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Homophobic incidents spur controversy

Radio show, campaign posters attack homosexuals and student body president

By Polly Doig
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Two juniors, one who campaigned for office on an anti-homosexual platform, and another who publicly attacked Executive Committee president Jeff Cook, have come under fire themselves.

In his WLUR radio show from 4 pm to 6 pm Wednesday, DJ Rich Groner made remarks which criticized Cook's sexuality. WLUR general manager and faculty adviser Bob de Maria received several complaints following the show.

"I got a call... telling me that some 'meathead DJ' had slammed a guy, calling him 'Jeff Crook,'" de Maria said. "I was really kind of furious because [Groner] had been on the air since his freshman year and knew better. Unless you have a program that involves opinion, you are to keep your mouth shut on things like that."

According to students who heard the show, Groner had an unidentified guest, "Crook" on the show, who spoke in a feminine voice and made disparaging remarks about homosexuals.

When reached for comment, Cook said that "the remarks were inappropriate and offensive."

De Maria said that he met with Groner to discuss his actions.

"He didn't show me any kind of contrition, and was not able to give me any kind of explanation," de Maria said. "That flies about as well as a lead balloon. Is it a sin that a guy's homosexual or that a woman's a lesbian, or that a person's black?"

According to de Maria, comments like Groner's can lead to complaints to the FCC, and the possible loss of their license. Staff members of WLUR have since recorded a public apology that they will play repeatedly over the air throughout the next week. In addition, Groner has been suspended from having a radio show for the remainder of the year, and met with Dean of Students David Howison.

"Basically I'm waiting to see what he does," Howison said. "I felt that the action taken by the radio station was the appropriate action, and in talking to the student I sensed that he had learned a valuable lesson."

The other incident involved John Herbert, who ran unopposed in his successful race for junior class president. Herbert distributed posters which said "I'll be straight with you." When questioned, Herbert admitted to running his campaign on an anti-homosexual platform.

In response to the posters, junior Meisha Jackson has started a petition in protest.

"My purpose with the petition, is not necessarily to get him out of office, but rather to raise awareness that this is who the president of the Class of 2001 is," Jackson said.

"I think that such blatant intolerance is completely unnecessary, and the time for that is past. Basically I want to get the point across to Mr. Herbert that the W&L student body does not share his sentiments."

Jackson began her petition this

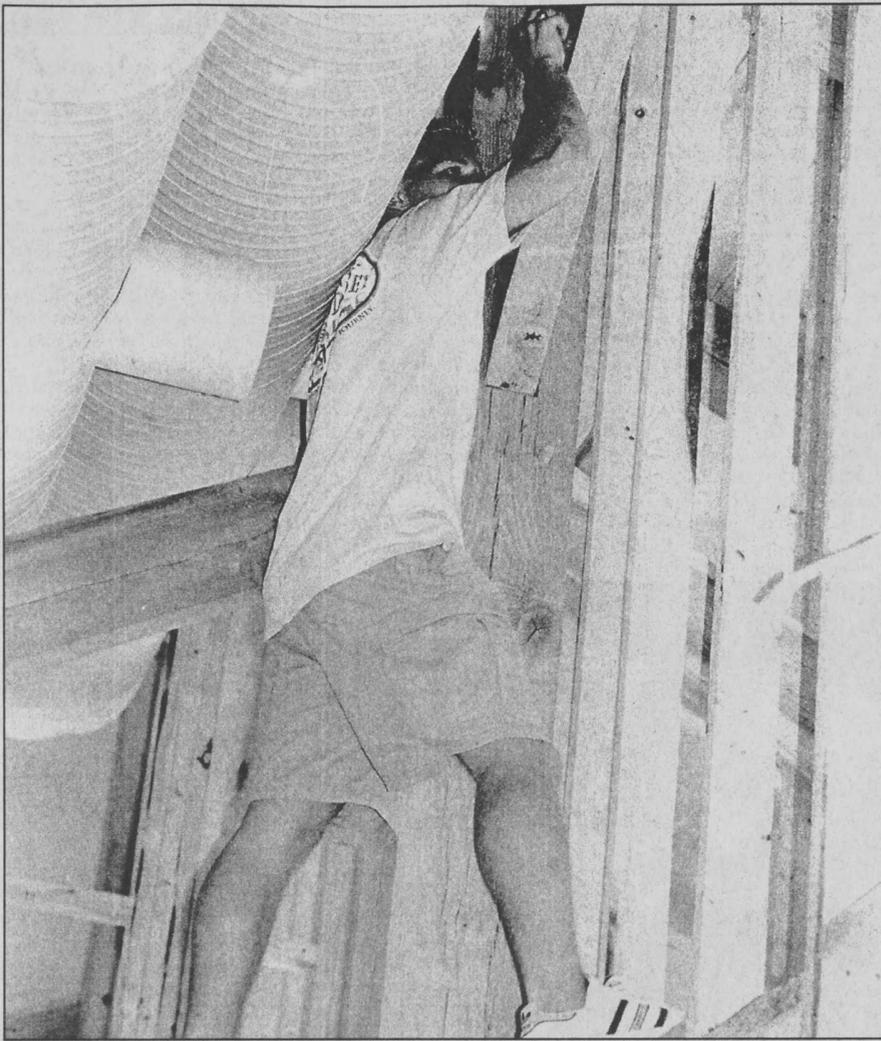


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"IF I HAD A HAMMER." Freshman Stephen Koss works on a Project Horizon house Saturday.

weekend, and will distribute it at meetings of the Women's Forum, the Minority Student Association, the International Club and several sororities early this week. In addition, she will be in front of the Co-op much of the week soliciting signatures.

The incidents come on the heels of another at the Kappa Sigma fraternity. **SEE 'CONFLICT' ON PAGE 2**

Busted?

New alcohol policy clears up questions

By Mike Crittenden
NEWS EDITOR

When Resident Assistant Erika Cassutti recently saw a sophomore entering Woods Creek apartments with a case of beer over his shoulder, she immediately confronted the young man, confiscated the alcohol, and informed the man he had to pay a fine and serve hours in the dining hall. If this had occurred in the freshman dorms however, it might have had a different result before a new alcohol policy was instituted this week by the residence life staff.

