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What is an ombudsman?

Clark Hoyt of the New York Times explains his role of upholding the standards of the Times

By Jessica Strait
STAFF WRITER

Public Editor and Pulitzer-Prize winner Clark Hoyt gave his audience an inside look at his job as an ombudsman for the New York Times—one who receives and processes complaints directed at the paper—and shared what he has learned in his 42 years as a reporter and editor on Friday.

Hoyt was the Keynote Speaker for the 46th Institute on Ethics & Journalism, held every year as a chance for distinguished visitors to gather for the weekend to discuss ethics in the journalism profession.

Hoyt explained his role as a "shock absorber" for readers who are critical of the Times. His job is to investigate issues readers find fault with and respond in a column he writes three times a month.

On a busy day, he receives 2,000 messages from readers. Many complaints often deal with readers reacting to a story they found biased or exaggerated.

While Hoyt works for the Times, he is not technically an employee. As an ombudsman, Hoyt is not allowed to be employed by the Times before, during or after having that job.

"I have an independent contract, no boss and no job description," he said.

Hoyt explained there was controversy over where to place his office when the Times moved buildings, because, as he said, "No department wanted to be near me." The solution was to place him near the wedding

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Clark Hoyt, New York Times Public Editor and Ombudsman

announcement section.

"I like my neighbors," Hoyt joked.

While Hoyt's job description is to berate reporters and their stories in his column, he said that overall his reception at the paper has been professional and cordial if occasionally unfriendly. Hoyt said his job of holding the newspaper to its own high standard of journalism far outweighs any chilly treatment he receives. He is the Times' third public editor, a position that was created following the Jason Blair scandal, which involved a reporter fabricating stories.

The audience was very attentive to Hoyt as he spoke honestly of mistakes the newspaper has made that could have been prevented with some more research. He also discussed recent events, including the election and readers' habits of accusing papers of having political biases.

"Another bias of newspapers is that stories wash by quickly and we don't go back to things," he said.

He amused the audience with anecdotes from his work at the Times. Hoyt said a French journalist once sent him a story to run (in French), and one reader sent the Times a \$20,000 bill for all the Opinion Editorial articles he had sent over the years that had been rejected.

"My job is always educational," he said.

Hoyt addressed the concerns of the financial crisis and the hard times facing newspapers. He said recent job cuts mean fewer reporters are keeping watch of public institutions. While there is still demand for journalism, the future is unclear, Hoyt said.

"I believe society needs and will always value news that good journalists produce," he said. "I don't know the future, but that is the opportunity for young people today."

Hoyt followed with a Q & A session with the audience. The Institute on Ethics and Journalism began Friday morning and continued through Saturday afternoon.

Colonnade campers



Photo courtesy of W&L Web site

Sophomore Hannah Kollef studies in one of the many shelters on the Colonnade last week. Elliott O'Brien of Nabors Service League started the initiative as part of W&L's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. See full article on page 2.

Weekend of thefts

Break-ins occur at Kappa Alpha and an apartment

By Jamie Kim
STAFF WRITER

The honor system is a defining aspect of life at Washington and Lee, and most often it is respectfully observed by the community members. But sometimes, students rely too much on the honor system and become targets when people outside the Washington and Lee community choose to violate that trust.

On the night of Saturday, Nov. 1, students at Kappa Alpha fraternity were having a party downstairs while some people were in their rooms upstairs. Sophomore Marshall "Skip" Wood was upstairs when he heard people talking about things being gone.

"I walked into my room and found that my backpack and other things were missing," he said.

He came back out into the hallway and noticed someone carrying a backpack that looked like his.

"He quickly left, and I called the security," said Wood. "I found my backpack downstairs behind a trash can. It seemed like he hid it there and was going to pick it up later."

Local police later caught the thief in a car that was parked on Massie Street. The thief was Jesse Steven Warren, a 19-year-old from Georgia, according to the police report.

Sgt. M. E. Huffman said in his report that he and other police officers were patrolling the Massie Street area when they found Warren sitting in a car with his hood over his head.

"We stopped and asked him what he was doing," said Huffman.

"He stated that he was tired and going to go to sleep. We asked if it was his car and he stated that it was a friend's vehicle."

Detecting a strong odor of alcohol, Huffman then had Warren come out of the car.

"Upon search of the suspect, multiple cell phones and iPods were found in his pants pockets, along with money and other items," Huffman said. I asked him if all of the cell phones were his and he stated that one belonged to his brother and another to his wife and that one was his."

"I was surprised...I'm from New Jersey, so I'm used to locking the doors and not leaving anything inside. But in Lexington, you don't expect things like this to happen."

Bethany Ridenhour, senior

Warren later confessed that he had taken the items from a party he was attending. Wood said Warren was at a party at another nearby fraternity house, after which he came to KA and walked inside and stole the items.

Another KA, brother Carson Haddow, was also one of the victims of the burglary. He said most people at the time did not pay much attention to Warren, thinking he was another W&L student.

"We thought he was somebody we didn't know because we had a party downstairs from 10 to 12,"

Haddow said.

Although all stolen things were returned to them, members of KA were quite startled by this incident, Haddow said. To their knowledge, it had never happened before.

"Some of them started to lock their doors, and we had our broken doors fixed by the school," he said. "We're now being more aware of who is coming into the house."

"We have always had a dozen issues a year with theft," said Public Safety Director Mike Young. "Most often it is people outside the community who steal. We've had theft

basketball practice the day before, she made sure the car was locked before going inside her apartment. But when she got back to the car next morning, she realized some things were missing.

"I usually leave my iPod and wallet in my car, and I noticed that my iPod and certain cards and money were taken away. I reported to the police, but they said the odds of getting anything back weren't much," said Ridenhour. "I was surprised. I've never had anything stolen before. I'm from New Jersey, so I'm used to locking the doors and not leaving anything inside. But in Lexington, you don't expect things like this to happen."

Young cautioned students against being too lax about their security.

"Because we have an honor code here, people have a false sense of security. They really believe they can have their doors unlocked," Young said. "But in reality, they can't. If they unlock their doors, people are going to come in because they can. [W&L] is certainly a better place than other places, but people still need to be aware of their security."

Dean Brandon Dotson shared a similar view with Young. Although most people in the W&L community follow the honor code and respect each other, there are those outside the school who can easily violate the community of trust.

"I strongly recommend that students practice good decisions when it comes to safety. If you find someone suspicious, report to security," said Dotson. "We live in a real society where crime is just as prevalent as anywhere else."

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Students sleep in shelters for the hungry and homeless

Initiative builds tents from recycled materials, students sleep on Colonnade to raise homelessness awareness

By Brett Holton
COPY EDITOR

The Colonnade's hallmark red-brick-white-column facade was the stage for the biggest, and arguably most profound, event during Washington and Lee's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

For five days, students seeking to raise awareness of these two growing national problems set up and slept in makeshift tents along the Colonnade. The initiative was started by Elliott O'Brien, Issues Awareness Chair of the Nabors Service League.

O'Brien got the idea to set up the display along the Colonnade after visiting Washington, D.C., several times to help with the homeless problem there. He and several others occasionally volunteer for "Midnight Runs" where they ride around D.C. and distribute food, water, and es-

pecially at this time of the year, warm clothing to people living on the streets.

"We get a lot of good feedback from homeless people when we do it," O'Brien said. "They appreciate it when people go out of their way to help them. At the end of the day, everyone likes to be cared for and listened to."

It was this positive response in D.C. that got O'Brien so involved in the campus movement to increase awareness.

Aiming to accurately representing homelessness, O'Brien worked with the head of W&L's recycling facilities, and constructed the tents entirely from recyclable materials found around campus, from leftovers at Facilities Management to scraps from Leyburn Library construction.

But in perhaps the boldest attempt to truly convey the spirit of homelessness, O'Brien said he chose not to obtain the admin-

istration's permission to make camp along the Colonnade.

"I was... aware that because of the placement, it was unlikely that the administration would give advance permission," he said. "When you think about the reality of homelessness, homeless people don't have permission to [be where they are]. They occupy a space, and sit where they sit until they get kicked out."

O'Brien said they were fully ready to move the display if need be, but it never came to that.

"It did feel nerve-racking going into it, but it was a case of no response is good response."

During his time "living" on the Colonnade, O'Brien said he noticed a very encouraging reaction from passers-by.

"The thing that made me feel positive about it is, there were a few people who turned up and said, 'Where can I sign up?' There was quite a bit of excite-

ment, which is what I was trying to generate."

Linnea Bond, one of the Colonnade campers, described her experience as truly eye-opening and certainly humbling.

"It was really uncomfortable, my back hurt every day," said Bond. "It rained the first night... and as I walking through the commons I could smell myself. I was kind of embarrassed."

Through all this, though, Bond says she felt she did a good thing as far as raising campus awareness.

"People seemed a little surprised, maybe confused at first. There was some negative attitude... but I think people really noticed and the majority of people thought it was interesting. It was impossible not to be affected in some way."

Jenna Walls, General Chair of Nabors Service League, commended the creativity and effec-

tiveness of O'Brien's living display.

"The major thing [we were] trying to convey is that we go to such a prestigious and such a well endowed university and being in the Lexington area we...are in a bubble," said Walls. "Elliott wanted to make a statement...by putting [the display] directly on our Colonnade inside the bubble we live in every day."

