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New housing in the works

By Hamlet Fort
STAFF WRITER

Last year, a Residential Life Task Force compiled a report consisting of seven recommendations for the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees regarding University residential life, including a recommendation that would require all third-year students to live on campus starting sometime after 2014.

The report, composed during the 2011-2012 school year, presents statistical data, research, and reports on peer universities' housing models and how they compare to W&L's. The initiative is intended to foster a more coherent sense of community on campus, according to Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs Sidney Evans.

The proposal is part of a long-term plan to move more upper-division students from off-campus housing into Lexington. The recommendation includes plans for the construction of an apartment-style complex on campus, intended to house the entire sophomore class.

Typically, University Greek houses are filled by sophomores, and with the new on-campus requirement, juniors would fill the Greek houses along with some seniors.

The Task Force's plans are not confined only to housing. The initiatives also involve plans for more University dining options, including a tentative proposal for a student center with a bar, options for food and social capabilities, intended

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for upper-division students. Evans hopes students will see the opportunities for more social events on campus.

"Our primary obligation is to look at the student experience," Evans said.

The movement of hundreds of students to campus will drastically affect the rental market in the Lexington area and many local landlords are opposed to the initiative.

The current income from W&L student rentals is between four and five million dollars, according to a local landlord. The market should expect to lose about half of that as a result of the requirement, he said.

Some believe this isn't a move intended only for community building, and that it is an "under-the-radar" power-move by University administration.

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Another disagreement has to do with the benefits of living on campus versus the benefits of living away. Some, including the landlord, believe students need to live off-campus as part of their development in college.

"It's a good thing for them to get out and to have responsibility and have to live on their own, and make adult decisions," he said. The source also said the Residential Life Task Force didn't include the opinions of all parties involved.

"Narrow-minded," he said of the task force. "No conversation at all."

W&L Director of Housing and Greek Life Clay Coleman fully agrees with the task force's findings, although he was not in the group himself. Coleman sees promise for the University's future in the recommendation.

"I think it's a great idea," Coleman said. "It puts us in line with our peer institutions."

Coleman said there needs to be more social outlets for students on campus and in town. The plan to build a center with a pub, restaurant and social center would bring W&L more of a sense of normalcy compared to institutions around the country like W&L, according to Coleman.

The Residential Life Task Force will present their findings to President Ruscio and the W&L Board of Trustees this fall and will expect to hear back from the Board later this year. Of the seven recommendations made by the Task Force, the Board can choose to go forward with any number of them, or none at all.

Evans, Coleman and other administrators are confident the Board will approve the third-year residency requirement, but most students and Lexington landlords hope for the opposite. The changes would not take place until years into the future, but if initiated, W&L's culture will change.

Coleman resigns after 5 years at W&L

Clay Coleman takes on a position as Director of Student Affairs at a school in Florida

Graham Colton
STAFF WRITER



Clay Coleman is stepping down from his position as Director of Greek and Residential Life at Washington and Lee. Coleman is going to work at the University of Central Florida as the Director of Student Affairs. Dean Sidney Evans will advise the Interfraternity Council in his place.

Coleman created the Alumni Board/Greek Life Initiative, which is composed of Greek alumni who visit with all of the Greek houses in person to promote low-risk behaviors.

Efforts like these, said IFC President Danny Murray '13, have "promoted student self-government, increased transparency and led to a number of improvements for Greek organizations."

Coleman also improved residential life.

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tial life a more positive and fulfilling experience for Resident Advisers by helping us update programming requirements, providing more helpful and much needed training for RAs, and doing his best to ensure that RAs do not become overburdened in their responsibilities but that they are doing the best they can for the campus," said Wayde Marsh '13, a Co-Head RA for

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Coleman's support was crucial to the creation of the Green Dot Bystander Initiative and, more recently, to the Bringing in the Bystander Program. Both endeavors were brought about to combat sexual misconduct at W&L.

According to the University website, the Bringing in the Bystander Program uses a community of responsibility model to teach bystanders how to intervene safely and effectively in cases where sexual assault may be occurring or where there may be risk.

With Coleman's support, fewer women on campus have been victimized by sexual misconduct in recent years. In fact, a recent National College Health Assessment survey revealed that while 19.3% of women in 2010 had suffered "sexual touching without consent," only 14.6% of women so suffered in 2012.

Coleman will be remembered for the sincerity of his interpersonal relationships. "He has enhanced Greek life and residential life," said Dean David Leonard, "by creating open, honest and frank relationships with student leaders."

Students themselves remark on his exceptional regard for others. "The best thing about working with Clay was that he took time to get to know RAs on a personal level, and was genuinely concerned about the students he was working with," said an RA.

From his time at W&L, Coleman will most remember the deluge of help from the campus community in response to the fire at the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house in 2009.

Coleman has compiled an impressive résumé in administration in higher education.

He started at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Spending four years there, he worked as the Assistant Director of Residence Life and advised its Interfraternity Council.

Coleman holds a bachelor's degree in business from Southwestern University and a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin. In addition to working full-time at UCF, he will begin studying in its doctoral program in Communication Strategies.

Five years ago, Coleman began working at W&L as the Director of Student Activities and Greek Life. Last year, he was promoted to Director of Greek and Residential Life. Coleman also served as a resource for Confidential and Impartial Resolution (CAIR), which, according to its website, provides information concerning procedures and dispute resolution options for complaints by or against students.

NY trip puts advertising careers on the table

Students visit New York during Reading Days and see several advertising firms

By Krysta Huber
STAFF WRITER

A group of 21 Washington and Lee students traveled to New York City over Reading Days for the annual advertising trip that is coordinated by the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics.

According to Assistant Dean of the Williams School Mr. John Jensen, participants visited eight different advertising agencies and attended a reception with W&L alumni who currently work in the advertising, public relations and marketing industry.

Students who participated, mainly sophomores and juniors, were chosen

through an application process. According to Jensen, the first 12 participants were selected based on GPA and a committee of faculty members chose the remaining students. The application included a written paragraph in which applicants had to explain why they would benefit from attending the trip, as well as what previous experience they had, if any, that made them qualified to attend.

According to Jensen, the advertising firms that they visited include Havas Worldwide, MRY, Peppercomm, Saatchi & Saatchi, TBWA, Bot-

tlerochet, Bliss and Condé Nast.

At each firm, W&L alumni gave the students a taste of what their job is like within that company.

"Each firm's presentation consisted of what the day-to-day activities were, a video or series of slides displaying the firm's successful ads, and basics of the business," said sophomore Margaret McClintock. "They also gave us tips on how to land internships and the do's and don'ts of interviews and resumes."

Junior Callie Deddens said that the more traditional advertising companies like Saatchi & Saatchi, Havas Worldwide and TBWA were among her favorites.

"These companies were more like what I expected from an advertising firm and their clients include products that we use on a daily basis, like Nabisco, Planter's and Skittles," she said.

Sophomore Ryan Johnson added that he also enjoyed Havas Worldwide. "While all of the firms had similar creative talent, Havas Worldwide had a logical approach that treated advertising like a science," he said.

In visiting these firms, Jensen said the hope is that the students gained a broader understanding of career options in the advertising industry. McClintock said she felt the trip did exactly that.

"The trip absolutely helped me in thinking about my career path by allowing me to understand so many details of a business about which I knew very little," said McClintock. "It was a great experience that created an opportunity for me to learn about advertising and meet successful alumni in the field."

The trip not only informed students about the daily aspects of the advertising business, but it also afforded them the opportunity to make contacts for potential internships and jobs.

"We don't really track the number of students who gain jobs and internships after attending the trip to a real degree, but the answer is that they do because it opens up connections and it presents them with access to alumni who are willing to help," said Jensen.

Jensen noted that the Williams School saw an increased interest among students in comparison to last year's trip. He attributed the increased demand to the Advertising and Liberal Arts Conference held on campus last spring.

According to wluadlibs.wordpress.com, the two-day event provided students with the opportunity to learn about marketing, advertising and public relations from the perspective of W&L alumni who shared their experience and knowledge. Jensen said that about 100 students from a variety of majors and all class levels participated.

"There is a pent up demand that we are seeing in the advertising field and we are really trying to capture that as a part of our broader message - a message that we are trying to send not only to the Williams School, but to the College, to the Journalism Department, and to other departments around campus," Jensen said.

According to Jensen, the high interest in marketing, advertising and public relations positions is seen even in students who are not studying a related major. Johnson for example, is a studio art and history double major, who said he went on the trip even though he isn't sure that he wants to pursue advertising as a career.

"We are really trying to make students aware that you don't have to be a certain major to go into a certain profession," said Jensen. "Once students understand that and are comfortable with it, then really the sky is the limit."



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Viewing Cairo in personal terms

W&L student, Amira Hegazy, is studying abroad in Cairo and offers her perspective on the protests in the city

By Hannah Howard

STAFF WRITER

A group of Egyptians approaches a few young Americans on the streets of Cairo. However, it's not what so many may expect — there is no threat in this movement.

One of the Egyptians says, "We're so sorry for everything that's going on right now. Please know that those gaining the most media attention are the minority."

Another chimes in, "We love Americans!"

Exchanges such as this one are not uncommon for Amira Hegazy, a Washington and Lee sophomore currently studying in Cairo. Before taking this year abroad, she traveled to Egypt seven times to see the family of her Egyptian father.

Hegazy is planning on majoring in Middle Eastern Studies and is currently enrolled in the Arabic Language Inter-

sive Program at the American University.

Hegazy was able to offer unique insight to other W&L students about the ongoing unrest in Cairo.

In addition to the riots over the Innocence of Muslims video, "There have been protests over tuition increases at the American University," said Hegazy. "While the AUC protests don't have anything to do with the video, I think it's interesting to see how fired up Egyptians are at this point in history."

Although many Egyptians were involved in the riots, she said that they were very much a minority movement.

"Truthfully, the riots were so concentrated that if I wasn't looking for them, I didn't have to get tangled up with them," said Hegazy.

Within the context of past turmoil in

Egypt, the current unrest can be considered somewhat minimal, according to Hegazy.

"Life is going on as normal; this is just one little thing," said Hegazy.

"After going through the revolution,

I think this seems little to them," said Hegazy. "Don't misunderstand that this wasn't a very offensive video when it came out but the people who were rioting were seen as extremists by a large part of the Egyptian population."

"I really felt like the media was playing up the situation so much," Hegazy said. "One day when CNN was showing pictures of riots in Tahrir one of my friends drove through the area and posted a picture of Tahrir Square running as usual with no visual disturbances whatsoever."

