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Effectiveness gets new leadership

By Krysta Huber
STAFF WRITER

Washington & Lee recently welcomed Mr. Bryan Price as the new Assistant Provost for Institutional Effectiveness. This Office of W&L is responsible for compiling data regarding a wide range of topics and providing analysis to assist departments and individuals both inside and outside W&L, according to wlu.edu.

Price fills a role once held by Ms. Debbie Dailey, who now acts as the Associate Vice President for Planning, accreditation and research at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown, PA, according to wlu.edu.

Price maintains 17 years of experience in an institutional research role, most recently working at Virginia-Wesleyan University. He also held positions at Eastern University in Philadelphia, Pa., West Liberty University in West Liberty, WV, and Salisbury University in Salisbury, Md. According to Price, his previous responsibilities at these institutions included assessment, evaluation, accountability, accreditation and planning.

Among the committee members involved in the hiring process, experience was an essential requirement. "We were looking for someone who had a mastery of data management, of assessment and of putting quantitative measurements to the University's teaching mission," said committee member and English professor Dr. Marc Conner.

Dr. Robert Strong, Interim Provost of W&L, agreed that hiring an individual with a significant knowledge base in higher education was necessary for the office's success. Strong said, "Because Price had a similar job in some ways, in fact an even more elevated job at Virginia-Wesleyan as their Vice President who reported directly to the President of the University, he had exactly the credentials we were looking for."

Price made the decision to join W&L's administration for several reasons. After having worked at Virginia-Wesleyan for five years, Price believed he reached all of his goals for the University. He said that multiple opportunities became available, but W&L was the right choice. Price said: "W&L fits. I love the location. I'm from Virginia and I love the Shenandoah Valley region. And when my family walked around the community, we found it to be very friendly."

According to Strong, one of Price's biggest responsibilities is accreditation. As the Assistant Provost of Institutional Effectiveness, Price serves as the administrator of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). SACS accredits W&L through an evaluation of detailed reports about students, employees, budgets and many other aspects of the University. "Being the SACS administrator is an important job because SACS keeps track of what schools in the south are doing and we need to make

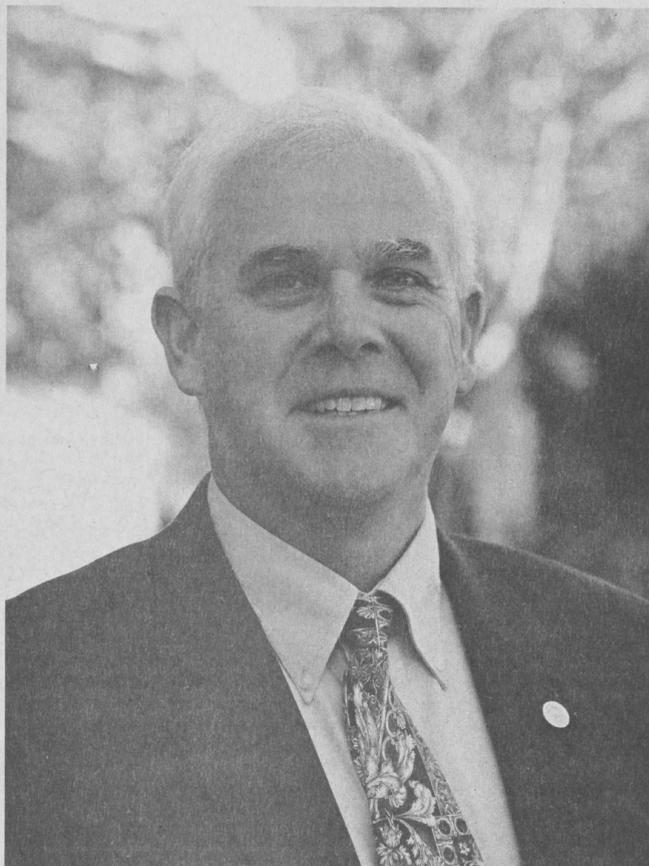
sure we're providing accurate information," Strong said.

As with any new position, Price acknowledges that there will be challenges ahead. "The biggest challenge is helping people to understand that we're partnering together to demonstrate effectiveness, not just to external alliances, but to one another," he said.

Price added that it's also difficult, at any institution, for other departments and alliances to prioritize the needs of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness along with the needs of their own offices and duties. Price recognizes that the needs of his office, such as filing reports, can be time-consuming. "The faculty here is very committed to students, and to the education of students and dialogue in the classroom, so we have to find ways to recognize and reward the effort that goes into providing that evidence to our audience," Price said.

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness also provides an important resource, the Fact Book, that is a compilation of data about the University. The document can be found on the University web page for the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and according to Strong, it is a source of information that more students should be aware of.

The Fact Book includes data about the different states and countries in which W&L students are from, popular majors of the University, and reports



Bryan Price takes on the position as the Assistant Provost for Institutional effectiveness.

about student engagement on campus.

Strong said: "We come off really well. In the report you'll be able to see that W&L students say they study more

hours than elsewhere, and when asked if they have access to their professors, we get very high scores."

SRC brings admissions to life

Recruitment committee offers prospectives a picture of life at W&L

By Hamlet Fort
STAFF WRITER

September is a busy time at W&L - students are growing accustomed to juggling classes, sports, parties and extracurriculars. Most are deciding if they want to join a student organization and those who head them are mostly just getting started. There is one group on campus, however, that hits the ground running with the new term, as their job starts when the first prospective student arrives to visit the Hill.

The Student Recruitment Committee (SRC) is a student-operated group of individuals who attempt to "provide the best possible W&L admissions experience to prospective students and their families, through comprehensive, informative tours, blog posts and other communication initiatives that highlight the many advantages of a W&L education," according to their blog.

SRC members are perhaps most well-known as the students who give tours to groups of prospective students and their families. However, according to Lizzie Engel '13, Vice President of Communications and Recruitment for the SRC, the Committee does a lot more than just giving tours.

"We maintain a blog (wlusrc.wordpress.com) that all of our members can post to. We use this to give prospective

Cheese To You shop, a hike on Jump Rock Mountain and other daily events that make W&L unique.

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Lizzie Engel, VP of Communications and Recruitment for the SRC

students a taste of what life at W&L is like for actual students, people just like them," Engel says.

The daily life of students at a university is usually towards the top of the priority list for prospective students. Beyond academics, athletics and extracurriculars, students want to know what their life is going to be like at their school - and the SRC gives prospectives an idea of life at W&L. SRC members post to the Committee's blog about things like the new Lexington Coffee Roasters and

The SRC does not review applications or make admissions decisions - that's the job for the Admissions Office. That does not mean they do not work in tandem, however.

The Admissions Office's schedule is picking up steam, and the Office is molding its recruiting strategies as prospective students change. Admissions counselors are currently in the "travel season," where they travel all over the country and world visiting high schools and college fairs advertising W&L.

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The Admissions Office is heavily involved in social media, as they maintain their own blog (wludmissions.com), a Twitter and Facebook page, and other media as an effort to reach out to students today who are constantly "tuned in."

The SRC is a competitive group, and applications from current students are extensive and involve an interview process. The Committee takes applications later this year and those who they accept begin a "training" process of giving tours.

To contact the SRC, visit their blog at wlusrc.wordpress.com.

Hearing board hears new procedure

By Douglas McNeil
STAFF WRITER

The Student Faculty Hearing Board (SFHB), a conduct committee that deals with cases of sexual misconduct, hazing by non-Greek organizations and discrimination, has decided to switch to a civil rights investigating procedure for this term.

The SFHB is a committee under the Executive Committee (EC) composed of four faculty members and four students appointed by the EC.

This summer, two of the administration members attended a training session in Atlanta hosted by the Association for Title IX Administrators. The administration members who attended were Jason Rodocker, the Assistant Dean for First-Year Experience, and Lauren Kozak, Assistant Director of Career Planning in the Law School.

At the convention, they learned how to carry out the new civil rights investigation procedures. Rodocker said the "civil rights investigation procedure is part of the University's continuing effort

will meet the complainant, respondent and any witnesses and take down each of their versions of the story. The two investigators will then use the facts to write a summary of the report and this report will be the one used in the trial or meetings with the committee.

