration co-chair Sarah Helms said.

Decorators went all out, packing every inch of the ceiling with black and white balloons and showering dancers with confetti at midnight.

"We are very proud of the decorations for this year," senior co-chair Niki Tsiknakis said. "They are impressive, while staying minimal and avoiding the tacky look that dominated Fancy Dress in years past."

This 100th anniversary of Fancy Dress at Washington and Lee University catered to every generation and style. This year's theme was a black and white masquerade ball. The theme was decided by the Fancy Dress committee in the fall.

"We wanted the 100th anniversary of Fancy Dress to take cen-

ter stage, not the theme choice," Tsiknakis said. "Black and white balls are extremely classic events, and we were inspired specifically by Truman Capote's black and white masquerade ball held in 1963 at the Plaza Hotel."

Tsiknakis also said the masquerade theme was chosen to honor the very first Fancy Dress in 1907, which was a masquerade ball.

This year, according to senior co-chair Lily De Grazia, the Fancy Dress Committee was given a budget of \$90,000. She said \$4,000 came from the Executive Committee, and the rest was earned from ticket sales.

When asked about the rumors

Unmasking the trends.

Sticking to the theme of Fancy Dress is rare, but there were quite a few dramatic masks topping off elegant dresses Saturday night. One look, like the one illustrated here, captured all the elegance intended by the theme.

Want more fashion trends from this year? Check out more on page 7.

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EC may soon hold assault hearings

President-elect Josh Payne says EC will issue statement explaining new policies

By Wes O'Dell
STAFF WRITER

"First and foremost, I'm a W&L student," says the new President-Elect of the Executive Committee, Joshua Payne. "Someone who considers W&L a second alma mater and someone who believes strongly enough in the ideals of this place to serve on the EC for two years."

But ask most students, and you find they recognize Payne — a second year law student — mostly from his campaign posters that have appeared around campus over the last few days. And that's one of several things he aims to change.

Both he and fellow law student Jane Ledlie, the newly-elected EC secretary, ran on platforms of increased communication with the student body and proactive EC action to identify and address student concerns.

Ledlie said, "It always feels like student leaders are everywhere during election time, so why not do the same thing throughout the year? I want the student body to really know the EC members, and I want us to really know them."

Payne's solution lies largely in his proposed President's Council of Student Leaders, an advisory body that would regularly meet with the EC to advise it on "what students care about" so that the EC can better serve as an "effective advocate for students."

According to Payne, the PCSL will help the EC "do its job as the student government...doing more than just funding organizations—helping support them throughout the year as well."

Another major issue this year was what role the EC should play in cases of sexual assault.

Junior Representative Margaret Elkins first raised the issue in her campaign: "It most definitely is a breach of the community's trust," she said. "We can't codify the honor system, but if someone wanted to bring it before us...I'd be more than happy to hear that."

"When I talked about it the feedback I received was very positive," she said. However, she did not make it the central issue of her campaign.

Payne also campaigned on the issue prior to Wednesday's runoff elections. In an interview with the Phi, he announced publicly for the first time that he had drafted a

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Margaret Elkins, EC Secretary

statement for the EC condemning sexual assault as "discordant with the principles of honor at W&L."

The statement would explicitly state for the first time the right of victims of sexual assault to allege an honor violation in front of the EC: "the victim is free, as anyone is...to come to us and allege an honor violation," he said.

He is quick to note, though, that "the EC is incapable of coming forward and saying that something is an honor violation before a hearing," as the EC must consider each individual case in light of what the "current generation" considers an HV.

"However, we go on to note that the SFHB is a specially-created forum for sexual assault... issues and that the victim may

feel more comfortable going to the SFHB," Payne said.

The SFHB (Student-Faculty Hearing Board) was created in the early 1990s to handle sexual assault and discrimination cases.

"That statement will be coming out in a few weeks," Payne said.

In other EC news, Jordan Campbell was elected EC Vice-President without any opposition. He declined to comment to the Phi. Additionally, the students approved an amendment to the Student Body Constitution that would move the budget allocation process from September to the spring.

Students also elected a new Student Judicial Council President, Junior Shane Wilson. Wil-

son plans to "work with other campus leaders to promote student self-governance, raise the credibility of the SJC among all community members, and proactively seek to reduce the number of students who face disciplinary action at W&L."

He stated that his efforts to improve transparency and communication will include increased training for SJC members, greater outreach to the Lexington city government and public information campaigns to educate students.

Sophomore Riley Barnes, the newly-elected SJC Secretary, said that improving communication is vital: "There was a lot of miscommunication between the students and the SJC this last year, especially with regard to Dean Dotson."

Associate Dean of Students Brandon Dotson was recently appointed SJC advisor, sparking controversy in some quarters about the state of student self-government.

Wilson said he believes "the proper role of any SJC advisor is to provide support outside the hearing room...I have concerns about the administration taking

on functions formerly reserved for students, but enjoy working with Dean Dotson. He holds many valid suggestions for ways to improve both the SJC and student self-governance."

"I see Dean Dotson as a strong ally in communicating the SJC's ability to function independently and judiciously," he said.

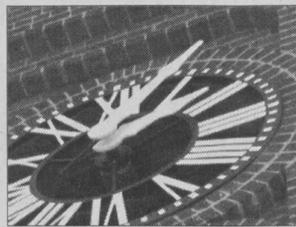
Another source of contention on the SJC has been this year's policy change that removed the right to appeal first strikes assigned by administrators to the SJC.

"The inability for the SJC to hear first strikes presents a problem of legitimacy in the eyes of students...Before this year, students had the option to either sign off on a first strike through an administrator or come to the SJC," Wilson said.

"I recognize the administrative strike as a useful way to handle clear-cut violations," he allowed, but went on to say that he will "strive to reinstate a student's ability to present a case before a body of elected peers."

With the officers now in place, elections for EC Representatives and SJC Justices will be held Monday, March 19.

news



IFC looking at SAE pledgeship activities

Director of Public Safety Mike Young says the allegations facing SAE are similar in seriousness to the charges currently facing FIJI and Kappa Sig

By Jacob Geiger
MANAGING EDITOR

An investigation into the pledgeship activities of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has forced the fraternity to suspend pledgeship.

Director of Greek Life Jason Rodocker said he received information about pledgeship activities "multiple times and from multiple sources." Last week he asked Director of Public Safety Michael Young to begin an investigation into SAE's pledgeship. Young completed that investigation on Thursday afternoon and sent his findings to Rodocker.

SAE is the fifth fraternity to be investigated this winter. Phi Gamma Delta and Kappa Sigma have both suspend their pledgeship activities as a result of these investigations.

Rodocker said that the Interfraternity Council would hear the results of Young's investigations and consider SAE's case tonight during its regularly scheduled meeting.

"SAE was extremely cooperative and very forthcoming," Rodocker said. "They were hon-

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JASON RODOCKER, Director of Greek Life

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Young said that he spoke with several SAE pledges as well as one of the fraternity's pledge trainers. He said he also reviewed information that had been given to Rodocker.

SAE president Jordan Wesley declined to comment because the case had not yet been heard by the IFC. He said he hoped to be able to speak more frankly once the investigation and case were complete.

Sophomore member Beau Allen said the chapter did not really know what would happen and said the fraternity was trying to just carry on with its business.

While Young said he could not detail the allegations against SAE, he did say they were "similar in seriousness" to the allegations

brought against FIJI and Kappa Sigma. FIJI is currently waiting to appear before the Student Affairs Committee.

SAE, like FIJI, has been in trouble recently with the IFC. SAE received a strike from the IFC in October for having marijuana in the fraternity house. FIJI saw one strike expire in November but has another strike on its record until May.

Rodocker said SAE nationals had not been informed of the investigation and said they would not be contacted until after the IFC has heard the case.

"Nationals are typically not contacted by me until the truth is resolved, but that can vary," he said.

Though Rodocker and the IFC have been kept busy with several serious investigations this winter,

he said none of the situations are as bad as the allegations that Beta Theta Pi faced when it was dismissed from campus during the 2003-2004 school year.

"The investigations this year are not anything like what happened three to four years ago," Rodocker said. "They're not as bad as they were then, but these actions are still inappropriate and unnecessary."

The IFC, Rodocker said, is working to reveal as much information as it can. He said the Greek governing body wants to help other chapters understand what types of behavior are not acceptable while still trying to maintain some sort of privacy for each chapter.

