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## Men's basketball finds its groove

After a rough start the men's basketball team has ripped off its longest winning streak in almost 20 years. They'll return to action on Saturday against Bridgewater College.

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## What to see, you ask?

Crack reviewer Cody Beauchamp laughed like a hyena last week. We're not sure if that's a good thing, but he offers his thoughts on *June*, the hot new indie flick about teen pregnancy, and *Walk Hard*, a Judd Apatow spoof that mocks the musical biopics we've been tortured with over the last few years (think *Walk the Line* meets *Talladega Nights*).

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## ONE SMALL FAVOR?

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## Praise for new policy

### SJC adapts, educates as strike rules change

By Wes O'Dell  
STAFF WRITER

As Washington and Lee's most active judicial body, the Student Judicial Council maintains a surprisingly low profile. That is, until a conduct violation lands you in front of them.

And that's something SJC Chairman Shane Wilson aims to change.

"A lot of students aren't aware of what the SJC is, what our role is, what we're doing, what our policies are," said Wilson.

however, he is pleased with its progress:

"Basically, [the new policy] helps students out if they've had one strike," Wilson said. [If] they go 52 weeks without having a second incident, the strike is effectively treated as an educational opportunity which would not result in a permanent disciplinary file so, in terms of reporting to graduate schools and medical schools and employers, a student does not have to say that he or she had a serious conduct incident. That's a really great change that's happening for students at W&L."

He is also pleased that the SJC is once again hearing select first-offense cases. "As cooperation increases, as we rebuild a lot of our trust and credibility with the faculty, Dean Dotson and I are able to talk about cases individually and say 'this is a first incident, but it's kind of egregious

He also hopes to address student concerns about the disciplinary duties of the SJC: "We're not looking to throw people under the bus... we're not the police... we're looking to prepare students to go out from W&L and represent our university honorably."

Dotson shares Wilson's belief in the educational mission of the SJC and reciprocates his praise.

"Shane Wilson is an outstanding student leader... his leadership has brought a lot of new ideas. He really cares about students at W&L as individuals," he said. "It's an absolute pleasure to work with the SJC."

Dotson stressed that his role is one that helps maximize the SJC's potential and increase its resources—and he's pleased with its progress.

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SHANE WILSON, President of the Student Judicial Council

and we want to see what students have to say about it."

"It works well because we can weigh in on situations that aren't standard," he said.

As for the controversial advisory position, Wilson has nothing but praise for Dotson: "[Dean Dotson] has been a great advisor and wonderful asset... he's been a pleasure to work with," he said, citing in particular the influx of funds and resources that SJC has enjoyed this year.

group's ability to follow university policies "with the individual student and the community interests in mind," and characterized its future as "extremely bright." In the long-term, he hopes to see the SJC take its place as "the frontrunner in sound student self-governance."

Junior Justice Chris Tutor, who announced he is running for an officer position in the next election, may be a part of that future and he considers the changes beneficial.

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Unreasonable refusal to take a BAC test: Loss of driver's license for automatic suspension for a BAC above .15

University Sanction = SJC may suspend a student for a DUI; automatic suspension for a BAC above .15

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That issue grew more complicated recently when a major policy change altered the procedures and implications of a "first strike;" first-time student offenders can now be penalized administratively through the Dean of Students' office rather than by a trial before the SJC, the body tasked with enforcing university policies dealing with student behavior—including alcohol and drug violations.

The new policy also allowed first strikes to be expunged from students' records after a period of good behavior.

Many students accused W&L of backsliding on student self-governance with these changes and the appointment of Associate Dean of Students Brandon Dotson as the SJC's first advisor.

Wilson, a veteran SJC Justice, ran on a platform designed to educate the student body about the SJC while addressing concerns about the body's independence. Having worked in the new system for several months,

## CAN'T PUT IT DOWN?

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"Shane has done a

"We have a laptop, we have a printer, we have some discretionary funds we can use for getting the word out, for education," he said.

Education is key to Wilson's vision for the SJC: education about the rules, about the penalties, and about the body itself. The group has worked throughout the year to be more visible; they've manned a booth at the student activities fair and helped sponsor several mailings cautioning students to enjoy themselves responsibly. Future plans include community forums to bring the SJC's message—and its warnings—to the students.

"Students have a right to know," said Wilson.

wonderful job of getting the SJC the credibility it needs so the faculty don't pull the plug. I think it's more efficient this year, Dotson said. "And think he's really tried to be more proactive in getting these issues out there," he said, referencing the policy of mandatory suspension for students refusing a breathalyzer test at the police station after a Driving Under the Influence arrest.

Said Tutor, "I think everyone from the faculty to the administration to the student body should have 100 percent confidence in the SJC and I think we've done a wonderful job."

Chairman Wilson concurs: "I try to be fair and I feel like we do that."

## Greek breakdown

Though final numbers weren't released by press time, here's a first look at pledge classes. Updated totals were released after the Phi went to press.

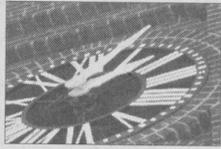
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- Phi Gamma Delta - 7
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- Phi Kappa Psi - 11
- Pi Kappa Alpha - 15
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- Sigma Chi - 20
- Sigma Nu - 9
- Sigma Phi Epsilon - 7

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# news



## Watergate's legacy

Bob Woodward to engage students, faculty in honor symposium

By John Henderson  
STAFF WRITER

Since September 11, 2001, President Bush's war on terrorism has been one of the hot-button issues in American politics.

From the Iraq war to the Patriot Act, the Bush administration has been known to make decisions behind closed doors. Investigative reporter Bob Woodward, who will speak at W&L on Friday, is one of the few and privileged who has seen the executive branch from the inside.

Woodward, along with W&L politics Prof. Robert Strong, will be speaking in next week's Institute for Honor symposium, "Moral Authority and the Modern American Presidency." The lecture and discussion series held on January 18 and 19 will examine whether the White House is still governed by truth and integrity.

W&L journalism Prof. Edward Wasserman will introduce Woodward in Lee Chapel on Friday.

"[Woodward] is a towering figure in contemporary journalism," Wasserman said. "He's a guy that has devoted his life to unearthing important facts about our society and politics."

Woodward gained fame for his investigative reporting in the early 1970's. With the help of another Washington Post reporter, Carl Bernstein, Woodward revealed a cover-up of the break-in to the Democratic National Committee offices at the Watergate Hotel.

