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## Two students die in car crash



Junior Adam Burchett



Freshman Kristin Shelton

### Washington and Lee mourns the loss of two students killed in a single-vehicle accident off Highway 60

By Max Smith & Michael Crittenden

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS

Two Washington and Lee students died early Sunday morning in a one-car accident west of Lexington on Route 60.

Adam Burchett, a junior from Winchester, Ky., and Kristin Shelton, a freshman from Austin, Texas, were found dead at the scene by Virginia State Police.

Police estimated Burchett and Shelton died at approximately 2 a.m. from injuries sustained in the accident. According to senior dispatcher Joyce Robinson, Burchett was driving a 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe west on Route 60 when he ran off the right side of the road, near Kelly's Corner convenience store. Burchett apparently overcorrected to his left and ran off the left side of the road, overturning the vehicle.

The accident is currently under investigation by the Virginia State Police.

Police were first notified of the accident when they received a call Sunday at 9:30 a.m. After questioning nearby residents, police on the scene estimated the time of death as about 2 a.m., based on the account of a witness who heard a "loud noise" at that time. Police then notified W&L officials, who contacted the students' families.

"I've been in touch with both families to offer my support, as well as the support of the whole Washington and Lee community in this terrible ordeal," said Dean of Students David Howison. "This is a great, great tragedy."

Burchett, a biology major and member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, is remembered as a great friend by SAE president Senior John Comly. Comly described Burchett as a "down-to-earth, hard-working guy" who worked road construction to earn money during the summer.

Shelton was "someone who always had a great attitude," said Sophomore Lincoln Rose. Senior Captain Tori Hays said Shelton, an outside hitter for the W&L volleyball team, will be missed.

"She was a huge part of the team as a player and a presence," Hays said. "Suddenly, winning ODACs isn't that big of a deal."

The team met with Catholic Campus Minister Burr Datz Sunday afternoon. They will not practice Monday and will reschedule Tuesday's game against Roanoke.

Members of the W&L counseling staff will be available to help students throughout the week. Students can call the counseling center at 463-8592.

"This is an awful loss of two fantastic people," Comly said. "At this point we are just trying to find some peace in all this tragedy. We don't know what the next step is, at this point we are relying on prayer."



photos by Michael Crittenden/Contributing Editor

SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT: Brush lines the portion of Hwy 60 where the vehicle driven by Burchett swerved off of the road (top); debris from the accident litters the side of the road (bottom).

## Phi Kappa Psi investigated for marijuana possession

Matthew McDermott

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Homecoming plans went up in smoke when six brothers of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity were investigated by University Security for possession of marijuana.

A university security officer patrolling his early morning rounds stopped outside the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house at 3:15 a.m. on Oct. 7. Smelling what he believed was marijuana, he stepped into the building and went upstairs. Through an open door he saw six students, one of whom was lighting a pipe containing the alleged substance. He seized the pipe, took the names of the students, and left.

"[The officer] called me right after," Director of University Security Mike Young said. "I told him to write the report and we locked the substance into my desk until it could be tested."

The case was brought before the Inter-Fraternity Council. At its hearing, it levied two weeks of social probation on Phi Kappa Psi, which was forced to cancel its Homecoming Weekend activities.

The IFC referred the matter to the Student Affairs Committee, composed of students, faculty, and administrators and chaired by Dean of Students David Howison.

"The IFC handled this matter responsibly," Howison said. His committee does not have the authority to overrule IFC's sentence though it may, outside of taking no action, place the fraternity on critical probation, suspend the fraternity

for up to five years, or expel the fraternity from the university.

"Unless new information comes up in the course of the hearing," Howison said, "it's unlikely that suspension or expulsion will be necessary."

The SAC will hold its regularly-scheduled meeting this Tuesday.

Young indicated that it was unlikely that the Lexington police will pursue charges.

"The police are aware of this matter," said Young, "but they know that our penalties are greater than the legal matters."

Though applicable state law authorizes up to 12 months in jail and/or a \$2500 fine, Young "cannot remember the last time someone went to jail for dope."

More likely is a sanction by the national Phi Kappa Psi organization or by the fraternity's housing corporation, which owns the building, and which last met during this past Homecoming Weekend.

