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Administration bans flip-flops on campus

Controversial footwear decision sparks anti-Howison sentiment in ass-kickin' midnight kegger and bonfire

By Chip Furlow STAFF WRITER

banned flip-flops on campus Friday.

"We felt this was the right move," said Dean of Students David Howison. "I mean really, there's a line and I say we've crossed it."

The move was made in response to the overwhelming prevalence of unkempt Greek members roaming campus.

"I'm in support of a casual classroom for the students," said professor of history J.D. Futch. "But when I have guys coming in wearing a camo hat and flip-flops. . . I mean, that doesn't even match. Who wears flip-flops to go hunting?"

Students gathered Friday evening to protest the decision. "They tried to pull the same sh** with Croakies last year and we beat that. We just wanted to get out and voice our opinion," said senior Phi Kap Russell Mackin as he filled a cup from the lukewarm keg of Natural Light attendant at the protest. "Plus, there's not really anything going on tonight." The pro-

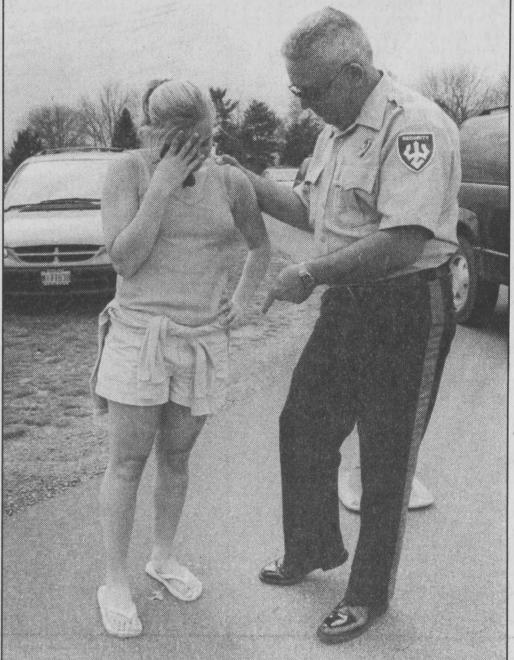
test began to grow unruly when the keg ran out shortly after midnight.

"All of a sudden I got this call from Dean In a controversial move, the administration Howison's house," said Security officer J.R. "Butch" Reynolds. "When I arrived on the scene, I saw about 50 students beating the sh** out of a Honda Accord and chanting 'Go to Hell Howison.' It was scary. You try telling 50 frat guys to quit beating a car." The Accord, which, it was later determined, belonged to Howison's visiting motherin-law, suffered more than \$6,000 in damage.

The students ended their riot by burning Howison in effigy. Lexington police, garbed in riot gear and pitching tear gas canisters, finally quelled the disturbance around 2:30 a.m.

Tension had been building since the administration announced two weeks ago that it would sign an exclusive distribution contract with New Balance and Patagonia.

"We're very excited to solidify our relationship with these campus apparell leaders," President John Elrod said. "This should streamline a lot of our student's clothing purchases. Plus, it'll hopefully help nip the whole Abercrombie thing in the bud."



LAYING DOWN THE LAW LIKE MAMA SAYS: Thomas "Baner" Bane about to open a

BIRKS A POOR SUBSTITUTE: Students put the beat down on Howison's crappy car.

can o' "whup-ass" on flip-flopping student offender Jessica Morton.

Prospective "very impressed" by W&L Alcohol use

Tradition, tailgates and Phi Psi's third floor excite girl; strong possibility she'll apply, admissions says

> By Ling-Ling PHI PANDA BEAR

Prospective student Lisa Woodring was impressed by the strong traditions at Washington and Lee, sources close to her indicate.

After visiting last weekend, "She was just raving about all the tradition they have up there," said her mother, Judy Woodring. "The honor system, the speaking tradition, and all those really

old brick buildings. I guess she's just a very tradi-

Besides the honor, friendliness, and neat-o architecture, Lisa found other traditions intact at

"Yeah, she said everybody just gets wasted all day long there," noted Julie Thomas, a member of Woodring's soccer team. "Apparently they have this tailgate thing where everybody dresses up and drinks before football games. It's a real tradition, I guess."

Other Washington and Lee traditions Woodring was able to participate in included wearing her new black pants, puking in the Graham-Lees toilets and pleasuring a junior Econ major in a third floor room of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity Java at the GHQ draws

Thus, according to super-secret sources at admissions, W&L and Woodring would seem to be the perfect match. It seems likely that the prospective will choose to attend W&L.

