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These are the times to remember...

W&L buries a time capsule commemorating the 250th that will give future generations a glimpse of who we were

By Polly Doig
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In one of the final acts of celebration of the bicentennial, Washington and Lee University put pieces of itself in a capsule and buried them in Stemmons Plaza for a future generation to find.

It contained everything but the Colonnade and the kitchen sink.

As part of Senior Night festivities Wednesday, the 250th Committee sponsored the burial of a time capsule which will be uncovered in 50 years for the 300th anniversary.

"We were really excited to get it all done," 250th Committee Time Capsule co-chair Brad Baker said. "It was a great way to cap off the 250th year. It was a pretty big vessel, and we ended up filling the whole thing up."

W&L President John Elrod contributed a letter to the future president of the university, which read in part:

"Certain as we are that the University will have continued to evolve over the last fifty years academically, technologically, physically, and culturally, we are as hopeful in

1999 that the values of honor and civility, which have not changed and have defined the University throughout its history, are as vibrant and sustaining in your time as they were in ours and our predecessors. It is these values that have held the Washington and Lee extended family together so decisively and distinguished the University among its peers in higher education."

The capsule contains snippets of everything from music and fashion, to honor and predictions of the future.

"We just wanted to put things that wouldn't be in Special Collections, so you could have some other references as to our lives," Baker said.

In addition to W&L to the expected present-day W&L memorabilia, Baker also included photos of something a little more personal in the time capsule: his daughter Maggie.

"I put in three pictures of her on the Colonnade all in her Sunday dress," Baker said. "When she sees the pictures in 50 years, and if for some reason I'm not here, she will know that she got to spend time with our family in Lexington."



photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

250th Committee co-chairman Nate Tencza (left) and other committee members shovel dirt on top of a time capsule that won't see the light of day for 50 years. The capsule was buried last Wednesday in front of the Williams School.

What those who follow us will find:

- Letter from President Elrod to the future president.
- Bottle of 12 year old Macallan Scotch for the future president to accompany his aforementioned letter.
- Interviews, letter and predictions from long-standing faculty, staff, and selected students describing W&L today.
- CDs from 1999: Agents of Good Roots, Dave Matthews Band, Widespread Panic, and The Ear (CD produced by SFA).
- Fancy Dress '99, Mock Con Spring Kick Off '99, 250th Ball and National Day of Celebration memorabilia.
- Maps of campus, Lexington, and Rockbridge County.
- Photo album of student activities and places of interest.
- Price list and catalog from the Bookstore.
- Popular clothing catalogs such as J. Crew.
- Essays and poems submitted by students.
- University card.
- White Book.
- Weekly calendar and Lenfest Center newsletter.
- Menus from the Palms, GHQ, Co-op, D-Hall, etc.
- Composite photos from each fraternity and sorority (except Phi Kap, Fiji, Lambda Chi, and Kappa Alpha).
- Tapes from WLUR student radio shows and current issues of the Trident and The Ring-tum Phi.
- National newspapers from May 19, 1999.
- First Day of Issue Postcard honoring 250 years.
- Hat and belt with trident logo; three bumper stickers.
- "Star Wars: the Phantom Menace" book.
- Copies of "Happy Gilmore," "Austin Powers," "Good Will Hunting," and the 250th Satellite Show.



photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

GIANT Q-TIPS: Two Washington and Lee students practice their skills for "American Gladiators" during the Spring Swing held last Friday.

"Phantom Menace" hits Lexington

By Polly Doig
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Amidst outcry from critics and virtually unprecedented hype, "Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace" opened across the country Tuesday at midnight. The movie broke the one-day record when it opened to \$28.5 million, breaking the previous record set by "Jurassic Park: The Lost World" with \$26.1 million.

"Phantom Menace" opened in 2,970 theaters across the United States and Canada on about 5,500 screens.

Here in Lexington, the masses began arriving at the State Theater early for the door opening at 11 p.m. Freshman Ivan Gonzales was one of those who did so.

"It was really the thrill of seeing the initial showing that mattered the most," Gonzales said. "I was expecting a lot."

Senior Bill Overbaugh agreed that the mood of the audience was high.

"There was just this incredible spirit, I've never been a member of an audience like that for a movie,"

Overbaugh said. "Everybody cheered when it finished."

However, according to Gonzales, the movie simply did not live up to all the hype that came before it.

"It really didn't impact me as much as I thought it would," Gonzales said. "It hardly managed to keep me awake. There were too many special effects, and the plot was not convincing, which was not much different from the original movies."

Many agreed that the accompanying hype did the movie more harm than good.

