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Securing the nation

Former head of CIA and FBI speaks at Lee Chapel

By Diandra Spicak
NEWS EDITOR

Sponsored by the Contact Committee, Judge William H. Webster, chairman of the Homeland Security Advisory Council and the only American to serve as director of both the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), spoke at Lee Chapel last Tuesday.

Webster's untitled speech focused on many topics, but the overall theme of security rang throughout.

"I didn't want to provide a title for the speech," he said. "I wanted to keep the atmosphere lighter, rather than giving it a serious tone right off the bat."

"I said this once before, and it still holds true. Order protects liberty, and liberty protects order."

Judge William H. Webster, chairman of Homeland Security Advisory Council

Divided into three sections, Webster hit many a controversial topic stemming from national security. His speech detailed his career as a judge, director of the FBI and director of the CIA, along with providing slight histories of both organizations.

His illustrious career in public service began with his appointment as a judge of the United States of District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. In 1973, he found himself elevated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed Webster as the director of the FBI, where he served until 1987 when President Ronald Regan chose him as director of the CIA due to his successful coups against the New York mafia. He led the CIA until retiring from public office in 1991.

Due to his status, Webster took opportunities throughout his speech to talk about national security issues ranging from the Patriot Act to Homeland Security. His devotion to security shone through his answers, as he responded to the hotly contested issues: Webster repeated throughout that security is essential to the populace, citing Lincoln's suspension of the writ of habeas corpus.

"I said this once before, and it still holds true," Webster said. "Order protects liberty and liberty protects order. It is up to local, state and national headquarters to keep our citizens safe and secure.

Webster practiced law at the Washington office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. Although he retired in 2005, Webster remains active in the practice of law. Judge Webster was named in 2006 as the chair of the Homeland Security Advisory Council which provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary on matters related to homeland security.

In 1991, Webster was presented the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the National Security Medal. He is the recipient of the 2001 Justice Award of the American Judicature Society and the 2002 ABA Medal, its highest honor. He is listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" and has also received NASA's Distinguished Public Service Medal.

Webster earned bachelor's degrees in history and political science, as well as an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, from Amherst College. He received his law degree from Washington University. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy in World War II and again in the Korean War.

But for Webster, security cannot come from the national organizations alone. He advised all of the undergraduates in the audience to "set aside time for service for your country -- for duty, for honor, for security."

Condemning misconduct

EC affirms sexual violence breaches community's trust

By Allison Chopin
MANAGING EDITOR

Following ongoing concerns from students that the Executive Committee holds and ambiguous position on sexual assault cases, the EC released a statement condemning sexual violence as an act that undermines the trust of the entire community.

According to a press release sent to campus publications on May 6, the EC voted unanimously to pass the following statement on Tuesday, May 5:

"Sexual violence is unacceptable in society and is especially discordant with Washington and Lee's culture of honor and civility."

At the student body meeting on May 4, several students who spoke before the EC said they did not understand why sexual violence is not explicitly called an "honor violation" and why a separate judicial body, the Student-Faculty Hearing Board (SFHB), exists to handle these cases.

"The Executive Committee retains jurisdiction over all activities that the Student Body deems dishonorable," the statement reads.

The statement also says that the SFHB is "a specially trained forum with specifically designed procedures to adjudicate such matters."

"It was clear...that students are interested in gaining a better understanding of the SFHB and working to reduce incidents of sexual violence. I hope our statement will be a step forward in meeting those goals."

Bill Larson, EC Secretary

Moreover, the statement explains that when alleged sexual violence cases are brought before the EC, the EC can choose to either hear these cases or refer them to the SFHB. The SFHB can impose various punishments, including dismissal. Dismissal from the university is the only sanction when forced sexual intercourse is found to have happened.

EC Secretary Bill Larson said in an e-mail that the EC decided to pass this statement because fighting sexual violence is a priority of the EC.

He said that the EC has been working on this statement for at least four weeks, so the student body meeting was not the only reason for its release.

The statement was passed the day after the student body meeting, but this was a coincidence, according to Larson.

However, he added that the EC was happy to find support in some of the students who attended the meeting.

