

Sorority houses set for fall 2000

Hill unveils new housing plans

BY POLLY DOIG

NEWS EDITOR

It took Washington and Lee University 237 years to decide that co-education was the way to go.

Thirteen years later, with females now making up 45 percent of the student body, the decision to build sorority houses has been made, and the plans unveiled. The drawings have been presented to the Lexington Planning Commission, who will take action at its next meeting on Sept. 24.

When W&L's master plan was given approval last spring, it was with the understanding that the sorority houses would be constructed simultaneously with the planned parking deck and pedestrian bridge.

However, both the parking deck and the pedestrian bridge are behind schedule, so W&L decided to go ahead with the sorority houses. W&L officials hope to have the houses open by the fall of 2000.

Designed in the style of the Colonnade, the five houses will be located on the backside of campus, to the west of Woods Creek. There is space for an

additional house, should the need arise.

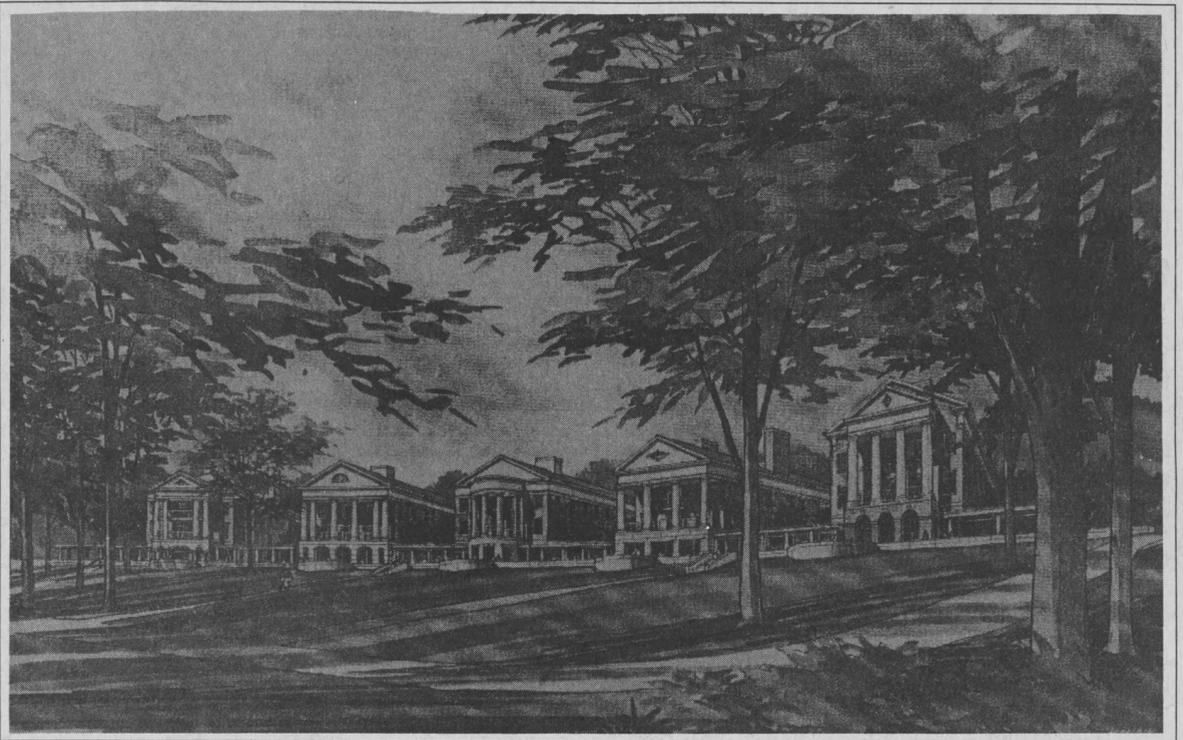
Each house has space for 20 girls, therefore increasing overall university housing by 100 beds. According to Dean of Students David Howison, this will expand the campus housing available to upperclassmen, as most sororities mandate that their officers live in the houses.

"Though we've been fortunate in that everyone who wanted housing has gotten it, this will certainly increase accessibility," Howison said.

Reaction from the sorority community to the house plans is extremely positive.

"I'm just very, very excited. I think its going to be a great opportunity for members of our sorority. It's a going to be a great place for girls to meet and gather, and I think it will be a very beautiful addition to university housing," Pi Beta Phi sophomore Allison Harvey said.

"We're just really excited about it because it's going to mean a whole new level of sorority involvement. The houses are absolutely beautiful; they're uniform, yet still different enough to keep separate identities. I'm so jealous that I'm not going to be here to enjoy them," Kappa Alpha Theta president Mandy Stallard said.



BEARING A DISTINCT RESEMBLANCE TO the University's main colonnade, the five sorority houses pictured here will be completed by August of 2000. PICTURE PROVIDED BY PAYETTE ASSOCIATES

Lex police create new task force

BY ESZTER PADOS

STAFF WRITER

Increased incidents of violent beatings, thefts, robberies and VMI riots are serving as signs of the times for the Lexington Police Department.

Lexington residents and students alike are losing the luxury of leaving their doors unlocked and taking midnight strolls around town.

The LPD is responding with a professionally trained special response team to deal with unexpected emergency situations within the city limits.

The infamous VMI "mini-riot" last fall, which deteriorated into extreme destruction of property and vandalism, prompted the idea for the special unit. VMI Post Police and LPD recognized their limited authority and lack of readiness for such extreme cases. The team, which will consist of eight trained professionals, will cooperate with the drug task force to handle crisis situations in Lexington.

Lexington has long enjoyed the luxury of safety within its borders, and the majority of students and locals don't realize the rising nationwide trend toward violence and crime. Lt. Steve Crowder, special team commander, recognizes that the presence of a group resembling a military unit is unusual in a small town like Lexington. Yet he points

to increasing small town violence and crime across the country, which contradict the "nothing will ever happen here" attitude common to the area.

Although the unit is geared toward the rare emergencies and dangerous situations in Lexington, the community as a whole, including students, will benefit from the team's expertise. Students themselves are often the victims of violence. Campus-wide practices such as university cards and honor codes do not insulate students from victimization. There are more than 7,000 residents of Lexington who are not bound by an Honor Code. According to Sgt. Torben H. Pedersen of the LPD, last year Washington and Lee students were the victims of "two random beatings, as well as various break-ins and thefts by outsiders."

Mike Young, Director of Washington and Lee Security, added that the special unit "wouldn't necessarily involve students. They will primarily deal with drugs, people who are armed, lost children and other such cases."

Despite the fact the Lexington has not experienced the same magnitude of problems common in other towns, Commander Crowder believes that the unit's response time and qualifications will guarantee efficient, fast and up-to-date safety measures.

Fiji chapter at MIT charged with alcohol-related death of pledge

State brings manslaughter charges against organization rather than its members

BY HOLLISTER HOVEY

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

With manslaughter and hazing charges handed down Thursday, Phi Gamma Delta became the first national fraternity ever charged with homicide.

No individuals were charged in last year's drinking death of Massachusetts Institute of Technology freshman and Fiji pledge, Scott Krueger, so the organization will most likely face a fine.

According to *The Boston Globe*, Krueger drank beer and Jack Daniels whiskey until he became nauseated. Two brothers brought

him to his room, put him on his stomach, gave him a trash can and left. Ten minutes later, he was unconscious and covered in vomit.

After emergency medical technicians came, Krueger was blue in the face and had a blood-alcohol level of .401. He died 40 hours later.

MIT took action after the death by kicking the Fiji chapter off campus and attempting to curb on-campus drinking.

"The student body has had to deal with radical changes imposed by the university as a result of the incident, including new rules that impose campus police officers at dormitory and Greek parties as well as changes in the resident selection process," MIT junior Murthy Mathiprakasam said. Freshmen will be required to live on-campus by 2001. Currently, they are required to decide their Greek affiliation and/or living plans the first week

of school. The university has also made efforts to increase alcohol awareness.

But like with Washington and Lee's BYOB policy, MIT students have found loopholes in the system. "Let's be honest, if a student wants to drink, he or she can almost always find someone willing to buy them alcohol," MIT senior Mike Parkins said. "So now instead of drinking at parties, there are more people drinking before the parties and just showing up drunk."

Many students and Krueger's parents are not satisfied with the charges and the university sanctions. According to the Kruegers' lawyer, they are considering lawsuits against the university, the fraternity, and individual fraternity members.

"There have been many allegations from those who do not

know the facts of the situation that the brothers in the house in effect murdered Scott Krueger," Parkins said. "I know a lot of the guys from Fiji and I know Scott, and I firmly believe that no one forced him to drink that night. Fiji is guilty of providing an atmosphere where drinking was encouraged, of not telling Scott he had had enough and I would go so far as to say they are guilty of letting him die."