"There was so much to live up to," senior Drew Wendelken said. "I was expecting so much. It was an incredible movie, but had it's downfalls. But I was not disappointed."

Whether critics approve or not, "The Phantom Menace" set a new box office record for its first five days of release. However, it did not manage to pass the mark made two years ago by "Jurassic Park: The Lost World."

What has been billed as "one of the most widely anticipated movies in history," grossed about \$61.8 million

in North American ticket sales over the weekend. "The Lost World" pulled in \$72.2 million during the Memorial Day holiday weekend of 1997. However the five-day tally for "Phantom Menace" reached \$102.7 million, outclassing "The Lost World" by almost \$4 million.

Locally, moviegoers complained that Jake Lloyd (Anakin Skywalker) had poor script to work with. In addition, some were upset that they didn't get to keep the "really cool" ticket stubs as souvenirs.

Most however, were impressed with the movie, and highly recommended it.

"I loved it," Overbaugh said. "I thought the plot was a little slower than some of the other movies, but the special effects and the way that you learned about the background of the movie more than made up for it. It had a lot of surprises. I was really impressed by Liam Neeson's acting."

Junior Andy Stewart summed it up: "Don't believe the critics," he said. "It was a good flick."



photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

Senior David Lehman surrenders his ticket to "Phantom Menace" at the Lexington premiere at the State Theater.

Student investment society takes stock

By Mike Crittenden
STAFF WRITER

More than a year after first setting out to spend the University's money, the Williams Investment Society is happy to find itself safely in the black.

Given an initial balance of \$1 million dollars by the Board of Trustees with which to invest in stock, the WIS has shaken off an initial loss to finish this school year with a portfolio valued at slightly over \$1 million dollars.

"We were hit hard last summer by the falling market and our balance was down to \$800,000," said WIS co-executive director Taylor Beaupain. "We have done much better this year and have shown some positive growth in our portfolio."

The Williams Investment Society was started last February and serves a dual purpose according to co-director Trey Kuppin.

"The purpose of the Society is twofold: first, to give interested students practical knowledge about the stock market, and second, to make a profit," said Kuppin. "The Board of Trustees is equally concerned with both the educational and the profit aspects of the Society."

The WIS is regulated by the University Investment Committee and has a strongly regimented procedure for investing in stocks. Headed by Beaupain and Kuppin, the WIS is divided into industry groups who research and make proposals to the society on prospective investments. The groups then vote on whether or not they will purchase a stock with the final decision going to Kuppin and Beaupain. Kuppin says the process helps the group take some of the risk out of the often perilous stock market.

"The process is very decentralized and guarantees nothing is done with-

out a lot of thought," explained Kuppin.

In addition, the investment opportunities of the group are also limited, with the group sticking to almost exclusively to equities. The group is not allowed to invest in bonds and cannot write options. The group is helped by their faculty advisers, professors Anderson and Holliday. Next year Professor Charles Phillips of the economics department will advise the group along with new management professor, Professor Culpepper.

Currently the WIS has investments in popular companies such as Wal-Mart and Dell, as well as firms such as Chase Manhattan and MCI World.

Members of the investment society are chosen after a rigorous selection and recruitment process. Though the members of the group are mostly C-School majors, contrary to popular belief, the group is open

to students of all majors and is trying hard to diversify its membership. Both Beaupain and Kuppin said that it was hard to find students of other majors who have the interest necessary.

"It isn't just a C-School major thing, and we have encouraged students from all departments to apply," Kuppin said. "We want to integrate with the campus more and get everyone involved in this thing. It just happens that C-School majors usually have more enthusiasm and interest to spend time on the stock market."

Looking toward the summer ahead, both Kuppin and Beaupain seem optimistic about the possibilities for the 1999-2000 school year.

"We are a little over a year old and I think are now headed in the right direction," Kuppin said. "Our goal is not just a high profit, but also an education and experience. I am really looking forward to next year."

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**STAFF
EDITORIAL**

Who else is still all riled up from the excitement as this momentous 250th year winds to a close? We don't know about you, but between all the banners and balls we barely had time for the responsibility symposium! And we've never gotten so much learning, leadership and honor in all our lives! We don't know how they managed to pack so much fun into a single academic year, but leave it to those wacky deans to pull it all off.

Fantastic jobs guys, just fantastic, and I'll be sure to stop by for the big 3-0-0 when I'm old and established and have a nice vapid trophy wife to bring back to campus like the rest of our alums.

