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New federal policy sends shock waves

Students convicted of drug possession could lose federal financial aid

By Frank Cullo
STAFF WRITER

Some students may have been startled two weeks ago when they received an inbox message detailing a new federal policy on drug usage that affects federal financial aid. Students convicted of either possessing or dealing illicit drugs are liable to lose any form of federal financial aid. Drugs have never really taken the forefront of issues at Washington and Lee. Alcohol and gender relations, yes, but not drugs.

Students have little reason to be alarmed. The new policy is not a university one, but mandated by the government. Furthermore, the policy only deals with forms of federal financial aid, such as Federal Student Loans, Federal PLUS Loans, Federal Grants and even Federal Work Study, but not university loans.

According to the Financial Aid office, about 65 percent of the student body is on some form of financial aid. They do not release what type of aid students are receiving, however, so that only provides some reflection of what percentage of the student body is affected by this new policy.

The government is not preoccupied by university infractions. If a student is cited on campus for any type of drug violation, it is still handle internally in compliance with Virginia and federal laws. The university is not required to report these violations on behalf of the recipient of federal financial aid to the body that oversees it.

The only type of drug violation that activates this policy is a court conviction of a drug possession or dealing charge. In this situation a student is likely to lose one year of federal financial aid for possessing and two for dealing, with additional time padded on for secondary violations.

Take heart, however, because even if a W&L student finds himself or herself in this predicament, it is possible to receive federal financial aid again before the one-year term is up. With successful completion of a Title IV drug rehabilitation program and by successfully passing two unannounced drug tests, a student can again receive aid from the government.

There is no new university equivalent for withholding aid to drug users. The university has its own policies in place with regards to the strike system when it comes to drug violations on campus. Even so, most publications about problems on campus almost never deal with drugs, most likely because beside the occasional dorm bust drug problems are not very prevalent on campus.

Associate Dean Brandon Dotson does not foresee this new policy being a problem for W&L students. In fact, in his four-year tenure at the university there has not been a single conviction in court of a W&L student with regards to drugs. He sees the policy as the federal government "taking a proactive step to curtail drug usage among students."

In the fateful war on drugs this is just another non-issue in the way of combating the real dangers among drug usage in the country. For W&L students, however, whether on federal financial aid or not this new policy should not be anything more than another email in the inbox.

Goodbye, University Scholars?

After undergoing academic review last winter term, the program may be disbanded

By Mary Huerster
STAFF WRITER

The University Scholars program, an academic honors program within the Washington and Lee community, may be discontinued in its present form in the upcoming academic year.

A review process was initiated last winter term, and while the official findings of the committee (four faculty members chaired by Professor William of the Physics Department) have not yet been released, the report is expected within the next few weeks.

There is a sufficient likelihood that it will be disbanded, but Dean of the College Hank Dobin has assured current Scholars that they will be able to graduate with University Scholars honors even if the program is phased out before that time, to which end he has offered to serve as their advisor.

Dobin explained that the program came under review during winter term of last year as part of a routine process to which all academic programs are periodically subjected.

Such reviews have essentially a dual purpose: to ascertain whether or not a program still fulfills its original purposes and goals, and whether or not those goals are still relevant given changes that have taken place in the University since the program's founding.

In the case of the University Scholars, this was in 1984.

These goals, as identified in the University Scholars constitution, are to "encourage active rather than passive forms of learning, to emphasize interdisciplinary studies, and to facilitate opportunity for discourse among our most prepared students."

Current University Scholars make it clear that the program is, as far as they are concerned, more than fulfilling its objectives. Senior Emily Coyle, who was featured in last week's edi-

tion of the Ring-tum Phi for the sexual assault prevention workshop she designed via the University Scholars Program, gave an example from her own experience.

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"I am presently applying to developmental psychology PhD programs, in large part because of an interest sparked in me by a University Scholars anthropology course my sophomore year. If that does not embody the mission of the University Scholars program, I'm not sure what does."

One significant concern about the program, however, is its low completion rate. Dobin mentioned that this was a serious issue the faculty committee came upon during the review process.

According to University Scholars President Elliott O'Brien, the scholars themselves had been aware of and concerned about the low completion rate well before the review board. Both he and Coyle suggested that the main reason for this was the senior

thesis or capstone project required for graduation from the Program.

O'Brien mentioned that the University Scholars program takes care to seek out students willing to complete all aspects of the program during their recruitment process.

However, he said, even among this self-selected group many find themselves too busy or otherwise reluctant to devote the time necessary to this major undertaking.

have been worthy additions to the program.

O'Brien remembered in particular a student who was not invited to apply because a difficult transition to college had lowered his GPA, but went on to become one of the most successful students in his class.

Non-University Scholars are free to take UNIV-designated classes (classes approved for University Scholars credit), but are not truly part of the program community.

The main objection of the faculty review board, however, was that as W&L has grown as an institution since 1984, the program has become increasingly less necessary.

"Developments over time—such as the creation of many interdisciplinary programs and the newer First-Year Seminar program, a much expanded and more varied curriculum across the departments and programs, and the [many] new and innovative courses being designed for the new spring term—fulfill many of those original goals," said Dobin.

Dobin was very clear that, no matter what the future of the Program as such, the University will continue to support its goals of interdisciplinary study and "fostering a sense of intellectual community."

Another troubling issue for members of the program—though not necessarily for the review committee—has been its small size, which is a double-edged sword.

While it allows for a closer feeling of community than would otherwise be possible, the program's consequent exclusivity is an unfortunate side effect.

O'Brien said that one of the most difficult responsibilities of his role as president is serving on the student-run committee for admission into the program. Out of about 200 students (almost half a graduating class) with the minimum qualifying GPA of 3.5, he said, the program can take approximately forty.

Harder still is the realization that some students who do not meet the GPA requirement would nevertheless

Local correctional center closed

Budget cuts cause loss of jobs, relocation of juveniles and costs W&L an outreach program

By Vergil Parson
STAFF WRITER

The closing of Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center will cost Rockbridge county a hundred jobs, relocate dozens of kids to much harsher facilities and lose Washington and Lee a fruitful outreach.

In an attempt to make up a budget shortfall of 1.35 billion dollars, Gov. Tim Kaine's office released a plan detailing cuts and belt-tightening measures. Among these is the closing of Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Center (NBCC). The plan states that savings will total 1.2 million dollars and result in 68 layoffs.

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Correction:

In last week's edition of the Phi, due to technical difficulties, we published a headline on the cover that simply read "Assault." The actual headline should have read "Stamping out assault." We apologize for this potentially offensive error.