"I think it definitely got across and we were really happy with it," she added.

However, Walls said, getting the events of the week started was an uphill battle.

"The first major thing we had to concentrate on was the financial commitment," said Walls. "That took a bit of work making sure we had the money in our budget."

The money was used to bring in and host members of the Urban Ministry Center out of Charlotte,

NC. According to their Web site, the Center's mission is to address the needs of the homeless with "love, compassion and tangible help."

Visitors from the Center included some of their staff, as well as some formerly homeless people.

"They gave us a great human, personal perspective on this issue," said Robbie Turner, advisor for both the Bonner Leader Program and Campus Kitchens.

Though Turner was not directly involved in setting up the events of the week, he offered support to the students who had a hand in coordinating the awareness efforts.

"It was a phenomenal week," he said, "and really hopefully reminded us all of...these issues, and how we can work to alleviate the suffering caused by them."

Homelessness and illness Doctoral candidate makes comparison to mental illnesses

By Rosemary Kelley
STAFF WRITER

One in three homeless people in the United States are afflicted with a mental illness, according to Neely Myers, a doctoral candidate at the University of Chicago. Myers spoke last Monday to a small group of students and faculty members as part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week.

Her speech, entitled "Psychiatric Disability Homelessness and the American Institutional Circuit" spoke to the cyclical relationship between mental disease and homelessness.

Psychiatric disability ranges

from depression to schizophrenia. Myers addressed several interconnections between homelessness and these mental diseases.

The lack of community support services for those suffering from mental disability contributes towards homelessness, Myers said.

With no healthcare support, those facing the deleterious effects of a mental disability cannot obtain the necessary medicinal solutions. Individuals may turn to self medication, including drugs, alcohol and other coping mechanisms. These choices give rise to perpetuation of crises.

Individuals are further afflicted with emotional, physical and mental troubles. With a lack of housing, those on shelter wait lists enter the streets, mental diseases increase in likelihood of striking, and the cycle of negative interconnected forces perpetuates.

The American institutional circuit is the support from shelters, hotels, streets, jails and the emergency psychiatric ward. However, these supports fail to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness, Myers said.

On the positive side, shelters provide a warm space, bathrooms

and meals. Despite this, there are high crime rates, increased risks of communal disease, noisy living and no storage.

As an alternative, the streets may provide some sense of community. However, they force individuals to stay up at night and sleep during the day, with no bathroom or shower capabilities. There may be freedom of choice to live on the streets, but there is an incredible risk of danger in making that choice.

The homeless have an increased likelihood of emotional distress when living on the institutional circuit. This distress per-

petuates as an inability to escape the effects when medical treatment is unavailable.

When asked about a comprehensive solution to homelessness, Professor Harlan Beckley, director of the Shepherd Poverty Program, said, "To deal with issues of healthcare and public health are critical...I think that some sort of housing policy is definitely part of it."

The lack of affordable housing and adequate healthcare are the main instigators of homelessness and its negative effects, Myers said. She suggested several individual solutions to the range of in-

terconnected problems, including supported employment housing, an adjustment of the Social Security Disability Index, universal healthcare, anti-stigma campaigns and an increase in funds for non-medical treatment programs.

Inadequate solutions fail to ameliorate the effects of homelessness inhibit complete eradication of the epidemic. Myers stressed the need to address the interconnections between poverty, homelessness and mental disability.



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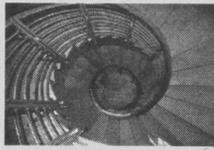
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Honorable and very vulnerable

Just because we don't steal doesn't mean thieves can't come to Lexington

Time for another conversation on the failures of the honor system. But this time it's something serious.

On the weekend of Nov. 1, a 19-year-old from Georgia stole several cell phones and iPods from the Kappa Alpha fraternity house during a party, and another student reported an iPod, money, and cards stolen from her car parked near her apartment.

Later that week a security guard said that a student returned to his car in the Woods Creek parking lot to find a stranger sitting in it.

As students following the precious honor system, we assume that none of our belongings will ever go missing, just because Robert E. Lee told us that gentlemen never lie, cheat, or steal. We are even told as visiting high school students that the beauty of the honor system is that we don't ever have to lock our doors, and we can leave our valuables lying around on campus and they will still be there days later.

Can we really be that trusting?

Sure, I know students never lock their dorm rooms, and most of the time, everything is safe. But an unlocked car in a parking lot or garage gives free access to anyone. Can you imagine leaving your car unlocked in any big city? Your stuff—maybe even the car—would likely be gone in minutes.

Leaving your laptop in the library might be fine for an hour or so, but how do you really know? Students may not know this, but Public Safety reports that valuable items are stolen from the library every year.

And frat parties where everyone and anyone can walk in from the street? Be careful, guys. If you're having a party in your basement, it can't be that hard to lock your rooms upstairs. You might have been lucky so far, but you'll regret it next time if your iPod—or laptop or camera or cash—is missing in the morning.

With such an open attitude on this campus, we've definitely been living under a false sense of security. And thieves looking for an easy break-in know how careless and unaware our students can be when it comes to protecting our belongings.

The honor system doesn't extend to the outside community. We may think W&L and Lexington are safe, but we don't live in a walled city. Lock your cars, keep your stuff safe. Don't be the next one to be taken advantage of.

Welcome to the USSA

Stockton Bullitt shares his predictions for the future

By Stockton Bullitt
COLUMNIST

After November 4, I saw plenty of Republicans walking around campus with worried looks.

Now that they live in a blue town, in a blue state, with a blue Senate, blue House, blue President, and what could be in a couple of years a blue judiciary, they look quite, well, blue. But please, do not fret Reagan-lovers. As a consolation prize, I thought it would be nice to share with you the Democrats' real plan for the next four years that we have been devising since Earl Warren died.

Most of the good stuff will happen in the first 100 days because we Democrats like doing things in 100-day increments since it makes us feel like Napoleon. We will renege the decision of Prop 8 in California since it obviously was not really done democratically and will hurt the sales of the new movie "Milk."

We will make sure that abortion is held up when Judge Roberts is mysteriously killed in a freak accident that also takes out Karl Rove and Dick Cheney. Chief Justice Hilary Clinton will read the Constitution like an

English teacher, that is focusing on the themes and main ideas as opposed to what it actually says, which as well all know is irrelevant. But do not worry, we will not outlaw guns as Joe Biden continues to remind people. Bullets, on the other hand, are quite out of the question. They can hurt people, and Democrats do not want feelings, let alone body parts being injured.

Democratic Senator Zell Miller did an outrageous thing at the 2004 RNC when he told all you Republicans that Kerry planned to arm the troops with spitballs. We should never have let him in on the secret. Luckily, we sent Joe Lieberman into your camp as a spy on the McCain campaign. I mean, he is from New England, what did you expect? And if you don't like to abide by this War on Bullets, we will send PETA members to your hunting sites, and you wouldn't want blood thrown on your hunting gear and pickup trucks, would you?

Finally, since the ACLU now has enough of a voice in the government, it will be now be legal to yell "Fire" in a crowded room due to free speech, just as long as you do not say "God" or "Jesus." On that note, we will

replace "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance with "One Nation under Barack Obama" or "One Nation under hope." We do not want to offend the atheist eight-year-olds in elementary school, and we will be nice enough to let you, the people, decide whether it should be Barack Obama or hope. And we will allow Southern statehouses to have the Ten Commandments shown on their property, of course as long as they are juxtaposed with scripture from the Qur'an.

Yes, you got us, Barack Obama was sent here by terrorists. Don't let the fact that he is from Kenya, which was bombed by Osama Bin Laden in 1998, fool you. We gave you all the signs (his middle name, Jeremiah Wright, Bill Ayers), and you still could not pick that up. We Democrats, having no guns, will gladly welcome in those terrorists as liberators. Since even terrorists deserve a voice, we will spend a great deal of time listening and evaluating what they have to say, while Kim Jong Il invades from the west.

But don't you worry, that won't happen for a while. First, we need to fix the economy. And what better way to fix the econ-

omy then with a fixed economy? Yep, that's right, Socialism! Obama will increase your taxes as McCain regretfully pointed out, but he never said how much. Your 100% tax will help the state and our glorious country; at least that's how Comrade Obama explains it. And you wondered why we had so many posters with Barack's face on them. That was because everyone is going to need an Obama poster in their house, preferably over their dining room table, a la Stalin and Mao. Speaking of Mao, we will be sure to help literacy in the classroom by giving everyone a nice Little Blue Book, which will be *The Audacity of Hope* but in a smaller, paperback version. Don't worry; you can still get it on tape.

So, get excited Republicans! While your senior year here in Lexington will now involve being allocated to whatever job best suits your ability or whatever jobs best suits the country's need, you can still enjoy yourself in neighboring cities when the Democratic initiative changes Richmond into Sodom and Roanoke into Gomorrah. Hope you don't feel too blue about having a donkey represent your country. Yes we can!

An open letter to the next president

Barack shouldn't forget that the youth are inheriting post-Obama America

By Jacob Geiger
COLUMNIST

Dear Barack,

Should we call you President Obama? Or can we still call you Barack?

Anyway, congrats on the big win. I know you must be pretty happy that you won a higher percentage of the popular vote than any Democrat since Lyndon Johnson knocked off a curmudgeonly old senator from Arizona in 1964. That'd be Barry Goldwater, not John McCain, by the way.