Woodward and Bernstein

showed how authorities deep inside the White House had worked to cover up the break-in.

On the verge of impeachment, President Richard Nixon made history by being the first American president to resign from office.

When the Woodward and Bernstein spoke at the Society of Professional Journalists conference last fall, the room was packed with reporters who wanted to hear from the reporters, even though the break-in occurred more than 35 years ago.

Woodward's work has gotten new attention in recent years when Deep Throat, the confidential source that helped confirm much of Woodward's investigative work, finally went public.

The source turned out to be Mark Felt, who was Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the scandal.

Woodward has taken the same energy with which he pursued Watergate into his investigation of the Bush administration. His 2003 book entitled "Bush at War" chronicles the months following September 11 during which the White House was scrambling to respond to terrorism.

Woodward conducted hundreds of interviews within the Bush administration, including a four-hour exclusive with Bush himself.

Woodward's next two books, "Plan of Attack" and "State of Denial" follow up with accounts of White House decision-making and diplomacy during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Robert Fure, Washington and

Lee's Director of Special Programs, said that the symposium is designed to foster discussion.

"It's one thing to sit at the feet of a celebrity—it's another thing to engage that celebrity," Fure said.

"[The Institute for Honor] wants to create a community of learning—a community that is much larger than at W&L because it includes adults. People of all ages can talk to each other about the questions the program raises."

The Institute for Honor was founded in 2000 to promote honor and human relations through a yearly symposium involving students, faculty, alumni and other members of the community. Past speakers have included author David McCullough and American diplomat Richard Holbrook.

The symposium will begin on Friday at 11:15 a.m. with Woodward's keynote address, followed by a workshop, a panel discussion and a book signing.

On Saturday Prof. Strong will give a lecture in Lewis Hall at the law school. Strong is a scholar of presidential history and has participated in interviews with former presidents and cabinet members.

Strong teaches courses at W&L on foreign policy, international relations, terrorism and the presidency.

Admission to the symposium is free for students and faculty but \$195 for anyone else to register.

For more information, contact Tracey Mason, Administrative Assistant of Special Programs.

## Prowler caught in houses of W&L students

Rockbridge County Sheriff's deputies arrested a prowler Wednesday morning behind a W&L student's house.

Lt. Tim Hickman of the sheriff's department said deputies were dispatched to 664 Greenhouse Road (near the old County Seat Traveller stop) after a female student called 911 and said she could hear someone in the first floor of her house.

A deputy went behind the house and found Chad Williams, a 25-year-old Lexington resident, leaving the house.

The prowler apparently visited more than one house before being caught by police. W&L senior Femi Kusimo said he woke up at about 5:45 a.m. Wednesday morning when he heard the door to his bedroom open.

Kusimo, a senior who lives at Pole 4, said he thought his roommate was coming into the room to bug him.

"I told my roommate to go away," but then the guy said something and I knew it was [someone from town]," Kusimo said.

"He [Williams] tried to have a conversation with me," Kusimo said. "He kept asking me where the first stilt house was, and I told him to get out of the house."

Kusimo said he usually locks his bedroom door, as do most of his roommates.

After Williams continued talking, Kusimo said he got out of bed. Williams then closed the bedroom door and left the house.

Upon his arrest, Williams was charged with breaking into two houses. He was being held at the Rockbridge County Regional Jail.

## Rugby team prepares for a return to campus

After years of being exiled to rocky fields around Rockbridge County, the Club Rugby team is headed back to campus for its spring season. Ray Ellington, Campus Recreation Coordinator, said the team lost access to its playing field at Highland Belle, a former elementary school east of town.

Ellington said the team had been looking to move back onto campus for years, and space opened up for the spring season at Fuge Field, the football team's fall practice field. The field will also be the site of the team's March 8 match against the Virginia Military Institute's club team.

Until Fuge Field can become the team's permanent home, the ruggers will be practicing out next to the baseball field.

Ellington is also looking for interested students who want to attend a student union tournament at Virginia Tech over February Break. The tournament, scheduled from Feb. 22-24, includes competitions in everything from pool to poker to darts to foosball. Interested students can contact Ellington at his office in the commons.

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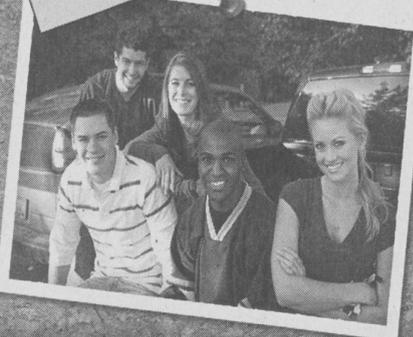
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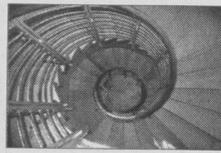
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**Cedar Lake Comes to Lexington**  
By Ryan Castle

When I think of ballet, visions of toy soldiers in tutus dancing to lullaby music come to mind. Admittedly, I've never been a big fan. My perception changed, however, when I was introduced to the work of the New York City based company Cedar Lake. Watching their performance, I soon realized that they were unlike any ballet group I had seen before (and with five sisters, I've seen my fair share). Cedar Lake utilizes unique, innovative dance techniques to deliver a gripping show even for skeptics. Gravity seems not to bind these dancers as their stage is not limited to the floor but extends to the walls and ceiling. This multi-dimensional approach to ballet coupled with contemporary music overwhelms the senses and makes for a remarkable experience for ballet connoisseurs and novices alike.

After seeing a video of the performance, sophomore Prana Mansukhani described it as, "Awesome! Definitely the coolest ballet I've seen. It's amazing what they're able to do".

On January 31, Cedar Lake will be welcomed to campus and exhibit this innovative dance in a performance open to all audiences. This is a great opportunity to experience the show in Lexington as it is in high demand in New York. Tickets are a steal at only \$10 and are available for purchase online.

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**staffeditorial**

## You picked a winner

*Mock Convention: more than just a wild party this year*

As the Democratic race seesaws across the country, Washington and Lee suddenly has a chance to end the mystery.

Who will it be? Hillary or Obama? Edwards – probably not so much.

Hillary's victory in New Hampshire defied the polling data and newspaper articles that were predicting her campaign's imminent collapse.