"Yeah, she wants to go somewhere with a lot of brick buildings and ivy, and she didn't get into Dartmouth, so I guess it's W&L," remarked John Woodring, the prospective's brother.

antiquated?

huge crowd, while country party at Windfall ignored

> By Poison OPEN UP AND SAY AHHH

In a stunning turn of events Wednesday night, "Java at the GHQ", a non-alcoholic alternative to the traditional party scene, outdrew the keg party simultaneously taking place at Windfall.

'Yeah, I get pretty tired of drinking with my friends and talking to hot girls," remarked Scott Garrett, a sophomore Phi Delt, "I was just ready for a change, you know?'

Garrett was not alone. The "Java" night drew its highest attendance ever on Wednesday, an occurrence which administrators were at a loss

"I don't know what the hell's going on." said a confused Dean Howison, as he fought his way through the gaggle of KDs standing in front of the coffee bar. "Is anyone driving out to Wind-

Some called the "Java" attendance record a fluke; others saw it as a seminal event in Washington and Lee history.

Jane Horton, head of Student Health noted. "I really think the culture's changing here. I mean really, how many generations of W&L kids can spend their time standing around in polo shirts; and khakis, drinking, before it gets boring? I think coffee is really the new answer to quelling the mind-numbing boredom of living in Lexington

as a an 18-21 year old." One reason for the big draw might have been "Java at the GHQ's" Amsterdam Night. The annual theme night featured several Dutch activities like tulip planting, a Van Gogh exhibit and an exhibit on windmill making. But the main draw may have been the "Phatty J" booth featuring large "marijuana cigarettes" and optional "bong hits." Several hookers were on hand as well, representing Amsterdam's famous Red Light District. Overall, patrons were impressed.

"Where else can I try the new K-bud from Nova Scotia on the University's tab," said drooping sophomore David Crawford. "Plus, cheap whores definitely don't hurt. Thank you Virginia ABC Board."

Students, workers exchange nervous glances

Construction workers becoming part of W&L landscape, cause uneasiness among rich kids



"No comment": Construction workers stubbornly refuse The Phi's relentless efforts to discuss student/worker relations.

By Holly Wood STAFF WRITER

In the latest renewal of the age-old tradition of uneasy coexistence of the social classes, senior Economics major Reynolds Jackson exchanged on Tuesday a curt, nervous glance with Gary Brichford, a brick mason working on the new parking garage for the Haskell Company.

"Yeah, there's always the same guy standing there when I walk by. I guess he's like a guard or something," said Jackson. "I'm never sure whether to say 'hi' or not."

"Yeah, I totally see the same guy every day," said Katherine Bannister, a junior English major. "He's always smoking a ciga-

Brichford has become a familiar sight to the motorists and pedestrians who pass his post at the Nelson Street entrance to the project site. Jackson and Bannister are not alone in their reaction. Several students have reported feelings of intense guilt and anxiety as a result of their daily walk past the construction site, a phenomenon which is not unfamiliar to

"Yeah, seems like every site I'm on there's some f***** rich kids think they can say 'hi' to you and it makes it alright I'm working two shifts to feed my family back in West Virginia while they get drunk every weekend on Mommy and Daddy's bill," he said.

Brichford has yet to experience any feelings of solidarity with the friendly students. "I guess they think they're all real f***** Socialists or something. Right on comrade," said Brichford as he climbed into his 1986 Yugo hatchback before making the drive to his room at · the Econo-Lodge on Route 11.

Bannister has made it a goal to say "hi" before the end of the year. "It seems like they work really hard, so the least we can do is make them feel welcome here. I get so mad when people just walk by them like they're not even human beings. I mean, we do have a Speaking Tradition here."

Jackson concurred. "Yeah, I guess they are building our parking garage for us, even if they have taken their sweet f***** time with it. Can you believe I've had to park my Four-Runner over in the Red Light District for the last month? It's almost not even worth driving anymore."

WELIFE

Signature Special Forces Officer Randy Dwight Clahk

By I.B. Cuul

REPORTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

The announcement this week that Washington and Lee's new parking deck will not open until the end of the next millennium was greeted with a series of groans from one end of campus to the other.

There was, however, one person who was made "downright giddy" by this announcement.

He is Lexington's own Special Forces Officer Randy Dwight Clahk.

A great deal of Clahk's job description consists of parking enforcement, which he performs extremely diligently, busting dangerous students and residents who look suspiciously like they'll make use of 10-minute parking for 11 minutes, lovingly fastening "boots" to tires, and calling his friends at the towing company more regularly than he takes his fiber.

"Evuh since Ah'uz lil, Ah wontid ta tow cahs," Clahk said. "Ah likes it."