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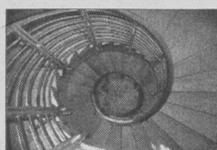
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Apart from

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Learning to live with the women's rugby team

As a new and surprisingly successful club on campus, the W&L women's rugby team has defied expectations

By Stockton Bullitt
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I have to start with a disclaimer. Yes, I am a member of the rugby team, and, yes, I am inherently biased towards this subject matter.

However, it's late September, which means the fourth floor of Graham-Lees hasn't been mentioned nearly enough to be notorious yet.

Also, the school has blocked

at the end of Spring Term last year, and I was not only surprised by the turnout, but rather impressed.

On only a couple of weeks notice, the girls already seemed ready to field a team. But again, I'm talking about VMI. That is to be expected. I mean, these girls enjoy shooting guns at targets in the woods. Why wouldn't they

guys from the Michael Jordan movie you saw when you were six.

The girls I imagined would be oversized, probably have about four too many piercings, and would threaten to take my lunch money if I did not get out of their way. Basically, I thought they would be the bench of a WNBA basketball team.

ried powder-puff football games played every Spring Term.

At club sign ups in early September, I was stunned to see how many girls stopped by the rugby table and signed up to play.

For every guy making sure his boys saw him sign up, there was a girl right there behind him, pen in hand.

Fine, I thought, there were girls with too much time on their hands, and they thought it'd be cute to try a club sport. Or maybe they saw some dashing young rugby player who they read about in the school newspaper and thought that by signing up, they would have a chance to win his affections. Or maybe I was completely wrong about those last two assumptions.

With the astonishing number of signups for the women's rugby team, there were enough players to field an entirely separate team for W&L, instead of just adding to the VMI women's roster.

On the first day of practice, more than 15 girls showed up ready to play. Since they started practicing about a week ago, not only has their attendance been outstanding, but their dedication to practice has been also been commendable.

When most of the men's players, including myself, are bent over trying to catch their

collective breath and regretting that seventh Natty from the night before, the girls are effortlessly running Indian sprints around the field.

The team is now large enough to try and enter into two major tournaments in the spring, and it looks like they can not only enter but also do quite well, despite the fact that none of them have ever played rugby before.

Being able to field a team with no previous experience and only a couple of months of practice before a national tournament? Even Emilio Estevez had Charlie Conway when he coached District Five to a championship over the Hawks. And, yes, that is two 15-year-old kids' movie references and counting so far.

But here's the important thing about the advent of the W&L women's rugby team. They should not be revered for being brave, strong, courageous, dangerous or any other specific adjective. This is not WUSA or the WNBA or even "A League of Their Own." They are not the sorority in "The House Bunny" bravely fighting for attention against the evil blondes.

In fact, their accomplishment isn't really movie quality. Ludacris is not going to narrate their documentary, as he did with the documentary "The Heart of the

Game."

They have achieved a feat much more important and spectacular.

They have created a fully capable sports team out of thin air.

They have a reliable practice schedule, a consistent turnout and an unparalleled enthusiasm for the game. How many other clubs here were anywhere close to having this kind of success when they started? Can the Ultimate Frisbee team, a club with a much longer history, boast this kind of schedule and stability?

These girls aren't by any means the Monstars. I would go on further describing how different they really are physically from the Monstars, but my lawyers advise me to do otherwise.

These are just normal college students forming a stable, attended club, and that is their true accomplishment. They have altered my and others' misconceptions of the sport not through conferences, rallies, O-Week enlightenment sessions or anything else like that.

Instead, the women's rugby club triumphed in the most boring and unheralded way possible.

They signed up.

How many other clubs here were anywhere close to having this kind of success when they started? Can the Ultimate Frisbee team, a club with a much longer history, boast this kind of schedule and stability?

the CollegeACB website ("pending an internal investigation," right...), so I don't exactly have anything juicy enough to apply to our campus at this given time. Instead, I am going to write something that I want to write about.

At the end of last Spring, VMI decided to add a women's rugby team to their club repertoire. This made plenty of sense for two reasons: it helps fulfill their Title IX requirements, and the girls who willingly attend VMI without playing a varsity sport probably feel ready to hit someone.

I saw the girls' team practice

enjoy beating the crap out of other girls?

Before school started, the W&L Rugby coach, Tom Lovell, talked about trying to recruit some girls to join in with the VMI women's rugby team. I, like most of the other guys who I talked to, responded by saying, "Look, I'm down with the whole Women's Lib thing, but you will never get any girl here to play rugby. Period."

When I think of women's rugby, I tend to imagine the Monstars from "Space Jam." For those of you with lives, those were the animated monster bad

The perception I had of most women at W&L was pretty much the polar opposite of my perception of women's rugby players.

Because I am deathly afraid of getting tarred and feathered by the Women's Studies department, let me say from the onset that both these preconceptions are false, and I have since seen the error in my ways.

Anyway, I thought that girls at W&L would neither want to hit each other, nor would they want to get too dirty. Obviously, these preconceptions were blatantly false, which is readily apparent to anyone who has attended the sto-

The loss of the barrier in the BDG Quad is an absolute travesty

A first-year shares his outrage at the demolition of the flowered barrier

By Keaton Fletcher
COLUMNIST

If you have been anywhere near the quad within the past week, you may have noticed a rather troublesome physical change on our campus.

Earlier this week, many living in Gilliam and Davis dormitories woke up to the sound of a bulldozer in the Quad knocking down the small triangular barrier containing an enjoyable flowering bush.

Many students are at a loss as to why this ideal sitting place was demolished without notice, at least for the most part. I think it safe to assume that the bush was not worth watering, especially in comparison to grass. Even so, Generals are not mourning the loss of the plant but rather the seating area.

Where else are we supposed

to sit and explain to our parents that no, we are not getting in too much trouble?

Where are we supposed to sit and wait for our select friends who have cars to come pick us up?

Some might say that the two benches provided on the side walk are clearly ideal seating, especially compared to a decrepit brick wall. But there are two main problems that are already noticeable about the new lack of seating.

The first problem is just that: lack of seating. The other issue is the proximity to the street. Few students desire to sit next to the street while having an intimate conversation or while trying to arrange an interview for an internship.

The semi-isolated feeling that the old brick wall seating provided was much preferable.

But, instead of reminiscing in the years (or in first-years' cases weeks) gone by with ideal seating in the quad, perhaps we should look toward the future.

Maybe the new triangle of grass that has been planted, once it takes root, could be host to a new set of benches for more comfortable and intimate seating. Or perhaps we could have a more natural themed seating, i.e., rocks or logs.

This might be an idealistic view of some wide-eyed freshman, but isn't this our campus?

If we care enough about the loss of seating we should bring this to the attention of administration. We have shown the

power of students in years prior by making changes, such as a shift toward local produce and the institution of Campus Kitchens.

If there is enough interest in bringing change about on this campus, we have the power to do it.