I know you're busy celebrating your victory, hiring advisors and picking out a new puppy for your daughters, but I wanted to offer you a bit of advice from the young voters who helped push you into the White House Tuesday.

You won about two-thirds of the votes from people age 18-29. We only make up about 20 percent of the electorate, but there are more of us than

there are people who are 65 and older.

That's pretty impressive. But I hope you'll remember that 35 percent of us didn't vote for you. As you govern in the next four years, try to win some of that 35 percent over. You'll never make everyone happy, but at least you'll do better than George Bush, who made everyone unhappy.

So as you start laying out your policy agenda for the next four years, don't forget that you owe us. We're the ones who helped make this possible.

Your first priority, obviously, is to fix our nation's economy. The stock market has dropped below 9,000 from its high above 14,000 last year. Wall Street titans like Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers are extinct. Consumer spending last month suffered its biggest drop in 30 years. Unemployment is rising.

We know that government spending is going to be a key part of helping us out of the re-

cession. We know that means running up a budget deficit that could reach \$1 trillion next year.

But here's the catch. As the Treasury Department starts throwing billions of dollars around, try to remember that you're sticking us — the people under 30 — with that debt. You're sticking your cute little daughters with that debt.

If you're going to run up a massive debt, at least invest in some badly needed infrastructure investments. That means more roads, more money to fill potholes and work to replace bridges that are starting to show their age. That means improvements in our nation's rail networks, including right here in the Shenandoah Valley, to move tractor-trailers off the road and onto trains.

You're also inheriting two wars, in Iraq and Afghanistan. Nearly 5,000 Americans have died in those two places. Most of them were our age, our gen-

eration, our friends. Many of us want to see them come home — soon — but I think all of us want to make sure those 5,000 friends haven't died in vain.

There are plenty of other problems that I haven't touched on. We could talk about global warming, social security, health care and a bunch of other problems.

But as you lead the nation as our first African-American president, remember that we're the ones who helped make this possible.

We're the ones who will have to pay off the incredible debts our government is running up. We're the ones watching friends and classmates go off to war. We're the ones who may have to deal with the effects of global warming.

Govern for everyone. But remember that we're the ones who will be around the longest.

Thanks,
The under-30 crowd

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Guerilla activists

Beauchamp likes the Colonnade bums

By Cody Beauchamp
OPINIONS EDITOR

This week, my pleasant daily walk to Tucker was invaded by bums.

In case you didn't go anywhere near the Colonnade this past week, a number of students basically turned it into the hobo-filled underside of an urban bridge.

It was a bold visual flourish, precisely because it made us contemplate homelessness in a very 'in-your-face' way.

Our beautiful Colonnade was marred by the mock homeless.

That is to say - in the most beautiful, idyllic spot on campus, a very real social problem reared its ugly head.

Wow. That's provocative. Poetry, really.

Of course, I'm sure I've irritated all of those guerilla activists by throwing around words like 'bum,' 'hobo,' etc.

That's hardly respectful, I'll grant.

But it's how most of us think about the homeless, if we're really honest with ourselves.

And that's part of why the demonstration was so effective, I think.

I was upset when I first saw the unsightly - aesthetically unappealing - shelters students were sleeping in.

I wasn't happy that my very pleasant daily activity was being invaded by ugly reality.

But then I thought that maybe that's the point.

At Washington and Lee, we live in a bubble.

We're pretty socioeconomically sheltered, on top of spending most of our time in either beautiful historic buildings, palatial Greek houses, or at 'trashed,' 'party-houses' that are in reality better housing than most people in Lexington have.

We don't do much to help the needy as a campus, and I think it's in part because we can always escape from the reality that the less fortunate even exist.

Usually, we can escape back into our BMW'ed, Ralph Lauren'ed, future I-bankers-bubble.

Usually. Not last week though. Good job, activists.

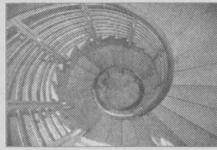
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letter to the editor Classy concession

College Republicans say congrats

Dear College Democrats and Senator Obama,

On behalf of the W&L College Republicans, we congratulate you on this historic victory. When Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his 'I have a dream' speech on the steps of the Lincoln memorial, this must have been the moment of which he spoke. There can be no doubt of the magnitude and significance of this election. We congratulate not only your party, but the country, in its ability to change.

It would be easy for us to fall to the temptation and use this moment to say how cyclical politics is and that we will be back, but we will not. This is your moment. You have deserved our respect.

None of us will ever forget this election. It teaches us to believe in things we thought were impossible and to believe in ourselves as Americans.

Of course, some might say our own efforts proved meaningless. As the College Republicans, we do not regret knocking on a single door. We do not regret a single phone call or a single yard sign posted. We are proud of our campaigning and proud of yours. To all on this campus who stand on principles, whichever principles, win or lose, you are all great Americans.

In its name, Washington and Lee University recognizes two such Americans, who fought for ideals. One man won. One man lost. However, loss is not without pride and victory is not without cost. Today, we must recognize that victors do not have exclusive ownership of greatness, but neither do they have exclusive ownership of responsibility. Republicans everywhere must now get to work, never surrendering the idea of America to petty political parties. We both have too much at stake to hold political grudges.

It would be wrong to say we're not disappointed, but it would be equally wrong to say that we do not hope the next four years prove to be more prosperous than the last four years. America has no (R) or (D) next to its name. We only ask that you recognize what we fight for and why we fight. With such graciousness at hand, your party can govern in a respectful and truly progressive manner.

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations." Abraham Lincoln

With great respect,
Scott Graham Centorino
President, W&L College Republicans

letter to the editor Ruscio is a good man

Sophomore Christian Roden takes Patrick Bradley - and students - to task

I hope that Mr. Bradley's letter of last week (see: "Dear Ken: Quit Being a Coward"), stimulated a thoughtful and appropriate response. I can only hope this, however, because rarely have I read such a spiteful and vile attack on an individual I have the honor to know on a personal basis and whom I respect immensely.

Mr. Bradley does highlight the most pressing issue Washington and Lee faces: gender relations, within both the student body and the faculty and staff.

No reasonably intelligent person could say that our campus does not have a problem.

Our list of shortcomings in this area is long and depressingly serious, including a regularly flooded health center (especially during rush and "Tear Night" festivities) and disgraceful student conduct at events like last year's Gender Relations Panel and this year's Diversity Panel.

Having acknowledged these problems, I still feel confident enough to criticize Mr. Bradley's attack on President Ruscio.

Because I have worked for President Ruscio for the last year and a half, I know him to be an individual most dedicated to the development of academically healthy and active students.

In his position, this means fostering an environment where students can develop without worrying about facing warped views on gender roles.

The problems we have had on this campus relating to gender relations are of immense

concern to President Ruscio, whether they be alcohol-induced rapes at a party, or seemingly overpowering stereotypes about women in academic settings.

President Ruscio is not a coward, nor is he a bully. He is a thoughtful and deliberate leader, who is only taking his time because he wants to reach the best solution that will not have any unintended negative consequences.

As a student, I am not privy to many of the disagreements within the faculty about gender.

I do know, however, that in the thirty-five years since Wash-

ington and Lee hired its first woman faculty member, we have made immense progress.

Some of the most popular and respected teachers in many departments, including English, Art History, Journalism, Physics, and Studio Art, are women. The list of women in high ranking administration jobs is long, including Dean Watkins, Dean Futrell, and Dean Ikeda. After President Ruscio took office, we hired our first ever female provost.

Unfortunately, I must admit

that Mr. Bradley is right on one issue. Washington and Lee does indeed "trumpet its ideals of community, honor, and civility", and yet, has elements to its culture that are the polar opposites to any reasonable notion of community, honor, and civility.

President Ruscio cannot wave a wand and magically force this campus to behave. Our university is structured so that these issues are student-governed.

Theoretically, it can be our greatest strength. Practically, it is our greatest weakness.

President Ruscio cannot wave a wand and magically force this campus to behave...The honor system is only effective as long as...students are willing to hold themselves to it...

The honor system is only effective as long as the overwhelming majority of students are willing to hold themselves to its high and strict ideals—both in and out of the classroom.

We cannot call ourselves honorable if we refuse to cheat on a test, but then seek to have non-consensual sex with a drunken individual at the next party. The best President Ruscio can do is to fulfill his job description: to foster a healthy environment for his students. Doing this means that he must ask students

to be willing to change the *status quo* (or, the way things are, if Mr. Bradley insists on vernacular translations). It's a time-consuming process, one where students must meet the President halfway.

I will end this with a message directly for Mr. Bradley, and another for us, the student body. Mr. Bradley, do not criticize someone unless you understand his job description. Nor should you ignore the very real progress that has been made. And to the student body: Shame upon us for letting ourselves reach a state where someone *outside* the university feels it is necessary to criticize us.

The local community is watching us. If we do not live up to the standards we profess, how can we ever expect to truly make a difference anywhere, be it in politics, our families, or our local communities?

I ask you to be willing to take up the responsibility to overcome the stereotype we have made for ourselves.

It won't be easy...traditions, whether good or bad, die hard on this campus. It takes time for opinions to change.