The City of Lexington has indeed recognized the growing importance of Clahk's duties, and last year added a "Special Forces" regular-big-people-truck to his existing golf cart, based on and named after Clahk's own favorite Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile. Clahk has high hopes of expansion for the future.

"Yep. Since that dang garage won't be openin' anytime soon, Ah'm gunna be cashin' in on y'all sorry sunzab****es," Clahk cackled gleefully, adding that, uh, what he really meant was that he would continue to strive to keep the streets of Lexington safe from hazardously parked SUVs. "And, course, since, well, Ah, uh, be, real busy doin' that, the city can't help but wanna buy me that Humvee Ah be needin' to enforce the law to the best of mah capabilities."

Clahk contends that his wish for a Humvee has absolutely nothing to do with insecurity about his manhood. Absolutely nothin'.

Anyway, should you get done with class one day, and as you approach your car notice a little yellow paper thoughtfully tucked under your windshield wiper, think of that tricky little Officer Clahk, and how he's just saved the streets of Lexington — from you, sucker.

—The Phi thanks Billy Joe Tiddledum for translating assistance during Officer Clahks interview.

True faith is found; PAWWNS at W&L

By Major John Thomas

CLOSET PIMP

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be brainwashed by your peers? Do you seek constant validation from others because thinking for yourself is no longer fun? Have you ever wanted to join an elitist group who looks down on others based upon a singular belief? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, Washington and Lee's newest campus group is perfect for you.

People Always Wanting Wayne Newton's Singing (P.A.W.W.N.S), a self-proclaimed "cult-esque" group has recently brought its unique brand of hypocrisy and hatemongering to Lexington. Their leader, Peter, explained the group's mission.

"Our whole thing is faith in Wayne Newton and His singing," Peter said. "What we do for our Wayne mission, is come to a location and give out cups and CDs, take people on Wayne retreats, and for all intents and purposes, brainwash individuals into proclaiming their belief in Wayne."

The groups has seen modest success here in Lexington so far, Peter said. They started by unifying already existing campus organizations FOBM (Friends of Barry Manilow), EH4L (Englebert Humperdinck 4 Life) and FOCUS (Fans



SIR WAYNE. The PAWWNS esteemed leader and cult inspriation, Mr. Wayne Newton.

Of Cheesy, Useless Songs), and brought them together under the auspices of PAWWNS. Group member Paul explained the transition.

"I used to be a member of EH4L, but upon talking to the PAWWNS people and rethinking my belief system, I realized that we were all sharing a belief in the same ideas, we were just misguided in our focus," Paul said. "Wayne was, and always has been, the Father, and all other singers are merely His children, so to speak. Burt (Baccarach), Tom Jones, Englebert, they were all made in His image, but Wayne is the Supreme Leader."

The group opens each meeting with a series of performances by the Children of Wayne, who sing songs by, or inspired by, Wayne. The group then studies Wayne lyrics, interviews with Wayne, and discuss how Wayne has saved the human race. One member, Matthew, says Wayne has changed his life.

"I remember the first meeting I came to, someone played "Danke Schoen" and I knew I was saved from the mistakes my life had been about before," Matthew said. "As Wayne says, 'my little danke schoen, oh, my little danke schoen'."

The group invites all members of the Washington and Lee community to come and discover the truth behind life that is Wayne, and to be saved through His words and music. Scheduled brainwashings begin twice weekly at 7 p.m., with pizza and frisbee games to follow. Bring a friend!

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Tuesday, March 28

10:30 a.m. First annual One Man March on Washington Hall. Sponsored by

the College Democrat.

6:30 p.m. Responsibility Symposium. Psych. That crap only comes every 250 years.
7:30 p.m. Organizational meeting. "W&L will be a single-sex institution

again" club. Arlington Women's Center.

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Organizational meeting. "I lost a J. Crew pea coat at Pi Phi"

support group. Room 109, University Center.

Java at the GHQ. Special guest speaker. "How to deal with George W.'s daughter on campus. The do's and don'ts,"

Bill Clinton, President, United States. W&L men urged to attend.

Thursday, March 30

2:00 p.m. Charity Benefit. "Dunk Your Favorite Campus Blabbermouth."

Sponsored by *The Ring-tum Phi* Legal Defense Fund.

Lecture series. Ima E. Gotistic, L.M. Oron., Professors

Emeriti of Philosophy at Marvard University. "The Changing Role of Pseudo-Intellectuals in Society." Lee Chapel. Reception to follow in the Boatwright Room.

11:00 p.m. Lecture Series. "Howard Stern Ought to be President." Sponsored

by the College Libertarians.

