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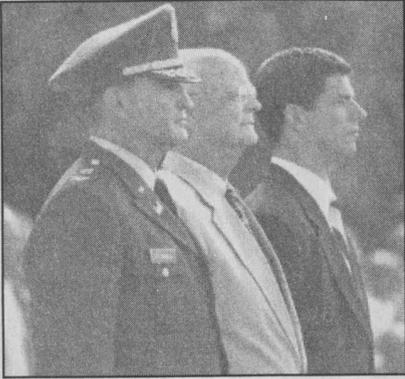
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Cadets step off VMI parade commemorates eight-score years of fraternal felicity

By Matthew McDermott
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Corp of Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute paraded in honor of the common history and traditions their college shares with the University of Washington and Lee. W&L students, alumni, faculty, and administration attended the event, held on Friday at the parade grounds in front of the Institute.

The cadets affixed bayonets to their rifles, a privilege only afforded to combat tested infantry units. VMI cadets have participated in every American conflict since the Mexican War, with at one time an entire class fighting as a unit.

"We take this opportunity to thank our W&L neighbors for all the generations of friendship past," said the announcer, "and in a fervent wish for a continuation of our warm relationship in the future."

Also mentioned was the "friendly but passionate" rivalry that has existed during the schools' 161 years of coexistence, which still allows the schools "banding together as educated and honorable ladies and gentlemen."

In past years students at what was then called Washington College donned uniforms to drill alongside VMI cadets, who in turn attended the College for classes not offered at the Institute.

Students at both schools served alongside each other under the command of Robert E. Lee to fight for Virginia during the Civil War.

This parade was the first to be partly reviewed by a W&L student, Chairman of the Executive Committee John Comly. VMI cadets parade 21 times a semester.

"Sometimes its hard to keep all of these parades straight," admits firstclassman (senior) Matthew Frye, who with his classmates drills several times a day.

This is the most recent parade in honor of Washington and Lee since the one held for the reunion of the "war classes," those comprised of students who attended W&L and VMI from 1941 to 1945.

Washington and Lee officials were eager to recognize their ties with the Institute and pleased to have been recognized by it.

The W&L community later joined VMI cadets, faculty, and administration at a reception held in Moody Hall.

"It's flattering," said Lawrence Betch, Dean of Washington and Lee College, "We're glad to be here."

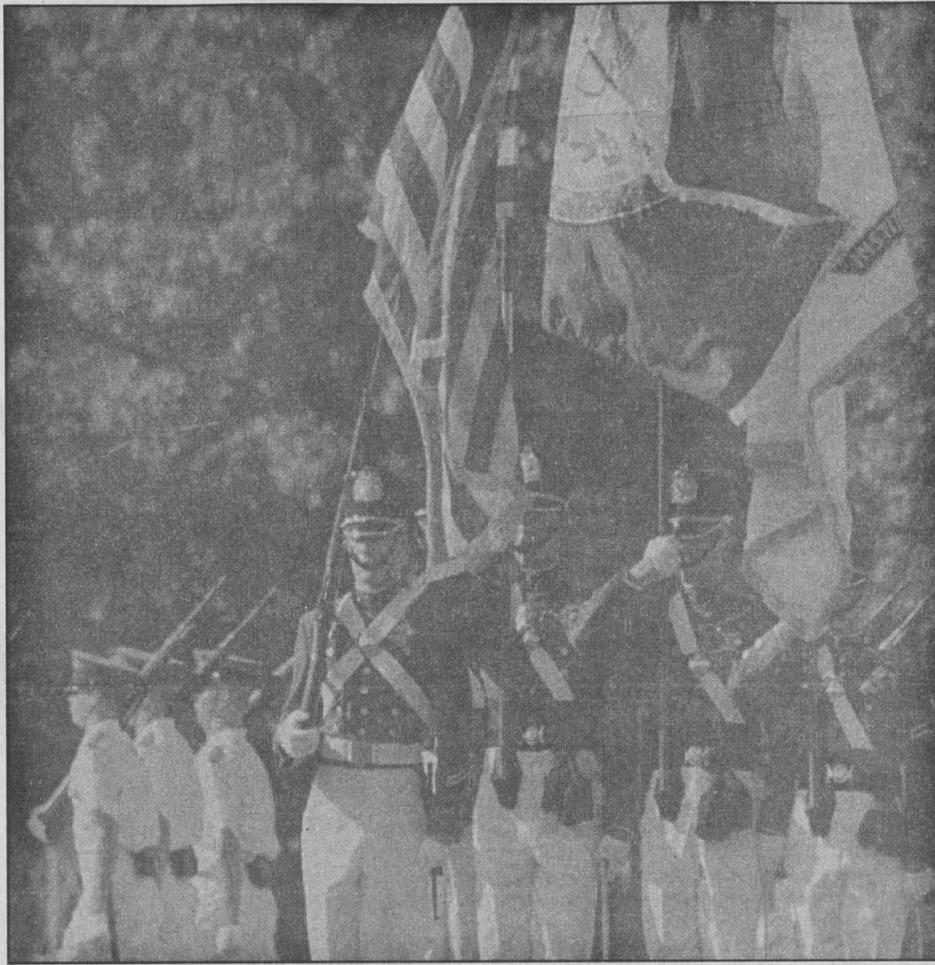


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RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT: The VMI colorguard parades as part of the march and review that recently honored Washington and Lee University. Over one thousand cadets, to the music of pipes, horns, and drums performed an exact military drill as spectators (photo above left) gaze on.

Colleges oversee the rats and the frats

By Matthew McDermott
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Virginia Military Institute's recent Full Retreat Parade honored the historical connections that the academy shares with neighboring Washington and Lee University. Though numerous parallels between the two institutions were drawn that day, one similarity went unmentioned: the anti-hazing policies being separately pursued by the new VMI Commandant and W&L's Interfraternity Council.

Hazing is more obvious at VMI, where the freshmen, or rats, are traditionally subject to an intense period of initiation.

"I believe in the passage of rights," says Colonel Eric Hutchings, who assumed the office of Commandant in early July, "but [the situation] had become cancerous."

Hutchings, recently Deputy Commander of the Army Rangers, graduated from VMI in 1997 as a Distinguished Military Student. He has also attended the United States Army's Command and General Staff College and holds two masters degrees in military arts and sciences. A qualified SCUBA diver and parachutist,

he has served in the army for 22 years. His decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

As Commandant, Hutchings functions as a dean of students, overseeing the discipline and training of VMI's student body.

"I'm the surrogate father," he explains. "Parents... expect me to look after their kids."

Since his arrival, Hutchings has made substantial changes to the Blue Book, VMI's code of student conduct. He has focused on cadet appearance, resurrected the tradition of marching to meals, and increased participation at parades. It is his protection of the rats, however, that has drawn the most vocal criticism from the upper classes.

Hutchings has, for example, ended the shaving of rats' heads. He has forbidden the practice of bedding them in their gym clothes, swathing them in blankets, and commanding them to sleep while at attention.

Some students feel Hutchings is meddling with the school's traditions.

"It's hard to change something when

you've been brought up with it," said firstclassman (senior) Jim Bourie.

His classmate Andrew Modisett agrees. "You've got this constant grudge-match going on. We want to run the show, the Commandant wants to limit us."

Many seniors, however, agree with Hutchings reforms.

"The ratline is more the way it used to be," said firstclassman Matthew Frye. "I've talked to alumni and faculty... and they don't remember it being so rough. We're heading in the right direction."

"We're going to let the commotion pass," said first-class president Charles Bunting. "Basically, we are working for the same ends."

Bunting heads the student government, which oversees student conduct and decides whether to recommend disciplinary action to the administration.

Regardless of the complaints of

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New club sets SAIL

The Student Association for International Learning prepares for first year

By Joel Pepera
STAFF WRITER

The Student Association for International Learning, a new umbrella organization of Washington and Lee's international clubs, seeks to use the collective resources of its member clubs to "address intercultural and international issues on campus," according to organizer Agnes Flak.

In its first year of existence at W&L, SAIL combines new service committees with established international organizations on campus in an effort to draw further support for international issues. This coalition hopes to be especially helpful in the fundraising; SAIL will petition the Executive Committee on behalf of its committees.

"SAIL is the key organization in bringing the international and globalizing trend to W&L," said acting secretary, Shiazhi Niazi.

SAIL is comprised of five individual organizations, each its own separate entity: Study Abroad, Model United Nations, the International Student Alliance, the International Development and Relief Group, and the Student Activities Committee (formerly the International Club).

While SAIL will only meet monthly, each individual group will hold regular meetings.

The Study Abroad committee provides information on the option of studying in a foreign nation for students of all majors. It plans to make the study abroad option more accessible to the general student population by addressing issues of approachability and fair credit transfer.