With this process, the victim does not have to tell his or her story more than once. The complainant, respondent, and witness(es) may have to answer any questions the SFHB has, but they will not have to retell their stories.

Caroline Schmidt, Senior Member of the SFHB, said with the new method of investigation, "the investigators will be able to develop a list of undisputed facts, so that by the time it gets to the Board, the hearings are shorter and less difficult for the parties involved."

The SFHB decided to give this investigational procedure a try because it has worked well to increase the number of incidents reported at other schools. At the University of Richmond, the number

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to increase reporting and maintain a fair and equitable process."

The new investigation procedure is expected to increase the amount of issues reported because it minimalizes the amount of times the victim has to recount his or her story.

Often times, victims of wrongdoings that fall under the jurisdiction of the SFHB are reluctant to report their cases because they do not want to have to retell their story over and over again.

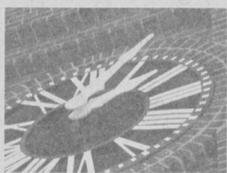
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of reports increased by 200 percent, after the civil rights investigating procedure was implemented this term.

The SFHB would like to remind the community that students should not be afraid to bring a complaint forward. There are numerous people on campus who are equipped to deal with these issues such as Dean Jason Rodocker, Lauren Kozak and any Confidential and Impartial Resource (CAIR).



news



Reacting to *Innocence*

Anti-Islam video sends shock waves around the world, the country and W&L

By Allie Weiss
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Nakoula Basseley, a 55-year-old California resident with a history of serious financial problems, jail time and failed business ventures, is the man believed to have been behind the recently-released "Innocence of Muslims" film.

Nakoula, an Egyptian-American Coptic Christian, said that he graduated from the Faculty of Arts at Cairo University.

In 1997, after a slew of financial issues, Nakoula was arrested after having been found in possession of ephedrine, hydroiodic acid and \$45,000 in cash. Charged with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, Nakoula pleaded guilty and served one year in prison.

In 2010, Nakoula was again arrested for bank fraud, as his most recent hobby was stealing identities in order to open bank accounts. While serving a two year sentence for his most recent transgression, Nakoula sat down and began to write down thoughts he had for a film script.

He was released in 2011 and moved into a halfway house. Just months later, he began production on the movie that would lead to dozens of fatal protests across the globe.

"Innocence of Muslims" is an anti-Islam film which characterizes the Muslim prophet Muhammad as a homosexual, philandering child-abuser who spouts foolish thoughts and makes a mockery of the Islamic religion.

The film begins with Egyptian Muslims attacking Egyptian Christians by burning down their homes, all the while the Muslim police stand by and make no move to interfere. A doctor and his family take shelter in their home. The father tells his daughter that Muslims want to kill all Christians, and



Anti-Islam video sparks Anti-American protests beginning in the Middle East, Asia and Africa and moving into Europe.

onto YouTube by Sam Bacile (later discovered to be the pseudonym that Nakoula used).

On July 14, these trailers were uploaded onto YouTube in the original English. In early September, the trailers were uploaded onto the website after having been dubbed in Arabic.

On Sept. 8, an excerpt of one of the trailers was played on Al-Nas TV, an Egyptian television station.

Sept. 11 saw a group of over 2,000 protestors scale the walls of the U.S. embassy in Cairo and tear down the American flag, replacing it with the Islamic flag. To the east, protestors burned the U.S. consulate and killed U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, along with three of his colleagues.

The next day, President Obama

outside the embassy in Tunisia. The U.S. government urged American citizens to leave the city.

September 16 saw police use tear gas against the hundreds of demonstrators that approached the U.S. consulate in Karachi, Pakistan.

500 protestors attacked the U.S. embassy in Jakarta on the 17th.

A suicide bomber killed 14 people in Afghanistan on the 18th. And on the 20th, 100 young children were caught on tape chanting anti-American speech in Pakistan.

Such events have spread throughout the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, and have seeped into Britain, France, and Australia.

It is speculated that Nakoula had anticipated such a reaction. Muslim filmmaker Kamran Pasha

the government of Afghanistan blocked the website altogether. Following suit was Saudia Arabia, Indonesia and India.

Cindy Lee Garcia also has a stake in the video being removed. An actress in the movie, Garcia is suing Nakoula, claiming that she is the victim of fraud, invasion of privacy, and misappropriation of her likeness.

"He said he wrote the script because he wants the Muslims to stop killing," Garcia said in an interview with CNN. "I had no idea he was doing all this."

Cast members of "Innocence" released a statement last week saying they were "extremely upset and feel taken advantage of by the producer." Further, said they are "deeply saddened by the tragedies that have occurred."

Garcia claims to have received death-threats since the attacks started. Her request to have the video taken off the YouTube website was denied by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Luis Lavin as a result of a federal law that protects third parties from liability for content they handle.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Jeremiah Reynolds, Los Angeles attorney and specialist in intellectual property and First Amendment cases, notes, "Although it is a much more serious situation, the [legal] analysis should be the same. It's an act that is protected by the First Amendment."

Meanwhile, Nakoula has disappeared. Having lived until recently at his home in Cerritos, CA, he packed up his family and slipped quietly into the night on September 16. His whereabouts today are unknown.



By Hannah Howard
STAFF WRITER

23 Americans found guilty of abduction of Egyptian cleric

A group of 23 American citizens – 22 of whom were CIA agents – were found guilty by Italian appeals courts for the abduction of an Egyptian cleric, Abu Omar, from Milan. The abduction took place in 2003, however the courts have just recently come to a final sentence. Officials believe the agents are living in the US and are thus unlikely to serve their sentences.

French magazine publishes controversial cartoon

Last Friday, a French magazine published a cartoon that depicted the Prophet Muhammad. The cartoon could be taken as highly offensive to Islamic societies, especially in the wake of the anti-Islam video, "Innocence of Muslims." As a result, France is closing their embassies and schools in 20 countries. French security has also been deployed as a precautionary measure in these areas.

Russian executives plan for nuclear expansion

Russian executives are throwing themselves behind the "nuclear renaissance." The country is currently making plans for nuclear expansion both at home and abroad. According to research conducted by the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting, Russia plans to have 38 nuclear reactors at home and 28 overseas by 2030.

Suicide bomber in Somalia kills at least 15 people

Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, was attacked on Thursday. A suicide bomber targeted a restaurant in the center of the city. At least 15 people were killed and several more were injured. Among the dead are two Somali journalists. Many officials believe the restaurant was targeted because it is a popular place for journalists, government workers, and foreigners. This bombing follows a failed assassination attempt on the new Somali president.

Iran and Israel in conflict over nuclear free Middle East

At the annual meeting of the UN atomic agency, Iran and Israel reached a point of great conflict. The agency's efforts are aimed towards creating a nuclear weapon free-Middle East. Iran pointed a finger at Israel, as it is the one of the only countries of the 155 included in the meeting that has not signed onto the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Meanwhile, Israel pointed a finger at Iran for continuing to proliferate while hiding behind the ruse of the treaty.



the police, being Muslim, will not stop them.

Later in the film, the main character, Muhammad, is told by his wife that the Qur'an should be written by mixing parts of the Torah and the New Testament together, creating a false book of verses. The character proceeds to be shown having sex with his wife and other women, allowing the sexual abuse of children and admitting that he is gay.

The film was shot in 5 days, and was originally titled "Desert Warrior." Cast members were told that the plot was about the after-effects of a comet's crash-landing on Earth, and the battles which the event provoked. The original script had almost no religious content. In fact, the anti-Islamic content was added post-production by means of overdubbing. Actors had no knowledge that such editing took place.

The movie was shown to the public only once, as it was played for an audience of 10 people at the Vine Theater in Hollywood. The film itself was not the source of the riots. Rather, the problem stemmed from the 13 to 14 minute "trailers" of the film which were uploaded

publicly addressed the video and the reactions to it, saying: "No act of terror will ever shake this great nation. Justice will be done."

Sept. 14 hosted a range of violent events. Protesters advanced on a Multinational Force and Observers compound in Egypt, killing two members of the peacekeeping force.

In Tripoli, they set fire to American fast food stores. In Sudan, they stormed the U.S. embassy and assaulted the security, leading to three more deaths.

India saw protestors throwing stones at the U.S. embassy in Chennai.

