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Keeping journalism on its toes

By Krysta Huber
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee journalism and mass communications department completed its first of three phases in the reaccreditation process last week.

From Oct. 21 to Oct. 24, a group of reviewers met with students, faculty, and administrators and observed and evaluated the curriculum and daily operations of the department, according to Department Head Pamela Luecke.

The reaccreditation process occurs every six years and is run by outside professionals and professors who volunteer their time to work as re-accreditors, according to Luecke. After reviewing a self-report provided by W&L and spending several days within the department, the re-accreditors construct a report that calls for reaccreditation, non-accreditation or provisional. The latter of the three gives the department two years to improve upon their weaknesses before reevaluation.

"After the first stage during the fall term, they leave a draft recommendation, so it's not final," said Luecke. "Their recommendation can be reversed at any other stage and the remaining stages will take place in March and May."

Over 400 universities and colleges teach journalism and mass communications across the country, but according to Luecke, only some 110 are accredited. Only about 15 of the accredited journalism programs exist at private universities, making W&L a unique institution.

According to Luecke, the distinction of an accredited department is important to students, parents and faculty because

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PAMELA LUECKE, Journalism Department Head

it solidifies the strength of the department's curriculum.

"Accreditation is a kind of external validation that what we are teaching is current, appropriate and of a high quality," she said.

The department's mission statement emphasizes the need to teach students to effectively communicate in today's society. As a result, the department makes consistent changes and additions

to its curriculum. Since the last time the department was re-accredited, a major change that occurred was the merge between the broadcast and print journalism majors into a single journalism concentration.

"In today's multimedia world, you can't be a broadcast major and never learn how to write a story," said Luecke. "You can't say, 'I never want to write for

a newspaper,' or 'I never want to touch a camera.'"

This message of convergence and an ever-changing media structure is stressed to students not only by department professors in the classroom, but by a variety of media specialists who visit W&L each term to talk about their roles in the media industry.

Recently, New York Times media columnist David Carr visited W&L as

a participant in the Ethics Institute, run by the journalism and mass communications department at W&L.

Carr delivered a speech to students in Lee Chapel and served as a co-moderator for upperclassmen students in the ethics course, in a two-day seminar of real world examples of ethical debate, according to Knight Professor of Ethics Edward Wasserman.

As the ethics professor, Wasserman is responsible for coordinating the guest who visits during the Ethics Institute each year.

"David Carr is one of the most interesting, original and influential media columnists out there right now," said Wasserman. "Having him on campus enabled students to hear from somebody who is monitoring the media scene very broadly."

Wasserman added that it is important for students to learn from writers like David Carr because it adds a fresh perspective to the ways that students are exposed to the current state of the media.

"I don't think you can separate the speaker from what we teach in the department of mass communications as a

whole," said Wasserman. "It is a part of it in the same way that required internships are – as a package of preparations that we try to provide."

First-year student Hendley Badcock was among the journalism and mass communications students to hear Carr speak. She said that Carr made the distinction that the news industry isn't dwindling as so many critics and citizens claim, but it is instead changing alongside new technology.

Luecke explained that professionals like Carr support the department's effort to keep its teaching as up-to-date as possible.

"It's very important to our program that our students are prepared for the profession that they are going to enter," said Luecke. "As a faculty we all have strong professional backgrounds, but we have been teaching for a while, so we need to make sure that our students are aware of what the expectations are in today's profession and the profession of tomorrow."

Alums make one last Republican push

By Randy Karlson
STAFF WRITER

United States Congressmen Bob Goodlatte and Joe Wilson addressed Washington and Lee students, local residents and Virginia Military Institute cadets for the College Republican's fall term keynote address on Wednesday at Lee Chapel. Both senators made speeches and conducted a question-and-answer session during the event.

Goodlatte, W&L Law Class of 1977, and Wilson '69, make up "two-thirds of the W&L delegation" within the House of Representatives, and have been serving within the house for 20 and 11 years respectively. Goodlatte was first elected to his position in 1992 for the sixth congressional district in Virginia, which includes Rockbridge County, while Wilson

was first elected in 2001 for the second congressional district in South Carolina, which includes the state capitol, Columbia.

The address had begun with College Republicans President Lex Luther introducing each representative, starting with Goodlatte who first spoke about his experiences in Lexington.

After speaking highly of his time at W&L, he began to speak about the platform for reelection on Nov. 6. The main points that the senator believes in are limited government, less government regulation and the traditional family, which he said are almost identical to Representative Wilson's beliefs.

Goodlatte then began to criticize

President Obama, saying that his policy and his presidency "simply haven't worked." He also spoke about the need for Republican reinforcement and the need for Republican Candidate Mitt Romney to be elected.

Goodlatte's main point was to get rid of the national debt. His main solution to the debt problem is to create a balanced budget amendment in the Constitution. This amendment would force Congress to submit a balanced budget every year that would stop the debt from rising and would allow the government to slowly chip away at it.

Goodlatte also tried to appeal to the students in the crowd by speaking about the importance of making it easier for

them to get jobs after graduating college. In order to create more jobs, Goodlatte said that the government needs to focus on the private sector when it comes to certain regulated jobs in areas such as energy production and infrastructure.

Following Representative Goodlatte was Wilson, who spoke mainly of the new Republican Party dominance within the southern states, "from Virginia to Texas." He stated that all southern states now have Republican majorities and many have elected Republican governors as well.

Following the two speeches was a question and answer session, which Luther said was "the best part of the event."

The two representatives answered a

wide variety of questions, including Iran as a national threat, the farm bill on the floor, Wilson's interruption of one of President Obama's speeches, EPA regulation and the decision on Obamacare.

When asked about the Q&A session, Luther said, "The questions from the audience were thoughtful and the Congressmen gave really pointed responses, never skirting the issue."

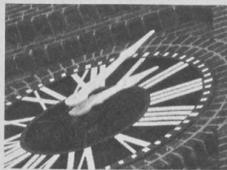
If you missed this term's keynote address, the College Republicans are planning to invite more speakers during winter term for a second keynote address. Luther said, "It is our hope to have a keynote address next term that is just as good for everyone that missed it."



Congressman Joe Wilson stops for dinner and dessert at his W&L fraternity, Sigma Nu, before addressing students in Lee Chapel.

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news



W&L brings in the Intern Queen

By Graham Colton
HEAD COPY EDITOR

Students unsure about the internship process are not alone. Lauren Berger, CEO of InternQueen.com, has the answers they need.

Berger visited Washington and Lee University last Tuesday to discuss how college students can attain internships.

Students should start by participating

plying for an internship, students should read an internship's listing in its entirety. "You want to know what you're getting into," Berger said.

When a company requests a cover letter and résumé, students should send them as soon as possible.

In preparation for an interview, "look at

write a 'Thank You' note on a professional-looking piece of stationery that has their first name and last name on it or purchase and write on 'Thank You' cards sold at the grocery store that are blank on the inside.

These 'Thank You' notes should be hand-written. In the note, students should write, "Thank you for the time for the interview, and I look forward to hearing from you," said Berger. The interviewer should receive the note in the mail two to four days after the interview.

Once at the internship, students should network with fellow interns and use the internship's resources, some of which cannot be found elsewhere.

While interning at a public relations agency, for example, Berger would stay after work for an hour or so each day to access the agency's media guides, which had valuable contact information for future opportunities in the industry.

Interns should acquaint themselves with company management. Berger, for instance, emailed the heads of the network, programming, publicity, and five other departments at FOX Broadcasting Company. In the emails, she "played the student card," Berger said. In these emails, Berger asked to meet the executives for advice on what to do after graduating college.

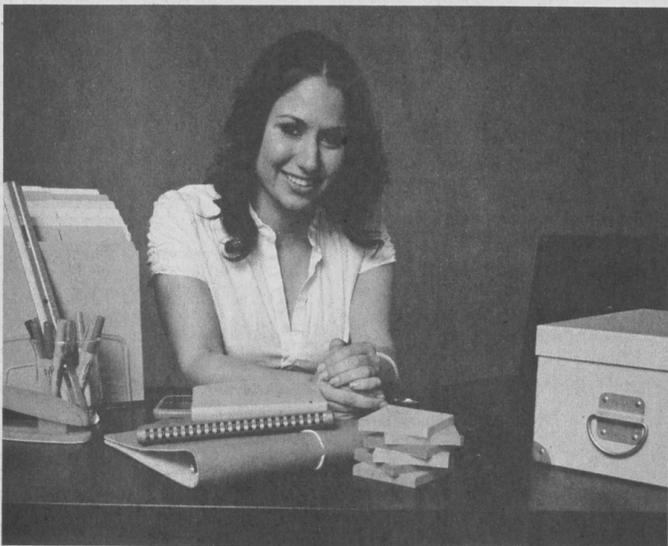
Berger then met the executives for about five minutes. At the end of these five-minute meetings, she was told to "stay in touch."

"Those are the magic words," Berger said.