"It was clear from the student body meeting that students are interested in gaining a better understanding of the SFHB and working to reduce incidents of sexual violence on our campus," he said. "I hope our statement will be a step forward in meeting those goals."

This statement will be posted on the EC bulletin boards and Web site, and first-year students will receive a copy during orientation.

Learning how to live well

W&L hosts first annual national Women's Health Week

By Eleanor Kennedy
STAFF WRITER

This past week, Washington and Lee played host to the national Women's Health Week. The Tau Omega Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., which is comprised of women from W&L, Ronaoke College and Hollins University, sponsored the week.

The theme was "It's Your Time." Events throughout the week focused on promoting healthy living through physical fitness and mental wellness.

Junior Beri Ndifon, one of the coordinators of Women's Health Week, has been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated for six months. According to Ndifon, this was the first time Washington and Lee hosted a week like this one. Ndifon said that she and the other members of Delta Sigma Theta "hope to continue to celebrate the week every year."

Ndifon said that since the week's events were taking place on a college campus, the events "focused on issues that were most pertinent to the female college demographic." In order to celebrate the week, Delta Sigma Theta coordinated both speakers on important issues and fun physical activities to bring a needed focus to women's health issues.

"[The week] focused on issues that were most pertinent to the female college demographic."

Beri Ndifon, junior

The week kicked off with a speaker in Stackhouse Theater. Dr. Jane Horton MD, the director of Student Health and Counseling Services, gave a talk entitled "Your Body, Your Life, Your Choice: Exploring the Correlation Between Drug and Alcohol Use and Sexual Health." On Tuesday, students wishing to participate in this celebration of women's health attended "Zumba With the Divas: 'Ditch the Workout, Join the Party!" in the Warner Center.

Dr. Jennifer Sayre, clincial psychologist and university counselor spoke in Stackhouse on Wednesday night. Her speech, "Mind Over Matter: Surmounting The Pressures of An Academically Competitive Atmosphere," dealt with the stress students may face in their academic lives and how they might overcome it. The dance studio in Doremus Gym hosted "Chillaxation Time" on Thursday, a time for female Generals to take a break to relax without being disturbed by the pressures of collegiate life.

The week concluded with a charity cookout hosted by Delta Sigma Theta on Canaan Green. Donations were collected at the event for the Rockbridge Area Free Clinic. The clinic is a non-profit healthcare provider for uninsured and underinsured residents of Rockbridge County.

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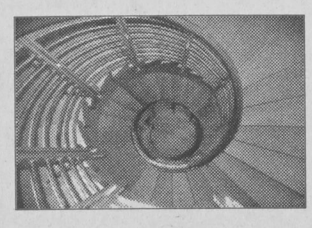

letter to the editor

Responsibility is key

SJC leadership calls for new responsibility system

We talk a lot about honor at Washington and Lee.

We advertise it to prospective students. We discuss it amongst ourselves, in seminars and in journals such as this one. More importantly, the student body elects students, and students alone, to guard it. It is the "moral cornerstone" of our University.

Our commitment to this cornerstone guarantees the primacy of ordinary morality in the conduct of our affairs – in our schoolwork, our extracurricular commitments and our personal lives.

Despite our emphasis on honor, we do not always live up to its demands. We have little lying, cheating or stealing (despite the dramatic increase in the Executive Committee's caseload this year), but there are many incidents of drunk driving, sexual harassment and other dishonorable behaviors.

Unfortunately, they appear to be on the rise. The number of conduct incidents reported to Dean Brandon Dotson by local law enforcement, Residential Life staff and Public Safety has risen this year. Additionally, incidents brought to the Student Judicial Council have in increased in number and seriousness, most notably drunk driving. The prevalence of these behaviors is incompatible with the essence of honor and its significance to our community.

Honor, normally defined, is similar to integrity; it is a commitment to ordinary morality. According this definition, lying is dishonorable. The same goes for cheating and stealing – traditional dishonorable behaviors within our system. As noted above, drunk driving, sexual harassment and physical assault also easily qualify as dishonorable under this definition.

