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Students demonstrate for women's rights



photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS. Darlene Mitrano, Jennifer Agiesta, Lisa Chew, Nicole Gilkeson, Melissa Sills, and Nancy Reinhart participate in Friday's Women's Rights demonstration in front of the Courthouse.

Women's groups protest Supreme Court ruling

By Emily Barnes
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Representatives of Women's Forum held their picketing signs high in front of the Rockbridge County Courthouse Friday to demonstrate against the Monday Supreme Court decision that weakened the Violence Against Women Act.

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court repealed the Civil Rights Remedy Clause of the VAWA. The decision was the result of a recent case in which a Virginia Tech student filed suit against two football players she claimed raped her. She filed under the remedy clause, which, according to an article in the May 15 issue of *The New York Times*, was formed by Congress "to provide an alternative avenue of redress for victims of rape and other crimes 'motivated by gender.'" Both her suit and the remedy clause were determined to be unconstitutional, with the ruling that gender-related violence is not an interstate-commerce issue and should not be handled by the federal courts.

"This ruling is either saying that gender-based crimes are not a matter of civil rights, as opposed to race-based crimes, or it's saying that the federal government doesn't have the right to protect civil rights," Women's Forum chair Melissa Sills said. "Either way, it's a problem."

Sills said the repeal presents a step backward in gaining both the federal government's involvement with the issue of rape, and the treatment of rape as what she called a "crime of oppression."

"The purpose of our rally was to address both the Supreme Court decision and the issue of violence against women in general," she said. "In this country, every six minutes a woman is raped, every 18 seconds a woman is beaten. These are not just crimes, they are assaults on women as a gender."

Sills, along with several members of Women's

Forum, Project Horizon, and Rockbridge Valley National Organization for Women participated in the demonstration. Representatives of each organization made short speeches, held a moment of silence for rape and domestic violence victims, and ended with a march from Main Street to the Colonnade.

"The whole [Supreme Court] decision just made me very mad, and I wouldn't have missed the demonstration for the world," Women's Forum member Jennifer Agiesta said.

Professor of art history Pamela Simpson, president of the Rockbridge Valley chapter of NOW, said that she was pleased with the involvement and enthusiasm of Women's Forum members.

"The students are the heart and soul of so many things," Simpson said. "You not only have a group like Women's Forum, which is concerned with women's rights and issues... a lot of those people are also volunteers for Project Horizon, so they know firsthand what it is to be on the hotline and to be talking to people who are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. That's why we were all out there, we feel very strongly about those issues about violence against women."

Simpson said she was glad to hear from faculty members, who expressed interest in attending but could not be at the demonstration because of classes.

Sills said that she would like to see more reaction from the student body when it comes to issues that go beyond the campus.

"I think there's a lot of... fear and guilt surrounding the issue of rape which keeps people from taking any sort of stance on it," Sills said. "While I think the lack of involvement on our campus is understandable, it is not excusable."

Simpson said that she encourages the work of student groups to encourage students to speak out on issues confronting college-aged adults.

"I know that silence does not help," Simpson said. "You need to speak out. If a climate is going to change about attitudes toward violence, then it's got to be a public attitude."

Oh, the places they'll go!

Graduating seniors share some of their plans for the future

By Mary Woodard
STAFF WRITER

Work. It's something W&L students have been taught to do for years. Sometimes they do it stubbornly, but other times work is enjoyed enough to be done willingly.

As this year's graduating seniors venture away from the confines of Washington and Lee, they are essentially entering into a new chapter of their lives. Though some might title this chapter, "Entering the Real World," it's important to realize that the story will not be the same for everyone. The question "What do you want to do when you grow up?" will be answered in some interesting ways for the soon-to-be-graduates.

Kelley Gilbert, from Peachtree, Georgia, has always been fascinated by the supernatural. An X-Files guru, she has wanted to become a FBI agent for some time. Next year, though she will not be entering "the Bureau," she will be getting a taste of mystery in her job. Working at Cellmark Diagnostics in Germantown, Maryland, she will act as a Forensic Client Service Representative, taking calls from the clientele, 80 percent of whom are police officers and lawyers.

She will educate the clients about DNA testing, and let the caller know exactly what kind of information they can expect to get from their specimen. If the client decides to use Cellmark, Gilbert will act as the middleman between the scientists and the client for the duration of the case.

The company has been involved in several high-profile cases, including O.J. Simpson, the Unabomber, and Jon Benet Ramsey. Gilbert sees this job as a great way of combining her knowledge of science and her fascination with the mysterious. In the future, she hopes to earn

a combined Masters degree in law and forensic science.

There are also those who are less sure which direction to follow when it comes to finding a job. In elementary and middle school, Kelly Scott considered careers in archaeology and architecture. It was not until high school that she became interested in politics and really knew that she wanted to live in Washington, D.C. Next year, Scott will be working for the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation in D.C., an education reform think tank. She will serve as the executive assistant to the President of the Foundation, Checker Finn.

"Finn is the foremost speaker on education reform and worked with Bill Bennett in the education department under Reagan," Scott said.