Now, Generals, the only question is having to sit on the steps of Gilliam to simply have a conversation awkward enough? Do you feel so uneasy sitting alone on a bench by the street at midnight that you feel the need to request a change?

If so, take control of your situation and come up with an incentive for administration to give you what you want.

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What energizes you about taking on the responsibilities of campus leadership? I was fortunate enough to find opportunities I really enjoy. I have a passion for working with sports and with social events. Seeing other people having a great time energizes me to make every event or game better. I always think there are ways to adjust or alter past events to make them better, and I feel driven to make them the best I can.

What has been one of the most rewarding aspects of leadership at W&L? My position as a referee has been far and away my most rewarding activity. I have grown to be more confident in my capabilities and believe I have helped make the intramural program a smoother running activity. Through the intramural program I have met so many students and faculty on campus. It has helped me grow as an individual and develop not only my strengths, but helped me identify and improve my weaknesses.

What legacy of leadership do you hope you've left for others at W&L? If anything, I believe I leave a strong voice, a passion for competition, a desire to win, and a commitment to always improving.

Any words of advice for those who follow? Find something you love and go after it. Always look for ways to improve and be open to suggestions from all angles. And if you can have fun and make money doing it, then you'll never have to truly "work."

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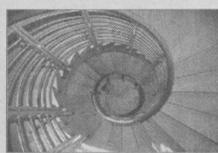
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opinions

Facebook, Twitter and the future of communication

Facebook and Twitter are now powerful entities in the Internet universe, but Jonathan Salm questions their legitimacy

By Jonathan Salm
STAFF WRITER

With the rise of the social network and interconnectivity on the internet, a number of institutions have come to dominate how people communicate.

Friendster, MySpace and Facebook all launched in successive years from 2002 to 2004, and the Internet was transformed from a largely unorganized collection of people, ideas and articles to an interrelated forum where these people, ideas and articles could all be linked together.

Coupled with the rise of personal blogs, as well as websites such as Wikipedia and Youtube, the Internet entered its second era formally beginning after the dot-com bubble burst. The term Web 2.0 was coined, ushering in the era of the interconnected internet.

While both Friendster and MySpace rose and fell in popularity sequentially, Facebook has come to dominate the social networking scene, boasting over 200 million users—largely due to a clean, uncluttered interface, the ability to easily share photos and comments and the recently added chat feature.

One of Facebook's marquee

features is the ability to publish a 'status' for all friends to see. This status is a short message that appears at the top of a user's page. What began as a question of "What are you doing?" now reads, "What's on your mind?" Basically, the status is a 160-character micro-blog.

While yes, I do use Facebook, and yes, I do occasionally publish a status for my friends to see, I believe the Facebook status to be more trouble than it's worth.

Facebook's strengths lie in its innovative photo tagging feature as well as its ease in adding friends. Both of these features were marquee of the website when it first launched. Being able to connect with hundreds (and thousands, for some) of people while also being able to cull through years of online photos lies within the heart of the Facebook's convenience.

However ubiquitous Facebook is among students, young adults, and recently—gasp—adults and professionals, its status feature invites a critical existential examination. Can 160 characters, the same amount allowed in one text message, truly describe someone's life?

I find Facebook statuses to be uninteresting, often point-

less, and somewhat disturbing. When I log on to Facebook, I don't particularly care to know that a recent graduate of my high school is having a good enough time at college to warrant incessantly quoting the Asher Roth hit "I Love College."

The essential issue with Facebook statuses has carried over into the most recent, and possibly most pointless way people communicate with the world—Twitter. And boy, do I hate Twitter.

As Facebook came to surpass both Friendster and MySpace a

seem, it is transforming the landscape of both online social networks and people's daily communication techniques.

Via text messages, instant messages, and other web-based applications (including, yes, Facebook) users publish messages known as "tweets." These tweets can even be messages personalized to certain users via a reply command, signed by @ and followed by their username.

The existential dilemma within Facebook's status is the exact same within Twitter—only twen-

ty characters shorter. With 140 characters at a tweeter's disposal, Twitter reduces a user's day-to-day to a few short sentences. Is this any way to live?

I emphatically declare, "NO!"

While I do recognize that tweets are to be constantly updated, as to only reduce an hour or

so of each day to 140 characters, I refuse to be confined to such a limited paradigm. Despite my aversion to Twitter, it seems that it is here to stay.

In fact, it is rapidly climbing the social networking echelon, intimidating Facebook with its stripped-down simplicity and minimalism. (Note that Facebook's own simplicity and minimalism contributed to its rise over rivals Friendster and Myspace.)

From February 2008 to 2009, Twitter's user base grew over 1300 percent, whereas Facebook's grew nearly 230 percent. While this may be attributed to Twitter's novelty and innovation or simply the fact that Web 2.0ers tend to gravitate to the newest and hippest trends, it is nonetheless a poignant fact.

Both social networks are immensely popular, and because of

the interconnectivity bred out of Web 2.0, it seems that both are here to stay.

If Friendster and MySpace are any example, each network has a niche it can thrive on. Friendster has the Asian market cornered, and MySpace is still tops for music.

Despite my aversion to the Facebook status and Twitter as a whole, I remain yet another connected being—if only via Facebook. What exactly does this mean about the future of online social networking, and more broadly, communication as a whole?

It seems that brief, bite-sized communication is the way of the future. This shift from face-to-face communication to quicker and more effective means is nothing new.

Over the past hundred and fifty years, communication has evolved from telegrams to wired telephones to wireless telephones to cell phones to email and finally to online social networks such as Facebook and Twitter.

This transformation represents a prime example of social Darwinism—adapt or die out.

Remember sending letters through the mail? I don't either.

While yes, I do use Facebook, and yes, I do occasionally publish a status for my friends to see, I believe the Facebook status to be more trouble than it's worth.

few years ago, Twitter intends to do the same to Facebook in the next few years.

Launched in 2006, Twitter is essentially Facebook's status feature without Facebook's photo publishing, friend adding, wall writing, applications, games, or any other features.

However simple Twitter may

letters to the editor

A call to speak about assault

Class urges victims of sexual assault to finally speak up

Dear Students,

I didn't know Jeanne Clery.

In 1986 she was a 19 year-old freshman at Lehigh University who was raped and murdered while she was asleep in her campus residence hall.

Neither Jeanne, nor her family, nor the Lehigh student body knew that 38 violent crimes had happened on campus in the three years before her murder. No one knew.

Out of Jeanne's death came the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. This ensures that all campus crimes are reported to the public.

But no one is reporting sexual assault at Washington and Lee University.

Zip. Zero. Zilch. Nada.

None: that's how many sexual assault cases have been reported to W&L Public Safety in 2007 and 2008 and were included in the Clery Report on campus crime.

If you were to apply to W&L today, you would not know that sexual assault is an issue on campus. It's not in any college guide book and no admission's tour guide will tell you about it.