However, within our System, we do not consider such behaviors technically dishonorable. The reason is one of definition. According to the White Book, we define a dishonorable behavior as a "breach of the Community's trust." Traditionally, the Student Body has not considered such behaviors breaches of trust. Thus, conduct policy, rather than the Honor System, adjudicates such cases.

Of course, almost all conceptions of ordinary morality acknowledge that drunk driving, sexual harassment and physical assault are just as immoral (or dishonorable, per the normal definition) as lying, cheating or stealing. In fact, they are probably worse in many instances. Drunk driving endangers lives, whereas academic cheating does not. Yet they are not accorded the same stigma in our community because they are not interpreted as breaches of the community's trust. Why do we have this dichotomy?

The stigma surrounding traditional honot violations is a principal reason why there is relatively little lying, cheating and stealing. The stigma supplements our ordinary moral aversion to these behaviors and deters members of our community who may otherwise feel tempted to engage in them.

This isn't merely wordplay: institutions can reaffirm, even change, values. We hold each other accountable in this regard. Furthermore, the promotion of the Honor System attracts prospective students who appreciate our commitment to honor. The heavy emphasis placed upon the Honor System during First-Year Orientation further entrenches our commitment.

Because drunk driving, sexual assault and physical assault are just as destructive to our community, we should accord them the same stigma. If the values of our namesakes George Washington and Robert E. Lee offer any guidance, such behaviors should be as discouraged as much as traditional HVs.

By establishing a System of Personal Responsibility, we can significantly discourage behaviors such as drunk driving and sexual harassment that unfortunately figure so prominently on our campus.

Some have proposed that the EC should hear such behaviors as HVs, but this is both problematic and insufficient for several reasons. First, it would be difficult (and unpopular) to interpret many dishonorable behaviors as technical breaches of the community's trust (e.g. vandalism and physical assault). Second, the single sanction is not adept at adjudicating certain cases. It seems unjustifiable for a student to be dismissed for a .10 BAC DUI, despite the egregiousness of such behavior. Third, the EC is already very busy.

Therefore, to avoid said difficulties, resolve the false dichotomy and truly safeguard honor at our University, I recommend the establishment of a System of Personal Responsibility parallel to the Honor System.

Along with honor, personal responsibility (although encompassed within the aforementioned normal definition of honor) should be raised to a moral cornerstone of the University. This is not a radical idea, as personal responsibility is already coupled with honor throughout documents such as The White Book or the Student Handbook. We must further incorporate this value into the ethos of our university.

Under the proposed System, honor would continue to bear its narrow definition, and violations of personal responsibility would include most behaviors that are prohibited by current conduct policy and which are inconsistent with our common values. The SJC would hear these Personal Responsibility violations and the EC would continue to hear traditional HVs.

In fact, the SJC often charges accused students with "Conduct Unbecoming of a Washington and Lee Student." The SJC would retain its option of multiple sanctions (rather than the single sanction) to properly adjudicate its diverse caseload. Additionally, it would gradually gain more independence from the faculty and administration as students acclimated to the maintenance of the Personal Responsibility System.

To the naysayers of student self-governance, the century-long administration of the Honor System has incontrovertibly demonstrated our competence. Furthermore, our advertisements to prospective students, the language in our documents, and the structure of Freshman Orientation would incorporate the dual Systems of Honor and Personal Responsibility. Importantly, the Executive Committee would continue to serves as the Student Government.

This proposal is not merely an attempt to semantically reconcile the language of values at our University, nor is it a challenge to the authority of the Executive Committee or the primacy of the Honor System. By establishing a System of Personal Responsibility, we can significantly discourage behaviors such as drunk driving and sexual harassment that unfortunately figure so prominently on our campus. The incorporation of personal responsibility as a cornerstone of our community is paramount. A policy change is insufficient to radically affect behavior. However, it's a start.

By Chris Tutor '09 (fmr. SJC Secretary)

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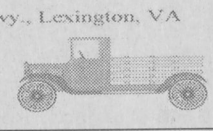

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Best wishes to all of you in your future endeavors!!!