According to the new policy, "if any student is apprehended with alcohol in the freshmen residence halls, he/she will be given a \$75 fine and six hours of work in the Dining Hall." Though the freshmen dorms have always been alcohol-free, the new policy is intended to help residents and visitors understand the sometimes vague policy.

"The student body needs to have a crystal-clear understanding of all of the policies in the dorms," said Dean of Freshman Mark Dalhouse. "In the past there has been some ambiguity about whether or not upperclassmen in the dorms can be punished for possessing alcohol. This makes it extremely clear."

According to Dalhouse the change in policy was not precipitated by any

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5K charity race a success

More than 60 student runners hit the streets in Theta/KA run

By Mike Crittenden
NEWS EDITOR

The streets of Lexington had a new sound Saturday, as the sound of student's footsteps resonated through town in the first annual Theta/KA 5K run for charity. With an entry fee of only \$5, many students took the time to get some exercise and donate some money to charity.

"The turnout was great," said Dana Early, the run coordinator for Theta. "We had over 200 donations."

Beginning Saturday morning at 11 a.m., the course started at the gym and weaved through Lexington, eventually

finishing at the gym. Signs and orange-clad volunteers pointed the way, keeping runners from yawning offcourse.

"It was a really good course, both challenging and fun," said junior Tim Cormier, who came in 6th out of the 60-plus runners who participated. "I was happy to do something that helps out a good cause."

The proceeds from the benefit were split evenly between Theta's national philanthropic organization C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and KA's national charity the Muscular Dystrophy Association. According to race organizers the race turned out to be a great success.

"We wanted to do this race so that the whole school could participate in it," said Early. "We thought it was a good idea because it would be a lot of fun and we could raise a lot of money. It worked out great."

The five kilometer race was won by junior Brian Ceneviva, who plays baseball for the Generals. The top three men and top three women all received prizes for being the top finishers.

When asked whether he would participate next year, Cormier said he'd be there for sure.

"It's a great idea and was a lot of fun to do. I'll be looking forward to next year."



photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

READY, STEADY, GO! Runners await the start of the Theta/KA run for charity that ran them from Doremus Gym through town.



photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT? Junior Carly Blakelock and senior Erick Englebert chomp on hotdogs at the Manhattan Hot Dog eating contest.

Panhel to give out scholarship

By Mike Crittenden
NEWS EDITOR

Washington and Lee sorority women now have the opportunity to earn a scholarship for their involvement in their sororities and the Washington and Lee community.

The \$500 scholarship is being given in honor of the 10th anniversary of Washington and Lee's Panhellenic Council, and the National Panhellenic Council's Week of the Scholar. Each of Washington and Lee's five sororities were asked to nominate one or two members based on involvement and a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5, according to Panhellenic member Katie Boening.

Said Boening, "We thought it would be good to celebrate our 10th year by

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recognizing Greek women who contribute both to their individual chapters and to the Washington and Lee community as a whole."

The 10 women who were nominated were asked to complete an application about themselves that was due this week. The applications are going to be examined by a committee of Panhellenic Council members and faculty advisors, from which a winner will be chosen.

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particular event, but that the change is very important to all residents.

"The fact is, alcohol in the dorms is not conducive to the academic mission of this university. This change will help reemphasize that this conduct will not be tolerated in the dorms," said Dalhouse.

This year there have been no reported cases of students being caught with alcohol in the dorms, but according to Assistant Head Dorm Counselor Jim McKnight, it becomes a large problem as the year goes on.

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in which a senior brother made anti-semitic and racist remarks to two entering freshmen prior to matriculation. One of the freshmen involved subsequently withdrew from the university as a direct result. The senior has been placed on conduct probation for the remainder of the year, and suspended from Kappa Sigma.

In an open letter to the student body following the case, W&L president John Elrod stated that no student "should ever be made to feel unwelcome because of an offensive remark about his or her ethnic or racial background and heritage. There is absolutely no place at this University for this sort of verbal behavior."

"Here we are, looking at the year 2000," deMaria said, "and we still have folks looking at people who are of a different sexual orientation with a pre-1940's attitude."

"It will be a difficult decision to make," said Boening. "All of the women nominated are excellent candidates."

Panhellenic Council member Elizabeth Holleman agreed, saying that "while difficult to make, the decision would be a positive experience for all sorority women."

"It's just real exciting that we had the money in the budget to do this," said Holleman. "It's good to see some-

thing that we were talking about last spring come to pass."

The scholarship will be awarded at next Tuesday's "Meet the Greeks" function, a chance for all Washington and Lee women interested in rushing a sorority this year to meet members of W&L's five sororities. The meeting will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Liberty Hall Ruins, and is open to any W&L women who are interested or curious about the Greek system.

"Because there are so many parties right now, there is no reason for the kids to drink in the dorms. As the year goes on and the number of parties is reduced and the freshmen join different organizations, the drinking in the dorms increases and that's when we have a problem," said McKnight.

Both McKnight and Head Dorm Counselor Kelly Stuart say the new policy will help the resident life staff better enforce the school's policies, and help to clarify the rules for those

involved. Said Stuart, "The freshmen dorms have always been alcohol-free. We're just trying a little harder to discourage upperclass students from contributing to the problem."

Stuart also said it seemed "pathetic" for an upperclassman to be caught in the dorms drinking for any reason.

"I would hope that an upperclassman would have better options of places to drink than the freshman dorms anyway."



Hospice sponsors "Hustle"

The Rockbridge Area Hospice will be sponsoring its 3rd Annual Hospice Hustle on Sunday, October 17, 1999. The walk will serve as a fundraiser for the hospice and will benefit all persons involved directly and indirectly with hospice care.

The walk will begin at 2 p.m. at Rockbridge Area Hospice, located at 129 South Randolph Street. The hustle will conclude when all participants have completed the course.

Groups, organizations and individuals are invited to attend. The cost for each person will be a 15 dollar minimum, though children under six are free. Sponsorship of participants is encouraged.