"But I cannot stomach the accusations I have heard that they killed him. They are not evil men. While it most likely should have, the result of that night probably never entered their mind as a possibility," Parkins added.

"They liked Scott, or else they would not have pledged him. He was their friend, and they will have to live with his death and their inaction for the rest of their lives."

Senior encounters Amityville horror

BY HOLLISTER HOVEY

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Beta Theta Pi senior Brian Elliott passed Amityville on North Randolph Street early Thursday morning when a stranger came out of nowhere and punched him in the eye.

According to Lexington Police Officer Mike Hess, Francis Johnson, 19, of Lexington, was having an argument with another party and walked away angry. He needed to hit someone, and

Elliott happened to be there. Amityville resident, Maggie Maher, who was walking in front of Elliott, heard the blow and called the paramedics.

Elliott's cut warranted six stitches.

"I don't know why it happened. I was wearing neutral gang colors," said Elliott. "Thank God for my good friend Denny Collins and the girls at Amityville for helping me."

A neighbor identified Johnson, and police arrested him at his home later

that morning on a charge of malicious wounding.

Johnson's bond hearing is scheduled for today.

This is not the first incident involving Amityville.

Besides the attack, Amityville residents have seen some strange incidents with some people in the neighborhood.

"One night a man came to our door and asked for \$5," junior Childs Cantey said.

This was not their only encounter with an odd solicitor.

"Another time a little girl came to the door and said, 'Mam, do you got any stamps?'" junior Lane Cates said. "When I said, 'no,' she just stood there for awhile and then went home. She didn't go to any other houses."

Townies also loiter on the Amityville wall and others like to use their backyard as a shortcut to Stop-In on beer-runs.

Stay off the brown grass!

BY POLLY DOIG

NEWS EDITOR

It's tradition: lazy, late summer days topped off with Frisbee games or quiet study beneath a tree with the scenic backdrop of the Colonnade.

Forget about it. The Front Lawn is currently suffering from a bad case of thirst and feeling the side effects of Fall Convocation-related trampling. This, combined with a hot, dry summer and the breakdown of the irrigation system in July, has resulted in the closing of the Front Lawn to all through traffic. Pedestrians are asked to stay off the grass for the duration of Fall Term.

"This unfortunate combination of bad circumstances has caused us to take immediate action to preserve and protect our historic Front Lawn," said Scott Beebe, director of the physical plant at Washington and Lee University. "We have put a system in place that we are confident will result in a deep, lush, bluegrass carpet come spring."

The physical plant will use a combination of irrigation, reseeding, herbicides and fertilizer in order to rejuvenate the lawn, and in addition, will attend a special meeting on turf management at Virginia Tech.

"We understand the inconvenience and unhappiness that these steps will create," Beebe said. "But after we have this program in place and the lawn has had time to heal and to grow we don't foresee having to limit access to the Front Lawn."



LAST WEDNESDAY AMITYVILLE (pictured here) was the scene of the unprovoked and cowardly attack against Beta senior Ryan Elliott. PHOTO BY CHRISTIE PHILLIPS/PHOTO EDITOR

Fiji misses cook

BY MICHAEL CRITENDON

PHOTO EDITOR

When the brothers of Phi Gamma Delta returned to Lexington this fall, they were saddened by news of the death of their cook, Gary L. West.

West died Aug. 7 of complications stemming from surgery to repair a collapsed lung caused by lung cancer. Upon learning of West's death, brothers expressed deep regret at the loss of such a beloved member of the Fiji family.

Gary West was a member of a band called the Rarely Herd, a crowd favorite around Lexington in the past few years. West was also an avid collector of Native American artifacts, specifically arrowheads.

Before working at the Fiji house Gary was the cook at the Kappa Alpha house for two years. Following

the closing of the KA house last March, West filled the open position at the Fiji house. Upon starting as new cook, West quickly became a beloved member of the house, not simply as a cook, but as a friend to many of the brothers.

"He was a great guy and really cool to hang out with after hours at the house," said Fiji junior Rich Isolde.

"Even though he was he was one of the employees, it was almost like he was one of us," Fiji junior Greg Nouza said. "You could go and talk to him anytime and hang out. He was a lot of fun."

In response to West's death, the Fiji brothers donated \$500 to his family to help with the cost of his burial. For those whom West fed and befriended, he will be well remembered and missed.

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1749 1999 250 years change W&L community

Once upon a time, about 250 years ago, a few guys gathered in Augusta County to take classes at a small school, with nary a white column in sight. The school changed its name a few times, and eventually its location, to a town called Lexington. It was on the verge of financial ruin when a President of some newly United States put a check in the mail (so that they could get themselves a Colonnade, and thus, have a place to streak). Even though what became known as Mock Con wasn't yet around to predict his ascendance, they nevertheless, in his honor, put a "Dubuyh" in their name and took a week off to celebrate his birthday.

Some years later, a defeated general rode into town on a gray horse, built a church and a house, and, sensing the future need for more mass quantities of lawyers, added a law school. Used to giving orders, the general dictated that students would greet each other, as well as refrain from things such as lying, cheating and stealing. Grateful, they added to the "Dubuyh" a "nell," and interred him in his church. They made the horse stay outside.

Following a Greek invasion, Dubuyhnell decided to banish them to places like Red Square and Davidson Park, so that they could conduct their odd chugging rituals at somewhat of a distance. Later, sensing the need for a little play with their work, students decided that a modest soiree would be good. They called it "Fancy Dress," and it stuck around.

Dubuyhnell never was a place to change with the times; it usually lagged at least a few decades behind. Certain that things like minorities and coeducation would never last, it waited a good century or so to be sure that they weren't simply passing fads (like those freshmen beanies). Even the automobile never really caught on until the addition of the tailgate.

So, on this, the 250th anniversary of our Dubuyhnell, we can all smile fondly at our fine traditions, and rest safe in the knowledge that after another 250, they'll still be wearin' those damn khakis.

Honor should extend to social life

After two weeks at Washington and Lee, it is clear to me that honor and civility are very sacred to both the student body and the administration. For the most part, the entire W&L community does a fine job of upholding these sacred traditions. Some extremely shaky areas in the university's behavior, however, do not reflect honor as they should.

Honor seems to disappear, or at least fade into the background, upon entering W&L's rather aggressive party scene. True, I have yet to see any overt lying, cheating or stealing; but is that all that counts?

Webster's Dictionary defines honor as "high regard or respect; personal reputation; integrity." What then can be said for those who drink illegally and solicit sex knowing it will be easier because the other person is intoxicated? Is this just "partying hard" or should the university take a hard look at what the word "honor" pertains to?

During the Executive Committee's honor system orientation, Elizabeth Formadoni said honor was in no way exclusive to lying, cheating or stealing. Last time I checked, the honor system did not include a disclaimer for parties.

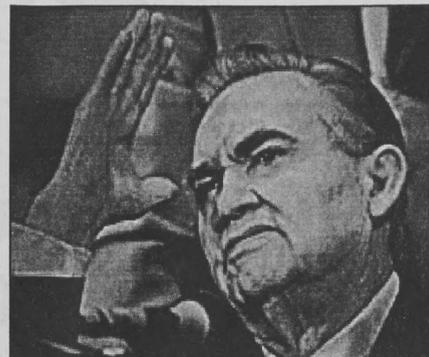
The students are not the only ones at fault for the

duplicity of the honor system. During the freshmen meeting with the IFC, an administrator blatantly told students that, though he preferred that they do not drink underage, they should exercise discretion and good judgment if they choose to drink. It seemed as if he were giving up on telling the students not to drink altogether. Is this the message a knowledgeable administrator should be sending to youthful college students?

With binge drinking incidents on this campus and others acting as catalysts, the university should take an emphatic stance and implore students to refrain from such activities. To steal a candy bar at the Co-op is a serious honor violation. To be arrested for intoxication or sexual assault is not? Is knowingly breaking the law not dishonorable? The university loathes changing tradition, even if that tradition is a bad one.

What I leave the reader to ponder is this: Is the general debauchery that pervades campus social life dishonorable? One only has to go to any fraternity party to see the answer. Until both students and administrators decide to amend the situation, we are left with the uncertainty of whether or not our honor system is as extensive as we thought.

Φ Poison Pen
Mike Agnello '02



Wallace's death sparks interest in race relations

This week, another story besides the late unpleasantness in our nation's capital has been recognized by the media: the death of former Alabama governor and notorious segregationist, George Wallace.

Hearing about Wallace's death got me thinking about the current state of race in the national mindset. How far have we as a nation come towards true tolerance of cultural and ethnic diversity?

