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Garage opens unoffically

Despite incomplete wheelchair lift, garage opens to traffic

By Sarah Schmidt
STAFF WRITER

Just in time for Alumni Weekend traffic, Lexington's first parking garage had its long-awaited opening Thursday.

The parking spaces are now available to students, faculty, other staff members, and visitors.

The official opening of the garage will not occur until the completion of the wheelchair lift by the footbridge, which is scheduled for May 15.

Handicapped parking spaces were added to the front of the Security Office in order to accommodate campus need until the wheelchair lift is finished.

The completion date of the garage was originally scheduled to be in February, but has been pushed back a few times.

The garage will provide the parking spaces necessary for what will be a high-traffic area in the near future.

The garage will compensate for the parking spaces that will be lost with the construction of a proposed Student Center, which will be located in place of the parking lot between Doremus gymnasium and Graham-Lees Dormitories. The parking garage will also provide parking facilities for the new sorority houses when they are completed.

Apart from future plans for the garage's use, students are already seeing the positive impact despite the long wait.

"My car is already there," senior Sula Jacobs said. "It will be much more convenient and help with the [traffic] congestion."

Students felt that the parking garage may relieve some of the ticketing problems on campus. "I think there won't be as many tickets, but people will still be fighting for spots outside of D-hall and the dorms," sophomore Sean Rump said.

Reflecting the sentiment of many students, Rump noted the annoyance of the delays, "It could have been more helpful earlier." Rump, a resident of Woods Creek apartments, pointed to the opening of Denny Circle road as the most convenient aspect of the garage completion. "The opening of the street was great. I wanted to drive through it a couple of times."

Commuting students stand to benefit the most from the opening of the parking garage. "It will be great. There is nowhere to park right now and it's really tough when you have a three hour class and there is only two hour parking," said Ted Adams.

The additional spaces should relieve much of the competition for parking spots and the number of parking violations. "I'll save lots of money because I'll be paying for fewer tickets," Adams said.



photo by Tiffany Friedel/Photo Editor

Alumni Weekend brings W&L's greatest fans back for more ex-students experienced the W&L of the new millennium

By Mike Crittenden
FEATURES EDITOR

Alumni Weekend at Washington and Lee, a chance for undergrads and alums to get together for the ultimate party, hit this weekend and was marked by a new parking garage, a great concert and the invasion of all those who once ruled the campus.

Alumni Weekend, the annual three-day celebration of the college years of yore, saw the traditional seersucker suits, crazy cocktail parties and nostalgia that has become the hallmark of Alumni Weekend.

Festivities began on Thursday evening with the traditional Opening Assembly in the Lee Chapel. Thursday night also saw the first of many "Welcoming Receptions" held at the Alumni House featuring plenty of reuniting among old friends and their acquaintances.

Friday began with President Elrod's annual President's Address, also in Lee Chapel. Later that night, the younger alums headed up to the Pavillion for the moe and Leftover Salmon concert.

After Saturday's dinner on the front lawn, the a cappella concert featured Washington and Lee's music



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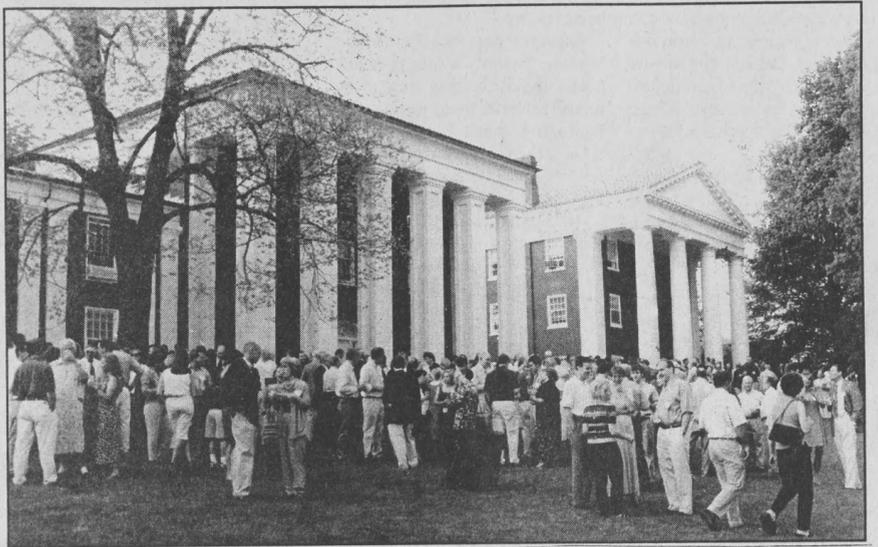


photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

A campus invasion of alumni swept over the front lawn Saturday as part of annual festivities.

talents. Following the evening's dedication of the bridge connecting the sorority houses to the new parking garage, some tore up the Warner Center floor at the Reunion Dance. Many skipped the dance to participate in the traditional W&L Saturday night, proving that some things never change: dancing to the music in any fraternity basement.

