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Global learning comes to life

By Krysta Huber
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee recently received a \$2.5 million dollar donation from the Dyson Foundation to put toward building a center for global learning on campus.

Director of International Education Larry Boetsch echoed Keen's sentiment, saying that this process, which dates back to 2005, has now entered its second stage.

the 21st century. Changes that have so far achieved this goal include the Hillel House and renovating and restoring buildings along the Colonnade. The Center for Global Learning proj-

Boetsch described his vision for what he imagines will take place in the center. "An open classroom reveals small groups of W&L students in animated conversation with groups of Italian stu-



An artist's drawing of the planned Center for Global Learning

The gift represents the leading contribution to the new building, which will be attached to a renovated DuPont Hall.

According to Vice President of University Advancement Dennis Cross, the Dyson Foundation developed an interest in the project because two of its members are connected to the university's community. Chris Dyson is an alumnus and his father, a W&L parent, is the president of the foundation.

The Dyson Foundation has made contributions to W&L in the past, including the revitalization of spring term and priorities of the university campaign. Through frequent communication with W&L's advancement office, the Dysons expressed interest in promoting international education on campus and therefore wanted to help build the new center. "The Dysons believe that we live in one world and they want to make sure that our students are a part of that world. This building is a way to bring that emphasis to W&L students," Cross said.

Dean of the College Suzanne Keen said she is very appreciative of such a large gift.

"I just feel grateful and lucky because it seems that the ball is really rolling," said Keen. "The gift makes it all seem real."

Boetsch explained that the early phase of building the new center was a way to establish what the university was already doing in support of global learning and then to figure out what W&L should add and improve upon. Boetsch explained that thinking differently about study abroad was a major focal point in the first stage of the project.

According to Boetsch, the project has now entered its second phase. This phase involves creating credit courses to prepare for study abroad programs, in an effort for students to reap more benefits from their time abroad.

"You might be thinking about a project you want to get started while you're away, and complete when you come back," said Boetsch. "Right now, we're trying to figure out how that would happen."

"In the second phase, everything is becoming connected - faculty, courses, curriculum, study abroad - It's all coming together," he added.

According to Cross, discussion to renovate DuPont hall had been in the works for a few years, but was officially added to the university campaign in 2010.

On the campaign released in October of 2010, one of W&L's priorities was to create a campus appropriate for

ect was originally described on the campaign as "a state-of-the-art facility for global learning in a renovated and enhanced DuPont." Cross said that the actual layout and details of the new center were not yet established, but now that a vision for the building has been executed, it will be easier to solicit support for the building.

"You can't just go out there and solicit funds if you don't have plans, if you don't know really exactly what's going to be there," said Cross. "You can explain it in general, but you won't get gifts until you have it defined."

Now that the final product for DuPont has been established, the University Advancement Office has begun to release pamphlets that advertise the Center for Global Learning. The pamphlet includes a plan of the overall site, as well as second and third floor plans.

According to the pamphlet, the center will house the Office of International Education, offices of visiting international faculty and multiple language departments.

The Center for Global Learning has been designed to include the most up-to-date technologies that will allow students to bring the world onto W&L's campus.

students at one of our partner institutions abroad," said Boetsch. "In a virtual classroom, art history students join their professor on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel to examine the details of the recent restoration."

He also added that it was important to make a distinction between the purpose of the center compared to other academic buildings on campus.

"This will be a place you walk into and it will be like no other place on campus because it will be the marketplace for global ideas and activity," said Boetsch. "This is a building to accommodate programs, not just a building in which offices happen to be located."

Both Boetsch and Cross said that they are pleased with how the plan to create the center has been progressing. Both are optimistic about receiving more donations because global learning has become an important aspect of the curriculum.

Cross said: "I feel very optimistic. I think that over the next 18 months or so, we will be able to get committed donations and get the project started. We have a good case to make, and I know that [alumni, students and parents] will be a receptive audience."

Students work to update our constitution

By Douglas McNeil
STAFF WRITER

The Constitutional Review Committee has been hard at work reviewing and proposing changes to the student body constitution since October.

The committee is headed by junior Annelise Madison, and eight other undergraduate and law students. The other members are law students Rob Ridgeway, Jay Gordon, and John Langley; undergraduate seniors Cameron Higgins, Emily Zankman and Clark Hildabrand; junior Alex Berger; and first year Paqui Toscano.

Annelise Madison says that the main goals of the review are to "make the Constitution more comprehensive so that it can act as a framework for student government, creating an article of student rights, and clarifying the powers of the Executive Committee".

The committee began the process by identifying what they believed to be the problems in the student constitution and then discussing methods of fixing the problems. Their objective this semester has largely been to harness feedback from the Washington and Lee community about their proposed amendments and to spread the word about the process.

The Constitutional Review Committee will hold a town hall meeting in the Northern Auditorium and the Moot Court Room where students can share their opinions about the proposed amendments, on Feb. 28. After this, the committee will consider the student body's input and present the amendments to the Executive committee sometime in early March.

Later in March the student body will vote on each amendment. Every amendment must be voted on by half of the student body and must receive a two-third "yes" majority in order to pass.

One proposed amendment is a creation of separate legislative branch and judicial branch articles. Although both of these articles fall under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee, the committee hopes that by separating the two articles they can clarify some of the powers of other student body organizations such as the Student-Faculty Hearing Board and the Student Judiciary Council.

The Constitutional Review Committee will be releasing information on the proposed amendments through Facebook and through articles in the Phi.

Fighting for change on MLK day

By Hamlet Fort
STAFF WRITER

A Washington and Lee Law School student tried to change University policy last year regarding a national holiday that most college students nationwide have off from classes.

David Knoespel, '14L, attempted to submit a petition to suspend classes for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to the undergraduate and Law administrations last year, but the effort was not successful. Knoespel believes Washington and Lee should follow other universities' method

Dr. King's birthday (Jan. 15). Hundreds of colleges, universities and high schools around the country have a holiday off from classes in remembrance, and usually host an array of events celebrating Dr. King's legacy.

Washington and Lee is not exempt from such events. However, the University feels canceling classes is not the right path to take.

We believe that canceling classes is not the only way, or even necessarily

ington and Lee hosted a number of events to celebrate MLK Day on Jan. 21. One of those events was a lecture by Terrence Roberts, one of the famous Little Rock Nine, entitled "Lessons from Little Rock," in Lee Chapel on Sunday, Jan. 20. The Little Rock Nine were a group of African-American students credited with integrating Little Rock Central High School in 1957, made famous by the intervention of Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus and President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The event is considered one of the most important moments in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

The Shepherd Poverty Program hosted a day of service on Monday, Jan. 14, in honor of Dr. King's commitment to community service and dedication to helping others. Roland S. Martin, award-winning journalist and political analyst, delivered the keynote address in Lee Chapel on Jan. 16, followed by a Remembrance Concert at the First Baptist Church in Lexington and Jan. 21.

Washington and Lee doesn't ignore Martin Luther King Day, but some students feel suspending classes is an im-



portant step towards improving W&L's remembrance efforts.

"We hope that in time W&L will choose to place more significance on MLK Holiday and the things that the holiday represents," said Knoespel.

Knoespel believes change will come to Washington and Lee in time. "Ultimately, I think that W&L in the future will change its policies," he said. "I think that the stakes are too important and the downside too small for W&L not to change."

Washington and Lee hosts events for Martin Luther King Day, and the University believes students must make an effort to find them and participate.

Suspended classes affect every student, and that seems to be the most obvious measure of remembrance. Students who aren't aware of W&L's MLK Day events may believe that no celebration is occurring.

The University hopes students will make an effort in the future to celebrate MLK Day without calling for suspending classes.

"Through our week-long celebration of Dr. King's life, sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the University strives to create a significant tribute that involves both our campus community and the Lexington community," said Hanna.

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DAVID KNOESPEL, '14L

of celebration for the national holiday.

"In a sentence, the symbolic value of MLK Day is too important to just let it be another day of going through our everyday motions," said Knoespel.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated on the third Monday of every Jan. in the United States, right around

the most meaningful way, to respect and honor Dr. King and his legacy," said Jeff Hanna, Executive Director of Communications and Public Affairs. The official University policy regarding MLK Day is such, regardless of an attempt at a petition from Knoespel.

Instead of suspending classes, Wash-

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Investigating housing

By Graham Colton
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Shester looks into the growing problem of Public Housing in America. Some of the questions she delved into were our obligations to provide housing for the poor and how projects affect children.

Last Tuesday, Assistant Professor of Economics Katharine Shester tackled the growing and concerning problem of housing the poor in the United States.

To do so, we are confronted with two options: we could either give them money or we could use that money to provide them with in-kind subsidies, including specific goods or services such as food, shelter and clothing.

Shester looked at several questions



Assistant Professor of Economics
Katharine Shester

with this issue. Why are we obligated to provide these benefits? Is this not a case of paternalism? If so, do we really care about children? And finally, might there be other indirect goals, such as promoting less segregation, or stimulating economic growth?

Housing for the poor, the most basic of human goods, can be distinguished into two types. First, there is unit-based housing, in which the government subsidizes a specific housing unit to let the poor reside there. Second, there is tenant-based housing, in which the government subsidizes a specific tenant, thus allowing them to live in a place of their choosing.