Needless to say, the 1990s are a much more enlightened time than the 1950s. We no longer condone legal segregation, and a scene such as then-Governor Wallace standing in the door of the University of Alabama blocking the admission of African-American students simply would not happen today.

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Blows Against the Empire

—Tara McCook '02

But while racism in the eyes of the law has long since been eliminated, has it really been deleted from the mentality of the general public?

Cornel West wrote in 1993, in his book *Race Matter*, of a time in Manhattan when he was refused rides repeatedly by cab drivers when attempting to catch a taxi. One of the cabbies even stopped to pick up a white woman standing next to him, but denied him.

Incidents such as this, when even an educated, obviously upper-class black man is denied a cab in favor of a white woman, make me wonder if racism is really all that removed from American society.

In school, we are taught that segregation by race is wrong, and that our society does not condone racism in any way, shape, or form. But in this day and age, I have to wonder about the accuracy of that statement.

Are we really a society that accepts people for who they are, or do we have more ground to cover before we truly become tolerant of others? In my opinion, we have miles to go before we can soundly sleep on this issue.

Sophomores in uproar over housing

Everyone is talking about it - at least, everyone in the sophomore class is talking about it. No, unfortunately I am not referring to the upcoming Responsibility Symposium, but to the housing situation for next year's junior class. Housing paranoia has invaded the Class of 2001, and my fellow sophomores are literally rushing out in throngs to grab up all the available houses and apartments in the Lexington area.

Now, if there is a specific house that you have a burning desire to live in, it makes perfect sense to want to be first in line for the lease signing.

Perhaps there is a particular place that generations of your family's W&L graduates have called home. Or maybe there is an apartment that is so fabulous that no other apartment could possibly compare (even those in the same complex with the same architectural design).

If this is the case, then I say go for it, and fast. Many people are so afraid of being homeless for the duration of their junior year at W&L, however, that they are rushing out and signing leases for whatever places are immediately available. Maybe this is the appropriate time to interject the old adage "Fools rush in." A lot of things can and will change before next year, and what may seem like the right action now could turn into regret next September.

Deciding where to live next year is an important decision that requires more thought than "This one's available. Let's snatch it up before someone else does!"

It takes time to find the right place and to ask all of those necessary questions. Some houses and apartments will not even be available until the first part of next year, so binding yourself into a contract now may mean missed opportunities in the future.

Sometimes you might find out more information about what it's actually like to live somewhere from the current residents rather than from the landlord. Unfortunately, most juniors have only been living in their present homes for about one month and cannot pass judgment on their living conditions in such a short amount of time. They may not be able to tell you about those annoying leaky faucets or the bad insulation because they don't know about them yet.

Φ A Few Loose Marbles
Ginger Phillips '01

Due to the influx of sophomore house hunters, many juniors are being forced by their landlords either to resign leases now or to start making other housing arrangements for next year.

Most other upperclassmen are amazed at the insanity that is gripping our class. They never understood why we camped out in droves for classes last year, and they do not understand why we are so concerned about our living arrangements now. Most of them didn't make housing decisions until at least halfway through their sophomore year, and unless I'm mistaken, the local shelter is not filled with members of the junior class.

As many sophomores are now discovering, friendships also change over time. A once ideal roommate situation currently might be forcing you into hibernation in Leyburn Library or camping among the Ruins.

Many sophomores chose to share their new abodes with different people than they lived with last year as freshmen. It only makes sense, therefore, that roommate preferences might also alter in the lengthy amount of time between now and the beginning of our junior year.

Dorm counselors and RAs are not chosen until December, which poses a problem for sophomore applicants who fear committing to anything before they know the outcome of this competition. Study abroad plans are often not finalized until Spring Term. Situations such as these can cause future problems for people whose changing plans could interfere with their hasty housing decisions.

While my advice would normally be to calm down, wait a while, and avoid making the wrong housing arrangements, I feel that my appeal is too late. The madness has already begun, and there may be no way to stop it now.

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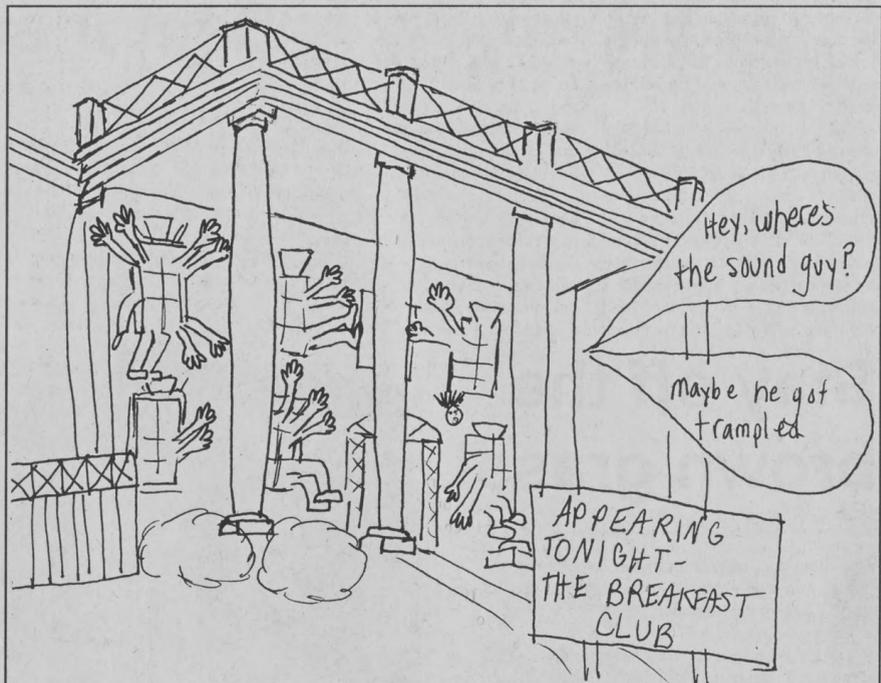
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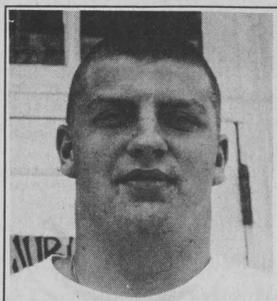
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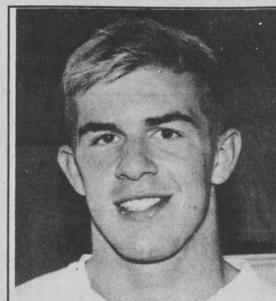
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"I'd make sure she was good looking."
—Mike Hodge '02



"I'd work her ass off to make my life easier."
—Tiffany Friedel '02



"I'd buy her a box of Cuban cigars."
—Jeff Bahl '02



"I'd buy her a gift certificate to the cleaners."
—Carling Dinkler '02

Turning your dorm into a 'home away from home'

In the dorms, freshmen decorating splits down lines of gender

By ELIANNA MARZIANI

STAFF WRITER

The inevitable has happened: The class of 2002 has arrived and settled into the luxurious freshman dorms of Washington and Lee University. For many, this is understandably a huge adjustment.

How do freshmen set up house in rooms that are probably teeny compared to their cosy bedrooms at home? Do all of the newest future W&L alumni handle their new, cramped situations in the same way? Of course not. In fact, there are very clear style divisions, and they run along gender lines.

Freshmen women seem to employ three main devices in their room-expanding endeavors: minis, space savers, and room makers. All of these are available at stores like Wal-Mart® or K-Mart®, and are relatively inexpensive for the services they provide.

Minis are compact versions of usually-larger items. Examples include mini irons and ironing boards, blow dryers, alarm clocks, fans, refrigerators and almost anything else imaginable. The idea behind minis is this: the smaller the toys, the more toys one can have.

In their room-filling philosophy, W&L women seem to advocate that *more*, rather than *bigger*, is better.

Space savers bend the laws of physics by allowing several items to occupy nearly the same space, leaving more room open to create the illusion of roominess in a small room. Some popular, space-saving examples are plastic containers with several sections and clothes hangers that can hold multiple items.

Room makers were by far the most popular means of coping used by the freshmen women. These are devices that create room by often employing that most concise of philosophies, "Build up."

"We used wall hooks, shelves, shoe racks, and rolling drawers to create more room," freshman Megan Lott said.

"Our room is small, but I think we arranged it really well."

Some of the most common room maker methods include stacking bunk beds, putting beds on cinder blocks, installing plastic shelves and hooks on walls and putting vertical shoe racks in closets.

Some women installed shelves, put crates on the shelves, and then put books and frames on top of the crates, thereby tripling or quadrupling the amount of "stuff" that could be crammed into the room. Hanging hooks and towel racks are used to make sure that not even those three inches of space between the closet door and the clothes inside go to waste.

Room savers operate on the same principle as skyscrapers: a lot of stuff in what is really just one square foot of floorspace.