Students may also be individually referred to the Student Judicial Council, which could impose penalties ranging from a fine, community service, conduct or further social production, or dismissal from the University.

The University usually encounters around six cases like this each year.

"It doesn't occur real often," Young said, "but it seems to be becoming more frequent. The Trustees are concerned. The President [of the University, John Elrod] and administration don't want this going on in our buildings. And students will abide by that wish or suffer the penalties."

## Sprinkler soaks Chi Psi party

By Mike Agnello

STAFF WRITER

Water pipes from the sprinkler system burst in the Chi Psi basement during a late night DJ party Saturday, the second time in three years that the basement has flooded.

A freshman, identified as Reid Pearce, ripped a pipe connected to the sprinkler system from the ceiling while standing on top of the bar. Minutes later he pulled on the pipe until enough water came out to fill several trash cans. The water was heavily treated with chemical and smelled badly. No one was injured as a result of

the incident.

Sophomore Erica Risebeck was dancing on the bar when the pipes burst.

"All I remember is [three of us] dancing, then some guy coming up behind us and reaching for the pipe . . . the water that spilled out was black like sewage water," Risebeck said.

Reed Kuhn '99, a former Chi Psi president, witnessed the incident.

"He got up onto the bar and started kicking beer cans, then started to pull on the pipe," Kuhn said.

Kuhn said he did not think he should get involved, so he informed Sophomore Chi Psi brother Grant Dragan.

Dragan said he saw what was happen-

ing and tried to stop Pearce.

"I asked him to leave, and he kept pulling on the pipes," Dragan said.

Kuhn said that Pearce ran out the door immediately, but was caught by several Chi Psi brothers.

"He kept saying that he didn't mean to do it, but we didn't believe that," he said.

Chi Psi President Senior Pat Mitchell said there appears to be no permanent damage to the pipes and that Physical Plant will inspect them tomorrow.

"We were really lucky . . . we'll probably meet tomorrow, decide what we're going to do, and contact [Pearce] if there's any expense," Mitchell said.

## Concert benefits women's shelter

Allison Trinidad

STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty, alumni, and administrators will play the music of Stephen Sondheim and Aaron Copland in a concert benefiting Lisa's House, Project Horizon's shelter for victims of domestic violence.

"I think it'll be a fun night," said Mimi Elrod, President of Project Horizon's Board of Directors. Elrod has volunteered for this non-profit United Way agency since 1984.

"I expect it to be a packed house," she said.

Concerts of this sort, W&L music Professor Tim Gaylard said, are difficult to organize but worthwhile for such "a special cause."

Sorority Kappa Delta and fraternity Kappa Sigma will sponsor the concert in an effort to increase awareness of domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is a problem that should not be ignored," Junior Claiborne Taylor said. "As a fraternity, we are participating because we feel the need to give back to the Rockbridge community . . . and try to use our fraternity as something more than solely a social organization."

Performing will be music department

faculty Tim and Catharine Gaylard, Barry Kolman, Jerry Myers, Gordon Spice, Terry Vosbein, Shuko Watanabe; theater Professor Al Gordon; Director of Alumni Programs Rob Mish '76; student performers, Seniors Lauren LaFauci and Brooke deRosa; alumnus Joshua Harvey '00; and Tom Artwick.

The first concert to benefit Lisa's House was held in 1998, when the music department presented "An Evening of Gershwin."

After four years of planning, Lisa's House opened its doors in November with the help of donations from everywhere from Lexing-