Before choosing between the two, one ought to take note of the history of public housing in this country.

"The New Deal of 1933, the Housing Acts of 1937 and 1949, and the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency of 1964 have provided financial assistance to the indigent for the elimination of unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions, for the eradication of slums, for the provision of decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for families of low income and for the reduction of unemployment and the stimulation of business activity," said Shester.

Continuing the tradition of governmental initiatives in public housing, the federal government today spends \$50 billion for the slums and such, but has been seemingly unable to shrink the long waiting lists for public housing and vouchers.

"It's not always households with the lowest incomes who get into public housing," said Shester.

So to eliminate this inefficiency, various economists have studied and proposed solutions to this gross bureaucratic problem.

One such solution, proposed by the economists Janet Currie and Aaron Yelowitz, purports to answer the question, "Are public housing projects good for kids?"

Currie and Yelowitz suggest that the size of a unit that a family is eligible to

get in public housing be determined by the number and gender of their kids. The bigger the unit, they say, the bigger the subsidy. For example, assuming that parents reside in a bedroom of their own, if there were one boy and one girl, the family would be allocated a three-bedroom unit. If there were two boys or two girls, however, the family would only have two bedrooms.

Public housing projects are, indeed, good for kids. "According to the results of their study, living in public housing project buildings PH project makes you: less likely to live in an overcrowded unit, more likely to live in a building with less than 50 units and makes children 11 percent less likely to have been held back in school one or more grades," said Shester.

Finally, Shester addressed Lawrence Katz's "Moving to Opportunity" Experiment from 1994-1998, in which 4,600 households in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York, all living in project-based subsidized housing in high poverty areas, were divided into three groups.

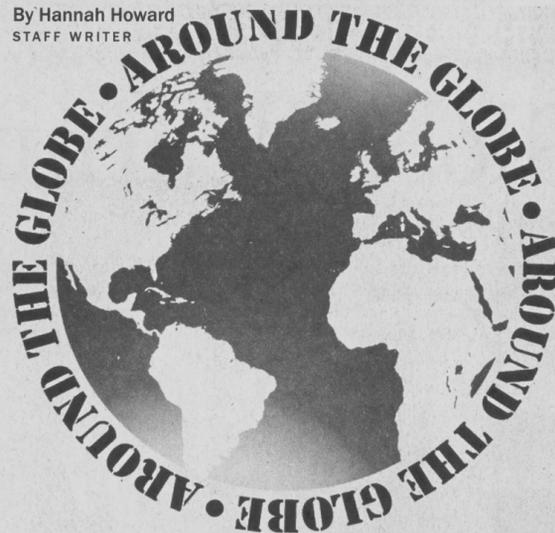
The first group received vouchers to live in areas with less than ten percent poverty, the second group received vouchers to go anywhere and the third group didn't get anything.

In the end, the second group reported greater safety, fewer crimes and less psychological distress.

Vouchers are, in Shester's words, "the manner by which we ought to address poverty in America."

Global News Feature: SAIL takes students out of the "bubble"

By Hannah Howard
STAFF WRITER



As students, we have a tendency to get caught up in the all happenings on the Washington and Lee campus – the "W&L bubble." It is often necessary to take a step back from everything and remember what is going on elsewhere. The Student Association for International Learning, or SAIL, aims to help students do that.

Sofia Sequeira, president and active-chair of SAIL, said, "SAIL is an organization dedicated to addressing international issues within the W&L community and to sharing new and different answers to social, cultural and political questions."

SAIL is one of the most active clubs on campus and has been for quite some time. Amy Richwine, SAIL's advisor, said, "The association existed as the International Club well before I arrived on campus twelve years ago."

It is easy for students to get involved with the group. Just sign up and attend some meetings or offer to help out with one of the events. There are a few different committees within the club that are available as well.

The Outreach Committee organizes events that deal with international cultures and interests. This committee also coordinates activities between SAIL, the W&L campus and the Lexington community.

The International Development and Relief Group (IDRG) educates students about current humanitarian efforts and campaigns. The Publicity Committee creates posters to raise awareness on campus of SAIL events and maintains the website.

SAIL hosts events year round in an effort to "bring the world to our campus" and raise overall awareness of current events and crises around the globe.

Sequeira said, "The student body is well informed about global affairs, but we still need to try to get more people involved and interested in them."

Some of the events that try to spark interest on campus are the annual Ice Cream Social in September and the Showcase for Morocco in November. The Showcase was one of the largest events this year. February will mark the 2013 Friendship Dinner and in March the second large event for SAIL, An Evening Abroad, will take place.

Sequeira continued, "Most importantly [these events] promote exchange between the diverse cultures at W&L. The student body should also be aware of more ways in which they could improve the wellbeing of the global community."

Increased global awareness helps students to understand people across the globe through a different lens.

"SAIL helps students to understand aspects about the world through someone else's eyes and through a different perspective," said Sequeira. "We do so by learning about other people's stories, experiences and views."

This understanding is important both on campus – for forming a stronger community – and off campus – for successful interactions on a global scale. Sequeira spoke on her personal benefits from SAIL: "Being the chair has given me the opportunity to interact with people with different interests and concerns regarding global issues and cultural matters. It has been a learning experience that has widened my perspective on the world."



Flag ban: a conflict of meaning

By Yejean Kim
STAFF WRITER

Lexington City Council banned the flying of any flags on city-owned poles except for U.S., Virginia, and city flags, in 2011. The ban was enacted amidst protests of the Confederate flags that were flown in honor of Lee-Jackson Day that year.

Many residents of Lexington, including several students and teachers at W&L as well as several prominent business owners were among the protesters.

One of these business owners is Al Hockaday, a former Marine and owner of the Shenandoah Attic and Victorian Parlor along with his wife, Ernestine.

In a speech at an event for protesting the flags in 2011, Hockaday stated that he hoped to never see three flags flying in Lexington: the swastika, the rising sun of Japan and the Confederate standard. When contacted at the Shenandoah

Attic and Victorian Parlor, Ernestine said, "This establishment doesn't have anything against the flags—but I do."

The ban was not the first time in Lexington history that the flags have drawn criticism.

On June 25, 1993, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Virginia Division, filed a complaint alleging that they were hindered from displaying the Confederate flag at a rededication ceremony for the cemetery statue of General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

The settlement eventually reached stated that the defendants were to pay the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) \$1 in "monetary relief", according to the case summary, as well as \$3142.75 for attorneys' fees and other costs that arose from the suit.

More prominently, the case also re-

sulted in a permanent injunction that said: "Neither the City of Lexington nor any individual, corporation, association or other person or entity under its supervision or within its control...may deny or abridge the right of the plaintiff organization and its members...to wear, carry, display or show, at any government-sponsored or government-controlled place or event which is to any extent given over to private expressive activity, the Confederate flag or other banners, emblems, icons or visual depictions designed to bring into public notice any logo of 'stars and bars' that ever was used as a national or battle flag of the Confederacy."

The protest and subsequent ban in 2011 led the SCV to file another lawsuit protesting the ban on several grounds, including the 1993 injunction and a vio-

lation of Constitutional rights. While the lawsuit was dismissed, there is a hearing scheduled at the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on March 20 in the hopes of having the lawsuit reinstated against the city.

However, Constitutional experts say that the SCV has a slim chance of making a Constitutional argument—because Lexington has the right to control speech on its own property, including flag poles.

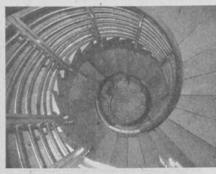
This year's Lee-Jackson Day saw renewed protests, including protesters bearing large Confederate flags downtown, as well as a large parade filled with participants bearing the flags. To several W&L first years, seeing the spectacle for the first time was memorable.

Austin Walker, who is from Lincoln, Nebraska: "I understand that it's a part of the heritage of this town. But I see

where people are coming from when they say it's offensive. Personally, I was a little offended myself, because I don't think that that aspect of the history of this region is an aspect to be proud of."

This was corroborated by first year Erica Schiller, who said: "It's really difficult to not feel anything negative about it, because in the North it's a symbol of everything negative about the war—slavery, and treason. Michigan was one of the first states to rebel against the laws against slaves, so we have a particular view on it. I know it's a symbol of Southern pride around here, but when you grow up viewing it as something so negative it's hard to put that aside."

Next year's Lee-Jackson Day will fall on Jan. 17-18.