By the way, didn't you just love the trophy wife collection on alumni weekend? That was the highlight of my year. All those thirty-fortyish Southern women with their sixty-seventyish wealthy husbands. Every trophy wife was the same: had the same short-cropped hair cut, the same sickeningly sappy "How are yeeeeeeew?" Southern pleasantries, the same face, the same breasts (all custom made by the same surgeon in Atlanta, no doubt).

The most frightening part about alumni weekend was that occasionally you'd see some hot chick walking around campus so you'd go try to put the ol' moves on her. Then you get closer and notice she has a nametag that says something like "Mrs. C. Royce Pendelworthy IV, class of '44" and you're thinking, "gee, my dad was in diapers when her husband was graduating from college" and you're left with a mixed feeling — you're kinda proud of the old guy for still being able to get it up, but at the same time you're disgusted beyond belief.

Anyway... When we return to the Hill in the fall, we'll find ourselves ensconced in the less-than-momentous 251st year of our school's proud history. But does that mean we should forget about everything we celebrated this year? The answer, of course, is yes.

So good-bye, 250th, and good riddance. But, hey, things weren't all bad for the 98-99 regular season. At least not a single SNU got a scrotum shorn this year.

Quote of the week:

"If I were a woman, I would spend my entire life amassing a fortune so that I could buy Ricky Martin."

— Anonymous senior guy

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Phun Phi Pheature ideas for next year

We at the Phi are always looking to improve our paper. Sure, we could sit proudly on our laurels as the third-best paper on campus, but for us, that's not enough. And we won't stop improving until... well... until Spring Term again when apathy always sets in. (By the way, you like our Spring Term four-page rush-jobs?)

Next year when we return to W&L we're going to institute a lot of exciting new features. Here's a sneak peak at what you can expect from your phiends at the Phi:

Centerfolds! Check out our hot upcoming spread, "the girls of the chemistry department." Look out, baby, 'cuz these isotopes are definitely radioactive and they're burning up the page! A centerfold so hot it's guaranteed to fog up your safety goggles.

Music! For you techno freaks, we'll have the area's

best coverage of all the local raves. (Summer rave schedule: June — none. July — none. August — none.) A new weekly column by Radiohead's wacky Thom Yorke promises to keep us all in stitches. And did someone say polka? Oh, no? Never mind, then.

Fashion! A fashion page telling you which brand of khaki cut-offs will be turning the heads on the runways of Paris and Milan this month. A section for the gay man in all of us!

Food! Restaurant reviews of all Lex's hippest bistros, from Berky's to Burger King.

Movies! Reviews of the latest box-office hits as soon they get them in the State theater. This week: *Three Men and a Little Lady*. Next week: *Stop! Or my Mom Will Shoot*.

Sizzling Gossip! Find out who did what with whom

when and where and with what props. For instance, did you know that last weekend I hooked up with three hot blondes and... oh, who am I kidding. This column brought to you by women everywhere. "Women — gossip is what we do."

Hazing! Helpful Hazing Hints from Pledgemaster Hell-oise. Learn to give that brutal pledgeship program the "personal touch." This year, why not make line-ups extra-special with just the right decorations? Did you know that you can make your own paddle at home for much less than what you'd pay at the bookstore?

Zeppo, the Talking Mule Advice Column! Everything you'd expect and more from a talking mule.

Silly Names! With people named Polly and Hollister now running the show, the Phi guarantees the silliest names on campus this side of Flash Floyd and Kip Pirkle.

Crying a darn river...

The problem with humanity is that we're not really comfortable with happiness. So maybe that's oversimplifying things a teensy bit, and really, that's just one of the problems with humanity. Regardless, it makes us nervous, not to mention substantially quieter, when we can't complain. No matter how well things are going, there's always something wrong.

This is why the Phi can devote virtually the entirety of this page every week to complaints, and never have to publish a blank sheet of paper. Whether it's us whining about administration, the administration whining about you, you whining about us, or some alum whining about the loss of the freshmen beanie policy, there's simply always something to bitch about.

I noticed this last summer, during what I fondly refer to as the Internship From Hell, when I wasn't given enough to do. I was forced to sit in front of a computer and spend mass quantities of time playing solitaire. This would be a god-send to a rational person, particularly one who just completed an academic year that included four hours of sleep. But I've been termed many things in life, and rational just isn't on the list.

No, instead I began to daydream of the time when school would start back up and I could continue with the noble process of educating myself. I bemoaned the lack of hundreds of pages of nightly reading, of term papers, of cumulative finals, of the good old days when the Phi guaranteed an all-nighter each and every week. Jeez, those sure were the days.

