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Randolph-Macon College Places 1st in Statewide Collegiate Ethics Bowl *Students from 13 Virginia Colleges and Business Leaders debate "Ethics and Sports"*

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) is pleased to announce that **Randolph-Macon College** was victorious in the seventh annual statewide Ethics Bowl Competition on February 12 and 13 at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA. The three-student team won a close final debate over a talented group from **Washington and Lee University**. The theme of the 2006 Ethics Bowl was *Ethics & Sports*. Teams from Virginia's private colleges and universities analyzed sports-oriented, ethical case dilemmas and presented their recommendations for the best ethical solutions.

Students from 13 of the 15 VFIC colleges participated in two rounds of debates on Sunday, February 12th and another two rounds of debates on Monday, February 13th. Randolph-Macon College and Washington and Lee University were determined to be the top teams for the final round on Monday afternoon. Teams from Hollins University and Sweet Briar College were semi-finalists.

Nearly 50 business and community leaders from across Virginia critiqued team arguments on cases focusing on sports related ethical dilemmas.

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Corporate partners for the 2006 Ethics Bowl included lead sponsor Wachovia Bank, Mid-Atlantic Region, Richmond, VA, BAE Systems, Inc., Arlington, VA, GEICO Corporation, Washington, DC, Jenzabar, Harrisonburg, VA, Dominion, Richmond, VA and the Emily S. and Coleman A. Hunter Charitable Trust, Richmond, VA. **Amy Nisenson, Vice President of Community Affairs of the Mid-Atlantic region for Wachovia** stated, “The participating students are to be commended for their abilities and preparation for this year’s Ethics Bowl. Wachovia is proud to be associated with the VFIC Ethics Bowl program because we believe the future foundation of our nation will be built upon the ethical standards of these fine young people.”

Members of the winning team from Randolph-Macon College included: **Dan Bowles**, a Junior majoring in Economics, Business, Political Science and Ethics, **Jason Carmichael**, a Junior majoring in History, Political Science and German, and **Kenny Stauffer** a Junior majoring in Political Science. **David A. Brat**, Chair of the Department of Economics and Business and Associate Professor of Economics, as well as **Edward D. Showalter**, Assistant Professor of Business, served as faculty advisors for the R-MC team.

The Eighth Annual VFIC Ethics Bowl will be held on the campus of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA, in February 11-12, 2007.

The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, founded in 1952, is a nonprofit, fundraising and programmatic partnership of colleges and supporting corporations, individuals, and foundations. Participants in the 2006 Ethics Bowl represented: Bridgewater College, Emory & Henry College, Hampden-Sydney College, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Mary Baldwin College, Randolph-Macon College, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College, Roanoke College, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Washington and Lee University. Shenandoah University and Marymount University were unable to attend due to inclement weather. For additional information on the VFIC, visit www.vfic.org.

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