A pre-existing campus organization but new SAIL member, Model United Nations exposes participants to international issues and conduct through the simulation of the United Nations. The group plans to attend conferences at Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as to develop its own Security Council at Washington and Lee.

The International Student Alliance serves the unique needs of international students on campus. The committee will address everything from student VISA issues to obtaining inexpensive flights home to dealing with "culture shock." The alliance is dedicated to serving any and all of the needs of the international students at W&L.

The International Development and Relief Group directs its attention to the aid and relief of those in crises around the globe. Through fundraising and awareness, it looks to improve the plight of those in need throughout the world.

The Student Activities Committee is involved in initiating and planning a variety of activities with an international emphasis. It aims to unite students of all cultures in various events.

University officials assess impact and safety of parking garage

By Katie Howell
STAFF WRITER

The first full week of student parking in the new parking garage has led to cases of reckless driving and improper traffic flow, according to Security Director Mike Young.

Despite initial problems, officials feel that the garage, located behind Doremus Gymnasium, has resulted in fewer parking violations on the streets of Lexington this year than in previous years.

In a public campus announcement last Thursday, Young said, "I have been receiving daily reports of dangerous driving in the new parking garage. I am aware that many drivers have not been practicing basic

safety precautions while driving in this facility."

Young said that although the security office has not posted a speed limit, students and visitors should drive at 10 miles per hour to maintain the safest possible driving standards. "People are driving too fast and not being careful," he said. "Students should slow things down a bit and be more patient and alert, particularly around turns."

University Security also encourages students to pay attention to the arrows and traffic flow patterns posted within the garage. The arrows will soon be painted a darker color to be more visible to drivers.

"The garage is a nice facility," Young said. "It is well-lit and will have a good traffic pattern once students get adjusted."

Students are especially having difficulty adjusting to the double-headed arrows located at each level of the ramp, which some have called confusing. Some think that they add to the improper traffic flow as students are unfamiliar with this unusual setup.

"I think going both ways is dangerous," said sophomore Gretchen Tenzca.

Drivers parking in the garage should expect more confusion from the garage for the next two months while the University Physical Plant works on Phase III of the Campus Utility Routing Project, which will completely close off Denny Circle to traffic.

Assistant Director of the Physical Plant Scott Rhodes said, "starting Monday the Denny Circle entrance, which is currently the only entrance, will be closed off. We will open

one lane for entering the garage and one lane for exiting both at the current Nelson Street exit and the current fourth level exit."

Despite the garage's problems, security officials feel that the garage has greatly relieved the strain the University previously had accommodating all of the cars that students, faculty, and visitors parked on campus. Prior to the construction of the garage last spring, the location of the current garage was a two-level, 180 space parking lot. The new garage can hold 609 cars.

"We knew we needed at least 100 more parking spots for the sororities," said Young, "and we knew that the University did not have adequate space for the overall parking situation, so the University decided to build the garage."

Now commuters can come to campus without worrying about having to fight for a parking space."

According to Traffic Coordinator Thomas "Baner" Bane, the space that the parking garage provides has decreased the number of parking citations given both in the City of Lexington and in unauthorized University parking areas.

Bane said, "The garage is probably the best thing that has happened to us in the past few years. [The number of parking violations this year] is down a whole lot."

"The parking garage is a big improvement to the previous parking situation we had on campus," said Young. "It is wonderful for students to know that they have a space waiting for them on campus."

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Life outside the Bubble

Indian Prime Minister on goodwill visit to the US

The Prime Minister of India, Atal Behari Vajpayee is in the US on a five-day goodwill visit, drumming up support for India's stand on global issues like the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and International terrorism.

In a reciprocal visit for President Clinton's visit to India earlier this year, Mr Vajpayee will go back home with over \$6 billion in power contracts and assurances from both Al Gore and George Bush that the process of India-US high level talks will continue, but without being able to address the key issues that are sources of concern for both India and the US.

There was no agreement on the issues of nuclear proliferation, nor did the Americans give any assurance of support for India's bid for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council.

On the other hand, there was a reiteration of the belief that India and US are "natural allies" (Al Gore), and that both countries are tied together by common beliefs like democracy (India being the world's largest democracy, and the US the richest).

Another important development was the setting up of joint working group to address terrorism as sponsored by Islamic Fundamentalist groups operating mostly out of Afghanistan, targeting both India and the US. India has faced ongoing terrorist attacks, mostly in Kashmir, and the US has been targeted by men like Osama Bin Laden, who in recently called for a jihad (holy war) against India and America.

Sydney 2000

The "greatest show on earth" kicked off in Sydney with a blaze of glory. After a long and arduous journey lasting a 100 days, including an underwater swim, having changed hands over 11,000 times, the Olympic torch arrived in Sydney. In a rare show of Australian political correctness, the torch was handed over to an aboriginal athlete, Cathy Freeman, who then lit the Olympic flame, which will over the next 17 days burn over the efforts of athletes to go higher, run faster, and be stronger.

One of the highlights of the show was North and South Korea marching under the same flag, with the 110,000 strong crowd roaring its approval. The Australian Olympics committee went out of its way to create a show that would justify the Australian reputation of being able to throw a great party, setting a world record for the largest number of

people ever raised aloft in an aerial performance. As Greg Norman, Australian Golfing legend put it, "if we see so many people smiling, we must be doing something right."

Petrol Crisis

In a premonition of future crises over fuel shortages, Europe and Britain ground to a halt as people took to the streets protesting high fuel costs. Lines for fuel pumps snaked onto highways, as people queued up to buy petrol for their vehicles. Most fuel pumps in Britain shut down since protestors would not allow fuel tankers to deliver their loads.

The protests started in rural Britain, with mostly farmers protesting the high price of petrol, which is almost five dollars for a gallon, out of which 80% is tax. Then the protests moved towards the city, and soon there was little or no petrol available for even school buses and ambulances. Prime minister Tony Blair asked for special emergency powers to keep the situation under control.

By the middle of the week, most petrol pumps in Britain had run dry, and fuel shortages caused hospitals to cancel operations, schools to close down, and even soccer stadiums to have sparser attendance than normal.

But on Friday, the protestors, showing great political acumen, called off the blockades. With virtually no petrol left for sale in the country, they had proven their point. Also, they had received an assurance from Blair that in November, the new budget will keep their concerns in mind.

UN Millennium Summit

In what was the largest concentration of world leaders in one place, the UN Millennium summit ended on an ambitious note of almost utopian hyperbole. They promised to cut down poverty by half, halt the spread of aids, and provide education for all children by 2015, a repetition of promises past declarations have been making for almost the entire existence of the UN. The summit was mostly a talk-festival, providing leaders with the opportunity to meet and mingle with the most powerful people in the world.

Yet, the more interesting events took place in the sidelines of the summit. The Palestinians agreed to delay declaration of statehood, while Fidel Castro slipped into a line of people shaking hands with Bill Clinton, and the UN reduced American contribution to UN funds. The summit is significance for the UN, which is struggling to shake off allegations of powerlessness.



Class agents and reunions

Class agents, two representatives from each alumni class in charge of fundraising for the University's Annual Fund, met on the campus the previous weekend to discuss means of soliciting donations from their classmates. The Annual Fund is the collection of pledges given by former students of Washington and Lee.

The Reunion Chairs visited campus this weekend to discuss plans for Alumni Reunion Weekend, which will be held this year on the weekend of May 3-5. The University holds a reunion for all alumni who graduated in five year increments before the current year.

--Katie Howell

'HAZE'

those he considers "out of the loop." Hutchings believes he has a favorable relationship with the firstclassmen. His opposition to hazing remains steadfast.

"It's malignant," he said. "I intend to fight it with a combination of spiritual chemotherapy and ruthless surgery."

Hutchings considers the previous treatment of rats "fraternity-like hazing," prompting the question of what, if any, hazing goes on at W&L fraternities.

During their freshmen year, most students rush for fraternities and sororities. Fraternity Rush in particular often includes a series of physically and emotionally challenging tasks.

Interfraternity Council sponsor William "Burr" Datz sees rushing a fraternity as one of the ways a boy can become a man. So long as assigned tasks don't injure health or grades, he believes fraternities provide a bonding experience that teaches pledges "their weaknesses and [that] bonds them with their classmates."

Mark Dalhouse, Dean of Freshmen, cautions Rush participants to "have enough discernment to [avoid anything] that endangers their health." Neglecting studies can cause "devastating consequences later in the term," resulting in "academic probation or worse."

Besides imbibing drinks or avoiding books, university officials are concerned about the possibility of Rush hazing.