And now, as we wrap up the last week of school, there's plenty for everyone to gripe about, mainly all those things that I was so looking forward to last summer. And as we finally buried the bicenquinquagenary that took at least that long to prepare for, not to mention celebrate, it's apparent that we grumbled about just as much this year as any other. Ostrich. SFHB procedures. Online registration. Rich Balzer. Sorority housing. The ever-popular self-governance. Unannounced delivery girls. Rumors of a parking garage.

The only way we accomplish anything is by taking stands. The best sight I saw this year was 50 pissed-off students crammed into an EC meeting, demanding accountability for a definition of the only thing that binds us all together — honor.

Whatever Washington and Lee's faults, each of us has a chance to make our opinions heard. But when five percent of us choose to do so, it leaves the other 95 percent of y'all stuck listening to me bitch every week, which is hardly representative. (I'd heard stories of conservatives on this campus.) Don't think I can't keep it up until my graduation (only 31 academic weeks away for those marking calendars), but isn't it time that somebody else got a word in sideways?

Before they call your name to pick up your sheepskin, and before the only opinion of yours the school cares about is that on checkwriting, give 'em hell.

Defending elitism

Last week the Trident published two (one wasn't enough) letters urging us to stop making fun of townies because it makes us look like elitists. Actually, I agree with this, but still don't see anything wrong with making fun of townies.

Come on. Society claims to value education, and the very word "value" implies that some things are of greater worth than others. If we're going to say that everyone is equal, no

Community Service
Kevin McManemin '00

going to find people daft enough to blow 80K on a W&L diploma?

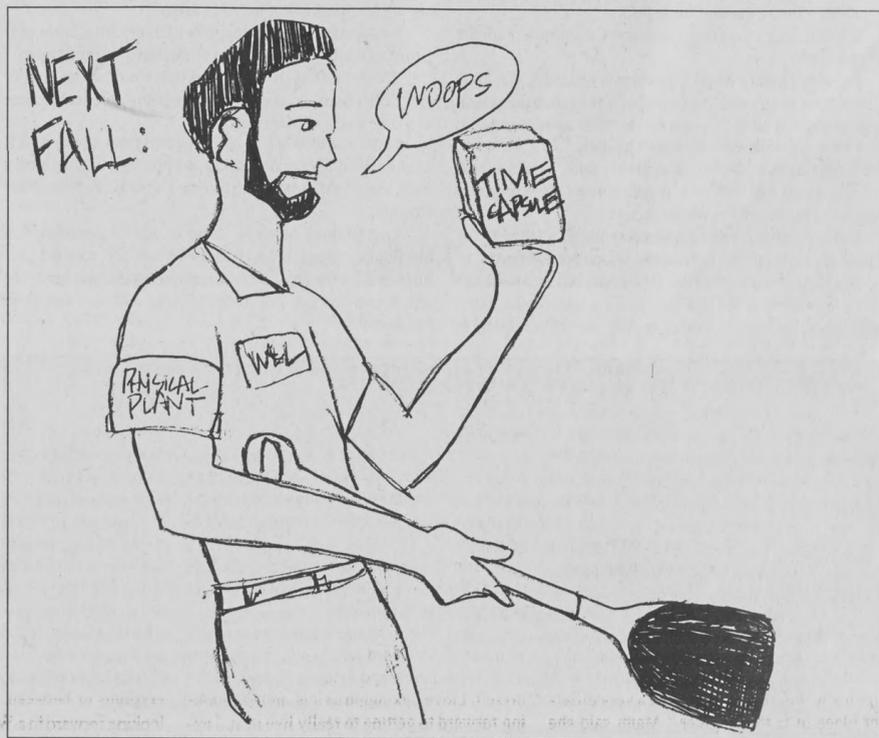
Now let me make a distinction — I'm not talking about all Lexingtonians being grossly inferior. A lot of them are good, intelligent people.

I'm talking about the dirty, unkempt, unenlightened, unemployed rednecks, with scraggly hair and Confederate Flag tattoos and drawls so thick it sounds like they're talking with a tennis ball in their mouths, those with no appreciation of music beyond Lynrd Skynrd, those who just want to live life lazing around getting drunk.

Hang on a minute, I just described half of this campus. To modify my original point, we're no better than townies. In fact, we're worse, because we should know better. They should be the ones making fun of us. Shame on you, shame on me, shame on us all. Now could you pass that dip cup?

Rear view mirror
Kevin McManemin '00

Livin' La Vida Loca
Polly Doig '00



1999: I fell and couldn't get up

In one more week, I'll be halfway through college. And quite honestly, I'm scared. I'm not afraid of the real world or of leaving the Washington and Lee bubble. I know I will need time to adjust to the change in situation, but I'm not scared about the specifics. I'm scared that I get to start over again.