Friday, March 31

6:00 a.m. Volunteer seminar. "If Those Idiots in Administration Can't Get That Damn Parking Deck Built, We'll Just Have to Do It For Them."

Sponsored by Habitat For Humanity and The Timber Framers Guild.
4:00 p.m. Squash (W). W&L vs. Briton College. Liberty Hall Field.
7:30 p.m. Winter 2000 Porn Filmfest. "Ecstasy" (1981) directed

anonymously. French, with subtitles. Room 221, Williams School.

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Vigil in honor of Idaho Awareness Day. St. Patrick's.

Saturday, April 1

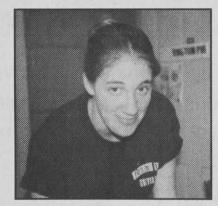
1:00 p.m. Concert. Lexington Children's Orchestra. With Xylophone solo

by Jeannie Price. Johnson Theater, Lenfest Center.

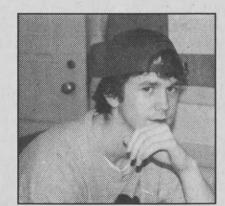
3:00 p.m. Ping-pong (W) W&L vs. Gump University. Front Lawn.4:00 p.m. Synchronized swimming (M) W&L vs. Pan Zi University.

Twombly pool.

TALKBACK...What would you do for money?



"How much ya got?"
— Polly Doig '00



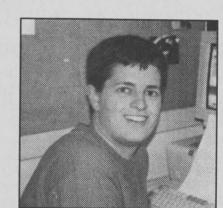
"Bea Arthur."

— Max Smith '01



"Nothing I haven't already done for free."

— Hollister Hovey '00



"It's all in my name, baby!"
— Neal Willetts '03



"Only something I'd really enjoy like clean up puke at The Palms." —Emily Barnes '01

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Research conclusive: Ennui is genuine

In a striking study released Monday, researchers from the NYU Department of Psychology challenged cynical notions about the ennui often found among Washington and Lee students.

"Contrary to what some people believe, and to what we ourselves expected to find, the indifference and apathy of these students is quite genuine," remarked Josh Barker, head of the study.

Some critics of W&L society have in the past insinuated that the boredom so characteristic of many students was "just a front," used to appear "cool" and aloof.

"That's not true," noted Barker. "Perhaps in the past, the attitude commonly referred to as 'ennui' was part of

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some deliberate, self-conscious image. But it has now become so ingrained in the culture that it is really just a natural orientation towards life for most students.

The study was conducted by gauging subject response to various stimuli, including pictures of starving children, reports of a death in their family, and tales of injustice from the Civil Rights movement. Subjects were then exposed to more benign stimuli.

"I guess we knew we were dealing with some deepseated ennui when we got more explosive responses to stuff like 'the parking garage won't really be finished until next fall; there's nothing going on this weekend; the Coop quit selling Swedish Fish,' that sort of stuff."

There was also a more free-form portion of the study, in which students were asked to write essays in response to questions such as "What, ideally, would you do with your life?; When have you been most impassioned in your life?; What is your vision of Utopia?"

Most participants apparently thought themselves in the midst of a history exam.

"I don't even think they read the questions," Barker noted. "I think conducting the survey in Newcomb was a real mistake. Those blue books didn't help either, I guess."

Independent maintains "own identity"

Dave Lemon, a junior anthropology major popular around campus for his wit and eclectic sense of style, revealed in a press conference Monday that he declined to go through fraternity rush because he wished to "maintain my own identity, you know? I mean, I don't need forty guys around me who all wear the same clothes, and have the same hairstyle, and wear the same shoes, just to make me feel good about myself," Lemon said, as he fingered the beaded necklace which has become HIS trademark.

The conference was held in response to a question from a friend, who asked Lemon Saturday night as they both enjoyed the sounds of Snack Bar Jones at the Sigma Chi

"Why didn't you pledge?" asked the friend.

Lemon immediately rolled his eyes and displayed a large

"Man, that is so typical," he said.

He then took his friend by the arm and said, "I'll tell you about it some time.

Secret "big four" breeding grounds discovered by Rockbridge Sheriff

Local authorities were shocked Tuesday by the discovery of a secret breeding grounds in a remote section of Rockbridge County. Sheriff R.C. Slowcum led the task force which discovered the grounds after a tip from a local teenager, who stumbled upon the area while looking for a place to take his girl.

The five-acre "ranch," as one observer described it, is apparently intended for the sole purpose of producing young men to feed into W&L's fabled "big four fraternities. . . [Funny cliches about W&L fraternity members followed but were cut for space.]