"Hazing is contrary to the academic purposes of the University," said Mike Young, Director of University Security, who says violators will be punished according to

Shutkin opens lecture series

William Shutkin, founder and president of New Ecology Inc., will be the inaugural speaker in a lecture series at Washington and Lee University titled "Growth and Conservation: Lessons from the Humanities."

Shutkin will speak on Wednesday,

Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Center, Room A214.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy and is designed to help student and the local community understand the challenges of reconciling growth and development with the preservation of the local environment.

Shutkin's recent book, *The Land That Could Be: Environmentalism and Democracy in the Twenty-First Century*, points the way to vibrant, sustainable communities through four examples of civic environmentalism in action.

Shutkin also serves as a lecturer in the department of urban studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is an adjunct professor of law at Boston College.

--Courtesy W&L website

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the penalties outlined in the Student Handbook. The institution that oversees fraternity behavior is the Interfraternity Council, composed of fraternity members elected by fraternity presidents.

"It's a mediator between the administration and the fraternities," said senior Quincy Springs, a Council member. "Whenever there's a discrepancy or a problem or, not even on the negative side, activities that need to be conducted with fraternities, the IFCC is the one that facilitates things."

The IFC, which is responsible for the new house party policies, safeguards freshmen from overly grueling rush activities, seeking safe substitutes instead.

"Hazing by its definition isn't tolerated by the IFC," said Springs. Instead, "each of the fraternities has service oriented projects."

Violations of rush regulations are not known. Last year Phi Kappa Alpha ran into some difficulty during the last week of Rush. "It's a confidential manner," said Springs, "but last year Pika was found hazing. They were found in the seventh week, so the only have one week for Rush."

Fraternities found guilty of breaching IFC standards must automatically induct all pledges and may only rush next year for a time equal to the time remaining in the Rush the violation occurred.

Whatever one's opinions on fraternities, no one dismisses their influence. "We give our boys to fraternities to make them men," said Datz. "If they keep them in a drunken adolescence, they're not doing their job."



Today
8:00pm - Sonoklect. The Music of Stan Kenton and Terry Vosbein. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center

Tuesday
11:00am to 3:00pm - Career Services Resume Help Session. C-School Lobby.
5:00pm - Career Services Interview Help Session. Room 109, Univ Center. (sign-up required)
5:00pm - AED Seminar. "Medical School Admissions." Dr. Donald W. Lewis, Assoc. Dean for Admissions, Eastern Va. Medical School. Room A214, Science Center.

Wednesday
7:30pm - Lecture. William Shutkin, Urban Planning Dept., MIT and president of New Ecology Inc. Room 214, Science Center

7:30pm - Lecture. "Chaucer: A Sescentenary (600th Anniversary) Lecture," Helen Cooper, University College Oxford. Northen Auditorium.
8:00pm - The Second City, a touring improv comedy troupe, will perform in the Lenfest Center.

Thursday
7:30pm - Lecture. "Martyrdom." Danuta Shanzer, professor of classics and director of the Medieval Studies Program at Cornell University. Northen Auditorium.

Friday
5:00pm - Gallery Reception. "Reflections on White

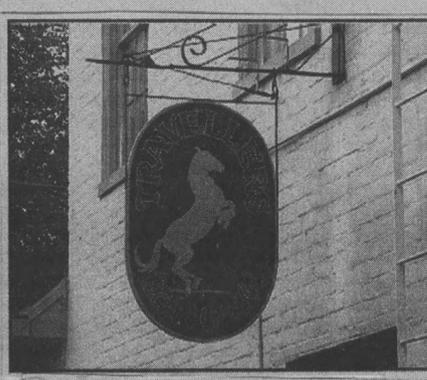
Columns: The Architecture of Washington and Lee University," Pamela Simpson, professor of art history, W&L, duPont Gallery.
7:00pm - Russian Film Series. "The Thief" (1997).
7:30pm - Film Society. "All About My Mother" (Spain, 1999).

Saturday
3:00pm - International Music Festival. Djambi, a Brazilian band; To be held in the parking lot in front of Doremus Gym
7:30pm - "All About My Mother" continued.
8:00pm - Lenfest Series. The Tamburitans of Duquesne University. Lenfest Center.

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Lilliputian constraints bind sports giant

Bob Knight was fired from his post at the helm of the Indiana University men's basketball program September 10, less than four months after the school announced that the behavior of the controversial coach would be restricted by a zero-tolerance policy.

Despite Knight's claims in an ESPN interview two days later, the coach had been fully informed of the implications of this policy by IU President Myles Brand and athletic director Clarence Doninger. But, given Knight's behavior during his 29 seasons as head coach of the Hoosiers, what IU official really expected any new stipulations to better regulate the General's behavior?

Whether or not you like Bob Knight and there's a good chance that you don't — one thing cannot be logically contested: that he is one of the greatest coaches in college basketball history. Knight belongs in a very elite class of coaches, one for which only one other current coach — Duke's Mike Krzyzewski — truly qualifies.

Knight's Hoosiers won three national titles (1976, 1981,

and 1987), one more than Dean Smith's North Carolina teams (1982 and 1993). The General's career record of 763-290 including six seasons as head coach at the U.S. Military Academy ranks him fifth all time on the NCAA Division I wins list. The Hoosiers posted a .734 win percentage (661-240) under Knight.

"We've never been mediocre," Knight told Jeremy Schaap in the ESPN interview. "We've always been really good or pretty good as a team, and more than anything I wanted to see us get back to being really good."

Knight was robbed of such an opportunity by Brand's "zero tolerance policy." Granted, the coach was wont to egregious behavior, but this was no phenomenon. The first public incident occurred in 1976—the season IU finished 32-0, the last time a Division I team went undefeated — when the General grabbed sophomore Jim Wisman by his jersey and threw him into a chair on the Hoosier bench. Several similar occurrences speckled an

otherwise brilliant career for Knight. Indeed, no one — save a few deranged IU students, who have threatened and burned in effigy Brand and others involved in the coach's dismissal — is trying to sanctify Knight as a human being.

Yet the Hoosiers have deprived themselves of one of the best coaches in college basketball history.

Knight knew how to win, and just two of his four-year players left IU without a diploma in hand—a graduation rate of 98 percent, phenomenal for modern times.

"I am really proud of what our basketball program turned out at Indiana," Knight said. "I'm just so proud of the kind of kids that we've turned out, and the kind of men that these kids have developed into. We've kind of woven an atmosphere of success academically, athletically, and after graduation that I think all of us are really proud of."

Despite his sometimes ungentlemanly behavior, let me be one of the only sports writers to tip my hat to Coach Bob Knight for 29 years of success at the helm of the Indiana University Hoosiers.



The Line Judge

Jeremy S. Franklin '04

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Web registration not that bad

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the opinion article by Mike Press on English and PE classes. I, too, was shut out of English and PE fall term of my Freshman year here at Washington and Lee, BUT I had to stand in line for 1 1/2 hours to find that out, because it was before the ease of web registration. In fact, some of the people that lived on my hall camped out for classes. Of course, while we were standing in lines for these classes, the others were filling up, too. So what? I got my English class winter term and played Varsity Basketball that winter. It was not a big deal, I just had to wait my turn — something I learned back in Kindergarten.

As far as the English Department offering upper level courses that aren't filled, I ask you how important the word "Graduation" is to you. Many of these courses are required for an English Major (which I am not) and are only offered every other year due to the small staff to which you referred in your article. In fact, the department has to hire extra part-time staff to teach the amount of classes it does offer to freshman. I assure you that there is plenty of interest in the classes that are being taught even if some seats are empty. Isn't that why you came to a small college - so you didn't have to have 25 people in all of your classes?

The PE department uses varsity coaches to teach PE classes both when the coaches are in season, and when they are out of season. Offering more classes, would put a tremendous strain on the in season coaches and would cause them to sacrifice their commitment to their varsity team in order to fulfill some freshman's desire to have a PE course right away. This is not fair to the men and women who play varsity sports. If you want to complain about PE, try complaining about how Varsity athletes can play four seasons in a sport and only get two PE credits for it... two PE credits that count the same amount as someone who is taking bowling. That, to me, is what is needs to be changed. If you want more room for "normal" people who just want a PE, get the department to waive some of the extra PE's for varsity athletes. That would free up a lot of room for incoming Freshmen.

Many people before you have been shut out of classes they wanted to take and many after you will be shut out as well. It is a part of life — you don't always get what you want when you want it. As you move up the totem pole and need classes to graduate, I hope you will appreciate the way the system works. It has worked for 250 years and it will work in the future.