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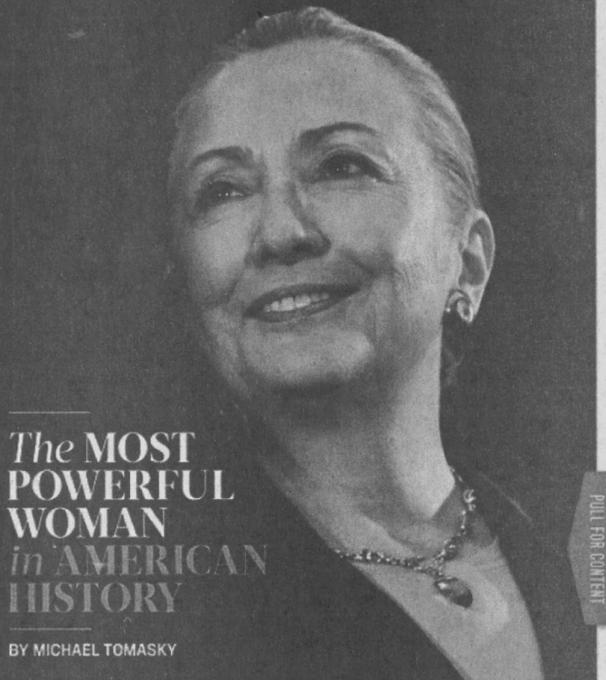
History still in the making

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The MOST POWERFUL WOMAN in AMERICAN HISTORY

BY MICHAEL TOMASKY

Hard as it is to believe, Hillary Clinton was, at one point, little more than a girl scout from Park Ridge, Illinois. She was on student council, wrote for the school newspaper, and played baseball for the pleasure of it. Today, Newsweek

has exalted the political icon as "the most powerful woman in American history." The president has referred to her as "one of the finest secretaries of states we've ever had." Having travelled 956,733 miles during her time with the Obama

administration, Clinton has been named by The Atlantic "The George Clooney of global affairs." And some have reason to believe that she's just getting started.

Clinton stepped down from her role as secretary of state on Friday on the heels of a committee investigation into the death of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens. Stevens, killed in Libya on Sept. 11 when Libyan rebels attacked the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, was initially thought to have been murdered as the result of the film *The Innocence of Muslims*. However, Stevens' diary later revealed that the ambassador had been fearful of an attack for some time, believing both that the tensions in Libya had reached a peak and that Al Qaeda had placed him in their crosshairs. As a result, Stevens had requested increased security at the consulate, which the U.S. State Department ultimately ignored. The committee found that several officers had behaved negligently in the time leading up to Stevens' death, and three employees were eventually let go.

Despite this, Clinton was untouched by blame. During the congressional hearings about the attack, Clinton was treated for the most part with respect. A brief run-in with Sen. Ron Johnson concerning what he considered to be a slow reaction on her part after the attack only served to further portray Clinton as self-composed and dedicated. Her reply to his hooded accusations had her asking, "With all due respect, the fact is we had four dead Americans. Was it because of a protest or was it because of guys they'd go kill some Americans? What difference, at this point, does it make?" If anything, Clinton walked away from the scuffle having picked up yardage in the eyes of supporters.

As Clinton leaves her position, she asserts, "I am more convinced than

ever in the strength and staying power of America's global leadership and our capacity to be a force for good in the world." Looking back on her years as the 67th secretary of state, Clinton has a clear view of all of her many milestones. She broke the record pertaining to the number of nations visited by the secretary of state, trumping Madeline Albright's 98 different countries with her own 112 (having crossed enough of the world to circle the globe more than 38 times). She was the first secretary of state to visit Myanmar in more than fifty years when she helped to free political prisoners who opposed the country's

schedule.

But those close to her say that Clinton has never been the type to sit back and let the country be run without her. Dee Dee Myers, who was press secretary when Clinton's husband was in office, says of the out-going secretary of state, "One of the things I think that Hillary has done consistently over the course of her career is she's always opted for institutional power. She wants to make big change, touch people's lives in a lasting way. Now she faces a similar decision. She can join her husband's foundation. She can create her own foundation. She

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Dee Dee Myers, former White House Press Secretary

leader Aung San Suu Kyi. More impressively, she oversaw the State Department at a time in our country's history when America was waging wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

So what's next? According to Clinton, what she wants now is nothing more than to catch up on 20 years of lost sleep. In an interview with Michele Kelemen, Clinton did not mention having any intention to run for president in 2016, stating, "I don't see myself getting back into politics. I want to be involved in philanthropy, advocacy, working on issues like women and girls that I care deeply about. I want to write and speak. I want to work with my husband and my daughter on our mutual foundation interests. So I'm going to have my hands full. I don't quite know

can work on issues she cares deeply about and have a huge impact, but it's not the kind of institutional power that she seems to gravitate toward."

Supporters have rallied around Clinton, even begun a super-political action committee on her behalf just in case she decides to run. For her part, Clinton has been coy about the subject, not yet having denied outright that she will be running. There have been many remarks made to the effect that she cannot see that far into the future. To many fans who had given up hope of ever seeing Clinton in the Oval Office after she lost in 2008, these remarks have resurrected their optimism.

Combatting misconceptions

By Yates Wilburn
STAFF WRITER

Recently, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta signed an order using the powers of his office to lift all restrictions and barriers to women in combat positions in the US military. While women have been allowed to serve in the US military and attend its academies since the early 1990's, they have never been allowed to serve in frontline or offensive combat roles, but this does little to keep them out of the line of fire in today's modern urban warfare. With this last act of his authority, Panetta has lifted the final piece of the "great glass ceiling" to women in the greatest fight force the world has ever known. This has not gone by without some controversy, as numerous critics have cited both potential false accusations of sexual assault by female soldiers and an increase in actual instances of sexual assault as a threat to the combat readiness of our fighting men and women. Personally, I feel that history, geopolitics, and previous examples will prove these concerns to be minimal, certainly not enough to justify the barring of qualified fighting women from serving in frontline combat in our military.

Currently, according to the Washington Post, 17 countries currently allow women to serve in frontline combat roles in their militaries, among them being France, Australia, Germany, Poland, and Israel.

Let us first see to the particular geo-

political and defensive situations of a few of these militaries, so as to establish that the women in these militaries are more than capable of fighting alongside their male comrades. Currently, the French military is engaged in what is shaping up to be a long-term military conflict in Mali as it fights to reinstall its democratically elected government and defend the nation against ruthless Islamo-fascists that will present France's fighting men and women with brutal urban conflict. Germany, Poland, and Australia have all been major contributors to the "Coalition of the Willing" in Iraq, and ISAF forces in Afghanistan, and as such their female soldiers have certainly experienced numerous tests of their bravery and skill without significant or abnormal fault. North Korea meanwhile, just from anecdotes alone most certainly has some of the most demanding training regimen and brutal physical requirements in the military world. If North Korean women can survive their nation's military, American women can certainly survive in ours. While anecdotal at best, this at least lends credence to the case that women present no real threat to the combat effectiveness of a military.

Regarding sexual assault on women in militaries, the US situation provides for some depressing reading. According to a 2006 study of female veterans sponsored by the Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, an estimated 23%-33% of all female

veterans were sexually assaulted during their time in the various branches of the US military. Meanwhile, the rate of sexual assault among women in the general population of the US is 17%. For the record, 14.6% of the US military is female.

Everyone would agree that this is disturbing, but where I differ with critics of increased female participation in the military is the logic that such participation would inevitably lead to more sexual assaults. Taking a look at the effects of women's presence in the Israel Defense Force may prove helpful to this discussion. Israel has allowed women in frontline combat roles (consistently) since 2000, and they currently make up 3% of the IDF's combat soldiers, 33% of all its soldiers, and 51% of its officers. Furthermore, of all the positions that exist in the IDF—from private to general—women can be found in 69% of them. Despite this high prevalence of women, 1 in 7 (14.2%) female Israeli soldiers will be sexually assaulting during their service, nearly 3% less than will be assaulted in the US general population.

The point is, that simply having more women in a military doesn't automatically guarantee that more sexual assaults will occur. Further, more women in the military doesn't automatically reduce the combat effectiveness of a military; Israel stands as proof to both of these statements. If a nation as besieged as Israel can maintain a fight force as effective

and efficient as the IDF with such a high proliferation of women, there is no reason the US military cannot do the same. Personally, I feel that if anyone can meet the physical, mental, and emotional requirements of service in the US military, male or female, they should be allowed to serve in any position to which they are suited. To bar a qualified person from service simply because of their sex is not only discriminatory, but it is incredibly short-sighted. In an era where the US military is accepting convicted felons in order to boost recruitment numbers, turning away willing volunteers on such an arbitrary and unfounded fear is ridiculous. Then again, it is easier to simply bar women than actually address the issue of sexual assault in the military.



Giving credit where it is due

By Graham Colton
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Colleges ought to give credit for internships, for many reasons.

First, according to a 2012 survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, more than half of recent college graduates had had internships while undergraduates. These days, internships, especially at colleges as well-rounded as W&L, are nearly requisite to a fulfilling collegiate experience.

Yet some particularly elite colleges are against granting credit for work which, they suppose, falls far short of the rigor of their typical workload.

There are, however, various ways by which these institutions may make the cubicle a bit more like the classroom.

Essays, internship-related coursework and reflective blogs all help to intellectually stimulate both the intern and scholar in today's college-age person.

Internships also benefit students and schools alike. Students, on the one hand, get more bang for their (parents') buck by working while learning. This work, rather than waiting tables or pumping gas, is within a student's field of interest. Schools, on the other hand, benefit by having more of their graduates, due to internship experiences, be placed in better-paying jobs in fields better-suited to their talents.

Hence a liberal arts college, even one as prototypical as ours, can give credit for internships.