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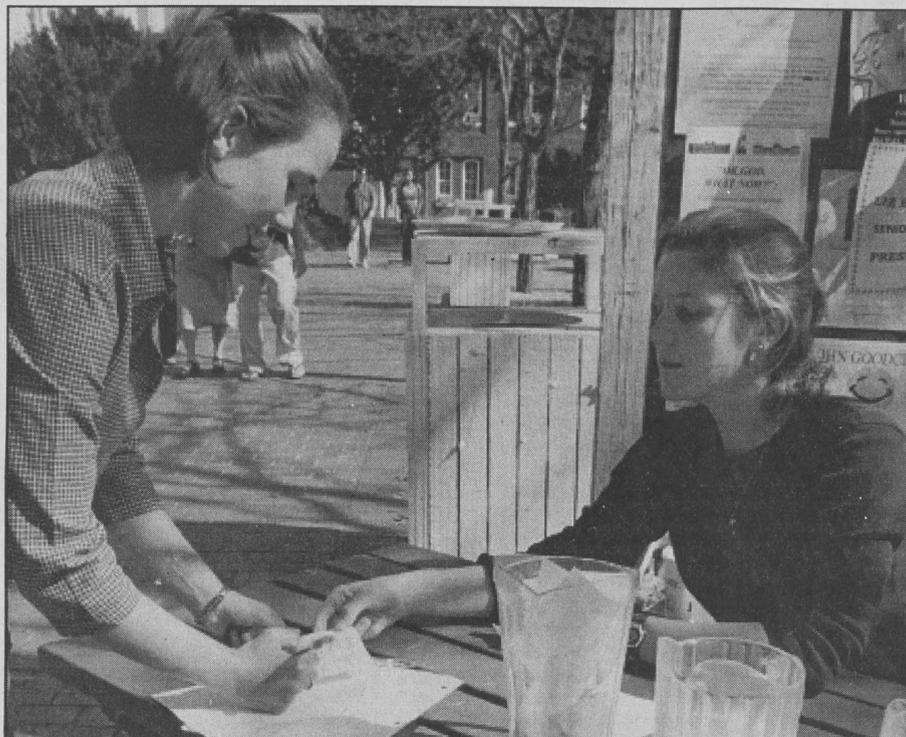


photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

**VOTE EARLY, VOTE OFTEN.** Freshman Meghan Hayde casts a ballot at a table manned by Sophomore Jane Ledlie. The new class officers are: Freshman Class President Ansel Sanders, Freshman Class Vice President Noah Rhodes, Freshman SJC Representative Matt Lambert, Sophomore Class President Elliott Kyle, Sophomore Class Vice President Karl Kuersteiner, Junior Class President Grant Dickson, Junior Class Vice President Charlie Curroccio, Senior Class President Liz Borges, and Senior Class Vice President Katie Baldwin. The Freshman EC Representative has not yet been announced.

## Second issue of *She Says* to be published

By Katie Howell  
STAFF WRITER

The Washington and Lee Women's Forum hopes to attract visibility and submissions with a second edition of *She Says*, a literary publication celebrating women on campus.

The publication is accepting works by or about women including prose, poetry, artwork or photography until Nov. 1. "We created this publication last year to put something out there that would show women have a voice on this campus,"



photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

**SHOWING OFF SHE SAYS.** Women's Forum Chair Darlene Mitrano displays last spring's *She Says* issue.

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ton to Salem, Oregon. The only emergency shelter for battered women in the Rockbridge area, Lisa's House, along with Project Horizon, has worked with 103 sexual assault and domestic violence cases and sheltered 28 people in the last three months.

"There's a need for the shelter," Elrod said. "There's no doubt about that."

Elrod believes that because the Rockbridge area is such an open community, many people do not believe

domestic violence occurs.

"It makes more people aware that these issues exist," Project Horizon Executive Director Elizabeth Pharr said. "Having the shelter makes our work more symbolized."

Pharr found that people were unaware of the range of Project Horizon's services. In addition to shelter, the agency provides legal advocacy, individual counseling, a 24-hour hotline, and access to support groups free of charge to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Project Horizon also

provides educational programs to schools and civic groups.

The organization oversees the Rockbridge Area Anti-Violence Coordinating Council, which brings wide-ranging groups dedicated to reducing and preventing violence in the community.

"We are honored to be recognized...and are very grateful for the tremendous help," Pharr said.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$5 at the door.

"I'm definitely going to be there," Pharr said.

## Democrat predicts GOP victory

Experienced pollster scrutinizes Bush/Gore presidential campaign

By Mike Agnello  
STAFF WRITER

George Bush will squeak by Al Gore in the upcoming presidential election, Democratic pollster Peter Hart said in his Wednesday night Lecture in Lee Chapel.

Hart, who has over 30 years experience in polling and has worked for 40 U.S. senators and 30 state governors, came as the second lecturer in a four-part series on Election 2000, a jointly-sponsored effort by Contact and the William Lyne Wilson Politics Department Fund. He said that despite the dead-even tallies in the popular vote, Bush has more secure electoral votes.