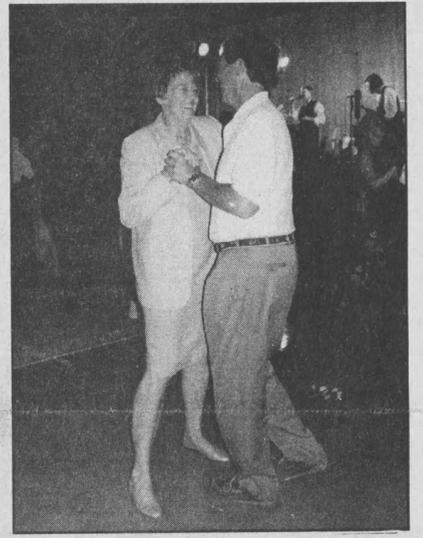


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The weekend offered many activities for everyone to enjoy, from the class of '50 to '95, including Friday's .moe and Leftover Salmon concert (left), and the Reunion Dance on Saturday (right).

"Love Letter" e-mail virus infects campus

By Alexis Yee-Garcia
NEWS EDITOR

W&L computing shut down all campus e-mail systems on Thursday to prevent the spread of the Love Letter computer virus.

The Love Letter virus affected computer systems nationwide on Thursday and Friday last week, prompting law enforcement officials to get involved on Friday. According to the New York Times, investigators have traced the virus to the Philippines so far and are continuing to look for the virus's author.

The virus was a "worm virus," meaning it did not rely on the computer user to send a file to other users in order to spread. The Love Letter virus and other "worm" viruses spread through e-mail by automatically sending a message to users in computer address books of infected systems. The e-mail message read "kindly check the attached LOVELETTER coming from me" and the virus was activated once the attachment was opened. The virus deleted multimedia files, especially .JPG or .JPEG files and .MP3s.

Cliff Woolley and Charlie Hitlin of W&L computer services shut down W&L e-mail around 2:30 p.m. on Thursday and worked all day and night with other staff members

to develop a program to eliminate the virus from W&L e-mail.

"We wrote a script that would run on everyone's computer that would delete the actual virus and the affected files," said Hitlin.

Around 9:00 p.m. Thursday night they were able to run the program to begin removing the virus. Woolley said they were not able to implement the program sooner because of problems with backing up Groupwise files.

"Deleting files on Groupwise is not exactly safe," said Woolley. "Just in case it messes up you have to back up files before deleting and you have to shut down [Groupwise] to get a good back up."

While Groupwise and Pegasus were offline, about 6,000 incoming e-mails were stored on the Liberty server. Computer services released the stored e-mail Friday morning when they turned the main servers back on. The gateway between the campus network and the internet was also reopened Friday morning around 11:00 a.m.

As a precaution, a new program called Novell Application Launcher (NAL) will open when people log on to the campus network.

"[NAL] allows us to push a program out to the network. If we want to force you to run something, we can do it with the Novell Application Launcher," Woolley said.

Starting Friday, NAL ran a Love Letter virus detection program every hour as a precaution. The program that Woolley and Hitlin developed earmarks incoming e-mail with specific subject headings. Woolley explained that computer services staff can then check to make sure the e-mails are not infected before they are sent to the individual mail boxes.

"That way if other versions of the virus come out, we can stop them before they go to the mail boxes," explained Woolley.

Other versions of the virus have already been discovered, including one with an attachment that is supposed to be a joke instead of a love letter.

The only computer systems that will not be affected by the virus are Macintosh or Apple systems. Hitlin explained that he tried several times to run the virus on the Computer Services' iMac but there were too many features that were specifically designed for Windows systems. Unfortunately, there are fewer than 100 iMacs on campus.

Students and faculty who discover missing files are advised to call the computer help desk at x4357.

"Luckily we can recover most of what was lost," said Hitlin. "But don't call us for .MP3s."

Pat Robertson returns to W&L for his 50th

By Mike Agnello
STAFF WRITER

Nationally syndicated televangelist and W&L alumnus Pat Robertson spoke to Professor Harlan Beckley's poverty class on Wednesday.

"The principal cause of poverty is false ideology, either economic or spiritual," he said.

Robertson emphasized the increasingly desperate situation of impoverished third world countries and the American responsibility to help these people. He favors capitalist economic systems and cites the United States as the ultimate example of free markets bringing prosperity to its citizens.

Robertson criticized the International Monetary Fund for its excessive requirements for giving out loans, because these policies force third world governments to decrease social spending.

Robertson also said the American government spends less than one percent of its annual budget on international aid, which is "ridiculous" considering our wealth. In this spirit, he favors increased American aid to developing countries, a belief not shared by many other political conservatives.

"America is the stingiest country in the world," he said.