Participants are encouraged to register before the walk to ensure they receive a free t-shirt. They can, however, register the day of the race if needed. Persons interested in volunteering but who prefer not to walk are also welcome.

For any additional information, please call the hospice at 463-1848.

Homecoming Weekend to be held

Several hundred alumni are expected back on Washington and Lee's campus for this year's Homecoming festivities on October 8 and 9. Highlighting this year's Homecoming will be a Beta House Reunion and the alumni office's first Leadership Forum, a program for young alumni chapter leaders. Nearly 100 members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, from as far back as 1941, are registered for the Beta House Reunion.

On Friday, at 12:10 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom of Sydney Lewis Hall, professor Lawrence Lessig of the Harvard Law School will deliver the 51st annual John Randolph Tucker Lecture. Saturday events include a memorial service for former history professor Charles Turner at 10 a.m. in Lee Chapel, women's soccer against Bridgewater at 10:30 a.m. on the Liberty Hall Fields and the football game against Davidson at 1:30 p.m. on Wilson Field.

Hooks receives research grant

Linda Hooks, associate professor of economics at Washington and Lee University, received a grant from the AAUW Educational Foundation to work on a research project called "The Impact of Banks on Economic Growth: Historical Evidence from Texas." The project will investigate the importance of banks to growth in the rural U.S. in the early 1990s.

The primary purpose of the AAUW Educational Founda-

tion American postdoctoral research fellowships is to increase the number of women in tenure-track faculty positions and promote equity for women in higher education. The foundation is one of the nation's largest sources of private funding for educational programs that directly benefits women and girls, and it provides fellowships and grants to more than 300 women around the world.

Hooks joined the W&L faculty in 1993, and her fields of research include monetary economics and banking. She teaches undergraduate courses in money and banking and a seminar on the European monetary union. Prior to joining W&L, Hooks was an economist in the financial industry studies department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles.

W&L hosts 8th annual Writer's Harvest

Washington and Lee's contribution to the eighth annual Writer's Harvest will take place in duPont Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12. The Writer's Harvest, the nation's largest literary benefit to fight hunger and poverty, boasts readings by more than 2,000 writers in 600 locations nationwide each year. While in years past, writers have shared both poetry and prose nationwide on the same night, this year's readings are being held in accordance with local needs.

Reading this year are Charlotte Morgan, Michael McClure and R.T. Smith; student readers include Jennifer Quail, David Hanson and Anna Baker, all poets.

"Through Writer's Harvest we can add to the great gifts of literature affords us: an opportunity to feed the hungry," says 1999 national chair Alice McDermott. "We can transform what might be called the writer's spiritual work of mercy—the sharing of the written word—into a corporeal work of mercy as well." The benefit has raised more than \$750,000 since 1992 to fight hunger and poverty. One hundred percent of the event proceeds go directly to statewide anti-hunger and anti-poverty efforts.

Charlotte Morgan, a local novelist, is the author of *One August Day*, nominated by the Library of Virginia for its 1999 Fiction Award. Her stories have been published in *Potomac Review* and *Phoebe*. Morgan is also a recipient of the *Sherwood Anderson Prize* for short fiction and the *Virginia Highlands Prize* for her novel. Smith, editor of W&L's literary quarterly, *Shenandoah*, and author of *Split the Lark*, will read poems by Irish writers. McClure is a visiting professor in the W&L English department.

Quail, a senior, hails from Trenton, Mich., and is an archeology/anthropology major. Hanson, also a senior, lives in Smyrna, Ga., and is double majoring in English and geology. Baker, from Baton Rouge, La., is a junior and plans to major in English and Journalism/Mass Communications.

For more information, please call R.T. Smith at 463-8908.



INDIAN SUMMER. A freshman sits reading in the Graham-lee's quad, enjoying the warm weather. photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

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The reality is that Cook's sexuality doesn't affect anyone but him and whoever he is dating — just like the rest of us on campus.

There has been a recent flurry of anti-gay remarks on campus. A student running for junior president promises that he'll be "STRAIGHT" with you. Another student parodies Cook on his radio show, mainly because Cook is gay, yet without any legitimate provocation. Put yourself in this situation. What if someone started talking about you over the air, by name, about your drunken hijinks from last weekend. Chances are, you'd be ticked off, and you would be entitled to your anger. But because Cook is openly gay, somehow he's supposed to suck it up and move on.

Gay jokes are really funny around this campus. Tell a gay joke and you get a laugh. Insert any other racial/ethnic slur into that joke, and suddenly, it's not that funny. Someone might even tell you that you're not funny at all. On most campuses, someone would tell you to shut up because you're racist, or in this case, homophobic.

While W&L may have a small racial and ethnic minority population, gay populations are about the same wherever you go. A study once approximated that 10% of the overall population is gay. Now just because someone is gay doesn't mean that they're open about it. There are gays all over this campus and you don't know. It's the one rumor that hasn't made it all over the incestuous little circle of W&L — "Hey...so-and-so is gay!"

Maybe being from outside of Washington, D.C., I'm used to a mixture of people. I went to high school with homosexuals, I work with homosexuals, I'm friends with homosexuals. Folks, WAKE UP. It's not a big deal. Your sex life is no one's business but your own; the same attitude should be applied to those whose sexual tastes are different from yours. For some reason, society has stated that homosexuals are weird and different and odd. If you feel that way, that's your business. But the only difference quite honestly is that sex is a bit different for them. It doesn't affect work ethic, personality, personal ethics, etc. It's just another little part that makes up a person's description. It's not something to base your campaign on, or make fun of, or to talk about incessantly.

Grow up, folks. In the real world, you'll be working with all sorts of people. Being racist, homophobic, or just a exclusive snob in general isn't going to get you anywhere. W&L fosters this behavior simply because we encourage conformity. Don't speak up, don't speak out, don't cause a stir. Well I disagree. It's time to speak up, speak out and cause one hell of a ruckus. Quit focusing on the little stuff that doesn't matter and focus on the issues. If you need a campaign platform, choose a position on white book reform, or the 95 theses or something that affects the entire campus. If you need something to talk about on the radio, talk about something that's pertinent to you and the campus. Somebody's sexuality doesn't count.