Students should stay in touch three times a year. Every spring, summer and fall, students should email all professional contacts. The email, Berger said, should basically read, "Hi, I'm going to Washington and Lee, I'm going into my, say, senior year, I'm taking some interesting classes, and I hope you're well."

In addition to staying in touch three times a year, Berger emails professional contacts to celebrate events in their personal and professional lives. She emails them around the holidays and on their birthdays and sets Google Alerts for them to congratulate them on a promotion or to wish them well after changing jobs.

At W&L, students should build professional contacts with W&L alumni and use the Career Development Center every step along the way to attaining an internship.



in at least one professional experience, at least one volunteer experience and, most importantly, at least one on-campus experience.

Next, students should prepare their cover letter and résumé, tailoring these documents for the internships they are applying for.

"The cover letter is not a novel," Berger said. "Don't come across as too much of a fan [of the employer]." Berger said the cover letter should connect with the employer in two to three paragraphs.

The cover letter should also clearly state the dates that a student will be in the city of the employer. "Employers aren't going to waste their time on a candidate who might go to New York or Los Angeles," Berger said.

The résumé should consist of one page of the most impressive and the most relevant experiences to the internship.

Then, students should apply to at least ten internships every semester. Before ap-

plying for an internship, students should read an internship's listing in its entirety. "You want to know what you're getting into," Berger said.

Students should dress professionally for the interview. Women should wear dark-colored business suits. Pencil skirts are acceptable, too. In general, Berger said, "there shouldn't be anything looking at you in the mirror that shouldn't be."

During the interview, students should highlight not only what they did in previous experiences, but also how their on-campus experiences relate to the companies they are applying to. "Put yourself in the mind of the employer before your interview," Berger said. "What can you say that will impress them the most?"

Whatever a student's experience, "top it off in the interview," Berger said. "Explain what you're doing so that they understand how impressive your experience really is."

After interviewing, students should

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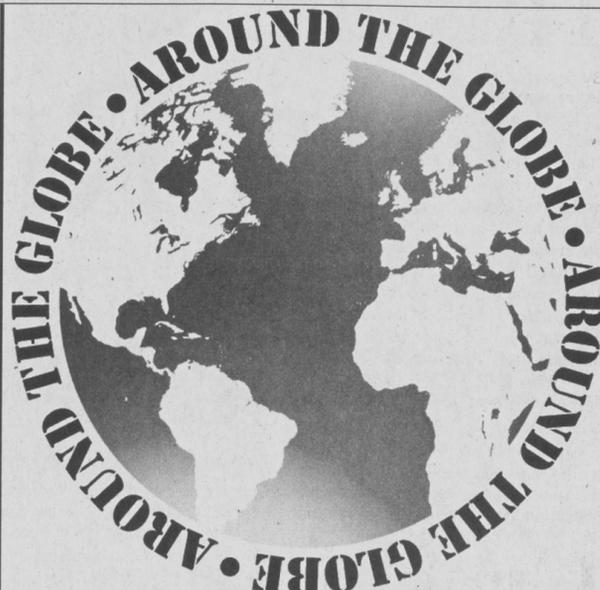
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By Hannah Howard
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Syrian army airstrikes break truce

The Syrian army started a series of domestic airstrikes on Friday. Activist groups in the country are saying that the government is behind the attacks. The first of the attacks destroyed a three-story building in Damascus, killing at least eight people. These attacks ended a truce that had been reached between the government forces and the rebels in honor of Eid al-Adha.

Tensions in Myanmar leave areas in near destruction

Tensions between Buddhists and Muslims in Myanmar continue. Several areas of the country are near total destruction, according to Human Rights Watch. The most recent violence forced over 3000 citizens to evacuate their homes and move towards shelters. These people were added to the over ten thousand Muslims currently forced to live in small camps around the capital. This unrest is threatening fragile reform movements in the country.

Activists protest crackdowns on Russian opposition

Activists assembled in central Moscow on Saturday to protest the government's crackdown on the Russian opposition. The protest was primarily a demonstration against the alleged torture of Leonid Razvozhayev, a fellow activist. Three men were detained by the police during the protest. However, charges are yet to be brought against them.

Iranian Citizens win EU prize for defense of human rights

The European Union gives an award every year for dedication to the defense of human rights called the Sakharov Prize. This year, two Iranian citizens known for their opposition to the oppressive government were the recipients. Nasrin Sotoudeh is a lawyer for opposition activists. She is currently in prison for her work. Jafar Panahi is a filmmaker banned in Iran. Winners are awarded a \$50,000 prize.

N'Tchama accused of staging coup in Guinea Bissau

Captain Pansau N'Tchama is accused of trying to stage a coup in Guinea Bissau. Some officials believe he is behind the attacks that occurred in an army barracks last week. These attacks killed six people. The transitional government of the country arrested N'Tchama on Saturday. Those who are suspected to have participated in the attacks were also arrested.

Anti-austerity protests continue in Spain

Anti-austerity protests against the Spanish government continued over the weekend. A movement dubbed the "Surround Parliament" protest encouraged people to march on the legislature in order to show their opposition to the new policies. The protest was anticipated, however, and the people were held back by metal railings around the legislature. A large police force was also present to dissipate the crowd.

Tokyo governor steps down after 14 years

Shintaro Ishihara, the governor of Tokyo for almost 14 years, stepped down this week. He is forming a new political party through which he hopes to fix Japan's fiscal and political struggles. He blames the central government for many of the country's recent economic issues. Ishihara's party will focus on large-scale reforms for Japan in his return to the national scene.

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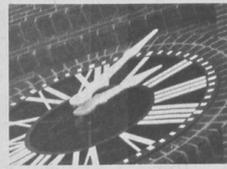


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Hustling for Rockbridge area hospice

By Yejean Kim
STAFF WRITER

Rockbridge Area Hospice held its 16th Annual Hospice Hustle 5K walk on Oct. 27 at Brewbaker Field in Lexington.

The event aims to "raise funds to bridge the funding gap between the cost of caring for hospice patients and the amount we are reimbursed through Medicare" according to Michelle K. Jones, outreach coordinator of Rockbridge Area Hospice. It is designed to bring more awareness of hospice care to the residents of Rockbridge County.

"When patients and families need care, they already know us by name," said Jones. "[We can serve] all residents of Rockbridge County regardless of ability to pay if they meet criteria."

All funds from participants and sponsors are used for patients. A committee

consisting of staff, community volunteers and board members organize the event every year. Hospice Hustle also aims to bring more awareness about

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-Michelle Jones, Rockbridge Area Hospice Outreach Coordinator

volunteer opportunities, the scope of the hospice's services and the service area.

Every year, Rockbridge Area Hospice aims to "exceed last year's amount raised and have more participants," said Jones.

The event first began 16 years ago as

a fundraiser for Rockbridge Area Hospice. The first Hospice Hustle took place

under Susan Hogg, director of Rockbridge Area Hospice, in 1997.

Rockbridge County High School's Interact Club has volunteered at every Hospice Hustle since, and volunteer Wally Fogo has served as Grand Marshall every year.

This year saw a new addition to the proceedings when Rockbridge Area Hospice gave participants a chance to honor and remember their loved ones during the event's opening ceremony. For a \$20 donation, volunteers could buy a footprint with the name or names of their loved ones, which were then placed on Brewbaker Field prior to the race's start.

As purveyors of a unique service, Rockbridge Area Hospice also works

with the students of W&L. Staff from the organization have come in to speak to students about hospice care as an alternative to more aggressive medical treatments, as well as its relation to subjects such as religion and mortality.

This year's Hospice Hustle ended with the event's first ever after party. Live music was provided by Loose Change, and the party was free to everyone in the community. Food and beverages were available for purchase and games for children and adults were also available, giving participants of this year's Hospice Hustle and residents of Lexington a chance to enjoy their hard work for a good cause.

Crushing and overcoming: Ralston's story

By Graham Colton
HEAD COPY EDITOR

Aron Ralston, the real-life story behind the movie "127 Hours," will speak on Thursday at Keller Theater in Lenfest Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m. The talk is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by Washington and Lee's Contact Committee and Outing Club.

There will be a screening of "127 Hours" at 4 p.m. on Oct. 31 in Stackhouse Theater, and there will be a table outside the Commons from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 30, Oct. 31, and Nov. 1. Stop by the table to learn more about the event and for FREE Contact Committee cups and coozies, Outing Club stickers and a raffle for signed copies of Ralston's book, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place."

An experienced climber and avid outdoorsman, Ralston was descending a remote Utah canyon alone when an 800-pound boulder broke loose, crushing his right hand and pinning him against the canyon wall. After nearly five days — without water and with no hope of escape — Ralston made a life-or-death decision. He chose life by severing his arm below the elbow, rappelling a 65-foot cliff out of the canyon, and trekking seven miles to find his would-be rescuers.

Ralston documented his life-altering experience in the *New York Times* best-selling memoir, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," which has been adapted for the big screen by Danny Boyle, the

Academy Award-winning director of "Slumdog Millionaire." The film stars James Franco as Ralston, and his performance, as well as the movie, have been nominated for numerous awards.