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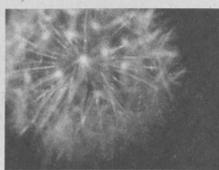


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Roses are red, violets are blue: Valentine's Day is here

By Leah Gose
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Valentine's Day is quickly approaching. Men, it's time to swallow your pride and venture down the pink and red aisle of Hallmark and buy into the holiday. On average, each person spends about 125 dollars on the 14th, mostly on jewelry (if you get my drift, boys). It's a tall order for a college student to live up to the hype and to make the day memorable.

If you're going to go big, you might as well do it right. 220,000 marriage proposals occur on Valentine's Day. My goal isn't to get you down the aisle, but through the day without disappointing that special someone. Trust me when I say that messing this up is worse than getting stuck at Windfall after Traveller stops running.

If you're an underclassman, and don't have the money to go big. You don't need

to go home and give up by buying cheap candy at Walmart (although it does boast an impressive selection) - just take your special someone out star gazing. Lexington is lucky to be surrounded by some of the best scenery, all of which can be reached by foot or car. Grab a blanket and head over to the Ruins. The stars are way better than a movie (which is certain to be filled with many high-school age couples that you'll want to avoid).

If you do have a car, I suggest driving through the Blue Ridge Parkway as a beautiful getaway. Its entrance is located past Buena Vista by five miles, and the signs lead you right out onto the parkway. There are great stops along the way, including an old train track, waterfall and multiple scenic viewing sites. Google directions to decide where to get

off and rest, or you could just decide to keep driving until dawn.

If you are single on Valentine's Day, it's the perfect night to catch up on amazing television. Start a 30-day free Hulu trial and enjoy the night in. Or Macado's is a great place to go with the gang for a fun meal on the town without worrying about all "the hype."

Either way, Valentine's Day is a great excuse for everyone to indulge a little and eat way too much chocolate. Don't worry if you forget to take my advice now: I'll have some last minute ideas for you next week, so keep your heart and eyes peeled!



Take a BITE out of Lex.

The Red Hen is possibly the best upscale restaurant in town. Beautifully designed as a barn nestled between the brick buildings on Washington Street, the Red Hen is a wonderful oasis for the taste buds. The presentation is impeccable with colorful artwork and an open kitchen equipped with a well-stocked bar.

Starter prices are 8 to 11 dollars while entrees range from 18 to 25. The proper 3-course date would probably run you around ninety dollars. Of course, the Red Hen is more for special occasions than first dates (there are few step-ups from the Red Hen if you start so big).

Although the prices are steep, the food is amazing. The Edward of Surry VA Peanut Fed Surryano was an amazing combination of cornmeal "johnny cakes" topped with perfectly cured ham, pickled carrots, quail egg, and a surprisingly delicious maple hot sauce.

For the main course, I enjoyed the special of roasted duck breast on spaetzle topped with a chestnut sauce. The duck was phenomenal, and the entrée of Shrimp Stuffed Virginia Coast Flounder proved to me that the chefs at the Red

Hen can cook meat with expert per-
The fish was well balanced with potatoes and broccolini covered in a jalapeno butter sauce (hot enough to awe, but not to

shock).

I ended with Dark Chocolate Bête Noir for dessert. Beautifully presented espresso ganache topped with homemade whipped cream, I could not have picked a better treat. The Bête Noir is easily split, and considering that my table at the Red Hen was shared by the two of us, it was a great date night dessert (no messy "Lady in the Tramp" style noodles, but still oh-so-romantic).

Lucky for you, the Red Hen is having a Valentine's Day Special at 55 dollars per person for a four-course meal. If you can't make the Valentine's Day event, the restaurant is having a "Virginia is for Lovers" four-course dinner with wine for the same price on Feb. 12th. The Red Hen is a great place for an intimate date-night setting with fantastic food and a wonderful atmosphere. Call ahead for reservations (and seriously, call soon, or you'll miss out on the chance to impress that significant someone).

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"Rise Up" to the challenge

By Josh White
STAFF WRITER

Climbing is one of the few unique outdoor activities that is not restricted to a certain time of year. That's because it doesn't always have to be outside! Rise Up Climbing Gym, located in nearby Lynchburg, is only about an hour's drive away. A single adult day pass costs \$13, which includes access to all of the facilities and various walls. A few extra bucks will cover the fee of equipment and gear rentals.

Climbing is one of my personal favorite activities, and it is a great way to relax and have fun after a stressful week. The combination of the adrenaline you get from dangling up to forty feet in the air (Rise Up's highest wall), and the satisfaction of getting in touch with your inner primate, creates a uniquely exhilarating feeling.

My experience at the gym was fantastic: the friendly and laid-back staff is eager to make the best out of everyone's experience, regardless of the climber's prior knowledge and history. The vibe in the gym itself is chill, and the music selection is very agreeable and suits the atmosphere well.

For those with more climbing experience,

the gym requires only a brief test before you can belay (fixing the rope around a partner to secure yourself). For the newbies out there, there is no better place to start than here: the staff is trained and have the resources on hand to teach the belaying technique quickly, for only a small price. There were a few people on our trip who took the class for the first time, and were belaying each other on their own that same day!

The gym consists of two sections, one for bouldering and one for top rope and lead climbing. For those with climbing experience, the roped section of the gym ranges through grade 5.12 (very high level of difficulty) and the bouldering section up through v.7 (moderately-highly challenging level). Of course, there is a wide selection of offerings for beginners as well, with more than half of the gym designed to be within reach for a first timer.

Perhaps the best part about the trip (or any outdoors trip) is getting to know some people you might not have otherwise gotten a chance to meet, or building on previous friendships. What better way is there to get close to somebody than to trust them to be there and catch you if you

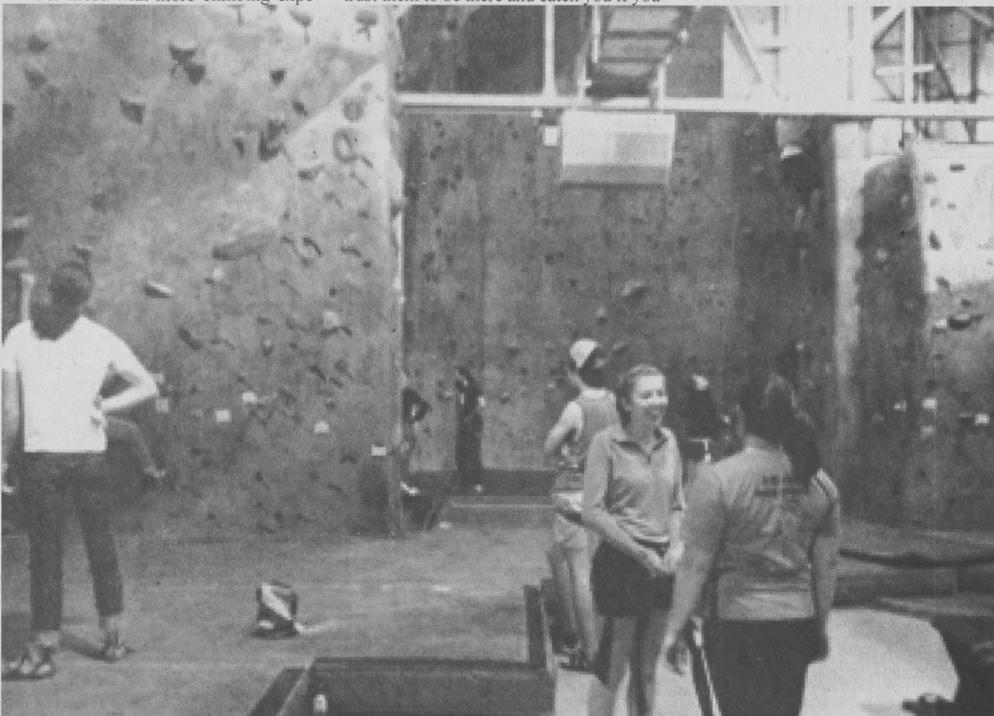
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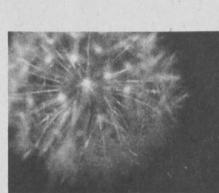
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fall? Climbing itself is a very social activity, and further opportunities await during the scenic and mountainous drive on the way to the gym. If you go with the Outing Club, you are sure to make some new friends, as well as have some great conversations.

The next time you find yourself with free time, I highly recommend you go climbing. Not only is it a great workout, but it is also a great way to hang out with friends. So quit wasting time, get your game face on, and get out there!