Hart said that Bush will not win because of his substance, but because voters are more comfortable with his style of framing issues with generalities instead of statistics, like Gore.

"Al Gore has the tougher job at this point because he lost the commanding lead he held a year ago," he said.

According to Hart, both candidates have spent too much time discussing the tax cut issue.

"That issue is nowhere near the top of most voters' priorities," he said. Hart also said that, despite keeping a low profile during the campaign, Bill Clinton is the most deciding factor. According to polls conducted by Hart's firm, 76 percent of Clinton's supporters also support Gore, while 88 percent of his detractors favor Bush. Of voters undecided on the Clinton Presidency, 55 percent favor Bush.

Gore has to decide to what extent he wants to use the president, Hart said, because although he galvanizes the Democrats' base better than anybody else, he alienates swing voters, and both groups are critical for a Gore win.

"Bill Clinton is both his greatest asset and his greatest problem," he said.

Hart also said that while Gore has a chance of winning, it will not be of his own merit.

"If Gore wins, he'll owe it all to Lieberman...his campaign was in danger of dying when he made that choice," he said.

Politics Professor Bill Connelly said he thought that Hart's lecture was very insightful.

"He effectively explained why Al Gore has not been able to close the deal with the American voter even though peace, prosperity and an election run on Democratic issues should all be helping the vice president,"

Connelly said.

Junior politics major Susan Ruge, a Republican, said that she was impressed by the impartiality of Hart's lecture.

"He took great pains to be very neutral...that he says Bush will win says a lot about how fair [his analysis] was," Ruge said.

Sophomore Skye Justice, treasurer of the Young Democrats, said he liked the way Hart targeted the strengths and weaknesses of both candidates and their respective platforms.

"He made a good point about how both candidates are gearing their strategies toward the undecided voter who probably doesn't care enough to be influenced," Justice said.

Justice also said the lecture was highly interesting in addition to being informative.

"He had pretty much the entire audience on the edge of their seats," he said.

Junior Sam Langholz, vice-chair of the Contact Committee, said that Hart's lecture was a success for both Contact and the politics department.

"Hart provided an engaging analysis of the general mood of the nation. We were fortunate to be able to bring such a prominent pollster to campus," Langholz said.



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**BY THE NUMBERS.** Democratic pollster Peter Hart asserts his opinion on the upcoming election.

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# Friendly tips for wasting time at the Co-op

Despite the great diversity here at W&L, there remains one common thread lacing the community together, a pastime that could very well surpass tailgating in the degree of tradition it implies: Procrastinating outside the Co-op, the Cooperation Facility of Glory, as it should be called. The following are 12 alternate activities to pretending to do work once sucked into the void. (Dave Letterman has cornered the market on the Top 10. It doesn't make enough impact because it's two ones, and 13 seemed too cliché.)

**Φ** Northerner's Exposure  
Kris Pollina '03

1.) Start simple — Smoke. If you've mastered this, you might want to go the extra mile and connect those bendy straws to make a really long cigarette. Just stick the straws together at the ends and put the cigarette at the very end. It's very chic.

2.) Breakfast time poll. Last year I asserted that capri/pirate pants are the most miserable piece of clothing to be popularized. Ever. However, upon facing opposition, my colleagues and I conducted a breakfast time poll, limited to guys, because girls don't wear clothes for female approval. There was an overwhelming negative response. (One gentleman went so far as to throw his hands in the air and stormed off in a huff, grunting, "I don't even want to talk about it.")

3.) Sell tickets to a Greek philanthropy project such as planting dandelions for deaf people.

4.) Play the compliment game. One of the greatest games ever invented, it simply requires complimenting everyone who walks through the doors of the Co-op. "Hey, nice shirt. Orange is my favorite color." "Your hair looks nice today, you should always wear it up." Just do it sincerely, or the compliment receiver will never wear orange again, or ever put her hair up. (There's no sarcasm in this suggestion. It's really a nice game to play.)

5.) Count how many times ticket sellers will shout "It's for a good cause!" Even better, when faced with no response: "You can swipe it home!"



6.) Complain about that big econ test.

7.) Loudly whine you don't have a date for (fill in date function) and hope Mr./Mrs. Wonderful will stride up and gallantly yet demurely ask, "Well, if you're not going with anyone, and I'm not going with anyone..."