Sincerely,
Lauren Andrews '01

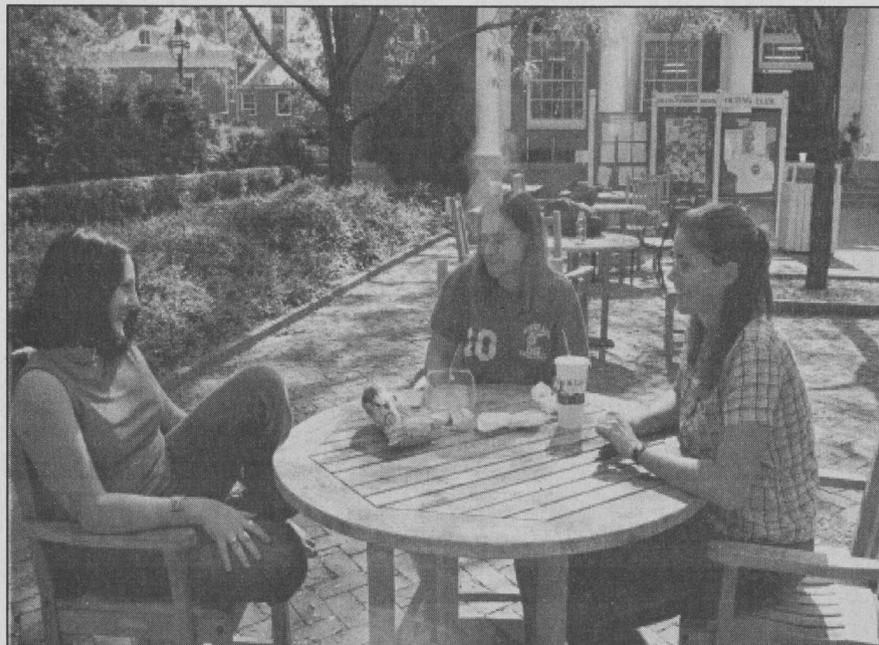


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CHILLIN' AT THE CO-OP. A Washington and Lee pastime, students spend a beautiful fall day outside of the Co-op enjoying the time before schoolwork piles up.

Student defends need for Anti-Defamation League activities for freshmen

Dear Editor,

The recent editorial, "The ADL drums up business... yet again," was a very well written article, but I hope this fact will not mistakenly convince readers of its validity. The author had a right to express his opinion about the ADL Campus of Difference activity he attended last week with his class. The program is still new and perhaps this influenced freshmen perceptions. However, the premise behind the article was hugely flawed. I would like to clear up any misconceptions.

First, the Campus of Difference program is not purely reactive. Our administration had considered utilizing it before the Idaho Delegation T-shirt incident even occurred. However, this incident certainly exposed the need for the program.

Second, the author would have us believe that "the world has become that idealistic" and that "we have largely achieved what Dr. King desired..." Perhaps in strongly wanting to believe in this idealism he has been blinded to so many events that occur both on campus and in the 'real world.' There is a history to W&L beyond the current year and the "Idaho T-shirt incident." While much of this history is wonderful, sadly it does include less-than-idealistic events.

Just last year, homophobic remarks appeared in a student's campaign slogan and were heard on another student's radio show. A Jewish student left campus after an upperclassman made anti-Semitic comments in his presence. Certainly not every student, nor even the majority of them, are guilty of such incivility. Yet, perhaps after a year at W&L, the author will notice some of the day-to-day slights minor students nonetheless experience, even if these

slights are unintended, and even if other individuals want to remain unaware of them.

As a senior who sees the 'real world' looming ahead, I am also particularly aware of non-idealistic events outside of the campus community. "The politically-correct 1990's," as the author calls them, were not so ideal as to prevent events like the Rodney King race riots, the brutal murder of a gay student, Matthew Shepherd, or the Columbine shootings, in which two ostracized and harassed students target members of other social groups. These events are admittedly the most publicized examples of recent hate crimes. It makes me even sadder to think about all of the smaller-scale events of which we are unaware.

Moreover, the program was not meant to "train" entering students or to assume that all freshmen enter as bigots, as the author claimed. On the contrary, it was meant to promote open conversation on topics which, he may soon find, people are often hesitant to talk about. By not talking about differences, people may never have to reflect on their own premises or preconceived notions.

The exercise to which the author referred asked students to choose "four words to describe [their] heritage, background, and ethnicity" as they interpreted them. However, the descriptors were not limited to race, ethnicity, background, age, or socioeconomic status. While I chose race as one of my descriptors, I also chose "family-oriented" as an important component of my identity.

We then asked individuals to notice their commonalities as well as the differences which make us diverse. The exercise was not meant to erect barriers that didn't already exist. It encouraged self-evaluation as well as conversation about socially-constructed barriers.

I am glad that the author feels we all judge others by the content of their character. I hope he leads by example. I hope that we will all strive to achieve the idealism he describes.

Sincerely,
Anne Hazlett '01
ADL Facilitator

Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

O, hark, all ye illicit drug-takers of Washington and Lee! Had you previously thought your sketchy recreational activities could prevent you from taking that fabulous \$55million a year job once you graduate from the C-School? Were you concerned that the white powder clinging to your nostrils wouldn't make good interview attire? That reeking of reefer doesn't exactly exude eau de business? Worry not, my little stoned friends. According to a speaker at last week's Career Services meeting for seniors, this is no longer the case. The speaker, a recent graduate of this fine university, opened her talk by saying, in more words or less, that due to the increased number of jobs available at present, a lot of companies are doing away with drug-testing to widen their applicant pool.

What a strange thought — workplaces opening their arms to drug-users. I have no problem with most drugs, a teetotaler I am not, but there are places where they're appropriate and places where they are not. Should we have the same attitude toward drugs as toward alcohol? Most of us would be disinclined to say that going to work drunk is a good idea. I mean, a drunk hook-up is one thing but a drunk hook-up with your boss (or your boss's coat rack) in broad daylight followed by some regurgitative pyrotechnics is a completely different animal.

Although the speaker at the meeting spoke of loosened restrictions on drug-use in the application process, I would imagine that most employers are not psyched about the idea of their underlings doing drugs, if only for their company's image. A few months ago I read an article in a British fashion magazine about women who were recreational drug users were found out one way or another by their place of employment, and were fired. Does your company have a right to say, "Toots, what you do in your own time does affect your time here with us at Happy Company, Inc. since you came in so bedraggled/cooked up this morning, so of course we have a right to demand urine/hair/blood tests and to regulate your hours outside your job." It's a fine line, and the hair could be split either way. On one hand, the goody-two-shoes inside me says a rule is a rule.

If you break a rule, you deserve to be punished. This black-and-white interpretation seems harsh and a bit juvenile to me. People might be inclined to insist that the drugs they do do not affect their performance at work, and possibly enhance it. Do companies have a right to get involved when your life infringes on their time? (And it is effectively their time since they do buy it from you. If they don't like what they're buying, it is within their power to stop buying it.) Are certain drugs okay? Only on Fridays? Three strikes, you're out, regarding failing drug tests?

Close your eyes and imagine this: Gaggles of suited investment bankers, rolling on ecstasy, rubbing glitter on each other, frolicking to and fro. Ah, bliss.

My attendance at the senior meeting also made me near jump with glee in response to knowing I will not be joining most of my class in the workforce next year, regardless of whether or not I could be happily toking along while I perform my daily duties. If I hear one more C-School major worry about not getting a job, I'm going to crawl out of my Science Center cave and spank them silly. (And, no, you won't like it.)

Listen to me: You will get a job, you will work 150 hours a week, you will get paid a million or so dollars a year plus bonuses for signing, Christmas/Hanukah/Kwanzaa, President's Day, your birthday and your mother's birthday off of work. You will get a company car, lap-top, apartment, credit card, and in return, they will expect you to become a company slave. You know all this now, have known it since freshman year; don't act surprised.

When you say, "I don't know what I want to do," you mean, "I don't know which big, faceless megacorporation I want to work for next year." Which is fine, and I'm sure I've gotten lots of you C-School types all in a huff, but your chosen major practically guarantees you a nice cushy job, if you want it (which most of you do). More power to you.

My major (geology) may not bring me fame and fortune (although, folks, can you really think of a sexier job?) but I'm incredibly passionate and excited about it and if that means eating rice and/or beans everyday for the rest of my life, then so be it. I will do so, by candle light, with my even less employable friends, the English majors.

I honestly have no clue as to where I'll be this time next year, but I think that's a fine place to be right now. I'd put my money on graduate school, but as to where and what for, I'm currently taking suggestions. I could even take the advice gleaned from the senior meeting and get myself a job. The meeting didn't make me want to work any more than I already didn't, but at least now I know I could get a horrible, mind-numbing job and then do drugs to make up for it.

Woo-hoo, bring on the hallucinogenics!
I'm going to the Real World!