-Amira Hegazy, W&L sophomore studying abroad in Cairo

However, this is not the picture that most Americans got from news sources. Many Americans see Cairo as a city constantly overcome with tumultuous protests. In reality, however, everyone close to the riots had stopped talking about them about a week or two after they were over. Yet the media doesn't show people this aspect.

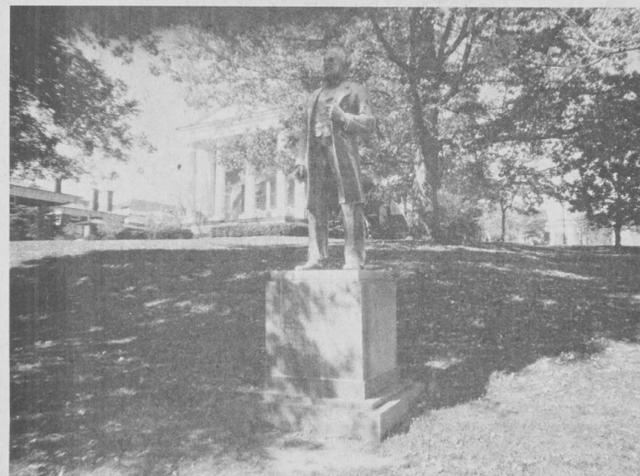
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Celebrating farm mechanization

Local workers in the farming industry organized a fair to celebrate Rockbridge County's history in farming technology

By Yejean Kim

STAFF WRITER



Cyrus McCormick's statue sits in front of the Colonnade.

NEIL HAGGERTY / News Editor

Local workers in farming celebrated where mechanized farming for the world started with Cyrus Hall McCormick's invention of the mechanical reaper at the annual Rockbridge County Farm Day on Saturday.

The annual Rockbridge County Fall Farm Day took place this past Saturday at 1 Bares Wood Road. First organized by Keith Holland, Leonard Cash Jr. and Mike Flint last year, the event was "a way to help the public learn about the history of farming in the local area of Rockbridge County and surrounding areas," according to Cash.

Along with his contributions to the farming industry, McCormick was one of the first people to come to the aid of Robert E. Lee during his presidency at Washington and Lee University, according to wlu.edu.

McCormick served as a member of the W&L Board of Trustees during the

last 20 years of his life and he and his family donated generously to the school, according to wlu.edu.

Some of the main attractions included an iron smelting demonstration using Rockbridge County ore, the Great Turkey Drive, a corn maze, exhibits of antique farm equipment and various games designed to help visitors learn more about farming.

According to the event's website, the iron smelting demonstration was an "opportunity for the general public to see how one of the building blocks of civilization—and modern farming—was made for thousands of years."

Lee Sauder, owner of Germinal Ironworks and the blacksmith who presided over the demonstration, is a resident of Rockbridge County and is known throughout the blacksmithing community for his extensive knowledge of ancient iron smelting techniques.

The exhibits featured antique gas engines, steam engines, and tractors and cars. Other attractions included corn shelling and grinding, rope making, various arts and crafts, apple butter making, food and fresh apple cider and hayrides.

Fall Farm Day was not just a day to enjoy the various exhibitions and demonstrations. Canned food items were collected all day to be donated to the local food bank and a portion of the proceeds from all food sold that day was set aside to be donated to the Buena Vista Rescue Squad.

Other supporters of the event included Rockbridge Farmers Co-Op, Farm Credit Services, Albert V. Carr Jr., Frank A. Parsons, Charles A. Martin and G. Otis Mead III.

As the sun set on Wood Road, Fall Farm Day 2012 concluded with a called dance featuring caller Fred Park and fiddler James Leva.



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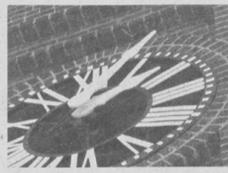
Lauren Berger



Intern Queen

Lauren Berger, CEO of InternQueen.com, discusses strategies for finding internships and career opportunities

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news

First-year class officers named

Anna Russell Thornton, Paqui Toscano, and Jok Asiyu have been elected by their peers to lead their class

By Douglas McNeil
STAFF WRITER

The results of the first-year elections are in and Anna Russell Thornton was elected as the first-year Executive Committee representative, Paqui Toscano was elected as the first-year Student Judiciary Council representative and Jok Asiyu was elected as the first-year Class President—the head of the First-Year Leadership Committee.

Ann Russell Thornton Thornton says that she is extremely honored to be elected to the EC. She cites the honor system as one of the major reasons she chose Washington and Lee, and says she wants to ensure all students experience the atmosphere of trust and respect that

so deeply impacted her.

She said she knew that she wanted to run for the EC while hearing the honor speech of the President of the EC, Steele Burrow. She says that the speech gave her “chills.” She hopes that she will be able to contribute a unique perspective because she is the only first-year on the EC.

When asked about her duties as first-year representative, she said that she must attend and participate in all the meetings. She is also responsible for opening and closing the door during the meetings, a “cool tradition” in her own words. Outside of the EC, Thornton is deciding what other activities she wants

to involve herself in; however, she has already begun volunteering at Waddell Elementary and joined Reformed University Fellowship. She says that she plans to major in English and would like to work for Teach for America after college.

Paqui Toscano said he could not be more excited about his election to the SJC. He cites his passion for justice and law as the driving force behind his entrance in the election. He said his interest and study of constitutional law will give him the ability to judge cases heard by the SJC.

Toscano says that he hopes to main-

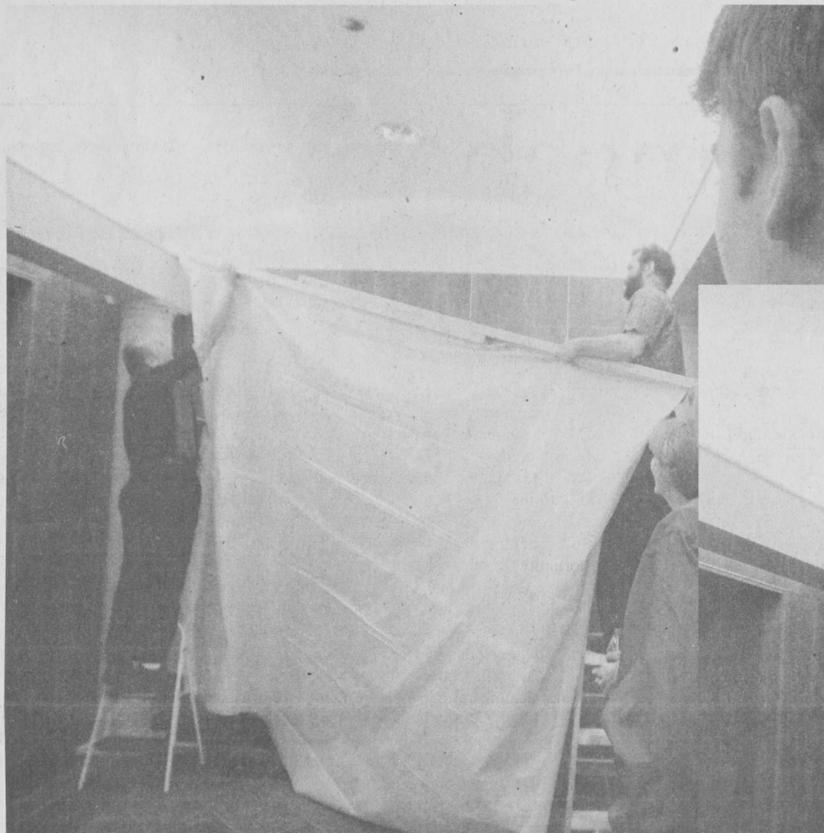
tain the ideals that Robert E. Lee put in place during his tenure at W&L. He would like to study either English or Politics and eventually go to law school. His dream is to become a federal judge, but he also said that he is interested in becoming active in many other activities.

Jok Asiyu was the candidate elected to be the first-year Class President. His new position will involve heading the FYLC and planning activities for first-year students. His main priority is to ensure that every first-year has the best experience possible.

Asiyu said he knew he wanted to run

for the position right after he learned about it. He wanted to make sure that all members of the W&L community would feel the welcoming feeling that he felt during his first weeks on campus. He believes that this position will be a good starting off point for leadership roles, and is definitely interested in further leadership roles.

Besides being first-year Class President, Asiyu is also on the varsity basketball team and he hopes to major in Business Administration and possibly Computer Science.



“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

~The First Amendment



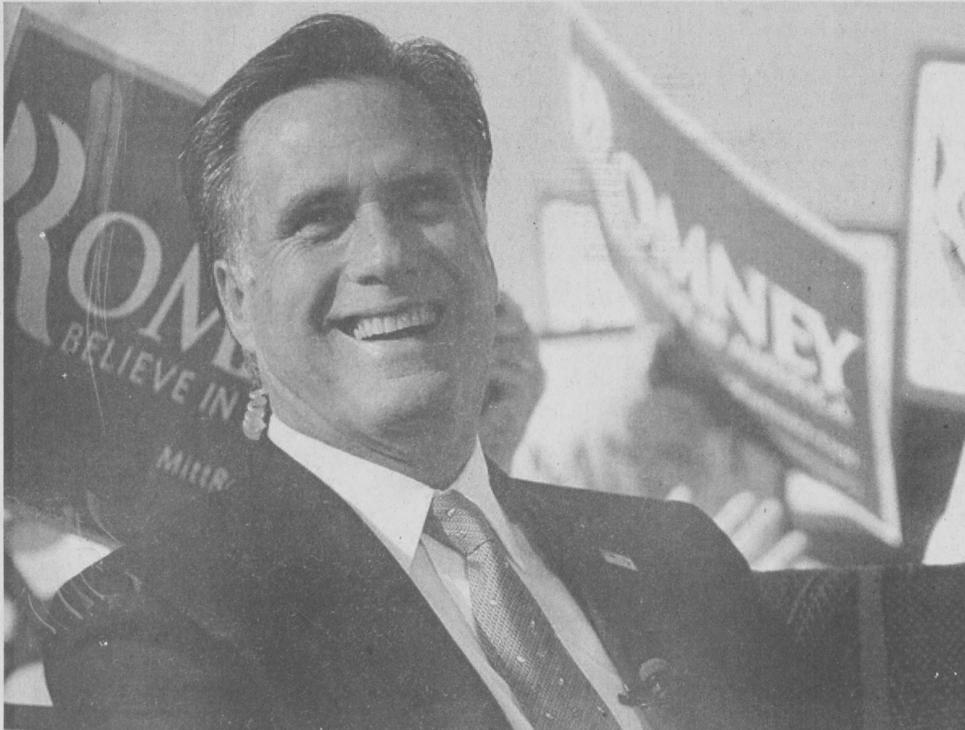
The Washington and Lee Journalism Department added a new feature to their front hall. Members of the W&L community can now see The First Amendment when they enter Reid Hall.