8.) Buy Stewart's Root Beer and pretend to be a badass drinking beer outside the Co-op.

9.) Jump off the top of the Co-op with an umbrella, see if the umbrella prevents injury, and tell onlookers it's the basis for your senior physics thesis.

10.) Take note of person-you-hooked-up-with-last-night-when-you-were-really-drunk's avoidance of eye contact. Call him/her over anyway, and tell him/her your par-

ents want to meet him on Parents' Weekend, and take both of you out to dinner. Inwardly laugh at hook-up-ee's violent discomfort.

11.) Laugh at people who trip on the absence of stair right before the Co-op doors. The stair that used to be there. Write a poem about it.

12.) Bring arbitrary household appliances to Co-op (e.g. irons, mops, coffee filters, oven mitts, hammers, nails). Surround yourself with them. Glare at people who give you perplexed looks.

And you thought there was nothing to do but pretend to work. You're wrong again. I win.

# Work hard for the money...at Letitia Pate

"We need more chicken fingers!"  
"Someone wants a to-go box!"  
"Real eggs in the front, eggbeaters in the back."  
"OUCH! I just burned my hand switching out the waffle fries!"

Those are just some of the many words that pass the lips of the proud Letitia Pate Evans Dining Hall workers. When I say "proud" workers, I mean it.

I guess I should begin with a personal bit about how I became involved with the D-Hall...

It all started my freshman year during conditioning for soccer. Every day without fail I would head over to that beautiful brick building for my twice-daily dose of pasta with marinara. Some days I would have rotini, other days I would have spaghetti. Ahh, those were the days.

I think after about 100 or so servings of pasta with marinara I had a breakdown. My body would not accept

any more, I don't mean any more pasta, I mean any more D-Hall. It's not due to the food. It was because I took my eating habits to the extreme.

I still visited the D-Hall for breakfast with friends to relax and catch up on the previous day's gossip, but could eat there no more. How I cherished those comfortable wooden chairs that allowed for the classic girl-crossed-legs, guy-"giving-it-some-space," and Indian style positions.

Anyway, I took a little time out from Letitia, but there was lingering emptiness.

One day, a friend started working there. Then another did. And then another. Pretty soon, the curiosity got the better part of me. I got a job as a line worker at the Dining Hall.

My little adventure began the second week of this

school year. I know it's kind of weird. After all, why would a senior want to get a job during the last year of college? It takes time away from "senior duties" at the Palms. It slows down the game of eating at every food locale in B.V. because meal time is busy. It makes you smell like food (not a popular scent to the fellas). It forces you to spend time with freshmen. None of these are bonuses.

But I still don't regret working in the D-Hall. I've made some new friends, can identify all of the entree items at the D-Hall, and no longer get queasy at the thought of downing a plate of good ol' rotini with marinara.

Hey — where else can you jam to music of your choice, at the volume of your choice, while exchanging funny stories from the week with your friends? Sometimes I wonder how this is a paying job.

**Φ** Executive Editor  
Stephanie Bianco '01

# Letter to the Editor

## Gay marriage widely accepted

Dear Editor,

In the interests of journalistic integrity, I feel the need to comment on the October 9, 2000 editorial in the *Ring-tum Phi*: "Three Cheers for Vermont and democracy" by Brett Kirwan.

Vermont is not "the only place in the world where [homosexuals] can get 'C.U.ed' [civil unionized?]." According to The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, as of January 1999: Denmark, Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Norway, The Netherlands, and Sweden had "registered partnerships" for some same-sex couples. Slovenia and The Czech Republic were expected to follow suit. Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland were considering enacting similar laws and same-sex common-law marriage was recognized in Hungary. Meanwhile, the Canadian courts are in the process of including civil-union or

marriage for same-sex couples. Mr. Kirwan, like many Americans, forgets that there are other countries beyond our borders.

Mr. Kirwan states "[the Vermont civil-union law] has been considered totally unacceptable by most of its citizens." He then fails to produce any evidence for this statement. He also informs us that the Vermont Supreme Court "completely ignored all constitutional checks and balances requiring that the judiciary merely interpret laws, not create them." I take from this assertion that he believes himself an expert on legal precedence in Vermont. An editorial is an opinion, but it cannot be without some proof, if the writer expects to win over his or her audience. Mr. Kirwan writes with the same regard for facts as did the journalists of the old Soviet newspapers.