Rodocker and Young both acknowledged that fraternity hazing at other universities is often more serious than the problems at W&L, but both pointed think W&L should continue holding itself to a higher standard.

"It is the norm that these things happen here, and that needs to change," Rodocker said. "Many freshmen have told me they think that sort of thing is OK, and it's not."

W&L touts new hires

New law dean will leave Richmond University to take the reigns at W&L

By Dane Davis
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee University has announced the hiring of Rodney A. Smolla and Richard A. Peterson to Dean of the Law School and Chief Technology Officer, respectively.

Smolla, currently the Dean of the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law, has been hired after an extensive search beginning late in the summer of 2006. The search began after the departure of previous dean David Partlett, who left to become dean of the law school at Emory University.

From Partlett's departure last summer until February, the university conducted a search for an individual possessing the

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BRIAN MURCHISON, Acting-Dean of the law school

talent and dedication to lead the W&L's esteemed law school.

Chaired by President Ruscio, a twelve person committee was formed to review all of the applicants for the position.

Smolla will take over from acting-dean Brian Murchison, who also served last year as chairman of the school's presidential search committee.

Professor Murchison is "very excited about the appointment of Smolla and what it means for the future of the law school. He is one of the country's foremost scholars of the First Amendment and a truly outstanding teacher. He will reinforce the traditions of excellence at the

Law School and provide dynamic leadership for our strategic plan and other ventures."

Smolla comes with a history of legal achievement and is highly respected by his peers. He displays a strong knowledge of the legal system, particularly concerning the First Amendment. In addition to writing numerous legal treatises, Smolla won critical acclaim for his works such as "Free Speech in an Open Society" and "Suing the Press: Libel, the Media, and Power."

A.E. Dick Howard, White Burkett Miller Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, said, "Rod has a national reputation as scholar, teacher, advocate, and civic and professional leader. I can think of no one in the American academy who has made a greater imprint on our understanding of the First Amendment."

Smolla is not the only addition to the university as it heads towards the 2007 school year.

Richard A. Peterson served as Director of Academic and Research Computing for Rice University before being chosen by Washington and Lee to serve as the school's Chief Technology Officer. Peterson will be the first person to hold that position.

Prior to his tenure at Rice University, Peterson was the Director of Information Technology for the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1999-2005.

As Chief Technology Officer, Peterson will be responsible for leadership, planning, and effective delivery of computing services throughout campus, for advancing the W&L's mission through the use of technology and for coordination with certain academic departments.

Peterson and his staff of 35 will immediately have their hands full as they convert W&L's computers to the new Windows Vista software.

Congratulations to the following students and faculty who have recently been selected to W&L's Tau Gamma Chapter of the Order of Omega, a national Greek Leadership Honor Society. We appreciate their hard work and accomplishments so far and look forward to their future contributions to the W&L Greek Community.

More information about Order of Omega can be found at <http://orderofomega.wlu.edu>

Student Initiates:

Kelley	Zwart	08	Kappa Delta
Deborah	Newell	08	Pi Beta Phi
Jessica	Cobb	08	Pi Beta Phi
Camille	Allen	07	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Alice	Shih	08	Kappa Alpha Theta
Mary	Harris	07	Kappa Alpha Theta
Kathryn	Carmody	08	Chi Omega
S. Rhodes	Proctor	08	Chi Omega
Sang Hoon (Jack)	Jeong	07	Sigma Nu
Mark	Snoddy	08	Phi Delta Theta
Padrick	Dennis	07	Chi Psi
Thadeous	Larkin	08	Sigma Phi Epsilon
Lucas	Carmalt	08	Pi Kappa Alpha
Andrew	Friski	08	Phi Gamma Delta
William (Sutton)	Ansley	07	Phi Gamma Delta
Christopher	Wornom	08	Pi Kappa Phi
George	Hunter	08	Kappa Sigma
Robert	Rain	07	Sigma Chi
Robert	Walker	08	Lambda Chi Alpha
Neil	Sheaffer	08	Lambda Chi Alpha
Brett	Kearney	08	Phi Kappa Sigma
Anthony	Nardini	08	Phi Kappa Psi
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Kelly	Evans	07	Kappa Alpha Theta
Erin	Thompson	08	Kappa Delta
Sarah	Johnson	08	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Julia	Pleasants	08	Chi Omega
Andrew	Gulotta	07	Kappa Sigma
Timothy	Vacek	08	Kappa Alpha
Andrew	Flanigan	07	Sigma Chi
James (Woodrow)	Friend	08	Phi Kappa Psi
Peter	Harbilas	08	Pi Kappa Phi
Caroline	Kirk	07	Kappa Delta
Charles (Charlie)	McCombs	07	Phi Kappa Sigma
Jasmine	Randolph	07	Delta Sigma Theta
Andrew	Rothey	08	Phi Gamma Delta
Megan	Slosson	08	Kappa Alpha Theta

Honorary Initiates:

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Jason	Rodocker	Lambda Chi Alpha
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Linda	Hooks	Phi Mu

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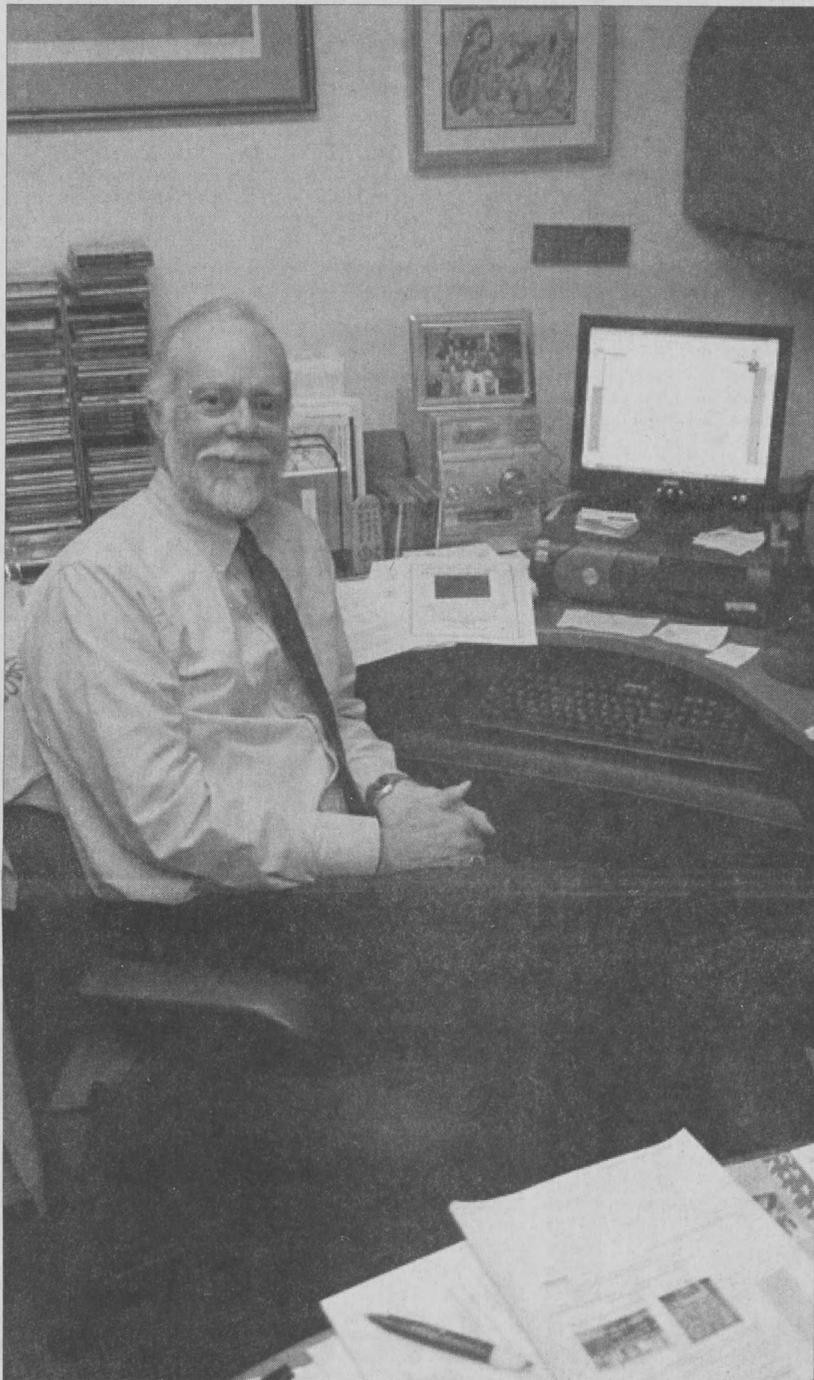
Position Announcement Undergraduate Admissions Counselor

The Washington and Lee Office of Undergraduate Admissions wishes to announce a possible opening for Admissions Counselor. Responsibilities include extensive recruitment travel, application evaluation, and conducting student interviews and group information sessions. Strong communication skills and demonstrated organizational abilities are expected. The successful candidate will be both willing and able to work as part of a highly successful admissions team, yet will be capable of creative self-direction. Some evening and weekend work is necessary. Candidates should be willing to commit to at least two years to the position.