Homosexual isn't a dirty word. It's a descriptive word, like heterosexual. I'm not saying you have to approve of homosexuality, but whatever Cook or any other person (gay or not) does behind closed doors is their business and only their business. You don't have to like it or not like it, because in the end — it's none of your business.



Coffee Talk

Heather McDonald '01



Watch out for the tree girl

This past Friday, I was walking to my car after class when a pygmy tree girl started screaming obscenities at me and pelting me with half-eaten fruit. Since I had not eaten all day, the half-eaten fruit was quite a treat. She had some kiwi, bananas and even some pineapple. I must say, pineapple probably holds the number one spot in my heart when it comes to produce. Tangerines following in a close second, however. I often wonder why we have preferences for different foods. Is it really the taste? Or does it have to do more with the experiences that we associate with those foods. In all actuality, I suppose that it's a combination of the two.

For example, I like oranges much more than bananas. Do oranges really have a better taste to me? Perhaps. Or perhaps, the time when my brother threw up banana on me when I was four has something to do with it. For some reason I always associate bananas with vomit.

I like spinach, too. Admittedly, however, it isn't the tastiest thing in the world. I think I like it because one night at dinner we had spinach. I finished mine. I guess I was really hungry. My brother didn't finish his spinach. My parents chided Doug for not eating his vegetables and praised me for eating mine. (Something the Psychology Department surely wouldn't approve of.) In any case, I got to have lemon meringue pie after dinner. Doug had to eat lots of raisins.

He got me back though. Later on he tickled me until I peed on myself. That was his usual mode of retaliation. It did have some good. I now have an unexplainable immunity to tickling. Actually I guess he only used the tickle torture when he was in a good mood, otherwise he would just beat the tar out of me. I think his constant beatings wore me down, broke my spirit. That's why I quickly succumb to the appeals of others.

By third grade, even the kindergarten girls knew that they could kick my ass. Actually, that's not true. It was only that one girl. She was one mean little tyke. Seventy-two pounds of fighting machine that Mary was. I wouldn't be surprised if she was one of those female boxers these days. Those ladies scare me.

Who am I kidding? Laxative commercials scare me, except for that one with the old lady who keeps telling everyone about her husband's loose bowels. That always cracks me up.

I can see my mom being that lady. She likes to tell everyone my business. Prom night, for example, when we went out to dinner, I think she enjoyed telling the waitress that I didn't have a date. They both had a good laugh about that. "He's a smart boy, sometimes. Other times I wonder where he came from. In any case, he needs some social skills." Well, mom, maybe I do. Maybe I do.



Off His Rocker

Stephen Pesce '01

To those who are friends, thanks for "being there"

I watched Wayne Gretzky's jersey be retired on Friday night, which I admit is not very consequential, but as a hockey fan I did find it rather interesting to watch one of the greatest athletes of all time say good-bye. However, what stays with me now is not the picture of the famous #99 being lifted into the rafters, but rather the picture of three of Gretzky's former teammates who made the long trip to Edmonton to pay tribute to the Great One.

Though not a huge sacrifice for a retired pro athlete, it still made me think about those around me who have been there for me, and the Washington and Lee community itself. I won't say I've always had it the easiest here in good old Lexington; not that it has been especially bad, but we all have our times at the bottom of the barrel. This is the nature of man though, so I guess I can't complain too much. We are always seeking more; more happiness, more satisfaction, more material gain.

Unfortunately, these ideals of more, more, more are always growing, with us always out of reach. Even if we did get what we want, I have no doubt that all but the most virtuous of us would turn around and try to get the next best thing. This inability to stay in a state of happiness leads us to occasionally come down with a case of the blues. Luckily, Nature has also provided us with a cure, and that is friendship. As Aristotle says in the *Politics*, "there must be a union of those who

cannot exist without each other."

The reason we form this union is because we do need each other; to make each other happy when times are hard, and to be there for others, working together towards a common human goal. Friendship is thus borne from the root of man himself in his natural state.

For this reason I felt a bit of nostalgia and thankfulness watching the ceremony in Edmonton (I know, no one here understands hockey, but try to follow the analogy), because I've been the recipient of an amazing amount of friendship and caring recently. I guess it is something many of us take for granted on a day-to-day basis, but when you need it and you realize people are there for you, it means a lot.

So thanks to all of you who've had my back the last couple of weeks (especially Nick, who's a hell of a good guy and has taught me that New Jersey's not that bad a place after all). I just hope I won't miss the chance to do the same for you guys. I have also realized something about the quality of person here at Washington and Lee. The people here are down-home good people. As opposed to popular opinion, the people here aren't always apathetic and shallow. The people here do care about something: the W&L community. I learned this week firsthand about our family, and am glad I did. Thanks.



Backporch Balderdash

Michael Crittenden '01

Quote of the week:

"I don't know where I am. I'm in a small, dark room with really close walls next to naked girl and I think it's in a brick building."

— W&L student's friend from home

Correction:

In last week's issue of the *Phi*, Professor Claudette Artwick was said to have cancelled her broadcast lab classes all last week. This was incorrect. The lab was held only without computers. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WLUR apologizes for slurs

Dear Editor,

Last week, during an afternoon broadcast, a staff member of WLUR lampooned student body president Jeff Cook. The lampooning went beyond the boundaries of common decency and good taste. I have received several complaints about the contents of that particular broadcast.

On Thursday, I met with Mr. Cook and issued an apology on behalf of myself and the entire radio station staff. This letter is an open apology to the entire University community. We do not want the immature actions of one reflect badly upon the entire staff.

We have taken measures to insure that these kinds of events will not happen again. Let me assure the members of this community that WLUR wants its staff and programming to serve the entire community.

Robert J. de Maria
General Manager and Faculty Adviser, WLUR

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TALKback... If you could have it your way, what would Homecoming be like?