Many in the audience were surprised that Robertson, one of the leading conservatives in the country, espoused such compassionate views.

"It was interesting to find out that many of his views were considerably further to the left than I would have otherwise thought," Professor Beckley said.

Robertson also practices what he preaches. He founded Operation Blessing to help provide food and medical care to poor people in impoverished countries. In two weeks, the organization performed 22,000 medical

operations. "I was really impressed with how much he does to fight international poverty," freshman Mary Carol Mazza said.

Robertson also talked about the widespread poverty in the United States, but was quick to downplay its significance when compared with developing countries. He cited an instance in which an American family considered impoverished by government standards owned a cable television and a VCR. Mazza said she did not think that example was illustrative.

"I'm sure there are many cases like that, but I don't think they're the majority either," she said.

On domestic poverty, Robertson sounded much more like a political conservative, Beckley said. Robertson advocated better education and the preservation of the traditional family as the most important factors in avoiding poverty. After high school, he

says, finding an entry-level job and getting married will help reduce the risk of falling below the poverty line, he said. Sophomore Quincy Springs disagrees, saying that the low-skilled jobs Robertson is talking about are in increasingly short supply in our booming economy.

"Basically, getting a job is not as easy as it sounds," he says. Springs also said that the welfare system, which in some states pays recipients more than if they were working, does not provide the proper incentives to get a job.

Robertson also says that education, the best way to prevent poverty, is inadequate in the United States.

"There's hardly a school system in America that hasn't failed it's children in terms of reading and writing... the level of literacy is appalling," he said. Robertson also said that United

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Fast money — the true American way

Bored with spring term already? How about suing someone?

There are a million and one lawsuits in the news right now. Microsoft was just broken up, MP3.com and Napster are being sued by the Recording Industry Association of America, and those are only a few examples of what's going on.

I am tired of reading about lawsuits and hearing about who's suing whom. I would much rather know that there is a war in a third-world country that will ultimately raise imported product prices or how the government is finding ways to combat poverty. I don't care that A is suing B.

Lawsuits simply prove that people are jealous and greedy. Look at Bill Gates. I may not like the way he runs his business, and maybe he doesn't create the perfect products that the advertisements claim, but I really do admire him.

Gates is the guy from your high school that never had a date in his life, and now, 20 years later, he's the richest man in America — in addition to just about recreating the way mankind works with computers.

He embodies the American capitalist dream — he worked hard and invented new products, and made a lot of money out of it. Instead of saying, hey! The system works! The United

States Courts have decided that Gates has too much money and now he has to pay.

Same deal goes for MP3.com and Napster. These two sites provided (albeit illegal) copies of songs to the general public for free. Yes, it's copyright infringement. But no one has actually been able to prove that these services actually take away from buying CDs.

I will often buy a CD after I've listened to clips of it on the computer (either in MP3 or RealAudio format). Because these people were able to capitalize on the system faster than the RIAA, the RIAA got jealous and decided they wanted some of the action too. Most lawsuits, not necessarily all, are manifestations of humankind's worst attribute — greed. People are encouraged to work hard, create, and prosper and then are punished for doing exactly those things!

The American Way should not contradict itself this frequently. If the parties involved really wanted to change the problem, then why don't they create a competing network or group to challenge the offending party?

I guess because it's just easier to sue instead of working hard and fixing the situation.

Lawsuit, anyone?