A Bachelor's degree is required, as is a valid driver's license. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and résumé, including the names of two references, no later than Friday, March 23rd. All materials should be sent to:

Jonathan Webster
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Office of Admissions
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Looking for leadership



MORGAN HARRIS / Staff Photographer

In the 32 years since he graduated from W&L, Burr Datz has held an eclectic array of jobs at the university. He now serves as the Director of Leadership Development.

Leadership guru Burr Datz keeps exploring new ways to study leadership and teach W&L students

By Sacha Raab
STAFF WRITER

At a school as challenging as Washington and Lee, students often hear that everyone is a leader.

However, despite constant reminders of this fact, how many students actually take advantage of the opportunities provided them to develop their leadership skills? There is little doubt that everyone at W&L knows William "Burr" Datz, the director of leadership development.

He has dedicated the past six years to the growing leadership program at W & L. He conducts leadership seminars with specific groups, such as dorm counselors, fraternities, sororities and sports teams. Additionally, he leads weekly leadership seminars open to anyone who is interested in discovering and building their leadership potential.

Datz strongly advocates hands-on, experiential learning. He describes, "If I lecture a group on leadership, the students will obtain about 10-20 percent of the information I give them. If I demonstrate skills to the members of a group, they will come away with about 40-50 percent of what I show. However, if the group experiences the leadership exercises, it will retain 75-80 percent of the information."

His weekly seminars typically begin with the group considering a reflective question and talking about various answers. Datz then provides a reality check, which either confirms or corrects the group's ideas. He usually spends the first semester of the school year developing "tangible" bases of leadership, referring to the concrete physical and mental aspects of leadership. During the second half of the year, Datz focuses on the "intangible" elements of leadership, which reflect the emotional and almost spiritual side of leadership.

Datz described the process through which he works with students to develop their leadership skills. Initially, he will show

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BURR DATZ, Director of Leadership Development

students how to be leaders while they observe. Then, he will allow the students to take part in the activities while he continues to demonstrate them. Eventually, the students will be performing the majority of the leadership activities while Datz continues to provide some help. The students are eventually able to utilize their leadership skills without any assistance.

Datz believes, "If you can tell a story, whether it's true or not, and get people to believe it and invest themselves in it, then you can build trust."

The main steps of leadership, according to Datz, are to assess the situation, make a plan, make the final preparations for the plan, lead the plan, and finally evaluate it. Datz describes life as a dance floor and everyone is dancing. In the final step of evaluating the plan, his goal is to "pull students,

as leaders, to the balcony to observe these dance systems."

The greatest benefit to students of these leadership seminars is the ability to get to know oneself and one's strengths and weaknesses. Seminars with groups such as Greek chapters or sports teams provide the best kind of peer pressure. Students are able to develop their faith and trust in each other. Datz explains the primary steps of leadership and group work as knowing "Where we are going, what we are doing, how we know when we get there, and how we will do this together."

While the weekly seminars are not usually packed full of students, Datz's work with groups on campus has been widely appreciated and the feedback very positive.

At a school full of leaders, Datz keeps working to show students the way.



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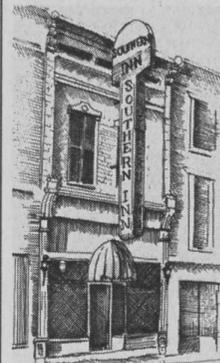
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opinions



letter to the editor

Protecting counselors

I heard from one of the peer counselors today that Mike Young was quoted as saying that the Peer Counseling program was one source of information he used to get information about fraternity hazing. This is incorrect information, as peer counselors take a pledge of confidentiality and are not allowed to disclose any information reported to them about fraternity hazing. Student trust in confidentiality of peer counseling contacts is very important to the program.

Just to clarify, the peer counselors do not report any information presented to them about hazing. They may discuss with pledges the options available to them, including the confidential hazing line, but they do not make any report. In addition, they do not report any rule violations, in-

cluding honor violations. They do not report any substance use. They do not report any crimes reported to them. The only circumstances where they might break confidentiality is if a student coming to them presents a real possibility of harm to self or others, as in suicidal or homicidal ideas. In that case, the PC would consult with the University Counselor on call, and the University Counselor would make a clinical decision about what action was needed to protect the student or others from harm.

Thank you very much for your help,

Kirk Luder
University Counselor

staff editorial

EC should reconsider decisions on assault

The EC's decision to hear cases involving sexual assault raises some serious questions about the group's ability to deal with these trials

During the 140 years of W&L's honor system, our community's concept of honor has evolved.

This week, the honor system evolved again when president-elect Josh Payne and outgoing secretary Margaret Elkins both said that the Executive Committee would allow students to bring cases of sexual assault before the board.

Sexual assault cases currently go to the Student Faculty Hearing Board (SFHB).

The SFHB may issue punishments in these cases that range from counseling to dismissal from W&L.

The EC may mean well with this new proposal, but allowing students to take sexual assault cases before the EC and SFHB is both redundant and unnecessary.

The SFHB was organized and trained to investigate and vote on sexual assault cases.

Do members of the EC have the training and resources

to run a thorough and fair investigation into sexual assault cases?

Investigations of sexual assault allegations are far more complicated and delicate than an investigation into cheating. Do students on the EC have the training to interview a rape victim?

Since the SFHB currently relies on the Director of Public Safety and Dean of Students for assistance with its investigations, would the EC also be

forced to rely on those two administrators?

The SFHB was designed specifically to investigate these sorts of issues. The EC was not.

Payne and Jane Ledlie—the incoming secretary—both campaigned on a platform of making the EC's leaders available to students.

If the EC is serious about hearing these cases, they should make sure students support their plan.

The beastly side of beauty and power

Nationals for Delta Zeta swoop in and force out even the president in an effort to increase recruitment at DePauw

By Grace Andrews
COLUMNIST

Today's topic is one of my favorites: beauty.

The Delta Zetas of DePauw have learned a lesson about beauty that many wish were not true. DePauw's chapter recently became victim to what they claim is image discrimination.

The national chapter of Delta Zeta, in an attempt to improve "commitment to recruit for the chapter," decided to revamp the chapter at DePauw and increase

recruitment.

On DePauw's campus, the ladies of Delta Zeta were known more for being scholarly than sexy. Their chapter consisted of women from diverse backgrounds and appearances. In fact, Delta Zeta chapters all across the country are known for being extremely diverse and open.

However, when the national chapter arrived at DePauw's campus, they proceeded to ask 23 of the 35 members, who were black, Asian, overweight, or "unattractive," to leave the organization.

According to ABC News, "the sorority kept sisters who were popular with fraternities."

ABC News also said the national chapter cited "a steady decline in membership in the Delta Chapter over several years" and said "the viability of the chapter was in question."

Those were the reasons they gave for asking the 23 women to leave. The national chapter claims that appearance had nothing to do with it.

Since the reasons why those 23 were asked to leave was never

specified, their assumptions have yet to be proven incorrect.

The situation at DePauw raises questions that have long plagued the sorority scene. Although sororities are based upon sisterhood, character, and service, physical attributes could influence some sororities during their selection process.

As progressive as we would like to think we are, it would be ridiculous to say that our society does not value looks.

If you look in magazines and movies, the push to be thin and

attractive is everywhere. It is because of the importance placed on physical beauty that a national Greek letter organization would even consider thinking that "attractive" members could attract more women to the chapter. However, I am not making excuses for the Delta Zeta national chapter.

They had no right whatsoever to evict any of the Delta Zeta women at DePauw without legitimate reasons.

I think that this situation has opened up dialogue concerning shallowness within not only

college practices, but society as a whole. Frankly, I believe it is about time.