The real argument comes down to whether or not the courts have the right to pressure the legislature or the executive to act. Kirwan suggests majority opinion is on his

side, believing courts should not influence through their decisions, though, again, he provides scant proof. In the real world of laws and politics things are never so clear-cut. As Otto von Bismark said: "If you like laws and sausages, you should never watch either one being made."

I will agree that Mr. Kirwan was perhaps correct when he suggested in a previous editorial that Texas should secede from the Union. Then he and other pro-gun, anti-gay right-wingers could create The Texas Fundamental Christian Republic built along the lines of Iran, complete with clerical justice, public executions, veiled women, wholesale intolerance and — as a bonus — OPEC membership. With all the oil and firearms already in Texas, the new cowboy republic might quickly become spectacularly successful. Just imagine it: One Republic, under God-doh, without liberties and with injustice for all.

Sincerely,  
David Ross Cobb  
Class of '87

**Quote of the week:**  
"Is that a student? She really scares me."  
— Anonymous male freshman

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# Cat's Corner

By Christine Metzger

A girl can give out only so much fashion advice before her past starts to haunt her. (No, we're not talking about any of my freshman year hijinks, of which there are indeed many. Alas, they are fodder for another column.) I've started to feel guilty about giving all this fashion advice when I myself have a bad fashion history.

To let you know the seriousness of my crime, I have a confession to make.

(Dramatic pause, sharp intake of breath.)  
At the age of 8, I had a mullet.

(The crowd gasps from shock, murmurs of disbelief roll down the Collonade. Rioting ensues on Main Street.)

Yes, I, Christine Metzger, girl known for having boringly straight brown hair, had a mullet. See the above picture for proof. Long and straight in the back and curled on the top. I was going for the Roman centurion helmet look. I think we can say I succeeded.

How was this awful crime perpetrated? My mom tricked me into getting this smash-up hair-do when I was in third grade, saying it would show off my ears.

"But, Mom, why in God's green earth would I want to accentuate my already heinously protuberant auricular devices?"

"Because you're getting your ears pierced!"

You have to understand that I had been begging my mother since close to the time of my birth to have my ears pierced. I suppose I was so busy having kittens from the excitement that I did not have time to realize the gravity of my impending hair-cut nor its inevitable, horrible outcome.

The mullet was inflicted upon me the same day my sister and I got our annual Christmas portraits taken at JC Penney's. The picture above is proof of this wild hair extravaganza from the very start. Isn't it great? Elizabeth with her bowl-on-head haircut and me with my brand new mullet and red sticky-outy ears with gold studs, in matching homemade red corduroy dresses. It's a wonder I ever recovered from this haircut and turned into the fine girl I am today.

My mother to this day insists that the mullet was absolutely adorable, in that frustrating way only mothers can. If she had her way, I'd probably still be mulletiferous. Come to think of it, dear old Mom had a permed mullet for most of my childhood. Could there be a genetic link? (No, I'm not from New Jersey. . .)

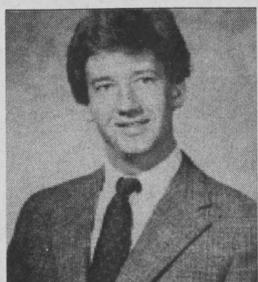
Looking back though, I have inflicted comparable harm to my hair myself. Once I recovered from my mullet (I went through this awkward feathered period for a year or so), I got my hair chopped to the chin and permed. Yes, permed. As if I hadn't shocked you enough. And I had bangs. Huge ones. I was all about the eighties. I thoroughly enjoyed the black-leggings-with-lace-ankles-with-white-shorts-on-top look. I had this silver plastic clip that made my ponytail look like a fountain. Then the bangs. . . I lovingly refer to my stylistic technique as The Claw. My bangs when unstyled (which they almost never were) came to below my nose, allowing for about four inches of height when sprayed into place. And spray I did: business at Aquanet has been shaky since I gave up amateur hairstyling.