In Pakistan, the crowds outside the U.S. embassy demanded that the producer of the film be killed. Further east, outside the U.S. consulate, they burned the American flag.

Tunisia received probably the worst blow of the day, as not only did rioters invade the U.S. embassy and set trees on fire, but they also set the American Cooperative School of Tunis ablaze, risking the lives of children in grades Pre-K through 12.

Sept. 15 was the day that 46 were injured and four were killed

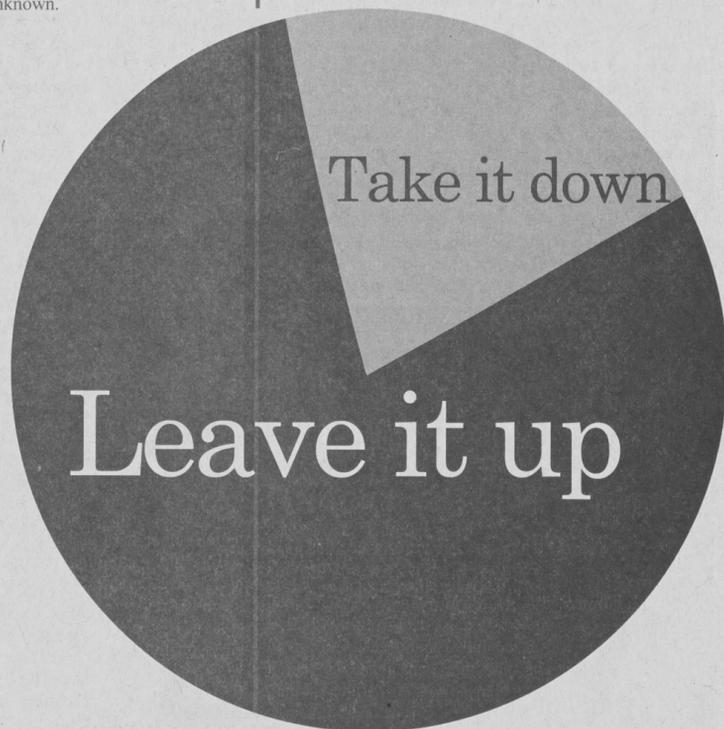
has said of the film, "I am of the opinion that it is a film of questionable artistic merit, backed by a group of bitter bigots whose only agenda was to incite hatred and violence by smearing the character of Prophet Muhammad."

Since the attacks began, YouTube has faced pressure to remove the video from the website. The White House has asked for the video to be taken down, questioning whether the film breaches the website's own restrictions.

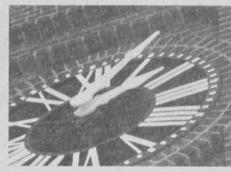
Washington and Lee students are largely of the opinion that the video should remain on the website. The majority of polled students reasoned that the reactions in the Muslim world stem at least partially from a mob mentality, and that all this video has done has been to provide an excuse to lash out against America.

Google has stated that the video is within the guidelines and will remain on YouTube. However, given the reactions, access to the video has been limited in Libya and Egypt.

But the White House is not the only organization ordering that the video be removed. After YouTube refused to take the video down,



80 percent of W&L students polled said that YouTube should leave up the trailers for "Innocence of Muslims."



news

Health Center readies for flu season

The student health center offers flu shots for students in order to prevent outbreaks in the upcoming season

By Andrea Owen
STAFF WRITER

In 2009, W&L was one of the first college campuses to be struck by the

out, and W&L could be assured that it was prepared to deal with any flu that

mid-December before exams, but most often in January, February, or March.

"If the only time you can come and get your flu shot is one in the morning, we are here," said Horton.

The Health Center will also be offering "Flu Vaccine Clinics" on Oct. 10 on the main floor of Leyburn Library from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and outside the Marketplace from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., as well as Oct. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the Marketplace and from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. outside of the library. A \$20 fee will be charged, but students will receive a receipt for their insurance and hopefully be able to swipe home.

Even if a student is not vaccinated by December, Horton assured students that they can still get vaccinated into the winter.

"We will still give them during winter term or any time after we start seeing flu-like illness," Horton said.

Horton said she encourages everyone to jump on the bandwagon with the other 400 to 600 who usually get vaccinated annually by the school.

"The larger proportion of the student population that we can get immunized, the faster an outbreak stops because there is not as much of a susceptible

population to spread it to," said Horton.

She added that the flu can spread fast

up to a week and a half," said Horton.

"Missing school for a week during any

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Dr. Horton, Student Health Center

swine flu epidemic. According to Dr. Jane Horton, Director of Student Health and Counseling Services, the school quickly involved the Health Department and Center for Disease Control, keeping the ill-stricken in the Health Center and Woods Creek apartments.

"We were following the recommendations from the CDC at that time, which was to isolate anyone who was confirmed to have swine flu for seven days," said Horton.

The school was having press conferences, notifying parents, and taking initiative to educate the student body about flu prevention. With time, however, students were healed, the disease fizzled

came its way.

This year, the Student Health Center is offering flu shots 24/7—with the exception of mealtimes from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Health Center is adamant about encouraging students to get their shots soon. According to the CDC, it takes two weeks after vaccination for the body to build up immunity to influenza, and although this is a short amount of time, some say that it is better to get vaccinated now rather than later.

"We encourage people to start getting them now—late September to early October," said Horton. She added that the flu has been seen at W&L as early as

Flu Vaccine Clinic Dates/Locations

Oct. 10

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. -- main floor of Leyburn Library

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.--outside the Marketplace

Oct. 16

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.-- outside the Marketplace

1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.-- outside of the library.

\$20 fee

at W&L due to sharing food and cups at parties, where swine-flu investigations concluded were the breeding grounds for the illness.

"The flu can really wipe you out for

given term can make it really hard to catch up."

Political orgs. hit the ground running

College Democrats and College Republicans run initial meetings for the new school year and the new election season

By Richard Karlson
STAFF WRITER



College Republicans pack Salerno's for their first meeting of the year. Over 80 students were in attendance.

The College Democrats and College Republicans have been hard at work for the past few weeks in order to get ready for the upcoming school year and the upcoming Presidential election. Both groups realize how important the coming months will be for not only the Presidential election, but also for the critical Allen/Kaine US Senate race in Virginia. The two groups have expressed

how excited they are about the coming months, citing their first meetings of the year as the source for their excitement.

The College Republicans met on Sept. 16 at Salerno's Family Restaurant for their first meeting; they had over 80 students attend, and over 40 of those students signed up for volunteering opportunities, and another 10 students were registered to vote in Virginia.

The College Democrats first met on Sept. 13 at the Hillel House, where 25 students attended; the meeting consisted of hearing speeches from the two secretary candidates within the group, and spoke about the upcoming Romney-Obama Presidential debate.

Both groups have been hard at work advertising for their respective Presidential nominees, Mitt Romney and Barack

Obama.

The College Republicans have been working at the phone bank at the Romney Victory Center in Buena Vista, as well as going door to door in the Rockbridge County. They have also been representing "Students for Romney" at such rallies as the Labor Day Parade in Buena Vista.

The College Democrats have been

working with the Organizing for America organization, which is the grassroots support team created to reelect President Obama. The group has also said that they knocked on over 1000 doors in the Rockbridge area advocating for Obama.

Both groups are also looking to register as many students to vote as possible for the coming election.



Want to register to vote in the 2012 election?

You must be:

*At least 18 years old

*A United States citizen

(Other restrictions may vary by state)

Can't make the polls in your state?

Many states allow college students to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot that can be sent to your current location. Check out registertovote.org for information on state voter policies and registering online. Also make sure to visit the Commons anytime this week for the voter registration drive.

opinions



What would Bob do?

Does being a gentleman stop with lying, cheating and stealing?

By Julianna Satterly
EDITOR IN CHIEF

"We have but one rule here, and it is that every man be a gentleman."

becomes a part of us, and it deeply offends us when someone breaks our trust.

Being a gentleman embodies civility and respect, not just adherence to the law. He [Robert E. Lee] expected more of us.

I'm sure all of you reading this can easily name the man who said it. But how many of us really think about what it means? The majority of students at Washington and Lee only see the Honor System as it pertains to the student body in three ways: lying, cheating and stealing. For those of us lucky enough to avoid a violation, the only tangible evidence of its presence is the Pledge.