So what if the ladies who were in Delta Zeta were not America's Next Top Model or had the hottest bodies? How many people even truly look like that?

Perfection should never be our aim or even promoted.

The outrage that has ensued over the DePauw controversy makes me hopeful for the future. It shows that our country is making leaps and bounds into the right direction.

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Britney's big breakdown

Could somebody please remind us why America should care about Britney?

By Cody Beauchamp
COLUMNIST

An Open Letter to Britney Spears:

Hey Brit!
We just wanted to let you know that even though everyone in the world is giving you a hard time, we as a society are here for you. We're not really sure why we still care about your antics, but let's face it -- we're a slave for you.

Wow. So, where to start? First off, we love the new 'do. It's very Sinead O'Conner. Way to get your career back on track -- re-shaping your image so that it reminds us of that so-so singer who went batty on SNL and tore up a picture of the Pope. Hey, maybe you should do that? Given how our first memory of you was the slutty Catholic schoolgirl thing, it'd be like you came full circle. (Besides, this Pope isn't as cuddly as the last one, so you might get cut a little more slack.)

We'll go talk to Lorne Michaels about letting you guest host. Wait! How do you feel about Madonna as musical guest? Get back to us on that.

Of course, it'd also be pretty awesome if we could get Justin. You two used to be such a cute couple. And now that you've got the same hair-style, a mash-up of "Toxic" and "My Love" would only be that much better! Could

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And now that you've got the same hair-style, a mash-up of "Toxic" and "My Love" would only be that much better!

someone call Timbaland?

Speaking of music, can we expect anything out of you soon? We know that it must be hard to find the time to write music, what with the family you've got now. All that money that you're spending on professional nannies has to come from somewhere though!

And now that you don't have K-Fed's rap career to keep the Red Bull on the table, you really are in a fix, huh? Maybe you should see if Paris can spot you some?

Although, if you wanted, I bet that some of the frats have mixers coming up that you could play. Used to be Cool? Rock Stars and Rehabbers? The Letter D (in your case "disaster")?

Of course, that's assuming that we still have frats in a few days. Someone in the administration might overhear "that was a rocking party" and misinterpret it to mean pledges are getting stoned Biblical style. There's also the strong possibility that FIJI's super-extra-serious-we-really-mean-it-this-time probation will be violated and the administration

will just decide to do away completely with one of W&L's most distinguishing characteristics—a strong Greek community.

Not that we actually believe the administration to be like that, it's just that we have no way of knowing, since the IFC and the SAC (when and how did they get involved anyway?) don't feel the need to be transparent or open about their actions.

But, don't worry Brit. Even if we don't have frats we'll still have Fancy Dress. It really is mind-boggling.

Anyway, the point is we want to see you make a comeback. You've had a rough time, you know? It's not like you were incredibly lucky and were given a golden pass to fame by some very savvy pop producer. It's not like you've completely blown opportunities millions of aspiring artists would have killed to have had to be a millionaire entertainer. You've had to "work" hard. You've had to, like, sing for hours, and only for a few million. You've had the paparazzi hound you when you're

making an idiot of yourself with Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan at some club. You're just not that innocent.

Don't worry about losing our attention though. See, we as a culture love to shower seemingly pointless media attention on people who make no measurable contributions to culture, society, even pop culture. I mean, never mind that there are hundreds of better entertainers out there, you went nuts and got a new tattoo—let's cover that!

Never mind that there are so many truly talented new bands, musicians, actors, writers and singers being discovered every day—you were seen lip-locking with some C-list actor outside the auditions for VH1's "The Surreal Life 39." Stop the presses!

So keep your chin up Britney! You'll get out of rehab in a few weeks, and then you can get back to that whole making music thing that made you rich in the first place. We'll patiently wait for you, but we're going to pointlessly shower Nicole Richie with attention until you get back, alright? Cool.

PS — If you really wanted to grab national attention, you could overdose a la Anna Nicole. On second thought, don't do that—the media coverage would probably just get swallowed up by word that Ashley Olsen is—ohmygawd!—not eating.



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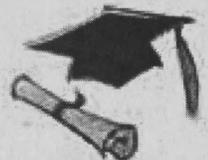
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Looking back.

In the past century, Fancy Dress balls have been unconventional and full of surprises

1907

Fancy Dress Ball officially founded by librarian Annie White. The budget was \$42.

1909-1914

The ball was held at a skating rink.

1963

Guests at a Playboy-themed cocktail party submitted photos of their dates for a playmate contest. The winner was announced by Hugh Hefner via phone during the party.

1986

The theme was "Carnival: A Night in Rio." A rented llama managed to escape from the ball.

1994

The theme was "Magical Carpet Ride." A camel was escorted from the premises after spitting on guests in anger.



Faculty Alums reflect on FD experiences

By Sarah Klientz
STAFF WRITER

As this year marked the 100th anniversary of Fancy Dress, some of our faculty alumni commented on their own Fancy Dress experiences and how the dance has changed through the years.

History professor Holt Merchant, class of 1961, said Fancy Dress was much different when he was a student at W&L.

Merchant said there were four major dances throughout the year, and what set Fancy Dress apart was that students wore costumes corresponding with the theme.

"There was a committee that ran each [dance] and there was a prestige to belonging to the committee, so it was always run by the Phi Deltas and SAEs," Merchant said.

The theme of each dance always included a character or authority figure, Merchant said, and boys who headed the committee were "always the ones who did it, so they had the best costumes."

Merchant said the bands that played at Fancy Dress when he was a student played "real music, not what passes through music now." Merchant said bands like The Temptations, The Four-Tops and Duke Ellington have all played at Fancy Dress. Now, Merchant said, the bands featured at FD are one reason he has stopped attending the event.

"The last Fancy Dress I went to was a heavy metal singer who wore nothing but a diaper and I said, Never again!" Merchant said.

Merchant also added that he stopped attending Fancy Dress because of the behavior of students. They may be dressed formally, he said, but they do not exhibit "formal behavior."

"One thing that stopped me from going was my drunken students telling me what they really thought of me when I didn't really want to know," Merchant said.

Though Merchant said his days of attending Fancy Dress are over, there was also a time when many students did not attend the event either.

"In the 70s [the popularity of Fancy Dress] died out for a while. Students were rebelling against almost everything the school had done before—the dress code, the honor system," Merchant said. "Anything that looked that formal students wouldn't have anything to do with."

Jim Farrar, assistant to president Ruscio, graduated from W&L in 1974. Farrar said Fancy Dress did not really exist for a few years in the 70s. Instead, there were a few years where students attended concerts.

"That was right in the middle of student unrest days. It was a period of pushing the envelope and testing tradition," Farrar said. "People were less inclined to wear costumes and formal attire than

to do their own thing. They were good concerts, and it was a lot of fun, but it was just different."

Farrar said that Fancy Dress reverted to its original format his senior year.

"In retrospect it was nice to have a break and come back to it," Farrar said. "It's always good to experiment, and that's what the 70s were all about. It was appropriate for the times."

Now, Farrar believes FD is one of W&L's "better institutional traditions."

"It's fun, and it allows students to exercise creativity, but it comes with the expectation that fun is conducted in an appropriate manner," Farrar said. "It's important this year to pause and observe the tradition that will continue in a positive manner for a long time to come."

Journalism professor Brian Richardson also attended Fancy Dress before graduating in 1973. The controversy at Kent State occurred the spring of his freshman year, and consequently "campuses were in upheaval all over the country, including this one."

"Fraternity membership was on the decline, and there was a counterculture atmosphere by a significant number of people," Richardson said. "There just was not enough interest in a Fancy Dress."

Though there was no formal event, Richardson said the concerts were still "wildly popular." In 1972, the 1950s revival group Sha-na-na came to W&L. Richardson said that everyone dressed like 1950s greasers for the concert, which was known that year as "Greasy Dress."

"Everybody went and had a great time," Richardson said. "People didn't spend weeks beforehand getting a date and planning a big dinner. It was not nearly as big of a deal as FD is now, it was more like a big concert."

Richardson attributes the popularity of Fancy Dress to its timing at the end of winter.

"It's almost the end of winter, we've survived February, spring is in the air and the end of winter term is in sight, everyone just wants to kick up their heels a little bit," Richardson said. "I don't think it would have continued as robustly as it has if it wasn't to celebrate the end of winter. Plus this is a place that just breathes tradition."

President Ken Ruscio also spoke of the presence of tradition at Fancy Dress.