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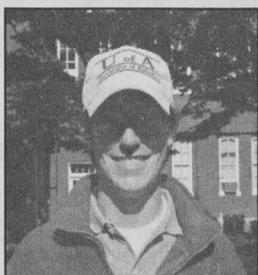
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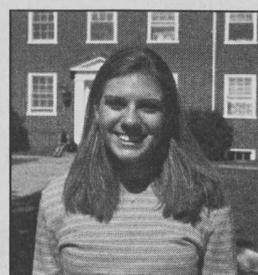
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Indistinguishables extinguish interest

Comedy Central's Indecision 2000 makes light of a truism in the modern presidential election. According to popular discourse, why does it matter whether we vote for Bush or Gore? Despite different ideologies, they are operationally the same.

Consistent with this philosophy, I will not take this opportunity to endorse one of the candidates, but instead explain why so many voters will stay home this November.

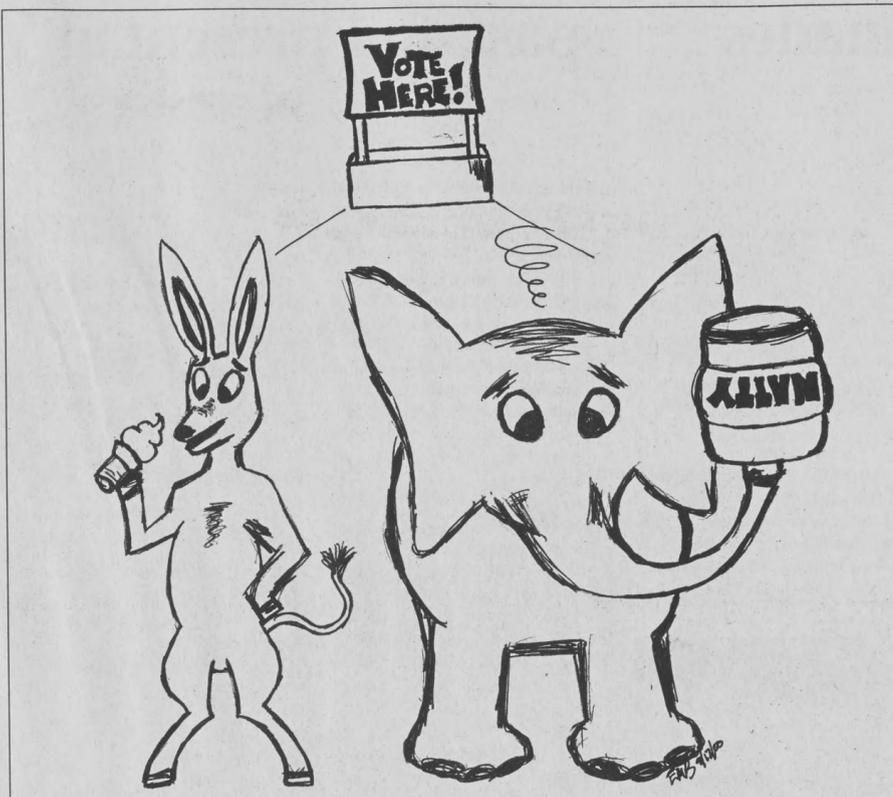
The political commentators and talking heads on MSNBC and CNN say a lot, but it all boils down to this: People who are more interested in politics of substance will vote for Gore, while those who value politics of personality will favor Bush. Brainy monolith versus empty-headed pretty boy — what a choice!

If you are one of those voters who votes with his wallet, Bush is the obvious choice. His rationale in this area appeals to anybody who can rub two brain cells together: The government does not do 40 percent of your job, cook 40 percent of your meals, or pay for five cans out of your 12-pack, so a third of your salary seems unreasonable. Gore's proposed tax cuts are paltry by comparison. Naturally, he points out that Bush's tax cut is so large that it is fiscally irresponsible.

Unfortunately, he's probably right. Bush's mostly pasty-white-guy constituency will not care. They're proud to bring the "me" culture to its greatest

depth yet!

Gore's plan for Medicare would also be horrendously expensive. Though he champions



lars. Not to sound heartless, but Gramps could probably afford to pitch in a buck or two his viagra.

When was the last time you saw an elderly wino on the city streets, holding a sign that said, "HOMELESS AND NEED DI-



Slippery Soapbox

Mike Agnello '02

ALYSIS?" The aforementioned talking heads, as well as many of our resident political pointy-heads at W&L, insist that the prospective appointees of the Supreme Court are an issue in this campaign. I cannot help but laugh. Little change will take place in the Justices's selection pro-

cess, regardless of the president-elect. Neither Gore nor Bush has the cahones to pick a decisively conservative or liberal candidate.

Instead, we'll see an assembly line of uncontroversial, moderately liberal or conservative candidates. Rest assured, nobody who considers gays or unborn children real people will occupy the highest court in the land.

So why, then, should W&L students, a group of mostly prosperous young people relatively unaffected by the issues, vote at all? Good question.

Like it or not, no weaselly son of privilege is going to find a way to get a college freshman girl running for the voting booth at quite the same speed

that she sprints to the fro-yo machine. No apathetic frat boy is going to vote with quite the same gusto that he hits the beer bong. W&L students, like voters across the country this November, will stay home in record numbers. Why? Neither Bush nor Gore has anything to offer in the way of substance. Voting for either is in some way taking a step backward, and will only produce some different version of nothing.

So, who's left? Ralph Nader? Pat Buchanan? If I want to vote for a psycho, I'll write in a W&L professor. Excuse me while I take a minute to fix my hair. . . I gotta look good before I hit the beer bong tonight.

It's time to secede

This November presents the voting public, and by extension the country itself, with a very important decision. For the most part, there are two choices. One can either vote for a

party that professes belief in the individual and is committed to the rights



Right of the aisle

Brett T. Kirwan '04

and liberties granted by our Creator and guaranteed by our Constitution or one can vote for a party that continues to abrogate those rights and displays an insulting contempt for human initiative and individual responsibility. The choice, for any liberty-loving American, should be clear.

What is discouraging is that one should not have to vote to retain, let alone regain, these rights. They are, as the Declaration of Independence states, "unalienable". These rights come straight from God and it shouldn't matter for whom one votes or who is running the government. In fact, the Constitution was specifically designed to prevent g-men from infringing on our life, liberty, or ability to pursue happiness.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution explicitly states the 17 powers of Congress and the Tenth Amendment goes on to say that, without exception, the federal government may do nothing else. That's right, it is unconstitutional for the bureaucrats in Washington to set a speed limit, regulate greenhouse gas emissions, grant loans to students, ban assault weapons,

subsidize child care, go into space, or punish murderers, kidnapers, or car thieves. Practically two-thirds of the federal budget each year finances programs that are in direct violation of the

Constitutional limitations on the Congress.

All these matters are best left to the states or people. When the federal government illicitly involves itself in local matters it suns roughshod over the rights that it was established to protect.

With a force as powerful as the inertia of the federal bureaucracy arrayed against us, what are freedom-seeking citizens to do? It may be time to secede.

In 1776, thirteen colonies of the British Empire seceded because their citizens no longer felt that the government was adequately protecting its rights. Imagine what Thomas Jefferson would have to say if he were around today to draw up a list of grievances.

Professor Walter Williams of George Mason University suggested in a recent column that Texas and Louisiana should be populated by people committed to individual liberties and then declare itself to be the independent nation of Texiana. In our age of an ever increasing federal government and with so many of our fellow citizens complicit in the further destruction of our basic rights, secession may be our only option.

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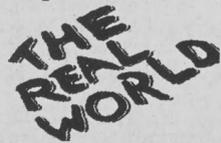
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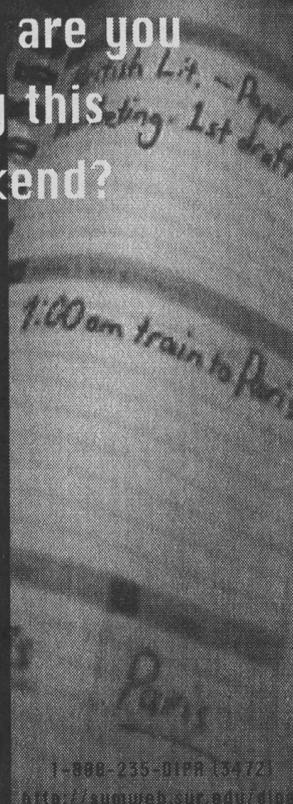
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Virginian son leaves English castles for college colonnades

By Shelley Meyer
STAFF WRITER

He studied at Brown University, the Folger Institute, Emmanuel College at Cambridge, and Harvard University, then returned to Brown and Harvard as a professor. Even so, Eric Wilson, Assistant Professor in the English Department, calls himself a "rookie."