If we wish to continue making any progress, we have to be willing to confront this issue, and accept the responsibility to act according to our duty: to be, in every sense of the titles, ladies and gentlemen.

Christian Roden, '11

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arts & life

“Midnight Run” for the homeless

Students from Nabors and Phi Beta Sigma deliver food, clothes and blankets to homeless in Washington, D.C.

By John Henderson
NEWS EDITOR

It is one thing to study homelessness, attend lectures and panels on homelessness and even sleep in make-shift homeless shelters on the Colonnade—it is quite another to see the deleterious effects of homelessness first hand and attend to the needs of the homeless, which is how a group of eight Washington and Lee students and one Lexington resident spent their evening last Friday.

Sponsored by the Nabors Service League and the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, the “Midnight Run” to Washington, D.C. was a chance for students to get up close and personal with homelessness at the culmination of Homelessness Awareness Week. Phi Beta Sigma Vice President Rashaq Lawal led the effort with the help of students from each year and the spouse of a W&L professor.

The group met at 2:00 p.m. on Friday in the Chavis house to prepare food, collect clothes and blankets to give away and go over the details of the trip. The Campus Kitchens Project donated buns and leftover chicken from the dining hall, which was cut up and used to make sandwiches. The group packed bananas, oranges and bottles of water to complete the meal.

With food packed and directions printed, the group de-

parted after 5:00 p.m. in two cars headed for Washington, D.C. Some participants had made the trip before and some were members of the Nabors Service League—others were new to the midnight run and had little experience with community service.

Around 9:00 the cars arrived at the intersection of P and 22nd streets in Northwest Washington, where the group was to meet two natives of Washington, D.C. who work with the homeless and were once homeless themselves.

Jesse and Brian are middle-aged African Americans who have similar personal stories of hard luck and redemption. Jesse, a fast-talking extrovert with a BA in Sociology and a minor in Urban Planning, recounted how his untimely divorce plunged him into depression, causing him to lose his job as a systems engineer at AT&T and take to the streets for four years as a homeless man.

Brian, a somber man who talks less, said simply, “My wife wanted to share things; I don’t like to share things. We couldn’t make it work.” Brian soon found himself on the streets and in homeless shelters, before escaping the “institutional circuit” to work with Jesse ministering to the homeless.

Jesse and Brian’s stories were not only interesting but revelatory, defying stereotypes

associated with homelessness. The group departed to see the reality of homelessness with Jesse and Brian as guides.

The first stop was McPherson Square, a public park between tall office buildings two blocks away from the White House. Jesse led several students down a path to the center of the park to see who was there, stopping at park benches along the way to arouse the occupants with an audible “hello!”

The group followed with the coolers and distributed the food and clothes as needed. Some homeless people were fast asleep and would not be woken; others got up immediately and wanted to chat. Most were polite, well spoken and friendly. One man sat comfortably on a bench with his legs crossed and discussed the effects of the financial crisis on the global economy as a professor might do with students over coffee.

The group left the cars at McPherson Square and walked to another park a few blocks away, where Jesse introduced the group to a man he had spent time with at a nearby homeless shelter. Jesse explained that as parks have been restricted and shelters handed over to developers, the homeless have been forced to move into the further reaches of the city where there is chronic violence and drug trafficking.

The group proceeded to a street where homeless people were sleeping in the doors and alcoves of office buildings. A group of about ten people slept side by side under piles of blankets and other insulating materials to fend off the coming cold of winter. One man had used a piece of cardboard to create a partition with his neighbor for some privacy.

Further down the street, students gave food and water to a man with scars on his forehead. Jesse said violence against the homeless is common, and more often than not it is caused by non-homeless passers-by.

In a small park at the intersection of two streets, the group handed out what was left of the food and clothes to a group of about a dozen homeless people. One outgoing man who identified himself as Sam cracked jokes with several students and correctly guessed that one student was Catholic. Sam wore a cross around his neck and blessed the departing group several times.

Having used up the food, the group headed back to the cars, dropped off Jesse and Brian at the church which is their base of operations and took a group picture. On the ride back to Lexington, it became clear what started as a trip to feed the hungry shifted perceptions of what it means to be homeless.

Homeless art

W&L displays artwork by homeless

By Jean Chapman
STAFF WRITER

As part of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, the same people who brought us the display of lean-tos on the Colonnade also sponsored an art show in the Commons living room beginning on Nov. 11. The art on display was created by homeless men and women who participate in the art program of Urban Ministries of Charlotte. The artwork is all “outsider art” meaning that no formal training or instruction is given to these artists; they are simply given free reign to express through art the experience of homelessness and share it with the world.

Co-coordinators Elliott O’Brien and Robbie Turner said that the art display was inspired by the alternative spring break trip taken by some students in the previous winter term. During the break, students had an opportunity to interact with the homeless who participated in the art and soccer programs of the Urban Ministries. According to O’Brien, this experience inspired the idea of an art show as part of Hunger and Homelessness Week. He said that typically they invited a group from D.C. to come to Lexington as part of this week, but they decided to invite the group from Charlotte in order to provide the students who participated in the alternate spring break trip with an opportunity to reunite with the people they had met during their time in North Carolina.

One of these students, senior Mackenzie Brown, said that she was excited to see the participants again, as well as see their artwork. Brown expressed particular enthusiasm for one artist, Frank Hall, whom she had met on her trip to Charlotte and purchased art from, which she says is now hanging in her apartment. She also explained that the art display was being produced in conjunction with a film that had recently been shown in the Stackhouse Theater, entitled “Kickin’ It” which followed events of the Homeless Soccer World Cup. The Homeless World Cup draws street soccer teams from around the world, including the team from Charlotte, and in the film also profiled one of the participants of the Urban Ministries with whom Washington and Lee students had a chance to interact.

Robb Cann, a representative of Urban Ministries, said that he became involved in UM through this soccer program. He was contacted by his brother and was invited to become a soccer coach for the street soccer team and helped prepare them for the World Cup. After this experience, Cann became involved full time. He explained that the purpose of Urban Ministries, and in particular the art and soccer programs, is to use these activities as a way to break down social work and increase trust between the homeless participants and those present to help them. Cann said that one of the main goals is to form relationships with the participants and discover the root causes of their homelessness. In order to participate in the programs, individuals work together with the United Ministries Teams to set both short and long-term goals to help them get out of their current situation.

The program which created the art on display in the Commons Living Room helps the homeless in two ways: first, it is used as a type of therapy for the participants and allows them to express their emotions and their experience of homelessness to the world. Second, the artwork is sold, and half of the proceeds go to support the program, while the other half goes directly to the artist in order to supplement their income. Aside from the wonderful program that spurred the creation of this art, the works themselves are remarkable. Ranging from paintings to mixed media to photography, the art is evocative, skillful, and moving. Bright colors, dramatic shadows, snippets of poetry, scenes both abstract and lifelike, all comprise this art display which challenges the viewer to understand both the meaning of the artwork and the experience that provoked it.

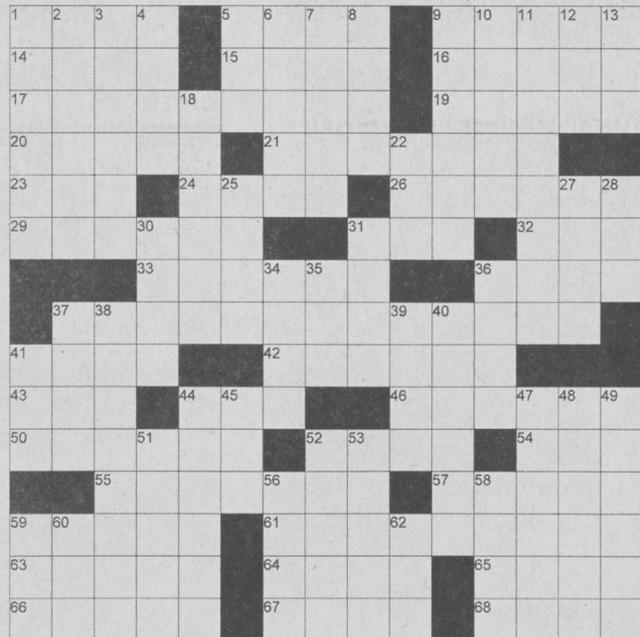
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1. Droops
5. Type of awareness
9. Like Lori Beth Denberg's information
14. 1994 Schwarzenegger film “___ Lies”
15. Eddie Murphy's “Beverly Hills Cop” character
16. Came up
17. With 37- and 61-Across, the subtitle of W&L Prof. Pamela Simpson's book on linoleum “Cheap, Quick, and Easy”
19. Fishing floats
20. Blood fluid
21. Navigator's need, perhaps
23. Hallow ending
24. It's got a few bits
25. Ship's banner
29. Le Penseur, e.g.
31. 1996 Steve Martin film “___ Bilko”
32. Role for Tony Randall with 7 faces
33. The press is the fourth one
36. Talk show guest's agenda, often
37. See 17-Across
41. Area code 801 area
42. Organ stop that can be super
43. Proverbial cookware
44. “Everybody Hurts” band
46. Lamb Chop, e.g.
50. Solitaire variant
52. October birthstone
54. Game show “___ Got a Secret”
55. It can involve wet-folds
57. Sleep disorder
59. Pachelbel had one in D major
61. See 17-Across



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63. Tequila source
64. Like Russell Simmons' farm
65. Eye problem
66. Administered
67. Beauty pageant wear
68. Albert Einstein's son

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1. Mushroom stems
2. Biceps band
3. French department
4. Collections
5. Senior's exam, perhaps
6. Be
7. “American Pie” locale
8. Former Revlon shampoo
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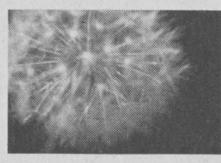
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28. Wassail alternative
30. Georgia school that's home of the Ramblin' Wreck
31. Branch
34. Bohr's study
35. Gumshoe
36. Get ready
37. Sitting on
38. Like fractions
39. Spanish appetizer
40. Like the Q in Iraq or Qatar
41. “The Big Brown Machine”
44. Stopped, as a cowboy
45. Piece of work?

