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Alumni help in Haiti

Two '97 graduates set up
camp and treat patients

By Paige Gance
STAFF WRITER

When a devastating earthquake struck Haiti last January, Dr. Sacha Montas and Dr. Anthony "Mazz" Mazzarelli, both of the Washington and Lee class of 1997, knew immediately that they had to go help. And they did.

Montas and Mazzarelli set up a "de facto refugee camp" in Jimani, Dominican Republic, adjacent to the Haitian border, just six days after the 7.0 earthquake struck Port-au-Prince. As one of the first international medical teams to arrive, they were immediately faced with 30 to 50 new patients per day, most of them severely injured.

Many of the patients had been turned away from overcrowded hospitals in Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. They came however they could, in trucks or helicopters, to be treated at Jimani Public Hospital by the W&L alums and their team.

Mazzarelli, the medical director of the emergency medical unit at Cooper Hospital in New Jersey and the coordinator of the mission, said he was "amazed by the strength and resiliency of the Haitian people, even in the face of painful procedures and stories of suffering and loss."

Most of the patients had been dealing with their injuries for days before receiving treatment, and the shortage of medical supplies made the doctors' jobs even more difficult.

Montas said he regularly faced the dilemma of realizing: "I have this many bandages or I have this much medication. Can I give it right now to this patient, or do I have to save it for a patient that needs it more?"

The team of doctors was able to bring some organization to the chaos by creating separate areas for triage, wound care, surgery, medical and post-surgical care and intensive care.

In a PBS Newshour cover of the mission, Montas stressed the need for preventing infection and the danger of operation, since a large number of patients were amputees.

Montas, who grew up in New York, has Haitian parents and spent many summers in Haiti with his aunt and uncle. He can speak Creole, the language spoken by 80 percent of Haitians.

"I get smiles when they hear someone who can talk to them," Montas said in his blog through the University of Michigan, where he is a fourth-year resident. He was one of few doctors who could translate for the hundreds of patients the doctors had to treat every day.

Montas not only treated his patients' physical wounds, but could also listen to their emotional pain and hopes and fears for the future. So when about 40 patients, many post-operative, were transferred to Fond Parisien, Haiti, Montas followed them to make sure the new facilities could care for their complex needs.

The rehabilitation center in Fond Parisien, which was run by leaders from the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, proved to be a peaceful and organized setting for the recovering patients and the team was able to continue caring for many of their patients from the Jimani Hospital.

Mazzarelli and Montas worked together for 12 days treating earthquake victims, but their friendship goes all the way back to their time at W&L. They were both biology majors, and they worked on the Inter-Fraternity Council together, holding the top two positions their senior year.

Most importantly, they both took a bioethics seminar their senior year that exposed them to the field of health policy.

Their post-graduate honors include law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania for Mazzarelli and the University of Michigan for Montas, and bioethics degrees for both of them at UPenn.

Philadelphia Magazine has also named Mazzarelli as part of "Next Generation of Great Doctors."

The tragedy in Haiti has helped keep their journey from W&L undergrads to accomplished professionals in perspective.

"We feel thankful for the opportunity to be reminded why we entered the field of healthcare," said Mazzarelli of his team's work.

Montas described the nearly two weeks he spent in Haiti as "the most pure form of taking care of people I've ever experienced."

Cracking down on drugs

Lesser-known SJC drug policy could convict students even if they aren't using drugs

By Kelsy McCraw
STAFF WRITER

The Student Judicial Council has heard more than 30 drug-related cases this year, but not all of these involved drug possession. An oversight by the council has left students responsible for a drug policy that most didn't know about.

Students not participating in illegal drugs, even completely sober students, have been convicted in cases involving illegal substances simply because they were in the same room as other students who were using these substances.

Over the past year, the SJC began holding students accountable for being in an enclosed room with full knowledge of illegal activity, such as drug use, going on in the room. The law students on the SJC use the legal term "constructive possession" to help explain the policy in convictions.

However, neither the term nor the policy appears in any student literature. In an email, Crighton Allen,

chairman of the SJC, acknowledged the problem.

"Due to an oversight in the Student Handbook, this policy has not been clearly laid out to students," he said.

Allen assured that the handbook would be corrected next year.

Nevertheless, the SJC has consistently used this policy all year. And most students have had no idea that they had done anything wrong before their hearings.

The policy upholds the University's "Zero Tolerance" for illegal substances. Thus the administration's "crackdown" on drugs goes farther than users and dealers.

Brandon Dotson, associate dean of students, said that actively and passively condoning students involved with illegal drugs perpetuates these activities. If illegal activities become the norm in our community, Robert E. Lee's standard of gentleman-like behavior is compromised.

According to Allen, this school year has brought a trend of tolerance toward drug use.

"This year, the SJC has seen an unprecedented caseload in cases involving illegal drugs," he said.

Allen could not specify how many cases of constructive possession have been brought before the SJC. But he said the SJC has heard 61 total cases this year, which is 20 more than last year, and more than half of these 61 cases were drug-related.

But what should students do if they find themselves in a compromising situation?

Both Dotson and Allen said that the policy does not require students to report any illegal activity they know about. Instead, students should simply remove themselves from any situation involving illegal activities, or they should make their stance against the behavior apparent.

However, students should not worry about illegal activities in a

house or at a party. The policy only applies to a closed room.

The policy calls on students to quit condoning illegal activities. While the law would only require that a person not partake in the illegal activity, this policy asks students to hold a higher standard of self-governance.

Also, it is important to note that the SJC and the deans differentiate between constructive possession and actual possession. Allen said that the SJC differentiates the two in terms of sanctions given to convicted students. Similarly, Dotson said that the difference could be seen on a student's behavioral record.

ESOL spends week teaching

Students travel to the Dominican Republic over break and teach at elementary schools

By Lizz Dye
STAFF WRITER

English for Speakers of Other Languages took 17 students for a one-week experience in the Dominican Republic this year. About half of the students on the trip were se-

Bunnell, Cailin Slattery and Kelsey Wright. Mayock said that they "did a spectacular job organizing this year's trip." The 17 students taught English classes at the local elementary school,

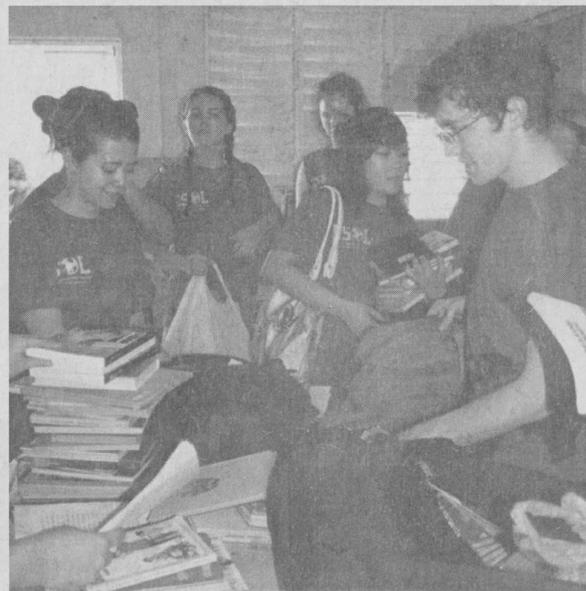
make the trip with the Padres recruits from Najayo to Santo Domingo to discuss the recruits' transition to life in the U.S.

Mayock said that "ESOL's overarching theme—both here in Rockbridge County and in the Dominican Republic—continues to be literacy for children and adults. To that end, student volunteers did a big book drive to collect Spanish, English and bilingual books here in Lexington to bring to the Najayo community. We are hoping to build an actual library there in 2011 and to continue with semi-annual book drive efforts."

In preparation for the trip, student volunteers also did fundraising work

here through the Dominican Night at Sweet Treats Bakery, a pizza night and T-shirt sales.