It happens. And we don't talk about it.

No reported cases.

We all know there were more. We all know a roommate, a friend or a classmate with a story. We have stories of our own.

It's time for W&L students to reclaim their voices. It's time for us to have a reporting system that works, that we understand, that we want to go to, that will stop this act of violence and truly be a part of a community of honor and respect.

The Student-Faculty Hearing Board review committee will be having an open forum Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Northen Auditorium.

This is our chance to show what we want and what we need out of our university.

I will be there. We will all be there.

Our strength is in our numbers. Our strength is in our voices. We are survivors.

We will not rest until there is not one more case of sexual assault.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Hardiman

The Pink Team, WGS 296A

Facebook does have impact

Roddy Flynn reflects on Facebook's effect on job market

To The Editor:

The previous issue of the Phi contained a fascinating article about one of the hallmarks of our generation. A trend that started in academia, confined to college campuses, and then spread to grade-schoolers and Medicare recipients alike.

It is a force so powerful that Time Magazine included it in its interestingly generic 2006 Person of the Year dedication to the "You" generation.

Staff writer Gozi Egbuonu asked an important question in her profile on the social networking phenomenon Facebook. Egbuonu asked: "Is Facebook real?"

Does this cyberspace snapshot of your existence really have any correlation to who you really are in the temporal plane? Does this interwebs profile that flies through Senator Ted Steven's electric tubes give citizens of far away nations a realistic portrait of your life and times?

And, most importantly maybe, does it matter?

I had a stark realization of how my Facebook persona may make me appear to others one day in October of 2005. I was a sophomore at American University in Washington, DC. I was interviewing for an internship at a prestigious DC think tank.

The lead interviewer took out a thin manila folder and opened it. Inside I could see my application materials, writing sample, resume, et cetera. Then she turned the pages over and I was horrified at what she had in her hand: a printed out copy of my Facebook profile.

My profile picture showed an 18 year-old me drunkenly dancing with a plastic panda. Fortunately, my interviewers ignored this interesting peek into my personal life and instead asked me about some of the quotes I had put in my profile and why I felt they were significant.

Now, four years later, I have just started law school. The job market is horrific, I'm meeting a slough of new people, and I am trying to make a quasi-good

impression on some rather intimidating professors. (Or short of quasi-good, just trying not to appear a complete fool).

Reading Egbuonu's article, I paused to think about Facebook, the Internet and the kind of signals we, as a generation, are sending out.

Now more than ever, law students and undergraduates alike need to be very careful about the kind of information they put out for the world.

As much fun as a funny picture of a keg stand; a snarky Tweet; or a glib, insulting blog post or newspaper article may be to hoist in front of our friends: maybe think twice before putting your images or writings into a permanent, public and easily searchable archive of our communal thoughts.

It is always fun to be a polemic, a clown or a firebrand. (Or perhaps, at times, all three). But it is also important to be sure the self-portrait you are painting of yourself is not one that will embarrass you down the line; maybe to your friends, classmates or future employers.

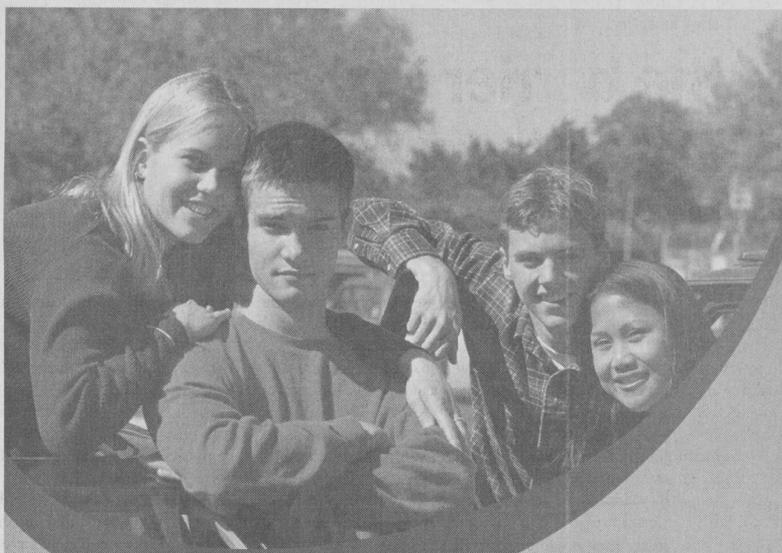
Such advice has always been well established, but it is far more important since the older generations have caught on to this new Internet fad.

You may, months or years from now when looking for a summer associateship or internship, Google yourself and think, "Hmm, this doesn't really represent who I really am. These are just some meaningless tweets or posts on message boards."

But peers and employers do not care. They read what you write and take it at face value. The last thing any of us should want to appear to our comrades or bosses as is a fool.

We could all stand to be more careful of what we commit to writing and place into the public forum. Because trust me: people are watching.

Roddy Flynn '12L



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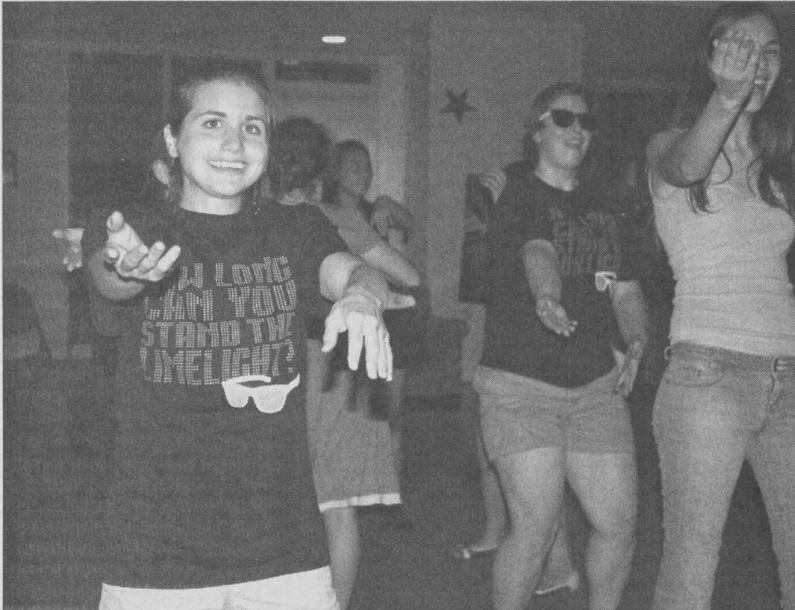
arts & life

Dancing the night away for charity

W&L's third dance-a-thon, "Dancing with the Stars," raises over \$2,000 for the March of Dimes and books for kids

By Holly Suthers
STAFF WRITER

So you think you can dance? How about for 10 hours straight? campus last week to participate in the event and to raise money supports the March of Dimes, which aims to improve the health



CRISTINA BRATU / Staff Photographer

Pi Beta Phi Junior Victoria Taylor does the macarena in support of her sorority, the March of Dimes and local literacy projects.