Judging by the decorating differences among W&L freshmen, one could easily believe that men are indeed from Mars and women from Venus. For all the organizing techniques being used by the interviewed women, few space-saving trends prevail among the men interviewed. Some men used CD towers, crates or cinder blocks to save space.

"My roommate and I bunked our beds, which gave us extra space to put in a couch," freshman Brandon Herd said.

The efforts generally end there, however, and precious space under beds often goes un- or under-utilized. Usually books are not neatly stacked, but rather shoved into a corner or crate that also plays host to a towel and a bag of chips. In some rooms, crumpled-up clothing, luggage and food vie for the same space in a corner. Not surprisingly, not a towel hanger in sight.

Why the organizational differences between the freshmen we interviewed? Some women speculate that men use fewer space-saving techniques because men generally bring less stuff to college than women do.

Whatever the reason, freshmen men seem to stress comfort, rather than neatness. Their belongings are found in apparently arbitrary locations around the room because that's where the men like them, not because the locations are efficient or aesthetic. Freshman women, on the other hand, seem to stress that comfort *comes* from neatness. Thus, all their items are neatly stacked and shelved in out-of-the-way places.

As different as these philosophies are, one should remember that neither is necessarily wrong. So if any gender wars are to begin this year, they won't come from dorm decorating.



FROM TIE-DYE to tiny lights, this and other collegiate residences give students the chance to express their creative, domestic or wacky sides. PHOTO BY MIKE CRITTENDEN

Off campus living: home is where the disco ball hangs

Upperclassmen flee the dorms and carve niches in Lexington

By CAROLYN PRESSLY

STAFF WRITER

Forget campus dorms and frat houses . . . the Washington and Lee University upperclassmen know all about the finer points of living away from home. From familiar childhood furniture to eclectic garage sale finds, those who live off campus are on the inside track of tasteful living and funky decoration.

Move over, Martha Stewart.

When W&L juniors Liz Gay, Noelle Gamble and Erin Eggers moved into their house at Cedar Creek, their ideas for decoration were as far from gingham and lace as one could get.

"We brought the jungle theme in from Gaines last year to decorate the living room," Gamble said.

"I painted my room 'pukey' green," Gay said amidst fits of laughter. "I guess I just wanted it to be different . . . various shades of puke!"

Eggers's room appears to be equally unique.

"I'm in a loft without a door," she explained, "so I installed an oriental screen that makes it more private. And I have a quilt that makes my room feel homey."

Eggers's friend, junior Deirdre Coyle, moved into her place on Marble Lane and also furnished her room in a way that made it feel more comfortable and familiar.

"All the furniture in my room was used by my sister

in college, so that's close to home. The wooden dresser I have now was from when I was little," she said.

To bring some extra personality to their house, she and her roommates bought old lamps and tried to make them tasteful.

"They were so hideous, so we repainted them!" Coyle said, laughing.

Senior Shane Dever is no stranger to furnishing with off-the-wall flavor, either.

"I have a signed picture of Mr. Rogers in my room, since I met him when I was little," he said. "And I still have my childhood bed that looks like a race car, but my feet hang a

foot off the end. However, since I've matured, I've given up the Speed Racer® comforter in favor of satin sheets and a disco ball that hangs from the middle of my room."

Despite these many interior design pioneers, some students, like junior Scott Moses, lack the propensity for extreme decor.

Moses prefers to furnish his room with sports and movie posters, memorabilia from home and souvenirs from the trips he has taken.

"And you've always got to have that one picture from your guy friends back home," he said, completing the list of decorative necessities.

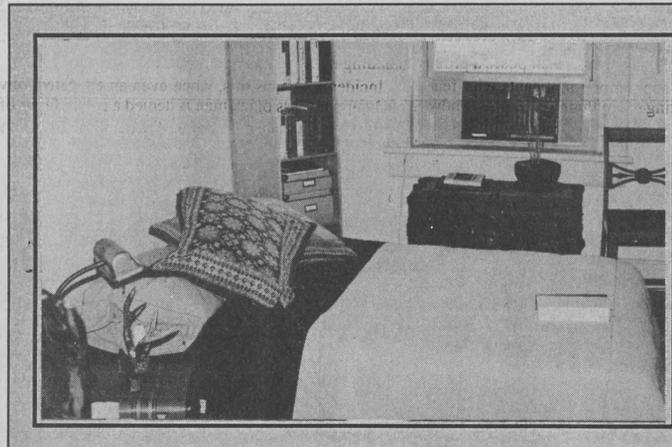
With tastes ranging from "jungle meets the Orient" to "Mr. Rogers

meets 'Boogie Nights,'" the upperclassmen are old pros at making their living quarters seem more like home.

In furnishing their rooms with decorations tailored to their own personal whims, these creative off-campus residents succeed in making their environments reflect the familiar, the funky or the fantastic.



IN THIS ROOM, colorful lanterns brighten the surroundings while expressing a unique character. PHOTO BY CHRISTIE



NOT EVERY ROOM is as neat and tidy as Collin Gleason's, but each student's abode has a personality. Students employ a wide range of decorating styles, and to each student, the style makes it a home. Check out the interesting clock on the nightstand. PHOTO BY CHRISTIE PHILLIPS/PHOTO EDITOR

You want tips? We got tips

By ERICA PROSSER

FEATURES EDITOR

Whether this is their first year away from home or their last year of college living, most students can benefit from a little advice about living and learning at Washington and Lee University. Here's a handy list of things that might make everything about the college experience that much more comfortable.

1. **Organize.** It doesn't matter what your method of organization is as long as you have one. You can sleep longer if you don't have to spend twenty minutes searching frantically for your chemistry notebook before class.

2. **Get as much sleep as you need.** If you absolutely have to pull an all-nighter, fine, but do yourself a favor and try to avoid it. You'll feel much better, and you'll have a much better chance of retaining the information you study if you aren't fighting to keep your eyes open.

3. **Keep your place relatively clean.** This doesn't mean being obsessive and spotless, of course. But a dirty place (dust, bread crumbs, empty drink containers, etc.) invites insects and other fun critters to make a home where you do.

4. **Eat well.** Try to maintain a somewhat balanced and regular diet. This can be hard on a college schedule, but it's healthier for you, and you'll have much more energy if you take care of yourself.

5. **Talk to the pros.** That's what they're there for, after all. Don't be afraid to go to your professor's office and ask questions. Be friendly and polite, and remember: these people will be writing your letters of recommendation sometime soon. It would help if they knew your name.

6. **Budget your time and money.** Both of these can run out when you least expect it, and a little planning can save you a real headache. Keep your checkbook and your calendar balanced.

7. **Winter is coming, but don't expect snow days.** In the Blizzard of 1996, three feet of snow fell on Lexington, and W&L closed for all of two days. Since then, the school has not closed for inclement weather, and the chances of a closing for anything less than another blizzard are slim. Usually, if Buildings and Grounds can get the walkways clear (and they always do), the school opens, regardless of road conditions in the area.

8. **Have fun.** This is college, not prison. Get the work done, but play a lot, too. We're supposed to look back at these years as the best of our lives, so make 'em count.

Williamsburg: travel through time

Welcome to Washington and Lee University! Staying on campus on the weekends may be fine, but getting away and having fun can be much better. But in our little corner of Virginia, there isn't that much to do close by (no, really?!). So here's a guide to interesting destinations no more than a few hours away from good old Lex. This week: Destination Williamsburg.

Got a hankering for history, good cooking or just interesting shopping spots? Then Colonial Williamsburg is for you. It's just a few hours (and centuries) away.

Colonial Williamsburg is part of the bigger city of Williamsburg, Virginia, home to the usual attractions like dining, shopping and camping. To experience Colonial Williamsburg, though, you must buy a ticket at the Visitor Center, take a short bus ride into the past and prepare to do some walking.

Along the way, you will see re-enactors in period costume, shops full of homemade goodies, soldiers maintaining a camp and craftspeople . . . well, crafting. It's strange how fascinating the old buildings and

products can be, especially if you're from Lexington. Williamsburg is a Revolutionary War-era spot, quite removed from the Civil War-era style of Lexington. Just the change of brick color should be welcome.

Williamsburg features shows and demonstrations daily, and each week traces the progress of the colony from British rule to independence. And don't forget: The College of William and Mary is there, too.

To get to Colonial Williamsburg, head east on Interstate 64 to exit 238 (midway between Richmond and Norfolk). Follow the green and white signs to the Visitor Center.

Tickets vary based on access and length of stay. The basic pass is \$26 for one day and does not include some of the houses (such as the Governor's Palace). The Colonist's Pass is \$30 for two days and allows slightly more access, although not every building is accessible. The Patriot's Pass, \$34, is good for a whole year and includes full access and discounts on shopping, dining and entertainment in the area. This is by far the best value, especially if you plan to return.