47. Xbox 360 game “Viva ___”
48. British author Waugh
49. Does a hair-raising job?
51. Horde
52. Frozen food distributor ___ Steaks
53. They can surround souvlaki
56. Nigel Tufnel's go to 11
58. Posh's partner
59. Lowlife
60. Word in cyan at the start of “Star Wars”
62. Biblical verb suffix



arts & life

Photo exhibit will chronicle small town in Texas

Photographer Dave Anderson captured the struggle of small rural towns, Anderson to give talk on his new exhibit

By Jean Chapman
STAFF WRITER

Beginning on Nov. 10, photography by Dave Anderson will be featured in the Stanier Gallery, following the exhibit by Alberto Rey. Anderson's photography chronicles through images the small town of Vidor, Texas. Anderson, a primarily self-taught artist, presents his collection, entitled *Rough Beauty*, which will continue on display through Dec. 10, 2008.

Anderson collected photographs of Vidor during approximately 50 trips there between 2003 and 2006. In all of his images, Anderson shows the resilience of the small town in southeast Texas as it struggles to create a new identity for itself out of a difficult past. Vidor, a town known for generations because of its history of Klan action, is shown in a different light in this collection. Anderson's photography shows the hidden

beauty and the strength of this community as it deals with a difficult past and attempts to renew itself. *Rough Beauty* has received international renown, with acclaim from American, Canadian, and German media. This collection has been profiled on NPR, featured on Canadian television, and has won numerous awards, including winner of the Santa Fe Center for Photography Project Competition in 2005.

Anderson has worked full-time for the past three years as a fine art and commercial photographer, during which time he has been recognized as "one of the shooting stars of the American photo scene" by Germany's *fo-toMAGAZIN*. He has also been named to the top 30 list by *Photo District News*, placing him as one of the top emerging photographers of our era. Anderson's work has been featured in many top magazines including *Stern*,

ESPN, *Esquire*, and the *British Journal of Photography*, aside from *Photo District News*. His photography has been on display in various museums across the United States, most notably the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, the George Eastman House, the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, the Worcester Art Museum in Massachusetts and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art in New Orleans.

Anderson will give an artist's

talk on Wednesday, November 12 in the Wilson Concert Hall at 6:00 p.m. Afterward there will be a reception in the Wilson Atrium. All are encouraged to attend the talk and reception. Anderson will also be spending a week on campus here at Washington and Lee acting as Visiting Artist to the Art Department as part of his stay in the area.

Panel discusses experiences of homelessness

Formerly homeless men and women reveal the truth about the less fortunate, correct misconceptions about poverty

By Celeste Cruz-Carandang and Merritt Poling
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR AND STAFF WRITER

Despite the array of events for Hunger and Homeless Week, several students still did not know who the homeless truly were. Several still held many mistaken beliefs about what caused homelessness, who the homeless are and where homelessness is the most prevalent. A panel addressing this issue was held Thursday.

The Faces of Homelessness Panel gave the homeless a voice.

The panel was sponsored by Nabors Service League. Both staff and formerly homeless people from the Urban Ministry Center in Charlotte, NC were on the panel.

Those on the panel revealed

several little-known facts about the homeless. They also corrected several misconceptions about who the less fortunate truly are.

Roland Washington, a veteran and college graduate, admitted to being homeless for several months.

He said, "It was difficult at that time to find a job or find time to find an apartment. When my relationship failed I became homeless for six to eight months."

Washington is now a member of Homeless Helping Homeless.

Others on the panel also used their experiences on the street to help those who are currently homeless. Capone, who became

homeless at the age of fourteen, spoke of the value of his street smarts.

"I know I am a good advocate," Capone said. "I have lived with the people on the streets...slept under a bridge, slept in the woods and slept in the cold."

Capone also offered his insight on the association between drugs and homelessness. Although many students believed that drug use caused poverty, Capone had a different story to tell.

As one of two siblings, Capone tried to support his family when his father could not. He unfortunately had to turn to drug dealing to earn money for food.

"There were too many of us and [my father] couldn't support us...I did the next best thing and went out at age fourteen to make money as I best I could...I had to sell drugs just to get food."

Although some individuals became homeless while trying to support their families, others fell into the same situation because of a lack of family support.

Jaime Morgan told the audience about his difficulties with his parents.

"My mom and dad decided to take my car because they didn't approve of me being gay...I had no way to get to work...I lost my job and I lost my apartment."

However, a failed relation-

ship or filial difficulties are not the only reasons for hard times. Mental illness is also a leading cause.

Quinetta Williams said, "My mother could no longer deal with my schizophrenic and bipolar behaviors...I became completely homeless in 1995."

Williams was later banned from a women's shelter for the violent behaviors caused by her psychological disorders.

Liz Clayson Kelly, an employee of the Urban Ministry, echoed Williams' sentiments.

"Homelessness is a social epidemic," Kelly commented. "We know today that it is due largely to our own [national] policy on mental health care."

Despite the array of services available, some homeless people still refuse their help. But, this is not because of their own laziness.

Like many others, they retain their pride and sense of self-worth.

Capone commented, "I might be homeless, but I am still picky."

Williams, like Capone, did not turn to shelters or homes.

"I would have been one of the oldest people in an adult group home," said Williams. I refused their help and stayed on the streets. A lot of people don't realize that the homeless work the hardest."



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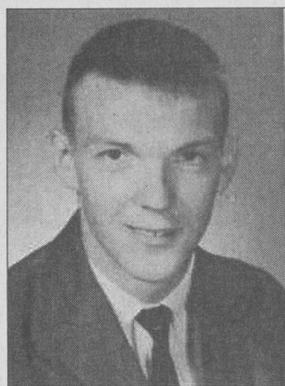
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A hometown hero

Buena Vista native Charlie Manuel wins World Series



CHARLES FUQUA MANUEL

By Will Dorrance
SPORTS EDITOR

On Route 60 on the way into Buena Vista, Va., there is a sign that reads, "Buena Vista's Charlie Manuel, Manager of the Philadelphia Phillies," but according to Mayor Mike Clements, it will soon be taken down.

The town plans to replace that sign with a new one acknowledging Charlie Manuel, a Buena Vista native, as a World Series champion.

There is no doubt that Buena Vista is proud of its most famous son and his team for beating the Tampa Bay Rays in five games last month. It was the Phillies first World Series crown since 1980 and Philadelphia's first major sports championship since 1983.

When Charlie was 12 years old, he moved with his parents and 10 siblings to Buena Vista from Grayson County, Va. His father, Charles Sr., became pastor of the Buena Vista Pentecostal Holiness Church, and the Manuel family lived in a parsonage a few houses down from the church.

As a child, Charlie, or "Fook," as he is known in Buena Vista for his middle name Fuqua, was always loved to play sports. He was often seen playing football with his brothers in their back yard, practicing his baseball swing at a nearby field, or shooting a ball at make-shift baskets in the church parking lot. As he got older, he would run the eight miles from

his house to Virginia Military Institute, sometimes barefoot, to play pick-up basketball.

Charlie Kurtz, Manuel's baseball and football coach at Parry McCluer High School, emphasized his former player's work ethic. "He was a kid that grew up swinging sticks at rocks. He developed a love for sports. He was willing to put in the time to effectively become an outstanding player in sports. He was a hard worker. He knew what it took to defeat the other man."

As Manuel told the News-Gazette of Lexington, "In Buena Vista, when I was a kid, you could always find a baseball game, and I always found it. During the summer I'd play in four or five different leagues."

The hard work began to pay off at Parry McCluer where Manuel was a three-sport star, earning all-district honors in football, basketball and baseball multiple times. He was captain of the bas-

scored over 1,000 points.

A former teacher at Parry McCluer, Francis Lynn, recognized Manuel's talent from a young age. "You sort of knew that his athletic abilities was just superior to the rest of the students who came along at that time. He was just a natural athlete who took it very, very seriously."

In 1963, in the middle of Charlie's successful senior year, his father, who suffered from diabetes and heart trouble, passed away.

Kurtz remembered a game the day of Charles Sr.'s burial. "I told him, 'We could do several things: We can cancel the game; you don't have to come.' He said, 'Nope. I'm going to the field, and we'll play.' I said, 'Okay.' He hit one of the longest home runs he ever hit in high school that day. And his comment as he rounded the bases and came home was, 'That was for Daddy and Momma.'"

June Manuel, Charlie's mother, was left to care for the eleven

job at keeping her family together."