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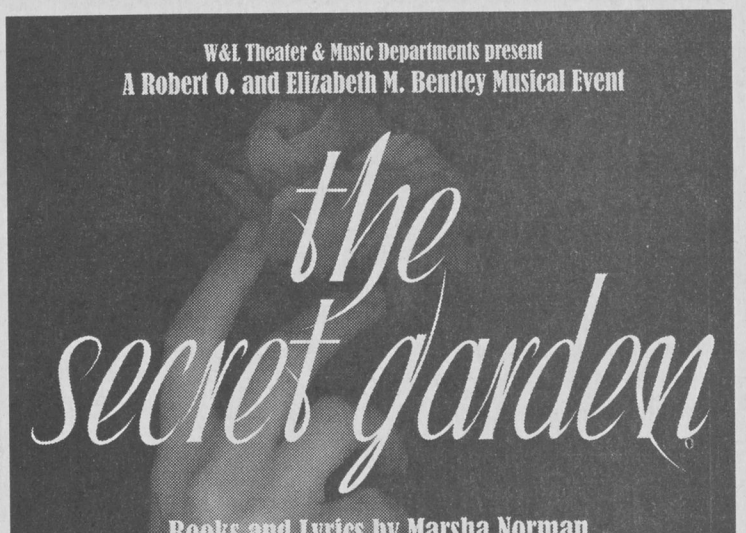

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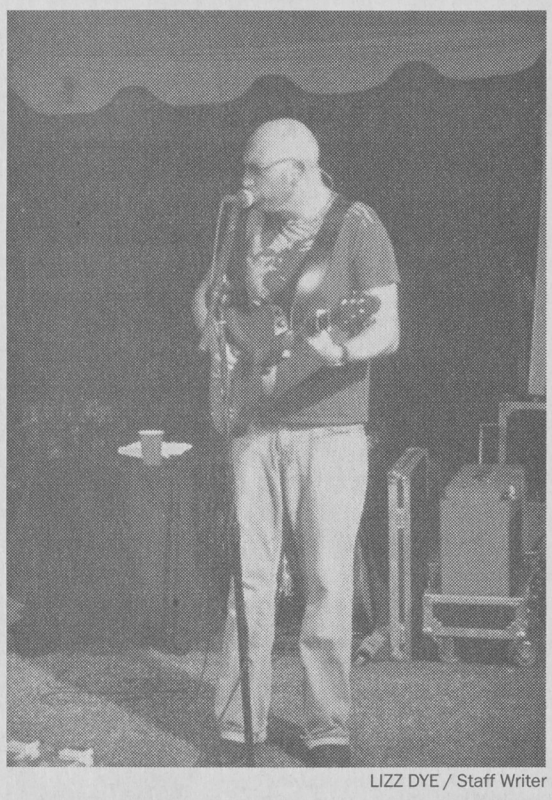

LIZZ DYE / Staff Writer

Corey Smith performs for fans on Friday at Lime Kiln Theater.

Fun and tunes for charity

First-ever Kappa Alpha charity concert fights muscular dystrophy with Corey Smith

By Lizz Dye
STAFF WRITER

Corey Smith on a Friday night? Helping a worthy cause? Sounds like a good time! And it was.

Smith performed on Friday at the Kappa Alpha Charity Concert at Lime Kiln Theater. All proceeds from the concert went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association which aims to conquer neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans.

Smith is a Georgia native whose music is part Jimmy Buffet, part Jason Mraz. He has gained most of his popularity through the Internet and avid touring.

Shane Hines and the Trance warmed up the crowd. But when Smith took the stage, the crowd went wild. It was truly what everyone had been waiting for. While enjoying a beer, Smith played favorites such as "Drinkin' Again" (to which he yelled, "This is the most sober crowd I've ever sung this to!") along with "F*ck the Po-Po."

A colorful character to say the least, Smith got the crowd dancing, singing, and screaming for more. Just when it was over, the shout for "encore!" sounded and Smith happily gave the people more.

The opening act was composed of two main members, Shane Hines and Mr. Thumbs. The alternative rock band, summing up its style as "blending aggressive arrangements with hook-filled melodies," played songs from its new CD, "The Glory Journal." Most of the band's funding comes directly from its fans' pockets; in fact, the last CD, "Team Trance," was totally fan-funded. Shane Hines and the Trance played a variety of music, from true rock songs to seemingly-country-influenced ballads.

