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## An H.V. or not an H.V.?

That is the question. The EC gives the answers. And you can take them or leave them.

By Yer Momma  
STAFF WHIPPING BOY

Following recent controversy, the Executive Committee at long last addressed student concerns about what exactly might be classified an honor violation at its last meeting.

All lies, except those listed below, will be treated as honor violations, and will be punished. Punishment includes severe beatings, whippings, and various deans opening up cans of "whupass," until the accused withdraws in the face of a closed trial. Exceptions are as follows:

—Prospectives will not be told the truth about anything.

Other than that, students will observe the Honor System strictly so that the university may continue to sponsor conferences of the subject without appearing hypocritical.

The EC also addressed the issue of underage drinking. The verdict: officially sanctioned. The current policy of "wink-wink, shame on you," will be ended. In celebration of W&L's new open stance, the entire student body is invited to a raging kegger/hall crawl, to take place between Johnny the Prez's house, Dave the Main-Man Dean's house, and Bob's Chapel. But don't forget, BYOB!

—Falling asleep, while sanctioned in a classroom setting prior to 10 a.m., will no longer be permitted during EC trials. In the best interest of justice, all representatives should be awake to hear the evidence.

—Teletubbies, no matter what color, are not in any way related to snow days, and therefore may no longer be used in arguments in favor of, or against, said snow days. Furthermore, there will be no more singling out of the lavender one, as it makes him feel uncomfortable.

—The answer to "how's it going?" will now be answered truthfully. This involves stopping and explaining the

full extent of your Crisis of the Day to the foolish and indifferent questioner, instead of smiling thinly and answering, "good."

—The Dining Hall will conduct an apple count following each meal, to ensure that every last one was swiped.

In a completely unrelated story, but one that we felt necessary to add because we need to fill the page, a new W&L Handbook has been released. It's got a pretty blue cover, and it's called "Come Cheer: the Civil War at 139 years." While it was just too long for any staff member to read in its entirety, it was required weekly reading for the nerd-herd at our competition. They can tell y'all all about it when they get done writing their latest scintillating 27-word Back Page column. But we digress into the realm of shameless kittyfights. They started it. And we really wish they would really finish what they started in 1993.

Ahem. The new handbook outlines several curricular and conduct changes to be put into effect immediately. Among them:

—Students will learn to speak "American," the official language of the U.S. of A.

—In addition, mandatory language classes in "Southern" will now be listed under section 7 of the General Education requirements, along with C.S.A. 101 "The South will rise again," C.S.A. 185 "Gettysburg: How that Damn Fool Pickett wrecked things," C.S.A. 1865/PSYCH 1865 "Coping with the end of the War of Northern Aggression: A nineties perspective."

—Robert E. Lee will hence be known as "Saint Bob." Anything less could be considered sacrilegious, and prosecuted to the full extent of the EC's God-given power.

—Weekly pilgrimages will be made to Traveller's grave, with appropriate offerings of gold, frankincense and sugar cubes to be made.

## Prez signs on for commencement

By I.P. Freely  
STAFF LIASON TO "THE MAN"

Washington and Lee University announced yesterday that it has finally engaged the President to speak at undergraduate commencement.

Although reluctant to follow Tradition, President John Elrod agreed to speak to this year's graduating seniors. According to sources who wished to remain anonymous for fear of tickle torture, the President did not wish to speak as he "couldn't be bothered with the latest bunch of khaki-clad twits."

Elrod is required in his contract to speak and make nicey-nice with students at graduation. This promotes a higher rate of alumni reunion participation, and the ensuing drunken idiocies encouraged by the university to promote check-writing sprees.

"We just couldn't be happier to have a speaker of Elrod's caliber at graduation," Brian Shaw, director of communications, said. "We initially contracted Mother Teresa, who was to give her message of inspiration through a séance, but when the opportunity to have Elrod speak came

along, we snapped it up."

Reaction among students, who had been hearing rumors of another distinguished speaker, were mixed.