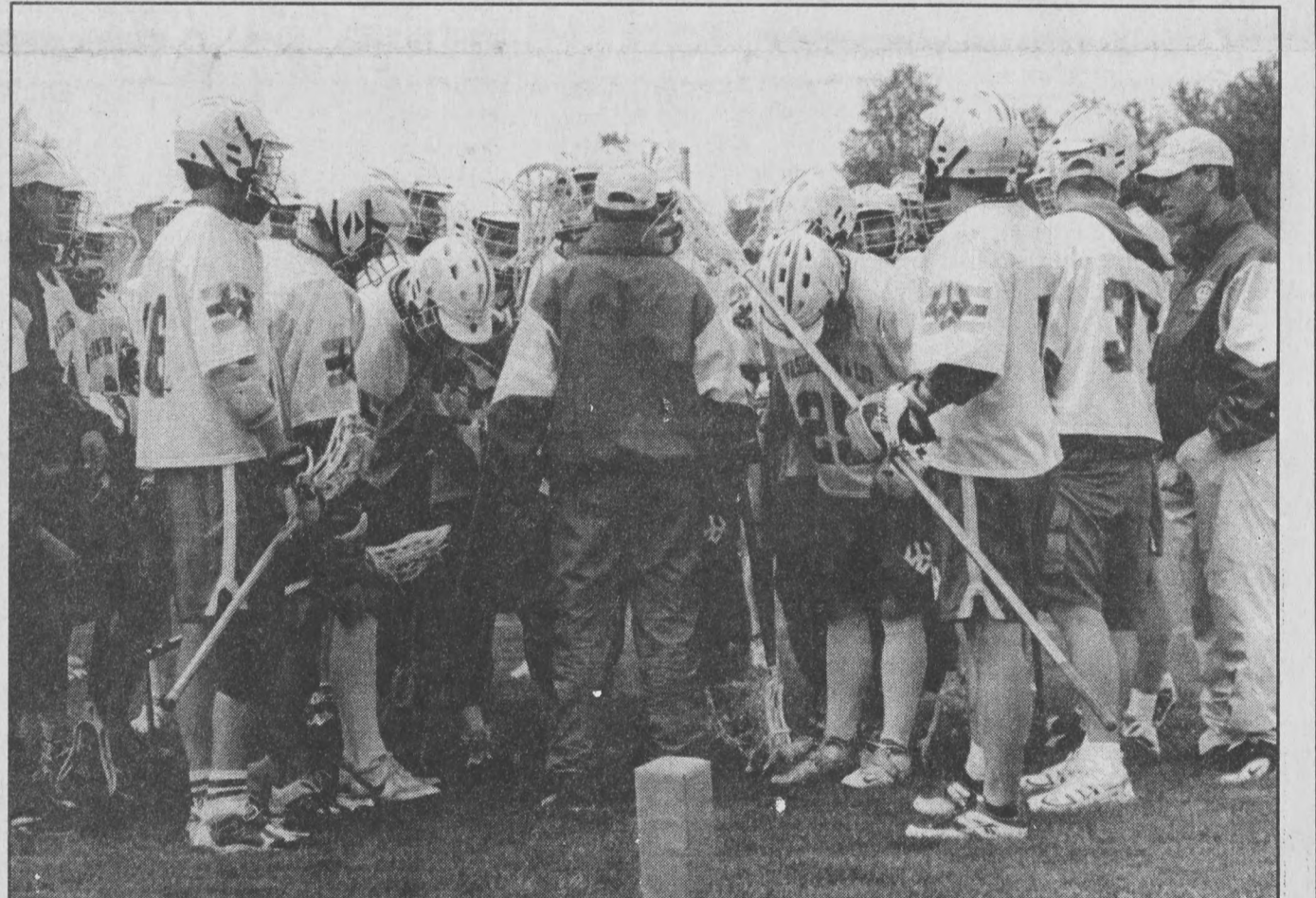
Scott's responsibilities will include arranging travel plans, setting up interviews, handling media calls, and other administrative support roles.

"They wanted someone young and enthusiastic enough to groom to become a leader in education reform," Scott said when asked how she landed the job.

"The effects of the education system pervade all of society. The lessons children learn in school will effect their lives and their behavior. Therefore, everyone has an interest in making sure the schools are the best they can possibly be," she said.

Scott eventually wants to become a legislative assistant in Congress, but for now, she's happy with this current opportunity. She is also excited about her new apartment in Arlington, with a view of the Washington Monument and the Capitol. Scott is ready to enter the work force on June 5th.

"I think I am finally prepared for life after college," Scott said.



File photo/The Ring-tum Phi

THE TEAM THAT PLAYED THEIR HEARTS OUT... W&L men's lacrosse team (16-2) lost 10-9 in their semi-final game against defending national champion Salisbury State on Sunday in Maryland. After a back and forth game, holding the Sea Gulls at a 5-5 tie at half time, a goal in the last few minutes of the game forced W&L on the offensive. Junior Matt Dugan broke the school record for points earned in a single season. This is the fourth lacrosse team in W&L history to make it as far as the semi-finals.

Another educator, Warren Hedges from Knoxville, Maryland, hopes to be working for the Peace Corps in Western Russia as an English teacher.

Hedges' interest in Russia stems from a week-long trip his history class made to the country during his senior year of high school. He said that his decision to join the Peace Corps only came about two months ago.

Hedges looks forward to this experience for a few different reasons. He expects this to be a cultural learning experience and hopes to gain a better understanding of the language. He also sees the Peace Corps experience as a great adventure: being forced to explore a foreign place on your own and survive.

Ultimately, Hedges chose to apply to the Peace Corps because he wanted to help other people. He values this as an opportunity for him to contribute to the education system in Rus-

sia. Hedges is also interested in law and hopes to find a job that he thoroughly enjoys, leaving him time to have a family life as well.

KD Vo from Seattle, Washington will be in a similar situation, participating in the JET program teaching English in Japan. Though Vo is a pre-med student, teaching English while living abroad will give him an opportunity to do something different for a short time.

"I didn't feel like going and studying for another 4 years and med school will still be there when I get back," Vo said. "This isn't something I'm planning on doing in the long term. Plus, I still need to decide if med school is what I really want to do."

Like his fellow seniors, Vo feels W&L prepared him to enter the "real world," but that doesn't necessarily mean he wants to be a part of it yet.

"I want to enjoy my youth while I still have it," he said.