That resurgence – the second time a Clinton has used New Hampshire to launch a comeback – means that Mock Convention actually has a real prediction to make.

Too many of the last conventions have been nothing but a rubber stamp on conventional wisdom. By convention time in 2004, everyone knew Kerry was the runaway winner. Bush had a clear advantage in 2000 and old man Dole ran away with things in 1996.

In fact, not since 1992 (remember that other Clinton, the one who played sax on stage at Zollman's?) have the political gurus around campus had such a

difficult decision to make.

In 1992, the convention managed to select Clinton even though the first five primaries produced four different winners. This year's race is more of a two-horse show, but nobody seems to know who really has the edge. Obama is exciting new voters, but Hillary's New Hampshire victory showed that older voters – and especially older women – still carry

less than two weeks from now.

A week after Mock Convention, twenty-two states will go to the polls on Super Tuesday. Nobody knows if that massive day of voting will settle the race or leave it dragging on to the real convention in Denver in the summer.

The Mock Con organizers love to brag about the convention's history and accuracy. Those boasts are an important reminder

the partying has been more important than the convention.

But other years like the inaugural event in 1908 when delegates got so excited that a brawl broke out between supporters of rival candidates, this event has been about politics first and partying second.

But amid the revelry, there's some serious business to deal with.

Nobody wants to be part of the convention that spent thousands of dollars and thousands of hours planning, organizing and enjoying the event that picked the wrong candidate.

Aside from the honor system, alumni mention Mock Con as one of the most important things that make W&L what it is.

And so as the festivities get underway, the floats get built and the political bigwigs roll into town, take a minute to check the polls and see how your state will vote.

Across the nation, Democrats want a candidate. Mock Convention matters again.

*That resurgence – the second time a Clinton has used New Hampshire to launch a comeback – means that Mock Convention actually has a real prediction to make.*

*Too many of the last conventions have been nothing but a rubber stamp ...*

a lot of clout.

And so while the press and political establishment scramble around the country looking for the secret to the nomination the winner will be revealed in Lexington

that the convention is about more than a wild weekend of drinking red, white and blue beer (all in the name of patriotism, right?).

And, yes, in some years (like 1988's famous Clinton moment)

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## Why doesn't W&L honor MLK Day?

*The school, with its low number of minorities, has a duty to honor his principles*

By Jess Steinmetz  
STAFF WRITER

Every year on the third Monday of January, federal offices, post offices, banks and schools across this nation close to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As we all know, this admirable civil rights leader spoke out against segregation, discrimination and hate. The day is taken off to remember King and to honor his memory.

So why do we not do this in Rockbridge County? The banks and post offices will, of course, close but students attending both local colleges and Rockbridge County Schools will be in class.

Washington and Lee University thankfully does not completely ignore Martin Luther King Jr., Day. We celebrate with a birthday party for the children of the community, a lecture delivered by a distinguished African-American writer and a candlelight procession. But is this really enough?

What does it say about our school that it simply omits a na-

tional holiday from our schedules? I am sure there is a somewhat valid reason on paper why we attend class on this day.

Likewise, Rockbridge County Schools made the decision to fail to observe the holiday this year, because the school closed at least once for inclement weather before January.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan declared Martin Luther King Jr. Day a federal public holiday. Prior to this, King's birthday was observed as a public holiday in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

Martin Luther King Jr. stood for the non-violent fight for equality, dignity and freedom for all races and peoples. Why is this not good enough for W&L?

There has been great reluctance to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day both before and after the bill was passed. The state of Virginia originally added Martin Luther King Jr. Day to Lee Jackson Day thus it became known as Lee-Jackson-King Day.

How ironic is it that this holi-

day celebrated not only a civil rights leader but also Confederate Army generals on the same day?

The state of Virginia finally recognized Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 2000. In my home state of California, no one would even dream of attending school on Martin Luther King Day. But I could never imagine honoring a Confederate Army General or a Confederate flag hanging in a dorm room back home either.

Even after all of the work by civil rights leaders, there still is discrimination and hate in our society today. W&L's location in the South makes it's observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day even

more imperative.

Our school is not exactly known for diversity or lack of racism. Are we not only reinforcing these stereotypes about us by not observing the only national holiday dedicated to a commemorating an African-American?

Furthermore, it is our duty as a prestigious institution of higher learning to show our commitment to the principles of Martin Luther King Jr.

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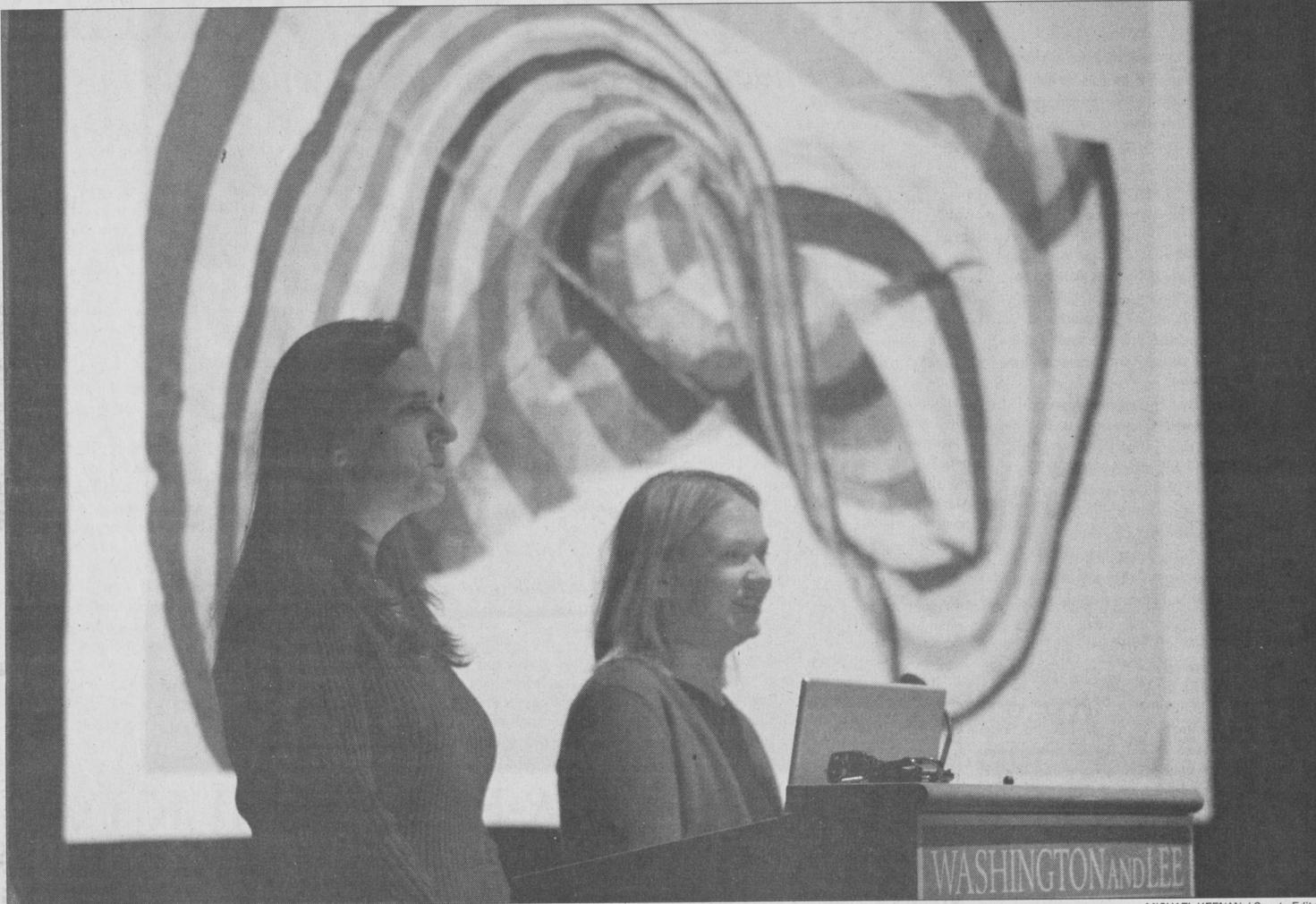
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# arts & life