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Teach for America touches lives

By Cynthia Lam
ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

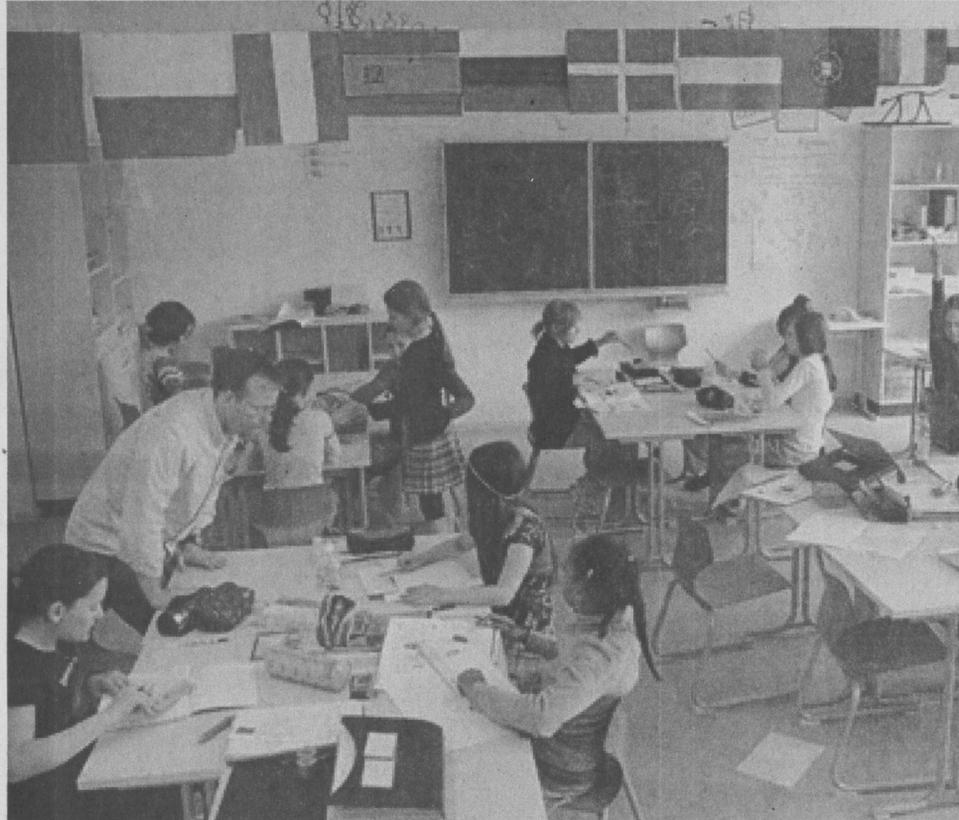


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What if you could change the lives of young students everywhere? What if you were given the opportunity to make a real, lasting impact soon after graduation? What if you could pass on the love of learning to future generations, for years to come?

With Teach for America (TFA), you can do all of this - and more. As one of the most prestigious non-profit organizations to work for post-graduation and one of *Forbes'* 100 Best Companies to Work For in 2012, TFA is dedicated to making a difference in low-income com-

munities by producing lifelong leaders, learners and educators.

For years, Washington and Lee has maintained a strong partnership with TFA. In fact, there are numerous alumni located all across the nation who are currently teaching or have finished their

time in the corps.

Joining the ranks of these dedicated advocates will soon be the 13-17 seniors from the class of 2013 who have been accepted to the highly competitive program and have committed to teach in socio-economically disadvantaged communities all over the country.

Some of these students have always been passionate about TFA's cause. Many of them, however, had never even considered TFA or teaching post-graduation until a few months ago, when they learned about the organization and its goals.

According to its website, TFA aims to "provide an excellent education for kids in low-income communities... [by recruiting] a diverse group of leaders with a record of achievement who work to expand educational opportunity."

Selected students are placed in a low-income community to teach for two years, as part of a nationwide movement to help the 16 million impoverished American children overcome education obstacles and achieve at the highest levels.

Said TFA Recruitment Manager for W&L Dana Cronyn, who taught biology while serving as a 2010 Charlotte TFA corps member: "Growing up I had an excellent public school education that provided me every opportunity I have today and connected me to my passion. Upon coming to college, I began to realize that for the 16 million students growing up in poverty today, education does not afford them opportunity."

Added Cronyn: "After hearing stories of TFA corps members changing the lives of their students—helping students attend college, taking students on trips abroad, and teaching students to love learning—I knew there was no better way for me to have an impact after

graduation."

In selecting its newest teachers, TFA looks for candidates with "a deep belief in the potential of all kids and a commitment to do whatever it takes to expand opportunities for students, demonstrated leadership ability and superior interpersonal skills to motivate others, and respect for individuals' diverse experiences and the ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds," among various other criteria.

"W&L students are uniquely poised to make an impact in classrooms because of the university's strong emphasis on achievement—both academically and as campus and community leaders. Those skills transfer directly to the classroom and give W&L students the opportunity to make a lasting impact," said Cronyn.

TFA is currently the school's top employer, with the highest number of students working with the organization after graduation.

The final application deadline for TFA is Feb. 15. Seniors who are interested in pursuing this work can still apply, and any underclassmen who want to learn more about TFA are welcome and encouraged to contact Kalli Havens '13.

"Your first job out of college should be one that helps you build to your future career goals. Don't be afraid to take on a challenge and leverage the skills you've been developing for the last four years," said Cronyn.

"There is no more prestigious, important work after graduation than shaping the future of our country. Imagining a world where every politician, CEO, and doctor has changed the lives of low income students is why I continue this work today."

Business office offers direct deposit

By Athena Cao
STAFF WRITER

Students no longer have to walk all the way over to the Business Office to get refunds. According to Associate Treasurer and Controller Deborah Caylor, the Business Office now offers deposit reimbursements and account refunds directly to students' bank accounts. Students who have set up direct deposit for their payrolls need to sign up again in order to get reimbursements and refunds.

Financial aid students or anyone who has a credit balance in the university account can now get disbursement of refunds directly to their bank accounts. Financial aid disbursements of refunds for undergraduate students are made after Jan. 15th in the winter term and Sept. 15th in the fall term. Students who are off campus during spring term can be refunded for the cost of the meal plan after notifying Auxiliary Services.

To sign up for a refund deposit, a student must have a bank account with an

American Banking Association (ABA) routing number. Although the registration window is located in the Employees' section in WebAdvisor, a student does not need to be a student employer or a work study student to sign up for the service.

On the Employees page, click on "Accounts Payable (Non-Payroll) Bank Information (U.S.*)" under the Finance Information section. Then choose Default Bank Account Information and click "submit." Fill in the required information, including the routing number, account number, and account type, then agree to the terms and conditions to submit the completed application. A confirmation e-mail will be sent after the direct deposit becomes effective.

For more information on how to set up this service, contact the Business Office at business@wlu.edu or call (540) 458-8730 today.

Finance Tip of the Week: Save 5% of your income for a rainy day fund.

Saving money can be hard for a college student, but saving a little bit at a time, consistently over an extended period, can make a big difference when an emergency hits!

GREEK LIFE NEWS: DID YOU KNOW?

By Christian Kennedy
STAFF WRITER

1. The vacant Phi Kappa Delta fraternity house may be used next year for upper-classmen housing. A tentative plan, which includes co-ed living, with one floor for males and one floor for females, is currently in the works.
2. The "No-Tuesday" adjusted schedule of New Member Education has been followed well by fraternities, with only one instance of a violation.
3. Any fraternity which has been previously kicked off campus must fulfill the criteria set by the school, as well as their own nationals, in order to return. This may include paying back rent to the school for the years that the house was vacant.
4. The IFC has created a template for New Member Education to aid fraternities that do not have a well-developed program. Members of the IFC will be assigned to certain fraternities to discuss how a certain chapter's program matches up with the new template.
5. The "Lexington Triad" refers to the three fraternities originally formed here in Lexington: Kappa Alpha at W&L, and Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Nu at VMI. All three were established during the Reconstruction period following the Civil War.
6. According to the *U.S. News and World Report*, W&L is the highest ranked university out of all schools with student bodies that are over 50% Greek.

Meet Shana Levine '11

By Lindsey Burke
STAFF WRITER

For Associate Athletic Director Shana Levine '11, her love of sports and Washington and Lee never died post-graduation.

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from W&L in 2011, earning a law degree at the University of Pittsburgh, and working at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for five years, Levine found herself back on campus.

"I missed being on campus and seeing the rewards of that," said Levine. "I love it here."

Levine can be found in numerous locations around campus. As the Associate Athletic Director, she oversees all athletic facilities, events and sports clubs, and handles dining for sports teams. In addition,

she teaches a spring term "Women in Sport" class, and instructs Sports Circuit and Cycling classes every week.

During her time here, Levine was a four-year letter winner and a team captain for the W&L soccer team; she then served as an assistant women's soccer coach at Carnegie Mellon University. Now, she incorporates her leadership and team experience into her group exercise classes.

"My classes bring the team sport mentality and carry it over to the gym," said Levine. "I pull a lot of exercises from past workouts that I've had to do as an athlete."

Levine eliminates monotony from her Cycling classes by replicating an outside bike riding experience. A representative

workout with continuous music is her priority.

"I blend all of the songs together using software so there's not a break [between songs]," said Levine. "If you're outside climbing a hill, you don't get to stop every three minutes just because the song changes."

In Sports Circuit, she combines cardio and high repetition/low weight lifting, while also using music as a tool to keep her students engaged. Because these classes are so different, Levine said she couldn't pick a favorite one.

According to Levine, her ability to interact with students and athletes was one of the main reasons she came back to W&L. Getting to know her students on a more personal level is an added incen-

tive for teaching group exercise. In the Cycling and Sports Circuit classes, she forms relationships that go far beyond the classroom.

"I really like how I get to know students in a whole different way in group exercise," she said. "It's a great way to see students with their guard down, not worrying about grades."

Students and faculty can attend Levine's Cycling classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Her Sports Circuit classes are Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. and Monday evenings at 5 p.m.