In addition, sophomore Chris Washnock will be spending spring term in Najayo as an intern to Padres employee Verónica Nogueira. ESOL's hope for Washnock is to advance the planning for a library during his time there. The organization hopes to make the Dominican Republic internship a regular feature of the ESOL program, perhaps in conjunction with Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

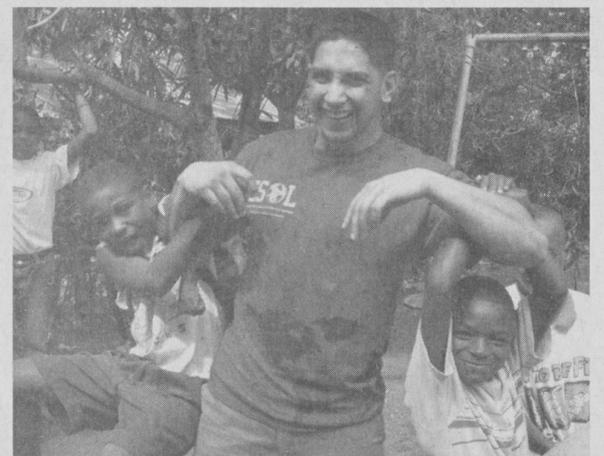


niors, all were at least bilingual and five were native Spanish speakers. The three faculty members who accompanied them were Ellen Mayock, professor of Romance languages and ESOL advisor, Jeff Barnett, Head of Latin American and Caribbean studies, as well as Jan Hathorn, W&L athletic director.

The trip leaders were Natalie

(Escuela La Playa, taught intercultural communications to the San Diego Padres' recruits at the complex there, and worked in a program called "Espacios Para Crecer."

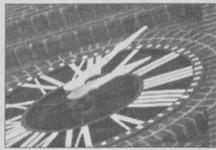
"Espacios Para Crecer" is a program designed for one-on-one reading and homework help for students during the time they are not in regular school. Four volunteers also got to



COURTESY OF ESOL

Members of ESOL spent Washington Break in the Dominican Republic, volunteering with elementary school students.

news



Hillel sends volunteers to Uruguay

Group puts in time working with children in disadvantaged communities in Montevideo, Uruguay over break

By Kirsten Kyne
STAFF WRITER

Sun, sand and service. For 14 Washington and Lee students, Washington Break was spent in Montevideo, Uruguay, surrounded by warm weather, beach and people in need of their help. These students spent their break at a Uruguayan Hillel House with people their age, working with children in a shantytown. "We helped distribute the food, clean up their daytime nursery, and play games with them,

and proliferated conversation about bettering their futures," said sophomore Lev Raslin. "We also visited an abused wives and children center which we helped repair and play with the kids."

Playing with the children was the best part of the trip for many of the students because they were able to better their days, even if it was for just a week. "We were able to cross the language barriers with them and spend hours upon hours with them," said freshman Ali Greenberg. "It was

good to see the kids able to just be kids."

"I actually surprised myself. I thought I was going to like the beach and nightlife the best. The Boys and Girls Club was the best," said freshman Melissa Horadam. "We spent the day at Punta Del Este [a famous South American Beach] but, frankly, I would have gone back to the Boys and Girls Club. The kids were really happy to have positive interaction."

Raslin and the others were

able to meet and get to know some of the local people their age. "There is a strong Jewish population in Uruguay," he said. "We are a minority so to see a different culture that revolves around the same roots was fascinating and personally fulfilling."

Aside from spending their days helping local children and women, the group was able to learn more about Uruguayan culture. "We got to know the city and shopping culture. Our days were fully packed with service,

but at night we got to go out with our peers," said Greenberg.

"We went to a salsa club and it was really, really fun to experience how people in Uruguay go out," said Horadam. "They go out really late and come back at like 6 in the morning. So I danced all night to salsa music with one of my friends from the Hillel Uruguay."

"We really bonded with each other," said freshman Nora Walenius. The hardest part of the trip

was leaving the Boys and Girls Club for the last time for many students. "We were leaving... and a little girl I had been playing with refused to let me go," said Greenberg. "She kept saying 'No, no, no.'"

Raslin said he would return to Uruguay "in a heartbeat" if he were given the opportunity again. Most students agreed. "If expense weren't an issue, I would definitely go back," said Horadam. "I'm never going to forget this trip."

Students serve the needy in D.C.

Generals Christian Fellowship sends 14 students to volunteer at soup kitchens, school programs and day care centers

By Chelsea Stevenson
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen members and two leaders of the Generals Christian Fellowship (GCF) spent five days of their Washington Break working to help the homeless and inner city families in Washington D.C.

The group helped D.C. locals by working at a soup kitchen called So Others Might Eat, or SOME that provides breakfast and lunch free to the public 365

days a year.

The group's efforts also went toward a geriatric day care, Downtown Cluster, and helped out with various after school programs, such as Reaching Objectives through Joint Action or ROJA and The Fishing School, as well as DC Central Kitchen.

At The Fishing School, participants helped third and fourth graders with their homework. According to junior Eric Hamscher, The Fishing School helped disadvantaged youth in D.C.'s

inner-city schools. Hamscher called the program, "really awesome."

At Eden's Center, an area in D.C. known for its large Vietnamese-American population, GCF had the chance to experience a new culture and participate in a simulation dedicated to homelessness.

During the simulation, trip participants were divided into groups of three, armed with two dollars each, and told to find a homeless person throughout the

city to share dinner with.

Hamscher commented that the exercise exposed the group directly to homelessness in Washington D.C.

"I enjoyed having dinner with a homeless person because it put me in a totally new and unexpected situation from which I was able to learn," he said.

The 14 participants stayed at the Headquarters of the group's host organization: the Center for Student Missions.

Beyond their service to the

city, the group also spent a lot of time thinking about God's concern for the poor and how their lives could change to reflect his concern. GCF Campus Staff Member, Steve Tamayo said this was his favorite part of the trip.

"I enjoyed the chance to make deeper connections with the folks on our team and to see God expand their hearts for the poor," Tamayo said.

Nonetheless, Tamayo enjoyed every aspect of the trip. When asked what he enjoyed most

about it, he responded, "It's hard to pick a 'most.'"

The group of 14 really bonded together to make for a successful trip. GCF leader, junior, Crystal Spencer, commented that the group really "meshed well." A strong close-knit group definitely helped GCF complete its goal of going as servants to a place they would normally go as tourists.

Trip to Texas

Volunteers work with low-income classrooms

By Chelsea Stevenson
STAFF WRITER

A group of inspired female students flew to Houston, Texas, for Washington Break to prepare low-income Houstonians for college and to reconnect with W&L alumni.

On Sunday, Feb. 21 the 14 students flew from Lynchburg, Va. to Houston and were warmly greeted by several W&L alumni. Houston was chosen as the location for the Nabors Service League annual trip four years ago because of its strong alumni network.

Senior Samara Francisco, the general chair of Nabors Service League, says that a group continues to return to Houston because the alumni are so enthusiastic about hosting W&L students.

The young W&L women began their eight to nine hour workdays at YES Prep right away, upon arrival. YES Prep is a charter school that provides an intensive college preparatory education for low-income students in Houston. According to Na-

bors Service League Staff Advisor, Melissa Caron '09, YES Prep has gotten 100 percent of its economically disadvantaged students to a university.

The W&L volunteers were assigned to a variety of the seven YES Prep campuses, throughout Houston, where they assisted in classroom work. While the volunteers' days lasted eight hours, an average school day for YES Prep students lasts nine.

This was the first time that Nabors had sponsored a trip consisting solely of females. Caron says however that the dynamic of only women created an inspiring atmosphere for the volunteers. It was interesting for the volunteers to hear from the female alumnae, who hosted them.