"I had really been looking forward to the speech of David Duke," seventh-year senior Tyler T. Taylor XXIV said. "I delayed graduating a whole other year just so I could try out the new Kappa pledge class, uh, so that I could listen to the Grand Wizard himself speak. This isn't going to be printed, is it?"

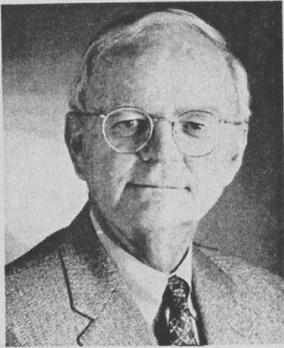
Speculations about the content of Elrod's speech are running amok.

"We expect him to read selections of Dr. Seuss, including the classic, 'Oh, the Places You'll Go,'" Shaw said. "Of course, there's always the possibility of departing from Seuss, and going with something non-traditional like, 'Not Without My Daughter.'"

As usual, Elrod will congratulate C-School majors on

their wise career choices and bright futures, and shake his head sadly at College majors and cite the high percentage of predecessors on welfare.

Elrod will resume his rigorous tour schedule with Kiss following commencement ceremonies.



President John-John H. Elrod

photo by Hugh Heffner



W&L boys make good: New Fowl Temptress album "Empty Silos," featuring seniors Chad Reynolds and Mac Harris, debuts #1 on WLUR/Lexington charts. Residents of the Rockbridge County Correctional Facility voted the boys "Best <expletive deleted> of the Year." The Temptresses will open Mock Con with a little help from their friend Willie.

## Willie Nelson to open for Fowl Temptress at Mock Con Kickoff

By John Galt  
STAFF WHIPPING BOY

The most important band to come out of Washington and Lee University will take the stage at the Student Activities Pavilion for the Mock Con Kickoff on April 30 — if they stay together that long.

Fowl Temptress, the brainchild of seniors Mac Harris and Chad Reynolds, released their second album, "Empty Silos," last week to rave reviews of everyone at WLUR 91.5 and WLUR listeners at the Rockbridge County Correctional Facility.

The Student Activities Committee confirmed that Temptress will headline the Mock Con Kickoff with country great Willie Nelson as the opening act.

But despite the recent success, the band may be falling apart. "I would hate for Chad to know this yet, but it's been months since I could even stand to be in the same room as he is," Harris said. "I feel like his vision for the band has become vulgar and pig-headed. It's reached the point where I feel I have no alternative but to take control myself, just to preserve a kind of fundamental integrity in our music."

Harris says he realized Reynolds had lost sight of the vision when Reynolds made this statement: "Mac and I used to be no-gooders, brigands of the lowest variety, pond scum. Hell, we still are, but now we're okay with it. So we're better than all you pretenders, and we know it."

Reynolds claims his motivations behind Fowl Temptress have been the same from day one. "It ain't just music," he said. "It's a way of life, our way of life, where success is measured by the number of daily failures and scraping by is overachieving. It's always been that way. It always will."

From the beginning, Reynolds has looked to the streets for inspiration. "Even though sometimes I spend the night in gutters, alone — alone, that is 'cept for the memories of the other times I slept in other gutters," he said, "I always know that when I pick up my guitar the Lord is working

through my fingers, making 'em slide faster and faster over the frets, to Baptize the faithless with licks of fire."

Harris says he always finds more influence through political mes-

sages. "When people ask me about our influences I tend to think of Malcolm Cowley and the folk ballads of the Black Hand organization as the two most important," he said. "Then I focus on a distant object and don't speak for a few moments. This is probably because I am so overwhelmed by their influence."

After the release of their critically acclaimed single, "Fat Town," in 1997, Harris and Reynolds toured the local educational circuit. Their largest gig to date is the 1998 Rockbridge County High School prom. Both Harris and Reynolds are ecstatic about the opportunity to possibly jam with twang legend Nelson.

"We just hope that maybe he'll talk to us," Harris said.