The zenith of my years as a suburban modern rock chick occurred one fateful day in the fifth grade. We had a rule at my small Catholic school concerning hair-height, something about bangs being less than two and a half inches high. I was sitting in Mr. Cazzizzi's math class when Sister Mary of One Million Sorrows busted in, ruler in hand and made a beeline for me. Class fell silent, time slowed, the ruler (wooden, with the Ten Commandments engraved on it) extended and disappeared into the curly sprayed mass sitting atop my head. "Four inches, Christine Anne! Come with me, young lady."

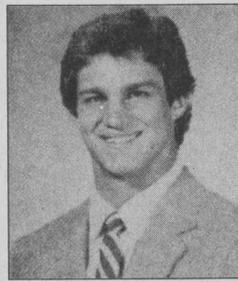
Sister Tormentia of Small Children then dragged me out of the classroom, to the shrieks of delight of my classmates. (It's not everyday after all that the nerdiest girl alive gets escorted out by the principal.) She took me to the bathroom where she made me wet down my bangs so they lay across my forehead, dripping, slimy, like some dying sea creature, gasping for its last breath. A sad, ugly day that was.

Sometime around seventh grade, I put down the hairspray and started my life anew. I have resigned myself to an eternity of straight, long hair, but help us all if the Claw ever comes back into fashion.

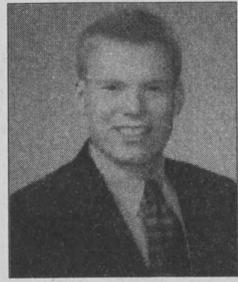
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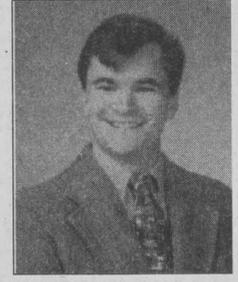
"For the chapter presidents' conference and to see a band."  
—Andrew Caruthers '87



"To have fun with old friends."  
—Eric Turner '87



"To see old friends and a lot of kids from my classes."  
—Roy Burns '99



"I love W&L! I'm interested in setting up an alumni chapter in South Georgia."  
—Scott Morris '99

## The immorality of big government

This year's election, contrary to the seemingly endless parade of whining "undecided" voters, presents each voter with a clear and well-defined choice.

As Governor Bush, not so eloquently but adequately, described in each debate, a vote for him is a vote for a smaller, less intrusive federal government that trusts people, whereas a vote for the vice-perpetrator is a vote for hugely increased federal spending, costly new entitlements, and a government committed to anti-liberty paternalism.

Now, besides the fact that Al Gore, in an effort to address each of his dozen or so "first priorities," has proposed three times more spending than Bill Clinton and would balloon the bureaucracy like no one since LBJ, the government he envisions, one that spends most of its energy redistributing wealth, is terribly immoral.

The Founding Fathers would be appalled at what Americans have come to expect their government to do. Since Wilson and FDR brought the blight of socialism to the fruited plains, the nation has been trading its liberty for security.

We now expect that the federal government will manage our retirement funds, manage our health insurance, pay for our children's school lunches, finance our college education, subsidize crops that the market won't support, and send us checks if we get injured on the job, lose our job, or just don't want to get one. Madison and the boys in Philadelphia didn't empower the Congress to establish anything even approaching the benevolent programs we "enjoy" today. Not a single entitlement is mentioned in the Constitution.

For 150 years or so, presidents were careful to limit the government's involvement in what should be a private matter. In fact, when asked to approve a bill which appropriated \$15,000 to

help French immigrants, James Madison wrote in his veto, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents."

Years later, in 1887, Grover Cleveland expressed his disapproval for a bill to assist drought-stricken counties in Texas by writing, "I feel obliged to withhold my approval of the plan to indulge in benevolent and charitable sentiment through the appropriation of public funds. . . I find no warrant for such an appropriation in the Constitution." Past leaders believed that charity was best administered by civil society and strongly supported, like Governor Bush, solutions from "faith-based institutions."

The Founding Fathers never considered giving government a role in charity because they knew what so many Americans have forgotten, that public benevolence is legalized robbery. The income tax, in effect, is stealing the fruits of one person's labor and giving them to another. The government, by setting an income tax rate, dictates to each American how much of his own money he can keep. This a slave tax, wherein we are compelled to work, without compensation, for people and purposes we don't support.