For the six-day trip, the students stayed among seven host homes, six of whom were alumni. The seventh host was an enthusiastic W&L parent. After the eight-hour workday, the volunteers spent time at three alumni dinners and events or enjoyed dinner with their host family. Francisco commented that

during the alumni dinners, discussions were often held with nonprofit organizations and public service figures throughout Houston, particularly females.

"We met two women who started their own nonprofits. One was a language immersion program to teach Spanish to kids, and the other organization works to improve the hydration of the homeless population in Houston," she said.

Throughout their six days in Houston, the group of 14 female students made significant time contributions to YES Prep, with the hopes of sending more economically unstable students to college, and developed strong relations with W&L Houston alumni, while learning a lot about their experiences.

"The alumni are so enthusiastic about W&L and love talking with current students," Francisco said.

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opinions



Printer problems are becoming a major issue on campus

When the entire printer system crashes during midterms, Jarrett Brotzman needs a moment to vent

By Jarrett Brotzman
STAFF WRITER

The current state of technology at Washington and Lee is unacceptable. Computers that don't work, printers that don't print and an email client that classifies Sakai email as junk are just a few of the everyday problems that accompany the otherwise excellent student experience here in Lexington.

Typically, I am not one to publicly complain about these issues. For the most part, students here accept the poor state

of affairs as the unfortunate status quo: an annoyance that one learns to deal with. It is normal for a C-School student to lose work on Excel spreadsheets or to expect a computer to take six or seven minutes to boot up. This is odd, as W&L makes claims of at least adequately equipping students.

As a student, I have dealt with this over my past two and a half years here. But the week before February Break, the system completely broke down, and I felt that I had to say something. For many, myself included,

the week before February Break is midterm week. As part of my midterm assignments, I had tests and papers—and, like most students, I need to print off papers and study guides. However, on this Thursday night, I found myself completely unable to use the university printers.

Now this wasn't just the case with one printer in the Science center. I found out, through the process of attempting to use the computers in most buildings on the Hill, that the entire network was down.

Perhaps I could understand if

the printer system was offline for an hour or two, or during a Friday of Saturday, or even during the break that was forthcoming at this point in time. But no, the computing services—or whoever manages the very basic system of printers on campus—in their infinite wisdom decided that a midweek maintenance period during midterms was the ideal time to take them offline.

If this type of tech issue was an isolated incident, I would not feel compelled to write this. But for all of the tuition we or our parents pay, W&L should

be able to build and maintain a basic system of computers and printers that simply work for its students.

Even amid a significant decline in our endowment, I feel as though maintenance of basic student computing resources should take some sort of priority in university expenditures. I am not quite sure how much the real cost of printing a page is, but I suspect that the \$.10 - \$.25 charge per page is more than enough to cover the maintenance of our system.

I hope that this at least serves

to initiate some discussion in the administration on the proper course of action needed to rectify this unacceptable condition. We pride ourselves on being a top elite liberal arts university. It is too bad the priorities of the administration do not serve to create an environment on campus that supports this point of pride.

letter to the editor

Men can make a difference

Men at Washington and Lee need to understand the sexual assault plight and be aware of the facts

Sexual assault is the most serious problem facing Washington and Lee. W&L's National College Health Assessment survey in 2008 showed that female students on this campus were twice as likely as their national peers to have experienced sexual assault. This is totally unacceptable. Fortunately, there are steps that male students can take to end sexual assault at W&L.

For men, it all begins with awareness. Too often I have encountered young men at W&L who are skeptical about the sexual assault statistics at this school. Now it is true that college is a place to question received wisdom. Socrates himself told his students to question everything.

But those who question the accuracy of the sexual assault statistics have no evidence to justify their skepticism.

I suspect that many of their doubts arise from a desire to sweep this inconvenient truth under the rug. To confront a problem of such magnitude seems potentially messy and certain to upset the status quo.

A minority of men are respon-

sible for perpetrating sexual assault at W&L. But a majority of men bear the blame for failing to take this problem seriously. Why is this? As a man, it is not easy to place yourself in the shoes of a sexual assault victim. I think back to Professor Bidlack's Soviet history course when he spoke about the 1932-33 famine in the Ukraine that took the lives of millions of people. During that lecture I raised my hand and told him that, frankly, I was having a hard time identifying with the starvation victims. I've never been hungry a day in my life, so the idea of dying for lack of food is completely foreign to me. Similarly, I've never been sexually assaulted, so the idea of sexual assault is at best an abstraction. But for millions of women around the world, and hundreds on this campus, sexual assault is not a statistic or an abstraction. It is a grim reality.

Male students at W&L must make an extra effort to understand the gravity of the crisis. The university could help by requiring all first-year students to take a one-credit course cover-

ing health-related topics including sexual assault. This idea has been batted around for a while, and I'm proud to say it seems to be gaining traction now. While I will applaud this step, should it come, it is not enough in and of itself. Sexual assault prevention education needs to be a continuous part of the college experience.

Sexual assault and rape are serious violations of a person's civil rights. As civilized people we cannot tolerate these violations, just as we do not tolerate lynching or segregation. Men at W&L must come to terms with the problem and do their part to end it. Do not sit on the sidelines. Become part of the solution. This is real. END IT.

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arts & life

Reading fast for children's books

First Book's annual Speed Read competition raises money for books for tykes and tots, Fancy Dress tickets for winner

By Melissa Powell
STAFF WRITER

First Book is putting students' reading abilities to the test.

The third annual Speed Read competition is being held this week in Elrod Commons to benefit local elementary schools.

Continuing until next Monday, students can donate money in exchange for 15 seconds to read out loud as fast as they can. Those who read the most words will win. Multiple winners are chosen and can receive a variety of prizes from the University bookstore and local businesses like Lexington Coffee Shop, Pumpkinseeds and Alvin Dennis.

The top prize is Fancy Dress tickets.

The Speed Read booth will be set up each school day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and representatives from each sorority will time participants.

First Book is a nonprofit organization that works to give underprivileged children their first new books.

The money raised from the event will go to local elementary schools with large low-income populations. Community Liaison Chair Co-chair, Kara Karcher, a junior, said First Book allows the elementary students to choose new books to receive. The organization plans to hand-deliver the books and will hopefully have a reading day with the students, Karcher said.

"Helping these children gain access to books is important because it helps to ensure that the learning that takes place in the school environment can be enriched in their homes through the books we provide," Karcher said. "Reading is such an important part of childhood; not only is it a fun activity, [but] it's an essential skill that they will use throughout their lives."

Senior Jessie Wang founded First Book at Washington and Lee in 2007. Speed Read has been an annual event ever since the organization's founding. Wang said First Book also tries to hold fundraisers outside of W&L in the Lexington and Rockbridge County area. For example, the organization held a fundraiser during a Virginia Military Institute football game last semester.

"It helps to bridge the gap between W&L and the town," Wang said. "It also strengthens Panhellenic spirit on campus because it gives all six sororities an opportunity to work together for a common cause."