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Romney puts spotlight on Lex

Mitt Romney stops at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington to discuss foreign policy to students

By Randy Karlson
STAFF WRITER



Republican Presidential Nominee Mitt Romney visited Virginia Military Institute on Oct. 8. While at VMI, the Presidential hopeful made a speech to 500 cadets, focused around foreign policy.

The main message of the campaign stop was that America must change the way it is doing things in the Middle East. “America has a proud history of strong, confident, principled global leadership,” said Romney. “A history that has been written by patriots of both parties.”

While trying to appeal to VMI cadets and local supporters through the patriotic theme to his speech, Romney also threw some jabs at President Obama.

“I know the President hopes for a safer, freer, and a more prosperous Middle East allied with the United States,” said Romney. “I share this hope. But hope is not a strategy.”

He followed this statement up with his own plans for the Middle East. His main solution to the issues in the Middle East is to “make the critical defense

investments that we need to remain secure.”

Washington and Lee sophomore Olivia Dickey attended the speech; she has been working for the Virginia GOP and has recently been registering W&L students as well as VMI cadets. Dickey was able to attend the speech because she volunteered to work the door for the campaign. When asked about the content of the speech, Olivia said, “His thoughts on international relations were certainly interesting.”

Dickey was one of a select few Washington and Lee students to be able to see the speech.

The speech put Lexington on the national spotlight for a short period following the past few Presidential debates. Both Presidential nominees have one more debate remaining today, at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla.

The nominees’ performances at this last debate may very well decide the outcome of the election on Nov. 6.

opinions



NATO at war: Not a big deal?

Should we be more concerned as Turkey goes careening towards war with Syria?

By Yates Wilburn
STAFF WRITER

Over the past several weeks, Turkey has come under fire from numerous mortar attacks originating from across the Syrian border. As a result, dozens of Turkish citizens have been killed along with several more dozens of Syrian citizens in retaliation by Turkish artillery fire. A rapid escalation of hostilities has created a state of near-war between Syria and Turkey, with Turkish prime minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan claiming that his nation is "ready for war," however unwilling. This is by no measure insignificant. Given its integral membership in NATO, Turkey stands to drag NATO into a military engagement in Syria should hostilities between Turkey and Syria jump to more consistent and damaging levels. On the whole, American media has been relatively silent on this particular issue, and I have seen almost no discussion on this specific possibility. This goes without mentioning both presidential candidates' near silence, which I find even more horrific.

Honestly, no one could blame Turkey for going to war. Given the incredible amount of refugees that have fled to Tur-

key to escape the death and destruction Bashir Al-Assad has brought upon his citizens, Turkey has exercised incredible restraint in this matter. The refugees that have already entered Turkey—over 100,000 at last count—are placing an incredible amount of stress on Turkey's economy and government as it struggles to feed, house, and protect them. As a result of this strain, the Turkish people living in towns absorbing the refugees have grown increasingly frustrated as their local resources are spread thin and refugees attempt to assimilate.

The possibility of Turkey dragging NATO into the Syrian Civil War with it is not an impossible scenario. The other NATO members would have very little choice in the matter if Turkey decided to invade Syria in force in an attempt to bring the conflict to some sort of conclusion. Article 5 of the NATO Charter stipulates that the organization can classify any attack on one member state as an attack on all, as it did with the 9/11 attacks. This Article could be invoked in a similar manner to bring the full weight of NATO down upon Syria in defense of

Turkey. This may not be necessary however, as Secretary General of NATO Anders Fogh Rasmussen has already stated that "all necessary plans [are] in place to defend Turkey if necessary."

Despite the incredible implications of this situation, the American media and especially Governor Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama have had almost nothing substantial to say about it. The general topic of the Syrian Civil War has come up occasionally at rallies and the debates as a convenient attack point for Romney to hit Obama with, but it has amounted to little more than a vague criticism with little to no response from the Obama campaign. The fact that the entirety of NATO stands to be engaged in Syria doesn't seem to warrant any significant speculation or analysis from anyone, which I find very disturbing.

I don't know if the relative silence on this issue is a worse reflection on American news media, the presidential candidates themselves, or on the American voter that doesn't seem interested in the situation enough to ask questions.

NATO: Member Nations

Albania	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Canada	Netherlands
Croatia	Norway
Czech Republic	Poland
Denmark	Portugal
Estonia	Romania
France	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Turkey
Iceland	United Kingdom
Italy	United States

Potato farmers and politicians: minorities in America

Why the term minority is a relative term we need to move past as a country

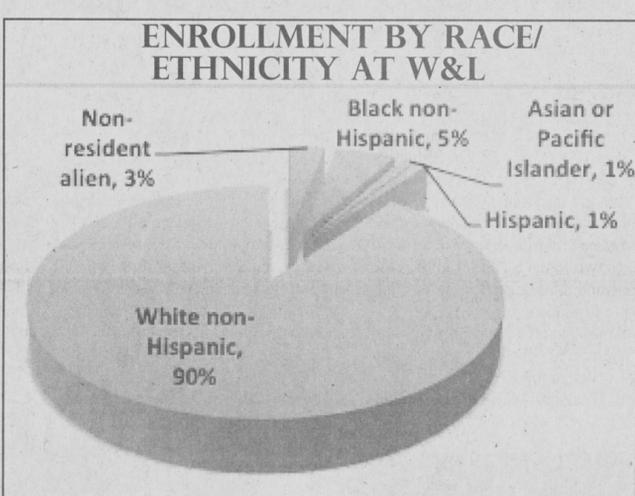
By Julianna Satterly
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I am a Polish American.

Did that sound weird to you? That's because we don't identify ourselves by origin in America, the supposed cultural melting pot. Unless of course, you identify as a "minority."

Here's the thing though, "minority" is a bit of a skewed term. Reality check: 3.2% of American people claim a Polish descent, whereas just two of the country's identified "minority" groups, African American and Hispanic, comprise almost a third of the total American population (12.6% African American, 16.7% Hispanic). Who is really a minority here?

Alright, so you may say that minority doesn't really mean demographic. It means a socio-economic or educational minority. Fair point. Did you know that in the early 1900s the highest job a Polish American could get was working in a factory or the equivalent thereof? Why? There were two reasons: one, because many Polish Americans never even finished high school, and two, because being Polish made one the target of intense ethnic discrimination. Sounds a lot like a classic "minority". The thing is, ethnic discrimination is like a hazing ritual in the annals of American history. Almost every ethnicity has dealt with some pret-



ty hellacious discrimination during their time.

I think affirmative action is good for exactly two things—truly helping deserving people while simultaneously driving an ever-increasing wedge between the ethnic groups. What actually would help is everyone becoming an American plain and simple, without the superfluous qualifier in front. Which leads me to my point in writing this: there is a new, ludicrous education bill in Florida which lends my theory a certain

amount of support. The Florida Board of Education just passed a bill stating that different goals of achievement in writing, reading and mathematics, have been set for each race (go to www.nytimes.com for the whole article). I support the motive behind bringing disadvantaged students up to par, but really? Take, for example, their goals for reading comprehension: by 2018 Florida hopes to have "72 percent of low-income children, 74 percent of black students, 81 percent of Hispanics, 88 percent of white students

and 90 percent of Asians" reading at grade level. Does that mean Asians have more of a chance at success than low-income children? Are black students considered less capable? Do Hispanics naturally have a lower level of intelligence? The measures intended to decrease the ethnic gap are only dragging race into the spotlight. Again.

These divisions that America makes all the time in a feeble attempt to help just cause larger problems in the long run. Honestly, it seems blatantly patronizing to assume that certain ethnicities need more help than others anyway. And when those ethnicities keep taking help, it just promotes the cycle. There are many success stories and under-achievers in every ethnicity. It seems backward, but the very idea of affirmative action promotes ethnic division in a country that sells a dream of the layman making his way here despite his origins.

I'm not saying that America's attempts to rectify racial relations weren't honorable. I'm just saying that we took it too far. All you really get handed to you for being Polish in America is an ingrained love of your kielbasa and the inability to spell your family name. And yet we quietly rose from being under-educated potato farmers to complete ethnic equality. On our own. Your move, "minorities".

letter to the editor

Thankfully for Republicans, Barack Obama is running. Unfortunately, he is not running on his record. Rather he is doing exactly what many Washington insiders do, demonize specific policy approaches and plans by prominent Republicans and Mitt Romney. The President's administration has done three things in regards to immigration

1. He has increased border patrol agents, a positive both parties can agree on.

2. His administration authorized the Fast and Furious gun running program which has led to a good number of guns

being left in the hands of criminals and has contributed to the death of a border patrol agent.

3. He used his executive authority to implement a temporary version of his DREAM Act.

What he hasn't done is work towards a lasting and sound solution to our illegal immigration problem. Democrats are notorious for using the Hispanic vote by promising high and lofty goals while scaring Latinos with the evil, xenophobic Republican plans. The President's actions are no different. Under a President Romney however, Hispanic and other immigrants will

not be used as voting pawns. Mitt Romney knows that part of getting America working again is by taking full advantage of the drive and enthusiasm of our newest residents. That is why Mitt Romney will work to increase legal immigration, to make sure we have the best workers possible for our soon to be thriving economy. Mitt's first priority is the first priority of all Americans, jobs. His approach to immigration will be no different. Barack Obama's however? We will have to wait for the next election to see.

Sincerely,
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opinions

Benghazi and the debates: Hit by a smooth criminal

Analyzing the unsaid subtext and the true importance of the Libya question in the Presidential debates

By JP Beall
OPINIONS EDITOR

Everyone has been talking about the performance in last week's presidential debate at Hofstra University last Wednesday. Besides Romney's "binders full of women" comment that made the monastic Facebook meosphere so giddy in the fingertips, the most notable point of contention was over a question about the Benghazi attacks.