"Anything, but homecoming at home in New York. Everyone came hammered and a few fights would break out — always."
— Andrew Liberth '03



"A big parade with floats, contests, and a day-long party."
— Alex Poor '03



"Theme parties all over campus, with different years would dress up and there'd be a competition between the classes."
— Catherine Henson '03



"A big dance with the whole school-not as fancy as FD-and a pep rally on Friday, like real schools do."
— Pauli Griffith '01

1999 Homecoming Queen nominees selected



Lindsay Gatling '00
Beta
Escort: Mike Malone '00



Nancy Dixon '00
Chi O
Escort: Drew Hess '02



Julie Horwitz '00
Chi Psi
Escort: Alex Stiles '00



Mary Elizabeth Winfrey '00
KA
Escort: Peer Segelke '01



Deirdre Coyle '00
Theta
Escort: Scott LeTourneau '00



Carson Chambers '00
KD
Escort: Brian Brantley '00



Caroline Cobb '00
Kappa
Escort: Pullen Daniel '00



Kelly Sewell '00
Kappa Sig
Escort: Lee Holland '00



Renita Perkins '00
MSA
Escort: Quincy Springs '02



Athena Mahoney '00
Phi Delt
Escort: Charles Elrod '00



Alison Ralston '00
Fiji
Escort: Sean Eddy '00



Jen Davis '01
Phi Kap
Escort: Scott Guggenheimer '00



Ashley Davis '00
Phi Psi
Escort: Nick Silverman '01



Kristen Burr '00
Pi Beta Phi
Escort: Jim Powell, VMI, '00



Jill Kosch '00
Pika
Escort: Chris Zarek '99



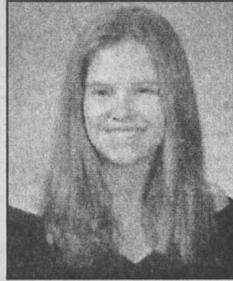
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Sarah Ann Hardee '01
Sigma Chi
Escort: Whitney Knier '00



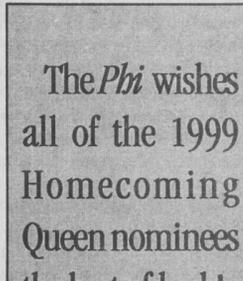
Anna Parris '00
Sigma Nu
Escort: Robert Walker '01



Jessica Morton '00
SigEp
Escort: Andy Thompson '00



Jeannie Hanna '00L
Student Bar Association
Escort: Grant Waterkotte '01L



The Phi wishes all of the 1999 Homecoming Queen nominees the best of luck!

"A day in the life" of W&L

By Elianna Marziani
FEATURES EDITOR

A view of students studying along the Colonnade, sitting on the grass as a gentle wind blows through — picture perfect? That is what six photographers will decide as they wander the Washington and Lee University campus this Wednesday and Thursday.

As part of a project sponsored by W&L Alumni Magazine, six W&L alumni photographers will shoot around 120 rolls of film in an attempt to capture "A Day in the Life of W&L" later this week.

The photographers are all professional, as well as being W&L alumni. The photographers participating in this contest include: Patrick Hinely '73, Bard Wisley '73, Neil Johnson '76, Charles Mason '84, Taylor Crothers '93 and Hilton Hines '97.

They will go around campus for 24 hours, shooting pictures of anything and everything at W&L: from students hanging out at the Co-op, to faculty in

their offices, to sports practices, to D-hall dinner, to 3 a.m. paper-writing in the computer lab, to the custodians cleaning on the late night shifts. The goal of the photographers is to capture a typical W&L day on film.

"It's almost like a game or a contest," explained Deborah Marquardt, University Editor/Publications Manager. The contest will begin on noon, Wednesday, Oct. 6, and end on noon of Thursday, Oct. 7.

"Anything then is OK, but it can't exceed that 24 hours," Marquardt said. The goal of the contest is to have all these professionals take the ultimate photo shoot of the school.

"Campus is the model [for the photo shoot]," Marquardt said. All six photographers will be vying for the best pictures of that model, for the recogni-

tion of having captured the essence of the model the best.

Each photographer will edit his own photographs and submit his best to the magazine for consideration. Ultimately, the art director of Alumni Magazine will make the decision as to which pictures finally get published.

The photos will be published in an early 2000 issue of the magazine, in celebration of both the new millennium and Alumni Magazine's 75th anniversary.

If anyone knows of any activities which the photographers should cover, contact Deborah Marquardt at 463-8956 or Louise Uffelman at 463-8978.

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Upcoming events...

Thursday, October 7
7:00 p.m. Drama: "Maximilian, Saint of Auschwitz." Lenfest Center.

Friday, October 8 - Homecoming
8:00 a.m. Tennis (M). Southeast Regional. Varsity Courts.
4:30 p.m. Soccer (M). W&L vs. Emory & Henry. Liberty Hall Field.
10:00 p.m. SAB Concert: The Connells. Student Activities Pavilion
7:30 p.m. Film Society. "Life is Beautiful" (Italy, 1998), directed by Robert Benigni. Troubadour Cinema.
Late Night DJ party. Fiji.

Saturday, October 9 - Homecoming
10:00 a.m. Annual Memorial Service, in remembrance of Dr. Charles W. Turner, W&L history professor. Lee Chapel.
10:30 a.m. Soccer (W). W&L vs. Bridgewater. Liberty Hall Field.
1:30 p.m. Football. W&L vs. Davidson. Wilson Field.
4:00 p.m. "K-rising" band, with pig race. Fiji.
9:30 p.m. "Stayin' Alive," Fiji.
"The Ernies," Chi Psi.
"The Phase," Pika.
"Coconut Groove," SigEp.
"Speakeasy," Sigma Nu.
Late Night DJ Party. Beta.
DJ Party. Chi Psi.

Monday, October 4
9:00 a.m. Tennis (M). Southeast Regional. Varsity Courts.

Tuesday, October 5
4:00 p.m. Tennis (W). W&L vs. Meredith College. Varsity Courts.
6:30 p.m. Volleyball. W&L vs. Sweet Briar. Warner Center.
7:30 p.m. Int'l Music Series: International Performing Arts Series 1999-2000. Ronu Majumdar, Indian flute. Lee Chapel.

Wednesday, October 6
4:00 p.m. Soccer (M). W&L vs. Roanoke College. Liberty Hall Field.