First Book is a national organization with hundreds of local advisory boards, like the one at W&L. Nationally, First Book was founded by Kyle Zimmer, a corporate lawyer from Washington, D.C. who tutored children at an inner-city soup kitchen at

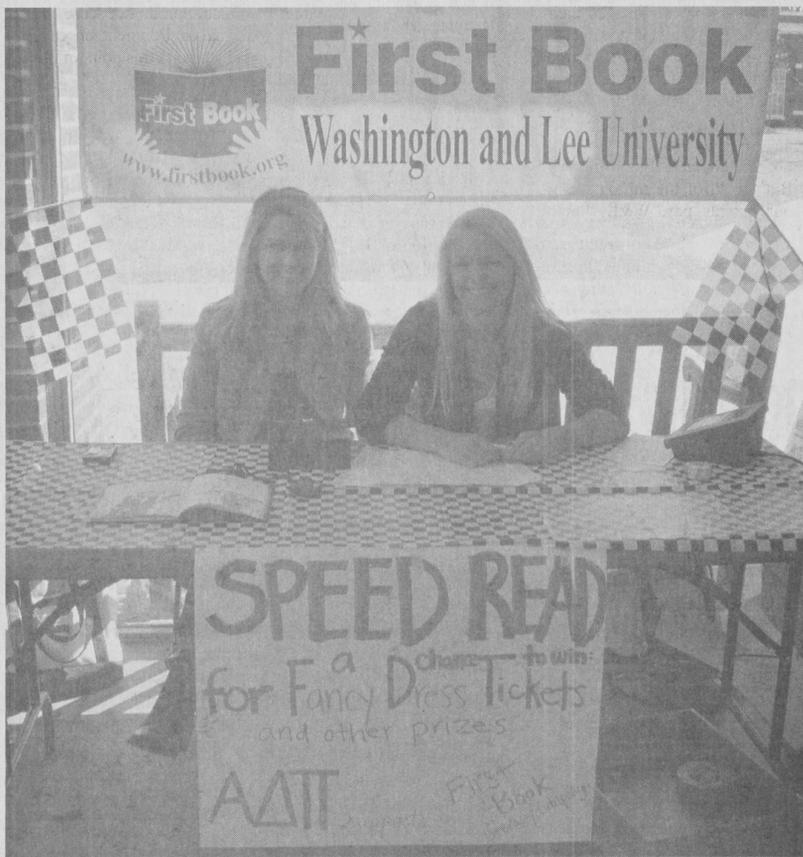
night. Zimmer noticed that the children she tutored had no books to read, and 80 percent of low-income preschool and after-school programs had no age-appropriate books for children.

Zimmer and two friends started First Book to provide the resources these facilities needed. Now, almost 20 years later, First Book has delivered more than 65 million books to educational programs for children in the United States and Canada.

Nationally, First Book accepts monetary donations and large-scale donations of new books directly from publishers. First Book does not accept donations of new or used books directly from individuals; however, its Web site does provide an option for individuals to mail in used books for reselling or recycling, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting First Book.

Karcher encourages students to get involved with Speed Read Week since it's something that makes a difference for children in the area.

"Speed Read is a fast and fun way to give back to the community in a big way," Karcher said. "Every child should be given the opportunity to own and enjoy their own books."



Alpha Delta Pi members Chase Noyes and Julia Farnham monitor last year's the Speed Read table in the Commons. All six sororities work to support First Book during this week.

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Crossword of the Week

Going for Gold by Neville L. Fogarty

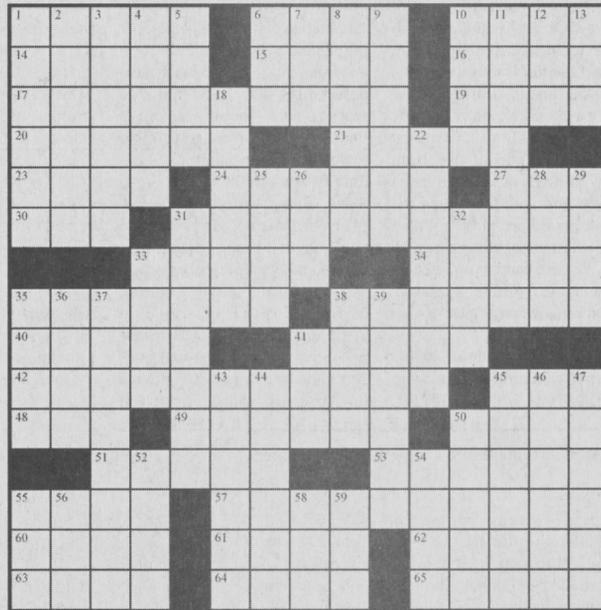
For the solution to this puzzle, visit phicrosswords.tumblr.com.

ACROSS

- 1 Colorful cackler
- 6 Smoke + fog
- 10 Dorkwad
- 14 Tart and sharp
- 15 Milestone age, in slang
- 16 Chrome button?
- 17 Snowboarding - Men's Halfpipe
- 19 How "Twilight" is available
- 20 "You've got to be kidding me!"
- 21 Responded to a massage
- 23 Water or elec.
- 24 Third von Trapp child
- 27 Pool add-on
- 30 Batt. end
- 31 Figure Skating - Men's
- 33 "You've sure made ___ of things!"
- 34 Bearded cartoon nemesis
- 35 Frontier's place, in history
- 38 Wheel spinner?
- 40 Look with a curled lip
- 41 Malaria symptoms
- 42 Alpine Skiing - Women's Downhill
- 45 Domingo, for one
- 48 Giant slugger Mel
- 49 Sworn to tell the truth
- 50 Mortal dangers?
- 51 "It's a no-go"
- 53 O's, Jays, Rays, Sox and Yanks
- 55 Mia with gold in Athens 2004
- 57 Alpine Skiing - Men's Super-Combined
- 60 Rug type
- 61 KP fill-in?
- 62 Florentine friend
- 63 Hardy girl?
- 64 Take in
- 65 Rooney pieces, often

DOWN

- 1 "Viva La Gaga," for one
- 2 Hope that one could



- 3 "The Weekend Pill" that rivals Viagra
- 4 Never ___ moment
- 5 Vegas resort developer Steve
- 6 "This is a library!"
- 7 Cute Nintendo self-portrait
- 8 Gelatinous soup ingredient
- 9 Don't overdo it
- 10 Skecher
- 11 Greenish film
- 12 "Mad Men" ailer
- 13 "...with influences that range from 'A' to '___'" - Shane Koyczan in the Vancouver 2010 Opening Ceremony
- 18 They howl and whine
- 22 2004 William Shatner album
- 25 Brewer's oven
- 26 Young-___ (kids)
- 28 Gp. boycotting Vancouver 2010 due to seal hunting
- 29 "Smack That" artist
- 31 Private eye Cod on "Pushing Daisies"
- 32 "Well, darn"
- 33 Inspired beyond all bounds
- 35 1952 Olympic city
- 36 G-___ (Hip hop group)
- 37 Decuple
- 38 "___ You Babe" (Sonny & Cher hit)
- 39 Ventriloquist Jeff
- 41 Gardner of "On the Beach"
- 43 Give gin to an alcoholic, say
- 44 He performed with Sting and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at the Salt Lake City 2002 Opening Ceremony
- 45 Try to get online in 1996
- 46 Winged nuisance
- 47 Team with Killer Bs in the 90s
- 50 Noted march start
- 52 Sale sort
- 54 Pathological type
- 55 Beaver or bucket
- 56 English 101 verb
- 58 Order in the Schiavo case: Abbr.
- 59 Really long time

arts & life

Actors, dancers head to "Chicago"

Spring musical makes winter debut as W&L dancers, thespians and singers take the stage in this sexy crowd-pleaser

By Katie Boe
STAFF WRITER

The curtain goes up on the Robert O. and Elizabeth M. Bentley Musical, "Chicago," on Thursday. The cast and crew have put months of design, production and rehearsal into the musical in the hopes of entertaining the Washington and Lee campus. This year, the theater department chose to move what had been the spring musical to the winter term.

"We didn't think there was enough time during the new, shortened spring term to integrate all the technical elements that go into the show," said Owen Collins, associate professor of theater. "Putting on a show takes

a lot of time and work, and we were not sure if we would be able to accomplish it in a month."

"Chicago" is certainly a crowd-pleaser, and its success both in theater and film made it a desirable choice. The process for choosing a musical is generally a collaboration between the theater and music departments. Each department makes a list of potential shows and presents it to the other department. The departments together make the final decision together.

"Chicago" was a fun choice because it combines comedy, a strong plot, interesting characters and great dance," said Col-

lins. "With the increase in dance interest on campus, we really wanted to choose a show that had some great dancing!"

The theater department also likes to choose from a variety of genres as to diversify what the campus can see. Past shows have included operettas, straight comedy and more contemporary, pop choices.