Obama supporters have been roaring with approval at the reprimand sound bite handed down from the moderator to Romney on national television. Barring entirely that she effectively spelled out how both candidates were right, a "gimme" question for Romney managed to become short-term political capital for Obama.

Far more underpublicized, and coincidentally far more important, than Candy Crowley dipping her fingers in Romney's "cake batter" was how the actual question was asked, and how Obama answered.

The question came from a Kerry Laska, and is included below as seen in an NPR transcript of the debate available online:

"This question actually comes from a brain trust of my friends at Global Telecom Supply in Mineola yesterday. We were sitting around talking about Libya, and we were reading and became aware of reports that the State Department refused extra security for our embassy in

Benghazi, Libya, prior to the attacks that killed four Americans. Who was it that denied enhanced security and why?"

This question was in the context of several things that happened immediately before the debate. First, all major newspapers had just announced that the State Department recanted its official



story of the Benghazi attacks, and Hillary Clinton had stepped forward to take responsibility for the crisis where four Americans, including the ambassador, were martyred for their country.

These events took place because State Department documents came forward showing that the late Ambassador Stephens had predicted the embassy would be attacked on 9/11 nearly a month ahead of the fact. He noted that intelligence said a terrorist plot was being

hatched because it was becoming well known the embassy was lightly guarded. His request for marine guard and to begin removing non-combatants from the embassy was buried.

Bearing all this in mind, the question is quite simple. Who denied our embassy security, and why? His question was never really answered, but the answer provided is telling.

If Obama's story about Secretary of State Clinton accepting full responsibility meant a lick, he would have stuck with it. It would be easy enough to leave it at that and move on to an easier question.

But he didn't.

He began, "these aren't just representatives of the United States; they're my representatives. I send them there, oftentimes into harm's way. I know these folks, and I know their families. So nobody's more concerned about their safety and security than I am."

So then, why was the attack allowed to happen if his administration had prior warning from his appointee, who has a family back here in the US he would have liked to see again? This sounds more like a carefully worded admission of guilt rather than an argument for innocence.

He continued, "So as soon as we found out that the Benghazi consulate was being overrun, I was on the phone with my

national security team, and I gave them three instructions. Number one, beef up our security and — and — and procedures not just in Libya but every embassy and consulate in the region. Number two, investigate exactly what happened, regardless of where the facts lead us, to make sure that folks are held accountable and it doesn't happen again."

This was an attempt to sidestep the question. His administration was ill prepared for the attack, so he would show how he reacted. What followed was admirable interventional foreign policy for the man who urged the country to adopt preventative healthcare legislation.

"Number 2" is a nice glittering generality, a nod to a campaign plank of transparency. Take another look at the quote. There are no identifying specifics. Anywhere. Oddly enough, he still has not given the audience the story of what exactly happened in Libya. He never mentioned if anyone was held accountable, or who should be. Items like these are good political capital. It can only help ease blame and remove this particular horse fly from his campaign ointment.

If he had everything to gain from sharing some kind of specifics with America, why didn't he? Perhaps the timer was running low?

Immediately after, he remarked, "Governor Romney had a very different response. While we were still dealing with

our diplomats being threatened, Governor Romney put out a press release trying to make political points. And that's not how a commander in chief operates. You don't turn national security into a political issue, certainly not right when it's happening."

Part of me applauds Obama for saying that national security is not an issue for politics. This argument might have worked too, only that Obama is still taking credit for killing Osama bin Laden, all the while never crediting the Navy Seals who actually killed him. As a matter of fact, he did so again in the very next paragraph of his response.

Let me get this straight, Obama will take political credit for foreign policy successes, and deny any credit for foreign policy disasters?

Nearly a month and a half after a national calamity abroad where four American non-combatants died apparently needlessly because they were citizens and servants of this country, and this country still does not have the answers. What's more, Obama's attempts at quieting the furor do not add up logically. Everyone, this is a point to keep watch on, because if Romney wakes up and figures out what fell into his lap that night, this is a point that could change the game.

Dems

By Leah Gose
STAFF WRITER

American women have been fighting for analogous rights compared to our male counterparts for over two hundred years. Yes, women have made great strides over the past century and have become a vitally important portion of the American workforce. Even so, we are not viewed under the law as equal to men. In the working world, this can challenge the advancement of womankind, but as women still work to make the transition from domestically bound to employed by choice, Americans must view the existence of women's reproductive rights as necessary

and important. Women bear children and men do not. For Democrats, women's reproductive rights do not revolve around abortion, but the importance of avoiding it. Women maintain the social responsibility to raise children in our society, but it takes two to tango, and it in the case of unwanted pregnancies, it is challenging to place complete responsibility on the women and is simply unfair. While in an ideal world, men would remain present in their children's lives, many do not, leaving behind broken families, confused children, and over-

worked mothers. The goal of Democrats, and subsequently the Affordable Care Act, is to provide women and with the resources to better protect themselves from not only unwanted pregnancies, but also sexually transmitted diseases, mental diseases, and poor infant nutrition. By supporting women with sex education and health resources, we better society and most importantly, our future.

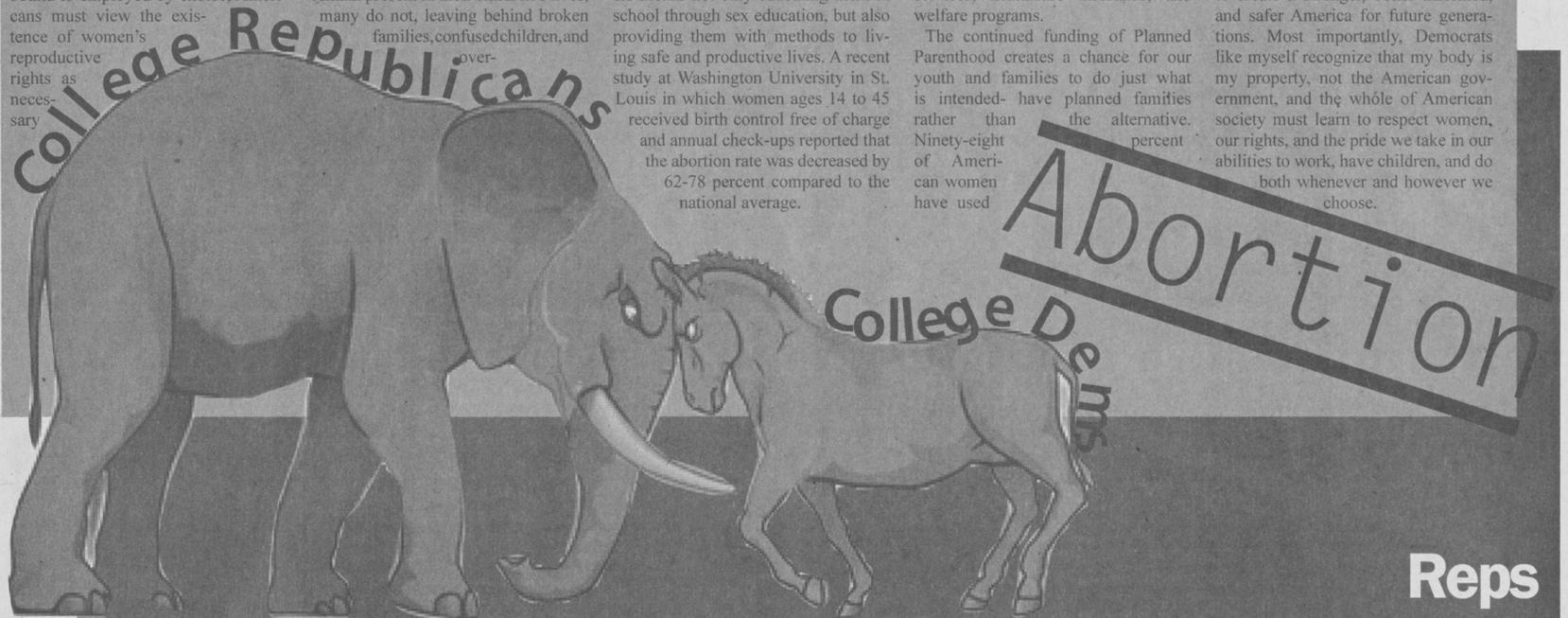
Preparing women to become mothers means not only educating them in school through sex education, but also providing them with methods to living safe and productive lives. A recent study at Washington University in St. Louis in which women ages 14 to 45 received birth control free of charge and annual check-ups reported that the abortion rate was decreased by 62-78 percent compared to the national average.

In a world where not everyone maintains strict religious moral values regarding sexual intercourse and abortion, it is not only challenging, but against the American secular ideology to deny women the right to choose an abortion or birth control options. More importantly, by providing women with birth control methods from the start, as the ACA does, Americans can prevent the need and desire for abortions and the increased cost in foster care, labor services, healthcare insurance, and welfare programs.

The continued funding of Planned Parenthood creates a chance for our youth and families to do just what is intended—have planned families rather than the alternative. Ninety-eight percent of American women have used

birth control, and by denying them the access to such care, Conservatives take away one of the few ways in which women can protect themselves in our androcentric world.

A society that provides women's reproductive services and subsequent education can be certain to strive in the future. In an ideal world, there would be no need for abortions, but Democrats recognize the importance in providing such services and education to create a stronger, better informed, and safer America for future generations. Most importantly, Democrats like myself recognize that my body is my property, not the American government, and the whole of American society must learn to respect women, our rights, and the pride we take in our abilities to work, have children, and do both whenever and however we choose.



Reps

By Jillian Katterhagen
GUEST WRITER

Between Missouri's Republican Senate candidate Todd Akin's inflammatory remark that abortion is permissible in cases of "legitimate rape" and a Democratic National Convention that hid President Obama's woeful handling of the economy behind countless flashy speeches applauding the president's blind support for unrestricted abortions, the question of abortion has undoubtedly become a hot-button issue of the 2012 election. Mitt Romney has provided us with a refreshing and principled stance on this key issue, separating himself not only from Akin and the President, but from the GOP platform. The GOP adopted a plank that states that an "unborn child has

a fundamental individual right to life that cannot be infringed," a plank incompatible with the notion of exceptions for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

The Romney campaign was quick to distinguish between the GOP platform and Mr. Romney's view by noting one slight difference between the two. Promoting a slightly more moderate position, Mr. Romney is solidly pro-life, believing that life begins at conception and that "Americans have a moral duty to uphold the sanctity of life" while also supporting exceptions and a woman's right to choose in the case of rape or incest.

