The Generals capped off their third-straight undefeated ODAC season by winning the ODAC championship. With their 10-4 win over Roanoke, the Generals became the first team to win five straight ODAC women’s lacrosse championships. This win now ties the Generals with Roanoke for women’s lacrosse championships won in the school’s history, both teams have nine total.

The Generals placed five members on the All-Tournament Team for their efforts in the semi-final win over Lynchburg and the championship victory against Roanoke. Junior midfielder Megan Slosson led the way totaling 10 goals in the two games and close behind was sophomore midfielder Colleen Evans contributing 6 goals and 1 assist. Senior midfielder Mallory Lobisser added 2 goals but was most noticed for a number of key draw-controls and defensive plays during both games. On defense junior Kat Michaels was recognized for only allowing 4 goals in each of the two games. Michaels additionally had 6 ground balls and 3 caused turnovers in the two contests. Goalkeeper Sarah Tilbor was also acknowledged for her stand-out goaltending culminating in her 13 save performance against Roanoke for the title.
The Generals once again have six players honored on the All-ODAC teams. Senior attacker Kelly Evans and sophomore attacker Kelsi Robinson earned first-team All-ODAC recognition for anchoring the W&L offense combining for an impressive 48 goals and 62 assists on the season. Senior midfielder Maggie Meager and junior defender Kat Michaels were awarded first-team honors for the second-straight year because of their defensive play which was ranked first in Division III for scoring defense. Earning second-team All-ODAC praise was junior midfielder Megan Slosson who scored 5 goals in each of the ODAC tournament wins with a total of 32 goals and 8 assists on the year. Joining her on the second-team is junior goaltender Sarah Tilbor who had an ODAC-best .619 save percentage.

Hathorn named ODAC Coach of the Year

For her sixth time in the last seven years, head coach Jan Hathorn was awarded the ODAC Coach of the Year honor. The 2006-2007 season marked Jan’s 19th and final year as the head coach of the Generals. During her 19 year tenure, Hathorn impressively earned the ODAC Coach of the Year recognition nine times. Jan has guided the Generals to three NCAA quarter-finals, five NCAA regional finals, and an impressive nine ODAC championships. Jan completes her prosperous coaching career with a overall record of 222-93 (.705). Though no longer the head coach, Hathorn will not be far away as she is set to take over as Washington and Lee’s seventh athletic director this July.
Senior attacker Kelly Evans and senior midfielder Maggie Megear have been nominated for the rosters of the 2007 STX Farewell Lacrosse Festival Division III North-South Senior All-Star game. The game will be played on Saturday June 16 in Downingtown, PA and will be followed by the All-American banquet that evening. Evans and Megear, both first-team All-ODAC and first-team All-Chesapeake Region selections, look to join a long tradition of W&L players representing the South at the senior game.

Virginia Beach native Kat Michaels was named to the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III All-America Third-Team this past week. Michaels, a two-time first team All-ODAC and first-team All-Region selection, led the General’s defense which ranked first in Division III averaging just 4.86 goals against per game. On a national scale, Kat was ranked 22nd in caused turnovers for all of Division III, averaging 2.39 per-game. Michaels recorded 4 ground balls and 5 caused turnovers in the early season 11-9 loss to National Champion F&M. Also, her 6 ground balls and 7 caused turnovers helped propel the Generals to a 14-4 win over The College of Wooster in the first round of NCAA competition. She was a force on defense all year and made numerous key plays in every game this season.
A Coach’s Departure...

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday evening, May 25th, the 2007 women’s lacrosse team celebrated the end of its fabulous season... and the beginning of a new era for women’s lacrosse at W&L... and what a great time we had! The hallmark of this program has always been the unity of each team, and the exceptional nature of each of its members, and this team was no exception. It should comfort you to know that the future of this program is as strong and as bright as it has ever been!

What a pleasure and a privilege it has been to be the head coach of this program. I can’t explain why I have been so fortunate to know such exemplary people but I am as thankful as a person can be. After 20 years, my level of gratitude for being given the opportunity and privilege to coach each team has only grown deeper and more sincere. You can never know what a joy it has been.

Please know that all of you have impacted my life in such a way that I am a better person for knowing you. Who you are, and what you mean to me, will be part of my heart for a long, long time. Thank you for all you have given to me, to women’s lacrosse, and to W&L.

With great fondness and respect,

Jan

Senior Class

The Generals say goodbye to six amazing senior athletes. During their four-year career they recorded an exceptional over-all record of 61-16 (.792). They won four ODAC titles and made four NCAA tournament appearances. As freshmen and sophomores they beat the current National Champions F&M during the regular season. As sophomores they had an NCAA Regional victory over Amherst to propel them to the elite eight. As seniors they beat St. Mary’s for the first time in their careers. This season they also played the current National Champions F&M to an 11-9 narrow loss and the National runner-up Salisbury to a 10-7 nail biter. Their leadership and dedication will be greatly missed both on and off the lacrosse field as they clearly have helped set the standard for work ethic and dedication.

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