Though he grew up in Charlottesville, Wilson said he was ready to get out of Virginia after high school and was therefore drawn to Brown. He entered Brown as a pre-med major but then changed to English with an emphasis on Shakespeare and Renaissance Literature. At Brown, Wilson participated in the Rose Writing Fellows Program for three years.

"[The Rose Writing Fellows Program] was a cross-disciplinary tutoring and writing program," he said. "It solidified my interest in being a teacher - being involved in teaching writing."

During his summers, Wilson worked as a counselor and teacher in a program for gifted and talented students at the University of Virginia.

"I enjoyed the range of different kinds of experiences in teaching," he said.

Wilson has taught high school students, undergraduate students and graduate students.

"When you come down to it, students are students," said Wilson. "They are all top of the league at Brown, Harvard and W&L."

Wilson said that though he grew up in the "shadow of UVA," where both of his parents teach, it was obvious to him that W&L had advanced in all aspects.

"It is clear to me what quantum leaps W&L has made over the past decade - the quality of students and the national range of students it attracts."

Wilson said that Washington and Lee is not only a nourishing environment for students, but also for the teachers.

"The University is committed to supporting the faculty," he said.

Teaching at Washington and Lee is not just a temporary job for Wilson. He said that he was glad to return to Virginia and did not plan to leave Lexington any time soon, unless offered his dream job: foundation director at Monticello.

"Sometimes people think I should be in the History Department instead of English, but part of the draw to English history was growing up in Charlottesville."

Wilson also said that academics were not his only reason for returning.

"I was eager to come back," he said. "It very much feels like home - as is the college setting. I've done

my time in 'metropolis.' It's nice to have a change of pace. Teaching undergraduates here is the core of what I ultimately enjoy doing."

Wilson said he hopes to become involved in study abroad programs in Britain. He spent a year in London working on his dissertation on the interrelation of education and theater in Elizabethan London.

"London is my favorite city," Wilson said. "It's an exhausting place for all the right reasons."

At Harvard, he advised senior honors theses and said he hoped to do so at Washington and Lee. He said it might even be easier here because of the closer academic relationships.

"Harvard can be somewhat Balkanized in its disciplines," Wilson said. "Part of what I feel here is the intimacy within and between the departments. I was thrilled to get a job at W&L."

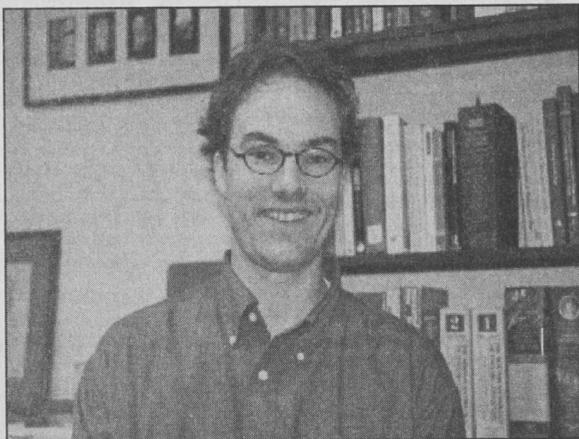


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HOME SWEET HOME Virginia native Professor Eric Wilson joins the English Department staff as an associate professor with experience at Harvard and Brown Universities.

Exhibit unites architectural past and present at W&L

By Ashley Klimp
STAFF WRITER

The duPont Hall Gallery is currently home to an atypical collection of artwork, "Reflections on White Columns." Focusing on the architecture of Washington and Lee University, the exhibit includes photographs, drawings, watercolor, and even the plans and models of several campus buildings.

The goal of the show is to combine Washington and Lee's architectural past with its present. Many of the photographs reflect the changes that have occurred on campus over the years. There are photographs of the colonnade showing old Tucker Hall (a Gothic stone structure that did not match the other buildings on the colonnade) that burned down in the 1930's.

Also shown was the construction of New Tucker Hall, which was built to match Newcomb Hall and balance the Colonnade.

The exhibit also features the plans, models and pictures of buildings that were not constructed, giving a sense of what the campus might have looked like. These include plans for a student center that was never built and renovations to Lee Chapel that were never made.

During the 1920's, plans were begun to replace Lee Chapel with a church that would better match the colonnade. Simpson stated that, at the time, some felt that Lee Chapel was "a building that was put up when American architecture had reached its lowest ebb."

The exhibit includes examples not only of Washington and Lee's architectural past but its present and future as well. The law school



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"REFLECTIONS ON WHITE COLUMNS" Professor Pamela Simpson presents duPont Hall's exhibit of W&L architectural designs.

and library reflect a period of contemporary modernism and the most modern buildings, such as the Lenfest Center, combine styles of the past with a modern flair. Pictures and plans from the newly constructed sorority houses are also included. Plans for the new commons could not be exhibited because the trustees have not yet approved them.

Professor Stene, another faculty member involved in the art show, contributed two pieces to the exhibit. His drawings of the column bases were originally done in 1985 and are based on an entire summer's worth of pictures taken of the campus. Stene originally planned to do drawings of the buildings in their entirety, but after looking at his work he decided, "that's enough." Stene wanted to project a "sense of place. I think everybody feels that if you go here."

Simpson has personal reasons for heading the show: this past year she wrote an essay also called "Reflections on White Columns" for the university's

250th year anniversary book, *Come Cheer for Washington and Lee*. She will give a talk concerning the development of the campus next Friday at 5 p.m. in duPont Gallery.

Simpson specializes in American architecture and has a personal interest in the subject of this show. The President of the Historic Lexington Foundation, she also co-wrote *Architecture of Historic Lexington*, which was published in 1977. The book was written between 1973 and 1976, with the aid of Lyle Roster and photographer Sally Mann.

According to coordinator Professor Pamela Simpson, this fall Washington and Lee will host the professional meeting of the South East Society of Architectural Historians.

A collection Professor Stene's own work, consisting mainly of digital imagery, will be the focus of an upcoming gallery show.

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Generals split overtime games

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team played consecutive overtime contests against Old Dominion Athletic Conference opponents last week, defeating Randolph-Macon and losing to Eastern Mennonite by identical 2-1 scores.

Despite outshooting Randolph-Macon 34-15 on Wednesday, the Generals could not pull off the win until the final minute of overtime.

On the defensive end of the field, senior goaltender Lauren Harris made several saves, stopping early scoring drives by Randolph-Macon.

A scoring drive early in the second half paid off when Generals freshman Fontaine Marcoux netted an unassisted goal over the head of Yellow Jacket goaltender Ashley Seal.

Randolph-Macon tied the game midway through the half, when Cheryl Dickter scored off an assist from Leanna Van Osten following a dangerous kick call against Marcoux.

With 19 minutes left in regulation, Marcoux ran the ball down the left side of the field, but Seal managed to deflect the shot wide. The Generals weathered a late Yellow Jacket offensive onslaught to force overtime.

The level of physicality increased early into overtime, as W&L sophomore Jennifer Thomas was hauled down by Marie Rodgers.

"We have this rivalry (with Randolph-Macon) that's getting stronger each year," Harris said of the intense physical play.

With seven seconds left in the second overtime, Marcoux scored to give the Generals the sudden-death win.

"We were very focused and up and ready to play," W&L coach Jan



CLOSE RANGE. Freshman Heather Coleman is stopped by the Eastern Mennonite goalkeeper in the Generals' 2-1 overtime loss Saturday.

Hathorn said of the team's effort against Randolph-Macon.

The Generals' momentum carried over into Saturday's game against Eastern Mennonite University, as W&L scored 1:35 into the game against the Royals. Jennifer Thomas rocketed a throw-in to the foot of Marcoux, who found the net for a quick 1-0 lead.

After the Marcoux goal, the teams settled into a long period of even competition. Kristin Pranke and the W&L defense stopped several Eastern Men-

nonite offensive efforts, and the Generals were likewise thwarted by the Royals' defense.

However, with less than seven minutes remaining in the second half, Eastern Mennonite's Ellie Lind knotted the match at 1-1. The Generals had to hold back an invigorated Royals offense to force overtime for the second time in as many games.

With 2:25 left in the first overtime, Pranke was called for holding. As the infraction occurred in the W&L pen-

alty box, a penalty kick was awarded to Mindi Nolt. On the ensuing shot, Nolt beat Harris to give the Royals a 2-1 victory.

Pranke wasn't pleased with the referee's call.

"We were both doing our fair share of holding," said the junior, who described the call as "suspect."

The Generals' record now stands at 2-2, 1-1 in the ODAC. W&L next takes the field Tuesday for a road match against ODAC foe Bridgewater.