The Honor System is a truly impressive institution, if you consider that it is wholly maintained by students. It allows professors to give take-home tests with no fear, or for us to leave our laptops, iPhones and tablets in the library for hours. And most students believe that it holds the same impact during a student's four-year tenure. Over time, students of this University absorb the System until it permeates their own belief systems. It

The Honor System is not a guideline that governs our time here; it becomes a fiber of our being.

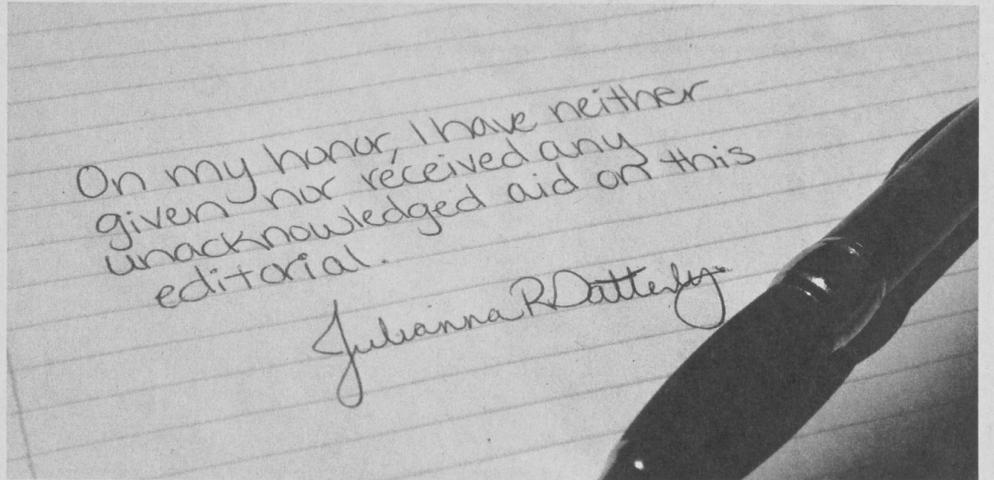
From the outside, W&L looks like a University full of upstanding and moral citizens who live and breathe the message of our fearless leader, Robert E. Lee. When all other colleges fail to trust their students, we stand as a shining beacon of morality and justice. And for the most part, that is true. We do not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate those who do. Indulge me for a moment though, as I burrow a little further below the surface of a school where image is everything. In my opinion, there is a rather large gap between "being a gentleman" and specific instances of honor violations. What about all the other acts I'm quite certain Mr. Lee would never have considered gentlemanly? When he created the Hon-

or System here he did not say, "We have but three rules here, and they are that no student will lie, cheat or steal." No, he said everyone should be a gentleman. If you really ponder its meaning, he gave us a blueprint for the rest of our lives. Being a gentleman embodies civility and respect, not just adherence to the law. He expected more of us.

On the whole, I think we do a fantas-

tic job as gentlemen and gentlewomen. In my two years here I have never had to open a door if there was a guy within ten feet of me. The two most common words on the Hill are "sir" and "ma'am," and the Speaking Tradition is alive and well. But we do have room for improvement. Maybe we could adopt the acronym WWBD—what would Bob do?—for guidance. Think the next time you're

about to become one of the rabid mob that plagues the Windfall Traveller stop. Or when you hear someone spread a rumor about a girl in a different sorority. It's definitely not WWBD to brag about your weekend hookups. Don't think I'm standing above you on a soapbox about a mile high. I am guilty of all of these gentlemanly crimes, just the same as everyone else.



The gift of gab

Politicians should ditch the TV teleprompter quips and get cracking

By Yates Wilburn
STAFF WRITER

Growing up, Mom always told me, "no one builds a stop light until someone dies in a car crash." A harsh truth to hear at a young age, yes, but it taught me something crucial about human nature.

People will bury their heads in the sand and avoid their problems as long as humanly possible, only to finally address them when someone gets hurt. We've seen this on the international stage recently through the ongoing violence in the Middle East revolving around an amateurish anti-Islamic video, resulting in the deaths of US Ambassador to Libya J. Christopher Stephens as well as several across the region.

In a presidential election that has been entirely consumed with the economy, jobs, and Congressional partisanship, foreign policy has finally taken its rightful place at the top of the list of campaign issues. After all, representing and protecting US interests abroad is one of the few explicitly stated duties of the President. It only took dozens of people to lose their lives to get the candidates to talk about it.

Until the recent violence, the most we could get out of either President Obama or Governor Romney was the occasional "China is cheating" or "a nuclear Iran is unacceptable" or the al-

ways fashionable "we're winning in Afghanistan" (something my mom also has much to say about). The media and the public at large might be able to get both candidates to elaborate on their tax plans for an additional 15 seconds, but any details on their foreign policy beyond the usual sound bites was absolutely hopeless.

Now, to be fair, the President has

ment, "It's the economy, stupid." Only when Americans outside of a warzone are dying, do we as a nation require further explanation of their foreign policy agendas. And even now, it seems that a large part of the discussion regarding America's geopolitical challenges (Iran, Syria, the Middle East at large, the South and East China Sea) revolves around only two courses of action: full blown

My point is this: the American people must demand more than just one-liners from their candidates when it comes to foreign policy. When a candidate says, "As President, I will renegotiate our trade relations with China", ask them, "How would you do that? Do you realize the implications of such actions, or even of such language?" When Governor Romney or President Obama says, "A nuclear Iran is unacceptable", ask them, "What do you want to do about it? Do you want to strike against their nuclear facilities? What will China think about that? Will the use of Azerbaijan's airspace for such a strike anger Russia in any way? What would you do to prevent this from spiraling into a larger conflict?" These are incredibly basic questions that even someone as stupid as I could at least start to answer with some clarity.

However, at least on the issue of Iranian nukes, I won't hold my breath. With Republicans screaming for war in Iran and Democrats refusing to "set deadlines" it seems that war is the only outcome through either tactic. In my humble opinion, it seems that neither party has ever played poker, and doesn't understand the value of protecting one's cards or a good bluff to force a peaceful resolution to a conflict of interests. I shudder to think what would have happened during the Cold War if we had the posturing, blabbermouth leadership that we have today.

The American people must demand more than just one-liners from their candidates when it comes to foreign policy.

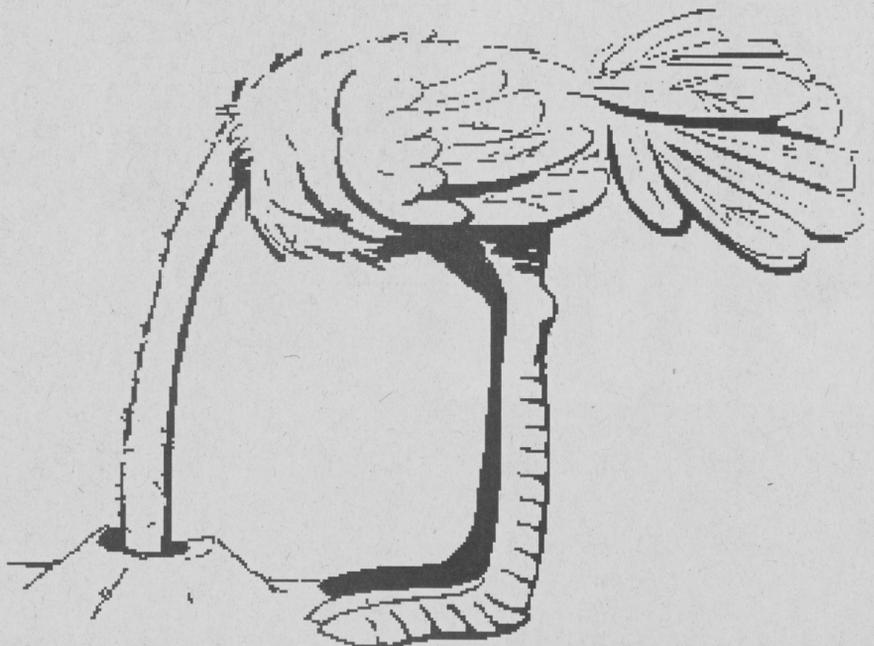
delved into a bit more detail on his opinions on Israel, Iran, and China, but only because he's already the President and has the entire State Department at his disposal to speak on his administration's behalf. Hillary Clinton—who I as a Republican would say has been a fantastic Secretary of State—has played a large role in this matter, using her extensive experience and knowledge to beef up the White House's foreign policy credentials. Still, Mr. Romney has done his best to give an opinion on particular foreign policy issues when the context arises, though not with nearly as much grace and tact as he did in his 2009 book "No Apology."