"Yeah," said Reynolds.

The Temptresses are forced to limit their tour dates due to Reynolds' diet. "I don't never touch no yellow-colored potato salad, ya know, the mustard kind," he said. "'cause instead of coating the potatoes it lets me see right through 'em. Like I'm eating an apparition."

Reynolds also refuses to make his own food. "How come I don't cook for myself? Hell, I ain't got no decent oven-mitts," he said.

Despite their battles over grub and motivation, Reynolds sees a

strong similarity between the two. "Sure, [Mac]'s just like me, only different. But the same really, only a little different."

Their vision may be skewed, but at least Harris has remained

grounded. "I think I have a realistic view of the importance of our music," he said. "I mean, I don't think we will be remembered any more than someone like, say, Hank Williams. Or Bach."



The boys of Fowl Temptress entertain their rabid fans at the Yellow Brick Road Child Care Center. "Children understand our music better than anyone else," lead vocalist Mac Harris (right) said. "It relates to art brut and art of the insane. When you get down to primal, instinctual levels of understanding, that's when you've found the true meaning of our music."

### The Ring-tum Phi April Fool's Day Issue

#### DISCLAIMER:

Producing a parody newspaper around April Fool's Day is an annual Phi tradition. While the articles are all written in jest, the advertisements on page 4 are real.

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# Bombing of Kosovo doesn't go far enough

Currently the USA is divided between those who think we must intervene in Kosovo to halt a mass genocide and those who think we have no business bombing foreign countries. Well, if you ask me, we're not bombing enough foreign countries.

Any objective person who looks at a world map will come to one inevitable conclusion: there are a lot of foreigners out there. Some of them, like the English and the Canadians, are amusing but harmless. Others are not.

Take the French. The United States currently has a non-bombing policy towards France. I propose that we reverse this policy. I propose we get a few B-52s and drop napalm all the way from Normandy to Nice. Think of the many benefits this new bombing policy would have. For one, a lot of French

people would be dead. And that's good news for the world.

Of course, critics of this bombing-France policy often point to the one major detractor of the plan: if France is gone, those dirty, deceitful Deutschlanders will pretty much run

**Φ Salute the flag**  
Gen. Buck Turgidson

Europe. Well, there's a final solution to that problem, mein friend. You guessed it: bomb the kraut out of Germany! I say this time we get the bastards before they start another World War.

And come on, let's be honest. Who's going to miss the Middle East

if we nuked that whole stinking desert? Answer me this: has one good thing ever come out of that godless region? OK, civilization, maybe. But that's beside the point. The Middle East is nothing but trouble today and I think sticking it in that great microwave called the US nuclear arsenal and cooking it on high for the next 10,000 years will solve all their problems nicely. Jews, Arabs, Christians, whatever. They all look the same after their skin and internal organs have been irradiated away.

In conclusion, the United States of America has a responsibility to itself and the world to use its military might for the good of all. Where there are tyrants, bomb them! Where there are foreigners, nuke them! Where there are targets, hit them! By God, can we do any less?

# Survey shows 100% of W&L students to drink this weekend

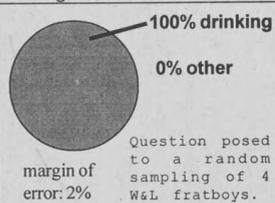
A recent survey conducted in Baldwin's room Friday afternoon concluded that 100% of W&L students plan to drink this weekend.

The results were telling: of the four students polled, four responded that they were "definitely going to get drunk this weekend," zero responded that they "might get drunk this weekend," and none responded that they "won't drink at all this weekend."

The poll is a drastic change from a February 27th poll that showed only 50% of W&L students were drinking this weekend, while 25% were working on a German paper for Crockett and 25% were "smoking up."

President Elrod classified the latest survey results as "distressing." "The worst part is, you know they'll be drinking some skunk-ass beer like Keystone Light," Elrod added.