— compiled from staff reports



Regarding the map

Last week, this newspaper ran a map of downtown Lexington, complete with locations of a handful of businesses. Most of the map was transferred directly from a similar map given to freshmen last year in a book published by the University. The editors of this paper made every effort to include the establishments freshmen tend to use the most so as to make the map useful to the new students. It was naturally impossible to include every single downtown business on the map, but if any merchants were offended by the publication, we apologize. The Ring-tum Phi sells advertising space in which merchants can publish their telephone numbers and wares, information that was not provided on the map in question. Any inquiries or comments can be directed to The Ring-tum Phi at 462-4060.

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Volleyball spikes again

Freshmen come up big in contests

By STEELE COOPER — STAFF WRITER

Coming into Sunday's match against Greensboro College, the Generals had not dropped a game since their match against Coatholic in the Washington and Lee Invitational. Sunday was a different story. W&L pulled out a five game nail-biter (6-15, 15-13, 15-6, 14-16, 15-10) to bring their overall record to 7-1.

The first two games saw the Generals dealing with a lack of communication and confusion around the court. Greensboro frequently capitalized on the quick middle attack and a big block, both of which W&L lacks in their arsenal.

Freshman Lindsay Ruckert showed tremendous leadership around the court and was completely dominant offensively. Ruckert definitely appears to have secured a very important role on this year's team already into the season.

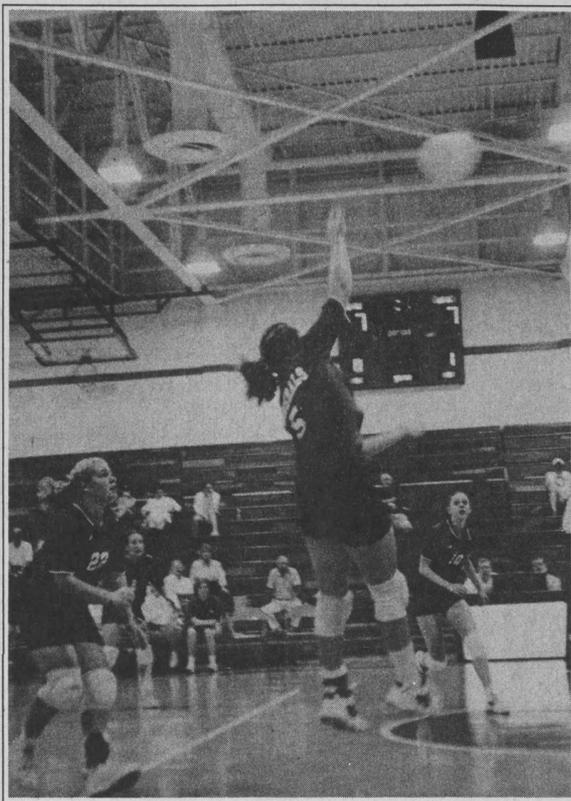
Nancy Reinhart also made an impressive showing offensively in this grudge match. Ruckert and Reinhart were offensive staples for the Generals that were good for a quick side-out and power plays.

During the critical second game win for W&L, Tori Hayes played spectacular defense coupled with smart hitting that kept W&L alive in the match. Hayes, Ruckert, Reinhart, and the sets of sophomore Katherine Kline set the tone for W&L's win.

The fifth and final game of the match was a tight rally-score game brought on by Greensboro's come from behind win in the fourth. W&L led at 12-2 in the fourth game and gave up 11 unanswered points.

The Generals lineup looked tired through the tough previous three games. However, during the fifth game, the fresh legs of freshman Ricka Hildebrand came through with tremendous hitting and blocking. "I was just excited and ready to beat them in five," Hildebrand contended.

The Generals' 1998 season continued with the winning trend set at last week's W&L Invitational. Thursday, Hollins College was the latest opponent to fall to the Generals. The 15-8, 15-1, 15-10 sweep brought W&L's



FRESHMAN LIZZY SWANN spikes a ball in Sunday's match against Greensboro. The Generals are now 6-1. HOLLISTER HOVER/EXECUTIVE EDITOR

overall record to 6-1, and their ODAC record to 2-0.

The flexibility of the Generals' roster, their deep bench, and the combination of experience and a talented freshman class once again proved to be the winning factors. Head Coach Terri Dadio was able to work 13 players into the lineup at some point in the match. The Hollins match "was a good chance to have the other players get the experience," Dadio said.

In a show of the impact of W&L's freshman and upperclass talent, Snodgrass and Hildebrand lead the team with five kills apiece, both off of the setting of sophomore Pam Saulsbury.

"The Hollins game was really good because we have a tendency to play down to the level of our opponent, but we didn't do that in that case," Snodgrass said.

The various combinations of players and winning attacks in this early part of a difficult season appears to be the crucial element that

Dadio and the Generals need to combat the loss of the powerful Class of 1998, and to maintain their ODAC dominance.

Tuesday, W&L was given no trouble in handily defeating Guilford 15-7, 15-5, 15-4. This match marked the first of the Generals' 10 ODAC matches.

Guilford was the only ODAC loss for the Generals in 1997; after this win for W&L and the win over the Quakers in the semi-finals of last week's invitational, redemption has been served.

Junior Nancy Reinhart, 1997's ODAC Player of the Year, led the Generals with nine kills and 12 digs.

Reinhart's ODAC experience will be crucial for W&L in the weeks to come, as the Generals head further into their schedule and closer to the ODAC tournament at Bridgewater.

Wednesday begins a three-game stint on the road for W&L as they travel to Randolph-Macon Women's College for their third ODAC match.

Guilford stuns Generals

Team drops to 0-2 after heart-breaking third quarter

By BRENDAN HARRINGTON — SPORTS EDITOR

For the second week in a row, turnovers and a lack of a solid run defense proved to be the Generals' downfall as Guilford downed Washington and Lee 27-20 on Saturday afternoon in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The Generals committed five turnovers, four of them by Christian Batcheller, on their way to a heartbreaking loss. Batcheller threw two interceptions and fumbled twice.

"You can't turn the ball over and expect to win football games," head coach Frank Miriello commented. "We didn't make the big plays when we needed to, and that was the difference in the ball game."

The Generals once again had problems stopping the run, as the Generals gave up 255 yards on the ground. Leading the Quakers was senior running back Dwayne Cherry who finished with 153 yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns.

"We got a lot of young guys out there on our defense and at times it can be a little scary," Miriello said. "But the big improvement from the Hopkins game is that the defense made some great plays down the stretch that gave our offense two opportunities to win."

Despite the five turnovers, the Generals still had numerous chances to tie or win the game down the stretch. After Dwayne Cherry scored on a 35-yard touchdown run to make the score 27-7, Batcheller was hit from behind on the ensuing drive, forcing a fumble. Terrance Wilson recovered for Guilford at the Generals' six-yard line with 7:26 left in the game and it looked as though that would be the game. But the defense stepped it up and kept the Quakers

out of the end zone, stopping senior running back David Heggie twice on the one-yard line and forcing an unsuccessful 20-yard field goal attempt that kicker Matt Daly hooked to the left.

The Generals took over on their own 20 with just over five minutes left to play and drove the ball all the way down to the Guilford 24-yard line before Batcheller coughed it up on a botched option play with 1:29 left in the game. But once again the defense came through in the clutch when it looked as though all hope was lost. The Generals' defense then forced Guilford to go three and out. W&L got the ball back on the Guilford 49-yard line with 31 seconds left in the game following a short punt by Heggie.

On first and ten, Batcheller threw an incomplete pass intended for senior wide out Chas Chastain that was nearly intercepted at the Guilford 20-yard line. On second and ten, Batcheller threw long into double coverage looking for J.T. Malatesta, but the ball skipped off Malatesta's outstretched hand five yards deep in the end zone and the pass fell incomplete. On third and ten, Batcheller threw to sophomore running back Hanley Sayers on a screen play, and Sayers took it down all the way to the Guilford 24.

The clock stopped with three seconds left to move the chains after the first down yardage as Batcheller lined up the offense for one last play. On the final play, Batcheller threw to the back left corner of the end zone looking for Chastain, but the ball was batted down and it fell harmlessly to the turf as time expired.

Batcheller finished the day 16-25 for 194 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. For the Quakers, quarterbacks Brian Foulks and Jon Hardy were a combined 9-25 for 133 yards, no touchdowns, and no interceptions. Malatesta led all receivers with 53 yards on four catches.

"We have a tough schedule," Miriello said. "We just have to keep focusing on the positive aspects of these games and try not to dwell on the losses."