I have sometimes wondered what it would be like to pick up and just-leave. Not to go home, or to go with friends, but to just leave. Perhaps I'd move out to some

small town in the southwest, get a job in a diner or something. Maybe I'd go to a big city and lose myself in the bustle. No matter where I ended up, I'd be leaving and going somewhere else. I like the idea of starting over in theory, but theory and reality are generally two different things.

I have found that there are only so many times you can start over in life. Every time I manage to start over — beginning high school, entering college, etc. — it seems that I need yet another chance to start that start-over

again. Why is this? Do I not learn from my mistakes? Furthermore, why can't I ever get it right? I get another chance to start over next year, but will it do me any good at all? Will everything be okay in the end — eventually?

Much of this questioning is because of the past year. I once read in some book by some expert on something that the sophomore year is the

roughest. That's putting it mildly. Many of my classes could have been used

as torture chamber devices. Many of the friends I used to eat with last year were now far, far away in Red Square, Davidson Park or Woods Creek. Everybody's schedules conflicted. There were people who I don't even know who I saw more than my own roommates. I thought, like many students here, that spring term would cure all. I was wrong. I keep thinking things will soon get better, that if I just do this or that, things will be perfect soon enough.

And yet, as I sit here and wallow in

my pool of pity, I do have a shred of optimism floating about. Now, maybe you've had a great year. Maybe you've had a great life. But I believe that everyone has one of these years at some time in his or her life. Sometimes people have a few in a row. Most people I know (sophomores or otherwise) have had hellish years. Sickness or death in the family, personal problems, even simply a general disillusionment from escaping the teenage years and hitting the big 2-0 — it seems that it's just been one of those years. And the only consolation is what is the initial fear.

For better or worse, I do get to start over next year. I'm hoping this past year was me paying my dues to the Fates, and next year will be the reward. Hopefully I will have learned from my mistakes this past year, and that when I eventually have to start over yet again in the real world, I will not fear my mistakes that might happen, but will not commit the same mistakes I already have.

To the seniors this year, I say congratulations a thousand times over. Good luck in all you do. To the rest of y'all — have a restful and wonderful summer. I'll see you next year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honoree expresses gratitude

Dear Editor,
I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude for being named recipient of this year's Ring-tum Phi Award for public service. As many in the student body realize, the award should be looked on as recognition of the efforts of hundreds of people, including dozens of W&L students, in building Lisa's House, Project Horizon's shelter for victims of domestic violence. I especially want to thank David Sugerman, Josh Beckham and the other members of the student Habitat for Humanity chapter, who have worked tirelessly on the project.

Dozens of other students have volunteered with Project Horizon's hotline and in other capacities as well during their years at W&L.

For me, the Ring-tum Phi Award is confirmation that this student body recognizes the involvement of so many in this project, and the real need for Lisa's House.

Again, my heartfelt thanks.
Brian Richardson

Editors note: Professor Richardson was selected by the editorial board of The Ring-tum Phi as one of four recipients of the Phi award. Other recipients included

Neil Penick, and seniors Amy Frazier and Cliff Woolley.

Walk-a-thon successful

Dear Editor,
I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank all of those who participated in the walk-a-thon that was held here a few weeks ago to raise money for the van used to transport my brother. The major participants included the women's lacrosse, soccer, basketball, and volleyball teams, and thanks to everyone else as well. I also want to thank each and every person that made a donation to the cause. My family, my brother, and I all appreciated everyone's support very much. Because of such great support, I was able to take over \$2100 home with me to donate at the actual walk-a-thon sponsored by Aid Association for Lutherans and our church.

I also want to personally thank Assistant Women's Soccer and Lacrosse Coach, Lorraine Taurassi, for all of her efforts in organizing the walk-a-thon that we had here. She was responsible for "taking the ball and running with it" and without her organization and initiative, it would not have been as successful as it was.

Thanks again to everyone.
Karin Treese '99

Summer days: livin' it up in Lex

By Elianna Marziani
FEATURES EDITOR

Summer... lazy days at home, sitting out in the sun, hanging out at the pool or the beach, reading, watching movies, traveling, working a little at a local store... sound familiar? While this might sound like some of your past summers, this is not the summer many Washington and Lee students have chosen for themselves this year. A surprising number of students are staying in good old Lexington for the summer, working internships and doing research with University faculty.