**Question:** What are you doing this weekend?



# TALKback:

How do the existential philosophies of Jean-Paul Sartre and Albert Camus build upon the philosophic frameworks laid down in Schopenhauer's "The World as Will and Idea" and Nietzsche's "Genealogy of Morals?"



"Huh?"  
—Wayne Syzlak '00



"Whazzat?"  
—Kristen Chalmers '01



"Well, the Nietzschean concept of the revaluation of values has of course had a profound influence upon modern thought, but we mustn't discount the Kierkegaardian critiques of Hegel's dialectic as a..."  
—Megan McCallister '02

## The Ring-tum Phi

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"Oh! Oh! Oh! Yes! Yes!  
That's the spot! Yes!  
Yes! Yes! Oh God Yes!  
Aaaaaaaahh!!!  
—Anonymous sophomore girl  
(actually it was Sarah Russell) while  
on her back last Friday night"

## Tinky-Winky

responds "He's flaming mad," say close friends

Hello. Hello. Tinky-Winky hello. Hello, Dipsy! Hello, Laa-Laa! Hello, Po! Teletubby hello! Tinky-Winky give teletubby hello. Hello! Hello!  
Tinky-Winky playtime.  
Eh-oh! Eh-oh! Teletubby play Teletubby play. Tinky-Winky like teletubby play. Ha-ha!  
Eh-oh! Teletubby play over.  
Eh-oh! Eh-oh! Time for teletubby bye-bye. Bye bye, Po. Bye bye, Laa-laa. Bye bye, Dipsy. Bye bye, Tinky-Winky. Tinky-Winky give teletubby bye bye. Eh-oh!  
Bye bye, teletubby bye bye! Tinky-Winky go bye bye.



## Point/Anotherpoint

### Preserve Lee's legacy

In 1865, Robert E. Lee came to Washington College and instilled in that community a sense of honor and personal integrity. As Washington and Lee University moves boldly into the twenty-first century, we must never forget Lee's heritage of honor.

First of all, the honor system must be preserved at all costs. The honor

**Φ Southern by Grace**  
Grace Thomas '99

system is Robert E. Lee's great gift to every student enrolled in W&L. We have the academic freedom that other schools only dream about. It's a shame that many students today don't think that the honor system is effective. The EC must work hard to promote student dialogue and reassure even the most cynical and pessimistic among us that our system works.

Furthermore, we must preserve Lee's legacy by keeping the speaking tradition alive on campus. Too many of us pass each other on the hill every day without so much as a nod. Robert E. Lee knew that civility was important in instilling a sense of community.

It was Robert E. Lee's great hope that Washington College would be a community of gentlemen. With his two-pronged plan of the honor system and speaking tradition, Lee hope to attain these goals and showed the same good judgement and genius which manifested itself to many victories on the battlefield.

We must preserve the legacy of honor at Washington and Lee University. We owe it to General Lee.

### F\*ck Robert E. Lee

F\*ck Robert E. Lee. I'm sick of hearing about him. Why is everyone at this place always yapping on about how great Robert E. Lee was? Robert E. Lee was a f\*cking moron.

One word, okay? Gettysburg. The bloodiest battle in the history of the Western Hemisphere. Thanks a lot, Robert E. Lee. Great idea, invading the



**Φ Sherman's March**  
Jeff Sherman '00

North. Lee must have been high when he placed his whole war plan around the strategic importance of Harrisburg, PA. What a dimwit.

Robert E. Lee couldn't even win a war against Ulysses S. Grant, a bumbling alcoholic. And when the war was over, do you think Lee really

wanted to spend his final days in some unknown college in bumblwat Virginia? No, he wanted a cushy professorship at Harvard or Yale. But the respectable schools wouldn't touch that traitor.

The relationship between our school and Lee was simple: we used his fame to get a little name recognition, and he came here because we were the only place willing to put up with this half-witted hick for a few years before he thankfully kicked the bucket.