All criticism aside, the candidates are only responding to the interests of their potential voters, who still hold true to James Carville's historic assess-

ment, "It's the economy, stupid."

Personally, I find this disheartening. It seems that the citizens of this country have been conditioned to believe that if we can't make war, then we are utterly hopeless to meet the challenges of our generation.

A huge crux of America's strength is our ability to meet international challenges with a diversity of possible solutions, both soft and hard power. Economics, diplomacy, clandestine actions, and yes, limited and large scale military action can all be used and combined to reach a preferable outcome for America and her allies. However, since the American people have narrowed foreign policy down to war or no action at all, they have received talk of little else from their candidates when issues of international relations come up.



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opinions

A crime most fowl

How Californians' freedoms fall victim to ducking the issues

By JP Beall
OPINIONS EDITOR

This last summer, another substance made its way onto the contraband list in the great Fool's Golden State amid torrents of fiery controversy, and no, it's not tobacco or anything you can smoke. The substance in question is the French liver pâté, *foie gras*, which is now strictly banned in both sale and production in the state of California.

For the unfamiliar, *foie gras* is a pâté made from livers of farm-raised ducks or geese who are force-fed for a period to make the liver larger and fatter. Animal rights activists found the practice inhumane and demanded California put a

stop to it. The law stipulates that no bird should be fed "more food than a typical bird of the same species would consume volun-

tarily." Between this, and other vagaries, farmers are finding it impossible to compete in the Californian market, a multi-million dollar industry every year.

As of July 1, the prohibition passed into effect. Anyone producing or selling *foie gras* made from force-fed fowl is to be fined as much as \$1000 per day under the new law.

request was denied.

Said Brian Pease, the lawyer for the Animal Protection and Rights League, "It's not a question for the courts to second guess a political branch of government."

Of course, the arrogance of Californian "open-mindedness" has caused a bit of an international incident, by offending none other than the French, for ignoring the deep cultural roots in such a dish. An oversight, I'm sure.

To many in France, *foie gras* is an important cultural institution, and the Californian ban has drawn comment from

wines because of the ban, and a growing lobby of French politicians who are eyeing wines as a way of returning the favor, as they "feel compelled to react."

In reality though, the ban of *foie*

compound interest, and then borrow those funds to pay for Lord-knows-what is another thing. Recently, four cities in California have gone bankrupt. Nowhere else in America has this happened.



Producers filed a request to halt the enforcement of the law with the Los Angeles US District Judge, Stephen Wilson, before it went into effect, but their

even the French president, François Hollande.

Moreover, there is now a movement in France now boycotting Californian

gras is not all that effective, because according to today's LA Times, high-end restaurants across the state are already beginning to give the pâté as an accompaniment to the meal, "compliments of the chef," which is exactly what happened during Prohibition. One might have thought legislators would have studied those loopholes before passing their version. One might have thought, but apparently they didn't.

Tobacco is taxed at a rate of 32% and there are always talks about further restricting the already few locations available for smokers to use because of the health detriments of smoke of any kind. Of course, marijuana is hailed as a wonder cure, and appears to be exempt from any arguments previously made against other smoking substances.

Besides that, there are several other things going on that ought to be outright illegal. In times where states are beginning to check IDs for voting, California is issuing drivers licenses to undocumented individuals, because state officials do not find that citizenship and other government documents for proof-of-residence are necessary anymore.

Heck, when I was in Chicago over the summer, I needed proof-of-residence to get a library card at the city's public library!

The ability for the government to promise pensions without regard for

One such city, San Bernardino, was in debt over \$40 million and had been cooking their books for twenty years.

Complaints against financial malpractice at the city and county levels have been brought to the state in the past, and state officials as a manner of policy turn such complaints back to the city and county first.

This is when I take issue with the term "nanny state," because California is no such place. State politicians are more concerned with the appetite of ducks than with the general administration of their state, which in times of economic hardship and with the country's largest deficit, is in some serious need of reform.

Don't believe me? The state's constitution is a book, and it has hundreds upon hundreds of contradictory amendments. It is impossible for any important law to get through the Assembly and a budget has rarely been passed on time in years.

I hope that these examples have you thinking. About your home state, be it Texas, Virginia, New Jersey, or wherever. Times may be bad, but hopefully this can give you a little more optimism in your own respective areas. On the surface, I give you permission to laugh. It is funny, and with all the potshots flying around during the Presidential campaign, we all could use a little humor.

Also, I hope it has you thinking about constitutionality. What should be and what shouldn't, because we are in times when even the most elementary concepts of an American rule of law are coming under question. And most importantly, what are you going to do about it?

Letter from the presidents: Calling all politicians!

It's the most important election in a generation!

You've heard this phrase over and over again. Is it pandering, or are we really at political crossroads?

This election cycle, College Republicans and College Democrats will begin a joint venture, with the Ring-tum Phi as our medium. Each organization will choose a representative to author an op-ed; the topics and authors will vary by

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We understand that College Republicans and College Democrats do not represent the entire political spectrum on campus. As such, there will be a short counterpoint article accessible to any student for the topic's following publication.

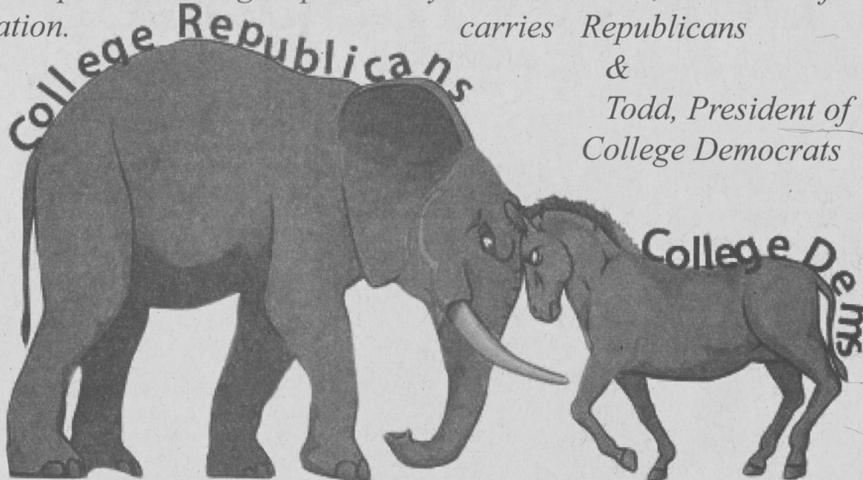
We mean for this opinion series to develop an intellectual conversation on

campus regarding questions of the principle and the practical. Moreover, we encourage everyone to be a part of it.

This November, we all bear a very real responsibility - the duty of the active citizen. It's a big responsibility that

many consequences, but also allows us to shape America for our generation and the generations to follow. As voters, we ask you to engage in political discourse, and value your citizenship.

Lex, President of College Republicans & Todd, President of College Democrats



arts & life

Hillel honors High Holidays

Students, faculty, and community members gather to celebrate Rosh Hashanah with dinner, services and festivities

By Caroline Hamp
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Hillel celebrated Rosh Hashanah from sundown on Sunday, Sept. 16, to sundown on Tuesday, Sept. 18. For those non-Jewish folks out there, Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, and historically signifies the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve.

Here on campus, Hillel is an organization which strives to incorporate student involvement in all aspects, and Rosh Hashanah was no different. Instead of a Rabbi speaking during the majority of the evening service, students led the way, reciting prayers and performing rituals. One revered ritual was blowing the Shofar, which is a ram horn blown only during the High Holidays. Another favorite was eating apples and honey, because anyone in the Jewish commu-

nity will know about the importance of food!

An estimated 70 guests attended the dinner, and the crowd included law students, undergraduates, and other people from the Lexington community. Most of them stayed for the service that followed.

"There was a great feeling of community," said Hillel President Sammy Rosier '14. "We had a big group of people. A lot of law students showed up, plus we have a good group of first-years."