Rising senior Kirsten Malm is staying in Lexington this summer to work in the economics department with Professor Michael Anderson. Malm explained that Anderson is working to co-author some research dealing with the effects of free trade on lower wage, unskilled workers. Malm is going to help Anderson with some of this research by doing some regression analysis and working on the statistical end of it. Malm took Economics 203 (Quantitative Models) from Anderson during winter term, and in February Anderson asked Malm to stay during the summer to help him with his research.

Malm is looking forward to gaining some valuable practical experience. "It's good to have experience with just doing the regression models," she said. "It gives you better insight into what people do with economics."

She hopes that this experience will help her with a major in economics and getting a job.

About her stay in Lexington, Malm said, "I'm looking forward to it... I came in as a transfer student, and I'm graduating early, so this is my only summer as a W&L student."

Far from dreading a boring summer, she said, "I think it'll be fun. It's got to be a very different place over the summer." Malm said she has heard good things about Lexington in the

summer from other students who have stayed here before, and she is looking forward to trying out the experience for herself. Two of her good friends are staying in an apartment with her, so the experience is promising to be a good one for her.

Rising junior Melanie Baker is also spending her summer in Lexington, interning with the University in Tucker Hall. She will be doing some technical work, working with web pages, capturing and compressing video, scanning, helping to install new computers and soft-

to doing all there is to do in Rockbridge County. "One of my goals is to finally get to Goshen," she said. "I'll miss being home with my family and friends, but I think the experience will definitely be worth it."

Rising sophomore Veronica Griffith is yet another of the many W&L students to be staying in Lexington. She will be working with Professor Michael Pleva of the chemistry department, creating labs for Chemistry 106: Disorder and Chaos. They are hoping to change this course from a spring term, 3-credit course, to a 4-credit fall term lab science that Griffith said would "let non-science majors find a more interesting way to fulfill the [general education] science requirement."

Pleva asked Griffith to stay and help him this summer at the beginning of winter term, after having her as his student in Chemistry 112 and its lab course during fall term. Griffith plans to be either a neuroscience or chemistry pre-med major, so she is looking forward to gaining some practical experience.

According to Griffith, "It will help me learn how to develop and write up labs," a skill which she feels is very important for medical school.

Will she break our streak of students who are excited to be staying in Lexington over the summer? Not a chance. She knows a lot of people who are staying here over the summer, plus she will be involved in the Summer Scholars chorus.

"I'm looking forward to it," she said. "It's going to be a little strange — I'm used to walking around the corner and seeing people I know. It'll be lonely at times, but I'll find things to do, people to hang out with."

Many other students are staying to help in a variety of tasks, from working in Lee Chapel to helping with the computer system and everything in between. So the Lexingtonians looking forward to a W&L-free summer might have a surprise coming to them.



Photo courtesy of the *Calyx*
Melanie Baker '01 and Veronica Griffith '02 are two of the many Washington and Lee students who are staying in Lexington this summer to work in internships with the University or its faculty.

ware, etc.

"The great thing is, this is not just a job," she said. "I'll be learning all sorts of technological stuff which will help me work more intensively with the faculty. I'll become fluent in Java, etc."

Not only excited about the internship experience, Baker is also looking forward to two extra months in Lexington.

"I can't wait to live in Lexington over the summer... I've heard Lex is a different town over the summer, and I'd love to see this for myself. I love Lexington as it is, and I'm looking forward to getting to really live in and experience it," she said. She is looking forward

Fun facts: '98-'99 revisited

By Elianna Marziani
FEATURES EDITOR

As the 1998-99 school year closes, it is time to look backward. Here are some little known, occasionally interesting facts about the 1998-99 school year at W&L:

D-hall facts:
— by the end of May, D-hall will have served 198,700 meals this year
— D-hall served 312 different entrees to its students this year
— Mr. Bitz received about 80 comment cards this year
— D-hall lost about 1600 amber-colored drink glasses this year
— D-hall sponsored 23 special events for students this year

Extracurricular facts:
— W&L students were involved in approximately 315 sporting events this year
— the University hosted over 82 lectures from visiting speakers this year
— 6 new clubs sought official University recognition this year

General (pardon the pathetic pun!) facts about the school:
— U.S. News ranked W&L 11th for undergraduate liberal arts colleges and universities, and 20th for law school
— this year there were 1,696 undergraduates and 370 law students enrolled at W&L

— there were 456 freshmen, 436 sophomores, 402 juniors, 396 seniors, and 367 law students seeking degrees at W&L at the beginning of fall term; 449 freshmen, 427 sophomores, 401 juniors, 393 seniors, and 362 law students seeking degrees at W&L as of the beginning of winter term
— W&L's endowment is \$818,248,000
— W&L faculty included 182 full-time undergraduate and 34 full-time law professors this year
— 28 foreign countries were represented by students this year