Men's soccer falls to 1-1

Generals can't score in first ODAC contest

By TOD WILLIAMS — STAFF WRITER

In their first ODAC game of the season, the Generals failed to score in their 3-0 loss to Virginia Wesleyan. The defeat sends the Generals to 1-1 and 0-1 in the ODAC conference.

The Blue Marlins, ranked 17th nationally in Division III standings, led the Generals at halftime by a score of 1-0.

Daniel McVey, a junior forward from Virginia Wesleyan, scored with a sharp volley from the corner to give the Marlins a lead with 4:01 remaining in the first half.

Two sophomore forwards from Virginia Wesleyan each added a goal in the second half. Vincent Sciuolo headed one past General goalkeeper Andrew Grimes during a General defensive breakdown approximately ten minutes into the second half.

Saturday was the first time that Grimes, a freshman, has stepped in front of the net for the Generals. Justin Hauck followed suit later in the half with another header past Grimes to give the Marlins the 3-0 lead that would later become the final from Liberty Hall Field.

"I was glad to get into the game," Grimes said. "But it just didn't come out the way anyone wanted. They were a tough team, but we had our own mistakes."

Washington and Lee head coach Rolf Piranian knows

that the Marlins are "definitely one of the best teams in the conference," and he says the Generals have "a lot of work ahead of them."

"We're a good team, but we'll have to see how we respond [to the loss]," Piranian said. "Hopefully, we'll come back and work harder this week and turn this around."

Senior Sam Chase, who set a school record for most goals in a game in last week's contest against Catholic, said that he didn't feel much additional pressure entering Saturday's game, other than the fact that Virginia Wesleyan is one of the league's top teams.

"They're a good team, and we got some bad breaks," Chase said. "But aside from that, I don't think we played all that badly." Like Piranian, Chase said he hopes the loss will serve as the team's wakeup call.

"I think we can turn this loss into a positive," he said. "That was our second game, and we're not match-fit yet. Once we get a couple more games under our belt, we'll be fine. Hopefully we'll even see them in the tournament."

Prior to Saturday's kickoff, W&L athletic director Mike Walsh honored Chase for setting the record for most career goals by presenting him with the game ball.

"I feel quite honored that they did that for me," Chase said of the presentation. "I wish I could give the ball to all the guys who've given me the passes for the past four years."

Chase promptly gave the ball to his parents, Sam and Nancy Chase, who were present for their son's second game as a senior.

The Generals will travel to Emory to face Emory & Henry College on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

Women's soccer wins again

Team breaks record in 14-0 rout of Hollins

By FRANCES GROBERG — SPORTS EDITOR

If there were any questions about the women's soccer team living up to last year's standards, they were silenced last week. The Generals defeated their second and third opponents to improve to 3-0 for the season and in the ODACs.

On Saturday against Virginia Wesleyan, senior forward Ginny Jernigan netted her fifth goal of the season during the second half to put the team up 1-0. The score remained 1-0 at the final buzzer as the Generals won their third straight game. Senior Stephanie McKnight and sophomore Lauren Harris combined for their third straight shutout in goal.

"It was a good, close game," Jernigan said. "It was the first time this season that we had been challenged, and we were struggling a little bit with recovery defense all over the field. Overall, we played a lot better than we had been."

Thursday's contest against Hollins was anything but a struggle. The Generals set a school record for most goals in

one game in their 14-0 rout.

Scoring throughout the game was fast and furious. The team posted six goals in the first 19 minutes of the game, including three in a span of 1:40. Two more goals in the period sent the team into halftime with an 8-0 lead.

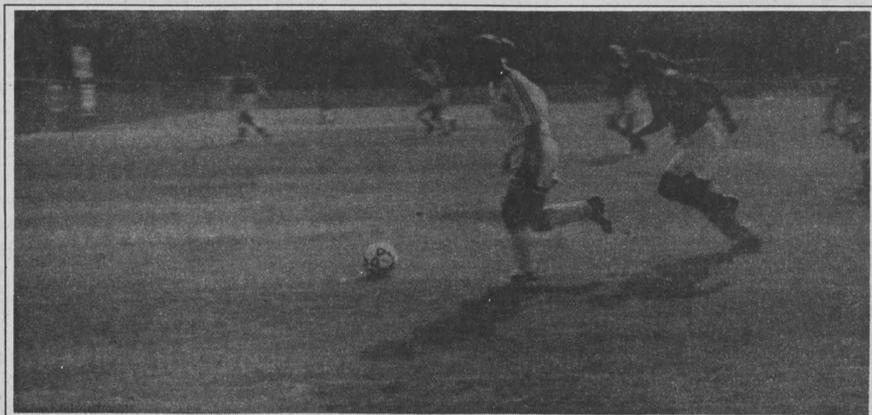
The scoring didn't end there. The Generals jumped right into the second half, scoring another six goals in under 15 minutes. The score remained 14-0 until the final buzzer.

"Despite the huge margin on the scoreboard, it wasn't a team effort out there," Jernigan said. "It wasn't the team we ended last year's season or the team we had been working to be this season. We played as individuals, and all in all, it was not a comforting victory."

Eight different Generals recorded points in the rout, including Jernigan, who tied a Washington and Lee record with four goals in one game. Senior co-captain and all-time leading scorer Karin Treese had three goals and two assists, and freshman midfielder Kate Bidwell recorded her first career hat trick in the contest.

Other goals were scored by sophomore midfielder Liz Olson, sophomore midfielder Courtney Nolan, freshman forward Lauren Wendell, and freshman midfielder Drew Powers.

The Generals will try to extend their run Sunday at 2 p.m. against Greensboro on the Liberty Hall Fields.



SOPHOMORE COURTNEY NOLAN dribbles easily past a Hollins player towards goal in the 14-0 rout. Nolan scored a goal as the Generals set a record for goals in a game in the contest. ZEEINIE GINWALLA/PHI STAFF

AT THE FINISH LINE

Volleyball

W&L	3
Guilford	0

Men's Soccer

W&L	0
Va. Wesleyan	3

Football

W&L	20
Guilford	27

Women's Soccer

W&L	3
Hollins	0

W&L	14
Hollins	0



SPORTS BRIEFS

W&L dance team selects new members

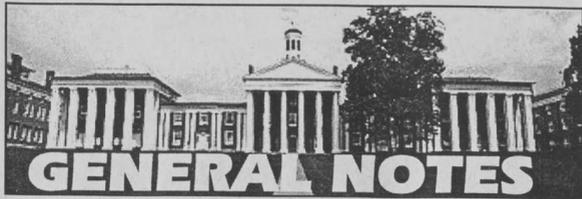
Try-outs for the W&L's dance team, R.E. Belles, were held on Saturday. The new team members are: Cyndi Johnson (captain), Sybil Prince (1st lieu.), Bethany Petrofsky (2nd lieu.), Charron Hodges, Bentley Knight, Denise Mayo and Ashley Tyson.

Riding team gallops towards competition

On Saturday, the riding team will compete at Hollins College. The competition starts at 10 a.m. and lasts all day. The riding team currently has 35 riders either actively competing or training for a place in the competition lineup. All members will participate Saturday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Volleyball @ RMWC	Saturday Football @ Centre Riding Team @ Hollins, 10 a.m. Cross Country @ Dickinson Men's soccer @ Goucher Volleyball @ Maryville
Thursday Men's soccer @ Emory & Henry	
Friday Volleyball @ Maryville	Sunday Women's soccer vs. Greensboro, 2 p.m.



RESPONSIBILITY LECTURE CONTINUES

Princeton University Professor Amy Gutmann will give a talk titled "Religious Liberty and Civil Responsibility" on Thursday. She has served on the faculty at Princeton since 1976, and in 1996 she wrote "Color Consciousness: The Political Morality of Race" with Anthony Appiah.

Harvard University Professor Charles Hallisey will deliver a responsibility lecture next Monday. His talk, titled "The Sense of Civil Responsibility in Contemporary Buddhism," will focus on the lack of engagement with concrete legal issues by contemporary Buddhist intellectuals.

All of the responsibility lectures will take place in the Science Center Addition, Room A214 at 7:30 p.m.

FILM SOCIETY BRINGS SNOW TO TROUBADOUR

The next presentation of the the W&L Film Society will be "Smilla's Sense of Snow" (Denmark, 1995), directed by Bille August. The suspenseful thriller, which is based on a best-selling novel by Peter Hoeg, revolves around a possible murder in Copenhagen, but it is much more fascinating as a character study of Smilla Qaavigaaq Jespersen, a bitter half-Inuit woman, powerfully played by Julia Ormond. Screenings will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Troubadour Cinema.