When asked how they came to tour with Smith, Hines said that it "just kinda happened…we got together and it was good and fun." The two acts will continue their tour to South Carolina next weekend.

The concert was quite good as a whole. A merchandise table sold Corey Smith paraphernalia, including signed posters, t-shirts and CDs. There was barbecue galore and a variety of drinks. However, one downside for those twenty-one and up was that alcohol was not allowed on the premises nor sold on-site.

Melissa Powell '12 had not seen Smith before in concert before, even though he often plays in her hometown.

"I was so happy that I finally got to see him, and when he walked off stage and gave me his guitar pick, it was the happiest moment of my life," Powell said.

Many people would agree with her sentiment that the Corey Smith concert was a success.

"The Secret Garden" blooms this weekend at Lenfest

Cast is set, ready and waiting to take the stage, a first for many and a final W&L performance for Matt Amling

By Anthony Ballor
STAFF WRITER

The house lights are on for this year's Robert O. and Elizabeth M. Bentley Musical, Tony Award-winner "The Secret Garden."

As author Frances Hodgson Burnett said, "As long as one has a garden, one has a future; and as long as one has a future one is alive." This is the lesson that Mary Lennox, played by Hannah Kate Mitchell '10, learns in the musical.

Based on the novel by Burnett and with a powerful score by Lucy Simon, it follows Mary, an 11-year old girl orphaned in India after her parents and everyone she knows die of cholera. Mary must live in Yorkshire, England with her reclusive uncle Archibald, played by senior Matt Amling '09, and his invalid son Colin, played by Erika Rost '09.

She soon learns from the friendly, humorous gardener, portrayed by Markheavens Tshuma '10, that the estate contains a mysterious locked garden. Mary gradually realizes that opening the garden and unlocking the magic within is the key to saving her new-found family.

The cast is completed by people from Mary's past, known as the Dreamers, who have died from the cholera outbreak. The Dreamers include several of Mary's servants from India, such as including Fakir, played by Tim Kirby '10, and Ayah, played by Blanton Cohen '12 . Though they exist only in Mary's mind, they are crucial to the plot, revealing the living characters' motivations. .

The cast comprises a wide range of vocal talent and experience. Archibald's long-dead wife, Lily, is played by Stephanie Shaner, a community member with a great talent and experience in many singing roles. But for much of the cast, "The Secret Garden" is their debut on the college stage.

The cast is directed by Rob Mish '76 and coached by Josh Harvey '00, vocal coaches Larry Evans and Christine Schadeberg, Sarah Warsco '11 and Jenna Worsham '10. They have been helping the students understand the true meaning of the script and songs, Harvey said. During winter term, the cast was strongly encouraged to keep a journal of observations about the weather for that day, in order to attune themselves to nature.

Both Amling and Harvey spoke of the challenge of putting on this show. For Amling, the difficulty lies both in his character's songs and the emotional style of acting required for his role.

"There are several instances where I…must portray the character's thoughts and feelings without words and song and using very little movement," he said.

Harvey commented on some of the difficulties of coaching the singers.

"The mutual challenge comes in trying to bring everyone to the same understanding…investing energy and presence fully during all aspects of rehearsal," Harvey said.

Both men are optimistic about the show's future.

"Despite these challenges, the show is coming along well, and things are really beginning to click," Amling said. "It will be awesome."

The Theater and Music Departments at W&L have an impressive track record with musical productions, from the Student Showcase in the fall to last year's musical "Little Shop of Horrors," and this year's musical will prove to be no exception.

The production runs Thursday through Sunday this week. Tickets are available at the Box Office, campus phone extension 8000, Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m., or online at http://lenfest.wlu.edu.

Last Lectures

What to say if it were the last?

By Rachel Denniston
STAFF WRITER

University photographer and former professor Pat Hinely urged the Washington and Lee community to be open to different ideas and perspectives because they just may hold some truth.

He encouraged students to live with, what he called, the "and, also" approach to life—one that recognizes the possibility of more than one right answer to life's many unanswered questions.

Given how little we know in the universe, we just can't be sure of anything, Hinely said.