Coffee Talk

Heather McDonald '01

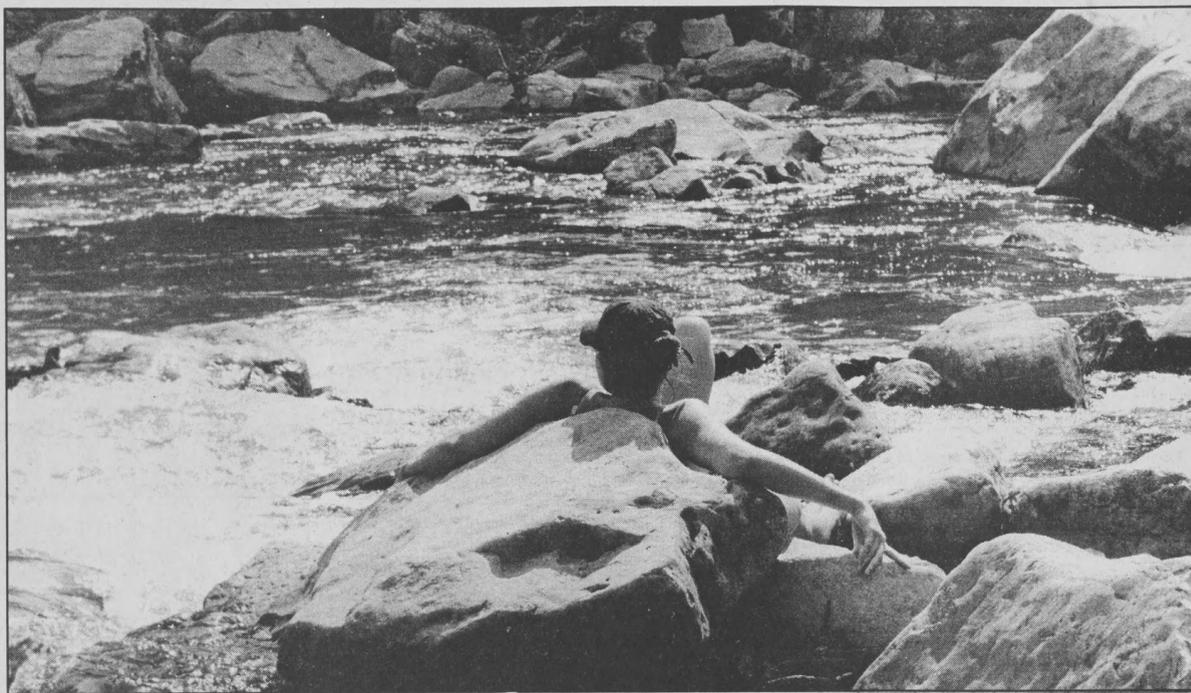


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CLASSES? WHAT CLASSES? Students enjoy the cool waters and warm sunshine out at Goshen Pass this week, reveling in the beautiful weather characteristic of spring term.

Flipping a canoe and getting bruises

When I realized Alumni Weekend was approaching last week I had mixed feelings. I was happy for same reasons as many students: catching up with old friends, more parties that one could possibly attend in a week, much less a weekend, and good alcohol. I was nervous that I wouldn't be able to last the whole weekend and be able to live it up. Why you ask? That's simple: three P.E.s.

Before the gasping begins, no I am not a senior trying to squeeze in those graduation requirements. I decided that Spring Term is traditionally gorgeous weather and what better way to enjoy it than to take classes outside and get "buff"?

Monday brought me a day of horseback riding. After years of not riding, I was eager to get on a horse finally (the first two times we didn't even get on the horse). It went off without a hitch and my confidence of Alumni Weekend endurance was building.

Tuesday was a big day. I had weight training and canoeing. Weight

training was a cinch. We met on the track, stretched, did a run/walk for nine minutes, and then lifted. I was in and out in a little over an hour. Then, I went to canoeing. I carried the 16 foot, 80 pound canoe with my partner. We made it through rapids and managed to do a few eddy turns. We controlled the boat with many cross-draws, J-strokes and forward power strokes. About three and a half hours into canoeing we were both getting a bit tired. Then, it happened. We flipped.

No details are needed.

As you can imagine it wasn't a good time. After that, we were getting desperate because we never thought we were going to make it back to BV alive. I believe at one point I told my bowpartner that I had lost the will to live. Surprisingly, we made it back alive and were moaning the entire ride back to big Lex.

Needless to say, this shattered any and all confidence of endurance for the big weekend.

The week continued. Weight training didn't injure me anymore, but I was in pain from the canoe fall. I spent Thursday afternoon and Friday morning getting psyched for the weekend

and I made it all right (high five to myself).

I had a great Alumni Weekend and expected no less. I went party hopping. I took advantage of the non-Natty shindigs. I enjoyed the weather at two afternoon parties. I caught up with some old friends and met a few new ones. I listened to my favorite band Saturday night. I even made it through the hoards of people and extreme heat at Chi Psi late night. It was a successful weekend despite my trials and tribulations earlier in the week.

Now Alumni Weekend has come

and gone and I am still finding more bruises. These bruises are not shameful ones. They are party injuries. They are war wounds. They make you proud and hold you head high because you can physically prove that, "yes - you did go out" and "yes - you did have an amazing time" and "yes - you are more fun than everyone else." They come from when you are screaming for the band to play one more song. They come from being packed in a fraternity basement pressed against the stage that oh-so-conveniently hits most people mid-shin. They come from sliding in the fraternity sludge found on the floors of every house. They come from other people who lack control of their limbs when they dance. They make you smile as you piece together which incident that blue and purple bruise on your right forearm came from. So, I ask you now to look around...identify the events preceding each bruise... and sit back and laugh over another wild Alumni Weekend.

Getting bored of Goshen? Write for the Phi!

(Remember, Journalism majors need clips for their majors and internships!)

Submit letters to the editor to University Center room 208, or contact Stephanie Bianco at biancos@wlu.edu or Emily Barnes at barnese@wlu.edu for more information.

Quote of the week:

"I'm here to make money, not friends."

— Thomas "Baner" Bane to man who told him not to tow alumni's cars

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RCHS: the next frontier for frat party dates?

W&L woman alert: There is an unnoticed group of women in your backyard, waiting to find W&L men for date functions. There are not just five road schools for competition. There are Rockbridge County High School girls.