If we're going to engage in inane hero worship, let's at least pick a man worthy of our admiration. Robert E. Lee was a murderous slavery-loving traitor whose grave it isn't even worth my effort to spit on. F\*ck Robert E. Lee, and the horse he rode in on.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Writer offends own superego

As the writer of this page, I'd just like to say that I'm ashamed of myself. Many of the views I express are disgusting and wrong, and frankly I'm shocked at the editors for allowing such filth on this once-fine paper.

"F— Robert E. Lee?" That's not funny; that's just vicious and juvenile. Don't I know that profanity never has a place in good writing? I'm a bad influence on children. Shame on me.

I hope that I'm never again asked back to this paper. I disgust me.

Angrily yours,  
A. Hack '00

### I'm hyperventilating

(pant pant pant) Still (pant pant pant) hyper(pant)ventilating (pant pant) from excitement of (pant) "A Night to (pant) Remember." (pant pant)

(pant) Oh God (pant) what fun! (pant pant) What a great (pant pant) great (pant pant) excuse me. (pant pant) What a great idea! Does anyone (pant) have a paper bag I can (pant) breathe into?

Sincerely, (pant)  
Jessica Rommel '02

### My opinion matters

Although I wrote two complaint letters to the campus papers last week, I feel I have not yet done enough complaining. You see, I am an informed and empowered member of society and my opinion matters. People care what I think. I'm sure next time the campus columnists sit down at their word processors, only one thought will be running through their minds: "Wait a minute, I hope this won't offend Kara McCrank. Her opinions matter. She is not just a knee-jerk bleeding-heart reactionary with too much free time."

The topic of my complaint letter this week is: complaint letters. I don't think enough people are writing complaint letters to our papers. If we don't take a stand against any opinion we disagree with, what's to keep the Mike Agnellos of today from becoming the

Kevin McManemins of tomorrow? Brothers and sisters and transgendered persons of all persuasions, it's time to start taking ourselves too seriously! Unite against comedy! Throw out the vile joke-mongers who have the audacity to laugh at our problems rather than complain about them.

Sincerely,  
Kara McCrank '02

### Any lovely ladies need an FD date next year?

Hey. How are all you lovely ladies doing tonight? I'm just writing this letter to let you all know in advance that my social calendar is yet unfilled for FD next year.

Applications to be my FD date are now available in the University Center. Ladies, don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Include a photo of yourself and an essay on the theme "How far I'm willing to go on the first date." Finalists will be notified by May 1st. Good luck!

Yours,  
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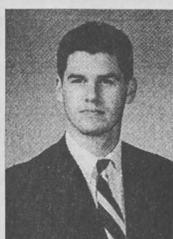
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## Madame Purgatory whips into Lexington

*Dominatrix's popular traveling show is big hit with students*

By Jenny Jones

FOR THE RING-TUM PHI

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the second greatest show on Earth is coming to Lex!

Yes, you heard right, Madame Purgatory's S&M Show is coming to the Pavilion on April 1. You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss your inhibitions goodbye as Madame Purgatory makes it a night you won't forget.

"I love this show," junior Staci Eversol said. "I see it every chance I can. It just gets better every time!"

Madame Purgatory (real name: Barbara Murphy, formerly of Lincoln, Arkansas) and her traveling show have been on the road for nearly 10 years now. She started the act, she said, out of a need for a "liberating experience" after her husband left her for a 19-year-old figure skater. Barbara Murphy the housewife was no more — Madame Purgatory was born.

"I knew I needed a change, something drastic," Madame Purgatory said by phone from her last stop in Poughkeepsie, New York. "I had some leather left over from when I made my husband a new belt for Christmas ... before I knew it, I had created Madame Purgatory."

This five-foot-seven, red-haired, thirtysomething Southern belle set about making her show business dream come true. She recruited two assistants from her divorcee's support group, bought a van and some supplies, and took her show on the road. She's never looked back since.

"It's wonderful," Madame Purgatory said. "We do one show in each location, then move on. Some of our fans follow us from place to place, like we're the Grateful Dead or something!"