Though he admits the event has changed, "what has not changed is the spirit, a time for friendship, and a time for the community—faculty, staff, students, and alumni—to come together as one," Ruscio said. "It creates memories that live well past graduation and remains one of those distinctive features of the University that link our past with the present and the future."

A century of tradition

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of a quarter million budget, she said, "Originally, we thought maybe we would have a larger budget. Our budget is larger than normal year, but it is nothing close to that."

De Grazia also said that the majority of the budget went towards entertainment. The Pat Patrick Band is originally from Nashville, Tenn., and has played at numerous venues including the White House. The band played music of all genres, including pop, soul and rock and roll.

"Since we expect[ed] more alumni this year, we really wanted to appeal to all age groups," De Grazia said.

The committee, according to Tsiknakis, has been meeting all year. In the fall, students can fill out applications to be a part of a sub-committee. If they are cho-

sen, they are required to dedicate 30 hours of their time to their duties.

"The biggest challenge was at the very beginning of our process when we were selecting the committee members," Tsiknakis said. "We received over 100 applications this year, and we generally take less than 50 members. We would like to take everyone, but that obviously can't happen."

De Grazia said she was extremely proud of the efforts of every committee member.

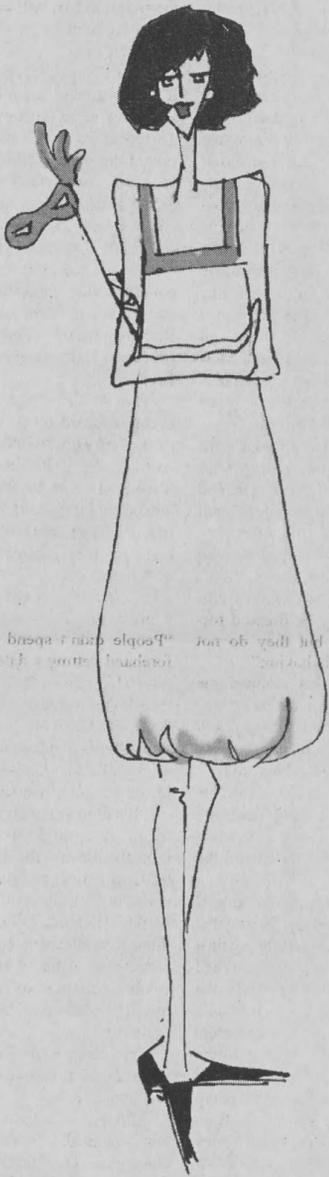
At the end of the night, guests exited, exhausted from two-stepping to tunes like "Sweet Home Alabama."

Couples then enjoyed a free breakfast of eggs and waffles in Evans Dining Hall after a night they will not forget.



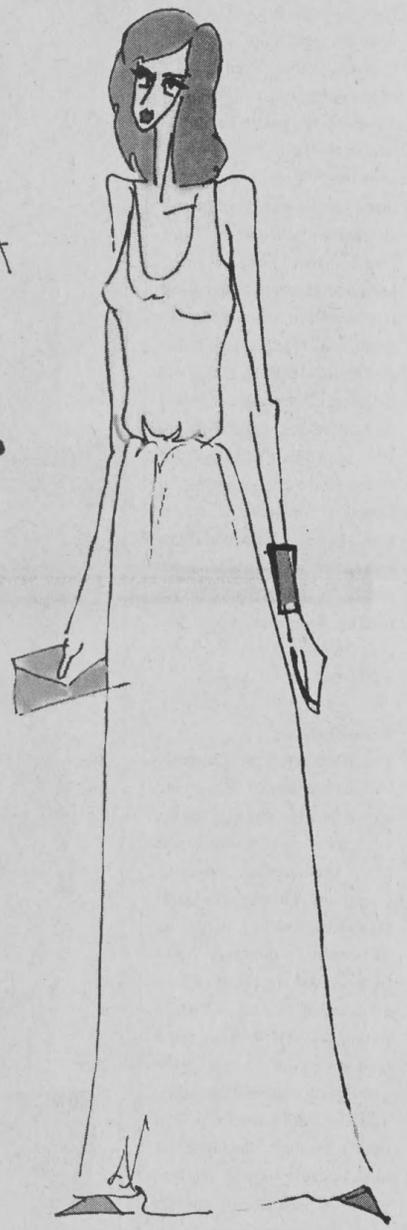
Try a combo.

Some did it right, but some did it way wrong. There were some dresses with a lovely balance of the two extreme colors, using them to complement each other. Then, there were those that had the effect of a heinous tutu from second-grade ballet recital. Balance is everything with black and white (but that doesn't mean equal use of the two, like in this gingham tablecloth dress).



No gray area.

Kat Greene keeps her eye out for the biggest trends at the ball. Illustration and design by Emily Hulén.



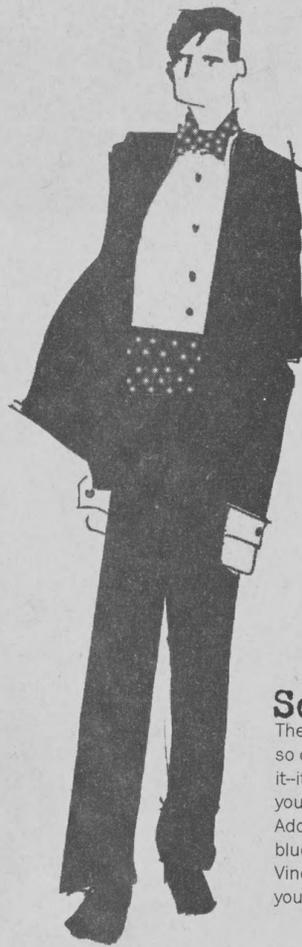
In short order.

Some like it hot, but "black and white ball" doesn't imply dressing like you were about to attend a football game. The completely inappropriate sundress and flip-flop outfit is just lazy. But others pulled off the short look with a sleek, chic cut and sky-high heels.



Prints and princesses.

Prints are always hit-or-miss. Since black and white florals are showing this spring, it was an easy choice for some. Not to rule out animal prints, either. Ordinarily, they would be a mistake, but several dresses pulled it off with class.



When in Rome...

The Roman goddess dress was a lovely way to embrace the black and white theme. The lightweight material was very flattering, which is why it was such a popular choice. One dress had a particularly nice deep neckline, which accents anyone's figure well.

School uniform.

The W&L tie and cumberbund combo was so outrageous it was almost cute. We get it—it's a black and white ball at W&L...so you're wearing black and white and W&L. Adorable. At least you didn't wear a light blue shirt with a white collar and a dark blue Vineyard Vines patterned tie. That means you, Johnson Brownlow.

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Women's Lacrosse

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team fell to eighth-ranked Franklin and Marshall 11-9 on Saturday afternoon. Franklin & Marshall jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, but the Generals responded with five unanswered goals to build a 5-2 lead with 10:34 to play in the first half. Going into the half, the Generals were up 6-5. As the second half opened, senior midfielder Mallory Lobisser found the back of the net to give the Generals a two-goal lead. However, F&M scored four-straight goals to assume a 9-7 lead. A score by sophomore midfielder Colleen Evans closed F&M's edge to one goal, but F&M put the game away with two goals late in the half. The Generals were led by Evans, who scored three goals, and sophomore attacker Kelsi Robinson's one goal and two assists. Evans is leading the Generals in goals so far this season, while Robinson is the team's leading scorer. Senior midfielder Kelly Evans and junior midfielder Megan Slosson each added one goal and one assist. Junior Sarah Tilbor guarded the net for the entire game for the Generals, registering a season-high 13 saves. The Generals improved their record on the season to 4-1. The Generals return to the field on Wednesday when they host ODAC-foe Bridgewater at 4:00 p.m.