## Are scanners the newest cameras?



Ruth Adams and Christa Bowden introduce their new "Scanner as Camera" exhibit on Thursday night. Adams is an assistant professor of art at the University of Kentucky, while Bowden is an assistant art professor at W&L.

MICHAEL KEENAN / Sports Editor

### New exhibit in Staniar Gallery shows how scanners can double as cameras

By Queenie Wong  
STAFF WRITER

Co-curators of the exhibition "Scanner as Camera," Ruth Adams and Christa Bowden, at a joint lecture Thursday revealed the process and techniques they and other artists used to create the pieces featured in the university's Staniar Gallery.

"I think that finally just in the last five years or so we have taken those two things, Photoshop and the scanner, and brought them into our art world. We use them as specific tools to get the look that we want," said Adams to a packed Concert Hall.

The lecture and the exhibition showcased the works of Adams and Bowden along with six other contemporary artists— Stephen Althouse, Darryl Curran, Valerie Mendoza, J. Seeley, Rhona

Shand and Maggie Taylor—who used the flatbed scanner as a digital camera.

Adams and Bowden demonstrated different ways each artist used the scanner to create a unique look. Through a series of slides, the audience consisting of students, faculty and community members saw the artists' original works before they digitally manipulated them. With each slide, the audience saw the artists' scans gradually change, illustrating how they got to the final product.

Adams for example, an assistant professor of art at the University of Kentucky, reluctantly revealed that the blurry background in her piece "Moulin Rouge" was actually a scan of her hair.

"It's an entirely different way of working," said Bowden, an assistant professor of art at Wash-

ington and Lee University.

Audience member reactions to the lecture and exhibit were positive.

Ellen Martin, a photographer

didn't know that Maggie Taylor, whose works portray a sense of fantasy, used painting in the background of her photographs.

"It makes me want to go

*"It makes me want to go home, take my scanner apart, put some of the techniques I saw in the show and put them to use."*

HANS RILLING, local photographer

in Rockbridge County, said that the lecture helped her understand scanography better. Martin said that she appreciated the fact that the artists revealed some of their techniques rather than keeping them private. For example, she

home, take my scanner apart, put some of the techniques I saw in the show and put them to use," said Hans Rilling, another photographer in the county.

Freshman Kyle Parsons described the photographs as "re-

ally interesting."

The exhibition was first presented at the University of Kentucky's Tuska Center for Contemporary Art in November 2006. Adams, Bowden, Curran and Taylor were part of a panel that discussed scanography at the Society of Photographic Education's annual conference in 2006. Althouse and Seeley also attended the conference. It was after the panel that Bowden and Adams began to organize the exhibition.

Choosing artists was a difficult decision due to the number of artists across the nation that work with scanners. Yet a small group, which represented how artists were using these tools just "made more sense," Adams said.

They wanted to showcase a variety of styles in the exhibition rather than having all the works

look the same.

Mendoza's "Insomnia" for example, took advantage of the technology's shortcomings—the claustrophobic feeling created by the boundaries of the scanner—in order to illustrate her struggle with insomnia.

Taylor and Shand used a more traditional approach by scanning two-dimensional objects. Shand's works also depict a sense of eeriness not present in the other works.

"Scanner as Camera" will remain on view at the Staniar Gallery until Feb. 15. The gallery, located in the Wilson Center, is open to students and the public during day-time hours.

"I really love how the show is...and we are hoping that it's going to travel," said Adams.

## Walk Hard

By Cody Beauchamp  
STAFF WRITER

I used to work in a movie rental store. For about half a year, for some God-forsaken reason, my manager thought the only movies that were appropriate to play in-store were the musician biopics that were the fad at the time—"Walk Hard," "Ray," and the like.

Anyone who has ever seen even a little of this genre can instantly recognize the many clichés it offers.

Maybe that's why I laughed like a drunk hyena for the first 20 minutes of "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story." The Judd

*You'll laugh like a drunken hyena, but the gags get stale in this send-up of movies about musicians*

Apatow Gang's newest is a send-up of the musical biopic that's really, really funny...for about 20 minutes.

After that, the jokes, just like the genre itself, become stilted and stale.

Maybe the problem was the go-for-broke approach to jokes. Apatow and co. are definitely the new comedic royalty of Hollywood—they can come up with funny stuff endlessly. But sometimes, less is more.

"Walk Hard" proves that more than any of their previous works.