Thankfully, Hillel has such a strong sense of commu-

nity, because celebrating a huge holiday away from family can be hard. Unlike W&L's Christian students who typically go home during Christmas and the New Year, Jewish students have to rely on each other to observe this valued tradition. Family is a big part of the holidays, and Hillel recognizes that fact.

"It's only the third year Hillel has celebrated Rosh Hashanah in Lexing-

ton. In fact, it's the third year that any large group of people has celebrated Rosh Hashanah in Lexington," added Rosier. "It's nice to see such community involvement."

Rosh Hashanah was certainly a hit, but Hillel's festivities don't end there! This upcoming week, Hillel will be celebrating Yom Kippur, which is usually viewed as the holiest holiday for the Jewish community. It begins at sundown on Tuesday.

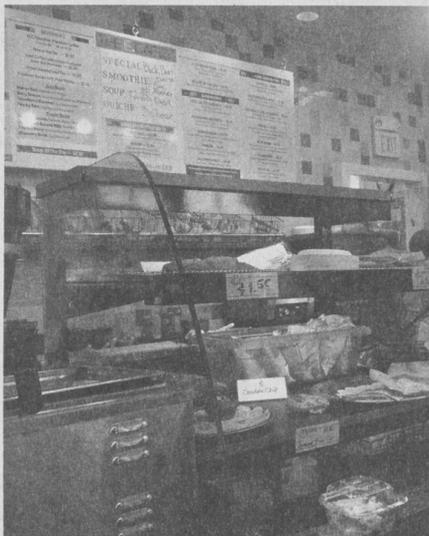
The two High Holidays may only be ten days apart, but they do differ significant-

ly. In contrast to the celebratory attitude of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur is more solemn and reflective. It is a time to ask for forgiveness for sins.

"It's not necessarily sad, though," said Rosier. "This holiday season is an optimistic time. It's like starting new."

Yom Kippur's events are completely open to W&L students with an RSVP. Hillel also participates in festivities outside of the holiday season: every Friday night, it hosts a Shabbat dinner for all campus and community members.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Sammy Rosier at rosiers14@mail.wlu.edu or Brett Schwartz at bschwartz@wlu.edu.



Informal recruitment: decoded

Informal recruitment got you stressed? Don't be; this could be a great few weeks

By Margaret Leer
STAFF WRITER

Have you been noticing an unusual amount of activity in the quad recently? Or maybe you've been catching the game at a fraternity house instead of your dorm room? That's right boys and girls: informal recruitment season has officially kicked off. Whether you're drinking more coffee than usual or playing video games with upperclassmen guys, just the name "informal recruitment" can be pretty intimidating.

The reality is, these should be some of the most exciting weeks of your college career. Panhellenic Recruitment Chair Kaelin Fraley '13 said it best: "Informal recruitment is such a positive aspect of Washington and Lee's recruitment process [because] it allows all first-years, who are interested in joining one of the chapters, the time to adjust first to the rigorous academic and social sched-

ules that can be so demanding when entering a college community."

The late recruitment process allows each and every student to meet all of the upperclassmen at Washington and Lee, a chance that isn't even possible at most larger schools. Said Fraley: "First-years have the opportunity to get to know upperclassmen on a personal level and experience many of the other great ways they can be involved on campus besides Greek life."

Though the process can seem a little nerve-wracking, Interfraternity Council Vice President and Recruitment Chair Jon Hale '13 gives great advice "to maintain a relaxed approach during informal recruitment and enjoy the situation as much as possible."

According to Hale, "the process should be treated as neither an interview

nor a test, but instead as an opportunity to meet fellow students and find a supportive niche in new social surroundings. While some of those hoping to join the Greek system may hope to impress with uncharacteristic behavior, I strongly feel it is instead in their best interest to present themselves candidly. This should lead to students finding a fraternity or sorority that most accurately complements their personality."

So take advantage of this time and really get to know everyone on campus. It's one of the major pros of going to a small school with a delayed rush system. The Greek men and women of W&L keep the tradition of recruitment alive by making it a fun and positive experience for everyone. You only get to go through this process once - enjoy it!



In between spaces

Sophomore Janey Fugate reflects on her stay in Lexington's own Walden-inspired cabin

By Janey Fugate
STAFF WRITER



Pictured above: A photograph of Henry David Thoreau's actual cabin at Walden Pond outside of Concord, Ma.

The glint of sunlight on the tin roofed me to the cabin. I wouldn't have noticed it nestled in the forest otherwise. Built by alumnus Henri Hammond-Paul last year, the cabin is inspired by Thoreau's *Walden* and is intended to be a place of rest and reflection.

Entering the cabin, the smell of raw cut wood and spicy resin hits me instantly. The austerity of the place strikes me next. A coil of rope, a lamp, and a broom are the only objects inside the cabin. I found myself a little unnerved by its emptiness. What do I expect to gain from secluding myself for a night? I'm not yet so tired of the academic grind and the party scene that I need a break from it all. Lacking an answer, I wandered.

I returned just before nightfall. It came into my mind that if one comes to the woods to seek true quiet he should seek it elsewhere. Cicada chirps and crow caws cut the air. A redheaded woodpecker hammered vigorously at the tree trunk to my right. And if the tree is nature's harp, the wind is the muse that plays it.

But it wasn't as pleasant as all that.

The nastiest spider I've ever encountered disturbed me so much that I chose not to sleep on the cabin floor. At around midnight, I hiked to a cattle pasture on the other side of the woods and slept beneath the stars there.

Wood. Wild. Walden.

Those three words share the same Germanic root *wald*. Variants of the root have come to mean "a wild place" or a "wooded place." I learned this from reading Robert MacFarlane's *The Wild Places*. A professor at Cambridge, MacFarlane writes about his solitary wanderings through the British Isles. In visiting what he deems truly wild places, he connects the physical nature of the place with its history and with his own presence there.

While I would hardly call the back campus woods wild, the idea of wilderness is woven into the very name of the forest, the name of this cabin. Following MacFarlane's thoughts about the ability of the land to bear the emotions and impressions of the people who have crossed it, I wondered about the nature of this place and the land around

it. Forests have mythically been known as "in between places." I did feel very in between, so to speak. In snatches, I could hear music from parties floating through the darkness - a reminder of what I would be doing if I were not at the Walden cabin.

So again, I wondered why I was there. The answer I came to is this: I was there to suck the marrow out of that place, to taste the forest in a way I haven't before, and to chew on thoughts that are born from real solitude. I was there to fill an empty space.

Now, back to move within rhythms of school, I carry with me a new thread to weave seamlessly into the fabric of my experience here. I believe that has value in and of itself.

Let me end by answering the question of why would I publish this, as it is highly personal and doesn't seem to have a definitive purpose. I am not sure myself. Perhaps I wrote this, because in the words of *Into the Wild*'s Chris McCandless, "happiness is only real when it's shared." So be it.



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KYLE JAEGER

The college football Presidential Oversight Committee has voted to enstate a four-team playoff system starting in 2014. This seems to be a popular choice, as many fans grew tired of the current BCS bowl system. Many argue that change will be good for the sport. I disagree. College football, more than any other collegiate sport, is steeped in tradition. The game has been led by a select group of schools, based on their storied success and commitment to the game. A four-team playoff could take away from the legacy and tradition that football has always been defined by.

Furthermore, the change in the BCS is not drastic enough to make a great deal of difference. Superpowers like Alabama, LSU and USC will continue to make up these top four teams. The biggest complaint many supporters of the new system have made in the past is that non-traditional teams don't get a fair shake. Will this really be different under the new system? This system is not like March Madness, and it's not even like the NFL playoffs. Very few teams will have a chance under this new system, and it is likely that the ones who do will be the same each year. Under the old system, alternative teams could dream of going undefeated and cracking the top 5, awarding them a bowl game. It seems that under this new system the chances that underdog teams will succeed in any form is greatly reduced.

Fans are illegitimately excited about this change. I am arguing that this change is only marginal. A four-team playoff will

be exciting to watch, but an eight team playoff would be even better. I believe that the change the committee made should have been more drastic in order to make a difference. If a playoff is going to be enstated, why not create a bigger stage?