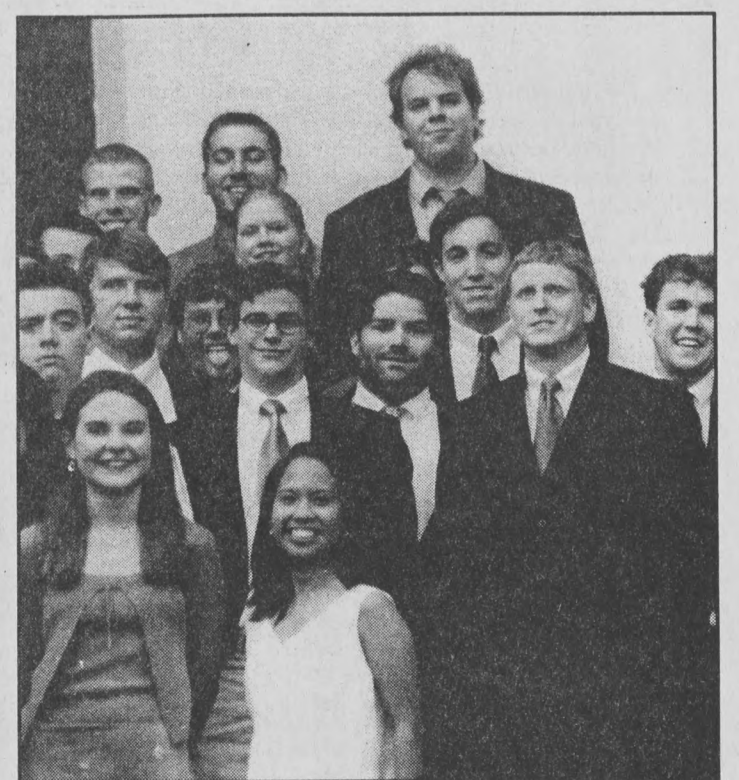


photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

SENIOR NIGHT 2000. Members of the senior class pose outside of Lee Chapel after Senior Night Wednesday, uniting as a class one of many times before graduation.

Abortion: The great non-issue

Last Monday, I noticed a debate would be held on the issue of abortion. Actually, how could I not notice? I had only been pelted with the issue by various people for the entire week prior to the debate. After my initial reaction of shock at being verbally attacked during dinner one night for asking casually why someone was pro-life, annoyance set in. What a ridiculous debate.

First of all, abortion does not make for a particularly good dinner conversation. Secondly, give it up already. Debates which don't allow for a clearly neutral position are just silly.

The only way I can express my apathy is by declaring myself pro-choice. That's not exactly a comfortable non-stance. Pro-choice, pro-life... just eat your dinner and talk about the meaning of life or something else more digestively agreeable.

Believe what you want, but please don't try to force me into your moral system by arguing



Radically Neutral
Monica Schoenthaler '02

for laws which take away yet another freedom. I've heard the religious argument... but let's not fool ourselves, not everyone in America follows a religion which tells people "abortion is EVIL!!" I personally thought that America was originally settled as neutral ground on which to express religious freedom anyway. Maybe I'm wrong about that, my historical fact memorization skills aren't that great.

Also, if a woman decides to have an abortion because of the financial responsibilities having children entails, or because she doesn't feel she is ready for parenthood emotionally or psychologically, maybe people should listen. The child will probably just grow up with psychological trauma inflicted by parents who are disgruntled at his very existence. Or say he is given up for adoption, even if he grows up in a happy family, one day he will find out. Then the child may wonder, as many adopted children do, why his biological mother decided he wasn't worth keeping. I personally can't imagine being too ecstatic at that thought.

Going over a few other pros and cons of the issue:

Pro-Choice:

Pros: Personal freedom, whether for abortion or against.

Cons: More of a chance of getting gunned down, blown up, or otherwise harmed for personal beliefs. Maybe it's just me, but I've never heard of anyone getting hurt, maimed, or murdered at a pro-life clinic or the equivalent...

Pro-Life:

Pros: That self-righteous feeling you get from telling other people they're wrong.

Cons: That self-righteous feeling you get from telling other people they're wrong.

Okay, so I only had one for each, but hey, that's all the thinking I felt like doing. It would be much easier if people would just recognize this for the huge non-issue it is. Regardless, you won't be seeing me at an abortion clinic anytime soon, either in protest or in need of the service. Those places are just too dangerous.

Quote of the week:

His idea of commitment is taking me to Subway once in a while.

-Anonymous junior girl

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I'M GOING TO MISS THIS COUCH. Junior John Herbert enjoys a short afternoon nap before the festivities resumed at Zollman's this past weekend. photo by Tiffany Friedel/Photo Editor

A reminder of the past year, in case you forgot

There is no such thing as the sophomore slump. It is a rumor, created by sophomores who felt left out of the loop during peak social hours, not knowing the who, what, when, and where of the evening activities. Please let me assure all rising sophomores that this is not the case. Sophomore year is practically freshman orientation week for thirty weeks straight. It's your second year of college, your second year of trying to decide what to do with your life, your second chance to bring up your GPA, and your first chance to take a class with a pre-requisite of "sophomore standing." I, of course, did not accomplish much as far as planning my future is concerned. I'm actually much more confused. As I look back on my sophomore year I realize in the great quest of "finding myself," and maybe a clue to my future, I just lost myself in a pit of memories from great events past.

The Mock Convention added a welcome twist to the usual tailgates, Parent's Weekend and Homecoming fall line-up. Not that the usual social functions aren't exciting, but there's something about an event that happens only once every four years. People tend to put more effort into a party that occurs less often. Mock Con was a great experience, both inside and outside the convention hall. There should be a parade for Homecoming, too. (What a fantastic way to make a mess of the Pavilion, Main Street, the Ruins, spread school spirit, and have fun all at the same time.)

My first look at the other side of rush was quite an experience. There are a lot of things they don't tell you when you're a rushee, such as, "You will be spending all year pre-

paring for one week of rush. It will take up all of your time, so get used to it now." Don't say you weren't warned.