As an inspirational speaker, Aron Ralston moves audiences with his unforgettable story. An ordinary man pushed to the limits, Ralston demonstrates the human capacity for the extraordinary. He takes you on a riveting journey in which courage, perseverance, and humanity will defy the inevitable outcome.

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opinions

Beating around the G.W. Bush

By Yates Wilburn
STAFF WRITER

After two mediocre to average debate performances, President Obama finally caught a lucky break in the form of the foreign policy debate this past Monday. He was alert, prepared, and on target in seemingly every topic moderator Bob Schiefer could throw at him and Governor Romney. Not surprising, seeing as how the President has the entirety of the State Department at his disposal, daily briefings from the CIA, NSA, FBI, DOD, DHS, and the rest of the alphabet soup. I'm not criticizing him in the least for this; it's just a huge advantage going into a debate where your opponent has had little to no experience on the subject matter.

This reality was on clear display on Monday night, as Romney just seemed utterly unprepared to handle the subject of foreign policy. Everything from "Syria is Iran's only route to sea" to Romney's lack of knowledge of basic military structure (which was not handled in a very gentlemanly manner by the President) just screamed a lack of preparation. Unfortunately for Romney, his incredible political advantages regarding fiscal and economic issues—which he would have regardless of experience based on the President's record—do not extend to matters of pure foreign policy.

Keep in mind, I'm not talking about economic issues that have an impact on how we behave as a country diplomatically; I'm talking about military strategy, territorial disputes, political recognition of new countries, diplomatic negotiations, etc. Nothing in Mitt Romney's life could have prepared him to adequately compete with the President on this topic. The President had four years of direct, practical foreign policy experience complete with consequences to draw upon for this debate, obviously he was going to win to some degree, it was only an issue of how much.

Now, this is not a problem that is insurmountable to Romney. A decent portion of our nation's presidents were governors immediately before becoming president with no other federal government experience—9 of 44 to be exact. Woodrow Wilson and Ronald Reagan are among those ranks, both of whom

arguably executed their foreign policy duties quite well, despite having no previous hands-on foreign policy experience. This lack of experience was compensated for by years of previous education on such matters (Wilson) and by surrounding oneself with several intelligent, relevant, and wise people with key insight on foreign policy (Reagan).

So, seeing as a detailed education on

foreign policy is a bit out of the question for Romney at this point, he should probably look to surround himself with knowledgeable advisors who could aid him in any difficult decisions he will face should he win the White House in November. Personally, I am not pleased with some of the choices he has made in this regard. 17 of 24 are hand-me-downs from the previous Bush administration,

one of which is Cofer Black who was key in the establishment (or maintaining if they were already there) of CIA "Blacksites," and putting the prettiest picture possible on the disaster that was (and is) the post-Saddam Iraqi government.

While I have voted absentee for Romney and I am a Romney supporter, I am still very concerned about how

much of the Bush II era's foreign policy he will continue. This is not to say that the President hasn't kept much of Bush's strategies and policies, but I'm not much of a fan of those either. We'll see what the future holds in a couple of weeks.



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Twisted Halloween advice

By Leah Gose
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Dear Lovely First-Years,
Welcome to the magical season of costuming at W&L! You have completed the dreaded October midterms, so put your books down and sign off from Facebook: it's time to get ready for Halloween. Asher Roth was right to love college, and had he attended W&L, he would have been a huge fan of this coming Wednesday.

Your first assumption is probably that Halloween here is like the Mardi Gras of Lexington. Women running about topless, men drinking away their livers, college coeds living the life reality television strives to replicate. I bet this is what you were expecting:



"Mean Girls" got your hopes up in middle school, didn't it? The key to the proper Plastics-style Halloween costume: begin with the word "sexy" and fill in the blank with an animal of your choice. For some reason, animals of the safari don't work as well, so I would stray away from "sexy hippo."

Guys, in this sassy Hollywood version of Halloween, you would normally get away with being Barack Obama or someone that wears a plastic mask. No one off the hill would judge you for your lack of creativity, but here we are not typical Halloween participants. Instead, you have to compete with this:



That's right. You're looking at the sexiest thing to happen to W&L Halloween Wednesday ever. Boys, unlike the "sexy kittens" you might see at Blahville University, you get Florence (without the Machine), a human Twister game, an Avatar (complete with working tail), and the hot-

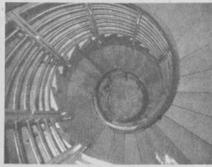
test VMI grandma since Betty White.

For all of the first-years, out in the country (where you'll most likely experience the best of Halloween), you'll see walking (and probably stumbling) Christmas trees, life-sized Teletubbies (scary, I know, right?), and jailbirds (and I don't mean like the women in Chicago). Say goodbye to your "Mean Girl" fantasies and accept the fact you'll probably spend this Halloween as a Power Ranger.

We take pride in our traditions, so I hope you plan to stick to your gut this Wednesday. Think big! Find the salt to your pepper shaker. Go all out with the couples costume. That's the key to success for your first Oc-

tober 31st on campus. This Halloween, especially, don't underestimate the lines for Traveller and think "warm," since it's supposed to rain. After all, Sexy Eskimo has a fun ring to it.

Yours truly,
Twister Girl



opinions

to the editor

As a black student at this school, I found the Ring-tum Phi's recent editorial, "Potato farmers and politicians: minorities in America," extremely offensive. The writer's attempt to gloss over years of systematic discrimination and oppression of the colored minorities in this nation as little more than a "hazing ritual" was as disgusting as it was false. My people were packed into the bottom of ships and brought here against their

will. Those that managed to survive the disease-ridden conditions of slave ships arrived in a land where USA legislation stripped them of the most basic human rights and forced them to work in the most miserable conditions. It was well into the 1800's before this country's government recognized our rights as human beings, and well into the 20th century before we were recognized as citizens. I recognize that Polish-Ameri-

cans have suffered ethnic discrimination and prejudice. That said, I do not recall the part in my history book where Polish persons were bound in chains and forcibly brought to this country, nor do I recall laws against Polish people learning how to read, own property, or vote. The implicit comparison of the suffering of our respective races is insulting and severely lacking in proper perspective. "Your move, 'minorities' "? We have

done nothing but move. Every time we revolted against the overseer's lash, we moved. When we walked down the streets of Montgomery, Alabama to protest against the segregation of public transportation, we moved. When we marched on Washington, D.C. for jobs and freedom, we moved. And every time we reassert our humanity in the face of politicians who believe we are uniformly deficient and law enforcement

officers who write off our murders as justifiable, we move. This article's effort to minimize the strides that the colored minorities of this country have made, as well as the suffering that bred those efforts, reeks of the worst ignorance.

Ronald Ray Magee Jr. '13

staffeditorial

Remember the O-Week barbeque up at the Ruins? Munching on pulled pork, watching the southern sunset, chilling with friends, laughing at the poor sap that SoCo picked out of the crowd to dance to "Kiss the Girl," and receiving more W&L themed free stuff to add to the growing pile in the corner of your Graham-Lees room?

If that image stirred something in you, then congratulations, you love your school. School spirit is in the water here, and why shouldn't it be? W&L is the crowned Queen of the South by college rankings, and surrounded by awesome alumni whose loyalty to their alma mater makes Harvard students blush crimson with envy.

Flash forward, and you are at a football game, rocking your Lee Chapel attire—yes, with the blue blazer, and all

the girls in their dresses and pearls—and the Generals score a touchdown! The speakers blast, and that familiar, age-old tune soars through the air, the Washington and Lee Swing. Everyone's clapping until they can't feel their hands, but something's missing. Besides that one point that everyone yells "LIKE HELL," nobody knows the words!

We acknowledge that we could have a lot bigger problems on our hands than that we do not know the words to our own fight song. After all, we're a Division 3 school; we are not that big sports school like WVU or Virginia Tech, or—gulp—Penn State. But even with all that, the Washington and Lee Swing is more than some ditty we scream across the field to startle fans and wake up law students. It's like knowing the words to the Honor Pledge or the Pledge of Allegiance; it's

a tradition that defines this campus. We wouldn't be W&L Generals without our devotion to preserving tradition.

What a great tradition it is too! Three W&L students, Mark Sheafe (Class of 1906), Tod Robbins (Class of 1911), and Thornton Allen (Class of 1913) are responsible for writing the Washington and Lee Swing 102 years ago, in 1910. Since then, it has become one of the most well-known college fight songs in America, and also one of the most borrowed. Among the other colleges who have taken up the swing are Tulane, Gonzaga, and Iowa State, each Division I schools, who probably know their version of the song better than we know the original.

The reason that it is so well known is probably because of the world of jazz. Nearly all the great jazz standards in history, from Louie Armstrong to Glenn

Miller to Pete Fountain and the Dukes of Dixieland, have recorded "The Swing," at some point in their careers. It was even featured in the 1959 Danny Kaye movie "The Five Pennies."