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Student Spotlights

By Mariel Pearl
STAFF WRITER



Sarah Hardman '13

Meet the star of *Arsenic and Old Lace*, playing Feb. 12-15

Why did you want to get involved with "Arsenic and Old Lace"?

I've been in plays every year here, and I knew this was my last chance. And on top of that, I knew this play in particular was going to be incredibly fun to perform.

What is your favorite aspect about theater?

I love performing—I love the feeling of acting on stage in front of an audience. And the people involved in theater here truly make one of the most entertaining groups I've met!

What is the best part of rehearsals?

Forming my character—one of the sweetest old ladies you'll ever meet, with an affinity for poisoning lonely old men. Oops.

Do you think there is a misconception about the arts at W&L?

It's not so much a misconception, but people just may not step in Lenfest even once after their first-year O-week. But the truth is, there are so many amazing performances, recitals, and concerts to see year round.

Favorite W&L tradition and why?

The honor system. I lost my wallet the other day and it was returned to the information desk with everything still in it. I'll definitely miss being a part of this system of trust when I graduate.

What is your favorite class this semester?

Modern Political Philosophy with Professor Velasquez.

Favorite and least favorite aspect of student life at W&L?

I like the number of times Wagon Wheel is played and dislike the number of times when studying past

the Co-op's closing hour is necessary.

What are you doing over Feb break?

Heading to NYC with the theater department to catch a couple Broadway shows.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

Spend some time traveling or trying something completely new. I may need another year before entering "the real world."

If you could make up your own Spring Term class, what would it be?

A course on nature and literature, complete with reading Thoreau and hiking part of the Appalachian.

George or Bob?
Gotta go with George, sorry Bob.

Why did you get involved with the Nabors Service League (NSL)?

For four years all students call Lexington our home, yet, unless we are proactively seeking to learn about the agencies that help residents, we may as well be estranged visitors. I got involved with NSL to learn about Lexington and the surrounding area through service, and to help other W&L students become excited about serving their home.

What is your favorite aspect of volunteering in Lexington?

The people. Volunteering is one form of networking. Some of the service rendered may not be very glamorous, but people notice and appreciate it. I have met tens of community leaders and genuinely kind-hearted people who I am lucky to call friends through serving with them.

What has been the highlight of your winter term so far?

Organic chemistry. (Not really.)

Best part about winter in Virginia?

Sunrise after a snowfall on the Colonnade. Magical.

Favorite class this semester?

Dean Straughan's Marketing Management (BUS-211). It's a business class yet is quintessentially a liberal arts course because of its seminar style. A very tangible subject with lots of real-world application for all types of organizations whether they are corporate, governmental, or nonprofit.

What are you doing over Feb break?

I will be serving at a free clinic in my hometown.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

Investment banking.

If you could make up your own Spring Term class, what would it be?

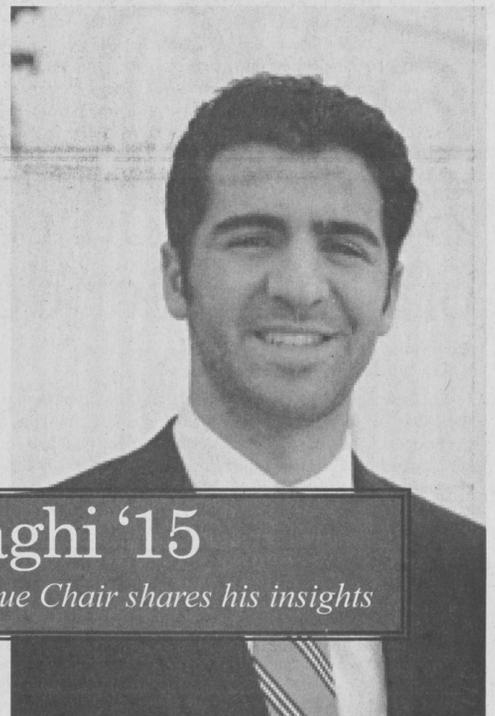
Microfinance in Fiji.

George or Bob?

He's on the currency for a reason: George.

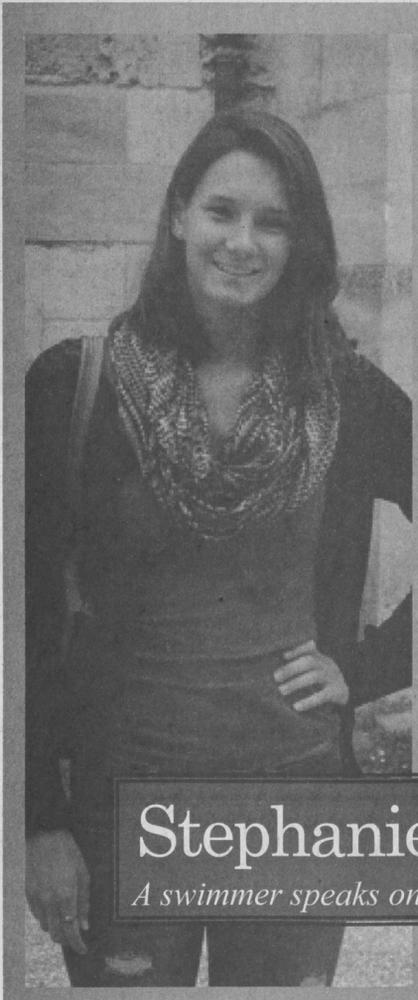
The best W&L tradition and why?

Strong alumni ties. It is incredibly easy to talk to any alum face-to-face or on the phone. Graduates are always happy to help current students and given the diversity of professionals, it's not difficult to find someone who has made it in your dream career.



Bayan Misaghi '15

This Nabors Service League Chair shares his insights



Stephanie Foster '16

A swimmer speaks on the ODACS, D-hall and more

What made you want to swim for W&L?

I was looking for a school with great academics and a swim team where I would make an impact. I started talking to our assistant coach John, and he was always very enthusiastic. Once I came to campus on a recruiting trip, I knew that I would like it here.

Everyone was friendly, and the campus was absolutely beautiful. Plus, the coaching staff seemed great. I'm a backstroker, so I was really excited about training with Coach Kami; she swam backstroke at Kenyon, a school with a premier D3 swimming program.

What is your favorite and least favorite aspect of ODAC training?

My favorite part of training for swimming is the close bonds that I've formed with my team-

and that brings us together. My teammates are the people I feel most comfortable around. I love them all.

As for my least favorite part, that's easy too. The morning practices kill me. Any day that starts with a five on the clock is bound to be a little rough.

What has been the best part of freshman year?

That's a hard question. I guess I would have to say living in the dorms (but D-hall dessert is up there too). I'm an only child, so it's great to be constantly surrounded by so many people. I love being able to walk down the hall and talk to my best friends in person 24/7.

Do you think there is a misconception about sports at W&L?

I think that some people might not understand the level of commitment required to play a D3 sport. We take swimming very seriously. That's not to say that it is all work and no play, but they shouldn't write off our sports teams because

they're not D1.

Anything you would like to tell the student body about Women's Swimming that we might not know?

We're awesome. Everyone brings something unique to the team, so as a group, we have a great personality. If you don't know us, you should.

Favorite class this semester?

My favorite class is definitely Contemporary Moral Problems. It's a philosophy class where we discuss the main political and moral issues currently faced by society. So far, we have talked about Hate Speech and Pornography, but other topics will [include] abortion [and] terrorism. It really gets you thinking about what your personal opinion is with regards to the issues and to what extent the government should be involved.

Favorite W&L tradition?

I think it's great that everyone dresses up to go to Lee Chapel. I remember during O-Week noticing how polished and put to-

gether everyone looked. It was really refreshing.

Don't get me wrong I love my sweatpants and leggings just as much as everyone else, probably more, but maybe our generation is becoming a little too apathetic about dressing up.

If you could make up your own spring term course, what would it be?

There are so many spring term classes that it's difficult to think of something else. But, I'm really interested in language and culture, so I guess my ideal spring term class would be a brief overview of the languages and cultures of different countries all over the world.

Obviously, I'd love to hold class in each of the countries we discussed (anyone up for a global road trip?), but that might be a little too much to ask for. I think it's important for us to widen our horizons and be more culturally aware. Technology is making it much easier for diverse peoples to communicate. We all should make an effort to be better global citizens.

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Spring Term PE offers unique experiences

By Hendley Badcock
STAFF WRITER

The coveted Spring Term brings more than just a warm weather, interesting academics, and frequent festivities. It also offers some unique opportunities to spend your four weeks challenging your comfort zone and learning new skills, all while earning a P.E. credit. Whether you're SCUBA diving in Lake Rawlings or mountain biking on Carvin's Cove, you will enjoy your time taking a Spring Term P.E.

Through SCUBA, students will learn the procedures of open-water diving and earn lifetime certification through NAUI. James Dick, Director of Student Programming and Outing Club, leads the course with instructors Pam and Matt Landrum of Roanoke Island Outfitters and Dive Center. Students will spend the first week of the course on campus, in the classroom and the pool. The course concludes the next weekend with a camping trip and open water dives in Lake Rawlings, Va.