CROCKETT WRITES BOOK ON DÜRRENMATT

German Professor Roger Crockett has written a comprehensive overview of one of Switzerland's most talented and scandalous playwrights. In his book, "Understanding Friedrich Dürrenmatt," Crockett examines Dürrenmatt's dramatic and narrative oeuvre as well as his failures. He notes that the latter is often as revealing about an author as the former. The book is now available in the University Bookstore.

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The Ring-tum Phi invites freshmen and other students interested in working on the newspaper to attend our weekly meetings 7:30 p.m. Tuesday nights. You can control the time commitment: Write one article a month to have writing samples for job interviews or talk to one of our editors about an assistant editor position and spend every weekend in the office.

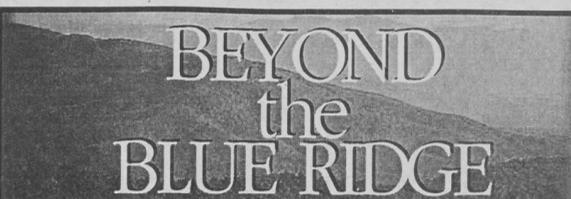
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ED HAMER

A memorial service for former Washington and Lee romance languages professor Ed Hamer will be held on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Lee Chapel. Hamer passed away on Aug. 13 while traveling abroad with the W&L Alumni College. Hamer joined the W&L faculty in 1954 and taught at the school for 42 years before retiring in 1996.

MARTY LECTURES IN LEE CHAPEL

Dr. Martin E. Marty, one of America's most respected authors and scholars in the field of religion, will speak on the issue of "Christianity Among the Religions: The Global Scene at the End of the Millennium" 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Lee Chapel.

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MISS VIRGINIA CROWNED MISS AMERICA

Roanoke's Nicole Johnson, a 24-year-old diabetic who wears an insulin pump on her hip, was crowned Miss America 1999 on Saturday. Johnson works as a writer and producer for "The 700 Club" promotions and wants to be a national news anchor and national diabetes spokeswoman.

Miss North Carolina Kelli Bradshaw was first runner-up and Miss Florida Lissette Gonzalez was second runner-up. Rounding out the top five were Miss Missouri Deborah McDonald and Miss Kentucky Cheryl Cook.

LEWINSKY OFFERED MODELING JOB IN ITALY

An Italian fashion house is offering Monica Lewinsky \$480,000 to model one of its suits at a show. Rome-based Gattinoni wants Lewinsky for its first collection for larger women, Italian newspapers reported Saturday.

ONE DEAD, 16 HURT IN KENTUCKY DORM FIRE

Students and faculty mourned the death of a Murray State University sophomore as investigators tried to find out who set the residence hall fire that killed him and injured several others. Authorities had no comment Friday on whether the fire was related to a suspicious blaze five days earlier on the same floor of the same building.

FORGOTTEN CONVICT RELEASED

A 58-year-old woman who was jailed last year when prison officials discovered she never served a manslaughter sentence imposed 16 years ago was set free Friday. Ms. Randley, who now plans to "serve God," was sentenced in 1981 to eight years in prison for shooting her boyfriend to death. But because of a bureaucratic mix-up, no one ever arrived to take her away.

HOMEWORK HAS BAD EFFECTS

Too much homework can be bad for you, according to two academics from London University. A study paper produced by Dr. Susan Hallam and Dr. Richard Cowan says homework for children younger than the age of 12 can create "extreme tensions" in the family.

The English government recently issued homework guidelines even for children as young as four, saying they should do 10 minutes of reading daily.

STARR'S DAUGHTER JOINS CHELSEA

While Bill Clinton and Kenneth Starr might not be friends, their daughters will be rooting for the same football team this fall. Starr arrived in Palo Alto last Wednesday to help his daughter Carolyn settle in at California's elite Stanford University, where President Clinton's daughter Chelsea is enrolled as a sophomore.

—compiled from the AP

Moyers' lecture on drug abuse creates diverse student reaction

By TARAH GRANT EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The press release promised stories from his "personal experiences" at Washington and Lee University. The posters promoted him as someone to whom we could relate. Many students came to Alumnus William Cope Moyers' Contact lecture last Monday night expecting educated insight and analysis of W&L's most popular social activity from a man who was once in our situation.

Instead, they got what some students described as an hour-long "infomercial," promoting Hazelden, the drug rehabilitation center for which Moyers now works, and its public policy agenda.

"It was propaganda bullshit," said one student who was required to attend the lecture for one of his classes but left after 15 minutes.

Moyers, who has appeared on "Larry King Live" and the "Oprah Winfrey Show," showed his W&L audience a slide show, then distributed a Hazelden publicity packet.

Some students found the lecture disappointing not because of what it addressed, but because of what it did not address.

"It failed to live up to my expectations because he failed to address the 'early end' of addiction, such as we might find here at W&L," senior Patrick McCormack said. "I now know more about insurance than I could ever care to know, and I have learned a bit more about helping full-blown alcoholics find treatment, but... dealing with problem drinking, as opposed to alcoholism, would have been more valuable to us as a community."

Moyers spent almost half of the lecture advocating Hazelden-supported legislation that would increase

everyone's insurance premium by approximately \$15 per year to help substance-addicted patients. Alcohol addiction is the "same as any other disease" and thus its victims should receive just as much public sympathy and financial support, Moyers said.

While some audience members seemed skeptical of this conclusion due to the "free will" component of drinking and alcohol use, Moyers' persuasive rhetoric convinced some students.

"I would consider it an investment, when taking into account the cost of drunk driving accidents, domestic violence and police costs," senior Erin Kraal said. "It doesn't make sense that an insurance company would treat the injuries one might sustain from being an alcoholic (liver cancer, car accidents, falls, etc.), but not the disease that causes it."

Moyers encouraged audience members to write letters to Congress to support the legislation. He also challenged them to confront alcohol abuse in their everyday lives. It is something that can be changed, partly through dialogue, Moyers said.

Contact Chairman Jason Hahn agreed. "I think Moyers gave students a great deal to think about," Hahn said. "Hopefully it will lead to some productive campus discussions."

The discussion, however, might be limited. While lecture attendees almost filled the C-school classroom where Moyers was speaking, almost half of the audience was comprised of faculty members and Lexington residents, not exactly W&L's "at-risk" population.

"I don't think he'll have much of a general effect," junior Jessica Helm said. "Sure 'Oprah' and 'Larry King' want him, but all his home turf could provide was an audience of 30."

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There's finally something good at the movies

By BRIAN PESICO

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Nobody could have possibly predicted the success that "There's Something About Mary" would attain during this summer's movie season. It seemed like it was destined to fail. It was relying on the star power of Cameron Diaz to carry it. Ben Stiller played the lead character and his box office appeal had been limited to, well, frankly, nothing. Even his comedy show had failed. There hadn't been any sort of MTVesque hype about it at all. So how could this lead fish possibly swim with as much success?

Well, for one thing, it's really, really funny. The story centers around a down and out writer (Ben Stiller) who hires a shady insurance investigator (the terrific Matt Dillon) to track down his high-school love interest of thirteen years ago (Cameron

Diaz). Not only does the investigator find Mary, but he ends up falling in love with her. Things turn into absolute chaos as everyone begins to compete for Mary's affection.

The simple plot isn't what makes the movie so appealing. The tacky assortment of jokes, ranging from masturbation to mocking the mentally handicapped, gets disgusting at times. Incredibly disgusting. The Farrelly brothers, Peter and Bobby, who wrote the scripts for "Dumb and Dumber" and "Kingpin," decided that the one way to make this movie refreshingly original is to take the innuendo down to the next level. And good God, do they ever. Where most movies might have stopped at the actual insinuation of "cleaning the loaded gun," the Farrelly brothers actually show you the

"hair gel." Why is her hair standing up like that? Finger it out for yourself.

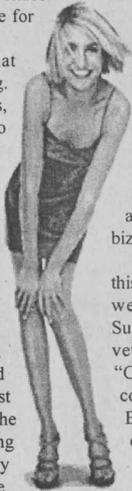
But even with low-brow toilet humor as gratuitous as getting your "franks and beans" caught in a zipper, you need an incredible cast to carry it off. With no stars, this movie relies on ensemble comedy, and everybody brings their share. Stiller is wonderfully dorky, Dillon is incredibly sleazy, and Diaz is an alluring straight woman to this bizarre, obsessive group around her.

The characters are what make this movie fun, from a retarded brother who wears earmuffs all year round to Superbowl Quarterbacks. This movie has veteran comedic actors (Chris Elliot: "Cabin Boy," "Groundhog Day"), up and coming actors (Harland Williams: "Half Baked," "Rocketman") and relative newcomers (Lee Evans as Mary's friend Tucker). The astounding mesh of these talented actors helps to make the au-

dience laugh right up to the dance number credits.