This Saturday, while most everyone went to band parties with alumni, I went undercover to the RCHS prom in Natural Bridge. Women and men should be concerned with this urgent message (thankfully not from University Computing).

RCHS put on a decent event, complete with leftover Fancy Dress decorations and plenty of debauchery. The high school kiddos danced like crazy to just about anything the DJ played, but they really came alive to the school favorite — Rocky Top. This year, thankfully, no one got so carried away that an ambulance had to be called.

Two cultures exist so close but never recognize each other's presence. The RCHS students, W&L students and our alumni had very similar goals for the evening. All groups want to have a good time dancing and drinking the night away. However, W&L has created a sanctuary for partying that is the envy of most every RCHS student.

Prom-goers went to great lengths to sneak alcohol into the prom, most attempts being successful as far as I know. W&L students would never allow such tight security at

Fancy Dress or even a band party. We would much prefer to hire an amiable W&L security guard than the aggressive police officers that RCHS hired.

If W&L gatherings are so much more party-friendly, what would happen if the two cultures collided? I am afraid to say that the cultures did collide Saturday night. I could not believe it when I saw it, but there actually were a number of W&L men at the prom. I will refrain from naming people, but I am safe in saying that everyone would be surprised to see some of these guys at RCHS.

In fact, I was amazed to see so many VMI, Hampden-Sydney and W&L guys Saturday night. RCHS women invited an impressive number of road school guys, forcing many of the senior guys to ask underclassmen. My date supplied me with all kinds of rumors about where RCHS women went to meet these guys. We might be seeing more RCHS women at our parties in

the future, as the women seemed very interested in where and when we would be having our Spring Term gatherings.

Many prom-goers expressed interest in attending Alumni Weekend band parties, as the unofficial after-prom party was all but guaranteed to be broken up by the police.

RCHS students are very familiar with alumni who con-

tinually reappear. Many RCHS alumni return for the prom so many times that they wear out their welcome, not unlike some of the W&L alumni who return every year to restore order to their fraternities by destroying property and leaving town before the University damage bill comes.

In fact, RCHS now has a rule that dates over the age of 23 must be approved, and my sources tell me that several approvals were made. Perhaps fraternities should consider making criteria for which alumni can attend parties.

The primary difference between our parties and the prom scene must be the number of fights. I have never been amongst a group of people who threw so many punches.

After witnessing a couple of heated verbal arguments that administrators broke up, I started asking prom-goers about the fights. The rumor of the evening was that a guy hit his date because she did not want to go to an after-prom party with him. Everyone claimed that they saw the big event, yet no one had details (the assistant principal told me that they know nothing of this fight).

Sure, there is an occasional fight at a party here, but I rarely hear of this many fights in one night, especially between dates.

Thankfully, I survived my night and lived to return to W&L and attend some Alumni Weekend parties that night. Mixing between the two cultures did not feel right. Judging from the number of W&L guys at the prom, however, I think that the this mixing may happen more than many think.

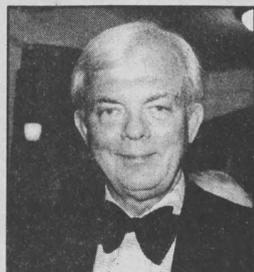


Left Side of the Aisle

Nathan Urquhart '01



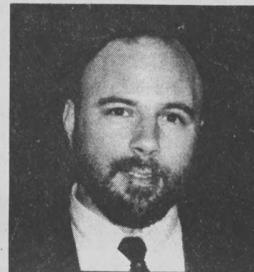
"It's not important what I wanted to be, but I exceeded all expectations because of the fine, fine foundations of W&L!"
-Burk Wilson '75



"I thought I'd be a newspaperman — I was a former Ring-tum Phi editor... I'm an episcopal bishop."
-Peter Lee '60



"I thought I'd be a lawyer. I'm now in an internet company — as far from being a lawyer as can be."
-Gregg Amonette '75



"I just wanted to graduate! I screwed around too much in the first two years here, so it was a game of catch up after that."
-Craig Wadell '85

W&L seniors join the real world with online business

By Emily Barnes
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Upon graduation, two seniors will launch a company devoted to keeping their customers in the shade.

Senior Business Administration Majors Stephanie Leffler and Ryan Noble are set to graduate and take on their business full-time. The company, the Sun Safe Shop, will sell swimwear and accessories that have an Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 50+ to protect skin from the damaging effects of the sun.

The company will market its products through baby's and children's stores and through their web site, www.sunsafeshop.com. The web site provides extensive information about the dangers associated with sun exposure in addition to providing sun protective solutions.

The Sun Safe Shop will offer 65 products ranging from swimwear and sunglasses to polo tops and hats. Although some sun-protective items will be available for adults, the company will primarily focus on providing products for babies and children.

The idea for the company was born when Noble studied abroad in Australia during last year's winter and spring terms.