Dick, who has been certified for about

10 years now, understands that diving for the first time can be a little nerve-wracking. But helping people get out of their comfort zones to experience something adventurous is truly remarkable, he said.

"One of my favorite experiences while diving is to look at the beginner student's eyes underwater while they are doing it for the first time," Dick said. "Their eyes are usually really big, and they break into a big smile and look so happy and thrilled."

Students can seek other adventures while trekking the mountains surrounding Lexington and Roanoke. Washington and Lee's Head Soccer Coach Rolf Piranian has been offering a mountain biking course every Spring Term for 25 years. With a bike as the only requisite, beginners and up are encouraged to join. Every Monday, the class will venture out for an afternoon of prime biking.

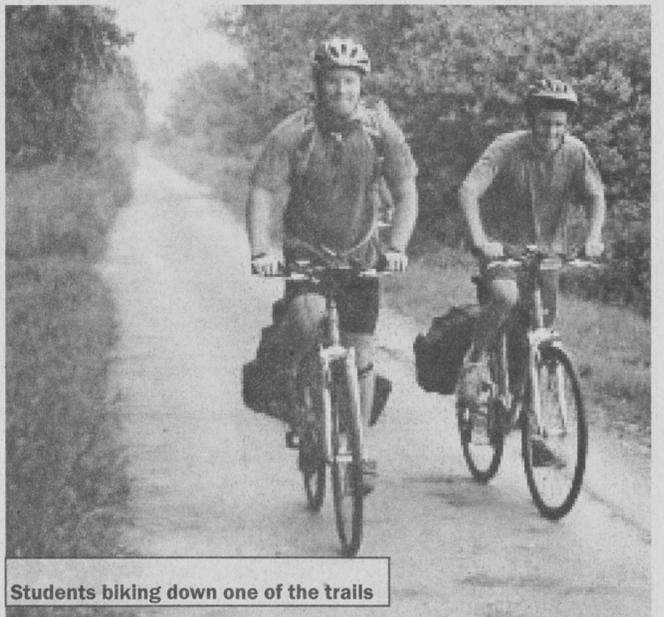
"Prepare to break a sweat and prepare to be physically challenged" Piranian said. The course progresses in difficulty,

with the longest rides range from one to two hours.

Within Carvin's Cove in Roanoke are some of Piranian's and the students' favorite trails. From Enchanted Forest to Songbird, these trails offer some really enjoyable rides.

As one of the most popular P.E.'s, Mountain Biking also attracts people of the community. Furthermore, Piranian noted that seniors who take the class regret not taking it sooner. And students who do have the opportunity to take it early on in their college career often register for it again.

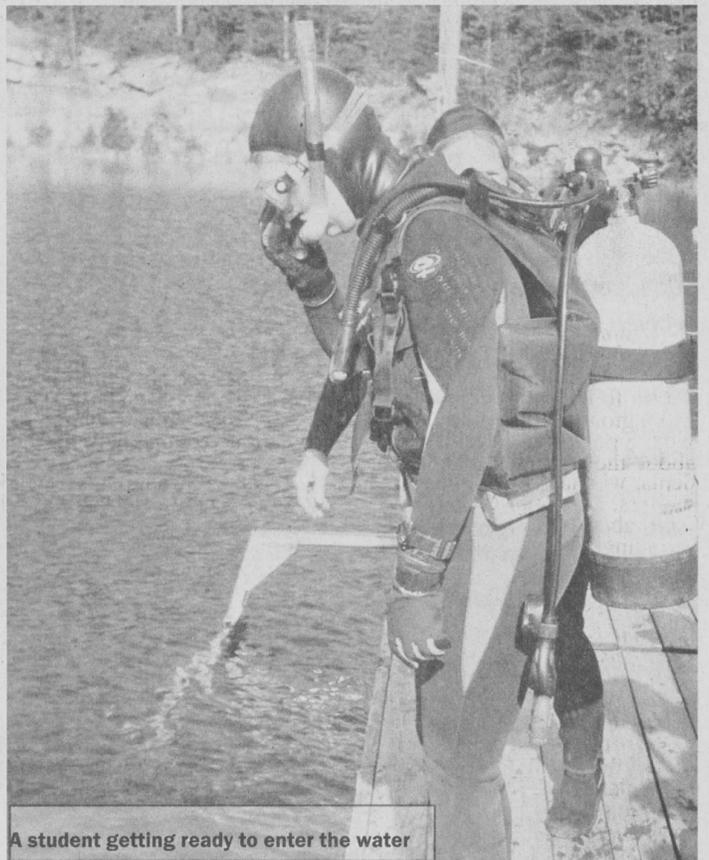
So don't be the one to regret never getting SCUBA certified or mountain biking while you had the chance to during school. Take full advantage of Spring Term and register for one of the many interesting and popular P.E. courses offered.



Students biking down one of the trails



Students after their dive



A student getting ready to enter the water

KYLE JAEGER

Last weekend the national spotlight shone brightest on two College Basketball powerhouses, Michigan and Indiana. In a matchup between two top five teams (Indiana ranked #3 and Michigan #1), the teams' stars duked it out for supremacy and attention on the highest stage. Michigan's Trey Burke and Indiana's Cody Zeller have both made their cases for the Wooden Award, which goes to the best player of the year. However, the player who most deserves the award this season plays in a conference far away from conferences like the Big Ten and the Big East. That player is Doug McDermott, who is quietly leading #21 Creighton to a 20-3 record and to the top of the Missouri Valley Conference.

McDermott's situation at Creighton is very unique, as Doug McDermott is actually coached by his father, Greg McDermott, who has been head coach of the BlueJays for the past three years. Because of this Doug McDermott is especially obliged to play unselfish, team basketball. This is well reflected in the BlueJays' team statistics. Creighton is leading the nation in field goal percentage at 52%, and seventh in the nation in points per game, with 79.0. This is indicative of the unselfish brand of basketball the team has bought into.

Creighton's team success has been impressive, and has led to more media attention, but Doug McDermott's personal success is truly what puts him head and shoulders above the rest of the field. Doug McDermott is averaging 24 points and 7.3 rebounds in only 31.1 minutes per game. McDermott is the nation's second leading scoring, and first in points per 40 minutes. McDermott does this all as an undersized forward. He has been considered a "tweener" without a

real position. He plays too much like a big man to be considered a small forward, and at 6-8, he is slightly undersized for the power forward position. This just demonstrates how much harder McDermott works than everyone else, a sentiment that has been echoed by his teammates.

McDermott hustles hard every game, and for that reason he draws a lot of comparisons to former Wooden Award winner, Tyler Hansborough.

With Creighton poised to finish out the season strong, McDermott should have a great post season, boosting his stock during March Madness as the general public will be able to see his unique and potent skill set on National Television. Jimmer Fredette proved in 2011 that the Wooden Award does not always go to the best player in the strongest conference. McDermott, based on his skill set, statistical greatness, and team success will again show this to be the case in 2013.

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This season of college basketball has been anything but predictable. It seems like the number one seed is different every week, and upsets are often you can't keep track.

The same can be said for the outlook of the player of the year. At the start of the season Indiana's Cody Zeller was leading the pack, and at times Duke's Mason Plumlee seems like a shoe-in. Both players are still in contention for the POY award come seasons end, but frontrunners including Michigan's Trey Burke and Creighton's Doug McDermott

(pending the result of the Indiana game) with a commanding court presence. Michigan's only loss came with Burke's worst game of the season. He is a leader through his dominating play and his confidence in the team.

Burke's biggest downfall is his lack of spectacular numbers. He doesn't lead the nation in points, field-goal percentage or rebounds; his stat closest to commanding is assists in which he stands at seventh in the nation. While his name may not top any charts, his game is the all around most solid. He puts up consistent numbers each game. He averages 17.9 points and 7.1 assists per game. His game play reflects an unselfish player who uses his strengths to win the game, whether that means taking the shot or finding the man with the open shot.

Burke's response to Michigan's loss to Ohio State has shown his resiliency and determination to lead his team. A great team that continues to show Burke's skills surrounds him. The fact that he is currently on the number one team in the nation will only help to bring more exposure to his great play this year. If he keeps up his level of play the remaining two months of the season I think we'll see Michigan continue to dominate. And if we see Michigan do well the remainder of the season, which includes two game against Indiana and Michigan State and a rematch against Ohio State, I think we can consider Burke a top contender for the POY award.

It seems that a new player has been in the NCAA Men's Basketball spotlight each week. Which one deserves to be player of the year?

Kyle and Hailey give you their picks

are building their cases for the award with each game.

Michigan's Trey Burke is easily the best point guard in the nation, and is arguably the best player in the nation. He is currently leading the number one team in the nation,

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in the numbers

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The run that the Boston Celtics have gone on since losing Rajon Rondo to a torn ACL earlier in the season. Four-time All-Star was averaging 13.7 points per game before the season-ending injury.

228

The total number of games in a row lost by the California Institute of Technology baseball team before they defeated Pacifica in the second game of their double-header on Saturday. The team had not won a game since Feb. 15, 2003.

9:38.68

The new high school indoor 2-mile record. 16-year-old Mary Cain set the record on Saturday at the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix. She topped the old record, set by Melody Fairchild in 1991, by over 17 seconds.