This year's musical features 15 W&L students in the cast who have dedicated time to the show since the middle of fall term. Initial music and dance rehearsals began in the middle of fall, and the time requirement has only increased since then.

Noel Price, a first-year cast member, has had rehearsal from 7 to 10 p.m. nearly every day in February and from 6:30 to 11 p.m. every day in March until the show opens.

"I've really enjoyed getting to meet new people in the cast who otherwise I probably wouldn't know. I also love 'Chicago.' It's one of those shows that everyone wants to do," said Price.

"The cast of the show is so multi-talented," Collins said. "Some of the leads aren't even theater majors. I think this really reflects W&L's campus as so many of the students are involved and successful in many

different areas."

The audition process for the musical was competitive. Jeni Pritchett, a sophomore and the stage manager for the show, said singing and a monologue presentation were required for the audition.

"This year, we had to cut a lot of really talented people simply because there is a specific vision for a show of this caliber," Pritchett said.

There was also a dance portion to the audition where auditioners were taught a dance phrase and then asked to perform it.

"The dance audition really shows your ability to learn

quickly and accurately [as well as] your coordination and dance skills," Collins said.

The overall favorite number in the show is the "Cellblock Tango" which features six women in prison for killing their husbands. "It's so much fun and so catchy," Pritchett said.

"Chicago" will run from March 11 to 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Keller Theater and is destined to be a crowd-pleaser. Tickets are available at the Box Office or at lenfest.wlu.edu. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for faculty and staff.

New tunes for winter

WLUR radio station highlights this month's new music

By WLUR Staff
STAFF WRITERS

Four new reviews from four different reviewers on our staff. Let these satisfy your new music craving:

Shout Out Louds *Work* (Merge)

In theory, it should be hard to be passionate about Shout Out Louds' music. After all, there are plenty of bands doing really fine indie pop these days, particularly from the band's homeland of Sweden. However, there's something to be said for mastery of one's craft, and these guys have had it going since their stunning 2005 debut *Howl Howl Gaff Gaff*. *Work* is their second record for Merge—following up on 2007's quite good *Our Ill Wills*—and it's their best, most complete LP yet.

As is the case with any good band, Shout Out Louds can appeal to lovers of other acts—like Jens Lekman, Camera Obscura, Peter Bjorn & John, Ra Ra Riot and New Order—without sounding exactly like any of them. Adam Olenius's songwriting is top of the line, and his emotive-yet-not-emo vocals ebb and flow through the album's 10 tracks. Like Lekman, Olenius has been living in Melbourne, Australia recently, and with the rest of the band scattered around the globe, *Work* was put together piece by piece. But the band's proficiency, combined with Phil Ek's production, eliminates any trace of disjointedness.

In short, this is one of 2010's best pop records. Start with "Walls," "1999," "Fall Hard" and

"Show Me Something New." Shearwater

The Golden Archipelago
(Matador)

Can I tell you a secret? I didn't really like Shearwater's previous record *Rook* all that much as an album, but pretended that I did for a while because I really love Okkervil River and, thus, really love Shearwater by association (not to mention their older stuff is solid). So, when I listened to *The Golden Archipelago*, I was prepared to write a positive review, even if it was just as personally unsatisfying as *Rook*. Fortunately, the album is actually totally amazing and I fell for it within minutes.

Here's a nice, appropriately dramatic blurb from the band's label, Matador:

"Shearwater continue to explore the beauty, menace, and fragility of the natural world—and that increasingly rare species, the indivisible album—on *The Golden Archipelago*, the band's most absorbing and accomplished work to date. The new record is the third panel of a triptych that includes 2006's enigmatic *Palo Santo* and 2008's acclaimed *Rook*, albums linked by themes of environmental and personal decay and humans' impact on nature. In *The Golden Archipelago*, Shearwater turn to a portrait of life on islands—a world of alternating lushness and austerity, numinous silences and sudden cataclysms, and the strange flowerings of plant, animal and

human life that only arise in isolation... The results are singular, revelatory, and demand to be appreciated as a whole. Islands under siege, islands of impenetrable solitude, islands of the world and islands of the mind—all are here in *The Golden Archipelago*, whose shores and reefs flicker and beckon, even as they crumble under rising seas."

FOX Japan

Reenactment (Small War)

Having adored FOX Japan's music from the early days (hey, being a friend of the bassist, Washington and Lee's own Sam Wilmoth '08, certainly has its perks), I'm not surprised at what I hear on *Reenactment*, the group's latest record. FOX Japan blends sharp and intricate guitars with sharp and jabbing lyrics, a strong marriage of forms that makes every listen a joy. Based out of Morgantown, W. Va., brothers Sam, Charlie and Pete Wilmoth form the core of the band, with Andrew Slater providing fine work on the six-string.

Fans of Talking Heads, Okkervil River and the Pixies will dig the songs on this one, particularly "Hate Hate Them" and "The Pedant." Political songs tend to make me a little uneasy, but the Brothers Wilmoth are smart about them (and watch out: one of the most overtly rabble-rousing, "Glenn Beck," one of my favorites on here, is riddled with profanity). Catchy, off-kilter, and cynical as hell, FOX Japan delivers on its promise of producing

"catchy, word-drunk indie rock."

Joe Pug

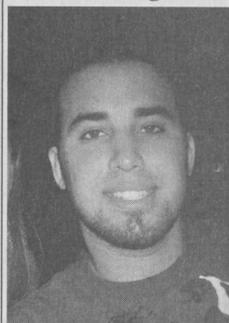
Messenger (Lightning Rod)

Paste Magazine tells it like it is: "Pug's scorching poetry and soulful, 'every phrase could be my last' voice will stop you cold. If you want to read the actual endorsement, touch the Braille stretching up my arms."

Joe Pug's *Messenger* is a refreshingly unique album in an oversaturated indie-folk world. Last year, Pug's EP *Nation of Heat* graced WLUR's playlist. This full-length album will surely make fans of that release delighted, satisfied and excited that Pug has once again delivered. Comparisons with Bob Dylan's poetically-rhythmic lyric delivery are hard to avoid. Adding to the Dylan parallels is Pug's scratchy folk voice that Paste so eloquently endorses.

If you're approaching this album with *Nation of Heat* in mind, you'll notice more dynamics: pedal steel, rhythm sections and harmonies. If you're new to Pug, then you'll be swept away by his meticulous attention to his songs. And the album's production puts you in the room with the music. Out of the recent slew of folk records we've received at WLUR, *Messenger* is certainly at the top of my list. Start with "The First Time I Saw You," "Disguised as Someone Else" and "Messenger."

Profiles in Leadership: Abel Delgado



Activities: Chi Psi Fraternity Recruitment Co-chair, Philanthropy Chair (2007-2008); Brazil Club Vice President, Gentlemen's Initiative Representative; Ring Tum Phi Columnist; Leadership Development intern

What energizes you about taking on leadership responsibilities?

Knowing that what I do helps people and makes a difference provides all the motivation I need.

What has been one of your most rewarding aspects of leadership at W&L?

As a columnist for The Ring Tum Phi, I have been able to address key issues facing our community and get important conversations started around campus.

What legacy of leadership do you hope to leave for others who follow you here?

It's important for future leaders to learn that how you fulfill the role you play on campus is more important than what that role is. Titles look good on paper but, in the end, it's your actions and commitment that truly matter. I have always tried to fulfill every role I have been privileged to hold to the best of my ability.

Any words of advice for them?

Read up on Winston Churchill quotes. He has a lot of insightful sayings that simplify what we know in our heart of hearts is true, such as "You make a living by what you get, you make a life by what you give."