"Sun Protective clothing and swimwear is a relatively new concept in the United States," Noble said. "When I studied abroad in Australia, I learned about the popular product and was surprised that it was not widely available in the United States."

"Skin Cancer is a significant problem in the U.S.," said Leffler. "One in two Americans who live to age 65 will contract skin cancer; 1.2 million new cases will be diagnosed this year."

The Sun Safe Shop will offer swimwear made by Australian manufacturer SolarSuit. The Sun Safe Shop is SolarSuit's exclusive U.S. distributor. SolarSuit's Chloresist material provides an SPF of 50+ while resisting deteriora-

tion caused by chlorine, sun light, salt water and laundry detergents. Leffler pointed out that this protection is significantly better than the protection provided by typical summer tee-shirt.

"Most people think that a tee-shirt provides adequate protection," Leffler said. "In reality, according to the American Academy of Dermatology, a light colored cotton tee-shirt only provides an SPF of 7."

Leffler turned down a job at public relations firm Burson-Marsteller in order to take on the business with Noble.

"I think that running my own business is the best way to learn," she said. "I will gain more experience in this endeavor than I would by working in a low-level position in a giant firm."

Leffler and Noble will share the business with Rosslyn Cox, a senior at Adelaide University in South Australia. Cox has experience in the industry through working for the Anti-Cancer Foundation of South Australia. She has witnessed the success of sun-safe clothing in Australia. Cox will move to the United States this summer.

The three hired Storebusters.com, a company owned by W&L graduates Gaelan Brown, Kelly Dyer, and Sean Cannon, to design and promote the SunSafeShop's web site.

Leffler and Noble have received help and advice from Professors Dennis Garvis and Kimberly Cass. Noble created the company's business plan during an independent study with Garvis. Cass is currently assisting Leffler and Noble in creating an internet marketing plan.

Noble and Leffler will offer internships for students interested in marketing and public relations. They will hold an information session for students interested in full-time employment and internships Monday, May 8 at 7 p.m. in University Center Room 114.

Additional information from a press release from Sun Safe Shop courtesy of Stephanie Leffler and Ryan Noble



Stephanie Leffler and Ryan Noble are ready to run their new online company, the Sun Safe Shop, after they graduate. As this model proves, the company's product is safe and stylish too.

Earth to Andy performs at W&L

By Kris Pollina
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, May 13, Earth to Andy, a major label recording artist, will be performing at the Sigma Nu fraternity. Earth to Andy has been described as "Soundgarden with the Beatles singing," a blend of hard and modern rock. The band consists of front man "Andy," (he just goes by Andy), Kevin Murphy on the drums, bassist Chris Reardon, and Tony Lopacinski playing guitar.

The band has produced their first CD "Chronicle" and the single "Still After You" is already being played on more than 74 radio stations across the country. Their influences stem from Radiohead, Foo Fighters, Stone Temple Pilots, and Chris Cornell, combining mellow rock tunes with complex lyrics and guitar riffs.

The buzz about the band that's intense music has swept the Eastern Seaboard began about 2 years ago in Charlottesville and Washington, D.C. Andy and Kevin

Murphy, immersed in their own punk band, decided to join Chris Reardon and Tony Lopacinski, who were already playing in an indie band.

Though both pairs found common ground in their musical taste, their real nexus resided in their desire for a change. In addition to the skills of their production managers Nick Launay (Semisonic, Silverchair, Talking Heads), and Chris Loyd-Alge (Everclear, Fastball, Hole, Green Day), Earth to Andy also can brag of their guest appearance by Stone Temple Pilot's Robert DeLeo on their CD.

From toursites that range from Texas to Tennessee to New Hampshire, Earth to Andy will be making their Washington and Lee debut in less than a week. The band has toured with Jimmie's Chicken Shack and Canada's Joy Drop.

The Sigma Nu fraternity booked them via an alum who worked for the Phillip Morris Agency, Earth to Andy's representing agents. Matt Herman, a junior Sigma Nu, claims, "Earth to Andy's music definitely could appeal to most of the student body here. I'm hoping for a big turnout this weekend."

ROBERTSON CONT.

United States prisons do not do enough to educate their prisoners.

"The rate of criminal recidivism is incredible because our prisons don't prepare inmates for life on the outside," he said, pointing to a prison reading program he supervises as a model for others.

Robertson also says that the high number of divorces is the primary cause of the declining role of the family, which in turn causes poverty. He favors the abolition of no-fault divorce, in which a person may dissolve the marriage without proving adultery or abuse by their spouse.

"Somebody in the seventies once said that 'any woman who votes for no-fault divorce is like a turkey voting for hanksgiving.' [and they were right], because it's not final and leaves a woman and her family in poverty while the

husband walks out," he said.

Freshman Sara Rafferty said she agrees with Robertson. "Families are the central unit of love and support in society... staying together is paramount," she said.