The committee was too worried about polarizing its audience, and it limited itself because of this. I think that the committee should have taken the risk to make it eight teams because it was one worth taking. Because the change in the system is only a slight one, I believe college football would have been better off sticking with the old system, which has been around since the beginning. If the current system could create and establish the game we all love to watch, what is the point in making a minimal change like this one? The cons outweigh the pros here. There are still lingering questions about the selection process and revenue distribution. It seems this issue is more complex than a simple shift in postseason format. How will the major sponsors of bowl games react to this change? How will the various prominent athletic conferences feel about this change? This shift will create many more problems than it will fix. This announcement is just the tip of the iceberg. In 2014, I believe we will see the problems with this decision.



The debate over whether college football should have a bowl system or a playoff system has been going on for years. College football is making the switch in 2014 and has stirred the debate.

Kyle and Hailey give you their takes.

HAILEY HARTLEY

This summer a committee of college presidents approved a four-team playoff system that will end the reign of the traditional bowl system beginning in 2014. While the system won't be perfect, (and probably never will be), it is a change that is needed for the current college system.

Fans of Division I college football have been treated to the sight of an SEC team raising the crystal football for the last six years, including last year's champions, the Alabama Crimson Tide. The win by the Tide is a perfect example of exactly why a playoff system is needed. Alabama did not even win the SEC championship, and many argued that they did not deserve to play in the national championship game. Despite this, Alabama went on to play in and win the national championship in a dominating fashion over LSU, the SEC champions. Had the computer (don't even get me started) found Oklahoma State to be the second best team in the country, we could have seen a much different result at the end of the season.

I think that the playoff system will help improve the future of college football. The addition of the system will allow more teams, other than the commanding SEC, to be included in national championship talks. Yes, USC was

in there for a while, but really, we all see how long that lasted. This season, teams like FSU and Oregon will have to wait for LSU and Alabama to trip up before they can be in contention for the national championship. And while a win is a win, we can look at this weekend's games, LSU barely beat a struggling, unranked Auburn, while FSU had a commanding win over top ten Clemson. The difference between the number two team and the number three or four team may be inconsequential, like a last minute field goal or a poor call by a referee.

The playoff system is by no means perfect. While this year we may argue that the number three team deserved to play in the championship, in two years we may be arguing that the number five team deserved to be in the playoffs. We have to take what we can get; four teams will be getting the opportunity of a lifetime as opposed to just two. Teams will need to show a little more consistency to win the championship, and they'll have to play against the best in the league to prove it. Potential BCS busters will probably still be on the outside looking in, but the way divisions are changing these days, that may be a shrinking issue.

The size of the league makes it impossible to make everyone happy, but I believe that come 2014 we'll see the playoff as a major improvement to the current system. Maybe we'll see someone besides an SEC member take home the one "W" that matters.

Generals split ODAC play this week

Ward takes charge against Randolph-Macon for the victory

By Leigh Dannhauser
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's women's soccer team fell 1-0 on Saturday to Virginia Wesleyan.

It is the first conference loss for the Generals this season.

The Generals had early chances against the 14th-ranked Marlins but were unable to capitalize. Just a few minutes into the contest, the Generals had back-to-back shots on goal. Marlins goalkeeper, junior Erica Keil, saved sophomore midfielder Haley Ward's shot before saving sophomore forward Katie Rossi's shot.

Ward led the way for the Generals

with five shots, three of which were on target.

The main difference in the game came in the 39th minute when first-year forward Samantha Sanders kicked a loose ball from eight yards out past Generals goalkeeper Addie Healy.

Healy made two saves while playing the entire 90 minutes in the net.

Earlier in the week the Generals defeated ODAC opponent Emory & Henry 3-0. Scoring for the Generals was Ward and junior forward Jasmine Soo. Ward scored her fifth on the season on a penalty kick in the 25th minute. Soo scored

her fourth and fifth on the season in the second half of the game.

The Generals dominated E&H, taking 20 shots on goal while keeping the Wasps to just three. None of the Wasps' shots were on target.

The Generals also took five corner kicks while keeping the Wasps to just one.

For the Wasps, junior goalkeeper Sarah Jerome made eight saves while playing the full time in the net.

After the weekend, W&L moves to 5-2 overall with a 3-1 ODAC record. They host Bridgewater on Wednesday.



Forward Katie Rossi
Courtesy of generalssports.com

Football cruises past 23rd ranked Centre in home opener

Heinsohn leads the charge for the Generals

By Sarah Ward
STAFF WRITER



Running back Luke Heinsohn
Courtesy of generalssports.com

The Washington and Lee football team scored twenty unanswered points to reach a 34-10 lead with nine minutes left, leading to an eventual 34-16 win over the Centre College Colonels in Lexington last Saturday, Sept. 15.

Junior tight end Alex Evans made two touchdown catches for the Generals (2-1), accumulating 67 yards on three passes from junior quarterback Nick Lombardo. Evans posted the first points for W&L, making a 39 yard catch for a touchdown with 12:31 left in the first quarter. Evans later capped a Generals' fourth quarter scoring run with a 9-yard reception in the end zone with 9:33 left in the game.

Senior running back Luke Heinsohn continued to show his versatility by rushing for two touchdowns as well as suc-

cessfully scoring on three extra point kick attempts. Heinsohn made a two yard run across the goal line and then completed the extra point attempt to give the Generals a 14-3 lead with two minutes left in the first quarter. Heinsohn later scored with 3:55 left in the third quarter, making a 28-yard run but missing the extra point attempt. This marks the first missed extra point by the Generals in 104 attempts.

Senior running back Brett Murray provided 120 rushing yards and one touchdown for the Generals. His touchdown came on a 17-yard run with 6:53 left in the second quarter.

The Generals' defense played well under the lights and provided opportunities for the W&L offense to get the ball back and put points on the board. Junior linebacker Peter Partee fired up the de-

fense by blocking a punt after a failed Centre drive to put the Generals on the Colonels' 38-yardline. Junior cornerback Mitchell Thompson was exemplary for the Generals on defense with ten total tackles, nine of which were unassisted. First-year defensive lineman Patrick Wright caused many problems for the Colonels' offense, making three tackles. Wright also had one of three sacks for the Generals.

Centre quarterback Heath Haden passed for 311 yards and rushed for 28, scoring a touchdown in the air as well as on the ground.

The Generals look to continue a two-game winning streak as they compete at Guilford College in a 7:00 p.m. game on Sept. 29.

Snyder earns his 350th win

Volleyball takes two this weekend, improving to 11-4

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

All players on the Washington & Lee volleyball team contributed to the victories over Virginia Wesleyan College and Mary Baldwin College last Saturday.

Junior outside hitter M.A. Boles and sophomore middle hitter Katie Toomb led the Generals against Virginia Wesleyan in the second straight match W&L hit over .324. Boles led the team with 14 kills and Toomb added 10 of her own.

With the victory over Virginia Wesleyan, head coach Bryan Snyder picked up his 350th career win at W&L. Snyder is in his 13th season at W&L and has a

.789 career winning percentage.

Snyder asserted that the wins are not his, but for the entire program. He praised all of the past and present teams and assistant coaches who have helped him reach this outstanding achievement.

"I feel very fortunate to be in the position I am as the head volleyball coach at W&L," Snyder said. "I look forward to many more years of being a General."

The Generals continued their winning streak on Saturday afternoon against Mary Baldwin.

First-year outside hitter Mansie

Hough led the team with 12 kills and eight digs. Both Hough's kill and dig statistics are career-highs. First-year outside hitter Christina Kamis added a career-high 10 kills. Sophomore middle hitter Rachel Guarisco chipped in four blocks in the Generals' sweep of Mary Baldwin.

The Generals will travel to Randolph-Macon College on Wednesday, Sept. 26 to play against the defending Old Dominion Athletic Conference champions at 7:00 p.m.

Generals lose a tight battle

FH falls to Randolph-Macon, 1-0

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee field hockey team fell to Randolph-Macon College 1-0 in an away game last Friday.

With the loss, the Generals drop to a 2-5 overall record and a 0-1 conference record.

Randolph-Macon junior defender Olivia Newman scored the only goal of the contest in the first half on a penalty corner. Newman was assisted by sophomore defender Carrie Jacobs.