Impressive, right? And as bad as it is with the Swing, most people are not remotely aware of how to sing the other W&L songs. That's right, for those of you who didn't know, we have three: the Swing, Shenandoah, and the Washington and Lee Hymn, and each are mostly noted because the three old a cappella groups, SoCo, JubiLee, and General Admission has adopted one of the songs as a signature. But there are a lot of other colleges out there with less tradition, and weaker athletics even in D3 that still know their school songs.

We really don't have an excuse. Juniors received cups during O-Week that

have the words to the fight song on the side of it, and every time anyone walks into the U-Store, they are playing in the background. If these were songs that everyone knew before us, those alumni who are noted for being so loyal to their alma mater, how loyal are we to W&L and to our alumni?

The point is that this really is not about us, or our athletics. It is that we preserve traditions from the past because we are mindful of the future. Some of those traditions should be taken with a grain of salt sometimes, but these traditions are what give W&L such a distinctive character. That distinctive character is what makes this place so unique, so the next time you go to a football game, do everyone a favor and try the words. It's more fun for you and everyone else.

"Washington and Lee Swing"

Come cheer for Washington and Lee,
We're going to win another victory!
The White and Blue we will ever wave in triumph
For the University. RAH! RAH! RAH!
Fight to the finish we are with you,
Break through the line on every play;
Rush the ball on down the field
And we will win this game today.

When Washington and Lee's men fall in line,
We're going to win again another time;
For W&L I yell, I yell, I yell,
And for the University, I yell, like hell!
And we will fight! fight! fight! for every yard;
Circle the ends and hit that line right hard!
And we will roll those Wahoos on the sod!
Yes, by God! RAH! RAH! RAH!
HEY!

arts & life

12 Signs it's Parents' Weekend

By Cynthia Lam

ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

- 1 You see random 8 year-olds running around Windfall on Friday night.
- 2 Meeting all these new faces, memorizing all those names - it's like O-Week all over again - parents' edition. #throwback #goodtimes
- 3 Southern Inn, Bistro, Brix, Red Hen - now's your chance to try them all!
- 4 The latest, time-tested, guaranteed-to-succeed excuse on campus: "I can't

[insert obligation of choice] because my parents are coming." And yes, it works for everything.

5 Ever wondered what your roommate would look like 25 years from now? Well, now you do.

6 Every conversation involves at least five "missus/mister/sirs/ma'ams," three questions about your future dreams and aspirations, two cheesy

jokes, and one very enthusiastic "nice to meet you!" (or two, for brownie points).

7 You can't stop grinning, and your fingers are permanently stuck in the shape of a handshake.

8 Father and son dream team? Let's go.

9 Those lost freshmen wandering around the quad a few weeks ago?

Now, they're the ones pointing to maps and giving directions to all the confused parents.

10 Bookstore sales skyrocket. Dramatically. There's never been a better time to stock up on your ever-expanding collection of Nalgens, Vineyard Vines attire, and W&L gear. Mom and Dad just so happen to be in town, and oh look, they can pay for everything,

too - what a wonderful coincidence!

11 Your room has never looked cleaner. Seriously. You could eat off the floor.

12 Coming soon this Saturday night: Mom and Dad take on Traveller.

"Birdie" soars

By Allie Weiss

DESIGN EDITOR

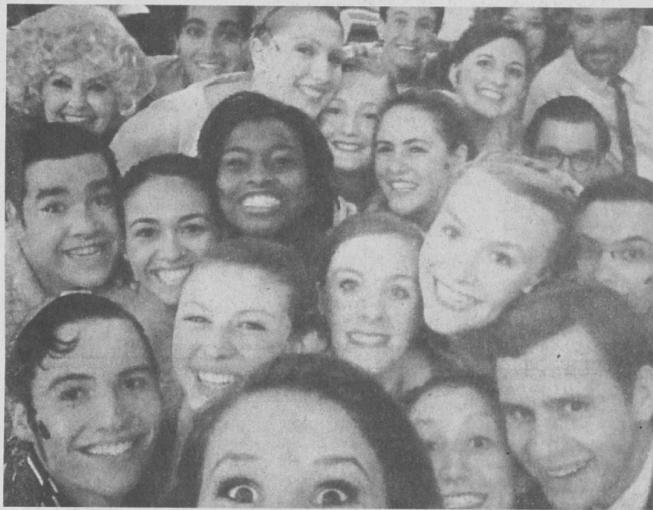
Sweet Apple, Ohio, was a town of poodle skirts, steadies, and curfews until Conrad Birdie, the object of teenage fantasy, swept through the Midwest in sequined suits and superstar self-importance. It didn't take long for bobby socks to give way to brawls, and pin curls to be replaced by pandemonium. What ensued was a medley of hilarious one-liners, buoyant choreography, and heartfelt musical numbers. The result was a show that was alternately whimsical and stirring, and completely memorable.

The Washington and Lee production of Bye Bye Birdie was sold-out in all its per-

formances. The play, directed and choreographed by Ms. Jenefer Davies, received nothing but positive reviews during its run last Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon. The packed theater was consistently brimming with eager audience members waiting for the house lights to dim. It was then, to the amusement of onlookers, that University President Kenneth P. Ruscio appeared to the crowd via projection, dressed every bit the 1950s news anchor, and instructed viewers to silence their cell phones. He would continue to appear at various points throughout the play in this quasi-Walter Cronkite role, always eliciting a well-earned chuckle from the audience. Then the lights dimmed, the first blast of the overture sounded, and the

company to become an English teacher and marry Rose, so long as he could first earn enough money to go back to school. Rose, the brains of the operation, quickly concocted a plan: Birdie would perform one last time before joining the army. He would travel to a small town in Ohio to meet the randomly-selected fan, 17 year-old Kim MacAfee, perform Albert's song entitled "One Last Kiss," and then kiss Kim in a gesture designed to melt the hearts of fans nationwide. And thus the plot was set in motion.

With farcical plot twists and unflinching punch, the play introduced Kim (Chap-



Right before the opening night performance, the entire cast and crew come together for a light-hearted moment.

man Sklar '15), a sweetly naïve Midwesterner, and the rest of Sweet Apple as they grappled with the chaos that the hip-swinging, eyebrow-raising rock god Conrad Birdie had brought to their little town. Throughout the show, numerous songs stood out. Trump's rendition of "Baby Talk To Me" was reminiscent of the crooners of the past, channeling the likes of Sinatra. Price had several dynamic numbers, but her performance of "Spanish Rose" was the song that most captivated audience members. Sklar's "How Lovely To Be A Woman" was at once amusing and endearing, and Martin's "Honestly Sincere" had some onlookers clutching their sides with laughter at his dead-on impression of Elvis. Trump,

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Eager fans of all ages and genders gather around teenage sensation Conrad Birdie (Drew Martin '13) during "One Last Kiss."

show began.

A distressed Keith Trump '14, in the role of company man Albert Peterson, was the first to appear on stage. Albert, who was visibly upset, revealed that his client, music sensation Conrad Birdie (Drew Martin '13), had just been drafted into the army. In walked Albert's secretary Rose Alvarez, played by the perfectly-casted powerhouse Noel Price '13, who promptly announced that she was leaving the company after eight years of neglect by Albert. After a heated argument, they finally reached an agreement: Albert would leave

Martin, Price, and Sklar were joined by Emily Streeper '16, Southern Virginia University student Richard Allen Templeman '13, and law student Rob Zahm '13L to create an incredibly talented main ensemble.

The outstanding cast, in addition to the amusing storyline, was what made the production truly special. Said Davies, "We have a fantastic cast, who not only are good actors and singers and dancers, but they're great people."

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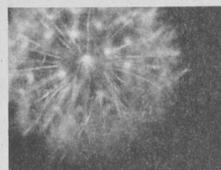
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Serving- Lexington Presbyterian Church, SJH Community Foundation Board, Kendal at Lexington Board, March of Dimes

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arts & life

Students prepare for Up 'Til Dawn

By Caroline Hamp
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee constantly boasts that it is possible to start a student organization on campus if it does not already exist. Sounds pretty cool, right? But I have always wondered if this is really possible – starting from scratch must be difficult, and success might be hard to come by. Students for St. Jude has put an end to all my doubts. After a long hiatus from campus, it was brought back by a small group of students in the fall of 2009. The organization was started only three years ago by seniors Olivia Kantwill, Molly Rountree, and Angela Tumino, and it has already made a big impact.

The success Students for St. Jude has achieved in these three short years is unbelievable. Its main fundraiser of the year is Up 'Til Dawn, a national event that takes place on college campuses all across the country. The proceeds go to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. In the past, participants have come together for an evening to personally write, sign, and address letters asking for donations to St. Jude. Last year alone, the organization raised over \$13,000 – double the amount of money they had previously raised! Talk about success.

But Students for St. Jude are not going to just stop there. This year, the goal is to double the amount donated – again – to

raise a grand total of \$25,000. Instead of letter-writing in person, the event will begin online. Throughout the week, there will be tables set up in the Commons where students can register online for a "giving page." Each participant has their own page, which they can send out to friends, family, and professors, asking for online donations. If you want to contribute to this success story, stop by the Commons this week to sign up! It only takes a minute, and every little bit counts.