Now I find myself thinking about this past weekend's events at Buffalo Creek in awe. Sunday morning in the Dining Hall I could not help but laugh at some people I'd seen Saturday night and remind them of what they did that evening just in case they forgot. That's the best part about sober driving. The worst part is the drive out there. It's long, the roads are dark and winding, and I ended up doing it way too often. Five people danced to the bands, while dozens swam in germ-infested water. Dogs ran wild without supervision or restriction, as did their masters.

I understand that Buffalo Creek is a two day event, but is it really necessary to restrain from any form of personal hygiene for that time? The lack of running water (clean water, the creek not included) and bathrooms in general makes the whole event that much more repulsive to any person paying attention, sober or otherwise.

The parking situation is a mess there, too. The only place on Earth worse to park in is Historic Lexington. I know not everyone wants to park in a circle out on the field, but is it really necessary for cars to be triple-parked, blocking every entrance and exit, and making it impossible for anyone to get through? It did look kind of cool with the hundreds of SUVs lined up on the field, and I was proud to have my Jeep there on the end. I just felt sorry for the itty bitty cars that would probably get stuck in the mud after the rain.



Rainbow Brite
Tiffany Friedel '02

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Unfortunately, I (along with the rest of the student body) was subjected to the ramblings of Professor Edward Adams in the most recent Phi, in which he ranted against our hallowed spring term, and appropriated poor Thomas Carlyle's invectives against lying to do so.

Let me direct him towards another of Mr. Carlyle's quotations, which states that "with stupidity and sound digestion man may front much." Professor Adams' gastric capabilities must be remarkable. He believes that students should not receive full credit for courses taken during spring term, and that we should willingly sacrifice it in order to gain "four solid weeks of real academic time." I am certain that, should the professor agree to teach at a reduced salary for spring term, we will in turn abandon our course hours.

Or, barring these extreme solutions, allow me to suggest that Associate Professor Adams needs to take upon himself the responsibility of teaching a couple of extra courses so as to provide more choices in the curriculum for next spring.

A course on the British War Poets, for example, or a

seminar on Walker Percy would be greatly appreciated, and would allow for students to fulfill their English requirements more quickly in their academic careers instead of having to wait until they attain Junior or Senior status and jump ahead in the registration order (the English Department is particularly deficient in this regard). Seeing as how, according to the registration sheet for this past semester, the good professor has only been teaching one course, this should present no problem.

Perhaps he resents this intrusion on his duty as a professor. Similarly, I resent that he sees it as his within his realm of responsibility to advise the student body that we should sacrifice our breaks so as to alter the academic year to more closely resemble those of Amherst and Yale.

I did not choose to attend Amherst or Yale. Instead, I decided that Washington and Lee, with all its quirks and foibles, was a superior educational choice; and in fact, the very institutions which Professor Adams so strenuously objects to (i.e., winter rush, Mock Con, and Fancy Dress) all contributed significantly to the atmosphere which enchanted me (and others) so much as a prospective.

One such car was double parked behind an SUV, preventing it from passing. The driver was very considerate, though, because instead of four-wheel driving over the car, he and a couple of his friends picked it up and moved it aside instead.

All complaints aside, I did enjoy my weekend. This was the second to last weekend of my first half of college. It's very sad.

I have mixed feelings about the summer. I can't decide whether it's great to have an extended vacation time for extracurricular work and play, or if it's just a great big waste of time. What is really accomplished over the summer anyway? For those of us with summer jobs and internships, we get a look at the real world, the working world, and possibly a foot in the door of our future careers. Then there's the part of us who still believe we are in junior high, sitting at the beach and letting our minds waste away, losing all information previously acquired during the school year. I'd rather just get on with school, finish in three years, and then start my life.

Wait, what am I saying? Please disregard that last sentence. I don't think I would give up a fourth Homecoming, Parent's Weekend, Christmas weekend, Fancy Dress Ball, or year with my friends at this great institution for anything. I might give up rush week, though...

There's no advice I have to give freshmen towards sophomore year. Maybe that's because I haven't heard any. Just make the most of it, have a ball - you only get to be a sophomore once. That's what people said about my freshman year, and I choose to carry that piece of advice with me throughout my college career.

Exile of these events to the breaks would, at the least, greatly decrease their attendance, and would almost certainly lead to their eventual demise. Should this occur, our college environment would suffer a great loss in its unique character, and would be that much the poorer.

Insofar as he objects to W&L's "work hard, play hard" manner, no one insisted that he teach at this institution. He could teach at a "work hard... keep working" institution (Amherst, Yale) and leave us to our own devices.

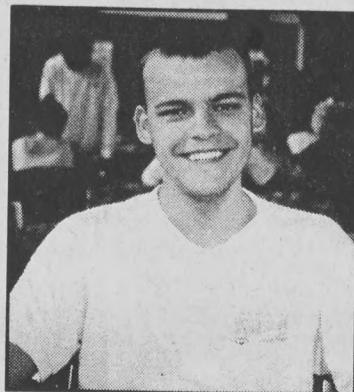
I am offended at the suggestion that we, as a student body, indulge in "six weeks of lying self-deception." The very idea proposed by that letter was such an overwhelming example of Ivy-League pretension and Ivory Tower posturing (God forbid the administration "aid and abet the students in their vain desire to "work hard and play hard" or provide "institutional sanctioning of big ticket distractions from the academic work") that I was almost nauseated by reading it. I lack Professor Adams' digestive strength.

Sincerely,
Brett Burns '03

TALKback: What have you learned from the seniors?