— as of fall term, the top 6 states for student representation were: VA - 192, TX-136, MD-136, NY-112, 103 PA, GA-101; though it sometimes seems like everyone you meet is from Mobile, Alabama, "only" 62 attended W&L this year; tied for last place, with 0 students representing them,

were Nevada (though a large number of students do find their way there for Feb. break each year...), Montana, Hawaii, North Dakota and Wyoming
— 91.6 percent of the student population was white/Caucasian this year, as opposed to 91.7 percent white/Caucasian last year...so who says the administration isn't actively seeking out minority students?

And finally...
— W&L celebrated its 250th birthday this year... just in case you hadn't heard!



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Upcoming events...



Tuesday, May 25
8 p.m. Applied Music Recital.
Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center.

Wednesday, May 26
12-11:45 p.m. Web registration clean-up.
Last chance to register for fall term.

8 p.m. Senior Voice Recital. Mollie Harmon '99. Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center.

Saturday, May 29
9 a.m. Undergraduate exams begin.

Monday, May 31
Degree applications for December 1999 due.
University Registrar, Reid Hall.
5 p.m. Undergraduate exams end.

Tuesday, June 1
5 p.m. Gallery Reception. Senior art thesis by Mary Hampton Yeilding '99, Stephanie Frank '99 and Caroline Keene '99. duPont Gallery.

Wednesday, June 2
11 a.m. Undergraduate Baccalaureate.
Front Lawn.

Thursday, June 3
11 a.m. Undergraduate Commencement.
Front lawn. (Rain plan: Warner Center)

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“Hall” of Fame Attitude

Senior second baseman Pat Hall shows life is a game to be played

By Tod Williams
STAFF WRITER

To Patrick Hall, baseball is more than a game. And according to this second baseman, he will take more away from his four years as a General than just friends and a farmer's tan.

“Baseball has provided me with so many good life lessons,” Hall said. “You'll fail far more than you'll ever succeed out there. The biggest thing is learning to deal with the failure.”

Hall has always looked at baseball much like life itself: a battle that must be fought everyday, but a blessing to be able to fight. “There is no effort without shortcomings, but it's the person who can shake off those shortcomings that flourishes,” he said.

Though Hall has had to fight hard, he surely knows success. Just selected to the All-ODAC first team, Hall set new career records for W&L with his 142 hits, 93 runs scored and 90 RBI. He was also selected to the ODAC All-Tournament team.

Hall has been a pillar of offensive consistency for the Generals, but he knows the batter is always handicapped. “The pitchers always beat you somehow,” he laughs.

But his love of the game is no laughing matter. “It's a kids' game played by men. There's something so serious about it,” Hall said. “I just love the competition.”

Hall can only name one thing he would change about his career as a General: “I wouldn't have played that pickup football game my freshman year.”

Hall is speaking of the tackle that injured his shoulder, an injury that will plague him for the rest of his life. Although he has undergone repeated operations since that fall afternoon, his shoulder has bothered him, since Hall also re-injured it this year.

That shoulder injury caused Hall to miss four games early in his sophomore season. Those have been the only four times he wasn't in the Generals' starting lineup throughout his career.

Planning to enter the Marine Corps in June following his graduation, Hall's acceptance has been deferred until October so his shoulder can be evaluated. Even then, his acceptance is unsure. “Right now, my life's a mess,” he said.

But Hall has found the proverbial silver lining to this cloud. “I remind myself of that afternoon everyday,” he said. “But it taught me that in one second, I can make a decision that could change my life forever.”

Hall has said that if he cannot enter the Marines, he may try to play ball in Europe. Other than that, his days as a player may be over. Yet baseball will never completely be out of his life. He already has plans to coach this summer.

Though he's in limbo now, Hall knows he can never do anything he does not truly love. “I'm going to consider my options, and I believe that if I'm passionate about something, then my dedication will be endless, but I can't turn that drive on if I don't love something.”

Hall certainly has turned that drive on on the field. Batting .345 this year and a career-high average his sopho-

more season of .376, Hall hit well over .300 as a General. Hall has also led the team in doubles this year, and committed only three errors.

Hall knows whom he owes his four years of success to. “[Coach Jeff] Stickle and [Coach] Jack Baizley have nurtured me so much. I'm so grateful to have worked under them for four years.”

Always the scholar, Hall sees Stickle's coaching as laissez-faire. “He's really a player's coach,” Hall said. “He provides the instruction and the leadership, but he lets you play whatever role you want to on the field.”