A basketball and baseball standout, Charlie Manuel had many different options following his graduation from high school in 1963. According to Mills, "The day he graduated from Parry McCluer High School, there were nine recruiters waiting for him at his home." He was being recruited for basketball by schools like the University of North Carolina and Davidson College and was even offered a basketball scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania.

Instead, he elected to support his family financially, signing with the Minnesota Twins for a \$20,000 signing bonus. Manuel later told the News-Gazette, "\$8,000 was up front, and I was to get the additional \$12,000 if I spent 90 days in the major leagues. I had to wait six years for the rest of that money."

His first stop in the minor leagues was Wytheville, Va., in the Appalachian rookie league. Manuel's early professional career was full of ups and downs. After one poor season in the minors, he even contemplated leaving the game, but his former high school coach talked him out of it. In a 1986 interview with the News-Gazette, Manuel said, "Charlie Kurtz saved my career."

Playing for the Wisconsin Rapids, Manuel rebounded in 1967 to hit for the Midwest League triple crown. The next year, he batted .283 with 35 home runs and 80 RBI. His performance that season earned him an invitation to the Minnesota Twins' spring training in 1969. He made the team and became the first area high school graduate to play in the major leagues. In his first at-bat, he hit a home run.

The Twins, however, had a lot of outfielders, including all-stars Bob Allison and Tony Oliva, so Manuel did not receive much playing time. He was mostly limited to a pinch-hitting role in which he struggled.

He spent four years with the Twins, went back down to Triple A, and was traded to the Los An-

geles Dodgers, where he played for two years. In his 242 career games in the majors, he hit just .198 with four home runs.

After the 1975 season, the Dodgers sold Manuel to the Yakult Swallows of the Japanese Central League. He found much more success across the Pacific Ocean, helping the Swallows reach the championship of the Nippon Series, the Japanese version of the World Series.

He was later traded to the Kinetsu Buffaloes, where he became the first American ever to be named the Pacific League MVP. For his final season, Manuel returned to Yakult, but a two-inch bone spur that had gone undiagnosed for years caused him to retire after six seasons in Japan. He hit a career .306 with 189 homers.

In Japan, Manuel achieved great success in baseball, but the culture also had an influence on him. Manuel admits to having a temper when he was young, but Yakult manager Tatsuro Hirooka calmed him down. The Japanese emphasize practice, respect and

communication, which showed Manuel a different approach to the game and to life.

Kurtz described Manuel's experience in Japan. "I think he matured when he went to Japan and played, and I think he reached a point in his life that he realized that he belonged in that atmosphere."

In the United States, he had never made more than \$21,000 playing baseball, but he received a six-figure salary in Japan.

After his playing days were over, Manuel did not want to leave baseball, so he became a minor league manager in the Minnesota Twins' farm system. After five seasons, he became the Cleveland Indians hitting coach and was promoted to manager in 2000.

After managing the Indians for two-and-a-half seasons with a 220-411 record, Manuel was fired in July 2002 over contract disputes with management. The Phillies hired him as their manager in 2005.

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"[Charlie Manuel] was a kid that grew up swinging sticks at rocks. He developed a love for sports. He was willing to put in the time to effectively become an outstanding player in sports. He was a hard worker. He knew what it took to defeat the other man."

Charlie Kurtz, Manuel's high school

ketball and baseball teams and a two-time MVP in baseball.

Manuel was known for his hitting abilities, especially his great power. Kurtz recalled Manuel's abilities to win games with his bat. "He carried the team on his back quite a bit with his stick."

Although he made a career out of baseball, basketball was his first love and probably his best sport as a child. He made the varsity basketball team as a freshman. In one game he scored 42 points, and he grabbed 38 rebounds in another. During his entire high school career, Manuel

Manuel kids by herself. W. A. Mills, pastor of the Buena Vista Pentecostal Holiness Church for the last 12 years, was very close to June Manuel in her later years. He applauded her approach to raising her children during this difficult time. "She would have been eligible for welfare or food stamps, but she opted out of any of those programs, and her attitude towards life was her sons were old enough to get part-time jobs after school hours, and with them working and with her praying, they would make it. And they did. She did a tremendous

MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED
Sandy Lynn and Charles Manuel



1962 Parry McCluer Baseball Team

First row: Jimmy Pryor, Tommy Cash, Bobby Henson, Butch Wheeler, Wendell Coleman, Charles Manuel, Charles Secrist, Mike Guinn. Second row: Ray Barger,

Roger Shafer, Gordon Wheeler, David Dudley, Milton Shafer, George Ogden, Donnie Stinnett. Third row: John Wheeler, Wayne Patrick, Ward Lockett.

Courtesy of W&L Special Collections

UPPER LEFT: Charlie Manuel's picture in the Parry McCluer High School yearbook. He graduated in 1963 and signed a professional baseball contract right out of high school. UPPER RIGHT: Manuel, who was a standout sports star in baseball, basketball, and football, was named the most school spirited male in the yearbook. ABOVE: The Parry McCluer baseball team during Manuel's junior year.

Manuel at a glance

Personal Facts:

- Birth Date: Jan. 4, 1944
- Birth Place: Northfolk, W.Va.
- Parents: Charles Sr. and June
- Siblings: Vickie, Brenda, Roger, Bob, Pres, Sue, Steve, Teresa, Darrell, and Janet
- Children: Julie and Chuckie
- Engaged to Melissa Martin

Baseball Fun Facts:

- Hit home run in first at-bat in high school and MLB.
- Was Nolan Ryan's 500th career strike-out victim.
- Was the only player ever to pinch hit for Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew.
- He and Bob Allison are the only two players in MLB history to hit pinch-hit home runs on consecutive pitches.
- Managed current Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane when he played for the Toledo Mud Hens of the Triple A International League.



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Volleyball earns ODAC crown

Generals earn eighth straight conference championship

By **Stephanie Hardman**
STAFF WRITER

ROANOKE -- The Washington and Lee University volleyball team added more hardware to its collection this weekend after a much-anticipated first-place win at the ODAC Championship.

The win marks the eighth time the Generals clinched the conference in the past eight years. The team headed to Hollins University as the number one seed in the tournament.

On Friday the Generals played Guilford College, the number eight seed with a 7-22 record and 2-8 in the ODAC. In regular season play in October, the Generals swept the Quakers in three straight games at Guilford. They managed to do the same in the tournament.

W&L ran a 25-15, 25-15, 25-19 victory in a quick match that only lasted about an hour. Junior outside hitter Rachel Phillips led the Generals with 14 kills while junior setter Megan Steinhardt completed 32 assists.

In semifinal play, the team faced number five-seeded Bridgewater College. The Eagles fought hard, but the Generals proved to be too much in another straight-game victory.

Bridgewater gave W&L some trouble earlier in the season, taking them to five sets in the match-up on Sept. 27. The story was different this time, as the Generals steam-rolled over the Eagles 25-15, 26-24 and 25-15.

In the championship match, the Generals came up against seven-seeded "Cinderella" team Lynchburg College. The Hornets played in two upset matches earlier in the tournament, beating both

lead. Lynchburg tried to claw its way back, but the Hornets defense could not handle senior right-side hitter Jessica Ulrich who added 10 kills and seven digs for W&L.

The Generals sent the Hornets home empty-handed after a 25-19, 25-18, 25-23 match that won them the championship.

In a pre-season poll, the ODAC coaches voted W&L the overwhelming favorite to win the conference. After playing with a

ment Most Valuable Player. She and Phillips were nominated to the All-Tournament Team. Phillips had 11 kills and 11 digs in the final match.

Ulrich said that coming into the tournament the team's confidence was high. "There was no doubt in my mind that we'd win the championship again," she said.

Now with a 31-6 record, the Generals will extend their season into the Division III NCAA regional tournament later this week.

Head Coach Bryan Synder, now in his ninth season with the Generals, said that until then it is important for his team to continue business as usual. "We're treating [the championship] like any other weekend," he said.

Looking forward, he said the key to victory in the post-season will be consistency. "Go out and play the way we've played the last three weekends" and "Bring our 'A' game in the NCAAs," were on his list of to-dos.

For Ulrich, the same attitude from this weekend will need to translate into play later this week. "We have a lot more volleyball to play... the most important thing will be for us to go out and play with confidence."

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Jessica Ulrich, senior right-side hitter

two-seeded Randolph-Macon and three-seed Virginia Wesleyan in four and five sets respectively. Lynchburg has never won an ODAC volleyball championship.

The Hornets brought a swarm of parents and supporters wielding signs and cheers. The rowdy crowd factored in as a "seventh man" for Lynchburg throughout the tournament.

Moments after the Generals took the floor, the crowd was silenced as W&L quickly took the

target on their backs all season, the Generals clinched the win and headed back to Lexington victorious.

Unlike other teams in the ODAC, W&L plays a very difficult non-conference schedule, including trips to play Juniata, Christopher Newport, and Emory, all nationally-ranked teams. This allows the Generals to improve to the national level and translates to an easy win at ODACs.

Ulrich was named the tourn-

Field hockey falls in semis

Generals ousted from ODAC tournament in a 6-0 loss to EMU

By **Lizz Dye**
STAFF WRITER

After a blowout victory over Virginia Wesleyan last Saturday in the first round of the playoffs, the Washington and Lee University field hockey team headed to Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) Wednesday. The Generals faced EMU in regular-season play on Oct. 3 and won 3-2 in overtime.