"If you're ever stranded in Bolivia, hail a banana truck."
-Claire Green '03



"There's no solid reason NOT to drink on Sunday."
-Josh Patten '03



"Senior boys steal freshman girls because they're perverts."
-Jeff Meriggi '03



"S-C-A-N-D-A-L-O-U-S."
-Sarah Sager '03

Two seniors show artistic side Seniors Josh Harvey and Caroline Cobb display their talents

By Mike Agnello
STAFF WRITER

The great Victorian writer Oscar Wilde once wrote, "all art is quite useless." Senior Caroline Cobb disagrees. "Art is a therapeutic thing for me, something that visually represents what I'm thinking about," Cobb said.

Cobb, a senior studio art/art history/journalism major, exhibited her paintings in duPont auditorium Thursday for her studio art senior thesis. Her works include several still-life oils on canvas, as well as more abstract works using oil on paper. She has been painting with oils since her freshman year and said her primary influence is Morandi, who also painted many still-lives.

She had planned to be an art history major, but a studio art class freshman year convinced her to continue painting.

"I had a really positive experience [in that class]," she said.

Cobb studied at the Slade School of Fine Arts in London last year, where she studied expressionist techniques and color theory. Many of the paintings on display in duPont were painted

in London.

Cobb said that she has no definite plans for life after graduation, but will try to stay involved in the art world as a teacher or critic. Regardless of her career path, Cobb plans to continue to paint for pleasure.

"Art has always been part of my life, and always will be," she said.

For most students, music is the background noise for college life. For senior Josh Harvey, it's much more than that.

"I've always taken music seriously while having fun with it at the same time," Harvey said.

Harvey, a senior music composition major, gave his musical thesis presentation Tuesday. He has been active in music for most of his life, starting with the tuba in fifth grade, and the piano in sixth. His father is a local pastor, who got Harvey his first job playing the piano. Harvey now plays the piano for many churches.

"[Playing for other churches] is mostly business, but I still enjoy it," he said.

Harvey began composing seriously during his freshman year at W&L. He has written for several groups, including his current band, Ring's End, with freshman Chris Tully, Chris Edwards '99, and UVA student Rob Hubbard. The band is currently recording a CD entitled "Vertigo" to be released this summer.

Harvey has composed classical pieces for flute, piano and vibraphone, and piano and voice. He acknowledges the differences between writing rock and classical music, but he has no trouble making the transition.

"Composing rock songs and composing classical isn't as different as you might think," he said. "After all, a scale has only 13 possible notes."

Musicians who have worked with him praise his talent, personality and style. Music Professor Terry Vosbein, who Harvey credits with teaching him to compose, is one such admirer.

"Josh has been a joy to have around for four years. . . and a good inspiration to other students around him in his talent, hard work, and positive outlook," said Vosbein.



photo courtesy Jennie Parker

PIANO MAN. Josh Harvey displayed his musical talents during his thesis performance Tuesday night.

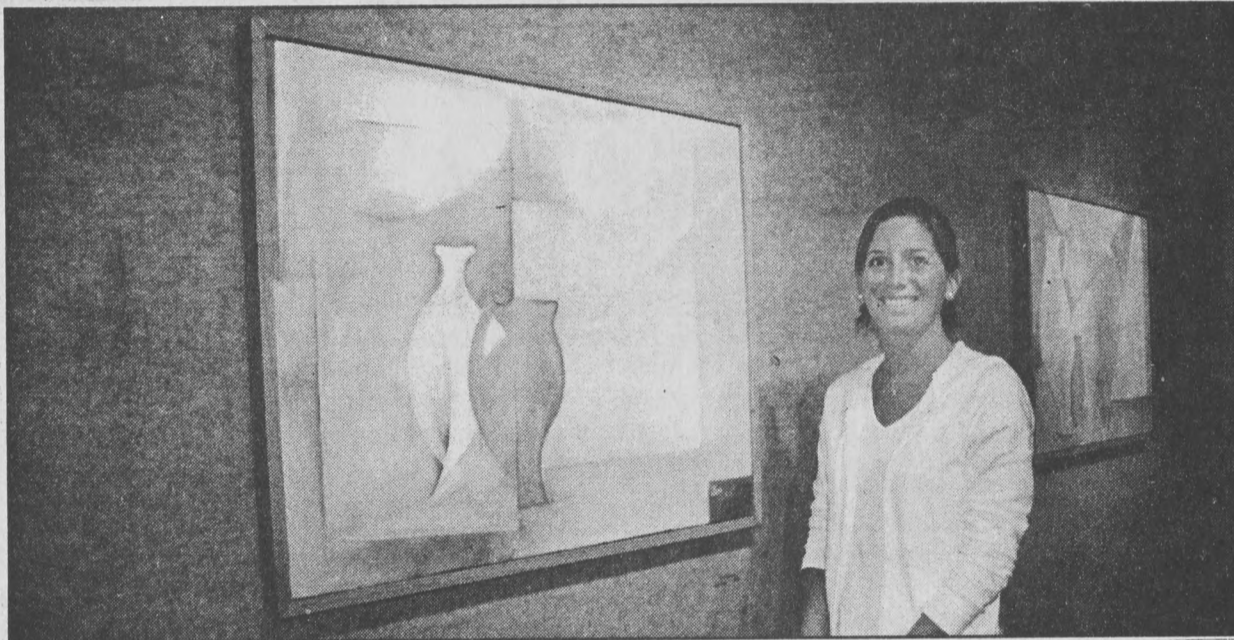


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AT THE ARTIST'S EXHIBIT. Caroline Cobb stands beside one of her many paintings on display in duPont Gallery. Her exhibit will be on display through graduation.



Women's Tennis falls in NCAA Semifinals

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team saw its run in the NCAA Tournament come to an end with a 6-3 loss to Trinity (Texas) in the semifinal round.

~Courtesy Sports Information

W&L's Dadio-Campbell resigns

Lexington, Va. -- Washington and Lee Athletic Director Mike Walsh has announced that Terri Dadio Campbell, the University's women's basketball and volleyball coach for the past seven years has resigned effective July 1.