That aside, Mr. Romney's view on

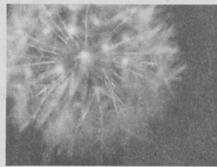
abortion largely matches that of his party. He denounces the Roe v. Wade decision and believes that its overturn will liberate the issue from the hands of unelected judges and place it in those of the American people. He believes that this will enable the states to determine their own abortion laws and trusts the democratic process to implement the measures that the American people choose. Mr. Romney also intends to end federal funding for institutions that advocate for abortion, protect the right of doctors to let their conscience guide their work, nominate judges who will not submit to blatant judicial activism and personal opinion while on the court, and promote the

protection of life not just in America, but beyond our borders as well.

Mr. Romney's reasonable and principled stance on abortion only seems more so when compared to that of President Obama and the Democratic Party. The Democratic platform opposes all restrictions on abortions and fully supports Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose—regardless of if she can afford an abortion or not. President Obama even goes so far as to call the right to an abortion "one of the most fundamental rights we possess." As such, the choice is not between a pro-life or pro-choice candidate. Mr. Romney's view rightly allows the final decision on abortion to

fall to the states, so that the democratic process will empower the American people to choose for themselves how to handle abortion. President Obama's unequivocal support for Roe v. Wade suggests that he considers the matter removed from the hands of Americans. The choice, then, is whether or not we want to decide for ourselves how to handle abortion, and really, this isn't much of a choice at all. Mr. Romney's abortion platform not only protects countless unborn children from being killed, it reveals his faith in the American people and our democratic system to choose for ourselves how we want our lives to be governed. The choice is clear.

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Take a BITE out of Lex.

Pronto Caffé Gelateria might be the best thing to arrive in Lexington since better cell phone service. The gelato café is the new project for The Livery Restaurant owners Francesco and Meredith Benincasa, and sits across from the Southern Inn on Main Street. By bringing the very best in flavor and character to the classic Italian treat, ice cream shops in Lexington might have some trouble keeping up with this hit.

The interior design for Pronto is fresh and clean, combining metal tables and gleaming trashcans with twine-like chairs and a classic chalkboard menu. The shiny lighting and equipment behind the counter is an impressive sight, and could easily challenge any Starbucks to a coffee-brewing battle.

Small but mighty, the menu offers seasonal treats like a "Fall Caprese Sandwich," and the classic choices of biscotti, cookies, and croissants to create a plethora of

meal and snack options. The coffee beans are all imported directly from Italy, and offer an extremely rich, authentic taste for coffee lovers. For those who are not coffee addicts (like myself), the chai latte is without a doubt the best combination of cream and smooth chai flavor in Lexington.

The gelato is served in classic Italian style, artfully scooped into small colorful bowls and dripping over the sides. The flavors are plentiful, ranging from classic vanilla to salted peanut and peach. Gelato, unlike ice cream, is made with whole and skim milk rather than cream, and this allows the flavors to truly impress the taste buds. Chocolate tastes more chocolate-y and richer, while the kiwi and strawberry flavors are fresh and fruity, but still light and refreshing. I can close my eyes and see the strawberry fields from which the gelato began.

The gelato flavors are seasonal, and the ocean waves-like presentation is enough to make anyone order too much. The young adults who work at Pronto seem genuinely interested in their jobs (or at least in the pros-

pect of free gelato) and provide wonderful service.

Pronto, despite its high-class style, maintains low prices. Gelato prices (based on cup size) range from around three to five dollars, while the sandwiches are never more than seven. The coffee and drink prices take the cake, with a single cup being \$1.85 and the small Chai latte costing only \$3.50.

In this small town, I've been waiting for a café to arrive that refreshes my taste buds and my mind. Here, the music is just loud enough and the Wi-Fi strong and uncomplicated. So Generals, whether you need a place for your family to meet your new significant other this Parents' Weekend, or you are suffering from an unmanageable chocolate addiction, Pronto is the place to go to solve your problems. At least until all the gelato is gone.

Pronto: Caffé Gelateria

Open:

Tues: Closed

Wed-Mon: 8am-8pm

Where to Go:

26 South Main Street
Lexington, VA

Cost Range:

\$

By Leah Gose
STAFF WRITER

Whose cuisine reigns supreme?

PAACE brought "Iron Chef" to campus this Saturday, as students teamed up and competed to serve the best Asian dish

By Caroline Hamp

STAFF WRITER

The Pan-Asian Association for Cultural Exchange (PAACE) does exactly what its name says: it exchanges cultural knowledge within the Washington and Lee campus. Specifically, this student organization focuses on Asian heritage. They host a slew of events aimed at spreading the appreciation and awareness of Asian culture. From bringing in an educational speaker for an engaging lecture, to celebrating the Chinese New Year with a traditional feast, or just hanging out with people of different backgrounds and learning about their lifestyles, PAACE brings students together (often with the help of food). One of the most popular of these diver-

sifying events just so happens to be their very own version of Iron Chef!

Here are the basics: five teams, one dish per team, three judges, and lots of competition. Although the television show has a cooking time limit, this past Saturday's competition started early in the afternoon so participants could adequately prepare for dinner. And thank goodness there were no time restrictions: most Asian dishes take a lot of time, skill, and precision.

The judges didn't mess around. Professor Hongchu Fu, Department Head of East Asian Languages and Literature, strived to understand the origins of each dish, and was particularly keen on

learning which area of the world each dish came from. (Sophomore Adrian Xu, who used a recipe straight from his mother's cookbook, threw Professor Fu quite a curveball). At the same time, International Student Advisor and Associate Director Mrs. Amy Richwine focused on the aroma of each dish and often commented on the varying spices. Professor David Bello, Associate Professor of History and Director of East Asian Studies, gave each dish an award, such as Best Appearance for the brightly-colored mixed rice dish.

The dishes ranged from the spicy Korean mixed rice to the Chinese sweet-and-sour pork ribs. Senior Joseph Tilghman, a lone ranger after his partner dropped out, was single-handedly trying to win with a vegetarian dish. My personal favorite was the Korean pancakes, a savory version filled with vegetables and shrimp. Apparently though, the judges didn't completely agree with me. The winner went to an equally deserving, deliciously sweet dessert dish (of course... who doesn't love dessert?). Juniors Ginny Huang and Christy Haiying Cui made double-layer steamed milk with honey and bananas, a popular Chinese treat. Their prize: free Sweet Things Ice Cream!

"I'm glad they won," commented sophomore Cathy Wang. "That dessert is tough to make... it takes a lot of time and skill. I was impressed!"

Sound like fun to you? PAACE continues to teach W&L students about Asian culture in creative ways. Keep your eyes peeled for more upcoming events, or ask secretary sophomore Christine Jung to receive the informational PAACE emails.



Sophomores Heeju Jang, Marissa Gilbert, and Thao Mee Xiong show off their latest homemade, delicious creation.



After a tasty feast of all the competition dishes, sophomores Hannah Paulk, Monette Veral, and Emily Atsuko smile for the camera.

SSA: revealed

A sneak peek at the upcoming conference events

By Lisa Stoiser
STAFF WRITER

Maybe you've run into them by the Commons, or maybe you've tripped over them in the Quad. Maybe you're like Leah Gose '15, and you've turned them into the objects of an open-ended scavenger hunt. Said Gose: "I think they're upside down, but I love finding them every day. It's a game that I can't lose."

So, what are these big blue blocks that spell out "S-S-A" all over campus?

Upon further investigation, we've found that they are actually just big, painted-blue, blocks. Hollow plywood constructions held together with nails.

But, these SSA blocks represent something more - they are the official icon of W&L's 5th Science, Society, and the Arts conference (SSA).

SSA is a biennial weekend extravaganza in all areas of academia coming to campus in March. In true celebration of the liberal arts, everyone, regardless of political affiliation, poetical preferences, or major(s) of study, is invited to participate. After all, what isn't a part of science, society, or arts?

It's easy to get involved. Students can participate in a book colloquia, present their own work, or simply attend the meeting. Classes are conveniently suspended on Friday of the convention, and everyone who attends gets a free t-shirt, a lot of knowledge, and some food. Here's how to join the SSA:

Book Colloquia - 21 book colloquia will be held in two separate sessions on Friday, March 8th. If you sign up online (ssa.wlu.edu) by November 30, 2012, the SSA team will send you a free book that you'll get to discuss for about an hour

with 11 other participants. Never had the nerve to buy 50 Shades of Grey for yourself? Join discussion leader Cynthia Lam '15 in the morning session and get the book sent to you for free. Don't believe everything your history professor has to say? Aubri Charnigo '13 will be leading a discussion on Loewen's Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong.

Project Presentations - Have a paper you're really proud of? Working on the masterpiece: composition of your college career? Then you're encouraged to submit your work for presentation at SSA5. The opportunity looks great on a resume, and almost anything goes... as long as your work shows some effort and interests you, it's appropriate SSA5 material! Co-authored works and works that are "almost-there" (but still in-progress) are welcome as well. The submission deadline for project proposals is January 25th, 2013, but no harm comes from submitting early.

The Meeting - The official meeting kicks off on Thursday night with posters and performances, presented and performed by your fellow students. Friday is filled with the book colloquia, more presentations, and a luncheon keynote speaker. This meeting's speaker is Dr. Richard Alley, who will be presenting on climate problems and potential solutions. He's a co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize and is supposed to be funny, too. Those who register in February will get a free lunch to go along with the lecture.

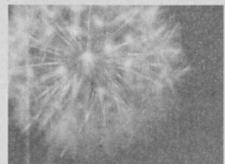
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A North Carolina man, having purchased a case of very rare and expensive cigars, insured them against fire among other things. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of cigars and without having made even his first policy payment, the man filed a claim against the insurance company. In his claim, he stated the cigars were lost "in a series of small fires." The insurance company refused to pay,

citing the obvious reason that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion. The man sued.... and won.

In delivering the ruling, the judge agreed that the claim was frivolous, but stated nevertheless that the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure against fire, without defining what it considered to be "unacceptable fire," and was obligated to pay the claim. Rather than endure a lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid the man \$15,000 for the cigars he lost in the "fires."