A 1973 graduate of W&L, Hinely is well-known for his photos from the University calendar and Web site. He is also one of two photographers for "Seen on Campus," W&L's online slideshow photo gallery.

Hinely spoke Thursday as the second of four lecturers in the Last Lecture Series, a project created by senior Eddie Rodriguez. Every Thursday in May a professor presents a speech as if it was his last one ever. The topic and format of each lecture is not revealed until the lecture itself.

The series was based on the famous September 2007 last lecture of Randy Pausch, a professor diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at Carnegie Mellon University

Pausch's lecture focused on achieving one's childhood dreams and has been viewed by nearly ten million people online.

Rodriguez said he was inspired by Pausch's story and, as a graduating senior, was curious to hear the hypothetical last words of several of his favorite professors.

Hinely showed the many ways that photography and life parallel each other. He said that in both, one must learn from mistakes.

Photography is an "all or nothing package," he said.

"There is no way to not take bad pictures. As you progress, you may get more good ones, but you will also get bad ones… [and these] bad ones must be studied," Hinely said.

He also reflected upon the nature of time.

"If there's a certain thing you wanna do, start sooner rather than later," he said. "The light will be different tomorrow."

Rodriguez anticipates a good student response to the lectures. He said that students already seem to be responding well; the event even has its own Facebook page, where many students have RSVP-ed to attend.

According to Rodriguez, a video of each lecture will be posted on YouTube for those unable to attend.

This Thursday, Dick Kuettner, professor of Romance Languages and director of the Tucker Multimedia Center will give his lecture. Thursday, May 28, Professor of Economics James Casey will give his.

The lectures begin at 7 p.m. in Huntley Hall 221. They are free and open to the public.

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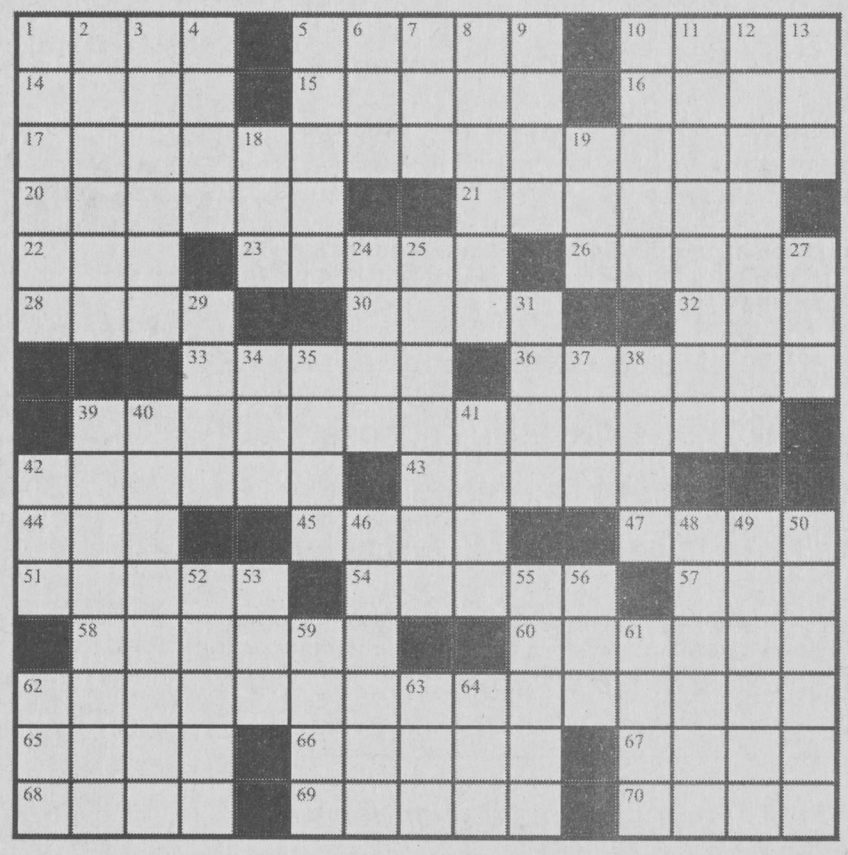

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The number of consecutive matches Rafael Nadal won on clay courts before Roger Federer beat him (6-4, 6-4) in the championships of the Madrid Open Sunday.