Dadio Campbell's husband, Shawn, has recently been named the Associate head Coach at Temple University following a highly successful stint as an assistant coach at the University of Virginia. She will follow him to Philadelphia and begin to pursue coaching opportunities in the area.

"After seven years at Washington & Lee, this was a very difficult decision," said Dadio Campbell. "However, Shawn and I look forward to the upcoming challenges and growth opportunities as we relocate to the Philadelphia area."

Dadio Campbell took over W&L's women's basketball program in its first varsity season and molded it into a regular in the old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament. The Generals finished last season with a 13-12 overall record, 10-10 in the ODAC.

She also helped to transform the volleyball program into a consistent winner, posting a 159-48 (.768) record and claiming for ODAC Championships, including the last three. She has been named the ODAC Coach of the Year three times and guided the Generals to their first ever NCAA tournament berth this past season.

"It has been a pleasure working with both the women's basketball and volleyball programs," commented Dadio Campbell.

~Courtesy of Sports Information

Dougherty named D-III Lax National Player of the Week

Lexington, Va. -- W&L senior attackman Colin Dougherty (Timonium, Md./Loyola) has been named the Division III National Lacrosse Player of the Week by Inside Lacrosse Magazine. This is the second time he has received the honor this year.

Dougherty led the Generals to a 2-0 week and a trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament Semifinals by amassing 15 points in wins over Kenyon and Gettysburg.

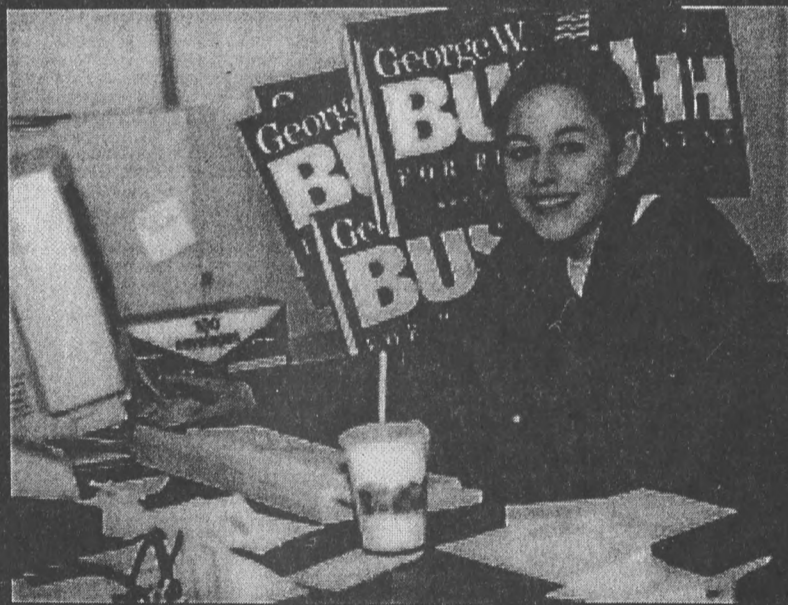
In a 22-4 opening round win over the Lords, Dougherty tallied six goals and three assists and followed that with a two-goal, four assist performance in a 12-10 win over Gettysburg.

On the season, Dougherty claims 27 goals and 33 assists for a career-high 60 points. He is just 14 points from breaking the W&L career scoring record.

Dougherty was Second Team All-ODAC selection this season.

~Courtesy of Sports Information

Most W&L students use alcohol



Once a week or LESS!

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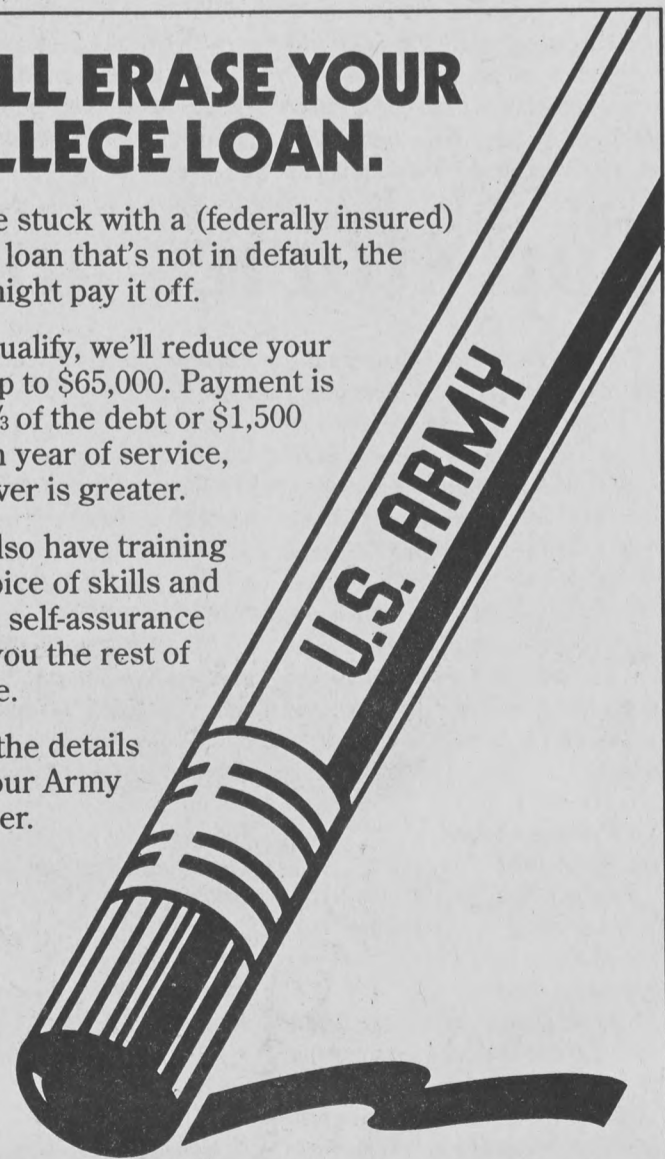
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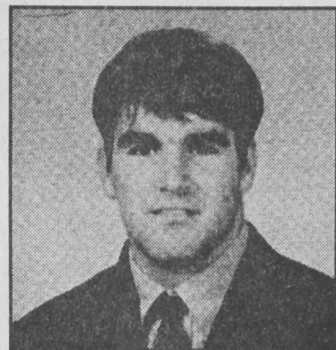
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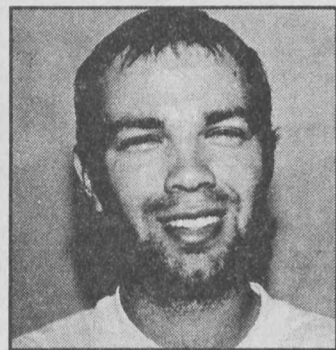
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TALK BACK:

What is your best memory of the past four years?



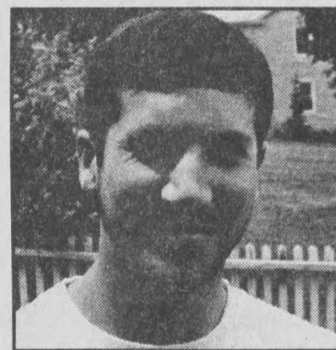
"The one time I went binge drinking on keg beer with undergraduate coeds."
 — Scott LeTourneau



"I've enjoyed each and every moment of my time here at William and Mary."
 — Russell Wrenn



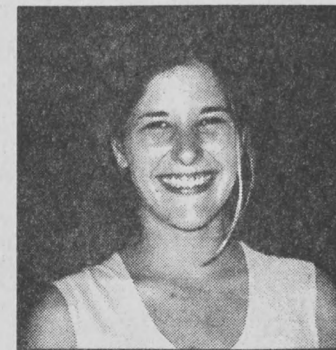
"Pppffftttt"
 — Childs Cantey



"Oh, it was such a hoot...I streaked the Colonnade — naked!"
 — Chris Stakem



"Our post-Bid Day celebration in the BDG quad during the ice storm of '97"
 — Nancy Dixon and Alison Ralston



"Friends, friends, friends."
 — Eszter Pados

Our last hurrah...



Former Phi editors bid farewell

I can tell you without a doubt that I'm the wrong person to be writing this. Any of my friends can tell you that I've kept a running count of how many weeks, days and hours were left until graduation since about halfway through sophomore year. If you ever had a question about it, you just had to ask me.

It's getting to be a pretty small number.

And while that doesn't bode well for a fond stroll down memory lane, I'm not claiming to be representative of the senior class, and memory lane is just a cliché anyway.

Nonetheless, I am a member of this class, and I know that it hasn't been easy. We've all seen the sun come up after a dizzying night of writing or cramming, complained about the less-than-stellar social scene, had friends who drove us crazy with that latest crisis that kept us up into the wee hours of the morning, run into those professors so entrenched in the world of academia that things like reality or compassion were relegated to abstract definitions in dusty books and lived under an honor code that contradicts

the take-the-easy-way-out aspects of human nature. We've all suffered and sacrificed to get to the point that we now stand on the verge of.

It's not all been those sparkling white columns that the admissions brochures flaunted.

Yet there have been shining moments of academic inspiration, pure honor-given pride, and gut-deep laughter; simple human connections that clicked almost audibly. There were the instants of ec-

stasy, happiness and quiet contentment that helped achieve some sort of balance. They are what have enamored some of this place to such an extent that they'll be back for every Alumni Weekend, Homecoming and FD for decades to come. (God save me from being that alum who just won't graduate and leave.) And they're what have gotten others through to graduation, and out on their way to the Real World.

We know this place. We've loved it, we've hated it, and we've laughed at it. But more than anything, now we realize that we've lived it.

And now, my friends, we're leavin' it.

We came here freshman year not even grasping what it means to attend Washington and Lee. This is not just a school. It is an institution, a culture and a society unlike any other. It takes a lot to understand.

Freshman year, I downright detested the place. The Southern way was the right way — the only way. Despite the fact that nearly half our school is from above the Mason-Dixon, the Southern mentality overshadowed everything. (I realize now that this is exponentially linked to the fact that the school is in The South). But this meant drinking in the mornings in clothes suitable for church, huntin' (or at least wearing all clothes associated with it), and enduring a social scene more cutting than strict feudalism.

Absolutely no one would participate in class. Professors almost cried before a comment would be made. People made Dean's List, but didn't have a clue there was a war in Kosovo. People were Republicans because their parents were.

I saw hypocrisy everywhere. Some "religious" students I knew sexed and

drank more than they churched. Rape was considered fine, while cheating was not. Fake IDs were illegal. Underage drinking was encouraged.

Nothing seemed real.

Little has changed within the institution over these last four years, but I've grown to love this school for many of the things I used to hate.

Although our community may be strange and shallow at times, we are close. We have become part of the legacy of this school. It has become part of us. W&L may seem like a

country club, but at this point in my life, I say thank God.

We face the grizzly world of nine-to-five (or seven-to-ten if on Wall Street), and the time when we have the freedom and pure enjoyment of life that we have here will probably not ever happen again.

We are now moving on, quite possibly to the best years we'll ever have, but they will come with extra responsibility and consequences that we haven't yet begun to comprehend.

We have lived in a bubble for the past four years, yet much of it has been absolutely wonderful. We will miss this place. We'll miss it a lot.