Anyone who raises \$200 or more is automatically invited to the spectacular Up 'Til Dawn event, a completely free evening of fun, games, food, prizes, and entertainment, hosted on Nov. 8. W&L's very own Jubilee, Washingtons, Beth Wellford, and KLAZICS will be performing – and that's just the beginning.

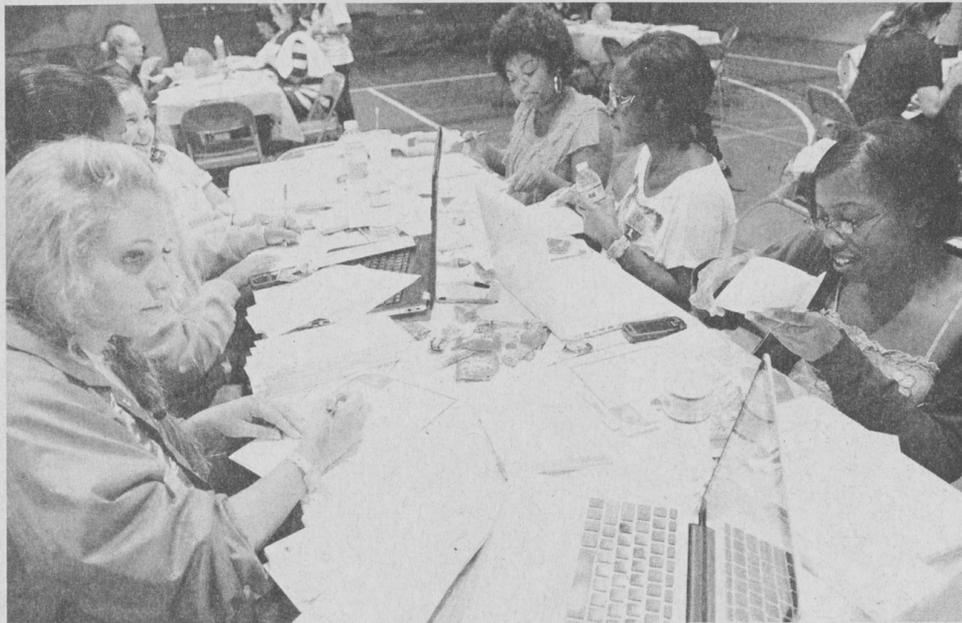
Tanya Diona and Russell Graham, professional musicians from the NYC area, will also be performing. "Their past gigs include performing with the American Idol house band, Beyonce, Stevie Wonder, Jessica Simpson... and the list of famous people continues," said Logistics, Entertainment, and Decorations Chair Angela Tumino '13. "The duo will be debuting a song they wrote specifically for our event, to be available for purchase on iTunes and other online music retailers, the proceeds from which will

go entirely to St. Jude."

You won't want to miss this successful Up 'Til Dawn event. By helping raise

donations for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, you can be a part of all this excitement! For more information, check out

the Facebook page online at Washington and Lee Students for St. Jude.



Students personally write, address, and stamp letters asking for donations to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital at last year's highly successful Up 'Til Dawn event.

student



Matt Bass '15

By Mariel Pearl
STAFF WRITER

Name: Matt Bass
Hometown: Beaufort, SC
Major: Biology
Year of Graduation: 2015
Activities you are involved in on campus: Outing Club

Is your family coming up for Parents' Weekend? Did they come up last year?

Yes and yes.

What activities are your family going to take part in this Parents' Weekend?

We want to go to the South Carolina parent-student reception that is put on by the upperclassmen parents. We went last year, and it's always nice to hang out with students from the same area as you. I'm also planning to take them to Salerno's or Macado's.

What was your favorite part of Parents' Weekend last year?

We all just really enjoyed each others' company, since we hadn't seen each other since the beginning of the school year.

Are you asking your family to bring anything you forgot?

I'm having them bring up my bike from home. Walking is overrated.

What has been your favorite part of fall semester so far?

Just being back to see and hang out with all my friends has been awesome.

Favorite W&L Tradition?

I love the Speaking Tradition. It helps build that sense of community that I'm sure every student here enjoys.

George or Bob?

Bobby Lee, of course. I like his sense of humor!

Emily Utter '16

Name: Emily Utter
Hometown: Quogue, New York
Major: Business Administration
Year of Graduation: 2016

Are your parents coming down for Parents' Weekend?

Just my mom will be coming down for Parents' Weekend.

What are you most looking forward to doing with your family?

Just spending some time together, and eating out instead of at D-Hall.

Any plans for the weekend? Any reservations in town?

My birthday is on Thursday so we have reservations at Southern Inn that night, and then my mom wants to go to one of the concerts over the weekend.

We all forget a few things moving to college. Are your parents bringing up anything you missed?

My Uggs! I did not think it was going to get so cold here so fast, [and now] the walk to my 8 am will be so much nicer with them on.

What has been your favorite part of fall semester so far?

I'm really enjoying meeting people from all over the world!

Favorite class this term and why?

That's a hard question to answer; I like them all a lot!

Sweet Frog or Sweet Things?

I haven't made it to Sweet Frog yet - it's not nearly as convenient as Sweet Things, and their ice cream is delicious, so it works out perfectly!



arts & life

The secret lives of Public Safety

By Bailey Russell
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder what's going on at campus while a party is going on in the country? As soon as the clock hit twelve last Friday, Public Safety was called to remove a few students from a fraternity house due to drinking on the roof of the house. The officers joked that bad behavior came with the full moon.

"In eight years, I can count only about ten really bad incidents," said Officer Ms. Kay Bostick. Bostick is a retired social worker who moved to back to Lexington, where she was born and raised, to take care of her family.

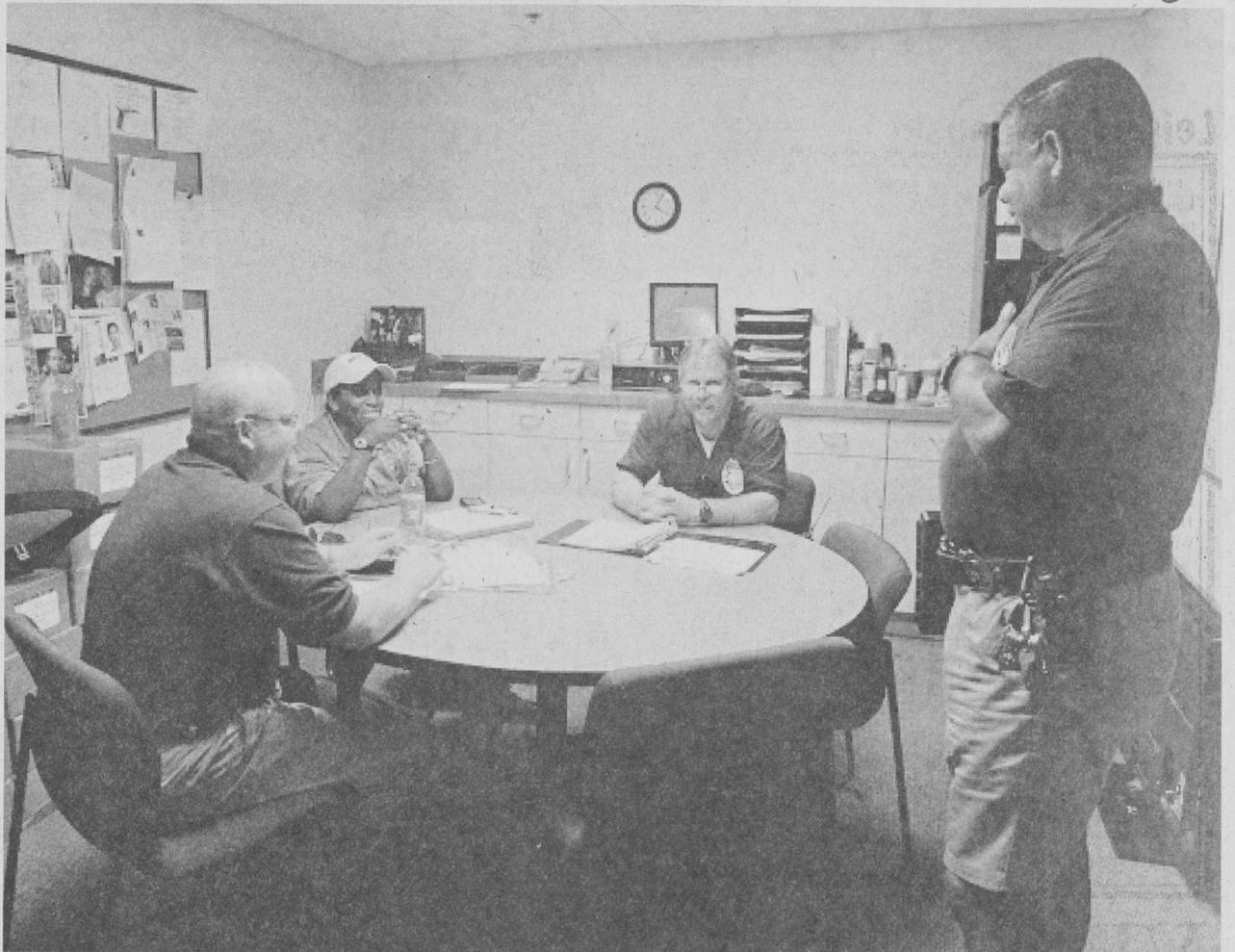
"As long as I don't interject my level of maturity, I'm all right," she said regarding typical college behavior. Public Safety gets called for episodes as harmless as a mouse loose in the Science Center or a broken electric breaker from too many girls blow-drying their hair at the same time, to something as serious as transporting students from the Health Center to the hospital.