"Mary" is honestly a movie that can be watched over and over, as proved by its relative success during the summer (it has already broken the 100 million mark and is still climbing). Granted, it's not going to be a "Titanic" or "Good Will Hunting." It's not going to win any Academy Awards. It's not even going to stay around in the theaters for much longer. But, with the deluge of awful comedies that summer movie audiences were struck with (namely "Mafia" and "Wrongfully Accused," both of which were so bad I wanted to scratch out my eyes with a chisel and fill the bleeding wounds with scalding butter flavoring, "Mary" was a refreshing change of pace. It's just a fun movie.

Don't take my word for it, though, there's just something about "Mary" that you'll have to see for yourself.



Justice System in Crisis: or how I learned to stop worrying and love jury duty

By KEVIN McMANEMIN

RAVING AND DROOLING

For two days this summer I had the distinct pleasure of serving jury duty. In the process I managed to have my last few shreds of respect for our legal system ripped away and generally found jury duty to be as insulting and painfully embarrassing an experience as the Pauly Shore film of the same name.

The whole thing began when I received a lovely invitation from the State of New Jersey. They were wondering if I were busy on August the 11th, and would I like to drop by the Union County Courthouse for some tea and scones and maybe jury duty? In very polite language they suggested that if I couldn't make the courthouse function, perhaps I'd rather stop by jail later for up to 30 days.

So I decided to make the trek over to Elizabeth, NJ (which, once you get past the language barrier, is really a nice town if you like that whole "decayed urban center swarming with filth" look) and have my day in court.

The people there can best be described as characters in an existential freak show. Take the jury manager, a man whose job requires speaking in front of large groups all

day. This guy had a lithp that made him thoptittle like Daffy Duck on methamphetamines.

And let's not forget about the Mensa candidates that filled that ranks of the jury pool. The simplest of tasks—calling out your last name when your juror number was called—seemed a most gargantuan feat to these mutants.

Perhaps the jury manager was partly to blame (we may never know if juror number thix theventy theven showed up that day), but he must have explained the system at least 40 times and people still responded with gems like "here" or "that's my number." Unless Thatsmynumber is more common a family name in central Jersey than I thought, there were a hell of a lot of people who just didn't get it.

Then there's my personal favorite: the man next to me who showed me his jury card and asked which number was his juror number. I pointed to the big number in the center of the card with the words "juror number" in front of it. Oh yes, and our justice system is founded on the belief that these people are capable of weighing complex legal issues and deciding people's fate. Super.

Anyway, I managed to survive the rigors of the jury selection round and move on to the prize round, where, if I correctly answered a series of questions, I could win a washer/dryer combo, a new Toyota Camry, a year's subscription to . . . no, wait, the only prize was getting on the jury.

It turns out the defendant was so concerned with the outcome of the trial that he didn't even bother showing up for it. I know if I were on trial for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school zone I'd possess at least a casual curiosity in the outcome of the case, but I guess that's just me.

As for the actual trial, the prosecutor presented a case as airtight as Howard Hughes' bedroom. In response, the defense tried a brilliant "no defense" defense. No witnesses, no evidence, nothing but the words "the defense rests, your honor." Honestly.

In her summation, the defense attorney (who was like a modern day Clarence Darrow, if only Clarence Darrow had been remarkably incompetent) stated her client's position—see, he was just holding the bag for a friend, see, and had absolutely no idea it contained more drug paraphernalia than

Phish's dressing room. Never mind that his friend was a perfectly healthy 16 year-old boy, the defendant wanted us to believe that he was merely exhibiting that famous "ghetto hospitality" we've all heard so much about.

With the summations complete we retired to the jury room for about five minutes, thirty seconds of which went to debating the case and the rest of the time going to bathroom breaks. It was nearly lunchtime and we, the people, were hungry, so the verdict came swiftly and unanimously: guilty on all counts. If it were against the law to insult the jury's intelligence with lame defenses we would have found him guilty of that, too.

But you know, all the jolly fun of cynicism aside, the system did work for once. An incredibly stupid criminal received a swift yet fair trial. I guess the jury manager was right when he articulated what makes our courts work: "a juthith thithtem for the thithithem, by the thithithem."

Yes, for one brief, shining moment, I was "The Man." I was the Establishment. That's the great thing about this country: eventually, every idiot gets a turn.

God Bleth America.

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Congress declares war on Clinton's penis

Washington — Congress voted to declare war on President Bill Clinton's penis in a joint session held earlier this morning. "That petty tyrant is out of control," House Speaker Newt Gingrich said. "We must

send a clear message that the American people will not tolerate that kind of behavior from our political leaders. From our entertainers and sports stars, sure, but not our politicians. Well, some politicians, but not the president. Well, maybe JFK. And FDR. And Lincoln, Harding, Johnson, Chester A. . . well, the point is, not this president." The war began this afternoon when a surgical strike force consisting of Marines commandos and surgeons parachuted into the White House. They met with heavy opposition (i.e. Bill Clinton) but were able to secure their objective of using smart bombs to decimate their target.

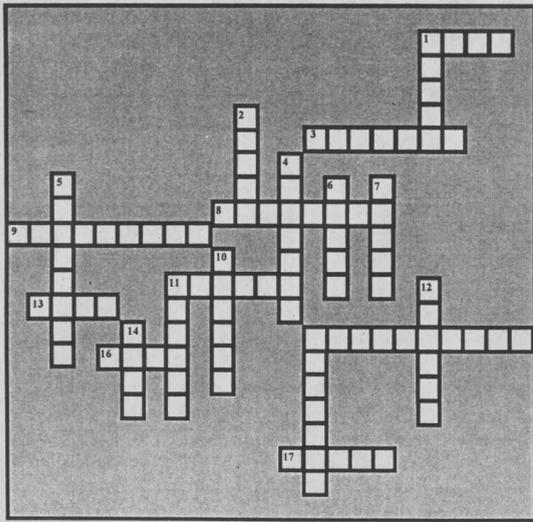
Bill Clinton's penis has been linked to a number of terrorist activities over the years, including the bombing of Monica Lewinsky's dress, the terrorizing of Paula Jones and the impregnation of Hillary. In a press conference Bill Clinton said (in a remarkably high voice) that he is "glad lil' Billy won't be causing America any more embarrassment" but then became the first president since McKinley to publicly admit that he "hates this f***ing country and everyone in it."

Crack use still high among crackheads

New York — A landmark study of over 1,200 New York metropolitan area crackheads recently confirmed lawmakers worst fears — that crack abuse remains as high as ever, despite stiffer drug laws and improved police tactics. "Our study shows that crack use remains steady at 100%," said head researcher Dr. Herschel Goldberg. The study shows that 100% of crackheads have smoked crack at least once in their lives, 100% have smoked it in the last month and 100% were actually hopped up on rock while taking the survey. When asked for a comment, crackhead David Fredricks said, "Come on man, just five bucks, I'll pay you back tomorrow."

Texas institutes "guns for bigger guns" trade

Austin — Intrigued by the success of "guns for cash" and "guns for toys" programs in getting handguns off the streets in other areas, the Texas legislature voted today to sponsor a statewide "guns for bigger guns" deal. "It is imperative that we get handguns off the street," said state Attorney General Jed Houston, "and replace them with firearms as needlessly oversized as our state's ego." Lawmakers were concerned by statistics that show that the average Texan only owns 17 guns, many of which are handguns barely powerful enough to blow the arm off a Mexican.



Across:

- The king of the d-hall (the man whose name rhymes with "Fritz")
- The favorite party spot across from the post office that rhymes with "dunster"
- Where they come in flocks, wearing ties and sundresses to drink, eat and be merry
- The place where naked people have been known to run and flap their arms and scream, "I'm naked, I'm naked!" early in the morning
- The studly man who reigns supreme over all the dorms
- An often-heard statement in the d-hall line: "What you need, "
- The succulent meal of choice at Lee-Hi after 2 a.m.
- The treed triangle where there is always a party going on
- The stylin' man in the blue shirt and sunglasses who will steal your car and sell it to the Rockbridge gypsies if he sees it on campus.

Down:

- Dean Howison can often be seen jumping around his yard with glee when playing this game
- The coolest lady in d-hall (the woman who knows your name by heart)
- The imported girls you often see at parties: they stand in packs of 5-8 and often hail from
- 4 a.m.—It's cold. It's dark. The party is over, and it's just you, a barn, an outhouse and a cow. Where are you?
- The dorm where there are no shower curtains, no women and lots of guys
- The way the freshmen travel to parties
- The late-night DJ party where one often sees things that are, well, a little out of the ordinary
- The foreign "broil" which has become known as the best d-hall meal, hails from where?
- Pieces of these dorm room essentials often end up in the quad by 6 a.m.

—This week's crossword puzzle was written by Dan Birdwhistle and created by Jason Williams. See next week's issue for the answers.

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