After the man cashed the check, however, the company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson. With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case used against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning his own insured property and sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

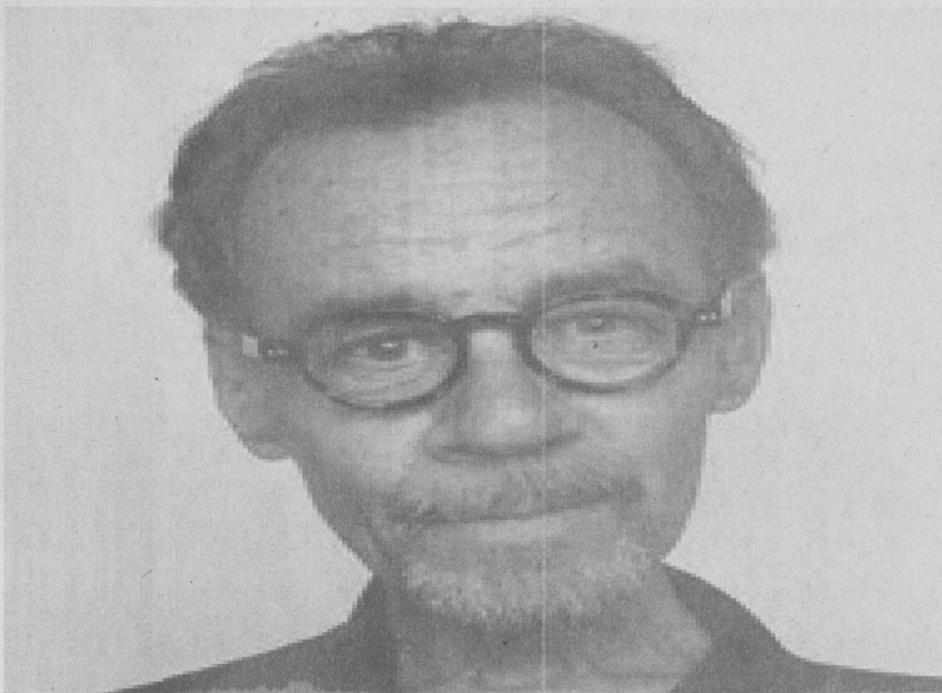


arts & life

Carr talks journalism

Award-winning reporter David Carr discusses the future of print

By Janey Fugate
STAFF WRITER



Culture and media columnist for the New York Times, reporter David Carr spoke at Lee Chapel Friday night.

"Where are the bones of Robert E. Lee?" asked Carr. "That makes two overworked, decimated people in this college."

Carr had just finished working on uncovering the story of how one of the Times' chief competitors, the 80-year-old magazine Newsweek, is ceasing to publish in print. The company recently announced that Newsweek will be accessible only through online subscription beginning next year.

"You're surrounded by invisible gas and all of a sudden one of the canaries falls over," said Carr, describing the gravity of the news.

However, Newsweek is just one of many news aggregates and print sources to go digital or out of business. Carr cited other examples such as New Orleans, which no longer has a daily newspaper, the trend that virtually every media company has lower frequencies of print, and

the fact that numerous magazines have gone out of business, including Men's Vogue, Gourmet, and Vibe.

The fade of print media produces nostalgia in many. But despite the unsettling loss that Newsweek's transition portends for the industry, Carr offered aspiring journalists hope for a future in an ever-evolving industry.

"Do not confuse the loss of the artifact," he said, holding up his print copy of his speech, "with the loss of the culture of fact."

The New York Times' business model has gone from tossing rolled-up papers into people's yards to sending out new content via Twitter every 4 seconds. Its stock is up 40% and 530,000 subscribers online. In other words, news is not going away any time soon.

Carr also dispelled the pervasive mentality that the younger generation is only concerned with Facebook, saying that over 70 million people watched the first Presidential debate in real time.

But one of the challenges Carr cit-

ed was being spread thin between so many forms of media. The lines between radio, TV, print, and web are being blurred. Every news site is competing for the same sets of eyes, and journalists are now required to jump nimbly from posts, to tweets, and back to traditional articles, in order to stay competitive.

"It is eating me alive," said Carr. He held up his iPhone and said, "This is a leash."

However, at the same time these new forms of communication technology have expanded the journalists' toolbox, making this "the golden age of media," as Carr sees it.

Journalism is adapting, growing, and morphing to meet the demands of this era of new technology, making it both an exhilarating and exasperating industry to be in. But, as Carr put it, "Revolution is not the Armageddon."

twitter

#what's new on campus

"I'm not sure exactly what happened last night, but I'm pretty sure I had fun" #yolo

about 25 hours ago from @TotalWLU Move

W&L was ranked #1 over Yale on some list. So, just be prepared for every alumni you know to reblog, post, and shout that from the rooftops.

about 12 hours ago from @MarqRobinson

A W&L worthy Wednesday night pregame.

about 11 hours ago from @TotalWLU Move

White-out the football game Saturday! Original theme was blackout but coaches and players decided there'd be enough of that on Friday night

about 10 hours ago from @GrahamSleez

The cops are really chill here. #sh**noonesays #TWLM

about 12 hours ago from @TotalWLU Move

"The co-op is open until 2:30 now... drunk grilled cheese errday" #coop

about 23 hours ago from @GenerallyAbsurd

A standard W&L classroom looks exactly like an elementary school lunchroom: boys on one side, girls on the other. #TWLM

about 22 hours ago from @TotalWLU Move

Student spotlight: Raya Taylor '14

Meet the stage manager of the upcoming show "Bye, Bye Birdie," playing this week!

By Mariel Pearl
STAFF WRITER



Name: Raya Taylor '14
Hometown: Goldsboro, NC
Major/Minor: Global Politics/ Theatre
Activities on campus: "Bye, Bye Birdie," Pi Beta Phi

What is your role in "Bye, Bye Birdie"?

Stage Manager.

What has been your favorite part of the rehearsals?

My favorite part is seeing the actors bond with each other over a project we're all working together to create.

What has been your favorite class at W&L?

Probably "Swords of Shakespeare." With "Ballet" as a close second.

Favorite W&L tradition and why?

Dressing up for football games - it's the reason I came to the school. It's such a Southern thing to do.

If you could be immortal for a day, what would you do?

Everything. Assuming "immortal" also ensures that time means nothing, so I could do everything in one day. I'd probably start by sleeping until I woke up without an alarm.

Your favorite moment of being a student at Washington and Lee?

The Mock Con Gala - I always like formals because everyone is dressed so nicely, it was nice to see everyone without the pressure of political, academic, or Greek affiliations, just having fun dancing to a great band. And I got to spend it with two of my best friends.

What is your nickname from high school?

Raya Sunshine.

arts & life

The secret life of RAs

It's 4 in the morning. Do you know where your RAs are?

By Andrea Owen
STAFF WRITER

Baseball cap? Check.
Binder? Check.
Lanyard with master keys? Check.
On-call phone? Check.
Decked out in "uniform" and equipped with the appropriate supplies, Residential Advisers set out Saturday to patrol and protect the student body.

Every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday nights, at least two Residential Advisers are "on-call" for undergraduate and law students, taking 11pm and 1:30am rounds through Graham-Lees, Davis, Gilliam, and Gaines residence halls, as well as Woods Creek Apartments.

Of course, as students stumble throughout the dorms and sometimes suffer from more serious substance-related conditions, the RA job often consists of monitoring drug-and-alcohol issues. And although resentment may build towards RAs for their actions in this realm, Taylor Gilfillan, a senior Residential Adviser, tells students that essentially, RAs are not responsible for repercussions.

"We're not giving strikes," said Gilfillan during his Saturday night rounds, explaining that not only are drug-and-alcohol related prosecutions up to the Dean of Students and the Student Judicial Council, but that ultimately, the responsibility for such infractions lies

on the student.

However, despite the apparent glamour of their "crime-fighting" responsi-

bilities, RAs would surely say that their experience is not WLPD.

In fact, the majority of time spent

doing rounds consists of identifying maintenance-related issues, from broken wall fixtures to faulty or missing

doorknobs.

Gilfillan, his tall stature barely fitting through the halls of Davis, said jokingly about the dangling nautical ceiling décor: "I think we need to put in a work order for this."

To deal with the sometimes dull tasks of patrolling, second-year Residential Adviser Jordan Kearns says he finds ways to spice up his job, as he replaces off-color comments on hall bulletin boards and door whiteboards with more pleasant remarks.

RAs on call also spend much of their time picking up stray pizza boxes and making sure their respective owners deal with clean-up. Gilfillan demonstrated his years of RA experience when he immediately located the phone number of pizza-box owners on the delivery labels to request a clean-up.

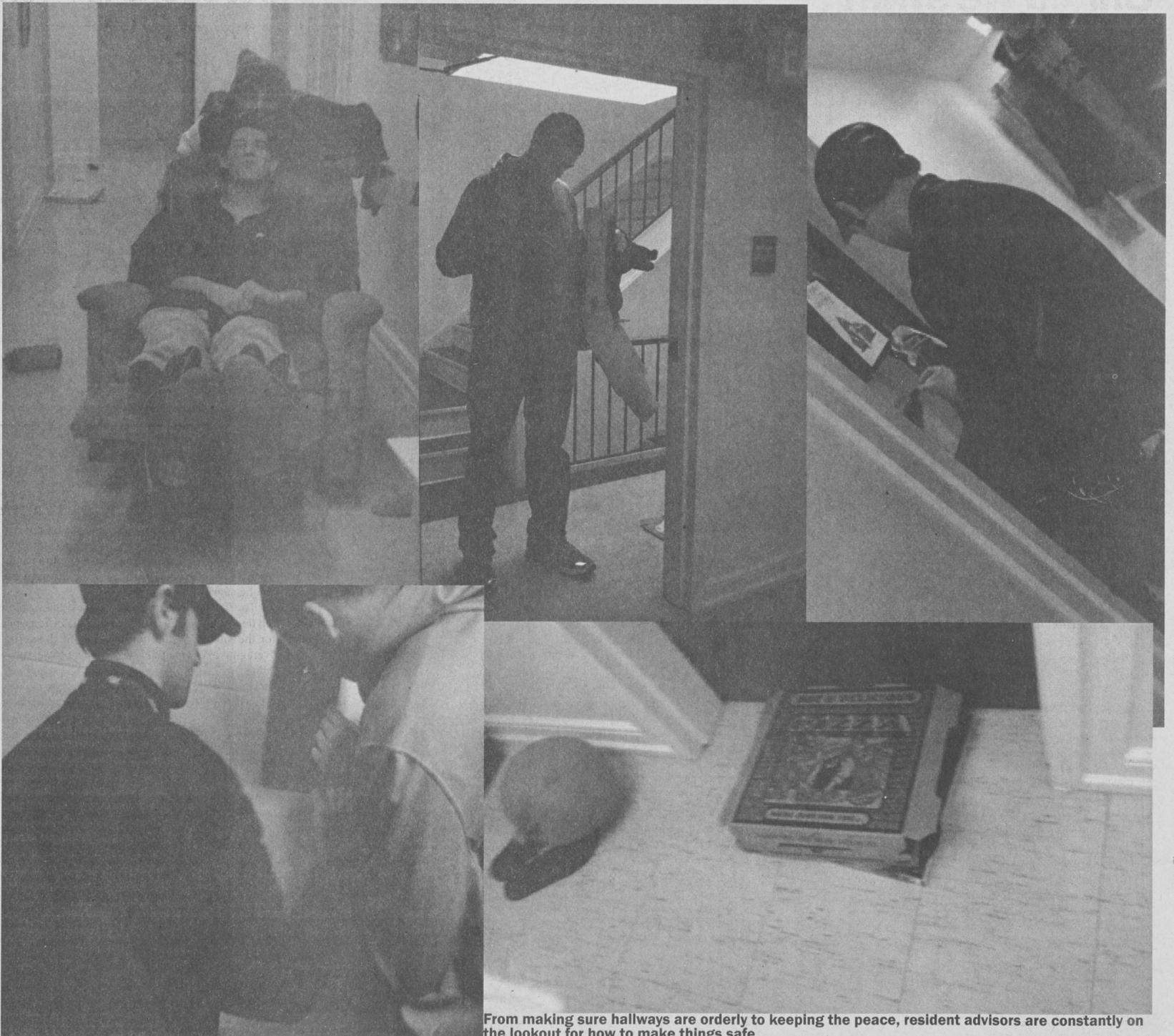
And although Gilfillan assured students that RAs are students just like those they serve, he understands the seriousness and importance of his duties to the student body and University as a whole.