Hall appreciates W&L's staff even more after his high school experience. “I played for a total [jerk] in high school. He ran a lot of great players away from the game,” he said. “I realize how serious a job coaches have. They're molding kids' character and their lives.”

Hall certainly has chosen a position of leadership on the team. A three-year captain, he said he's honored to have been in a position of leadership. “I respect and love every person on the team,” he said. “There's a strong bond this year, more than the past.”

Though the baseball program is on the rise in Lexington, Hall thinks the Generals' may have some roles to fill with the loss of this year's seniors. “The loss of E.J. [Murphy] will definitely be the team's biggest. He's basically there to help you win, even if you don't see his name in the box score.”

But head coach Jeff Stickle knows the departure of Hall will take more from the team than just a good second baseman.

“We'll miss what Pat does on the field,” Stickle said, “but his biggest contribution has always been his leadership. Pat's the only three-time captain I've ever had,” he said. “He probably doesn't even think about being a leader, it's just how he is.”

Stickle also knows the benefits that come from natural leaders like Hall. “[His leadership] is something the other guys pick up on, which you really need on a team.”

Junior shortstop David Hanson realizes the value of Hall's leadership. “I've been playing with him all three years I've been here, so it'll be a huge difference next year without him. He's just an intense guy whose presence is always felt.”

But Hanson agrees with Stickle regarding the gap Hall's loss will leave in the roster. “We ought to be alright defensively, but Pat's leadership is what we'll really miss.”

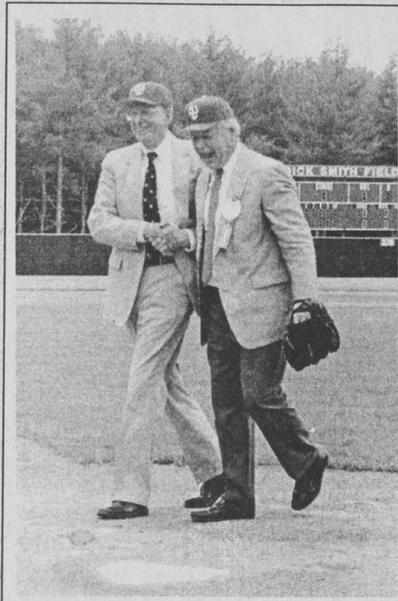
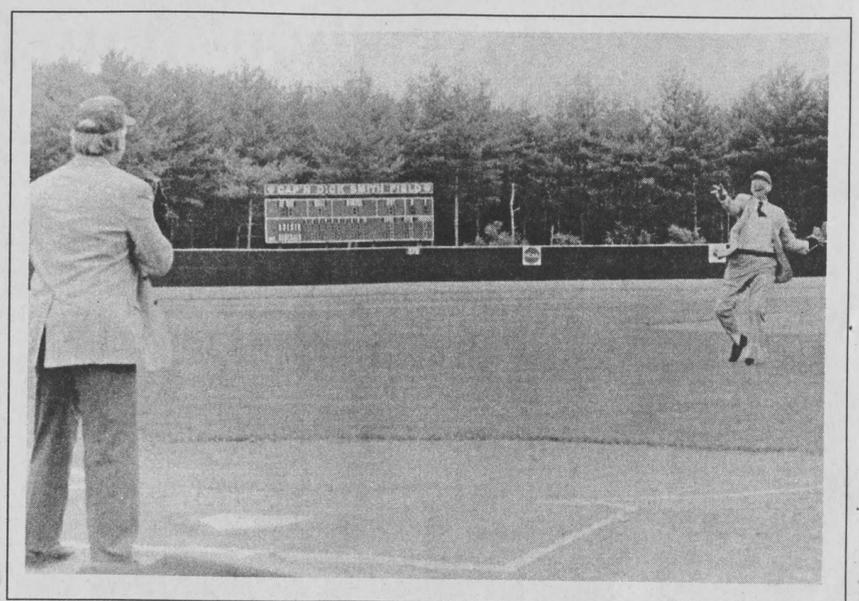
Regarding his career as a General, Hall said the team “made a good run my freshman year, but the next two years we really dropped the ball.”

“I think that's why the post-season depression hasn't really kicked in yet,” he said. “I guess I'm just so proud of the team this year. We went a long way and really made some giant strides for the program.”



Photo by Pat Hinely/University Photographer

Ready for anything: Pat Hall shows his prowess in the field.



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(Above) Dick Smith, son of Cap'n Dick Smith, throws out the first pitch to Frank Surface, Rector of the Board of Trustees.

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