The film takes a very "Airplane"-esque approach to things. Basically, if it's a gag—be it a sight gag, a bit of slap-stick, a

sex joke, a pun, anything—do it. It was funny the first time that Dewey tore a sink off the wall, so of course it's going to be funny seeing it eight more times. Right? Hello?

Don't get me wrong, the film's funny throughout. It's just not that funny.

The jokes get old, the wit dulls, and the character of Cox becomes just as one-dimensional as can be. And sadly, tortured genius still isn't quite funny enough.

As for the acting, Reilly's still got great presence. Jenna Fischer—of "Office" fame—is hilarious ripping the June Carter Cashes of the world. She's one of the only enduringly bright spots

of the movie.

The supporting cast is a virtual who's-who of comedians—Tim Meadows, Chris Parnell, Harold Ramis, John Michael Higgins, Paul Rudd, Justin Long, Jason Schwartzman and Jack Black all show up in funny little scenes.

Jack White even put in a side-splitting half-minute of screen time as Elvis.

All that was really missing was Will Ferrell showing up in blackface as Jimi Hendrix. And honestly, they went for every other gag, why not that?

All and all, "Walk Hard" is stuck in a twisted little catch-22: it can't poke fun at how formulaic biopics are without being te-

diously...umm...formulaic. Just like biopics that take themselves seriously, even the incredible talent of the cast can't save a constricted and usually depressing story.

It's sad, really, that one John C. Reilly's poorer roles has earned him his most well-known award nomination. I love Reilly as an actor, but he should not take home this year's Golden Globe for Lead Actor in a Comedy or Musical.

Reilly stole what should've been Seth Rogen's nomination for "Knocked Up." Neither of the two roles deserves to beat Tom Hanks' turn as Charlie Wilson, or Johnny Depp's Sweeney

Todd, but it's still a shame Reilly got nominated over Rogen.

Given Reilly's many great previous roles, what's especially shameful is that it was a bad Johnny Cash meets Cal from Talladega Nights that did it. Boo, Golden Globes.

"Walk Hard" is definitely humorous enough to be worth renting, but it's hardly the best satire of the year. So go rent it. Hopefully it's R rating will keep some poor 16-year-old kid from seeing it endlessly down at the Blockbuster.

I promise these gags won't be funny the 500th time.

## Knocked up 2

By Cody Beauchamp  
STAFF WRITER

There's usually not much that's funny about teen pregnancy (duh). But in this art-house flick heavy movie season, "Juno" is a stunning little gem that makes it look hilarious.

Go see this movie. It's probably not the best first date choice—"so...umm...about that drink I invited you up for..."—but it's a must see.

The screenwriter is one Dia-

*You wouldn't expect a comedy about teen pregnancy, but Juno delivers a witty look at life with a big belly*

blo Cody, a blogger and novelist who—side note—published a memoir in 2006 about her time as a stripper. The book, "Candy Girl" was the first book selected for Dave Letterman's book club. Go figure.

The film's supporting cast is excellent. Cody created a great set of characters, from the too-cool-to-be-true dad to the too-adorable-to-be-real baby's daddy. The cast does a universally great job with each of their roles.

Of particular note are Jenni-

fer Garner and Jason Bateman as the adoptive parents-to-be. Bateman's cool yuppie is pitch perfect, while Garner delivers one of the film's top moments.

In a film where the antagonist is actually growing within the protagonist, Garner's role provides a good stand-in for the audience's disdain. Yet despite this, she still commands sympathy—a delicate spot of acting, superbly done.

Michael Cerra, as the lovable geek who knocks Juno up ("he's

great in...chair") is so-so.

He doesn't really seem to be fully comfortable with his character. Part of this is Cody's fault. Part is probably that Cerra is still a young actor.

I'm willing to forgive this dim spot though. It's one of the few parts of the film where the mark is missed, and the movie is in no way about Paulie Gleeker anyway.

This film belongs to Juno. As for that, I'll say this—if Ellen Page doesn't receive an

Oscar nod this year, it's a downright insult. Seriously, she's that good. Cody's character is one of the wittiest in recent film. But it's Page's brilliant performance that brings the character fully to life.

Page is only 20 years old and her first major role was playing a pregnant teen in love with that guy from "Superbad," so don't expect an Oscar win. The Academy has shown an unfortunate fear of rewarding young actors or daring roles.

All the same, watch this one's



# sports

## Senior talent

Wrestling finishes fourth of seven teams at first home meet

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee wrestling team competed in its first home event, the W&L Invitational, on Saturday. The Generals totaled 58.5 points, good for fourth out of seven teams. The Generals beat Scranton, Waynesburg and Southern Virginia but fell to team champion Mt. St. Joseph, Washington & Jefferson and Muhlenberg. W&L's alternates also totaled 17 points that did not count toward the team total.

The Generals were led by senior Anthony Boniello, who took first place in the 165-pound weight class, the only General to win his weight class. After receiving a first-round bye, Boniello cruised past SVU's Julian James by a final score of 6-1. In the final, Boniello captured first place by beating Josh Sasfy of Mt. St. Joseph, 7-2.

In addition to Boniello's win, the Generals had a number of other strong performances, including third-place finishes by seniors Peter Lawrence, Tim Manson and Kirk Adamson and junior John Christopher.

Lawrence opened his day by pinning Scranton's Mike Ebert in 4:56. In the championship semifinals, Lawrence was defeated in a very close match by Muhlenberg's Rob Kevin. Lawrence trailed 4-3 most of the third period but could not get control for the two points needed to give him the lead. With just seconds left, Lawrence's last attempt was thwarted and Kevin gained control as the buzzer sounded to make the final score 6-3. However, Lawrence rebounded with two victories to take third place in the 149-pound class. He defeated teammate senior Eric Gagne 14-7 in the consolation semis and then bested Washington and Jefferson's Shaun Yackey 7-5 in the consolation finals.

Manson opened his day with a hard-fought pin against Muhlenberg's Ryan Hoffman. Through the first two periods, Manson and Hoffman exchanged controls and reversals several times and entered the third period tied, 6-6. Manson started down to begin the period and broke free to go up

7-6. From then on Manson was in control, opening a lead before pinning Hoffman with 0:19 remaining. Manson was beaten in the championship semifinals by the eventual champion, SVU's Pete Rose, 7-2. Manson rebounded with two more victories, both by a pin in under two minutes, to take third place. Lawrence pinned Waynesburg's Kevin Walsh in 1:59 and then pinned teammate freshman Keith Jaworski in 1:58 to take third place.