Volleyball continues dominance in ODAC, remains undefeated

By Sarah Schmidt
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee volleyball had another successful week, racking up two ODAC victories. Coming off the heels of their tournament championship at Maryville, TN, the Generals came home to knock off Randolph Macon Women's College in three games on Tuesday (15-11, 15-1, 16-14).

Senior outside hitter Nancy Reinhart led the Generals with 11 kills and seven digs. Two sophomores came up big as Lindsey Ruckert knocked down nine kills and Lee Charbonet totaled six kills and eight digs. Charbonet was named last week's ODAC Player of the Week for her performance in the Maryville tournament. Junior

Katherine Kline amassed 15 assists, leading the Generals' setters.

Several General reserves got to see significant court time in the three game match. The shuffled lineup may have contributed to some confusion on the court.

"We have to get used to playing with each other," Reinhart said, noting that "everyone got to contribute."

The Generals have never dropped a match to RMWC, holding a 15-0 all-time series advantage over the Wildcats, and only once has RMWC taken W&L to a fourth game.

The Generals were in control going into the third game, but after jumping out to an early lead, the team stalled out with 10 points and actually fell behind. RMWC has yet to win an ODAC match, and finally succumbed to the Generals 16-14.

The Generals know that as the top seed in the ODAC everyone is gunning for them. "We play our opponents' best," head coach Terri Dadio Campbell noted. "The struggle is to keep playing our best against lesser opponents. We can't drop our level of play."

On Thursday the Generals headed back toward Tennessee, this time to take on ODAC opponent Emory and Henry. Both teams came into the match undefeated in conference play. W&L won the match (17-15, 9-15, 15-3, 15-3), dropping only one game to E&H. Reinhart and Ruckert dominated net play for the Generals with 18 kills apiece. Reinhart also contributed 10 digs, while Ruckert hammered home five solo blocks and three block assists. Junior defensive specialist Tori Hays countered the

Wasps' attack with 24 digs as fellow junior Kline added 29 set assists.

Thursday's defeat of E&H leaves W&L as the only remaining undefeated team in the ODAC, with a 5-0 record in the conference and an 11-2 showing outside of the ODAC. The win at home on Tuesday against conference foe RMWC extends the Generals' home win streak over ODAC opponents to 17 in a row.

The last time W&L lost to an ODAC team at home was to Bridgewater at the beginning of the 1994 season. Over the past four seasons the Generals have only dropped three out of 44 games in the Warner Center. The Generals, defending ODAC champions will try to keep that streak alive Tuesday when they face Sweet Briar at home at 6:30 p.m.

Women's soccer survives Guilford, 3-2

By Frances Groberg
SPORTS EDITOR

It was too close for comfort. The Washington and Lee women's soccer team managed to pull out a victory, 3-2, against ODAC opponent Guilford with just 3:52 left in the game.

Junior captain Shana Levine opened up scoring at the 16:04 in the match, redirecting a free kick from junior midfielder Liz Olson. The Quakers answered at 47:17, but sophomore Noelle Beckman put the Generals ahead again with her second goal of the season.

Guilford pulled even again at 2-2 until junior Lindsey Williams knocked her game-winner home. The Generals outshot Guilford 32-10 for the game.

"We didn't play badly, but we couldn't finish," head coach Jan Hathorn said. "I never thought that we wouldn't win, and sometimes we do better with our backs up against the wall."

Sweet Briar posed no threat to W&L on Thursday, and the Generals cruised to an 8-1 victory on the day.

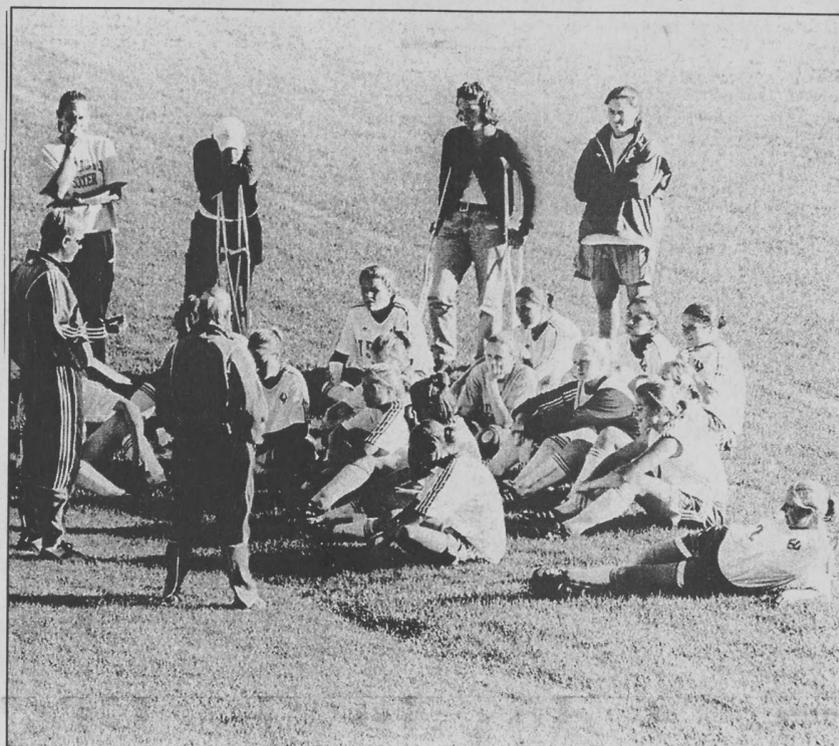
The team remains undefeated in the ODAC, no small feat given the injuries various players have suffered. Senior captain Deirdre Coyle has been out since the first game with a broken tibia, and senior captain Ginny Jernigan is recovering from knee surgery and a broken femur. Many other players have sustained injuries as well.

"We found out this weekend that we can pull out wins, even if they don't come from the names and faces we thought they would. Others are stepping up nicely," said Hawthorn.

Olson has put up particularly impressive numbers in light of the recent injuries. With four goals and an assist, she has become a true presence on the field.

"I still think we can win [the ODAC], but the kids have to believe that," Hathorn said.