Bostick stated that there is at least one officer and one sergeant working on every shift. She works a swing shift, meaning that it varies from day to day. Each scheduled shift gets split up into an A-side and a B-side. The A-side includes covering academic buildings, while the B-side includes supervising fraternity houses, sorority houses, and any outlying buildings from campus.

According to Bostick, the officers are encouraged to "SLR" — "stop, listen, respond." In addition to doing this, sergeants complete check points, but mostly on mobile patrol. Public Safety drives around at night to monitor the buildings, making sure doors and gates aren't propped open. Officers do not patrol Windfall or the Pole Houses, which are under the jurisdiction of Rockbridge County, but they will go to the country if they get a call.

"You guys don't like to carry your swipes, which makes our job harder," said Bostick. Public Safety makes sure the back doors to the sorority houses especially are locked, and officers often come back to lock them for the night after Traveller has completed its last stop. These doors, according to Bostick, are a "hot spot," a term used to describe the areas she focuses most on.

Bostick's knowledge of these "hot spots" comes from years of experience, which is evident in all that she does. While patrolling the parking lots, for



Public Safety officers debrief in the office during a meeting to discuss the different routes and assignments for the night. Each officer takes turns with alternating shifts to make sure that all parts of campus are covered throughout the night.

instance, she easily spotted an unregistered car, one that she had been warned twice about before. She has developed such an eye that she knows exactly whose car should be where in the vicinity.

"The city's only a mile and two quarters... you can only loop it so much," laughed Bostick. She usually puts about 25 to 30 miles on the squad car each night as she makes her rounds. By staying close on course, Bostick makes sure she is nearby in case of a call. After all, those one or two minutes can make a huge difference in an out-

come. During her shift from 12 am to 8 am the next morning, she usually walks around buildings three or four times to stretch her legs and take a break from sitting in the car. Occasionally, Bostick even shoots a few hoops in the gym as she passes through.

"Document, document, document... if you don't document, it didn't happen," said Bostick. She is familiar with this principle from her prior experience as a social worker. Even now, as she is studying for her masters in criminal justice, this notion continues to ring true.

"Do your job to the best of your

ability, and don't worry about the politics behind it," Bostick said about holding students accountable for the Honor System. Ultimately, breaches are up to the SJC. She added, "I don't go lookin[g] for trouble." Instead, Bostick strives to make sure that no property has been vandalized. Each building is checked inside and out at least twice a night.

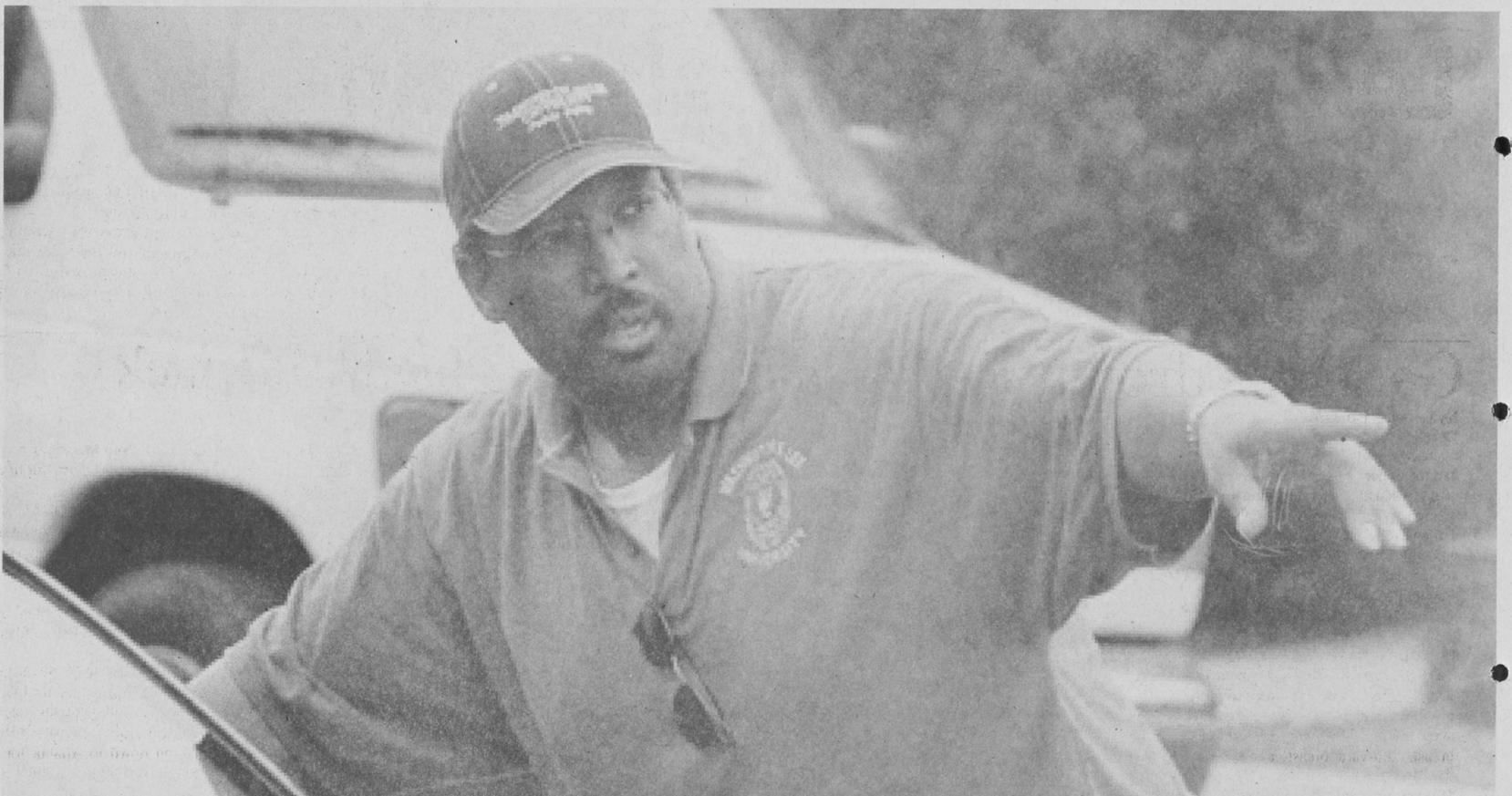
"The last thing we want is for someone to get hurt," she said. On big party nights, Bostick watches Traveller stop to make sure crowds of students don't overflow into the street. She un-

derstands that when Traveller arrives, students' only interest is getting onto the bus, so she always watches for any potential dangers that may arise during the boarding chaos.

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink," she said, as a stumbling student declined the ride. Bostick offered her.

"This is the job... the job is out here," she added. No matter where students are at night—rest, or don't rest—assured that Public Safety is diligently patrolling campus.

Scene on Call...



Senior Sergeant Larry Stuart directs traffic and oversees vehicle registration in the student parking lots. This is just one of the many areas of responsibility covered by Public Safety officers on a regular basis.



sports

Leigh Dannhauser

I think we all know by now what happened to Lance Armstrong recently. If not, here is a quick recap. Earlier this month Armstrong was found guilty of doping by the United States Anti-Doping Agency. As a result he was disqualified from all of his races since 1998 and more importantly stripped of his seven Tour de France victories.

When stripping Armstrong of his titles, the International Cycling Union and the Tour de France organization did not name any new champions. From now on there will be a blank spot in the winners section from 1998 to 2005.

Some may argue that it would only be fair to move the second place winners for seven years up to the winner's circle. It would make sense because they would be the top finisher that qualified. However, I believe that the races should remain winner-less.

The main reason is that there is no way to prove that the runner-ups did not dope as well. Dick Pound, former president of the World-Anti-Doping Agency, summed it up best when talking to USA Today.

"It indicates that no one in the races was above suspicion, which highlights the fact that doping was prevalent during the entire period," said Pound.

How prevalent? Almost all of the top three finishers in each of Armstrong's victories have been somehow connected with doping. Who knows how far down the results list one would have to go to find the first rider that was not connected. And even though that person was not connected, it

is possible that their teammates who helped them along the way were and did dope themselves.

It would not be fair to take the title away from one man for cheating just to give it to someone else who may have done the very same thing.