Unfortunately, the Generals were the victims of a blowout game this time around. Their season came to an end with a 6-0 loss on Wednesday night to the EMU Royals.

EMU junior forward Alyssa Derstine opened up the scoring with an unassisted goal just 3:22 into the first half. After the early goal, the Generals picked up the intensity and began to pressure the Royals' defense, but EMU took a 2-0 lead when junior midfielder Julie Denlinger scored off of a pass from sophomore forward

Kate Cimini right before halftime.

The Generals led in both shots and penalty corners at halftime but were not able to convert any of their scoring opportunities.

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Sallie Armstrong, junior forward

EMU scored 4 more goals in the second half. Cimini scored a hat trick while first-year Valerie Landis tallied one more. The final score was 0-6.

Despite the loss, W&L Head Coach Wendy Orrison praised her players, especially her senior leaders for a great season. "Although

the field hockey season came to a close sooner than wanted or expected, I have no regrets about the season. It has been a wonderful group of women to work with.

Although disappointed with the loss, junior forward Sallie Armstrong, who led the team in scoring, was happy with the season. "Even though it wasn't the best way to end our season, this was definitely one of our best seasons. I fully expect an even better showing next year and really think our team has a lot of promise."

Also looking forward to the 2009 season, McGee echoed Armstrong's comments. "It was certainly disappointing for the season to end, but the young talent on the team is promising for next year."

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Junior goalkeeper Caroline Hablison played the entire game and tallied eight saves. Junior Grace McGee notched two defensive saves while sophomore Jennie Norcini had one.

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Women's soccer ends season

Team loses 1-0 to Lynchburg on controversial call by the referees in ODAC semis

By **Adam Cancryn**
STAFF WRITER

A controversial play put an end to the Generals' championship hopes on Wednesday, as they fell to rival Lynchburg College in the ODAC semifinals.

Just minutes into the game, a collision 15 yards from the net allowed Hornets' sophomore forward Betsy Kwiatkowski to notch the game's lone goal. The referees made no call, but W&L players thought Kwiatkowski had clearly fouled defender Marisa Van Brunt.

"Looking at the tape of the game, the Lynchburg player blatantly pushed Marisa in the back, which was ultimately the reason they got the goal," said senior forward Anne Van Devender.

Though the Generals came out attacking during a strong second half, they could not erase the defi-

cit. The Lynchburg defense turned away every scoring chance, sealing their victory with a save by goalie Jackie Bader in the closing

seniors Van Devender, Van Brunt and goalkeeper Kiki Moreo, W&L scored 86 total goals while allowing just 16.

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Anne Van Devender, senior forward

seconds. The defeat marks the fifth consecutive time W&L has fallen in the tournament semifinals.

Nevertheless, the season was deemed a success. The Generals finished 9-2 in conference play, with all of the victories coming by three goals or more. Led by

The women's soccer team also proved it could compete with the best teams in the country. Four of W&L's five losses were by one goal, including a 4-3 overtime thriller versus national number one Messiah College. The Generals used their superior speed to take the lead three separate times

against Messiah, who barely escaped Watt Field with their perfect record intact.

"I think we had a pretty successful season," said Van Devender. "I think it was a season of 'almost.' We almost won every game, just like we almost made it to the ODAC final."

Looking ahead, the Generals seem primed to erase "almost" from the equation in 2009. The team boasts a wealth of young talent, many of whom have already made an impact. First-year forwards Kat Barnes, Allie Espina and Anne Masich combined to tally 33 goals this season while keeper Emily Leary started nine games in net for the Generals.

With the exception of the five seniors, the rest of the 28-player roster is expected to return next year.

Charlie Manuel

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Under Manuel's leadership, the Phillies finished first in the National League East in both 2007 and 2008. In the 2008 division series, Philadelphia beat the Milwaukee Brewers in four games and went on to beat the Dodgers, Manuel's former club, in five games.

On Oct. 10, though, just hours before the start of Game 2 of the National League Championship Series, Charlie's mother passed away at 87. She had suffered a heart attack a week earlier.

The day before June Manuel died, Charlie called her at the Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital to ask if he should come home. As Charlie's sister Brenda Clark told the Roanoke Times, "She said, 'No, you do what you do best. I want you to win ballgames.'"

"She told him she was very sick and please pray for her, and he told her that he would and asked her to pray for him and the team. She told him that she had been and for him not to worry. He was going to win the World Series. He would get the pennant, and he would win," recalled Mills.

June Manuel's funeral was held the morning of Oct. 17 at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, where Charles Sr. was pastor almost 50 years ago. The service, which was closed to the media, was scheduled around the Phillies' playoff games so that Charlie could attend.

Mills, who officiated the service, stated, "When [Charlie] came in for the funeral, I think he did lay aside [baseball] during that time. He laid aside the game that was awaiting him, and he focused on that opportunity for closure with his mother's parting."

Up until her death, June was a very devoted fan of the Phillies and Charles Jr., as she called him. "The day before she died, she clutched... the Roanoke Times sports section to her chest as she laid in the hospital bed. When the doctors and nurses would come in, she would show them the paper and say, 'That's my son.' She was very proud of him," shared Mills.

In the World Series, June Manuel's prediction came true: Charlie and the Phillies beat the Tampa Bay Rays in five games.

Kurtz, who has remained close with Manuel, said, "I called him the day after the championship, and we talked with him and he was a happy young man — old man, not a young man," as he chuckled.

Buena Vista has been celebrating "Fook's" world championship ever since. Mayor Mike Clements described the World Series as "a dream come true" for the city.

On the corner of Magnolia Ave. and 21st St. at the center of Buena Vista stands a marquee congratulating Manuel: "Good Job Charlie, 2008 World Series."

Ronnie Coffey, a local photographer and Buena Vista's director of parks & recreation, grew up with Manuel who was a couple years older. In fact, Manuel was his little league coach. Coffey thinks that Manuel's success will provide inspiration to the children of Buena Vista. "If you try hard enough, work hard enough, are good enough, and you get a little bit of luck, you always got a chance to be a Charlie Manuel and play in the major leagues."

Noting Buena Vista's close-knit, small community, Rebecca Gates, superintendent of the Buena Vista City Public Schools, said, "The beauty of this town is that everybody knows everybody, and we're very excited to have this kind of person coming from Buena Vista. ... It's huge for the community."

In early December, Manuel is expected to return to Buena Vista to celebrate with his former town. At Clements' suggestion, the city council voted to declare Dec. 6 "Charlie Manuel Day" in Buena Vista.

The Blues Education Foundation of the Buena Vista Public Schools Division is holding a charity event on Dec. 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parry McCluer High School gymnasium to recognize Manuel's accomplishments. The night will begin with a silent auction of Phillies memorabilia and community donations, which will be followed by a dinner. Superintendent Gates noted that there will also be time for Manuel to sign autographs. The Phillies manager will conclude the event with a keynote address.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased at the school board office, Carpet Outlet or the BB&T bank in Buena Vista. All proceeds will benefit the Blues Education Foundation, whose purpose, as Gates said, "is to raise money that will go to the classroom for instruction."

"We had this set up a few months ago with Charles Manuel before he won the World Series, so obviously, we're thrilled that events have turned out the way that they have," stated Gates.

According to Clements, the city is also exploring the possibility of including Manuel in the Christmas parade scheduled for Dec. 4. "We're trying to figure out whether he's going to be here that early or not," he said.

Joe Lyles, who has coached and taught Physical Education at W&L for 50 years, refereed Manuel in high school basketball games. Having played professional baseball himself, Lyles said, "I wanted to meet him many times, didn't have a chance, but heard when he comes back [in early December], I will be introduced to him. I respect him an awful lot. He came up the hard way."

Coming from a humble background, Manuel continued to pursue his dream of winning a world championship. As his sister Brenda Clark told the Roanoke Times, "Charlie worked very hard to get where he is today. Sometimes dreams and miracles do happen."

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Men's XC						NCAA Regionals 11 a.m.	
Women's XC						NCAA Regionals 11 a.m.	
Volleyball						NCAA Regionals TBA	
Men's Basketball						vs Muskingum 2 p.m.	vs Ferrum 4 p.m.
Women's Basketball							
Men's Swimming						at Emory Invite 10:00 a.m.	
Women's Swimming							
Wrestling							at Ursinus Invite 9:30 a.m.

in the numbers

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The number of consecutive ODAC championships by the W&L volleyball team.

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The number of games the W&L volleyball team lost in the 2008 ODAC post-season tournament. The Generals swept Guilford, Bridgewater and Lynchburg on their way to claiming the conference crown this weekend.

5

The number of consecutive losses by the W&L football team to end the 2008 season with a 4-6 record. The Generals lost their last game of the year Saturday against Emory & Henry 14-17.

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The number of wins by the Miami Dolphins this season through the first nine games. This is the first time that the team has had a winning record since 2005. Last year, the Dolphins finished the season with only one win.

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The University of Washington Huskies' football record this season. They are the only winless team in all of Division 1-A. Although he is finishing the season, Head coach Ty Willingham has already been fired.