The Generals face ODAC rival Roanoke away on Wednesday starting at 4 p.m.



WALKING WOUNDED: injuries have sidelined many players, yet they stay undefeated in the ODAC.

Stroebe scores Men's Soccer 1-1 for week

By Robert Turner
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team had an up and down week, gaining their first ODAC victory Thursday against Hampden Sydney before falling to Christopher Newport University Saturday.

The Generals (2-5) started the week off well, defeating perennial ODAC power Hampden Sydney 2-1 at Liberty field. W&L struck early on a goal by senior Jamie Parker in only the fourth minute of the game, but Hampden Sydney quickly knotted the score only minutes later. W&L's recent streak of bad luck in close games ended though as sophomore John Stroebe finally finished a shot off a flick from sophomore Andrew Grimes, and the Generals came away with the much needed conference victory.

Saturday the team traveled to Christopher Newport University looking for another upset with confidence still high following the Hampden Sydney victory. The Generals started well but couldn't manage to score on early chances. The defense held though, and the half ended tied 0-0 as both teams had seven unsuccessful shots.

The Captains netted two goals in the first seven minutes of the second half. W&L had only one more shot in the half, which almost seemed like a different game and the match ended in a 2-0 loss for the Generals.

While W&L returned home without what would have been a huge victory, the team acknowledged their improved play. "We played great the first half, with lots of intensity and really matched their skill," Stroebe said. "But then we fell apart in the second half and they took advantage. They were definitely one of the best teams we have played," he added. The Generals look for another ODAC victory Wednesday against Roanoke at Liberty field at 4:00 p.m.

photo by Emily Barnes/Photo Editor

2:00 DRILL

CROSS COUNTRY: The Washington and Lee cross country squads competed in the Frostburg State Invitational on Saturday afternoon. Both the men's and women's teams finished in 13th place out of 23 teams.

For the women's squad, freshman Brooke Duncan led the way with a 28th place finish in a time of 20:12. Junior Kathleen Moroney was second for the Generals in 74th place with a time of 21:14. The Generals were able to place their first six runners within the top 100 runners in the race.

On the men's side, the Generals were paced by sophomore Ken Jackman in 34th place with a time of 27:31 and sophomore Rob Naftel in 35th place just one second later.

GOLF: The Washington and Lee Golf squad finished second overall in the W&L Fall Golf Classic held at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. The Generals' white team shot a 316-305-621 and finished five strokes behind team champion, Roanoke. The W&L Blue squad placed sixth overall with a 314-326-640. Individually, W&L's T.J. Wagner was the medalist, shooting a 74-72-146.

WOMEN'S TENNIS: The Washington and Lee women's tennis team claimed both the singles and doubles championships at the ITA Southeast Regional Tournament this past weekend in Fredericksburg, Va.

In the singles competition, W&L senior Brook Hartzell claimed the title with a 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 win over Mary Washington's Lea Schon. W&L thoroughly dominated the competition, earning seven of the eight quarterfinal positions. Schon was the only non-W&L player to survive the second round. Hartzell earned her position in the championship with a 6-2, 6-0 win over teammate Laura Bruno. Schon outlasted W&L sophomore Melissa Hatley by a score of 7-5, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Washington and Lee was equally impressive in the doubles competition. Hartzell and Hatley, the No. 1 seeded team, triumphed over Bruno and sophomore Sallie Gray Strang by a score of 7-5, 6-3 to advance to the finals. Hartzell and Hatley will face teammates Erin Eggers and Erika Proko on Tuesday in the championship. Eggers and Proko disposed of the No. 2 seeded team composed of Schon and Sarah Chase in their semifinal match by a score of 7-6, 7-5.

MEN'S TENNIS: The Washington and Lee men's tennis team has had several players advance after the opening round of the ITA Southeast Regional held at W&L. In singles, sophomore Rhys James has advanced to the third round as has junior Kelly Radford. In doubles, James and Radford teamed up to advance to the third round, as well as the duo of freshman Chase Bice and sophomore Bobby Reitingier.

Foiled Again Generals fall to RMC 30-23

By Mike Weil
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Generals looked to carry their momentum from their first victory last weekend into Saturday's contest with Randolph-Macon. Unfortunately for the Generals, they ran into an offensive juggernaut that held on to a seesaw battle by a score of 30-23.

The game's first points came on the Generals' opening possession in which senior wide receiver J.T. Malatesta capped the drive with a 15 yard touchdown reception from quarterback Christian Batcheller. The Yellow Jackets retaliated, however, with a string of 16 consecutive points to lead by nine. The Generals were able to regain the momentum with 32 seconds left in the half when Batcheller again hit Malatesta in the endzone, this time from five yards out.

W&L freshman tight-end Davis White opened up the scoring in the second half, when he took a pass from Batcheller and scampered 41 yards to the endzone to regain the lead for the Generals 20-16. A key interception in the endzone ended a potential game-breaking drive for W&L. Turnovers then proceeded to plague the Generals for the remainder of the game as a fumble on their next possession led to a Yellow Jacket touchdown and a 23-20 deficit that W&L would never overcome.

Following the touchdown a W&L drive was again halted by a costly interception, leading to seven more points for the Yellow Jackets. The Generals added a late field goal to pull within 30-23, but were unable to stop the Yellow Jackets from running out the clock to end the game. W&L turned the ball over three straight possessions leading to all 14 points that Randolph-Macon scored in the second half.

"I thought for the first time we played overall good football for four straight quarters" said White. "We played solid, but made mistakes in key situations which killed us."

Coach Miriello said, "It was a good effort, but it was faltered by critical penalties, turnovers, and poor red-zone efficiency."

The game was highlighted by record-breaking performances by both quarterback Brian Partlow of Randolph Macon, and Batcheller for the Generals. Partlow smashed the ODAC record for passing yards with 405, and Batcheller broke his personal record for passing yards with 322. Batcheller's three touchdown passes on the day gave him 33 for his career, tying the school record.

One important figure that was missing for W&L was star tailback, junior Marc Watson. Watson is sidelined for three weeks with mononucleosis, thus having to sit out this weekend's homecoming showdown with Davidson.