Φ I am employed
 Polly A. D. Doig '00

Φ Not in Kansas no mo'
 Hollister H. Hovey '00

Top stories and personal favorites

Every once in a while, actually pretty frequently, a story comes along that strikes us. Sometimes these stories put us to the test in our experiment in student journalism, and sometimes they send an entire staff rolling on the floor in laughter before we sober up and write a straight-faced story. But if you ask a Phister why we take the never-ending hours and criticism, the answer could well be the variety that comes our way each and every week. Here are a few of our favorites:

BYOB policy instated
 September, 1997

Simultaneously, the "pretend-you-know-a-brother" policy begins. **Student hit by car** September, 1997

Elizabeth James '99 is charged with a felony count of failure to stop when she hit Dylan Walsh '00 with her Volkswagen Bug. According to arresting officer Michael Hess, Walsh was walking east along West Nelson Street when he was struck on the left leg and thrown to the ground by a car traveling in the same direction. The driver of the car stopped, yelled "sorry" out the window and drove off.

Faculty salaries revealed
 October, 1997

In a nosy move, *The Phi* published salaries of faculty members, including the little tidbit that President Elrod earned less money than former Law School dean Barry Sullivan.

Student injured in car accident
 Nov. 21, 1997

After breaking her spine in a car accident on Interstate-81 her freshman year, Jill Kosch '00 takes a semester off. She later makes a full recovery, physically and academically, going on to captain the women's track team as a senior and capturing two school records. **Butts banned in campus buildings** Jan. 12, 1998

A policy which is obeyed to the letter in the Doig-era offices of *The Phi* **Burst Chi Psi pipe unleashes filth** January 23, 1998

It wasn't sewage, they swear. **Sigma Nus shorn** April, 1998

Newly anointed news editor Doig spent an hour on the phone with distraught Sweet Briar "victims," who repeatedly stated that they did not shave the nether regions of three Snu brothers. The female British exchange student did, however, admit to not

"wearing me knickers." Oh, dear. **Class of '73 gives largest 25th reunion gift in history** May, 1998

More than \$1 million, when all was said and done. In a related story, the Class of 2000 recently reached the \$6,000 mark. This is roughly one-third of their average indebtedness. **Freshman woman arrested for DIP** May 14, 1998

Hardly news at W&L, save for the fact that the 18-year-old Christine van den Toorn was screaming obscenities in the freshman quad, following a Kappa mixer at the Volcano, whose carding practices were questioned repeatedly by the ABC. She was still screaming them when W&L Security and the LPD showed up. She continued to scream them at various *Phi* editors before, during and after publication of the related article. That's probably her on the phone now... **VMI goes coed** August, 1998

Bald cheerleaders, need we say more? **Drug Task Force founded** September, 1998

Dangerous bud-lovers beware! Now they're watching Goshen.

Parking garage delayed
 September, 1998

The first time. **Two students charged with car theft** Oct. 12, 1998

Sophomores Stephanie Fortener and Ellen Elliott "borrow" a few cars on the way home from Lee-Hi, and then 2,000 copies of *The Phi* with the ensuing story. When confronted by a somewhat emotional executive editor Hollister Hovey, the girls stated that they were only "borrowing a few copies for friends and family." Charges for car borrowing are subsequently dropped, but the girls serve their community many hours for *Phi*-borrowing. **Rehnquist speaks at commencement** May, 1999

The Chief Justice sports a Band-Aid on his forehead after a vicious game of racquetball. He reads a truly inspiring speech on billable hours. We sat through the whole damn thing. **Night Owl closes** March, 2000

Longtime community (music) source Wayne Raynal finally closes his doors. **"Idaho loses over shirts"** March, 2000

You might have heard about it.

THROUGH the YEARS

FRESHMAN YEAR 1996-97
 KD colonizes
 Shephard Poverty Program initiated
 FD: "Under the Big Top"
 Jack Bowden '00 dies

SOPHOMORE YEAR 1997-98
 VMI coeducates
 FD: "Flappers, Flight and Jazz all night long"
 Beth Formidoni '99L elected first female EC president
 KA suspended for hazing

JUNIOR YEAR 1998-99
 The Staircase closes
 Salerno's moves
 Sorority houses begun
 Jonathan Nabors '02 killed in I-81 car accident
 Disclosure a hot topic
 First MSA Cabaret
 FD: "La Bal Masque"
 Rich Balzer '01 expulsion spurs EC reform
 Jeff Cook '01 elected first undergraduate EC president
 The Bicenquagenary Baseball stadium opens

SENIOR YEAR 1999-2000
 Lisa's House opens
 Traveller's Bar & Grill opens
 Jim McKnight charged with rape, then acquitted
 Mock Con nominates George W. Bush
 FD: "Lights, luck and luxury: Destination Vegas"
 White Book reviewed
 Former Prof. Holliday files suit against W&L
 Parking garage opens

SENIOR STANDOUTS:

CHRISTIAN BATCHELLER: Signs with Pittsburgh Pirates, following one of the most successful athletic careers seen in recent W&L history.

SHANNON BELL: She initiates a community service program where W&L students help tutor local elementary school students, and helps raise student volunteerism at the Mayflower Home for adults. She returns to West Virginia to work in conjunction with the Shepherd Poverty Program.

JAMES BROWN: With over a 4.0 GPA, he still manages to swim and act as a dorm counselor. He'll attend Johns Hopkins med school.

DAN GRATTAN: Heads up Students Against Rockbridge Area Hunger. The group eradicates hunger in the county two years in a row.

JOSH HARVEY: The musical genius of 2000. Plays by ear, and with Agents... See p. 3.

KIRSTEN MALM: Wins Fullbright. She'll study European economic integration and trade flow at the University of Bonn next year, and then head off to Harvard Law School.

ROSHNI NIRODY: Wins Fullbright (to live in and study education reform within garbage dumps in Mexico City), but decides to take the Watson Fellowship. She plans to follow nomadic groups in five different countries — Mexico, Ireland, Japan, Spain, Hungary.

TIM SHOWALTER: Ties school record for highest MCAT score with a 38. He plans to attend UVA Medical School next year.