W&L rolls over Guilford College

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee jumped out to its first 2-0 start since 1973 with a 31-6 road win over Old Dominion Athletic Conference opponent Guilford College on Saturday.

The Generals (2-0, 1-0 ODAC) allowed the Quakers (0-3, 0-1) just 156 yards of total offense, forcing eight tackles for loss and intercepting Guilford quarterbacks David Hessler and Roger Lorince twice apiece.

"To go 2-0 means a lot to our players confidence-wise," W&L head coach Frank Miriello said. "To win the opener for the first time in 16 years (32-19 last week against Johns Hopkins) puts you in a special category. To come back and do this is huge."

Junior tailback Marc Watson and sophomore reserve Chris Sullivan accounted for a collective 251 yards of total offense. Watson rushed 20 times for 91 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and also caught three passes for 60 yards. Meanwhile, Sullivan—who also rushed for a score—led the Generals with 62 yards receiving.

"They're two quality football players," Miriello said of the backfield combination. "We're using those two guys in a variety of ways."

Sophomore quarterback Bobby Littlehale, making the second start of

his career, completed 11-of-21 passes for 128 yards. Classmate Davis White, coming off a two-touchdown performance in the season opener, caught four passes for 36 yards.

Field goals of 30 and 26 yards by senior Andy Vendig gave the Generals a 6-0 lead with under ten minutes remaining in the second quarter. Watson's first TD run from one yard out—followed by a two-point conversion—extended the lead to 14-0 at the 5:29 mark.

Guilford recorded its lone score of the game with 2:35 to play in the half, when Hessler threw a 23-yard pass to Chuck Irwin to make it 14-7. Vendig's third field goal of the game, a 25-yarder as time expired, gave W&L a two-possession lead going into halftime.

The Generals would add a touchdown in each of the final two quarters on short runs from Watson and Sullivan to produce the final margin. In doing so, W&L defeated the Quakers for the first time since 1995, Miriello's first year as head coach of the Generals.

"To beat Guilford again is quite an accomplishment," Miriello said. W&L steps out of conference play with a road game Saturday at Centre College before returning to ODAC competition against Randolph-Macon Sept. 30 at Wilson Field.

This week's schedule in General athletics...

Football				
Saturday	Sept. 23	at Centre College	1:30 pm	
Men's Soccer				
Wednesday	Sept. 20	Ferrum	4:30 pm	
Saturday	Sept. 23	Virginia Wesleyan	1:00 pm	
Women's Soccer				
Tuesday	Sept. 19	at Bridgewater	4:00 pm	
Saturday	Sept. 23	at Randolph-Macon	2:00 pm	
Sunday	Sept. 24	at Lynchburg	1:00 pm	
Volleyball				
Tuesday	Sept. 19	at Emory & Henry	6:30 pm	
Thursday	Sept. 21	Southern Virginia	6:30 pm	
Saturday	Sept. 23	Bridgewater	1:00 pm	

Men's soccer takes two

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team won their second and third games of the season Thursday and Saturday, beating Southern Virginia on the road and Randolph-Macon at home.

Thursday, the Generals beat Southern Virginia 3-2 in the final minute thanks to a goal from Ryan Nelson. The Generals proceeded to win their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference match 2-0 over Randolph-Macon on Saturday.

"We came out hard for the first 15 minutes," goal and point leader Andrew Grimes said of the narrow win over Southern Virginia. "When we lost our concentration, they capitalized."

Grimes had two first-half goals, one assisted by senior Andy Crawford and the other by junior Rick Schnatz. The Knights retaliated when Ryan Lenihan scored four minutes into the second half, followed by a goal from Ben Lingen five minutes later.

The final goal came with one minute left in regulation, when Nelson received a pass from Schnatz and drilled it in for the win. The Generals outshot Southern Virginia 19-5 for the contest, and W&L goaltender Tim Foley made two saves.

"We got lucky," Grimes said. "Ryan Nelson saved us." Sophomore goaltender Brad Hearn shut out Randolph-

Macon in the Generals' first ODAC game Saturday.

"We're really starting to play together," Hearn said. "This is the best game we've played so far."

Coach Rolf Piranian agreed, saying, "We moved the ball, and we defended well. I'm really pleased—this is the best team effort we've had this year."

The Generals' first goal came 13 minutes into the first half, when junior David Kodack passed to senior Jon Wilson, whose shot was headed in at the goal line by Grimes.

With 18 minutes left to play in the half, Randolph-Macon junior Marcus Toconita went down after being hit in the throat during a play on the sidelines. He came out soon after the hit because of breathing problems, but would return later in the game.

Towards the end of the half, the Generals continued their domination, as senior Jacek Mucha handled the ball alone in the Yellow Jackets' end, failing only to capitalize on a good offensive effort.

After Hearn made a save against Randolph-Macon freshman Andrew Beazly 16 minutes into the second half, the Generals quickly took the ball upfield. At the opposite end, Grimes scored off a pass from freshman Bret Grote.

Hearn came up big again five minutes later, stopping a close-range shot from senior Josh Laux.

"It's not the perfect game," Piranian said of the win. "But all the issues we've tried to deal with are getting better."

W&L next takes the field Sept. 20 for a 4:30 p.m. home match against Ferrum.

Want to view W&L sporting events from a different angle? Join the staff of the Phi. Contact Jeremy Franklin at x4060.

W&L sports roundup

By Emily Barnes
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

W&L women's team slides past Roanoke in Generals Invitational

The Washington and Lee women's cross country team edged out Roanoke by eight points Saturday, winning their first home meet of the year and setting the precedent for the remainder of the season.

Sophomore Burke Duncan led the way for W&L, placing second overall in the Generals Invitational with a time of 19:53 in the three-mile race. Senior Jessica Parrillo placed third overall with a time of 20:26, and classmate Kathleen Moroney placed fifth overall at 21:10.

The Generals won with a score of 29, followed closely by Roanoke College, who garnered 37 points for second

place. Southern Virginia College, Virginia Wesleyan, Bridgewater College, and Shenandoah University also competed in the meet.

"It was close, which was exciting," W&L coach Emily Pulsifer said. "It was a good practice for our team, considering that we'll be running the same course for the (Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships) on October 28."

Duncan, whose time in the race was a personal best, was pleased with the team's performance.

"I think our team ran really well today," Duncan said. "Today is an example of the promising season we will have."

Men's cross country takes second

The men's cross-country team placed second in Saturday's Generals Invitational with a score of 61 points, falling to Roanoke College's score of 26.

Freshman Andy Schorr finished fourth overall with a time of 28:23 for the five-mile course. Freshman Eric Witt was the second General to cross the finish line with a time of 29:11, and sophomore David Hicks followed him one second later.

W&L coach John Tucker believes that the Generals' performance is improving, and he hopes to see that pattern continue.

"We've got a lot of potential," Tucker said. "We're definitely getting there."

Senior team captain Zach Usher singled out the performances of the freshmen as the standouts.

"We had some strong individual performances that bode well for ODACs," Usher said.

The men's and women's cross country teams next compete Sept. 30 in the Roanoke Invitational.

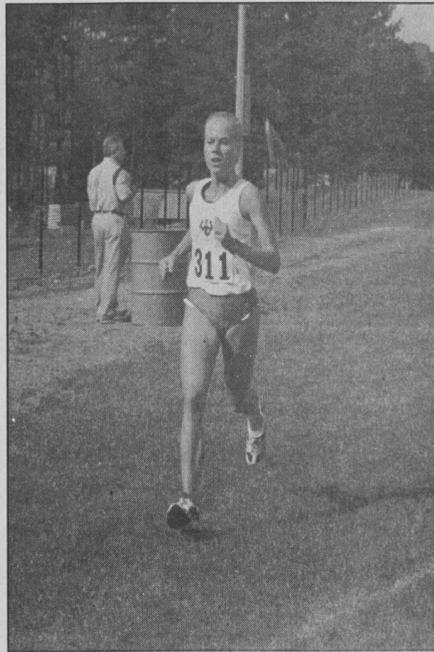
Volleyball team falls to Lynchburg

Washington and Lee lost in Old Dominion Athletic Conference regular season play for the first time in nearly three years, falling to Lynchburg College 15-7, 15-12, 15-4 on the road Wednesday.

The Generals (3-2, 0-1 ODAC) had not fallen victim to another conference foe in the regular season since Oct. 16, 1997—a four-game loss to Guilford College—a streak of 23 victories.

Junior Lindsay Ruckert recorded eight kills and three blocks in the losing effort, and senior Pam Salsbury led the Generals with 13 assists.

W&L continues ODAC play Tuesday with a road contest against Emory & Henry.



SPEED RACER. Sophomore Burke Duncan placed second overall in the Generals Invitational.