Davidson, according to Coach Miriello, plays "smash your face football", which will be a big adjustment from Randolph-Macon's aerial attack. Miriello promises, however, that the "guys will recover for a good homecoming effort." Hopefully that effort will translate into a win this Saturday.

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The final victory of the spin doctors

By Kevin McManemin
BLEATING AND BABBLING

<Scene: the tastefully appointed inner chambers of the Vatican. The Pope sits on a chair as a Cardinal paces back and forth, pleading with the Pontiff.>

Pope: I will not change the doctrine of the Church to make it more popular! God's word is not a popularity contest!

Cardinal: Your Holiness, please. Our situation is desperate. The numbers of Catholic clergy are declining worldwide. The youth are turning to atheism, Satanism, or worse — Presbyterianism! And that damn Islam thing is showing no sign of going away. We're not asking you to change God's word... just put a new spin on it.

Pope: What?

Cardinal: Look, I'm not a PR person. That's why we've flown in two people to talk to you. Your Holiness, let me present Arthur James, Washington, D.C. image consultant and Ken Goldstein, PR director of Big Budget studios, Hollywood.

<Cardinal exits to fetch the spin doctors. A moment later, the doors burst open and two men with slicked back hair, Armani suits, sunglasses, and shoes that cost more than most small cars saunter in.>

Ken: John Paul, baby! Glad to meet you.

Arthur: It's a pleasure, babe. Well, let's get down to business. Issue one: increasing the Church's sagging profit margins.

Ken: Two words, babe: product placement.

Pope: What?

Arthur: Millions of people attend Catholic churches around the globe.

When you visit a country, pictures of the popemobile appear on every newspaper and TV station. You're just wasting that ad space! Companies would pay big bucks for a banner on the popemobile or a billboard on the altar.

Pope: That's unconscionable.

Arthur: You could get Pepsi and Coke into a big bidding war if you'd agree to change the communion wine to a soft drink.

Pope: Absolutely not!

Ken: Alright, alright, just a suggestion. Next issue: the Bible. No one reads anymore, baby.

Pope: Please don't address me as "baby." "Your Holiness" will be fine.

Ken: (aside) It's like I'm working for Spielberg again.

Arthur: Look, there's a lot of highly marketable stuff in the Bible — plenty of sex, lots of violence. Great stuff. Just super. But rather than a book, we'd like to make it into a weekly television series.

Ken: And get this — Leo Dicaprio has expressed interest in playing Jesus! Although, rather than being the immaculate Son of God we'd like to rewrite the part as just a regular guy, that would make the character easier for viewers in our key demographic to relate to.

Pope: Is this some sort of sick joke?

Arthur: We never joke about huge marketing potential! Just imagine — Apostle action figures, "make your own miracle" magic kits...

Ken: The movie, the video game, the Happy Meal tie-ins with McDonalds, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut... Why, someday the Catholic Church might even be bigger than Disney!

Pope: The Catholic Church is not interested in perverting the laws of God to pander to what's "popular."

Arthur: It's not about pandering, it's about putting a hip new spin on something very old.

Ken: I mean, it's like Puff Daddy

remaking the Police's "Every Breath you Take."

Arthur: Good song.

Ken: Great song.

Pope: I hardly think that's... look, I thank you gentlemen for coming, but I'm afraid this won't work out. Vatican City and Hollywood were never meant to meet.

Arthur: Alright, your loss. We've just got one more suggestion, if you'd like to stop the decline of young people signing up for the priesthood.

Pope: What?

Arthur: This whole celibacy thing has got to go. Today's sex-crazed youth aren't going to sign up for the priesthood if celibacy is a job requirement.

Ken: Look at the numbers. 75 percent of boys and 50 percent of girls have had sex by age 19. 20 percent have had 6 or more sex partners. 5 percent were actually having sex while they took this survey. And by the way, homosexuality is more popular than Catholicism in most of California.

Pope: Get out of the Vatican! If we let the church be run by public opinion, we'll all end up in Hell!

Ken: That's another thing we wanted to bring up.

Pope: What?

Ken: Hell. It's kind of hard for people to subscribe to your religion knowing that if they screw up, they spend an eternity getting tortured.

Arthur: Ouch!

Ken: Big ouch.

Arthur: We think you should institute a more believer-friendly after-life policy. I mean this Heaven thing — great concept, super idea. Couldn't everyone get into heaven?

Pope: I don't make God's laws.

Ken: We know, we know. We just want you to put a different spin on them.

Pope: GET OUT!

Ken: Fine, fine. We've got a meet-

ing with the Dalai Llama to get to any way.

Pope: Wait a minute, what did you say?

Arthur: The Dalai Llama. He's very interested in appealing to the youth demographic. Buddhism is through the roof right now after Rage Against the Machine and the Beastie Boys rocked out at those Tibetan Freedom Concerts.

Pope: (under his breath) That damn Llama. Hold on, you guys. Perhaps the Catholic Church could use a fresh new image. We're not beat that easily.

VJ: Hey waddup, you watchin' MTV's Spring Break, yeah yeah yeah. We gots some mad fresh guests chillin' wid us on the beach today — Den-

nis Rodman and da Pope. Waddup, guys?

<Camera pans to two men, one with green hair with a curse word shaved in it, a nose ring, three earrings, a bra and nothing else. Dennis Rodman is wearing his Bulls jersey.>

Pope: Yo yo, I just be chillin' like Bob Dylan, maxin' and relaxin' like Michael Jackson, you know what I'm saying? Excuse me while I drink a Coke. Yes, Coca Cola — the official soft drink of the Catholic Church. Drink a Coke, go to Heaven! Drink a Pepsi, BURN IN HELL! (gives thumbs up while drinking)

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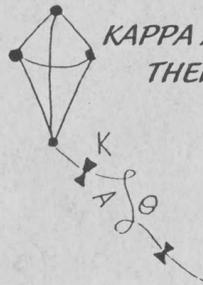
If this week's column doesn't piss some people off, I'll be insulted.

Insulted this week:

—Spin doctors, no, not that crappy music group that you probably listened to in high school.

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