The other reason is that it will be impossible to just forget that Armstrong was the real winner for all of those years. Armstrong will always be remembered, either by those who still believe his innocence and think he was greatly wronged, or by those who believe that he deserved to lose his titles and think that he was a massive cheater that ruined the integrity of the sport.

The lack of any winners will serve as a reminder for all about the doping. When looking back at the history, people will see the blank spots and know about the doping controversy and how it negatively affected the sport. Putting names in Armstrong's place will only lead people to forget about what the UCI has called "the dark years of the sport." The UCI cannot afford to forget about this controversy that has had such a great impact on the sport of cycling and its reputation.



Lance Armstrong was stripped of his Tour de France victories, but no cyclists were named the new victors. Should the UCI name seven new champions? Leigh and Hailey square off.

Hailey Hartley

Lance Armstrong has a cloud of uncertainty and distrust surrounding him. His seven career Tour de France wins (in a row) were unprecedented, he was considered one of, if not the greatest cyclist in the history

of the sport. His cancer survival story and his Livestrong brand inspired countless men, women, and children with cancer. But what is to become of him now, and what legacy will be left behind?

The evidence seems irrefutable; there are over 20 people, ex-teammates, who are corroborating the evidence that Armstrong was using performance-enhancing drugs. Armstrong did the right thing by vacating his Tour de France wins. Whether or not he did anything wrong, the evidence seems to indicate that he did not earn the wins fairly. But the actions that the International Cycling Union (UCI) are taking seem questionable.

The UCI has announced that after vacating his position as Tour de France winner, the position will remain vacated. No one will be retroactively named a winner, and no scoring

positions will be changed. They claim that there is no 'honor' to reassigning winners.

Because they will not assign new winners for the '98-'05 Tours, the record books will simply say "vacated." Even though they say "vacated," people will automatically think about Lance Armstrong. When people see "vacated" they will think about Armstrong and the cloud of uncertainty that not only is tainting his legacy, but the legacy of the sport.

This ruling by the UCI also seems to be a bit hypocritical. At the 2010 Tour, Alberto Contador was on the podium as the winner. But tests after the Tour showed that Contador had tested positive for performance enhancing drugs. The UCI retroactively removed Contador as winner and announced the second place finisher, Andy Schleck, as the new victor. The difference in time between the win and positive test, or the fact that this is Lance Armstrong, could be the reason for the differences. The UCI should remain constant in their rulings and reassign '98-'05's winners.

By assigning new winners for these Tours, the UCI can help cycling get over this scandal, and move beyond Armstrong.

VBall falls against two ranked teams

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

The Washington & Lee volleyball team will host Roanoke on Wednesday, Oct. 31 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament Quarterfinals.

Last Wednesday, the Generals finished up regular conference play with a win over Bridgewater. With the win the Generals secured the second seed behind Randolph-Macon in the ODAC Tournament.

Last weekend, the Generals traveled to Atlanta, Ga. to play three non-conference matches at the Emory National Invitational Tournament. The team finished the weekend with two losses to third-ranked Wittenberg and sixth-ranked Emory and a victory over UMass-Boston. The losses did not affect the Generals' standing in the ODAC.

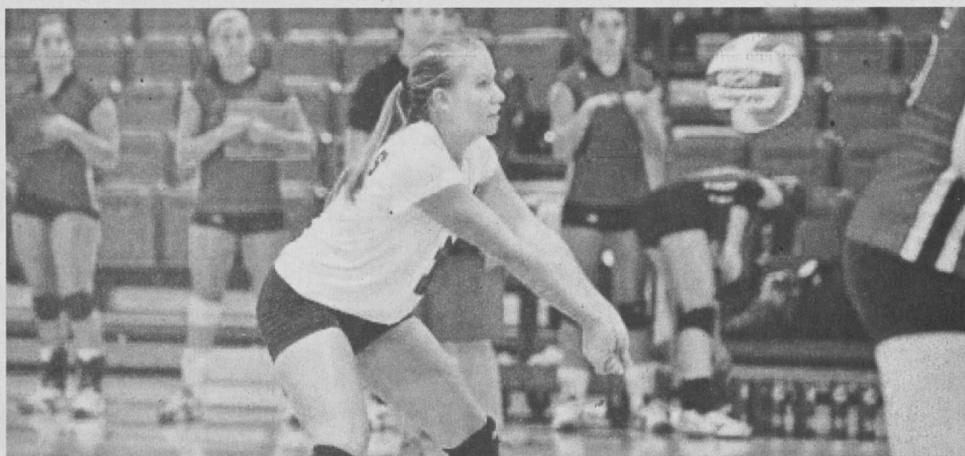
Wittenberg ended the Generals' eight-match winning streak on Friday. Lausberg and sophomore defensive specialist Kelly McManus each totaled

double digit digs in the match. Meleski tallied three blocks and eight assists in the match.

Later in the day the Generals faced UMass-Boston. Boles led the Generals offense with 23 kills. Meleski tallied 28 assists in the match and first-year libero Kasey Cannon led the defense with 21 digs.

On Saturday W&L hit .190 in the 3-1 loss to Emory. The loss marked the last regular season match for the Generals. Boles was named to the all-tournament team.

The ODAC tournament begins on Wednesday for the top eight teams in the conference. If the Generals win on Wednesday, they will face the winner of the Emory & Henry-Bridgewater match. The ODAC semifinals and finals on Saturday will be held at top-seeded Randolph-Macon College.



Defensive Specialist Kelly McManus
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Lee wins the Classic again

By Leigh Dannhauser
SPORTS EDITOR

In front of a home crowd of over 2,000 people, Washington and Lee University was once again able to take it to the Virginia Military Institute men's lacrosse team in the annual Lee-Jackson Classic.

The Generals scored 11 unanswered goals in the second quarter on their way

to taking the victory 19-8.

Senior Cooper Brown and sophomore Garrett Paglia led the Generals at their home turf with five points each. Paglia scored four goals, including the first goal less than two minutes into the game. Brown added three goals of his own.

Junior Dylan Florig also had a strong performance for the Generals in goal, blocking 13 shots and allowing just seven goals in 56 minutes of play. Additionally Florig was honored with the Worrell-Fallon Memorial Award, the award given to each team's most valuable player.

VMI was led by seniors Russell East and Bernie Mowbray. Between them they scored six of the Keydets' eight goals. East and Mowbray scored three apiece.

In the net for the Keydets was senior Matt Lindemann. Lindemann made 16 saves while playing the full 60 minutes.

The Classic was W&L's only game this fall. They start up again on Feb. 12 when they host Ferrum.

VMI hosts a three way scrimmage this weekend to end their fall season. They start their official season on Feb. 9 when they travel to Annapolis to face Navy.

Generals drown Yellowjackets

By Hannah Howard
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee swim teams had the upper hand in their meet on Saturday, when they took down the men and women swimmers of Randolph-Macon College. The Yellowjackets put forth a valiant effort, but their team – primarily composed of freshmen and sophomores – couldn't keep up.

The W&L men collected 145 points while the women put up 153 compared to R-M's 100 and 103 respectively.

W&L took first place spots in the majority of the events and even swept the top three spots in six races. The women swept in the 200-yard free, 100-yard breast, 200-yard breast, and 200-yard fly. The men held all three spots in the 100-yard free and 100-yard breast.

Senior Rick Sykes swam the 50-yard free in a time of 20.90, an NCAA B-cut time. Other top spots went to seniors Izzy Brassfield for the 50-yard free and Kelly Mae Ross for the 1000-yard free.

There were many notable performances by first-year swimmers, as well. Stephanie Foster took first in the 100-



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yard back, 200-yard back, and 200-yard medley relay along with sophomores Caroline Hamp and Sarah Schaffer, and fellow first-year Hannah Melkun. First-years Billy Fries, Matt Kiser, and Emma Swabb also contributed to the Generals'

list of first place finishes.

The Generals will travel to Charlotte, N.C. on Nov. 2 to compete against five other schools.

XC leads the pack

By Leigh Dannhauser
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee women's cross country took five of the top nine spots on their way to taking the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship on Saturday.

W&L finished 22 points ahead of second place Bridgewater.

Bridgewater's Olivia Mills and Kaylee Kubisiak took the first two spots but the Generals' trio of seniors Lauren Schultz and Molly Ortiz, and first-year Casey Mackintosh took the third through fifth spots.

The Generals sealed the victory when juniors Brandie Huffman and Annelise Madison finished eighth and ninth respectively rounding out the scoring before the third Bridgewater runner crossed the finish line.

Schultz, Ortiz, and Mackintosh were named to first-team all-ODAC for finishing in the top five.

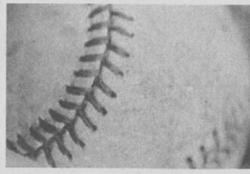
Schultz made the all-ODAC first team during all four years of her W&L career. Additionally, she was named the ODAC/Farm Bureau Scholar-Athlete for the second year in a row.