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"I couldn't be more optimistic about it because the game of football has always evolved... we've made changes to our game, to make it safer, to make it more exciting, to make it a better game for the players, for the fans, and we have done that in a very calculated fashion."

—NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell after being asked if he would want his child to play football in an interview with CBS's "Face the Nation" a few hours before the Super Bowl on Sunday, from ESPN.com

"We certainly want him back, but like with any player, there's a limit to where we're going to go. He's been a terrific player for us, he's a fan favorite, he does a lot for our franchise, but there is a limit."

—New York Giants co-owner John Mara about Victor Cruz when talking about contracts with reporter on Saturday. Mara said that Hakeem Nicks' contract is a higher priority, from ESPN.com

Athlete of the Week



Senior Rachel Warrick lead the women's basketball team with a combined 32 points this week against Virginia Wesleyan and Bridgewater. She also tallied nine rebounds and five assists.

Gennies upset VaWes

By Bailey Russell
STAFF WRITER

Saturday Jan. 26, the Washington and Lee men's basketball team shot 51.9 percent from the field (27-52) to upend Virginia Wesleyan, 69-68, at the Warner Center. It was the first time the Generals beat the Marlins since December 2, 2001.

The Generals led by one with 4:19 left on the clock, before sophomore forward Patrick O'Connor nailed a three-pointer to up the lead to four, 59-55. VWC's senior point guard Tre Ford scored a pair of free throws on the ensuing possession to get back with two.

Senior forward J.D. Ey pushed the advantage to 61-57 with a layup with 3:20 remaining. A couple of free throws by Chris Teasley of the Marlins made it a two-point game with just under three minutes left to play.

After an offensive rebound by first-year forward Andrew Franz, O'Connor nailed a corner three while being fouled, and connected a free throw to push the lead to six, 65-59, at the 2:40 mark. Senior guard Kelton Buchanan then got two free throws to give W&L an eight-point

lead (67-59) with 2:18 left in the game.

VWC scored nine of the next 11 points, led by a three and a layup by Teasley to get within one, 69-68, with 25 seconds left. Then Teasley stole the ball as the Gennies attempted to break the Marlins' press with 15 seconds left. Teasley looked to have an easy layup to steal the lead, but Ey blocked the ball into the stands with 13 seconds left on the clock. On the final possession the Generals defense forced the Marlins into a long three-point attempt that missed wide left.

Franz led the Generals, coming close to a triple-double. He finished with 18 points (on 8-of-14 shooting), a career-high eight rebounds, and a career-high seven assists.

He clearly followed his motto, "You have to tolerate the set-backs," and came out on top. "The fans bring a lot of energy to the game, and we feed off of that," Franz said about the victory.

Ey led the team with 20 points and had eight rebounds, four assists, three blocks and two

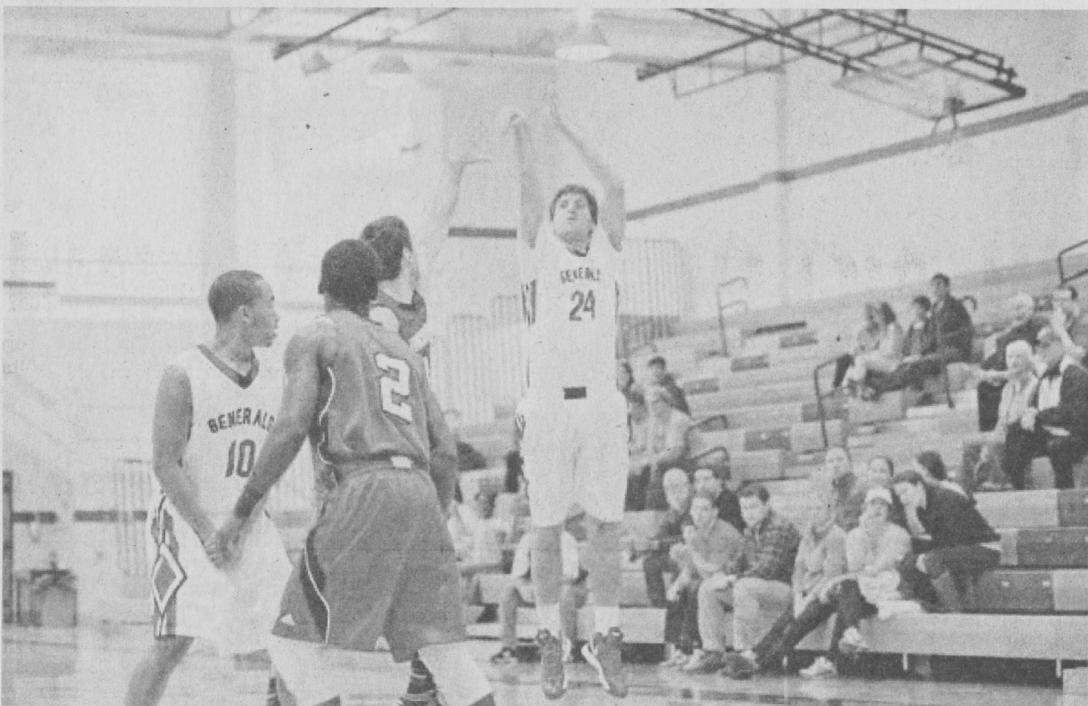
steals. O'Connor added 11 points and tied a career-high with six boards.

VWC started out with a 10-2 lead in the first four minutes of the opening half, but W&L responded with an 11-2 run over the next six minutes to take a 13-12 lead at the 9:49 mark. The two teams went back-and-forth over the final 10 minutes of the half, with the Gennies taking a 27-26 lead into the break.

Along with their 51.9 percent shooting from the floor for the contest, the Generals went 4-of-11 (36.4 percent) from the three-point line and 11-of-16 (68.8 percent) from the charity stripe.

The Marlins out-rebounded W&L, 37-31, but the Generals had 19 assists compared to eight for VWC.

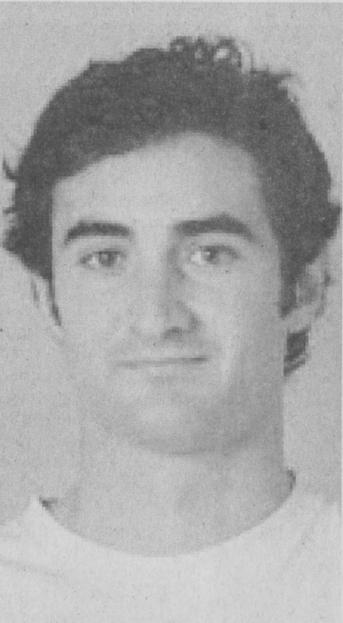
The victory ended a 23-game losing streak to the Marlins, and was the first home win over Virginia Wesleyan for the Generals since January 2, 2000. It also ended VWC's six-game winning streak dating back to January 5.



First-year Andrew Franz takes a shot
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

From the pros to Div. III

By Pat McCarron
STAFF WRITER



Coach Marc Vartabedian
Courtesy of W&L Sports Information

Last week, Washington and Lee announced the hiring of Marc Vartabedian as assistant coach for women's tennis, ushering in more than just a change in W&L's coaching staff.

Coach Vartabedian has spent much of his post-collegian years travelling from city to city, and match to match. This is the type of life demanded of professional tennis players. For two years, Coach Vartabedian played Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Pro Tour.

Now Coach Vartabedian finds himself coaching in small-town Lexington, a sharp contrast to his former on-the-go lifestyle.

"[Coaching in Lexington is] definitely a change of pace... But it's nice to settle in one location. It's the first time in two and a half years that I've been in the same spot. It's very relaxing," said Coach Vartabedian.

A change of pace it is. From 2011-2012, Coach Vartabedian traveled Europe competing in professional doubles play, visiting France, Italy, Serbia, Poland, Belgium and the Netherlands.

Coach Vartabedian's traveling continued into last summer, when he served as the National Team Coach for Tennis Europe. During the tour, he coached nationally-ranked junior players as they competed throughout Western Europe.

Coach Vartabedian began his coaching career in 2008 as an instructor with the Southern

California Tennis Academy. The organization trains nationally-ranked high school juniors and seniors.

Although a first-time collegian-level coach, Coach Vartabedian already has considerable coaching experience and knowledge from his previous positions.

"I learned how to handle different players and game types, because everyone has different strengths and weaknesses. Coaching is all about seeing what a player does well," said Coach Vartabedian.

Despite being new to W&L and perhaps unused to Lexington's small community after years on the road, Coach Vartabedian already feels at home. Recently, he has been working the men's basketball game clock.

This year, the women's tennis team will adopt a new assistant coach. Coach Vartabedian has already adopted a new lifestyle.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Baseball						vs Rochester 12 and 3 pm	
Men's Basketball			vs E&H 7pm			at Randolph 4:30 pm	
Women's Basketball		vs E&H 7 pm		at Lynchburg 7 pm		vs Hollins 2 pm	
Riding			at Bridgewater 4 pm		at Randolph/Lynchburg IHSA		Sweet Briar IHSA
Women's Swimming					ODAC Championships	ODAC Championships	ODACs
Track					Lafayette-Rider Winter Games		
Wrestling			vs Roanoke 4:30 pm			at Gettysburg 12 pm	