Pi Beta Phi sorority and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity challenged the endurance of dancers Friday night at their 3rd Annual Dance-A-Thon in Elrod Commons.

Members of these two Greek organizations sold tickets all over

for the March of Dimes and local literacy efforts.

Zaq Lawal and Samara Francisco organized the event, and said that they surpassed their goal of raising \$2,000 for these charities. Half of the money raised

of babies. In the past, the other half has gone to buying books for local elementary schools.

To be the champion, one must dance all night long, and the last person dancing is the winner. As participants moved on the dance

floor, different styles of dances came alive, while limbs became weak.

"The only type of dancing not allowed is 'no dancing,'" said Lawal, Phi Beta Sigma president.

All types of music were played throughout the night; however, the organizations decided to put a special emphasis on playing music from popular movies, dubbing the night's theme "Dancing with the Stars."

According to Lawal, more than 100 people came to the event, making it a huge success and the most profitable dance-a-thon yet.

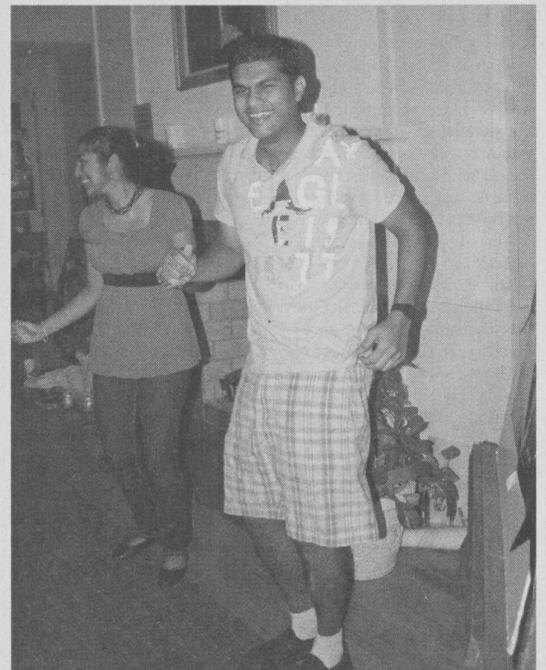
Junior Susan Taylor, who participated, said that the music made the night.

"My favorite part was doing the macarena to a Lady GaGa song for entertainment," said Taylor.

First-place winner Sir-Koven Glover and second-place winner Sarah Kim both received a Fancy Dress ticket, a combined value of \$120. The two danced from 8:00 Friday night to 5:30 Saturday morning.

The idea of the dance-a-thon began in 2007 when the two groups wanted to do a fun, innovative fundraiser together. This year the \$20 ticket prices included a T-shirt and a pair of sunglasses.

Raffle tickets for prizes donated from local vendors were



Students cut the rug late into the night in the Elrod Commons living room.

also sold.

Lawal said he hopes, in the future, for increased participation so it is even more fun. He foresees more raffle prizes and a larger location, such as the gym or the pavilion.

Lawal said that the best part

of organizing this fundraiser was "seeing all the planning and hard work come to fruition and knowing that people are having a great time and enjoying themselves."

Lend a hand, be a good "Nabor"

Annual University day of service kicks off on Saturday

By Stephanie Hardiman
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

This weekend is the opportunity to give back to the community students call home for four years.

Each year, dozens of students spend a Saturday doing good for the Rockbridge area and keeping the memory of Jonathan Nabors '02 alive.

Students can sign up individually or in teams, and are assigned a service project for the day.

"It's a really great way to show that our campus is devoted to the community and that we're not trapped in this W&L bubble," said Nabors Service League chair Samara Francisco. "Rockbridge County is a place we consider our home, too."

Nabors Service League members spent last week in Elrod Commons encouraging students to sign up for the event or even take the initiative to become a team leader and recruit students themselves.

Francisco, a senior, said this year's projects include clearing trails at Boxerwood Gardens, reshelving books at the local library, picking trash and debris at Panther Falls and painting-related projects throughout the county.

Team leader Christina Torres, a junior, decided to field a team of Heinz Scholars, high-achieving minority students who receive scholarships to rise above difficult financial circumstances.

Torres and her five teammates are committed to completing two group community service activities as part of their relationship with Heinz.

"We've been given a great opportunity and we need to give back in some way," Torres said.

About 135 students are signed up now, Francisco said, and she hopes more will choose to join the cause this week. Many fraternities, sororities, athletic teams and organizations have already organized volunteer teams.

Nabors Service League was formed by the friends of Jonathan

Nabors in 1999. Nabors, a freshman, and his sister were driving back to Lexington from their home in Birmingham, Ala., after winter break when they were killed in a car accident on I-81.

Nabors Service Day began that year in his memory and, with the help of his friends, became a student volunteer organization that works year-round to provide volunteers.

"Sometimes you just have to meet the person to understand how exceptional he or she is," said Nabors Service League organizer Clairborne Taylor '02 upon the founding of the group. "Jonathan's love for this University and the Lexington community was evident in the way he carried himself. His presence truly brightened a room and brought smiles to people's faces."

Nabors' parents return to Lexington each year for the day of service and are still active in the University community.

"It's how the family has been able to deal with their son's death and still have a relationship with the school," Francisco said. "And it reminds the University of the greater point of the organization."

Saturday at 1 p.m., the participants will gather on Cannan Green to hear the Nabors family speak. After departing for their individual projects, teams will work until about 5 p.m. and return to campus for a picnic dinner and reflection on the day.

The next Nabors Service League event will be a Halloween carnival on Oct. 29 that is co-sponsored with the Lexington Chamber of Commerce. It will include pumpkin and face painting, games and candy for local children.

Those interested in participating in Nabors Service Day can register online at <http://go.wlu.edu/nabors> or contact Samara Francisco.

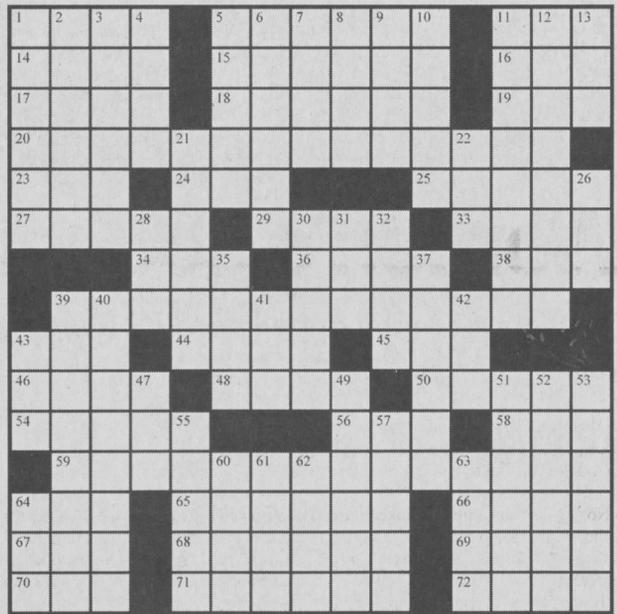
Crossword of the Week

Hall in the Family by Neville L. Fogarty

For the solution to this puzzle, visit phicrosswords.tumblr.com.