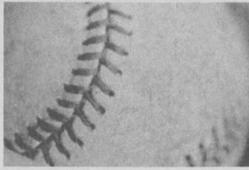
Randolph-Macon outshot W&L 25-6 and had 19 penalty corners compared to only three for the Generals. Junior mid-

fielder Izziar Moure led the charge against the Yellow Jackets with two shots on goal.

First-year goalkeeper Megan Axelrod played 55:50 and stopped 11 of 12 shots. Senior goalkeeper Kirsten Kyne played the final 14:10 of the game, making four saves.

The Generals return to Old Dominion Athletic Conference play on Sept. 25 at Roanoke College at 4:00 p.m. The team will travel to Chambersburg, Pa. on Saturday, Sept. 29 for a non-conference game against Wilson College.

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The total number of field goals that Kansas City Chief Ryan Succop kicked in his game versus the New Orleans Saints on Sunday. One of them forced overtime, while another one was the game winner. The Chiefs won 27-24 and are now 1-2 on the season while the Saints fall to 0-3.

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The total number of points scored in the Clemson-Florida State game on Saturday. FSU scored 35 points in the second half to put them on top 49-37. They went on a 35-3 run in the second half to make a comeback after being down in the first half.

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The number of years since someone has won the baseball triple crown. Carl Yastrzemski did it for the Boston Red Sox in 1967. Currently Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers is leading the American League in all three categories: batting average, home runs, and runs batted in. The Tigers have 11 games remaining in their schedule.

soapbox

"You cannot simply switch to a group of cheaper officials and fulfill your legal, moral, and duty obligations to us and our fans. You need to end the lockout and bring back the officials immediately."

— The NFL Players Association to the league asking for the lockout of officials to end. The officials have been locked out by the NFL since June. Replacement officials have been used for the first few weeks of the season. From ESPN.com

"Well, if I wanted to keep playing, yes. It's a business. People forget that."

- Derek Jeter after being asked, "Peyton Manning changed teams after 14 seasons with one team. Could you see yourself doing that?" Jeter says that it is the obvious choice, although he has said many times that he wants to stay a Yankee for his entire career. From ESPN.com

Thomas leads the Generals to 3rd place

W&L XC competes against fellow ODAC teams at the Doc Jopson Invite

By Bailey Russell
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's cross country team placed third out of four teams Friday night in Penn Laird, Va. at the Doc Jopson Invite. All four teams were members of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Prior to the race, head coach John Tucker said, "The top teams in ODAC will be at the race tonight. It's going to be tough to win, but the guys are excited about running in the best race of the season."

Tucker says that this year the Generals have "outstanding returning runners and outstanding

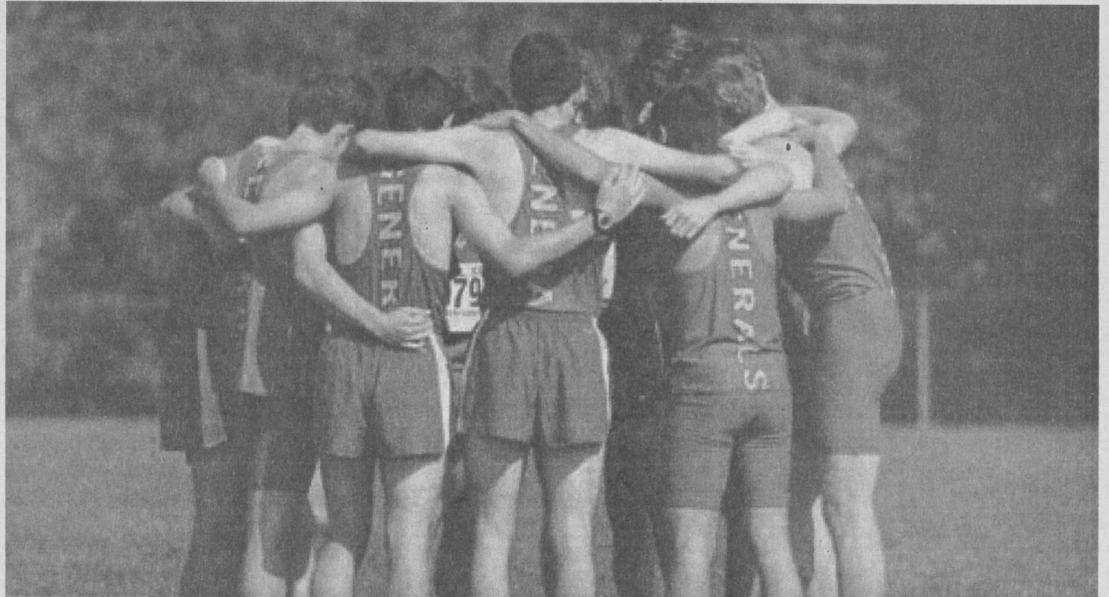
new comers." The team has been training for 5 weeks, and Tucker believes that the men are faster and stronger than they were a month ago. This was the first time this season that the whole team ran the same race.

Junior Kane Thomas led the Generals in the 6K race with a fourth-place finish. He crossed the finish line in 20:04.80. Sophomore James Busch was the next General to finish, taking 14th in 21:15.00. Eight seconds behind Busch was senior Tyler Gehrs in 21:23.00, taking 16th. In 20th with a time of 21:42.30 was first-year Jake

Mack. Rounding out the score for the Generals was sophomore Scott Sugden finishing 22nd in 21:43:00.

Dan Nafzinger of EMU finished with the top time of 19:30.00. Lawrence Minor, senior at Lynchburg, took second in 19:49.00, and Lynchburg sophomore Anthony McBride finished third in 20:04.10.

The Generals will compete at the Don Cathcart Invitational in Salisbury, Md. next Saturday, Sept. 29.



Men's XC before the W&L Invitational
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Inside W&L's newest sport

Women's golf is brought to campus by means of dedication and donation

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Last Sunday, the Washington and Lee women's golf team finished third in the Hollins Invitational at Ashley Plantation. This was the debut of Washington and Lee's newest varsity sport, the culmination of efforts by the University and its Athletic Department.

In general, the installment of new varsity sports to W&L's athletic system follows a tentative pattern: if an existing club sport shows exceptional sustainability of dedication, the Athletic Director is able to suggest its status be raised to a varsity sport. This is precisely what Jan Hathorn, W&L's AD, did two years ago after a perfect storm of events transformed

the idea of a varsity women's golf team into a reality.

Within a six month period, two key events occurred: President Ruscio authorized a committee for gender equality in W&L athletics, an event that synergized with the establishment of women's club golf. Any worries of the financial burden a new varsity sport would have on the school were put to ease when W&L alumnus, Matt Goodwin, granted the University a generous athletic donation. It is this contribution that truly gave the W&L women's golf program the initial momentum it needed.

The donation is set up in such a way that gives more money initially before decreasing in subsequent years. This initial capital allowed W&L to hire coach Pete Gyscek, who has taken over as head coach of both the men and women's golf teams since his arrival in the summer of 2011. A developmental team was soon assembled, comprised of enthusiastic members of the former club team.

The signs of the team's recent recruitment are evident: almost every member is a first-year. The exception is sophomore Elise Petracca, the only remaining golfer from last year's developmental team.

For first-year Nicole Kasica, it was the very installment of the varsity women's golf team that solidified her decision to attend W&L.

"Even though the main reason that I chose W&L was for academics and the culture on campus, the golf team really provided me that final push that led me to choose W&L for my college education," explained Kasica.

While the establishment of W&L's women's golf team could not have happened without Goodwin's donation, it was the enthusiasm, dedication, and the love of golf of everybody involved that made it truly possible.

Since the first day of the Hollins Invitational last week, a void has been filled in W&L athletics. Women's golf will be in action for the second time in their short history on Sun-



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day when they travel to the Radford Highlander Invitational.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Tennis	Women at ITA Champs					Men at ITA Champs	Men at ITA Champs
Men's Golf	at William and Mary	at William and Mary					
Field Hockey		at Roanoke 4 pm				at Wilson 2 pm	
Women's Soccer			vs Bridgewater 4 pm				
Men's Soccer		vs. Ferrum 4:30				vs Bridgewater 1:30 pm	
Volleyball			at R-M 7 pm			Worthington Classic	Worthington Classic
Football			vs Roanoke 4:30 pm			at Guilford 7 pm	