"We did sign our names on the dotted line to uphold University policy, and if we see, smell, or hear something and don't follow through on it, that's essentially breaking down our integrity," he said. "We have to do our jobs."



From left to right, first-year Residential Advisers Taylor Gilfillan and Jordan Kearns, as well as law-student Residential Adviser Cara Regan stand ready to face the challenges of their jobs.

Scene on Call...



From making sure hallways are orderly to keeping the peace, resident advisors are constantly on the lookout for how to make things safe.



sports

Generals football suffers first loss

31-14 loss leaves the team empty handed

By Sarah Ward
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee scored just two touchdowns in its 31-14 loss to Bridgewater at Jopson Field on Saturday, recording the first conference loss of the season.

A fumble in the second quarter at the Bridgewater 29 yard-line cost the Generals their first scoring opportunity and led to an 85-yard touchdown drive just two possessions later by the Eagles to put the score at 10-0.

On their next possession the Generals were able to make it to the first yard line, but were thwarted after failing to get into the end zone after going for it on fourth down.

The Generals finally found the end zone in the second half with a touchdown just four minutes into the third quarter. Senior running back Brett Murray scored on a 13-yard running play to



Senior defensive back Jake Pelton
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

make the score 10-7 Bridgewater.

A 66-yard touchdown pass two possessions later by Bridgewater quarterback

Willie Logan gave the Eagles a 17-7 edge with 7:17 left in the third quarter.

The Generals responded with a touch-

down by senior running back Luke Heinsohn on a 1-yard rushing play to end the third quarter with a score of 17-14.

W&L's next possession ended in a fumble recovered by Bridgewater that led to a touchdown with 3:00 remaining in the game to increase the Eagles' lead to ten points.

The Generals' senior quarterback Nick Lombardo then threw an interception that Bridgewater ran back for a touchdown, which marked the final scoring play, putting the Eagles ahead 31-14.

Lombardo recorded 173 yards with two interceptions. Heinsohn added 123 yards and a touchdown while Murray rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Senior linebacker Zach Zoller led the defense with 11 tackles.

The Generals (5-2, 3-1) look to add a non-conference win to their record as they travel to Catholic on Saturday for a 1:00 pm game.

Perfect month

Generals have won every game in October

By Hailey Hartley
STAFF WRITER

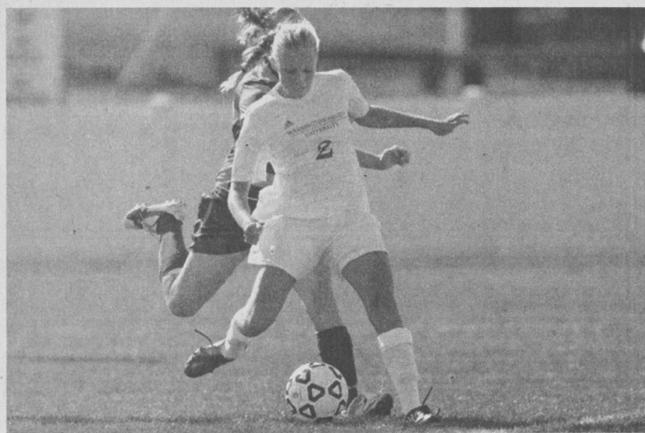
The Washington and Lee women's soccer team extended their wins streak to nine games this week with wins against Guilford and Randolph Macon. The team has not lost a game since falling to Virginia Wesleyan 1-0 on Sept. 22.

On Tuesday, the Generals hosted Guilford, defeating them soundly by a score of 6-0. Sophomore Katherine Rush led the Generals, scoring two goals. Katie Rossi, Haley Ward, Taylor DeVoe, and Mary Woodruff Griffin each added a goal to the total.

Generals' goalies Kingsley Schroeder and Addie Healy had an easy day in the net. In their split time neither of them were forced to make a save. Guilford got four shots off but none of them were on target.

The Generals continued their streak when they defeated Randolph Macon in a tough match-up on Saturday, 1-0. Rush scored the only goal, with her team-leading 12th goal of the season. Healy had three saves on the day, preserving the shutout for the Generals.

Going into their final game the Generals record is 13-2-1 overall and 9-1-1 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. They are currently ranked second in the conference behind Virginia Wesleyan. The team finishes up their regular season with a home game against Sweet Briar on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. before the ODAC tournament begins on Saturday.



Sophomore forward Katherine Rush
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

United we swim

Coach Gardner, the swimmers enjoying the new make-up of W&L swimming

By Pat McCarron
STAFF WRITER

Let's face it: Washington and Lee is known to be quite segregated by gender. The swimming program, however, has broken the mold with its recent unification of the men's and women's teams.

Early last year men's head coach Joel Shinofield resigned. He eventually became the executive director of the College Swimming Coaches Association of America. In his absence women's head coach Kami Gardner took over as interim men's head coach. W&L's swimming program never looked back from there.

Instead of allowing higher authorities dictate the future of W&L's swimming program, the decision of whether to keep the team unified under a single coach lay in the hands of the swimmers themselves. This is a process that Coach Gardner describes as "very student-driven." The swimmers had thoroughly en-

joyed the fostered unification during the 2011-2012 season, as both sides were able to experience first-hand their swimming counterparts' success. The decision to unify was easy. In April of this year, Coach Gardner was officially promoted to head coach of the men's swimming team.

The unification's effect on the team, even at this early juncture in the season, is clear to Coach Gardner:

"It has made for a more energetic and positive atmosphere, and the team enjoys it," explains Gardner. "It has led to bigger and better goals, and [the swimmers] want to be viewed as one team."

This boost in morale and camaraderie is not the only strong foundation for the team. Gardner herself has earned numerous coaching accolades, including Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of

the Year three out of the previous four seasons. She believes that her success as a coach is attributed to the way she allocates responsibility to her swimmers, which gives them "ownership of their accomplishments and ownership of the team."

Coach Gardner begins each season with the same challenge. "Right now, this is my team. I hope by the end of the season you can take it away from me," she tells her swimmers. The student-inspired decision to unify the men's and women's swimming teams is indicative of the swimmers' efforts to control their destiny, to come together without force, to truly own the team. Both sides will be cheering each other on as the team competes against Randolph-Macon next Monday at home.

Women's first stroke is strong

Brassfield leads well-rounded team

By Leigh Dannhauser
SPORTS EDITOR

After a week of competing in the pool, Washington and Lee's women's swim team is 2-1 and took the top spot at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference relays on Saturday.

Over Reading Days the team travelled to Louisville, Ky. to face Centre and DePauw. They defeated Centre handily by a score of 184-78 but lost a tight battle with DePauw 134-157.

First-year Stephanie Foster won two events for the Generals in the meet. She won the 100 back in 1:01.87 and the 200 back in 1:00.18.

The Generals had their home opening meet on Friday when they were able to edge out Mary Washington 133-129.

Senior Izzy Brassfield led the way for the Generals in the close contest with three first-place finishes. Brassfield won

the 50 free in 25.41 seconds and the 100 free in 55.41 seconds. She was also a part of the winning 200 free relay. Senior Delaney Rolfe, junior Meredith Hardy, and first-year Sarah Schaffer joined her in her efforts.

Rolfe and Schaffer each won individual events. Sophomore Caroline Hamp also added two individual victories.

On Saturday the Generals returned to the Cy Twombly Pool to host the ODAC relays. W&L took the top spot in nine of the ten events to take the victory with 454 points. The only event that the Generals did not win was the 500 yard relay in which they took third.

The Generals take the pool again this Saturday as they host Randolph-Macon at 1 pm.

KYLE JAEGER

The New York Yankees, my initial pick for the World Series and personally my favorite team, have failed me. I felt that the Yankees were the strongest team in baseball, and to my surprise, the Detroit Tigers promptly swept them. The awe-inspiring performance by the Tigers in the ALCS was enough to make them title contenders in my mind. Their 4 straight wins, combined with slight personal bias (if the Yanks can't win, I would rather have the team that beat them win) make the Detroit Tigers my selection to win the World Series.

One big factor in the playoffs is timing. The Tigers are red hot right now, firing on all cylinders. They seem to have the most momentum of any team in baseball. Also, the sweep of the Yankees gives the Tigers time to rest their pitchers and star players. The winner of the Cardinals/Giants matchup will not be as mentally and physically prepared for the World Series because they will have a much shorter turnaround time than the Tigers.

The Tigers as a team are stacked. Miguel Cabrera, the favorite for AL MVP, combined with Prince Fielder, give the Tigers the best 1-2 punch in baseball. They may be the best offensive team in baseball, as shown by their series clinching 8-1 win against the Yankees, a perennial offensive powerhouse. While the batting is strong, their pitching may be better. Justin Verlander could be the best pitcher in the playoffs right now, and any time he is on the mound the Tigers should expect to win. He will be well rested entering the World Series, and

the rest of the rotation will be able to provide great support in between his starts.