ACROSS

- 1 They're run or swum
- 5 "This is ___!"
- 11 Reggae relative
- 14 Role for Ronny Howard
- 15 Roles for Hitchcock
- 16 "___ the land of the free ..."
- 17 Fishy feature
- 18 Groups at war
- 19 "Law & Order" setting, briefly
- 20 He served as a country's only president
- 23 Big diamond?
- 24 Melania Trump ___ Knauss
- 25 "Fiddler on the Roof" role
- 27 Badge sort
- 29 Wearing
- 33 Lump, as of mashed potatoes
- 34 Problem during online gaming
- 36 Type of fail
- 38 Mandela's org.
- 39 She penned, "As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free"
- 43 Unruly head of hair
- 44 Salacious look
- 45 Sculler's need
- 46 Beer whose Red Triangle was Britain's first trademark
- 48 Former "The View" chatter Lisa
- 50 More than one 35-Down
- 54 Pays to play
- 56 Bowl sound
- 58 "We ___ Family"
- 59 His 42 was retired across the MLB in 1997
- 64 Tapping target
- 65 Boneheadedness
- 66 Schools of thought
- 67 Had a beef?
- 68 Strengths
- 69 "Clue" accessory
- 70 Abbr. in many company names



- 71 They're on the run
- 72 Spring purchase

DOWN

- 1 Deadlock
- 2 Per person
- 3 Shoplift, perhaps
- 4 ___ centered
- 5 Syfy's "___ Tactics"
- 6 3.26 light-years
- 7 It's needed to reload
- 8 Pull (in)
- 9 Pigeon-___
- 10 Analyze
- 11 Tom Green to John Barrymore, briefly
- 12 "Always smooth, even when you're not" beer
- 13 Story ___
- 21 Call for
- 22 ___ out
- 26 1970 Jackson Five hit
- 28 Down with the flu
- 30 Live's partner
- 31 Financing abbr.
- 32 "Sand in My Shoes" singer
- 35 Resident of 61-Down
- 37 Role for Scott Baio
- 39 "I Love Rock 'n Roll" singer
- 40 Stole the spotlight
- 41 Third century Chinese dynasty
- 42 Can you dig it?
- 43 Second degree?
- 47 Short time
- 49 Worker with an apron
- 51 1943 film "___ Come Home"
- 52 ___ l'oeil
- 53 Had a hunch
- 55 "The Old Man and the Sea" boat
- 57 1989 underwater flick, with "The"
- 60 Taylor Hicks, to "The Soul Patrol"
- 61 Land of 50-Across
- 62 Memorization method
- 63 Cheese ___
- 64 ___-El (Superman's birthname)



Generals give fall preview in lax classic

The Washington and Lee Men's Lacrosse team will compete against VMI in the 23rd Annual Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic

By Brooke Sutherland
SPORTS EDITOR

The Generals' lacrosse sticks have been patiently waiting out the summer in closets and gym bags. But now it's time for fall ball and those sticks, eager for the taste of new turf and the jolt of a well-placed check, are ready to prove they're worth their aluminum.

The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team will compete against the Virginia Military Institute in the 23rd Annual Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic this Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Wilson Field. The game will mark the first contest for the Generals since their loss to Gettysburg in the NCAA tournament last spring put an end to their 16-4 season. The storied match-up against Division I VMI has traditionally been held in the spring, but three years ago, organizers

moved the event to the fall.

"It's very difficult to find time to schedule a game like this in the spring," said W&L head coach Gene McCabe. "Now it can be a stand-alone event. We can really build it up in the community and have a nice long-standing rivalry."

Admission to the game is free, but the schools will be hosting a 50-50 raffle with all proceeds going directly to support youth lacrosse in the area.

"It's just a great thing to have for the community," McCabe said. "It's a great way to give back to the city of Lexington."

And it's a way of giving back that the players enjoy.

"I interned this summer for a camp in the area and I had an awesome time,"

said senior captain defender Tyler Smith. "I was coaching kids from the Lexington and Roanoke area so I probably met a lot of these kids. It's definitely something that's important for us."

As far as a long-standing rivalry goes, it may not be much of a contest. In the 23 years that the Classic has been held, the Generals have lost only twice to the Cadets. Last year, W&L took home the Classic with a 14-8 victory.

"We always enjoy playing [VMI] a lot," Smith said. "It's cool to be competitive with a Division I team. But I think fall practices have been going well and we're all pretty confident about it. I just hope we play our best and then I think we'll win."

But while the Cadets may not be the

Generals' biggest foe of the year, the game will be a strong preview of what Generals' fans can expect come spring.

Smith, named to the All-ODAC Conference team last year, will be back on defense. Fellow captain senior attack Will Keigler will be looking to continue to build the scoring record that earned him All-American Honorable Mention last year and the proud title of sixth-leading scorer in the nation. Senior midfielder Kevin Feeney, who contributed 14 goals and two assists last year, will also be returning for the Generals.

But the game is also an exhibition for the new faces hoping to join the Generals in the spring.

"We don't use this game to decide who's on the team," McCabe said. "But

anyone who's on our roster for this game has a really good chance."

The game takes place over VMI's homecoming weekend, but McCabe said he hoped the W&L crowd would be the one who screamed the loudest.

"VMI is bound to have a great crowd so we need as many students and faculty and staff as we can," he said. "It would be great to have a great W&L crowd there to lead us to victory over VMI."

Men's soccer suffers another tough overtime loss

Will Dorrance takes us behind the scenes on the Generals' third consecutive double-overtime game against Lynchburg

By Will Dorrance
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee University men's soccer team fell to Lynchburg 3-2 in double-overtime on Saturday. The loss gives us a 2-2-2 overall record and a 0-1-1 ODAC conference record. But the game wasn't just a loss. It was a hard-fought battle.

Coming off a disappointing scoreless tie against Randolph-Macon, a team we felt we should have beaten, we were excited for our game with Lynchburg on Saturday.

Last year, Lynchburg embarrassed us at our own place, 3-0, and they returned 10 starters from that team. So we knew it was going to be a tough match-up, but we were determined to make Saturday a different game.