Robertson graduated magna cum laude from W&L in 1950, and is in Lexington for his fiftieth reunion. He says that he is enthusiastic about W&L having a poverty class.

"When I was here, we were quite frankly more concerned with partying than helping the poor, so I'm glad things have changed in fifty years," he said.

Mazza said that even though very few people at the talk agreed with all of Robertson's ideas, most were highly impressed.

"I think everyone left impressed with him as a speaker," she said.

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Generals gear up for playoffs

By Mike Holmes
STAFF WRITER

The Generals, now ranked fourth in the country, are busy preparing to improve on their record season.

Their only loss was to third ranked Gettysburg earlier this season. Since then, the Generals have won 11 in a row, received a bid to the NCAA tournament, won their second straight ODAC championship, and tied the 1974 record of 14 regular season wins.

The Generals are poised for excellence in the tournament ahead. But then again, so was last year's team.

The 1999 lacrosse team had only one close early season loss, went on to win 12 in a row, the ODAC crown, and were a favorite heading into postseason. The Generals were busy preparing to roll on through the tournament before their season came to a stunning halt. The Generals were handed an upset that overshadowed

an otherwise amazing season.

The 26 returning members from the 1999 team remember the high expectations they had going into the tournament, and have not forgotten the season ending upset they suffered.

Coach Stagnitta remembers last year's loss as a "learning experience" and says "the whole year we've prepared differently [for the tournament]."

This year the team has had shorter, more focussed practices, and each week the team continues to improve. Stagnitta, ODAC coach of the year, credits his team's "talent, leadership, experience, and ability to stay focussed on what they set out to accomplish" for their success they have had so far this year. Talent is an understatement.

Eight Generals were named first or second team All-Conference last week, in addition to Stagnitta's recognition as coach of the year.

Junior attackman Matt Dugan, senior attackman Chris Brown, junior midfielder Pope Hackney, senior

defenseman Charlie Antrim, and junior defenseman Pete Iwancio were all named first team All-ODAC, while senior attackman Colin Dougherty, junior midfielder Bernie Norton, and junior goalie Wes Hays were second team.

The balance of the team's offense and defense has helped the Generals to a scoring margin of 15 goals per game. Consistent play on both ends will be a deciding factor on how far the team will advance this year.

"If we play like we're capable of playing, the rest will take care of itself" said coach Stagnitta about this year's tournament.

The Generals, who earned home field advantage for the first game, will face Kenyon (13-1) Wednesday afternoon. Kenyon, who is out of the Midwest, is currently ranked twelfth in Division III, losing only to Denison.

If the Generals can get by Kenyon, they will have the opportunity for revenge against Gettysburg in the second round.

Riddle heads list of all-stars

Senior Generals attacker Katherine Riddle was named to the All-ODAC women's lacrosse first team in an announcement by the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Friday.

Riddle, a four-year starter playing in every game of her W&L lacrosse career, ranks fourth on W&L's career-scoring list of all time with 100 goals and 41 assists. She led her team this year with 29 goals and 13 assists.

After earning a second-team spot last year, Riddle was excited to receive this year's award to top off her career in the sport she said helped to define her college experience.

"When I think about my experiences here at W&L on the whole, lacrosse is probably the most valuable thing that I've done," Riddle said. "It's taught me a lot about myself and my own personal goals, my own personal drive and ambition; that's where I've learned about who I am, on the field."

As team captain, Riddle attributes the honor to the Generals' successful teamwork this season, and their ability to step up to the challenge after losing several of last year's starting players.

"I don't feel like anyone this year could have done it by themselves at all. We definitely were a team this year," she said. "I'm really lucky to have ended my season like this. I'll remember this year for a long, long time."

Other honored team members included sophomore defender

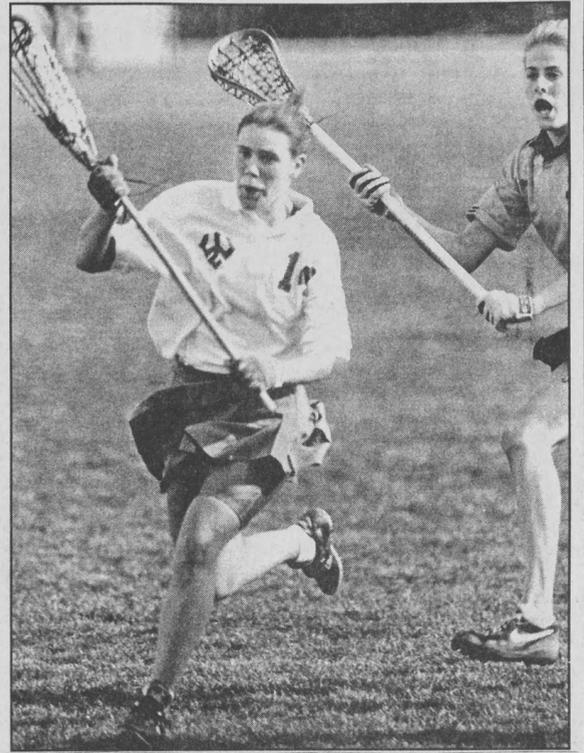


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Eloise Priest, who was also named to the first team. Freshman attacker Leslie Bogart, sophomore midfielder Courtenay Fisher, and junior attacker Ellen Ritsch earned a place on the second team.