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The number of pitches thrown by Angels starting pitcher John Lackey in his season debut Saturday, after he was ejected for hitting Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler. The Angels lost the game 3-5.

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Tampa Bay Rays starting pitcher Andy Sonnanstine's batting average after a pregame lineup mistake forced him to bat in the Rays' 7-5 win over the Indians Sunday. Manager Joe Maddon submitted a lineup card that listed Evan Longoria and Ben Zobrist as thirdbasemen and excluded a designated hitter.

soapbox

"I think he was comfortable with the people he was around. But I think the circumstances made him uncomfortable. ... There was a little uneasiness on both sides."

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre on Manny Ramirez's visit to the team's hotel to apologize for his 50-game suspension for violating MLB's drug policy. Courtesy of espn.com.

"We feel great about that. I've been on those Knicks teams where he had some predictions. ... But the Patrick prediction makes me feel better."

Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers after Orlando Magic assistant coach Patrick Ewing guaranteed a win for the Magic in game seven of the teams' NBA playoff series Sunday. Courtesy of the Orlando Sentinel.

"The hiring of A.J., I thought, was a poor decision. ... He doesn't have any credibility between the lines as a manager. That, for me, just wasn't going to work."

Former Arizona Diamondbacks pitching coach Bryan Price, who resigned after the Diamondbacks fired manager Bob Melvin, on the hiring of 35-year-old A.J. Hinch two weeks ago. Courtesy of the Marin Independent Journal.

"Who wants to be playing baseball when there are streamers everywhere? It wasn't funny. It wasn't fun. It was brutal. When was the last time you've seen that at a baseball game? I understand having a pompom giveaway, but you need to get the right kind of pompoms that don't fall apart."

Florida Marlins second baseman Dan Uggla after a game Saturday in which strands from a pompom promotional giveaway covered Land Shark Stadium. The Marlins broke a five-game losing streak, beating the Dodgers 6-3. Courtesy of yahoo.sports.com.

W&L falls in NCAAs

Baseball loses to Salisbury, Washington & Jefferson to end season

By Megan Daily
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The Washington and Lee baseball team fell to Salisbury 2-3 on Wednesday and Washington & Jefferson (W&J) 3-8 to Thursday in the double-elimination NCAA Division III tournament.

Coming off the baseball team's first-ever ODAC championship, the Generals were hoping to keep their momentum rolling. First-year outfielder Brian Sellier said the team was not nervous to start the tournament. "It's a special opportunity for the team since we have never been this far before. As soon as we got here, we have all been really loose because we know that we belong," he said.

On the opening day of South Region play on Wednesday at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium, the eighth-seeded Generals were matched up with the top-seeded and nationally third-ranked Salisbury.

W&L grabbed a 2-0 lead in the third inning on a two-run single by junior catcher Will Lewis. This drove in junior third baseman Jim Plantholt and senior centerfielder Terrence McKelvey.

In the bottom half of the third, the Sea Gulls loaded the bases with no outs. They amassed two runs tying the game at 2. And then in the fourth inning on an RBI double, Salisbury took the 3-2 lead.

"We just didn't pull it together," Plantholt said. "We didn't just have a chance; we should have won. It was so close, 3 to 2. We played well, but there was still some left in the tank."

W&L outhit the Sea Gulls 7-2 and received a great showing from junior righthander Chuck Davidson, who held the nation's most productive offense to just two hits and three runs. Salisbury went into the tournament having scored an average of 10.8 runs per game.

McKelvey led W&L, going 3-for-4 at the plate with two doubles and a run scored. Lewis was 1-for-3 with a pair of RBI, and Plantholt was 1-for-3 with a run scored. Davidson gave up just one unearned run and two walks in eight innings but took the loss.

The Generals returned to South Regional action on Thursday taking on fifth-seeded W&J.

W&J bats were hot in the first inning as they took a quick 5-0 lead. They piled up three singles, a pair of walks, a hit batter and one General error to amass their runs. The Presidents extended their lead to 7-0 in the fourth inning on an RBI single.