St. Louis is currently leading the NLCS 3-1 against the Giants. This is a good sign for the Tigers. The Giants rely on strong pitching, and the tremendous bat of Buster Posey. This could prove problematic to the Tigers, as the Giants' pitching might be able to overpower the Tigers' bats. However, if the Cardinals hold on to win the NLCS, the matchup for the Tigers will be a good one. Like the Tigers, the Cardinals rely on a few strong pitchers and a very good lineup of hitters. The Cardinals make up as a team is quite similar to the Tigers. The difference between the teams lies in execution. The Tigers' players are simply better than the Cardinals. I would rather have Justin Verlander on the mound than Adam Wainwright, and I would rather have Miguel Cabrera and Prince Fielder up to bat than Matt Holliday and Matt Carpenter.

Overall, the variables of time and matchups that often set teams apart in the playoffs are pointing in the Tigers' favor, and they are the most well-rounded team left in the playoffs. I have no doubt that the Tigers will win the World Series. I predict that the Tigers beat the Cardinals 4-2 in the best of seven series.



All but three MLB teams have fallen in their quest for a World Series Championship. Only the Tigers, Cardinals, and Giants remain. Who will win it all? Hailey and Kyle go to bat for who they think will take home the crown.

As I write this, the MLB National League is still up in the air. The St. Louis Cardinals are up 3 games to 2 against the San Francisco Giants. Despite the Giants' amazing comeback against the Reds in the NLDS, I am convinced the Cardinals are going to be able to pull this series out (okay, maybe I'm a little biased). They've far exceeded anyone's expectations of their first post-Albert Pujols season. They've done an incredible amount of damage, defeating the Braves in the wild card single game elimination and beating who many considered to be the World Series favorites, the Washington Nationals.

Their incredible comeback win in game five showed they can never be counted out of a game. They were down to their last strike against the Nats in Washington. Did I mention they were down by six in just the third inning? These guys are incredible. This is a team that very few people gave a chance without Albert Pujols. They're playing as the upset team, the team no one gave a chance, despite being the returning champions.

The team is playing at their best when they need to. Last year's postseason hero David Freese is batting .333 against some of the best pitchers in the league. Carlos Beltran has returned the

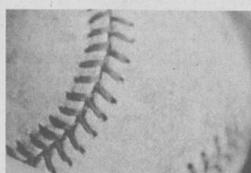
Cardinals' lineup. Young guys like shortstop Pete Kozma are making a name for themselves this postseason. And veterans like Carlos Beltran and Matt Holliday are looking to solidify themselves among some of baseball's elite.

The Cardinals' starting pitchers are getting the job done. But what's really making the difference for the pitchers is the run support. St. Louis is averaging over nine runs per win this postseason, while their losses are coming out to less than two runs per game. The batting power is allowing the pitchers to make little mistakes, which in a tighter game (aka, their losses) make the difference in the win-loss column.

The Cardinals just need a little postseason magic to pull off back-to-back championship seasons. It hasn't been done since the '98-'99-'00 Yankees did it with the Core Four. St. Louis may not have that kind of star power, but they have the right motivation to keep the Commissioner's Trophy in St. Louis.

HAILEY HARTLEY

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in the numbers

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Indiana University is ranked first in the USA Today coaches' preseason poll. They received 21 out of 31 first place votes on their way to getting 761 total points. They return four starters from a team that made it to the Sweet 16 last year. Louisville is ranked second and University of Kentucky is

ranked third.

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Number of weeks in a row that Alabama Crimson Tide have been ranked number one in the AP college football poll. This is a new school record. The previous record was seven which they achieved twice, in 1979 and 1980.

soapbox

"We needed something different. I think you're going to notice a difference. We need somebody to increase the way things are around here and John's the guy. I'm excited."

-David Ortiz about the Red Sox hiring of John Farrell as their new manager. Farrell has been managing the Toronto Blue Jays

"No matter what situation we're in, no matter how many points we need or a field goal we need, we have the confidence we can do it. We have a lot of confidence in each other, and in Eli."

-New York Giants' receiver Victor Cruz after Sunday's game versus the Washington Redskins. Eli threw a game winning touchdown with 1:13 left in the game to take the victory. Manning now has 22 game winning drives in the fourth quarter or overtime in his career, from ESPN.com

Generals can't find net

Washington and Lee only gets two shots on goal in 200 minutes of play

By Hailey Hartley
STAFF WRITER

Men's soccer fell for the first time since Sept. 25 in a 3-0 loss to Roanoke on Saturday. With the loss, the Generals fall into second place in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference behind Roanoke heading into the last week of the regular season.

The Generals had just one shot on goal against Roanoke. Senior defender Collier Wiseman was the lone General to force Maroon goalkeeper Cole Sinclair to make

a save.

Roanoke's Chris Conover was the playmaker for the Maroons, scoring all three of their goals on each of his three shots.

On the defensive side, goalie Albert Civatarese made two saves in the entire contest.

The Generals also played a tough match-up earlier in the week when they faced Randolph on Tuesday. The game ended in a 0-0 tie after both teams failed to

score in the 90 minutes of play in regulation and the additional twenty minutes from two overtimes.

Civatarese was the main difference for the Generals. Washington and Lee was once again having trouble putting the ball near the net. The Generals were only able to put one shot on goal that Randolph goalkeeper Carter Smith was able to save. Civatarese made six saves, including two in the

overtimes, to keep Randolph off of the board.

Going into the last week of the regular season the team's record is 9-4-2, 6-2-2 in the ODAC. The team will play their final game of the regular season at Eastern Mennonite on Tuesday. The ODAC tournament begins on Saturday.



Head Coach Rolf Piranian
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Snyder wins 400th

Maxey honored in final home game of the season

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

All eyes were on senior right side hitter Taylor Maxey as the Washington & Lee volleyball team swept Guilford 3-0.

Maxey was honored during the last home match of the season last Wednesday. She is the only senior on the squad.

Maxey's six foot frame is a bit intimidating once you meet her. It's even scarier when you learn during track season she throws shot put, discus, hammer as well as indoor weight.

Beyond athletics, Maxey's schedule is filled with activities including drama, work at the ITS Information Desk in James G. Leyburn Library, and her work study at the Lenfest Center. She says she is amazed she can do all of it.

But it was Maxey's performance of strength and athleticism that helped the Generals defeat Guilford 25-20, 25-13, and 25-19. With the win, the Generals moved to a 19-7 overall record and a 7-1

conference record.

Maxey contributed four kills and two blocks in the victory. She had a .273 kill percentage only behind those of junior outside hitter M.A. Boles and first-year outside hitter Anna Lausberg. Boles led the team with 19 kills and Lausberg added 14.

Maxey had totaled 251 kills and 73 blocks in 184 career sets coming into the match against Guilford.

The victory last Wednesday also

marked 400 career wins for Head Coach Bryan Snyder. In his 522nd match, Snyder improved his career winning percentage to .766. His percentage is currently the 12 best in the history of NCAA Division III coaches with a minimum of 10 years coaching.

The Generals will return to play on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Bridgewater.

FH sticks it to cancer

Kyne breaks career record in game dedicated to finding a cure

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee field hockey team finished the weekend 1-1 after "sticking it to cancer" on Saturday and celebrating Senior Day on Sunday.

The Generals defeated Virginia Wesleyan 2-1 on Saturday in the "Stick It To Cancer" game held on the W&L Turf Field. The team sold shirts and had halftime activities to raise money for the National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR).

Senior goalkeeper Kirsten Kyne had nine saves to set the record for career saves at W&L. Junior midfielder Lauren Boone and first-year forward Charlotte MacDonald scored the two goals early in the game for W&L.

The achievements of Kyne and fellow senior Chelsea Stevenson were celebrated at the last regular season home game on Sunday at the W&L Turf Field.

Kyne holds three records for the Generals. This season she has set the single season saves record which as of Saturday's game is 134. She also holds the single

game saves record with 21 which she set last year in a game versus Catholic, and the career saves record.

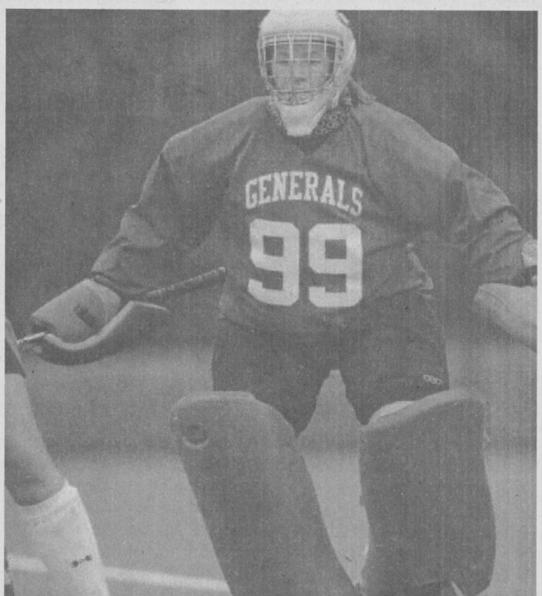
Stevenson has played in all but two games in her career. Since her sophomore year she has started all but two games. This season Stevenson leads the team with four goals.

Kyne and Stevenson say they will miss the competition and the team atmosphere the most. They advised fellow teammates to enjoy the time they have left on the team.

"I can't imagine how I'm going to feel in a few weeks when I am done with team sports forever," Stevenson said.

The Generals lost 5-1 to seventh ranked Christopher Newport on Senior Day. First-year forward Claire Tovansley scored the lone goal for the Generals. Kyne played all 70 minutes for the Generals and tallied 15 saves.

The team will finish up the regular season on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Bridgewater.



Senior goalkeeper Kirsten Kyne
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Field Hockey			at Bridgewater 4 pm			ODACS TBC	
Men's Soccer		at EMU 7 pm				ODACS TBC	
Women's Soccer			vs Sweet Briar 4 pm			ODACS TBC	
Cross Country						ODACS W:11, M:12	
Volleyball			at Bridgewater 6:30 pm		2 contests in ATL	at Emory 3:30 pm	
Football						at Catholic 1 pm	
Swimming			vs Roanoke 4:30 pm			vs R-M 1pm	