Announcement of a Fellowship for Members of the Rising Senior and Junior Classes

Members of the Classes of 2011 and 2012 are invited to apply for the S. Cullum Owings, Jr. Fellowship for the Academic Year 2010-11. The holder of this fellowship will receive a credit of \$1250 toward each term's tuition and will be expected to make several visits to secondary schools around the country throughout the academic year to promote the Initiative for Academic Integrity under the guidance of the Washington and Lee Institute for Honor. Together with some of the visits, the Owings Fellow will also visit the local chapter of the Washington and Lee Alumni Association to discuss the state of the University from a student's point of view, with particular regard to the Honor System.

Cullum Owings was a member of the Class of 2003, an exceptional individual from Atlanta, Georgia, who died tragically in an automobile accident during his senior year.

The Fellowship is administered by the Campus Committee of the Washington and Lee Institute for Honor. Criteria for selection of Owings Fellows are, first of all, that the applicants should possess outstanding personal integrity. They should be good scholars, but the Fellowship is not limited to students with exceptional grade-point averages. They should be articulate, with some grace and poise in demeanor, while at the same time being sensitive to the values and opinions of others. They should be students who show promise of developing into community leaders of high standards.

Applicants are asked to submit their applications to Professor Emeritus Lewis G. John, Department of Politics, who serves as Secretary of the Campus Committee. There is no application form, but the application should include:

- (1) A copy of the student's transcript
- (2) A resume of activities and special talents
- (3) An essay of approximately 250 words with the heading, "How my personal values and experience qualify me to represent Washington and Lee as a Cullum Owings '03 Fellow"
- (4) A statement of willingness to make the off-campus visits as described above
- (5) Names of two or more members of the faculty from whom the selection committee may seek recommendations

Applications are due by Monday, March 15, 2010, and should be submitted by campus mail (Professor Lewis John, c/o Department of Politics) or via e-mail (johnl@wlu.edu) The selection process will include personal interviews with the selection committee on March 22 for those finalists judged most worthy on the basis of their written applications. Questions may be addressed to Professor John or to Maggie Fiskow, the 2009-10 Owings Fellow.

March 5, 2010

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12:30pm to 2:00pm

Go Global: International Volunteering as a Gateway to International Careers and Beyond

2:30pm to 4:00pm

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sports

Slim pickings in NFL free agency

New limits will cripple this year's free agency period, creating a hodgepodge of players in the free agent pool

By Adam Cancryn
STAFF COLUMNIST

Add some garden gnomes and used furniture, and the 2010 NFL free agent pool might be mistaken for a yard sale.

In one corner is running back LaDainian Tomlinson. A former all-pro and 2006 MVP, the San Diego Chargers unceremoniously cut him following two injury-plagued years.

Sitting with the toddler toys is wide-out Terrell Owens. He made five consecutive Pro Bowls at one point and was considered a near-lock Hall of Famer. But a decline in productivity and an increase in ego have left Owens without a team for the second time in two years.

Right behind him, mixed in with the old clothes, is 34-year-old Chad Pennington. The noodle-armed quarterback is on the move again after losing his starting job in Miami. He has yet to start back-to-back full seasons over his 10-year career.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Thanks to an expiring labor contract, the 2010 season is uncapped, meaning that there is no limit on how much teams

can spend on players. On the surface, this sounded like a great opportunity. Freed from the financial confines of the salary cap, teams could overhaul their rosters by simply throwing money at the top free agents. The NFL's competitive landscape would shift radically as teams made improvements that, normally, would take years to complete.

The players were ecstatic too. At no other point would competition for their services be this high. Free agents would get to pick from numerous bidders, who would drive prices to an all-time high in their desire to get the most out of this rare opportunity. Everyone would get rich.

But when free agency finally did begin at midnight on March 5, there was no stampede of owners dragging bags of money. In fact, because of fine print clauses and unconventional regulations, this uncapped year might amount to a whole lot of nothing.

The NFL and the Players Association are entering the last year of their collec-

tive bargaining agreement. The CBA is a union contract negotiated between the players and the league that sets rules surrounding treatment of the athletes, from practice schedules to retirement benefits to contract negotiations. And while the CBA calls for an uncapped final year, it also sets limits that will cripple this year's free agency period.

In the past, players could file for unrestricted free agency after their four-year contract had expired. But in 2010, players are not unrestricted until after six seasons. So anyone whose four-year contract has ended instead becomes a restricted free agent. Teams can make offers to a restricted player, but if they choose to sign him, they must surrender high draft picks to the original team as compensation. Unrestricted players come with no such requirements.

For teams that finished in the top eight in the league last year, it is even tougher to successfully court a free agent. As a measure added to prevent the best teams from getting exponential-

ly better, the top eight must lose a player to free agency before they can sign one. Furthermore, the salary they offer a free agent cannot be any larger than that of the player they lost. This means that teams like the Saints, Colts, Jets and Vikings are automatically out of the running for top players like Julius Peppers, who will likely command a salary well into eight figures.

The rules might be complex, but the takeaway is this: few young stars will test the market, leaving teams to sift through a smaller pile of aging, high-risk players.

Of the unsigned top 100 free agents according to *Yahoo! Sports*, 63 are restricted, while just 30 are unrestricted. Additionally, restricted free agents are significantly younger, and therefore more valuable, than unrestricted free agents.

The restricted class, boasting rising stars like Texans LB Demeco Ryans and Dallas WR Miles Austin, is an average of 27.6 years old. The average age

of unrestricted free agents is 31.5. That gap makes a huge difference in a league where the average career length is just three and a half years.

Even more unfortunate for teams looking to improve is that, after Peppers and linebacker Karlos Dansby, there are few attractive options on the unrestricted market. Pennington, the best available QB, hasn't proven he can stay healthy for any length of time. Tomlinson, Brian Westbrook and Larry Johnson were a top trio a few years ago, but they have all begun the rapid descent that hampers running backs over 30.

What will likely come out of this disappointing free agent class is an increase in off-season trades. Unwilling to lose draft picks or gamble on an aging player, most teams will bypass the CBA restrictions and deal directly with other franchises.

As for the players, they will continue to sit amongst the old books and dusty lamps, trying to distinguish themselves as a gem in a yard full of clutter.

Generals win ODACs, but fall in NCAAs

The Washington and Lee women's basketball team won its first ever ODAC championship and set a new program record with 18 wins

By Brooke Sutherland
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's basketball team's Cinderella story was cut short this weekend when the 2010 ODAC champions (18-10) fell to undefeated Christopher Newport, 68-51.

The Generals just couldn't keep up with the Captains' fast-paced offense. An early six-point lead was all CNU needed to secure the victory. CNU led by 40-24 at halftime and its lead would never waiver.

The Generals couldn't get the ball in the basket—shooting only 37.5 percent for the game—or grab the ball off the backboard, falling behind 21-34 on rebounds.

"We went in thinking we had a good chance to win, so it definitely was disappointing," said sophomore forward Becca Bolton.

But the bittersweet ending marks the close of a record-setting season and a breadth of accomplishments. W&L finished the season with 18 wins, the most in program history, and the team's first-ever ODAC championship.

Head Coach Mandy King "has been talking since the beginning about cutting down nets and I'm not sure if any of us realized we could do that," said first-year Katy Wilson. "We had good run at

the end... We played good team ball."

The Generals finished the regular season by setting a program record for conference victories at 14. They defeated Bridgewater 67-53 at home in their final regular season game. The win was enough to give W&L a No. 3 seed in the ODAC Tournament over Washington Break.

But No. 3 on the books finished No. 1 on the podium. The Generals found their stride at the Salem Civic Center, and their play was nothing short of magical. Boosted by double-doubles from both Bolton and junior center Felice Herman, the Generals took down Guilford, 72-66, in the first round of the tournament. Bolton's 17 points and 14 rebounds gave the sophomore her 14th double-double of the season. Herman's 13 points and 10 rebounds marked her fourth double-double of the season.

The win marked just the third time in W&L women's basketball team history that the team has advanced past the first round of the ODAC tournament. The last team to make it this far was the 2006-2007 team.