The Generals finished their season with an overall 8-5. -Courtesy of Sports Information with additional reporting by Emily Barnes

Baseball

Salem, VA — The Old Dominion Athletic Conference released its postseason baseball honors last Thursday. Washington and Lee was honored with the placement of Michael Hanson (Atlanta, Ga./Pace) and Bobby Littlehale (Villa Park, Ill./Willowbrook) on the second team.

Hanson, a freshman second-baseman for the Generals, finished the season with a .328 batting average and team-highs in both home-runs (5) and stolen-bases (10). Hanson was also one of W&L's top pitchers this past season. For the year, he accumulated a record of 7-3 on the mound, boasting a team-best ERA of 3.63.

Littlehale was the starting leftfielder for the Generals throughout most of the 2000 campaign. As a freshman this season, Littlehale led W&L in doubles

(10) and RBI's (27), while ranking second on the team in both batting average (.350) and hits (43). Over the course of the regular-season, Littlehale hit a torrid .404 clip against ODAC competition.

Washington and Lee finished its year with a record of 20-15 overall. The Generals finished the regular season at 9-7 in the ODAC, good enough for the fourth seed in last weekend's ODAC Tournament.

-courtesy Sports Information

Spring term sports: An adventurer's guide to outdoor activities

By David Hanson
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Two things change in spring at W&L: the weather gets nice (unless you enjoy 43 degrees and drizzling) and students have much more free time. These changes translate into the opportunity to try new activities in the outdoors. Why wouldn't you spend the afternoon of a sunny day hiking, canoeing, rope swinging, biking, climbing, or launching mayonnaise-filled balloons at coeds in the quads? Sega or TBS's "Silvester Stallone Week" may keep some from getting outside, but for those interested in finding out what's out there, here's a little something.

First, take the basics - hiking. The only equipment necessary are shoes and water. There are trails throughout this area. Of course, there is House Mountain, an uphill climb on a logging road that takes about 45 minutes to reach the saddle of the mountains. Then pick a mountain - Little or Big - and hike on another 30 minutes or so for views of Lexington and the whole valley. Other hikes include numerous trails that bisect the Blue Ridge Park-

way, specifically the Bluff Mountain section that begins a few miles south of the Parkway bridge where Route 60 crosses above Buena Vista. This hike is another steady climb, but only takes about an hour and offers grand views of the valley. Mt. Pleasant hiking area, the St. Mary's wilderness area, and Goshen all have plentiful trails as well and are within a 40 minute drive.

For the bikers in the crowd, the roads out route 60 toward House Mountain all seem to connect somehow and make for a good ride. There is actually a biking trail on the campus that begins behind the athletic fields and ends up down by the cliffs along the Maury River. A little further away are the ATV trails along Route 52 on the way to Lynchburg.

For those who have a canoe hanging up in their dorm room just waiting to hear about places to use it, there is the Maury, specifically Goshen for whitewater and the kayakers. Woods Creek is not a suitable option for canoeing. However, the James River is not too far away and swallows up the Maury near Glasgow. This river is much larger than the Maury River and supposedly offers great small mouth

bass fishing.

Schuyler Marshall took advantage of the James River for canoeing and fishing. He said of a recent trip, "the fishing was good, one rapid was big, and the water was cold."

Another less known activity available nearby is rock climbing. The most accessible climbs are in Goshen, toward the end, just downstream from the swinging bridge. These are mainly top-rope climbs of around 40 feet, but there are numerous challenging routes. For those without equipment, you can always find one of the numerous rock outcrops around campus or in Goshen in order to practice your bouldering.

Finally, after you are hot as Hades from hiking, biking, boating, and climbing all in the same day, you need to find a swimming hole or rope swing. We have all heard of Goshen with its water for swimming and its rocks for sitting. But if you want to swim in your birthday suit you may need more privacy. Panther Falls is a great spot in the Blue Ridge Mountains past Buena Vista where you can jump off a big rock and play around in a few natural pools. There are other places to get wet throughout this same area,



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Row, row, row your boat. Michael Hanson and Schuyler Marshall enjoy the Spring term weather by canoeing down the Maury River.

all along the Pedlar River. For rope swings you will have to consult the specific homeowners who live near them ("Riverhouse," "Beans Bot-

tom").

Of course, a great source for much more information is the Outing Club and its home page. For those lacking

the equipment necessary to do the activities other than "skinny dipping", check out the Outing Club and see what they can do to help.

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