Sports Editor Jeremy Franklin also contributed to this report.

Field hockey continues push toward full varsity status

By Sarah Grigg
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's field hockey team played their way toward Division III status this past week during home games on Friday and Saturday.

As the new artificial turf complex has not officially opened, the Generals competed on the law school field.

"We're not upset," team captain Martha Combrooks said of starting the season on grass. "I think we're all just thrilled about the opportunity to play on the turf."

W&L dropped Friday's game to Division III Virginia Wesleyan by a 2-0 score. The Generals played the Marlins closely, keeping the ball in the VVC defensive end for a majority of the game.

"They were very aggressive," Marlin head coach Michelle Burt said of

the Generals. "They were constantly moving to the ball, and they have a lot of quick players."

After a scoreless first half, the Generals' offensive mentality ended up costing them two fast-break goals. W&L coach Laurie Stagnitta felt that her team kept pace with the Marlins, but made a few crucial errors.

"We outplayed them," Stagnitta said of her team. "Our weakness was that our circle defense collapsed at critical points. We had some great opportunities and we didn't complete the plays."

"We were aggressive, competitive, and worked hard, but we just didn't get the win."

On Saturday, the Generals once again demonstrated the ability to compete, this time against Christopher Newport University. Play was strong on both sides, but fast breaks made within the closing minutes of the game by the Lady Captains produced a 2-0

CNU win.

Captain Allison MacQueen felt the team played extremely well, considering its late start on practices.

"All these games were very competitive," MacQueen said. "If we played them later in the season we probably would have won or tied."

Combrooks was pleased with the fan support at the weekend's contests.

"It makes such a difference when you have people cheering you on," the captain said. "We were grateful for the turnout."

Whether the team won or lost seems to be insubstantial in their quest for full varsity standing, according to the VVC coach.

"I think that, for this being only their second game, they played very well," Burt said of the Generals. "Coach Stagnitta has developed them into a very good team. W&L's reputation in all intercollegiate sports is very strong."

**FIRE-FAKER FORCES FURIOUS
FLAP-DAGGLE**by Officer MacPuff the Smoking Bear of the
International Fire Drill Prevention Agency

Many public school students recall fondly the monthly tradition of the fire drill — I am not one of those people, however.

I think that participating in fire drills is a little pointless because they are such a joke to the participants. Being the realist that I am, I know that in the event of a real fire students will absolutely *not* do the following:

1. *Calmly get out of their seats, leaving behind all personal items — including the Britney Spears posters (the one where you can kinda, sorta, almost see her nipple) that every guy has hanging up in his locker.*
2. *Get into a single file line.*
3. *Proceed to the previously established Fire Exits.*
4. *Not grope all the hot chicks because it is nearly impossible to tell who's doing what in a crowded hall when people are fleeing for their lives.*
5. *Quietly, exit the building and walk to a safe distance away.*

In the event of a real fire I am sure of two things: One, the guys will all grab their Britney Spears posters and two, Darwinian evolutionary practices will go into effect—sorry women and children.

Now that we have established how fire drills stand, let's move on to another subject that is very near and dear to my heart:

People who pull fire alarms in the dorms.

Let me just say that I think you guys/girls, whatever the hell you are, are just fantastic. I mean, boy, the creative juices you need to work up those complicated schemes, which involve pulling on the levers that say in bold letters "Don't Pull Unless There Is a Fire."

That is just sheer brilliance. I was a bit puzzled when I arrived back to my dorm to see a big, shiny fire truck with lots of firemen in full garb milling. So I walked over to some people and asked them what was going on. They told me that it was a prank alarm. Boy was my face red.

And then on Wednesday when I was attempting to work on Calculus (which I have enough problems with already) a sharp piercing screech fills the air and lights start like the Commies just launched a friggin' missile attack.

So out I, and a hundred others, go from our dorms to mill around outside for half an hour because the engineers couldn't get the damn thing turned off.

Now, I'm sure at this point whoever has been doing all this HI-DIDDILY-ARIOUS stuff, has been sent into a near-coma-like-state from all the laughing that they've been

doing at the expense of everyone else.

I don't think I am missing the mark too much that when I say people don't like this type of prankster very much.

Right now, I am putting the perpetrators of this heinous act somewhere in between Kathy Lee Gifford and Osama Bin Laudin on the "People Who Piss Me Off the Most List" and because I can't do anything to them, but I can do something the "Fire-Faker", I will.

So, if anyone turns in the "Fire Faker," the Ring-tum Phi will gladly reward that individuals tattle-tailing nature with two free Domino's pizzas and a date with our inadequately endowed Assistant News Editor Matt "Licorice Stick" McDermott.

So to you "Fire-Faker" I say this, your days are numbered. You and your foul ilk are no longer wanted here and there will be no more tolerance of your cruel acts against humanity. It is high past time that the Chains of Oppression be thrown off and instead the Chains of Rejoicing thrown on. Our Chains of Rejoicing will signal a new era in fire safety in which all fire alarms are real and all desperate males will get perhaps their only chance ever to grope some hot chicks.*

**Oppulent Oligarchs Orchestrate
Odiferous Olympics**

By Johan Sebastian Kach

It is time once again for that bi-yearly, media-hyped event that the general public doesn't really give a rip about. No, it's not a Bill Clinton scandal — it's the Olympics.

The similarities in recent years between the two have grown tremendously, however. Both Clinton and the Olympic Executive Committee were caught with their pants down, both have been riddled with allegations of scandal, and regardless of whatever was found in both cases, nobody really seemed to care.

The Olympics once were a cutthroat competition in which naked men competed in all sorts of violent events to show their devotion to their pagan gods. The winners would be feasted with wine and Gyros, exalted as gods among men, and pleased frequently by Greek peasant women. The losers on the other hand would become outcasts from society, be cast out of their families, and sent off to spend the rest of their days in Germany. Then, several thousand years after the Greek civilization collapsed, some brainiac got the idea to start up the games again.

Unfortunately, he forgot to put in all of the most important parts and instead, had them stand for good will, international pride, and a means to make a quick buck. Luckily for capitalism, though, the good-will part kind of got left behind and now all that's left is the hype and the corporate sponsors. People are so desperate to get a piece of the real "Olympic Gold" that they stoop to all sorts of moral depravity — like city officials from Salt Lake City purchasing prostitutes for members of the Olympic Executive Committee to help "grease" their way for an Olympic site bid.

What is really funny, though, is how dramatic the media tries to make the competition.

If you've seen the papers recently, then you know about Marion Jones and her "epic struggle" to do the "impossible" — win five gold medals. I mean the story is laughably cliché: it's the classic "arrogant athlete talking big to give the media a story that they can fill up hundreds of pages on." There will be features on her childhood, her trainers, her condition, her chances, her aspirations, and her lucrative sponsorship deals and lets not forget post-games coverage including articles by her critiques, articles about why she wins or loses, articles about her chances for the next Olympic games, articles about what she will do after the games, articles about her various appearances on Leno, Letterman, and the Rosie O'Donnell Show, and finally, articles about how people are tiring of the hype surrounding here that the media itself created.

The Olympics just aren't exciting for Americans any longer. Our professional athletes can whallop any of the amateurs around the world — just look at what NBA inclusion has done to Olympic basketball. And with events such as Women's Weight Lifting, Ping-Pong, and Synchronized Swimming, the Olympics have seemingly taken a little of the exclusiveness out of the whole ordeal. I mean giving away a thousand medals per session takes away from having one.

Thus, I propose that a new sort of international form of competition to be started. These games would go back to the roots of the original Olympic games and focus on the two most important aspects: partying and impressing women.

Collegiate Games

1. *Beirut - Tossing Ping Pong balls into beer filled cups to impress women*
2. *Synchronized Funk Getting On - Bumping and grinding against underclassmen whom are still impressed by your alcohol acquisition talents*
3. *50-Yard Po-Po Dash - Running from the cops who saw you relieving your beer-filled-bladder on City Hall*
4. *Projectile Vomit Distance Hurl - Seeing who can up-chuck the farthest*

**MORAL DILEMMA OF THE WEEK:
IS IT UNGENTLEMANLY TO REPEATEDLY
SEXUALLY HARASS YOURSELF?**

I just want to give a hearty shout-out to my home-fries KΞ for their bitchin' band party. Technology in all forms may be evil but one just can't help but love 80's music and Hanson. Mmm-Bop Bipy-Flop, Badd-Oo-Wop, Dooby-Scroo Poo-Wop... those crazy kids are almost too talented for their own good.



*The existence of "Fire-Faker" is denied by the administration. High ranking officials are holding to the claim that what happened was strictly due to the presence of a fallen Navy weather balloon and that there were no lights seen over "Acre 54" of the W&L campus.



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