W&L's shooting hot streak cooled off against Eastern Mennonite in the next round. The Generals shot only 37.5

percent from the field, but grit and endurance helped keep their tournament

helps when you have people like Becca [Bolton] who can get points and assists.

Head coach Mandy King "has been talking since the beginning about cutting down nets and I'm not sure if any of us realized we could do that."

Katy Wilson, forward

run alive. W&L rebounded from its slow first-half performance with a 12-0 run to tie the game with just under 10 minutes remaining. The Generals put turnovers and sloppy play behind them and dominated the scoreboard throughout the rest of the game.

Sophomore guard Meg Ingram put up 16 points for the Generals while junior guard Allie Long added 12 points. Wilson had nine points and 10 boards, making her mark on the tournament run.

"If something's not going my way, I try to do stuff I can control, like getting rebounds," Wilson said. "Plus it

The scoring is really equal. It's easy to perform well with a team like that."

Facing their first ODAC championship contest ever, game-time jitters weighed heavily on the Generals when they took on Virginia Wesleyan University. But no Cinderella story is complete without the glass slipper, and W&L defeated VWU 64-56 to claim its first-ever ODAC Championship title and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

W&L led early on in the game, but shooting woes kept the team scoreless for a good part of the first half and the Generals were down 32-23 heading into halftime.

With the nerves out of their system, the Generals came out of the locker room ready to play. W&L used a 9-0 run to tie the game at 32-32 with 15:21 to play. W&L and VWU traded baskets, but it was the Generals who ultimately pulled away. Fittingly, it was Bolton who gave the Generals the ultimate lead. The guard hit a lay-up that surged the Generals ahead 50-49. They never looked back.

Bolton put up her 15th double-double for the season with 14 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and four steals. Wilson had another stellar rookie performance for the Generals with a double-double of her own with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Both Bolton and Wilson were named to the all-tournament team.

"I think we've finally gotten more respect," Wilson said. "People didn't really know who we were... We have to keep it up at a high level. We're returning all five starters, so people are expecting a lot from us next season."

Men's basketball drops to WWC in ODACS

W&L defeated Emory and Henry 92-60 in the first round, but dropped a tough 85-80 loss to Virginia Wesleyan

By Brooke Sutherland
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's basketball team may have missed out on the ODAC Championships, but the 2009-2010 was not without its glory. The Generals finished the season at 17-10, the most single-season wins earned by a W&L team since the 1988-1989 season.

"17 wins with such a young team is a huge success," said junior guard Jason Cimino. "Also, I think it's a good measuring stick that we played our best basketball at the end of the year."

The No. 6-seeded Generals swatted the Emory and Henry College Wasps, 92-60, in the first round of the ODAC tournament. The winning 92-point total was the highest scoring game for the Generals this season. The Generals came out firing and a 45.7 shooting percentage in the first half helped give them a 33-7 run to close out the half. The Generals went into the locker room up 43-23.

And the shots just kept falling in the second half. The Generals kept up their accuracy, drilling 44.4 percent from be-

hind the three-point line. The No. 11-seeded Wasps committed 17 turnovers with only nine assists, compared to W&L's 11 turnovers and 15 assists.

The Generals also towered over the Wasps on the boards, outrebounding them 46-25.

Senior forward Andrew Payne, in his last game in the Warner Center, contributed 21 points for a career high. Fellow senior forward Ben Goetsch added 11 points. Sophomore guard Jon Guest put up 12 points and Cimino added 10.

"Personally, I thought I played well," Cimino said. "When you get into games like those, when it's win or go home, it's a matter of not wanting to lose."

The Generals next hit the road for the ODAC quarterfinals and a match-up against No. 3 seed Virginia Wesleyan College. W&L led for the majority of the game, but the Generals couldn't hold on for the win and they dropped out of championship contention with an 85-80 loss.

"The Virginia Wesleyan game was tough," Cimino said. "I thought we had a great chance to win; we just didn't come up with the big play."

The two teams traded baskets in the first half with neither team leading by more than six. W&L shot 47.2 percent for the half versus the Marlins' 43.8 percent.

The edge allowed the Generals to pull away toward the end of the half and they came into the second with a 42-37 lead.

The Generals kept their lead alive well into the second half. Virginia Wesleyan pulled ahead only once, with a 43-42 lead five minutes into the half.

That lead didn't even last a full 30 seconds before Payne dished out a layup to move the Generals back up.

But the Marlins weren't done fighting. They pulled ahead again, 56-54 with 9:08 left in the half, and the Generals just couldn't regain their momentum.

Goetsch closed out his W&L ca-

reer with a double-double. He put up 19 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Generals. Payne added 11 points, six rebounds and three assists in his final

teammate I've ever had. They are winners, and that's the highest compliment I can give them."

Cimino complemented the seniors

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Also, I think it's a good measuring stick that we played our best basketball at the end of the year."

Jason Cimino, guard

showing.

"The three seniors [Goetsch, Payne, and forward Zac White] are unbelievable," Cimino said. "They've done so much for this program, it's wild. Ben [Goetsch] is the hardest-working teammate I've ever had. Zac is the best player I've ever played with. Payne is the best

with a career-high 18 points, three assists and three steals, showing that he's more than ready to fill the senior leadership position next year.

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| Men's Lax | | vs Ohio Wesleyan 7 p.m. | | | | at Franklin and Marshall 3 p.m. | |
| Women's Lax | | at Sweet Briar 4:15 p.m. | | | | vs Mary Washington 2 p.m. | |
| Baseball | | at Eastern Mennonite 3 p.m. | | vs. Greensboro 3 p.m. | | at Roanoke 12 p.m. 2:15 p.m. | |
| Golf | | | | | | | |
| Riding | | | | | | | |
| Men's Track and Field | | | | | | | |
| Women's Track and Field | | | | | | | |
| Men's Tennis | | | | vs Roanoke 3:30 p.m. | | vs Mary Washington 1 p.m. | |
| Women's Tennis | | | | | | | |

in the numbers

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The number of times the Washington and Lee women's basketball team has won the ODAC championship. The Generals defeated Virginia Wesleyan College 64-56 over Washington Break to claim their first-ever title. The Generals earned a bid to the NCAA tournament, but lost to Christopher Newport University, 68-51, in the first round.

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The number of wins for the Washington and Lee men's basketball team. The win total was the most by any team since the 1988-89 season. W&L lost 85-80 in the quarterfinals of the ODAC tournament over Washington Break.

70

The number of wins for the University of Connecticut's women's basketball team. The Huskies tied their own winning streak record on Sunday with a 77-41 victory over Syracuse University. The streak is the longest in the history of women's basketball. Each win has come by at least 10 points and an average of more than 32.

soapbox

"There have been 54 years of great basketball, and for us to come out and beat the No. 1 team is a great going away present for all our fans."

University of Louisville senior guard Edgar Sosa on the men's basketball team's 78-68 victory over No. 1 Syracuse on Saturday. The game marked the last time Louisville will play its games in the 54-year-old Freedom Hall. It will move to a new downtown arena next year. Courtesy of espn.com.

"This is the first time we've had to come in this locker room after a loss. But the thing is, teams in the past found success here because we were tough enough and we came in and stuck it out through the times that weren't going our way. And tonight we didn't do that."

University of North Carolina fifth-year senior guard Marcus Ginyard on the Tarheels lopsided 82-50 loss to Duke University on Saturday. The loss snapped the Tarheels' four-game winning streak in Cameron Indoor Stadium. Courtesy of espn.com.

Back-to-back wins

Men's lax defeated Greensboro College 9-4 and Washington College 9-5

By Henri Hammond-Paul
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Generals Men's Lacrosse team improved to 5-0 with back-to-back wins over Greensboro College and Washington College.

On a cold and cloudy Wednesday, the Generals came out to play against Greensboro and posted a 9-4 victory.