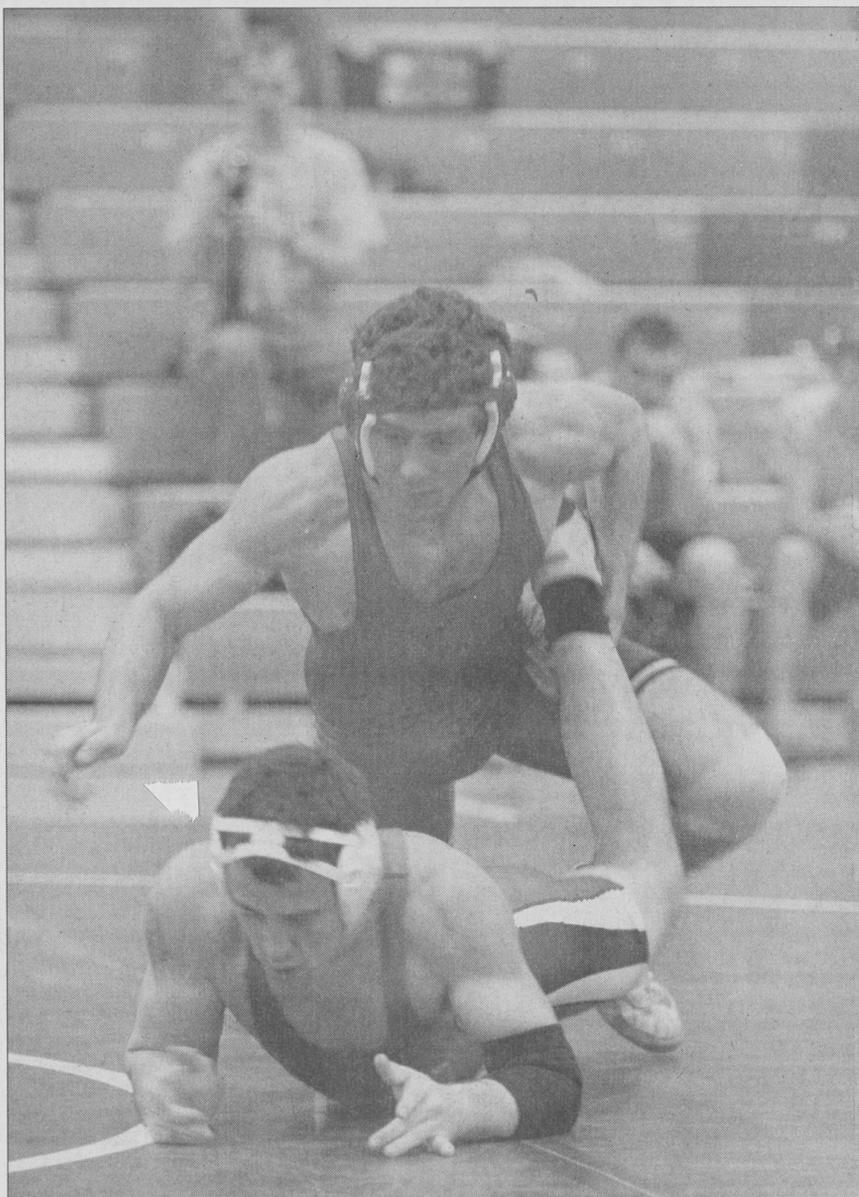
Adamson also tallied a third-place victory for the Generals. After breezing past Scranton's Luke Genovese 9-2, Adamson fell 6-3 to Washington and Jefferson's Chris Price. Adamson then defeated two teammates, sophomores Richard Knack and Jon Brown, to win the consolation finals of the 184-pound class.

Christopher also finished with a 3-1 record for the Generals. After winning his opening match against Muhlenberg's Billy Sholly, he was pinned in the championship semis by Washington and Jefferson's Alex Cressley. After securing a 10-1 major decision in a dominating performance against Scranton's Joe Williams, Christopher bested Sholly again to take third in the 197-pound class.

The Generals will return to action next weekend when they host a tournament featuring Stevens Tech, King's Point and McDaniel.

### Who's hot

- Senior Anthony Boniello won the 165-pound weight class after receiving a first round bye.
- Seniors Tim Lawrence, Tim Manson and Kirk Adamson and junior John Christopher finished third.



Senior Anthony Boniello makes his opponent wish he played badminton. Boniello captured first place in the 165-pound weight class in this weekend's invitational tournament.

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## Bball splits week

Women break even in ODAC play

By Russ Weems  
STAFF WRITER

The women's basketball team had an important week, facing two tough conference opponents. They took on last year's ODAC runner-up Virginia Wesleyan on Tuesday and Roanoke College on Friday.

The women started out with a tough match-up against the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins. The Generals were plagued by a slow start, shooting 22.2% (6 out of 27) in the first half. At the break, the Generals trailed the Marlins by a score of 27-16. After the half, W&L came out energized and scored the first three baskets, cutting the lead to 27-22. The Generals kept fighting and trailed by only six points on three occasions. They could not pull any closer though as the Marlins pulled away to tally a 52-38 victory. The Generals had a tough time stopping the Marlins' two starting forwards, Heather Phillips and Taylor Lowe, who scored a combined 25 points. However, the Generals did have some strong individual performances in the defeat. Sophomore center Kaitlyn Camp tallied a double-double with 10 points and 12 boards. Junior forward Kara Nadeau had 8 points to go along with 8 rebounds. Freshman guard Allie Long provided 9 points in the effort. The loss dropped the Generals to 2-3 in ODAC play.