Lynchburg is W&L's longest-standing rival in men's soccer. It is always a very physical game, as evidenced by a red card ejection in last year's match. They don't like us, and we don't like them.

Playing on Saturday night in Lynchburg this year, we knew the game would take on an added dimension. With the field right in the middle of the campus,

the relentless Hornet fans are always out in full force.

Knowing that Lynchburg plays a very direct style of soccer, we spent a lot of time in practice leading up to this game working on defending the long ball. But in practice all week, we could not simulate Saturday's terrible weather conditions. It poured the entire game, making it especially difficult for the defenders to clear the ball and the goalkeepers to catch it. As such, we really tried to limit the number of corners and free kicks we gave Lynchburg in our defensive end.

Eight minutes into the game, with a ball bouncing around about 20 yards outside our offensive goal, junior forward James Pymm went into the tackle with a Lynchburg defender, and the ball somehow was perfectly placed in the upper left corner. The fortunate bounce granted Pymm his third goal of the season and handed us an early 1-0 lead.

Just two minutes later, Lynchburg served a ball into our box, and we were unable to clear the ball. Hornet sophomore forward Jim Rochow came out with the ball and struck it off the bot-

tom of the crossbar and into the goal. It became evident that the rainy conditions on the turf field were going to make for a high scoring affair.

Later in the first half, senior captain midfielder Drew Crowley went up for a header in our offensive end and collided heads with a Hornet opponent. Both were injured on the play. Crowley stayed in the game, but the mild concussion would force him off the field halfway through the second half.

Although we started the game playing well, our level dropped off toward the end of the half. The Hornets began to control the ball in our defensive half, but we were able to hold them off and keep the game tied heading into halftime.

Lynchburg struck first in the second half, with Pat Brown sending in a header off a corner in the 58th minute. Our goalkeeper Ben Bartlett dove to his right, got a hand on it, but was unable to keep it out of the cage.

From that point on, we were doing anything we could to get back on the scoreboard, trying just to scrap for a goal. After a Lynchburg foul on our

left side of the field in the 75th minute, first-year midfielder John Stallé sent the free kick into the box. With a Hornets' misclear, Pymm put the ball in the back of the net from about six yards out. Our team went crazy. We knew this would be a huge win if we could squeak in another goal.

Near the end of regulation, junior midfielder Ben Belair was advancing up the right side of the field. He drew two defenders over toward him, leaving Pymm wide open streaking down the middle of the field. Belair noticed Pymm and tried to feed a ball through to him, but the second Lynchburg defender dove and just barely got a foot on it, breaking up the attack.

After the first 90 minutes, the game remained tied at two, and we were heading into our third overtime game in one week. The game started to get even more physical toward the end of regulation and especially in overtime, and the referee was not doing much about it.

With our team leader Crowley on the bench, Lynchburg began to pressure us in our defensive end. We decided to play

a little more conservatively, especially since we were tired, having played so much extra time in our recent matches.

But we had a near-golden opportunity at the end of the first overtime period. Pymm played the ball in the box on the right side behind their defense, but the clock ran out before he could get a shot off.

Just three minutes into the second overtime, Lynchburg crossed the ball into the box to Stephen Legg, who mishit the shot. The ball deflected off a defender and landed just inside the post to end the game.

While we thought we played pretty well, it was incredibly disappointing to come home with a loss after battling with one of the top teams in our conference for 103 minutes. We are now 2-2-2 on the year and 0-1-1 in the ODAC.

After travelling all over for the first six games of the season, we are definitely looking forward to our first home game on Tuesday against Guilford.

Women's soccer falls to No. 1 ranked foe

The Lady Generals defeated Hollins University, but fell to Messiah College over the weekend to drop to 5-1

By Lizz Dye
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team lost its perfect record, going 1-1 for the week with a 6-0 victory over Hollins University and a 5-0 loss to No. 1 Messiah College. Ranked third in the 2009 ODAC preseason poll, the Generals are now 5-1 and 2-0 in ODAC conference play.

In the Wednesday match-up against Hollins, junior Laura Yungmeyer scored the first and only first-half goal in the 34th minute off an assist from sophomore Allie Espina. The Generals picked it up the second half and put five goals

in the net.

Senior midfielder Roz Klann scored in the 52nd minute off an assist from sophomore forward Kat Barnes. Barnes contributed a goal of her own in the 56th minute off an assist from midfielder Hannah Sackfield. Senior midfielder Maggie Sutherland scored the fourth goal for the Generals in the 62nd minute off another assist from Sackfield. First-year midfielder Ainsley Daigle continued her strong play for the Generals and closed out the game with two more goals. The first came off a corner kick in

the 78th minute and the second was an unassisted goal in the 88th minute.

Sophomore goalie Emily Leary played all 90 minutes with two saves.

The Generals knew the Saturday match-up against Messiah would be a challenge. Unfortunately, the Generals were unable to pull out a win. The 5-0 loss was a hard blow to the team, but the players said it was definitely a good experience to play against the 2008 National Champions.

"We played well for the first half, but let off for 20 minutes in the second,

and that's when they scored their goals," said sophomore forward Anne Masich.

"We beat Hollins, but we have been playing very inconsistently this week," added sophomore defender Corinne Smith. "We need to be strong all 90 minutes of the game in order to continue to win. We've got to take a deep breath and refocus to beat our tough opponents coming up."

The Generals will need to put in some extra work before they take on the tough opponents coming up on their schedule. The Generals face No. 1 ranked and

2007-2008 ODAC champions Lynchburg College on October 10.

"We need to defend as a team and capitalize on the opportunities that we get when we play them because they are a really good team," Smith said.

The Generals will look to work on building up their game in their next match-up at Roanoke College on Wednesday.

Making it through prison in the NFL

Columnist Lee Tackett compares the situations of NFL stars Michael Vick and Plaxico Burress

By Lee Tackett
STAFF COLUMNIST

Two NFL stars have seen their lives head in different directions over the past two years. Poised to suit up for his first regular season game since serving time in prison for dog fighting, Michael Vick seems to have turned his life around. But while Vick gets set to run through the tunnel when his new team, the Philadelphia Eagles, square off against the Kansas City Chiefs, Plaxico Burress will be sitting in a cell in the maximum security prison of Rikers Island, outside of New York City.

Admittedly, Burress made a mistake by carrying a gun with him the night he accidentally shot himself in the leg. Burress was rushed to the hospital, and

made a full recovery from the injuries, but turned himself in to authorities the following week. A warrant was issued for his arrest, not because the hospital reported the shooting to the authorities, but because the police department saw the television coverage of the incident. The mayor of New York City, Michael Bloomberg, urged for Burress to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and Burress quickly found himself in a difficult situation.