Thetas show dominatrix style

Once again, Kappa Alpha Theta is on top in IM sports events

By Joc Breef STAFF WRITER

In brutal fashion, Kappa Alpha Theta has once again asserted its dominance in women's intramurals competition. Taking first place in all sports except ping-pong, Theta domination was utter and complete.

"We Rock!!!" exclaimed one happy Theta as she bounded through the halls of the Warner Center.

Theta sealed the overall championship following a bloody indoor soccer season, but has continued to field teams into the spring. There are plans to enter a team in the men's IM football tournament next fall.

"Dude, I'm scared," said Roger Bailey, member of the L2 football team, this year's champions. "I heard those girls mess sh** up."

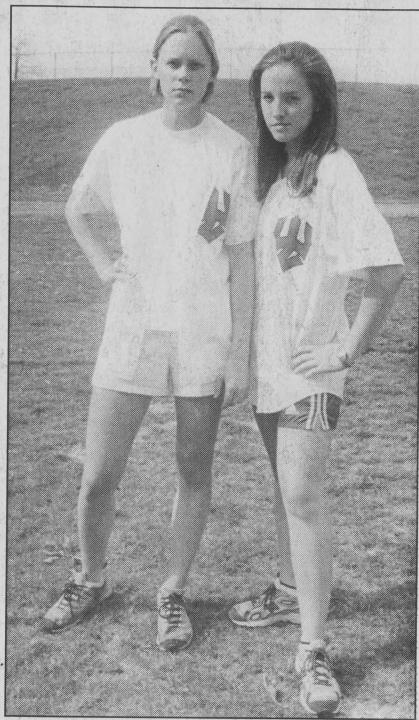
Inside sources attribute the sorority's continued success to a rigourous weight training program and heavy use of mass-building protein shakes.

"Yeah, some of the girls were getting pretty slack in the weight room earlier in the year. We had a few closed meetings, and there were some pretty intense exchanges," said junior Kelly McInnis.

"But I think we came out of it a stronger, tougher group of athletic young women.'

In a related note, Coach Jones, head of the IM program, held a press conference Monday to dispel rumors that Theta would be included in the men's. IM division next year.

"There are not now, nor have there ever been, plans to include the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority in the men's intramural league. We as an athletic department staff looked at the problem closely, and we have full confidence in the safety measures now in place to



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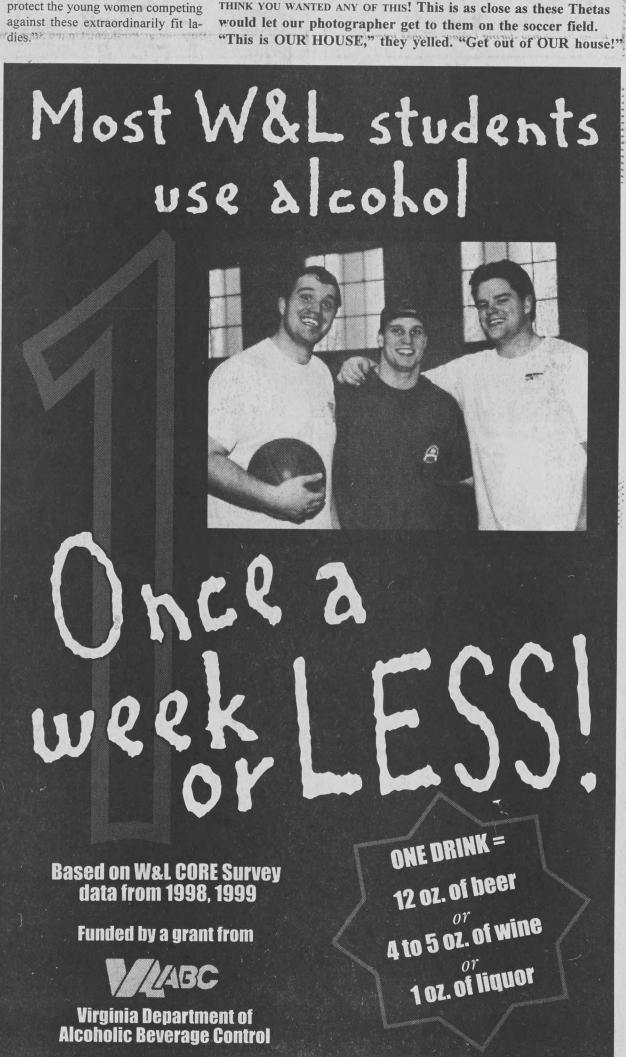
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