The Generals posted a strong away win against the Maroons of Roanoke College on Friday. The women would have to overcome a large deficit to win as they again started out cold. The General again shot 22.2% in the first half. They trailed by as many as 15 in the first and trailed by 12 (30-18) at half. For most of the second half, the Generals could not do much to crack into this lead. With just 6:30 remaining, the Generals were down by 13. It was going to take a special performance by the Generals to come back, and they had one. The Generals ratcheted up the defense, holding the Maroons to only one basket for the rest of the game. W&L outscored Roanoke 19-2 in the final 6:30. This end-of-the-game domination was a total team effort. Freshman guard Allie long led the run with nine points in the stretch. Junior guard Bethany Ridenhour provided a couple of clutch three-pointers in the final 90 seconds. The win was sealed for the Generals by a couple of free throws by senior forward Amanda Kane with 13 seconds left. The Generals more than doubled their low 22 percent first-half shooting with a 52 percent mark in the second. W&L had a strong performance on the boards, out-rebounding Roanoke 42-33. Many Generals had strong contributions to the win. Allie Long had 13 points and 4 assists. Senior forward Kristen Krouchick had 11 points and 6 boards. Amanda Kane and Bethany Ridenhour both added 8 points. Overall, the women are now 3-3 in ODAC competition and 4-7 overall and looking to carry the momentum of this win into the rest of conference play.

The Generals will return to action away against the Eastern Mennonite Royals at 7:00 on Tuesday, Jan 15.

## Undeserved prestige

Decorated athletes escape consequences

By Adam Lewis  
COLUMNIST

To a lot of people, the symbol of an asterisk (\*) is just that—a symbol: A meaningless representation of some seemingly notable words or numbers about which no one actually cares. Let's face it, the asterisk's value in our society can be summed up by its location on your keyboard, and the fact that it takes holding down the "Control" and "8" keys just to access it. However, recent events in sports have led me to place this trivial little symbol in higher regard than a Dave Monroe article in *The Trident*.

This past year's revelations of the "Spygate" scandal in the NFL and the "Mitchell Report" in baseball serve as the basis for my newfound emphasis on the asterisk. And it should be noted, (perhaps with an "asterisk"), that I am not naïve enough to believe these cases to be the only ones worth highlighting; they just happen to be the only documented instances that merit an asterisk in my mind.

To those of you who are unfamiliar with what sports people are calling "Spygate," the term refers to the guilt of the New England Patriots organization in the spying of opponents' sideline signals. Though the Patriots claim this illegal act to be prevalent throughout the league, they have been the only team caught and penalized for it. Oh, and by penalized, I mean they surrendered the worse of their two first round draft picks and a few hundred thousand dollars. In a league where anything less than six figures means as much as Tony Romo to Jessica Simpson, this "punishment" is merely a false start worth five yards to a team already up by 40 points in the fourth quarter. In other words, it's a slap on the wrist.

Tell me something, Mr. Commissioner (and I apologize to any relatives who may be reading this). How is it that the Patriots get off this easily when they are the first team to go undefeated in a 16-game season and they are going for their fourth Super Bowl this decade? If you ask me, I have no problem holding "Ctrl-8" and typing an asterisk next to not only this season, but to all of their Super Bowls. I

mean, the Patriots are proven cheaters, and no one cheats just once if they continue to get away with it. They should be counting their blessings that they even get to keep their rings. Hey Coach Belichick, put that and your oversized sweatshirt in your pipe and smoke it.

Speaking of cheaters, Senator George Mitchell disclosed one or two in his report last month. Within the report, there are files on 83 current and retired baseball players who are alleged users of human growth hormones or anabolic steroids. And experts say that this only scratches the surface of steroid use in baseball over the past twenty years.

So far, some players have openly denied any truth to these reports, some have admitted to minor use of mentioned supplements, and still others have yet to speak out, probably because the steroids have caused their mouth muscles to be too big to talk. As far as I'm concerned, the factual evidence of this report is overwhelmingly blatant, and Bud Selig should warm up his fingers for a great deal of asterisk typing. One may argue that the extent of a player's use of either HGH or steroids could be insignificant, but the lack of an asterisk next to the statistics of these guilty players severely hurts those who are innocent. Now, barring a similar future report, players like Greg Maddux who have been overshadowed by cheaters such as Roger Clemens will gain the recognition they deserve in the form of asterisk-free statistics.

With the path that modern-day sports are taking, it won't be long before the asterisk gets a key of its own on your keyboard. As long as Barry Bonds hoists the Home Run crown above his steroid-induced head and Bill Belichick's hand is worth more than a small country's GDP, this era in sports will be known as the Age of the Asterisk. And hey, with the rising rate of Adderall use among college students, I wouldn't be surprised to see GPAs with little asterisks next to them saying "Student used performance-enhancing drugs."

# sports



## ondeck

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Men's Basketball						vs. Bridgewater 7:00 p.m.	
Women's Basketball		at EMU 7:00 p.m.			vs. Lynchburg 6:00 p.m.		
Men's Swimming					at RMC 7:30 p.m.		
Women's Swimming					at RMC 7:30 p.m.		
Wrestling						W&L quad 12:00 p.m.	
Track						at Marietta 11:00 a.m.	

## in the numbers

### 201

The number of rushing yards by Green Bay running back Ryan Grant.

Grant fumbled twice in the first quarter, leading to a pair of touchdowns for the Seahawks. He recovered, however, to set a career high in yards gained as the Packers beat the Seahawks 42-20 in conditions ESPN.com called "like a snow globe."

### 45

The number of points scored by Greg Bienemann and Femi Kusimo as the men's basketball team beat Eastern Mennonite Wednesday. The Generals are now 6-4 and have a four game winning streak.

### 1989-90

The last season that the men's basketball team won four games in a row.

### 93

Tom Brady's completion percentage against the Jaguars. Brady completed 26 of his 28 passes, finishing with 262 yards and three touchdown passes. The Patriots became the second team to ever go 17-0, matching the 1972 Miami Dolphins. The Pats will host next weekend's AFC Championship as they continue their run at the NFL's first 19-0 season in history.

## soapbox

"I've been hoping for that for 17 years. I was watching the weather all day and it's a shame, I'm like, 'Just give us one of those big snow games.' I wanted to play where you couldn't see the field, and the snowplow comes out. It keeps getting worse and worse."

**Green Bay Packers Quarterback Brett Favre after his team defeated the Seahawks in the middle of a massive snowstorm, courtesy of ESPN.com**

"I remember when I was young it was one of my goals. I wanted to be the best American skier ever. I think that's what I am. It's nice to have the numbers to back that up."

**U.S. skier Bode Miller after winning the Lauberhorn downhill in Switzerland. Miller's win gave him 27 World Cup victories, tying Phil Mahre's U.S. record.**

"Greg and I were able to be so effective against EMU because they had to respect the shooters on our team so it gave us room to work."