Baseball

The Washington and Lee baseball team extended its winning streak to nine straight games with a 6-3 road victory over Mary Washington on Sunday afternoon. The Generals improved their record to 11-3 on the season. In the Mary Washington game, the Generals took a 2-0 lead into the top of the fifth inning, but Mary Washington tacked on two runs to tie the game going into the sixth inning. The Generals scored a pair of runs in the top of the eighth inning to take a 4-2 lead and held on to the lead despite another Mary Washington score in the bottom of the eighth inning. The Generals added two more runs in the top of the ninth inning to end the game with a 6-3 victory. The Generals were paced by senior designated hitter Richard Garland, who went 2-for-3 and senior shortstop Ray Sweeney's 2-for-4 performance. Senior Jordan Wesley was 1-for-1 with two RBI, while junior leftfielder Tim Livingston went 2-for-4 with an RBI and freshman catcher Will Lewis when 1-for-3 with an RBI. Freshman right-hander Chuck Davidson tossed the first five innings of play, allowing just three hits and two unearned runs. Junior lefthander Jeff Pharis relieved him for two and two-thirds innings and picked up his first win of the season. Freshman Jim Plantholt pitched the final one and a third innings to notch his fourth save of the year. The Generals return to the field on Friday when they host Villa Julie, and they will also host Virginia Wesleyan in a doubleheader on Saturday.

Men's Lacrosse:

Slow start doesn't hinder lacrosse's goal for ODAC title

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against Washington College in the last half of the third quarter when they allowed three goals in five minutes.

The Generals rallied, scoring once more in the third and twice in the fourth, but it was too little, too late. Ryan, who sniped the final goal in that game, said the loss isn't reflective

of the team's abilities.

He said that the players have improved drastically under the guidance of their coach, Gene McCabe.

This is the team's first season under McCabe, but Ryan said that he expects the team to do very well when ODAC play starts.

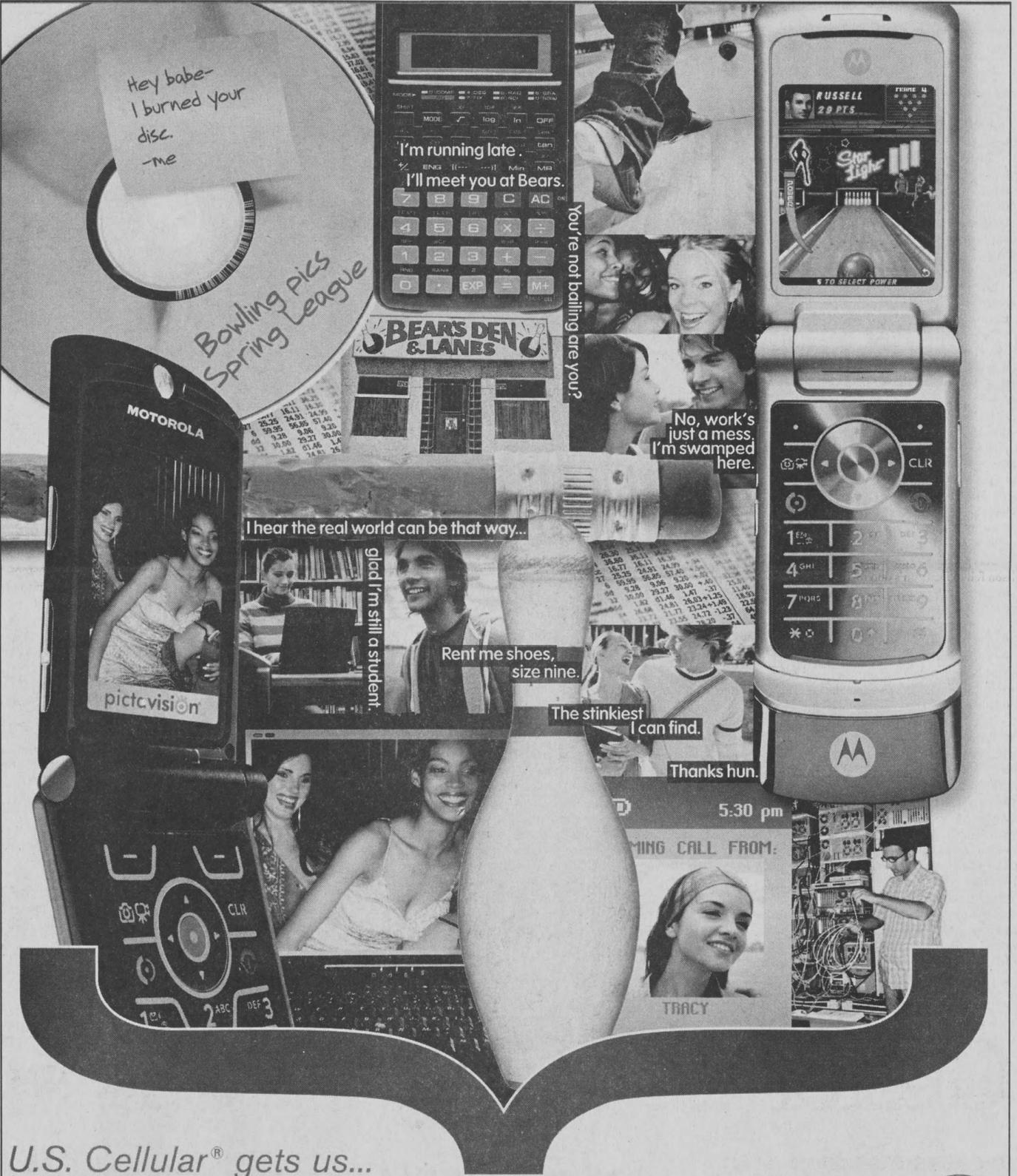
As the Phi comes off the press, the Generals will be playing at home against Hood College. Hood isn't

exactly having a banner year, losing to DeSales University on Friday. Hood has given up a whopping 82 points in five games this season.

The Generals are looking forward to next Saturday's match-up, when they play Franklin-Marshall at St. Paul's in Maryland. Ryan said that the game is a rivalry he looks forward to each year.

Still, the team has some work to do if it wants to improve in the conference. Although Ryan says the team is a "force to be reckoned with" in the ODAC, it was ranked a measly fourth in the seven-team conference.

"The conference games are the main thing that matters," Ryan said, "but we keep getting better each day."



Hey babe - I burned your disc. -me

I'm running late. I'll meet you at Bears.

You're not bowling are you?

No, work's just a mess. I'm swamped here.

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Men roll to win

Tennis team get two big victories over rivals in weekend action

By Michael Keenan
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team completed a perfect week with their defeat of Washington College Sunday afternoon.

The men, who were picked to finish first in the ODAC this season, defeated conference opponents Randolph-Macon and Hampden-Sydney as well as non-conference opponents Denison University and Washington College.

The week was highlighted by a 5-4 victory over 17th-ranked Denison University on Saturday.

The Generals got off to a strong start with the first doubles team of juniors Tim Ross and Nat Estes defeating Denison's Kevin Newman and Randy Lofgren 8-2 to give W&L the first point of the match.

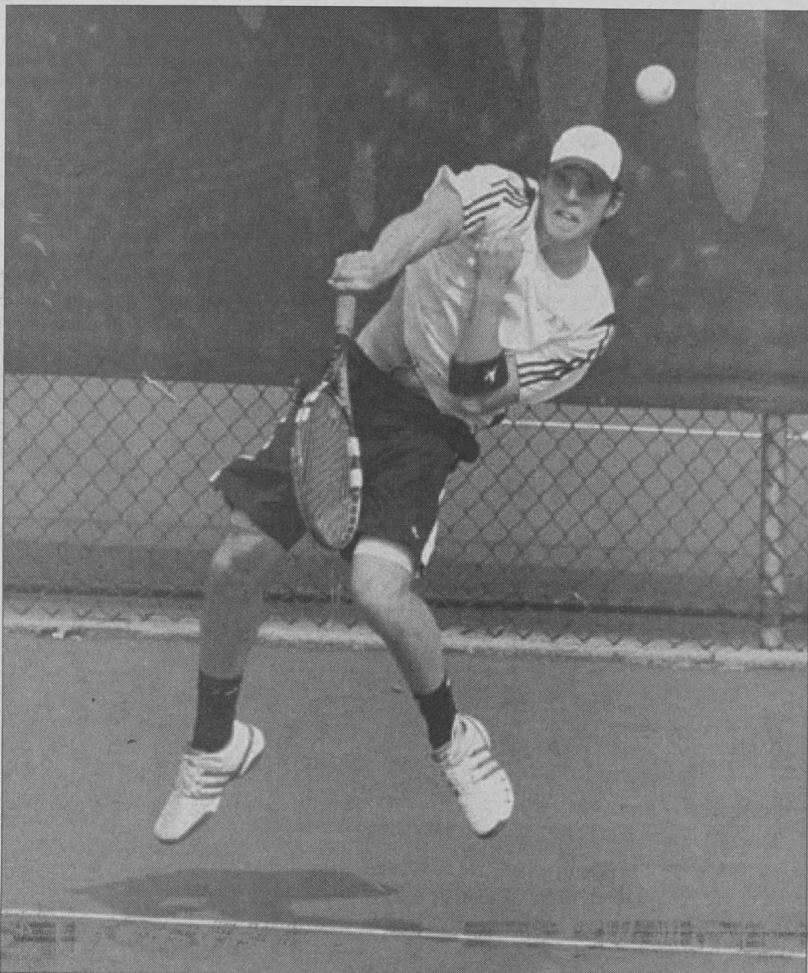
However, Denison claimed the remaining two doubles matches to take a 2-1 lead going into the singles matches. Denison's James Davis and Jordan Buehler defeated Jon Malooly and Jamie McCardell by a score of 8-3.