Facing off against Greensboro, first-year attack Mac Means started the scoring at 8:42 in the first quarter off an assist from senior midfielder Max Mancuso.

Means led the team with three goals and one assist, showing great promise for his rookie season. Senior Kevin Feeney and sophomore Rob Look, the General's faceoff specialists, controlled this game, winning 10 out of 16 between the two of them.

But the big story of the game was the Generals' defense. Senior goalkeeper Matt Mason played for 56:54 minutes, leaving only for a brief injury. Mason posted nine saves and let in only four goals. The Generals' defense kept Greensboro's offense away from the ball and only allowed them 25 shots.

The Generals outshot Greensboro by 15 with a total of 40 shots on goal. Senior Captain and attack Will Keigler chipped in two goals and one assist and sophomore attack Scott Meehan tallied one goal and two assists.

The following Saturday the No. 10-ranked Generals came out to a full crowd and warm weather to face mid-Atlantic powerhouse Washington College. The Generals were up to the challenge and they outscored WAC 9-5. The Generals' defense may have been dominant on Wednesday, but team chemistry was the key to getting the job done against WAC.

"All year we had been led by our defense and goaltending, which have the ability to keep us in any game even if our offense is struggling," said sophomore



STEELE BURROW / Staff Photographer

First-year midfielder Jack Switala sprints down the sidelines as a Washington College player tries to chase him down.

Sam Mott. "Against WAC, we showed signs with some of the best offense we had had all year, especially in the 2nd quarter."

Junior midfielder Drew Koeneman led the team with two goals and one assist, while Keigler and Means paced the offense with two points each. With this game now in his pocket, Keigler is only 24 points away from being the all time leading point-getter at W&L. He presently has 168 total points and is sixth on the list of overall points in W&L lacrosse history.

Mason posted eight saves and only allowed five goals off of WAC's total 29

shots in the game. While the game statistics were pretty even between the teams—each team had 29 shots on goal, 8 saves, and 30 turnovers—W&L dominated the pace and controlled the play for the majority of the game.

W&L has some solid wins under its belt, but the Generals will face a challenging lineup starting on March 9 when they play Ohio Wesleyan at home at 7 p.m. They will then travel to Franklin and Marshall on Mar. 13.

Baseball improves to 2-5

W&L ran over Southern Virginia 12-3 and split games with Lynchburg

By Stephen Peck
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee baseball team started moving in the right direction this past week with a 12-3 win over Southern Virginia and split against Lynchburg, going 1-3 and 9-2 for the Generals. The team suffered through a rough opening week in Atlanta during Washington Break as they dropped all four contests against Emory, Piedmont, and two against Oglethorpe. The team could have cited the abnormally cold weather and copious amounts of snow that hindered pre-season practice as the reason for the slow start, but made no such excuses. Instead, the defending ODAC champs came home and immediately erased that zero in the win column.

On Wednesday, SVU came to visit Cap'n Dick Smith Field and W&L, to put it simply, gave 'em the business. The Generals would eventually win by a score of 12-3, but victory did not look so certain at first. Sophomore pitcher Roger Strong started the game for W&L and escaped the first inning with the bases loaded and no runs scored. The team's ace, senior pitcher Chuck Davidson, took over in the third inning and soon ran into some trouble. SVU tagged him for three runs en route to jumping out to a 3-1 lead. But that would be the only offense for SVU the rest of the day.

On a chilly day, W&L's bats came alive as the top five hitters in the lineup went a combined 11-19 with 10 runs batted in. Second baseman senior John Ditore led

the way for the Generals with four hits and four runs scored. Senior pitcher Nate Adkins picked up the win for W&L. A visibly frazzled Nick Denny took the loss both literally and physically for SVU. (A large contingent of Betas in the stands should be given credit for knocking the lefty off his game with their verbal onslaughts).

Three days later the team boarded the bus and traveled to rival Lynchburg for a Saturday double-header. The story of the first game was Lynchburg's starting pitcher Connor Thompson. Thompson hurled seven innings for the Hornets, allowing only one earned run and scattering a mere five hits. Ditore continued his recent success by singling and eventually scoring in the first inning on a sacrifice fly off the bat of senior first baseman Hunter Serenbetz. But that would be the last time W&L would light up the run column in that contest, eventually losing by a score of 3-1.

Davidson battled Thompson throughout his six strong innings of work for W&L, but eventually took the hard luck loss. Ditore finished 3-5 and junior outfielder Anthony Cardona posted his second straight 2-4 day at the plate.

But the second game was a completely different story. Strong went seven innings for W&L, keeping Lynchburg at bay and W&L in the game long enough for a seventh inning rally. Down 2-1 in the seventh, the Generals exploded for six runs en route

to a 9-2 win.

Freshman shortstop Jonathan Stutts lifted the sacrifice fly that scored senior CJ Thompson and gave W&L the lead for good in the middle of the seventh.

"It was good to come back and get a win in the second game," said Stutts of the team's effort. "It was nice to see the team rebound like that. I would definitely say we were happy splitting games with a tough conference opponent."

Senior third baseman Jim Plantholt went 3-5 in the second game; sophomore outfielder Mike Decembrino, Serenbetz, and Ditore all added two base hits and two RBI's. Ditore has been making his presence felt the past three games with nine hits in 15 at bats, good enough for a sparkling .600 batting average.

With an overall record of 2-5 and conference record of 1-1, the Generals are slowly climbing out of the early season hole they dug for themselves. Defense is what needs to be improved the most to get back to .500, said Stutts.

"We just have to eliminate little mistakes in the field and keep pitching well," he said. "The hits are there; we just have to work on closing some games."

The Generals travel to Eastern Mennonite on Tuesday. First pitch of that game is at 3 p.m.

Women's lax improves record

The Generals defeat Bridgewater but lose to Franklin and Marshall

By Lizz Dye
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team smashed Bridgewater College 20-4 on the road last Tuesday, but fell to top-ranked Franklin and Marshall 16-8 on Saturday.

The 16th-ranked Generals (2-1, 1-0 ODAC) scored eight consecutive goals in the first half of their victory over Bridgewater and went into half-time leading 8-0.

Senior attacker Britten Mathews, junior attackers Kate Speare and Ellie Van Sant, and sophomore attacker Maddie McKaig all earned hat tricks in the victory. Mathews and Speare also recorded an assist apiece. Junior midfielder Emmy Mathews and first year midfielder Ashley Barnes scored two goals each, and junior attacker Wilton Megargel, first-year attacks Mary Jennings Van Sant and Elizabeth Bucklee, and sophomore midfielder Alexis Harrison scored one goal apiece.

The Generals played both a strong offensive and defensive game.

Junior goalkeeper Katharine Farrar and first-year goalkeeper Alex Hamill each saved two goals and allowed two goals.

"While Bridgewater is not our strongest competition, a decisive win really showed how far we have come as a team since last week," said Emmy Mathews.

It was definitely a strong win for the Generals and an excellent preview for the competition the women's lacrosse team will bring to the ODAC tournament.

Facing off against Franklin and Marshall, junior midfielder Kate Donnelly put in the first goal for the Generals. F&M responded by netting five goals over the next ten minutes. Sophomore midfielder Christina Benedetti and Mathews added two more goals in the first half. But it wasn't enough to take down the Franklin

and Marshall lead, and the Diplomats had an 8-3 lead at half time.

Benedetti finished with three goals. Donnelly, Mathews, senior attacker Meredith Freeman, Megargel, and Bucklee also contributed goals to the final score. McKaig had an assist. Farrar played the whole game in net for the Generals and recorded 13 saves.

After the defeat, Mathews said that the team "has come a long way, but they still have a long way to go."

"We know what we need to shoot for and the aspects of our game we need to fix before tournament time," said Emmy Mathews.

The Generals return to action as they travel to Sweet Briar for a 4:15 p.m. match-up this Tuesday.