To hear the fans tell it, the show is worth all the attention. Madame Purgatory's show includes herself, two assistants and boxes full of props.

"We bring the props with us everywhere," Madame Purgatory said. "Sometimes, they even come in handy in emergencies. We once towed the van out of a showdrift with the bull whip, and the candles come in handy for power outages."

The props are used most often during the show itself, though. Audience members vie for the chance to be one of the dozen or so volunteers that Madame Purgatory accepts during the course of the performance, and those lucky enough to be chosen go on stage to become part of the act.

"I couldn't believe it," senior Brett Farley said of the time he was chosen as a volunteer during a performance in Waukegan, Illinois. "She pulled me up on stage, and one of the assistants blindfolded me. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven."

Madame Purgatory and her assistants use the volunteers to demonstrate both classic tastes and the latest trends in sadomasochism. Themes run the gamut from tamer games such as bondage to more exotic demonstrations with whips and hot wax.

"We try to keep up with the industry," Madame Purgatory explained. "We do a lot of online research to see what's out there, what's popular among the S&M set."

They keep safety first, though, by instructing the audience beforehand about the use of "safe words," words that let the women know when to stop what they are doing.

"Safe words are important if you're going to get into things," she said. "I mean, 'no' doesn't always mean 'no' when you're caught up in it, but when

the bottom [person receiving the procedure] has had enough, he can say 'red,' like a red light, and the top [person giving the procedure] knows that it's too much."

Does "yellow" mean warning, then?

"Absolutely," Madame Purgatory said. "'Yellow' means 'watch out, we're getting close to the point where I say 'red.'" And people can have other safe words, too, like 'horse' or 'diamond' or something like that. Something unrelated to the role-playing."

Madame Purgatory herself dresses the part of the dominatrix for the show, complete with stiletto-heeled boots and leather accessories. She ecees the performance with the aid of a headset microphone, like the one Garth Brooks wears.

"It's very freeing," she said of the microphone. "It keeps my hands free for more important things."

Disco lights and themed music complete the effect of the show. Madame Purgatory said that the music is usually soft, to offset the louder sounds on stage.

"I spend a lot of time yelling during the show," she said. "The music keeps me on track, keeps me from getting too into the show. Otherwise, you never know what might happen."

She sees the show as a sort of therapy, getting her over her past and on to better things.

"It's such a release," she said of her new life. "I never knew that being powerful could be so much fun. It's addictive."

Of course, Madame Purgatory does have her opponents. Protesters sometimes picket outside the locations where she performs, but the picketers don't bother her.



Photo courtesy of Madame Purgatory

Madame Purgatory poses with one of her volunteers during a recent show. Her traveling show has made her famous, and students can't wait to participate when she comes to Lex.

"I pity them," she said. "They have such small ... minds."

Many people who were once opponents find they support Madame Purgatory once they experience her show.

"I was wrong to think she was evil," Father O'Connell of Green River, Maine, said. "Her show is fabulous!"

Madame Purgatory's S&M Show

will begin at 8 p.m. on April 1. Students can get tickets in front of the Co-Op or from the scalper at the door.

Tickets cost \$8 for the four-hour show. Students wishing to be volunteers may want to arrive early and get good spots near the stage.

"I'm gonna be there at least three hours early," freshman Eric Vogt said. "I can't wait to be part of the act!"

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## Rugby scrums up unlikely victory

By Austin Tod Powers  
*MAN OF MYSTERY*

Washington and Lee Team Strike Force finished 3-for-4 on the first day of the 61st annual General Lee Rugby Tournament. Junior Ben Smith led Team Strike Force with eight rugs as the team won its first game 46-32. Freshman Tom Lee and sophomore George Wiley scored four times apiece for Team Strike Force. The team held the University of Virginia to a .146 rugging percentage on the day.

Team Strike Force lost its second game to the Quakers of Eastern Mennonite. The crowd of 19,000 had to be restrained by the considerable security force when senior Mike Watson was called for an illegal rug with only six ticks left on the clock. The Quakers then broke the 49-49 tie with their free rug. Jeff Jones led Eastern Mennonite with 18 rugs, his season high.