Stuart Sanford and Andrew Ellison fell to Denison's duo of Tom Hodgkiss-Lilly and Charlie Poe, also by a score of 8-3.

The Generals won three of the first four singles matches to gain a one point advantage in the match. Estes defeated Jordan Buehler 6-4, 6-4, in second singles, Malooly defeated James Davis 7-5, 6-1, in third singles, Stuart Sanford bested Poe 6-3, 6-3 in sixth singles and Nelson Bunn fell to Kevin Newman 7-6, 6-3.

With the Generals leading 4-3, Ross sealed the win for the Generals when he defeated Randy Lofgren 6-4, 7-5 in the first singles match. Denison's Tom Hodgkiss-Lilly would win the final match over McCardell, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5, but the Generals won the match 5-4.

On Tuesday the Generals traveled to Randolph-Macon and defeated the Yellow Jackets 9-0. Over the nine matches, the Gen-



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Sophomore Jamie McCardell hits his serve against a Ferrum opponent last week. McCardell has posted a 9-5 record this season, helping to lead the way for W&L.

erals only dropped three games.

On Wednesday the Generals hosted Hampden-Sydney and bested the Tigers 8-1. Playing No. 2 singles, Nat Estes dropped only one game en route to his victories over Chris Picarde of Randolph-Macon and Richie Holzaphel of Hampden-Sydney.

On Sunday, the Generals bested Washington College, who was ranked 10th in the region, 7-2. Jamie McCardell and Malooly defeated Washington College's duo of Todd Green and Brian Danver 8-3 in No. 2 doubles while Bunn and Alex Brook defeated Midial Santala and Derek Wise 8-1 in

No. 3 doubles to give the Generals a 2-1 advantage heading into the singles competition.

The Generals took five of the six singles matches to seal the team victory.

Halfway through the first set in the No. 2 singles match between W&L's Estes and Washington College's Rafael Roldan, Roldan questionably called Estes' serve out. Estes protested vehemently but Roldan refused to change his mind. After a brief standoff, play resumed and Estes won the first set 6-3 and proceeded to sweep the second set 6-0.

Other victorious Generals in-

cluded Malooly, who defeated Brian Danver 6-0, 6-1, McCardell, who bested Todd Green 7-5, 6-2, Bunn, who beat Timothy Parks 6-1, 6-1, and Sanford, who swept Midial Santala 6-0, 6-0.

Washington College was led by Arturo Solis who defeated Ross 6-4, 6-2, in No. 1 singles and paired with Roldan to defeat Ross and Estes 8-4 in No. 1 doubles.

The Generals return to competition this Tuesday as they travel to Virginia Wesleyan College to take on the Marlins, who were picked to finish third in the ODAC preseason poll.

Depth helps women get two big wins

Generals defeat Denison and Washington College Saturday

By Mike Fahey
SPORTS EDITOR

It was business as usual for the Washington and Lee women's tennis team as they took on two opponents Saturday afternoon.

A true testament to the team's incredible depth, the Generals were able to take on two non-conference opponents, using two different lineups. The Generals started the day with a commanding 8-1 victory over Washington College. Later in the afternoon, the team defeated Denison College, a team that has given W&L problems in the past, in fine form, 8-1.

Against Denison, who is ranked 16th in the nation, sophomore Katie Tabb was victorious at first singles, 6-4, 6-3, while junior Ginny Wortham was pushed to a tie-breaker in order to win at second singles, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 10-2. Reigning NCAA Division III singles champion Emily Applegate did not drop a single game for the Generals, cruising to a 6-0, 6-0 win. Junior Leah Weston rolled to a 6-2, 6-2 victory, while senior captain Kristen McClung won 6-1, 6-2. Freshman Lauren Caire took sixth singles for the Generals, winning 6-1, 6-4.

In doubles action, Caire and Tabb were defeated at first doubles, 8-2, while Weston and Wortham also cruised to a 8-2 win. The closest match in doubles came when Applegate and McClung paired up at second doubles, squeaking out a 9-7 victory over their opponents.

Against Washington College, junior Kelly Will

cruised at first singles, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1), while junior Rebecca Timmis only lost two games at second singles, cruising to a 6-2, 6-0 win.

Katie Bouret, Tori Christmas, Natalie Day and Amanda Hain all won in the third-sixth singles slots.

In doubles action Bouret and Timmis put up a good fight at first doubles, eventually losing 8-5. Christmas and Will won 8-2 for W&L, while Day and Haines won third doubles 8-4 for W&L.

The Generals have had a great start to their season, demonstrating their talent and depth.

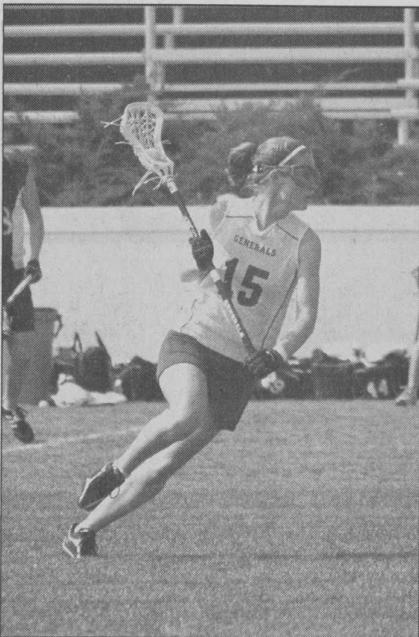
Tabb said, "I think our most important ritual is the mental preparation that goes on throughout the season, gradually becoming more and more intense as it goes on. I think our greatest strengths lay in our desire and intensity."

Despite the team's dominating victories so far this season, Christmas stressed the importance of taking things one day at a time:

"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. You have to go out to play every single day no matter who your opponent is."

The Generals improved their record to 5-0 on the season. W&L will again show its depth on Wednesday afternoon when half of the team travels to Bridgewater College for an ODAC contest, while the remaining portion of the squad stays in Lexington to host Roanoke.

Generals led by Evans sisters



MICHAEL KEENAN / Staff Photographer

Senior Mallory Lobisser carries the ball up the field for the Generals in their 11-9 loss to Franklin and Marshall on Saturday.

Sisters Colleen and Kelly Evans help lead the way for the women's lacrosse team, the as Generals start the season 4-1

By Mike Fahey
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been a sister act for the Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team this season.

Senior captain Kelly Evans has been joined on the field by her younger sister, sophomore Colleen, who transferred to W&L from Bucknell University.

Originally from Lexington, the sisters have combined for 18 goals and 11 assists in the team's five games. Colleen is second in the team in scoring, and Kelly is third. Colleen is leading the team in goals scored, while Kelly is leading the team in shot percentage.

The two bring a new dynamic to the team, since they have grown up playing to-

gether.

Colleen said, "Playing with the sis has been great. It's definitely a throwback to high school."

"But both Kelly and I have developed and changed as players a lot since high school - so its fun to see what we are working with now and if we can still connect the way we did four years ago."

Colleen, who got a taste of Division I lacrosse at Bucknell last year, is happy to be back playing in her hometown:

"Once I got [to Bucknell] I realized that I liked [it], but didn't love it. Playing lacrosse year round was a commitment I didn't want to make. I think I was comparing everything there to W&L, and realized that W&L is unique."

"Colleen Evans has been a tremendous addition to the team. She can play the whole field."

KELSI ROBINSON, sophomore attacker

"Nowhere else is like it. Then I knew that this was actually where I wanted to be, it just took me leaving to realize it."

In Saturday's 11-9 loss to eighth-ranked Franklin and Marshall, Colleen led the Generals with three goals, while Kelly chipped in one goal and two assists.