Huffman and Madison earned second-team all-ODAC honors for finishing in the top nine.

Hardware was received all around. Coach Kris Hoey was named the ODAC Coach of the Year following the meet.

The Generals now get a week off before travelling down to Atlanta for the NCAA South/Southeast Regional race on Nov. 10.

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in the numbers

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Susan Slusser has become the first woman to head up the Baseball Writer's Association of America. Additionally, Gaku Tashiro became the first Japanese member of the board.

45

The number of unanswered points that the New England Patriots scored against the St. Louis Rams in Sunday's game in London. The Rams scored on the first drive of the game before the Patriots shut them down and scored on their own first five drives. The Patriots won the game 45-7.

6

The total number of turnovers by the Dallas Cowboys in their game versus the New York Giants on Sunday. The Giants won 29-24 after blowing a 23-0 lead

17

The number of games in a row that the New England Patriots have had at least 350 yards of total offense. This breaks the old NFL record set by the St. Louis Rams in 1999-2000.

soapbox

"Maybe after the World Series, maybe when I get back home and sit in my house in a chair, I'll say, 'You know what? I think I was in the World Series.' But right now, I feel like I'm in a dream."

- San Francisco Giant's left fielder Gregor Blanco about playing in the World Series. Last year he was not even on a major league roster, from SI.com

"Don't get me wrong. If you made me choose, I'd rather watch RG3. He swerves and curves as though his hips were removed at birth. But he doesn't seem to care much about football when he's doing it. He's fumbled five times on runs already this season, and two of them potentially cost the Redskins games. Give me Luck, who hasn't fumbled on a run once."

- Rick Reilly in his column for Sports Illustrated titled, "QBR or RG3?". It looks like Reilly sides with Halley Hartley's picking of Andrew Luck over Robert Griffin III as the better rookie quarterback back in September.

Faculty-athletic mentor program upholds ideals of Washington and Lee

By Pat McCarron
STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of each men's cross-country and track season, Professor Holt Merchant of the history department and faculty-athletic mentor program tells his athletes, "Here I am, I'll listen if you have a problem." Considering the multitude of deans, counselors and advisors available around campus, Merchant acknowledges the fact that "chances are, they'll go to others first" with their problems.

But this is not a negative reflection on Washington and Lee's faculty-athletic mentor program. Beginning in 2008, W&L's athletic department was inspired by the College Sports Project to begin the program. CSP's primary goal was "strengthening the bonds between intercollegiate athletics and educational values," and W&L saw the value in this endeavor. In the case of Merchant, the program has not necessarily caused his track and cross-country protégés to line up outside of his door in hopes for him to address their every problem; again, this duty is primarily designated to deans, counselors, and advisors.

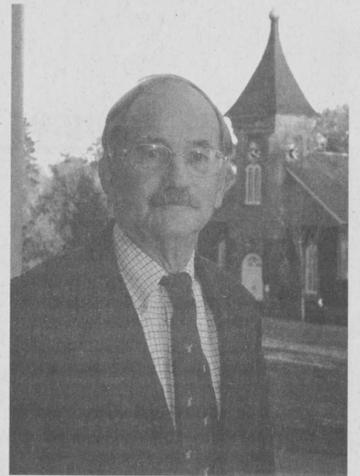
However, this program largely represents W&L's values as a whole. In a Division I school, Merchant realizes that "integration [of students' athletic and academic aspects of life] would be a real problem," since coaches of such athletic programs "have no flexibility whatever". In an academically prestigious school where Division III athletics are not as demanding, a key realization among student-athletes and coaches at W&L emerges: academics always come first.

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It is for this reason that integration between athletics and academics has not been a problem at W&L, even before the athletic-faculty mentor program was established four years ago. In fact, this statement held true fifty-one years ago when Merchant ran track and cross-country as a General. Therefore, while in Merchant's case the faculty-athletic mentor program did not result in clamoring demand for his mentoring outside of the students he has already taught, it is still symbolic of the Washington and Lee ideology.

Jeff Barnett, professor of Romance languages and mentor of the men's baseball team, describes the program as "a symbolic bridge between the Colonnade-our academic center-and the playing fields. I think it's important for students to perceive how different components of their identity come together to form their greater academic life. In other words, at a college like Washington and Lee, academics shouldn't be set aside as just one more component - it's the center of why we're here."

For Merchant, the most valuable aspect of the program has been the way it has brought him closer to the students he teaches. He does not merely attend every cross-country and track meet; he officiates them, placing him in the middle of the action. He is there to lend his support while also playing a key role. He also gives an extra effort to attend the games



Professor Holt Merchant
Faculty-Athletic mentor

of his students outside of cross-country and track alone, running the gamut from soccer to football to field hockey.

The bottom line is, no matter each student's background, the student body of W&L is here chiefly for academic purposes. The athletic-faculty advisor program acknowledges this notion, while optimistically blurring the line between two supposedly distinct aspects of student life: academic and athletic.

FH falls in first round

By Shelby Flores
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee fell on Saturday in the opening round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament.

The game was originally scheduled to start at 1 p.m. but only one official showed up to the field. The game did not start until 4:30 p.m. once a second official could be located.

Shenandoah controlled the ball for most of the game as they defeated W&L 1-0. First-year forward Kelani Bailey scored the only goal in the game eight minutes into the second half for the Hornets.

This was the last time that seniors Kirsten Kyne and Chelsea Stevenson took the turf. Kyne played the entire game in the net making 13 saves. She finishes her career with 291 saves. Stevenson finishes her career after starting all her games and co-lead the team with four goals.

Junior defender Lauren Boone led the Generals with two shots and one on goal. Sophomore midfielder Anna Kathryn Barnes added one shot and one on goal.

The regular season ended for the Generals

on Wednesday when they lost to Bridgewater, 2-0.

Bridgewater controlled the ball for most of the game and outshot W&L 21-6. First-year forward Taylor Prillaman scored both goals for the Eagles.

After the losses the team finished with a 6-12 overall record. Shenandoah will advance to the semifinals of the ODAC Tournament and play at Lynchburg on Tuesday, October 30.

Heinsohn leads Generals' charge

By Sarah Ward
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee used an early lead to defeat Catholic University on the Cardinals' homecoming weekend on Saturday afternoon 41-14. The Generals improved to 4-1 in conference play and 6-2 overall.

The Generals scored touchdowns their first two possessions. Senior slotback Brett Murray gained 84 yards on a pass from junior quarterback Nick Lombardo to give the Generals a 7-0 lead with 6:44 left in the first quarter. Senior running back Luke Heinsohn ran for 23 yards into the end zone to make the score 14-0 less than a minute into the second quarter. Heinsohn broke the record for most rushing yards on this drive.

The Cardinals threw a touchdown pass to make the score 14-7, but the Generals countered with a 10 yard touchdown run from senior running back Sasha Vandalov to bring to score to 21-7 at halftime.



Runningback Luke Heinsohn
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information
With 6:08 left in the third quarter, Vandalov

scored yet again on a 5-yard run to increase the lead to 21. Murray added another six points with a 1-yard run to make the score 34-7 with ten minutes left in the second half. The Generals responded to a late touchdown by the Cardinals with a 6-yard run into the end zone by first-year running back Joseph Beninati to score his first touchdown of the season.

Washington and Lee totaled 537 yards in the game, with Lombardo tallying a career-high 168 yards. Murray gained 214 total yards and Vandalov recorded 101 yards on the ground. Senior safety Jake Pelton and senior linebacker Jesse Jenkins led the defense for the Generals. Pelton had eight tackles and an interception while Jenkins also had eight tackles as well as a sack.

The Generals hope to break the first place tie in the ODAC next Saturday as they play Hampden-Sydney at 1:00 pm in Lexington.

Generals fifth, only three points out

By Leigh Dannhauser
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's men's cross country team wasn't able to come out on top of a race for third at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships.

Lynchburg took the team title with almost ease. They had a total of 28 points, with four of their five scorers in the top ten. Bridgewater took second place with 57 points.

The battle for third place was much closer. Just three points separated the teams that finished third through fifth.

Roanoke was able to take third place over Guilford by two, a team with that had three runners in the top ten. W&L took fifth place just one point behind Guilford. Roanoke finished with 134 points, Guilford with 136, and W&L with 137.

Junior Kane Thomas led the Generals, crossing the line in 19th place.

Senior Tyler Gehrs was the next best finisher for W&L in 28th. First-year Levi Warring finished less than two seconds later taking 30th. Less than a minute later the Generals scoring was completed. Sophomore Scott Sudgen finished in 33rd place and first-year Blake Liebling finished in 38th place.

The Generals hit the trails again on Nov. 10 as they head to Atlanta for the NCAA South/Southeast Regional race.

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Volleyball			vs Roanoke TBA				
Women's Swimming					at Mecklenburg	at Mecklenburg	
Men's Swimming					at Mecklenburg	at Mecklenburg	
Riding						at Bridgewater Inv	
Football						vs Hampden-Sydney	
Wrestling							at VT Open 9 am