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Andrew Henderson, senior pitcher/first baseman

In the eighth inning, W&L finally recorded a run. McKelvey singled Plantholt home to make it 7-1. After W&J scored in the top of the ninth to make it 8-1, W&L scored a pair of runs in the bottom half of the inning on an RBI single by senior second baseman Byron Peyster and a sacrifice fly by sophomore rightfielder Anthony Cardona to account for the final score of 8-3.

Senior righthander Brendan Clark started and took the loss (4-3) for the Generals. He allowed seven runs (3 earned) on seven hits and four walks in five innings of work. He struck out five.

At the plate, McKelvey once again paced the Generals, going 1-for-4, with an RBI. McKelvey also finished the season leading the Generals in batting average (.421) and slugging percentage (.643). First-year outfielder Mike Decembrino added a pinch-hit single, and junior first baseman Hunter Serenbetz had a double in his four at bats. Peyster and Cardona both finished 1-for-3 with an RBI. Cardona finished the season with the most runs batted in (28) and Peyster finished second with 27.

The loss ends the Generals' season at 22-15, the seventh time in the last ten seasons that W&L has posted at least 20 wins. As four senior baseball players graduate this spring, they have set a new expectation and standard for the future of Generals' baseball.

Senior pitcher and first baseman Andrew Henderson gave his final thoughts on the 2009 season. "It was great to see the team come together throughout the entire season. Of course no one really considered us a contender coming into the season, but we worked extremely hard up until the last day of the tournament to become a cohesive team.

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Wednesday's Score
W&L 2
Salisbury 3

Thursday's Score
W&L 3
W&J 8

Golf places 17th at NCAAs

Gibson, Watts lead Generals with 51st place finish

By Will Dorrance
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The Washington and Lee golf team ended its 2009 season with a 17th place finish at the NCAA tournament this past Wednesday through Saturday. Thirty-six teams participated in the four-day national tournament at the PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

The Generals qualified for the NCAA tournament by winning the ODAC tournament April 18-20.

Oglethorpe earned first place by shooting a +12 overall (301-284-290-289—1164). Oglethorpe's sophomore Olafur Loftsson won the individual title (75-73-68-69—285) after beating La Verne's junior Mitchell Fedorka in a one-hole playoff.

Juniors Joe Gibson (73-70-83-79—305) and Brad Watts (77-75-75-78—305) led the Generals, tying for 51st overall at +17. Junior Robert Womble was next in line for W&L, finishing in a tie for 76th place at +22 (75-83-75-77—310). Junior Matt Langan was +33 on the four-day tournament, tying for 108th (84-77-78-82—321). In his last collegiate tournament, senior Andrew Green carded a +35 for a 114th place tie (78-80-83-82—323).

After the first day of the tournament, the Generals were tied for 19th place with a team score of 303. On Thursday and Friday, W&L fought its way up to 15th place with scores of 302 and 311, respectively. On Saturday, the final day, the team dropped to 17th place after shooting its worst collective round, 316.

The team finished this year's NCAA tournament one spot behind its 16th place finish last season. And the Generals distributed the workload more evenly this year as they lost their star Nathaniel James to graduation; James, a current assistant coach for the team, tied for third at last year's national tournament.

Watts, Gibson and Langan, the three players who played in both the 2008 and 2009 NCAA tournaments, all improved on their individual finishes. Watts tied for 70th last year (51st in 2009); Gibson tied for 87th last year (51st in 2009); and Langan tied for 110th last year (108th in 2009).

Before NCAAs, Watts spoke of the team's goals against the stiff competition. "In any tournament your goal is to win, but with a 16th place finish last year, we are looking to improve on that and hopefully finish in the top 10."

Although the team did not meet Watts's goal, W&L ends its season with a top-20 finish in the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year. The Generals have also now won the conference crown two years in a row.

W&L will only lose two seniors from this year's team, Green and Beau Allen. With a roster full of underclassmen talent to return for next year, the team seems to have a bright future ahead of itself.

Check out next week's issue of the Phi for a countdown of this school year's...

10 best moments in W&L sports