The sisters have been a force for the Generals throughout the entire season.

The Generals have gotten off to a great 4-1 start, including a victory over 13th

ranked St. Mary's for the first time in program history.

Also making big contributions for the Generals has been sophomore Kelsi Robinson, who is leading the Generals in scoring with 10 goals and 6 assists.

Sophomore Ali Hillyard and junior Sarah Tilbor have been splitting time in goal, only allowing 32 goals over 5 games.

While the Evans sisters may be tearing up the field, they also are having a lot of fun playing together.

Colleen said, "Being on a team with her again has been the usual maybe it always was. She gives me a hard time, and she has gotten the whole team to call me Bean, her dreadful nickname for me."

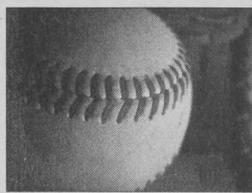
Colleen is not the only one happy to be playing for the Generals this season, as her teammates have really appreciated her additions to the team.

Sophomore Kelsi Robinson said, "Colleen Evans has been a tremendous addition to the team."

"She can play the whole field--scoring, assisting, and very strong on defense as well!"

The Generals return to action on Wednesday when they host ODAC-foe Bridgewater College at 4 p.m.

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Batting average of senior designated hitter Richard Garland, who has led the Washington and Lee baseball team

In its nine-game winning streak. Garland has hit two home runs and added nine RBI's for the Generals this season.

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Total number of points that sisters Kelly and Colleen Evans have combined for to lead the Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team to a 4-1 start to its season.

Sophomore Colleen Evans leads the Generals in goals scored, while senior Kelly Evans leads the Generals in shot percentage.

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Consecutive games won by the Washington and Lee baseball team. The Generals knocked off Mary Washington on Sunday afternoon, 6-3, and are off to an 11-3 start to their season. They currently sit atop the standings in ODAC conference play.

soapbox

"Hopefully somebody will have some kind of magical healing period. We need to see a witch doctor or something."

—Edmonton's Jason Smith after a 3-1 loss to Tampa Bay. Already down eight players going into the game, the Oilers lost two more when defensemen Steve Staios (knee) and Jan Hejda (shoulder) left the game and did not return.

"I know she's making a lot of money, but eventually, if you don't win, the money will go away. I think whoever is guiding her and whatever direction they're taking her, they need to give her a hug and let her be a little girl for a while and not make her grow up so quickly."

—Nancy Lopez about golfer Michelle Wie with eight different teams, from the AP

Nine straight for W&L



MORGAN HARRIS / Staff Photographer

Sophomore first baseman Andrew Henderson swings during the Generals' game on Wednesday afternoon against Guilford. Henderson is currently ranked fifth on the team for batting average (.339) and is sixth in RBI's (9).

W&L baseball team off to a strong start and a nine-game win streak which has catapulted them into first place in the ODAC

By Russ Weems
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Generals baseball extended its winning streak to nine games with six wins this week. Washington and Lee played Mount Aloysius twice, Guilford once and Eastern Mennonite twice. But the weekend was capped off when the team beat Mary Washington in Fredericksburg Sunday.

"So far we've been playing good baseball, and we've been swinging the bats well. We are making the most of the routine plays, and we've had strong pitching," said freshman Charles Davidson.

The Generals opened the week with a sweep of Mount Aloysius. In the first game, the Mounties jumped out to a 5-0 lead. W&L was losing 6-3 going into the fifth when they scored an impressive eleven runs. The inning was capped off by a three-run shot by senior Ray Sweeney. The Generals added two more scores leaving

the final 15-7. Leading the bats for the Generals was sophomore Terrence McKelvey, who went two for three with a double. W&L also dominated the second game against the Mounties, giving the Generals

The team has gelled after our mediocre start, and every piece of the puzzle has fit in.

TIM LIVINGSTON, junior

an 8-0 victory. McKelvey went two for three again with a double and two RBI. Senior DH Richard Garland went three for three, and Sweeney went two for four. Right hander Davidson got his first career win in a six inning shutout effort allowing only two hits.

The winning streak extended to six with a 4-1 over Guilford. The game opened up quickly for

the Generals with two solos shots from McKelvey and David Miller.

In the fourth, W&L added their final two runs aided by a triple by Sweeney. The Quakers scored a run in the eighth, but it was too little too late. The Generals came out on top, 4-1. Marcott recorded another win with six innings of scoreless baseball. Garland went three for four, and Sweeney went two for three. Overall, the Generals had a good showing with strong pitching and active bats.

In their final games of the week, W&L swept Eastern Mennonite to push the streak to eight games. The Generals dominated, winning one by eight and one by nine. In the first game, W&L scored nine runs in the first three innings and never looked back. The final score ended up 11-3. Junior Tim Livingston went two for four for the Generals adding three RBI. Garland went one for three with a solo HR. Junior Clayton Edwards had a solid day on

the mound, pitching six innings on his way to a W.

The second game was much of the same. The Generals scored 14 runs in the first four innings. This deficit was too large for EMU to overcome, and the final score was 17-4. Second baseman Miller had a big performance; he went four for seven with two doubles and four RBI. Junior James Madden also had a multi-hit day with a double and two RBI's. Lefty John Parker pitched nearly seven innings and recorded six strikeouts in his win.

Garland and Sweeney continued their successes Sunday against Mary Washington, each getting two hits. Davidson did well in his first start, but freshman righthander Jim Plantholt walked away with the save, the fourth of his college career.

The Generals' next three games are at home this weekend, including a double-header against defending ODAC champs Virginia Wesleyan.

Pittman honored

All-American soccer player one of 58 fall athletes awarded NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship for academic and athletic excellence

By Jacob Geiger
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After receiving plenty of recognition last fall for his performance on the soccer field during the past four years, senior defender Scot Pittman is now being honored for his work on and off the field.

Pittman was one of 58 NCAA fall athletes honored with a post-graduate scholarship worth \$7,500 for part-time or full-time graduate work.

The NCAA honors a different set of athletes each season.

Pittman is the seventh Washington and Lee athlete in five years to be honored.

Pittman said his coach, Rolf Piranian, told him about the scholarship.

Pittman had to submit recommendations from his coach and a teacher, forms explaining his volunteer work and campus leadership roles and a short essay about his post-graduation plans.

As a student, Pittman has been on the honor roll three times and the Dean's List four times.

He is a member of Omicron

Delta Kappa, and he is a peer counselor.

Pittman will graduate from W&L with a degree in biology, but he hopes to eventually attend law school.

The two subjects may seem unrelated, but Pittman says there is a connection.

"I was really interested in biology coming out of high school," he said. "I want to continue the biology background in law as a patent lawyer for a pharmaceutical or genetics company."

Because the soccer season kept Pittman from preparing for the LSAT tests last fall, Pittman is taking a year off to study for the tests and then apply to law schools. During this fall, he hopes to work as the assistant soccer coach for his high school.

"There are LSAT prep classes in Charlotte, where I'm from," Pittman said, "so I'll study and take the classes at night and then coach during the day."

Once the soccer season ends and his law school applications are submitted, Pittman said he is not sure what he'll do.

He does hope to travel abroad

either this summer or next.

On the field this fall, Pittman became the fifth Generals' soccer player to earn All-American honors when he was named to the third team. He was also a first team all-ODAC selection.

With Pittman leading the defense from his central defender spot, this year's team started 8-0.

That eight game winning streak was the program's best start in history, and the team ended up finishing 12-3-2 with a 6-2-1 record in conference play. The defense notched 10 shutouts and allowed only nine goals in 17 games.

Pittman started every game this year. During his career, he appeared in 64 games, starting 55 of them.

He said this year's 8-0 start and the team's trip to the ODAC finals when he was a freshman stand out as memorable moments.

"Freshman year at the ODAC finals in Virginia Wesleyan was great because nobody expected us to get that far," Pittman said.

"And it was a lot of fun this year when we set the record this year for best start."

Laxers' record fails to tell story

Men confident despite 1-3 start to 2007 season

By Kat Greene
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Don't be fooled by the men's lacrosse team's losing record.

Despite its poor 1-3 showing so far this season, the team has yet to play a conference game. Senior midfielder Jim Ryan said that the team has seen constant improvement since the season began on Feb. 24.

"The record does not do our team justice," Ryan said. He said that even though the team's record isn't great, it still has a very positive outlook.

In the game on Saturday, the Generals blew a 5-4 lead

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