Team Strike Force won its final two games, a doublerugger, against James Madison University Presidents. Wiley led Team Strike Force with 13 rugs in the first game, which was ended by the 20-rug rule. Sophomore Jay Richardson led the Team in the second game with 11 rugs. Bonnett again was stellar in goal for Team Strike Force. He limited the Presidents to only 14 rugs in both games.

Co-Captain Watson was rather pissed following the game in which he was called for an illegal rug. "I was really pissed," he said, "that I was called for an illegal rug." Watson said once the call was made and the game was over. "Well, I did cuss that bastard ref out," Watson said.

Coach Lilly Houston said she was "proud of all my sexy boys." After the game, she said she hoped to get "all my little men insanely drunk and high, then make three hardcore porn

videos." Coach Houston is in her 26th year coaching Team Strike Force.

The real story on the day came during the team's first game against the Presidents. With only 46 seconds left in the fifth quarter, a monkey dressed in a French Maid outfit ran across centerfield. After a drunken Alpha Sigma Sigma yelled loudly to point out the monkey to the many spectators. Not long after the ASS's antics, a 400-pound cycloptic woman began chasing the monkey. One anonymous fan said, "She kept yelling 'Giddy-up.' That's all I heard her say. Well, that, and she mumbled something about *The Trident Back Page*."

Team Strike Force (22-8, 11-3 SEC) will host the Rockbridge County Rugby Club on Wednesday at 3 p.m. "We're gonna be kickin' asses and takin' names," Coach Houston said. Then she grabbed my ass.

## Baseball reveals new talents at OSU

By Stone Pooper  
*(HE THOUGH OF IT)*

This past Wednesday, two members of the Generals baseball team scored what may have been and ever will be their most unlikely victory. Unbeknownst to anyone at Washington and Lee, or in college sports for that matter, seniors E.J. Murphy and Bryan Lewis are incredibly graceful when submerged in water.

Tuesday, the Generals baseball team traveled to Ohio State University thinking that they would be taking on the Buckeyes in a Wednesday double header (hey — there's an April Fool's joke right there). In what W&L head coach Jeff Stickley could only attribute to "an [athletic department] office mix up or a cruel, cruel joke played on us by some big shot ODAC official guy," the Generals found that Wednesday's game would not be one of the baseball variety.

The baseball team was registered to be the first competitors from W&L in a NCAA Division I synchronized swimming championship. But, when the confusion was made apparent by the obvious differences in appearances in the teams at the OSU meet, the Generals were given the opportunity to respectfully withdraw.

Stickley, however, declined the offer. "When given the opportunity to compete for an NCAA championship in any sport, you take what you can get," he said.

The question then arose as to who would represent W&L in the pair's duo performance, the first and most crucial event of the competition. For many of the teammates, there was no ques-

tion that E.J. Murphy and Bryan Lewis would lead the team to victory.

"When it came time to decide," said sophomore Bill Christ, "I just couldn't think of two guys that would look better swimming around together wearing bathing suits covered in sequins than E.J. and Bryan."

So with the cheers of the team and some whispered words of encouragement and a poolside slap on the rear from junior Chris Stakem, Murphy and Lewis took to the water.

Their performance was incredible, winning them the NCAA championship and sending the favored Lady Buckeyes home with a disappointing second. "I didn't even think those two would be able to swim much less pull

off some of the unspeakable things they did in the water together without drowning," said one anonymous judge.

After the meet, Lewis and Murphy had little to say and offered no answers to speculations that they would be making an appearance at the Olympic trials. As for the rest of the team in the group performance, the results were not as favorable. The program quickly fell apart when junior Christian Batcheller received a swift kick in the nose from the expertly pointed toe of Lewis during the opening sequence.

Catch the Generals baseball team back in action when they face Eastern Mennonite University on Tuesday, this time on a baseball diamond playing baseball.

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