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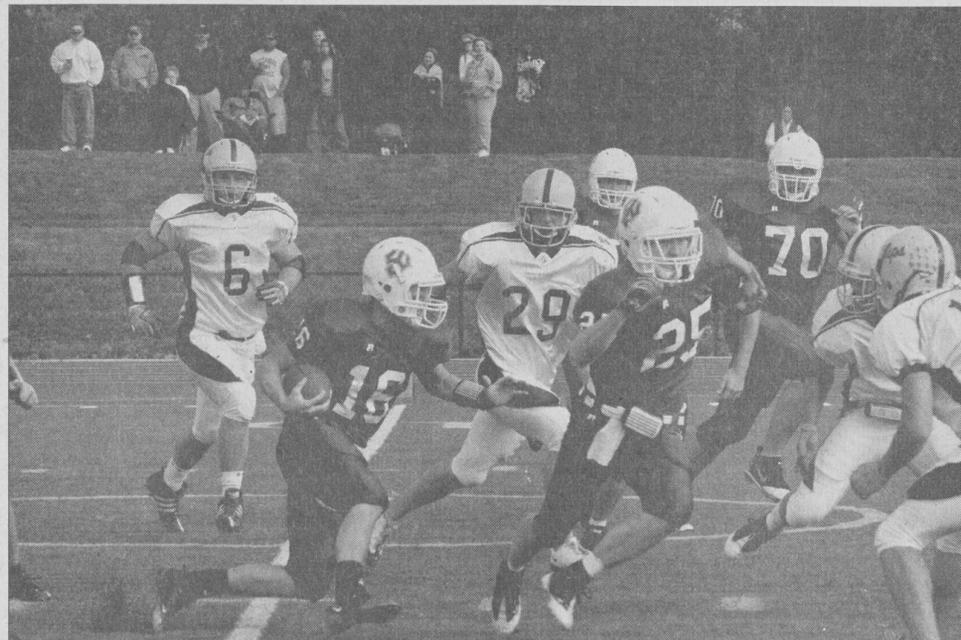
"We're going to have to talk about that, I guess."

Guard Rodney Stuckey, number 3 for the Detroit Pistons, on how newly acquired Pistons guard Allen Iverson has worn number 3 his entire career up until the Nov. 3 trade. Currently wearing number 1 for the Pistons, Iverson was traded Nov. 3 to the Pistons in exchange for Chauncey Billups, Antonio McDyess and Cheikh Samb, courtesy of nba.com.

"Looking at the tape of the game, the Lynchburg player blatantly pushed Marisa in the back, which was ultimately the reason they got the goal."

W&L women's soccer senior forward Anne Van Devender on a controversial no-call by the referees in the Generals' 1-0 loss to Lynchburg in the ODAC Semifinals.

Football loses again



RYAN ELSEY / Staff Photographer

First-year quarterback Charlie Westfal eludes Emory & Henry defenders in one of his 13 rushes Saturday. After leading 14-0, the Generals lost 14-17 to end their season.

Generals end season with 14-17 loss to Emory & Henry

By Brian Devine
STAFF WRITER

On a cold, windy Saturday at Wilson Field the Washington and Lee football season came to an end in agonizing fashion as the Generals lost to Emory & Henry 17-14 in overtime. It was a painful end to a rather painful season.

At the start of the year, the Generals' fortunes looked bright. Picked third in the preseason conference coaches' poll, W&L was poised on the brink of its sixth consecutive winning season. Perhaps that place in the rankings was overstated; a significant portion of the team's stars graduated after the 2007 season, especially on the defensive side of the ball. But with the return of quarterback R.J. Varner and do-everything running back Stuart Sitterson, W&L fans had reason to be optimistic.

The problems started immediately: W&L was shut out in its first game, 24-0, at Franklin & Marshall. After that

disastrous start, coach Frank Miriello made the controversial decision to replace Varner with first-year Charlie Westfal. Westfal led his team to four straight victories, including the school's first-ever win over neighboring Southern Virginia and over 2007 ODAC runner-up Randolph-Macon. At 4-1 the squad had a legitimate chance to challenge for the conference title, but from there the wheels came off. W&L failed to win another game, dropping five straight conference match-ups, including three at home, and finished 4-6, below .500 for the first time in six years.

Against Emory & Henry, a team that the Generals should have beaten, the culprits were the same they have been during this five-game skid: turnovers, lack of discipline and lack of speed on the defensive side of the ball. Westfal has shown promise this season, but he must cut down on his mistakes (three fumbles lost and an interception in the end zone in overtime on Saturday) if he is

to become the Generals' signal-caller for the next three years.

The hosts were also called for 63-yards worth of penalties, and it was a silly late hit call on senior safety Chris Prugar that gave the Wasps the field position to tie the game late in the fourth quarter. The Blue-and-White cannot hope to be one of the elite teams in a rapidly improving conference if they make mental errors in key situations.

But ultimately W&L lost too much defensive talent to graduation. While Matt Cassilly, Tommy Matteo and Scott Russell had particularly good seasons, the defense proved unable to replace Kyle Luby, Bryant Fulk, Jimmy Gift and Mark Snoddy, perhaps four of the best defensive players in W&L history. The patchwork defense allowed 209 rushing yards on Saturday to Caleb Jennings.

There was one bright spot on Saturday, though, and once again it came from the unquestioned 2008 Generals

MVP, Stuart Sitterson. Sitterson had his usual solid game — 181 total yards and 2 touchdowns — and thanks to his efforts Saturday he will graduate from W&L as the all-time leader in both season (2,096) and career (5,981) all-purpose yards. Sitterson was also awarded, rightfully so, the 2008 Falcon Award, given to one senior football player each year.

What's next for the Generals? A 2009 season filled with uncertainty. There is still a lot of talent on this W&L team. If Westfal and fellow first-year Cody Smith and Jonathan Clemo continue to develop, they will go far next year. Juniors Matt Cassilly and Donavon Sawyer will lead the defense in 2009, and it seems W&L has finally found a reliable field goal kicker in Martin Prichard. But the 2009 Generals must show marked improvement in key areas — focus, discipline and limiting turnovers and penalties — if they want to challenge for a conference title.

Winter sports preview

Men's Basketball

2007 Record: 15-11 (11-7 ODAC)

2007 Post-Season: Lost 66-76 to Roanoke in the ODAC Quarterfinals

ODAC Coaches Preseason Poll Ranking: 7

Players to Watch: G Chris McHugh '09; G Isaiah Goodman '09

Key Losses: F Greg Bienemann '08; F Femi Kusimo '08

Coach Adam Hutchinson's Expectations: "If every one of our players reduces his turnovers, improves his shooting percentage by 4% and competes defensively, we should be in position to win games."

Women's Basketball

2007 Record: 9-17 (8-12 ODAC)

2007 Post-Season: Lost 65-75 to Randolph-Macon in the ODAC Quarterfinals

ODAC Coaches Preseason Poll Ranking: 9

Player to Watch: G Bethany Ridenhour '09

Key Losses: F Kristen Krouchick '08; G/F Amanda Kane '08; G/F Emily Wolff '08

Previous Results this Season:

Coach Mandy King's Expectations: "I am excited about the possibilities surrounding my team this season. We have great leadership and team chemistry. We will be playing for respect and for each other and we hope to have the best season in the history of our program."

Men's Swimming

2007 Record: 9-2

2007 Post-Season: Placed second at the BMC Championships; placed eighth at the NCAA Championships

BMC Coaches Preseason Poll Ranking:

Players to Watch: Brandon Barns '10; Paul Crook '09; Chris Diebold '09; Brett Tatman '09; Josh Gonzalez '10; Jonathan Giesen '10; Dan Austin '10

Key Losses: Alex Sweet '08; Tim McGlaston '08; Will Hartmann '08

Previous Results this Season: Beat Mary Washington 170-92 on Oct. 18; beat Transylvania 127-76 on Oct. 31; beat Centre 192-92 on Nov. 1; beat DePauw 155-139 on Nov. 1

Coach Joel Shinofield's Expectations: "The guys have set their goals very high. They want to re-capture the conference championship and finish in the top-10 at NAAs for the third straight year. Given the group we graduated last year it will take a complete and true team effort to reach those goals."

Women's Swimming

2007 Record: 13-6 (7-0 ODAC)

2007 Post-Season: Placed first at the ODAC Championships

ODAC Coaches Preseason Poll Ranking: 1

Players to Watch: Susan Mahoney '09; Julianne Miata '09; Jess Shaw '09; Lindsey Strachan '09; Sarah Simpson '10; Jenna Worsham '10; Tess Haydon '11; Jackie Smith '11

Key Loss: Amy Roberson '08

Previous Results this Season: Lost 110-152 to Mary Washington on Oct. 18; Placed first at the ODAC Fall Invitational on Oct. 25; Beat Transylvania 116-89 on Oct. 31; Lost 116-155 to Centre on Nov. 1; Lost 166-112 to DePauw on Nov. 1

Coach Kami Gardner's Expectations: "As a whole, I want the women to develop into a great team that is supportive of each other's goals and obviously to succeed at the ODAC and national level."

Wrestling

2007 Record: 7-5 (2-5 Centennial)

2007 Post-Season: Placed eighth at the Centennial Championship

Player to Watch: David Dennis '12

Key Losses: Anthony Boniello '08; David Shubick '08; Peter Lawrence '08; Kirk Adamson '08

Assistant Coach Mike Bennett's Expectations: "Our goals for this year's wrestling season are to continue our current winning season streak (2), and finish in the top 5 of the Centennial Conference."