**Men's basketball forward Femi Kusimo on the 45 points he and Greg Bienemann put up last week against Eastern Mennonite.**



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Generals huddle to congratulate Marymount and Wingate after Saturday's home meet.

# Relay secures victory

Men dominate Marymount, squeeze by Wingate; women end meet at 1-1

By Michael Keenan  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swimming teams returned to action for the first time following their annual winter training trip as they took on Wingate and Marymount. For the men, it was a chance to see how they stacked up against a Wingate team that nearly took the Bluegrass Mountain Conference title from them last year. In a thrilling finale, the men won the meet in the final relay and beat Wingate 133-129. The women fell to Wingate 160-101, but both teams beat Marymount; the men by a 222-37 score and the women by 184.5-70.5.

The men trailed most of the meet and were down by nine points with just three events remaining, the 100 butterfly, 200 individual medley and 400 free relay. Led by sophomore Josh Gonzalez, the Generals dominated the 100 fly taking first, third and fourth. Gonzalez touched the wall in 53.26, just 0.14 seconds ahead of Wingate sophomore Scott Stevens. Freshman Brandon

Wilder and sophomore Winston Stagg also finished in under 54 seconds to secure third and fourth and tie the meet 113-113 with two events to go. Wingate regained the lead after the 200 IM with sophomore Kyle Corcoran's win.

With only one event remaining, the men trailed by five points. If the Generals won the final relay, the meet would be tied. If they could take first and third, the meet was theirs. Though the Generals' top relay of seniors Tim McGlaston and Alex Sweet, junior Brett Tatman and sophomore Brandon Barnds jumped out to a commanding early lead that was never challenged, the battle for third place remained in doubt. After the first two legs, sophomores Nick Talluri and Jonathan Giesen had opened a second-and-a-half lead over Wingate's B team in the battle for third. Swimming third, Gonzalez more than doubled the lead to over three seconds and junior Chris Diebold anchored to secure third place and the team victory for the Generals.

The win was a total team effort. The duo of Sweet and

McGlaston dominated the sprint freestyle events for the Generals finishing first and second in both the 50 free and the 100 free. Sweet won the 50 free in 20.80 with McGlaston just a tenth of a second behind. Sweet then picked up his second individual victory of the day when he bested McGlaston by half a second in the 100 free, finishing in a time of 46.75. Senior Will Hartman also chipped in a win in the 100 backstroke.

On the women's side, junior Lindsey Strachan and freshman Tess Hayden led the way with two individual victories each. Strachan won both backstroke events, the 100 back in a time of 1:02.03 and the 200 back in a time of 2:12.63. Hayden took first in the 1000 free, finishing the last 100 over three seconds faster than Wingate's Sarah Erickson to win in a time of 11:04.57. Hayden also won the 500 freestyle in 5:24.49. Freshman Jackie Smith won the 200 free in a time of 2:01.33.

With the wins, the men improve to 9-0 this season and the women's record sits at 7-5. Next up for the women

is a trip to defending ODAC champion Randolph-Macon for a dual meet on Jan. 18. The men don't return to action until they host Johns Hopkins for two-day duel on Jan. 25 and 26 in what will likely be their toughest test of the regular season.

## Speedy swims

- **53.26 sec.** - Josh Gonzalez's time in the 100m butterfly.
- **20.80 sec.** - Alex Sweet's time in the 50m freestyle, beating teammate Tim McGlaston by .1 seconds.
- **1:02.03** - Lindsey Strachan's time in the 100m backstroke.

# Men's bball makes habit of winning

Loss to Roanoke ends four-game winning streak, but team is still 6-5

By Hank Nathan  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee men's basketball team is on a role, extending its winning streak to four games this week.

A 71-64 home loss to Roanoke halted that streak Sunday, as Roanoke pulled away in the second half despite 28 points from Greg Bienemann.

The game was tied at half-time, but the Generals went cold in the second half, hitting just two of their 14 three-point attempts.

Since losing to conference rival Virginia Wesleyan over a month ago, the Generals have hit their stride as they head into conference play. W&L won its own tournament over Winter Break and defeated Goucher College on the road before beginning the heart of its schedule.

The win against Eastern Mennonite University on Wednesday marked the first four-game winning streak for the program since the 1989-1990 season. Coach Adam Hutchinson credits better execution and cohesion for the team's success.

"Our offensive execution has improved since the beginning of the season," said Hutchinson. "We seem to have greater trust in each other and are more willing to share the ball."

On Wednesday, W&L opened the contest against Eastern Mennonite with two quick layups by senior captain Femi Kusimo to take a quick

ly narrowed the gap to two points, 17-15, at the midway point in the first half. W&L went on some small scoring runs, but Eastern Mennonite was right there to counter.

W&L built an 11-point lead on a layup by senior captain Bienemann with roughly five minutes left in the first half. Junior Ryan Owens also contributed to the highlight reel

The Royals answered with a 9-0 run, but W&L countered with an impressive 13-0 run of its own, making the score 70-50. Fellow captains Kusimo and Bienemann combined for 10 of the 13 points during the scoring run. The team went into cruise control after that, winning the game 79-65.

Bienemann and Kusimo combined for a staggering 45 points in the win, including a season-best 21 points by Kusimo. Junior Kirk Jones also added 11 points in the effort.

Kusimo attributed his and Bienemann's success to strong guard play.

"Greg and I were able to be so effective against EMU because they had to respect the shooters on our team so it gave us room to work," Kusimo said.

He also said that defense and working as a team are pivotal in marinating success.

"For the winning streak to continue, we have to keep playing tough defense and keep playing unselfishly on offense."

Washington & Lee is now 6-4 overall and 2-1 in conference as the team begins a 15-game in-conference stretch.

*"Our offensive execution has improved since the beginning of the season. We seem to have greater trust in each other and are more willing to share the ball."*

**ADAM HUTCHINSON, head coach**

4-0 advantage. The Royals did not score until three minutes into the game which is a testament to the Generals defense. During the winning streak, W&L has held all of their opponents to under 70 points.

Seven minutes into the game, the Generals had a commanding 10-point lead, which included a dunk by sophomore Zac White.

However, the Royals quick-

with a dunk of his own. The team took control from then on and ended the first half up 42-35.

The Generals came out firing in the second half the same way they did in the first with a layup by Kusimo. The team continued to distance themselves over their opponent, increasing the lead to 16 at the five-minute mark into the second half.