Throughout his career, Burress has never been exempt from criticism for his off-field actions. He has two restraining orders issued against him for domestic disturbances, both of which were even-

tually dropped. For most, Burress's recent actions were seen as a clear lapse in judgment, but not necessarily a truly criminal act. But today, Burress finds himself in a cell next to some of the hardest criminals in New York City. Murderers and drug dealers next to someone who accidentally shot himself in the leg doesn't quite seem right. Burress wasn't a weapon-toting thug, but simply part of a culture that sees many athletes carry guns for "protection," even if they rarely think of using them.

Burress's status as an NFL star clearly worked against him in this case. The New York City judicial system made an example of Burress by sentencing him

to two years in prison. Burress has made the most of his difficult situation, however. He hasn't been making any excuses for his actions and has accepted his punishment as best he can.

Michael Vick's career has taken a much better turn than Burress's. Vick will be on an NFL depth chart for the first time in two years this Sunday. Vick had obvious issues before his prison sentence. He was around the wrong type of people, making the wrong type of decisions at the height of his career. Vick filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy while in prison. He had irresponsibly squandered the massive sums of the money he made through his contracts and endorsements

and was left with virtually nothing. The Eagles took a decided risk in signing Vick, facing criticism from multiple animal rights organizations. But the Eagles believe that Vick has turned a corner in his life and greatly increased his level of maturity.

While Vick may never be the star that he was in Atlanta, his redemption project can serve as motivation for Burress. Maybe he, too, will make it through his prison term and one day return to the NFL.

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Football						at Randolph Macon 1 p.m.	
Field Hockey					vs Limestone 6:30 p.m.		at Mary Washington 2 p.m.
Men's Soccer		vs Gullford 4 p.m.				at Randolph 7 p.m.	
Women's Soccer			at Roanoke 7 p.m.			at Randolph Macon 12 p.m.	vs. Randolph 2 p.m.
Volleyball		at Emory & Henry 7 p.m.			at Randolph 6:30 p.m.	at Mary Washington 1 p.m.	
Men's XC						at George Mason Invite TBA	
Women's XC						at Royals Invite 10 a.m.	
Men's Tennis						at ITA Atlantic South Regional	at ITA Atlantic South Regional
Women's Tennis							



STEELE BURROW / Staff Photographer

Top: Senior forward Steph Mansey fights for the ball against Randolph-Macon
Bottom left: Senior captain Sallie Armstrong takes a swing at the ball as fellow senior captain midfielder Grace McGee looks on
Bottom middle: Mansey looks for the ball as she streaks past a Randolph-Macon defender
Bottom right: Junior defender Kelly Tran keeps the ball out of the Generals' goal

in the numbers

19

The length of the second-longest losing streak in the NFL. The Detroit Lions succeeded in keeping the streak at 19 with their Sunday win over the Washington Redskins, 19-14.

10

The most recent ranking for the University of Cincinnati in the AP Top 25 poll. The Bearcats defeated Fresno State 28-20 on Saturday. The ranking is the highest in program history.

11

The number of plays Michael Vick saw in the Philadelphia Eagles' 34-14 win over the Kansas City chiefs on Sunday. The game was Vick's first regular season appearance since December 2006. Vick signed with the Eagles this fall after serving 18 months in federal prison on a dog fighting conviction.

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The number of consecutive overtime games played by the Washington and Lee men's soccer team. The Generals fell to Lynchburg on Saturday, 3-2

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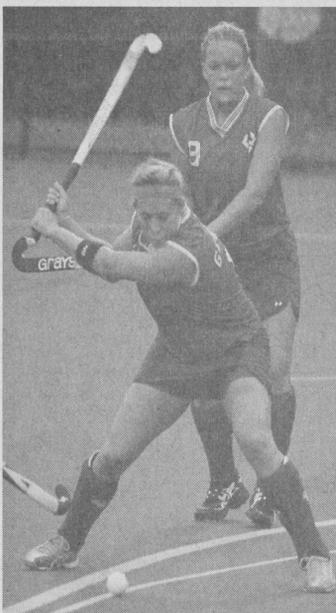
"Not really. I will talk to the guys about never venting or talking about team business on Twitter. That's usually what creates problems. [But] Twitter is just another form of media. What you say on Twitter is like saying it on ESPN."

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban on whether his team will impose twitter restrictions on its players. Cuban received the NBA's first-ever fine for comments he made via his Twitter account, when Cuban was docked \$25,000 last March after complaining about the referees' refusal to call Denver Nuggets guard J.R. Smith for a technical foul following a clash between Smith and then-Mavericks guard Antoine Wright. The NBA is expected to announce new guidelines this week regarding the use of twitter and other social networking sites by players, coaches, and team officials. Courtesy of espn.com.

Field hockey redeems slow start

Generals improve to 3-4 with wins over conference foes

By Stephen Peck
STAFF WRITER



Generals some momentum and much-needed confidence going into halftime with a 1-0 lead.

But the Hornets came out buzzing to start the second period and simply dominated play for the first five minutes. The Hornets tied the score quickly with an unassisted goal by Kristina Morris. W&L called a timeout shortly after, and answered the call once again to take the lead 2-1. Sophomore Lindsey Edmonds netted the goal this time on a beautiful hustle play and cross-field pass from Stevenson.

The first-year dynamo energized the team once again, and W&L tried to hang on for the win. With four minutes left in the game, however, Lynchburg broke the hearts of the Generals. Warrington and Weir each scored goals with four minutes and two minutes left in the game respectively. Their goals secured a come-from-behind 3-2 victory for Lynchburg.

In a game where so many things went right for the Generals, they were outplayed only two minutes late in the game, and it cost them.



Senior captain Sallie Armstrong opened the scoring just 30 seconds into the game and Alex Caritis added two more goals to close out the half. Randolph-Macon got onto the score sheet with a penalty stroke in the second half, but first-year Ann Burton Gerhardt dashed any comeback hopes with an unassisted goal. The goal put the Generals ahead for a 4-1 victory.

"I am very pleased," Orrison said. "They had every right to be tired and they weren't. We had great team speed".

The team then traveled to Sweet Briar on Saturday and came back home with another big win under their belts with a 5-2 victory over Sweet Briar.

After a scoreless first half, the Generals exploded with five goals scored by senior Steph Mansey (2), sophomore Christina Benedetti, junior Jennie Norcini and first-year Katharine Price.

"We are getting a significant freshman contribution," Orrison said of the first-years' impact. "They are giving us some big minutes."

The Generals' next game is a home match-up against Limestone on Friday. Come out and support the team, and perhaps witness history as Armstrong looks to pass the school record with one more goal.



"It was simply mental errors, and mental errors lead to physical errors," said head coach Wendy Orrison about the end of the game.

The Generals took to the field again two days later for another conference match-up against Randolph-Macon.