The Sixteenth Amendment explicitly violates the Fifth Amendment's provisions for the protection of private property and runs counter to the principles of taxation outlined in the unamended Constitution, namely excise taxes, duties, and imposts. The fact that only sales taxes were legal was a recognition

of the benefits of economic liberty and a bedrock of American privacy and freedom. Today, the government has forsaken our founding principles in favor of constituency-building giveaways. Modern politicians frequently trample on our right to private property and, to be completely honest, steal our money.

One annoyingly constant theme of this campaign has been a prescription drug benefit for seniors. The greatest generation has its hand out, fully believing that it is the government's responsibility to pick up the tab at CVS.

While Governor Bush has shown some moderation in his promises to America's elderly, Al Gore has prostituted himself by pledging a program that pays the entire cost of prescription drugs for virtually every American senior. He seemingly has no qualms that his "something-for-nothing" scheme actually requires hundreds of billions of your and my money. He has paraded Winifred Skinner, a grandmother from Des Moines who supposedly has to collect discarded aluminum cans to pay for her prescriptions, across the stage at numerous rallies and also brought her, with her poodle, to the first debate. Mrs. Skinner's son is a wealthy attorney

who pays her property taxes, but she would rather that you cough up the dough for her Percocet.

The flap about drugs for seniors is just one example of a host of entitlements that Americans of all ages have come to expect and the government is too eager to dole out.

The down side is that our overweening government represents a gross violation of the principles of privacy, liberty, and personal responsibility.

### Φ Right side of the aisle Brett T. Kirwan '04

## If you "love it," then change it

When you spend a substantial portion of your weekend copyediting in the Phi office, very seldom does anything that appears in Monday's edition shock you. Imagine my surprise, then, when another writer wrote that anyone less than totally satisfaction with our little bubble should leave. The maxim "Love it or leave it" accomplishes nothing for either the current or future students of Washington and Lee.

The aforementioned article made good points about the honor code and speaking tradition. Such traditions make W&L unique and should not, under any circumstances, change to adapt to the times. However, to say that complaining about the lack of diversity on campus is "amusing" indicates something very, very wrong with our community.

I'm sure the author meant no harm, but even writing these words shows that diversity and lack of cohesion is a serious problem. Many

students that fit the traditional stereotype of the W&L student, including one who wrote a Letter to the Editor last year, place the blame on the admissions office for admitting students from different backgrounds. Their college experience is spoiled, they say, by people who do not share their social and political views and who

have a different idea of having fun. I cannot help but laugh at the shortsightedness of this assertion.

These people speak as if W&L was never in a state of change, when in fact it has been changing constantly since Lee's presidency. Lee actively recruited students from the North. There was the period after World War II when much older students were taking undergraduate classes. The first blacks were admitted in the sixties. Women, first admitted in 1985, proved to be the greatest change of all; the

school's ascendance into the highest echelon of institutions of higher learning can be traced to that same year. Many alumni who were staunchly against this move now grudgingly admit it was the right decision.

Those who complain about W&L claim that they love this place so much that they hope it never changes. I commend these people for their loyalty to the institution, but I wish to point out their somewhat selfish attitude.

If you truly love this place, you want it to endure in all its glory forever. W&L cannot continue to have exactly the same social structure or exactly the same type of students if it wishes to remain an academically elite institution.

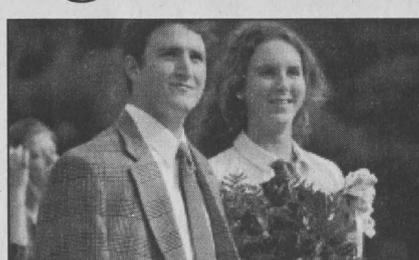
By saying you do not want it to change, you are implicitly saying that your college experience is the only one that matters. Show a little Southern hospitality—this place is so great that EVERYBODY ought to be able to enjoy it.

### Φ Slippery Soapbox Mike Agnello '02

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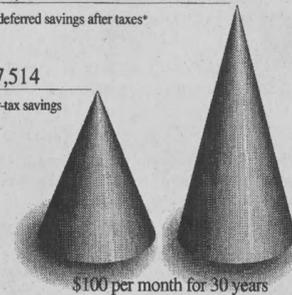
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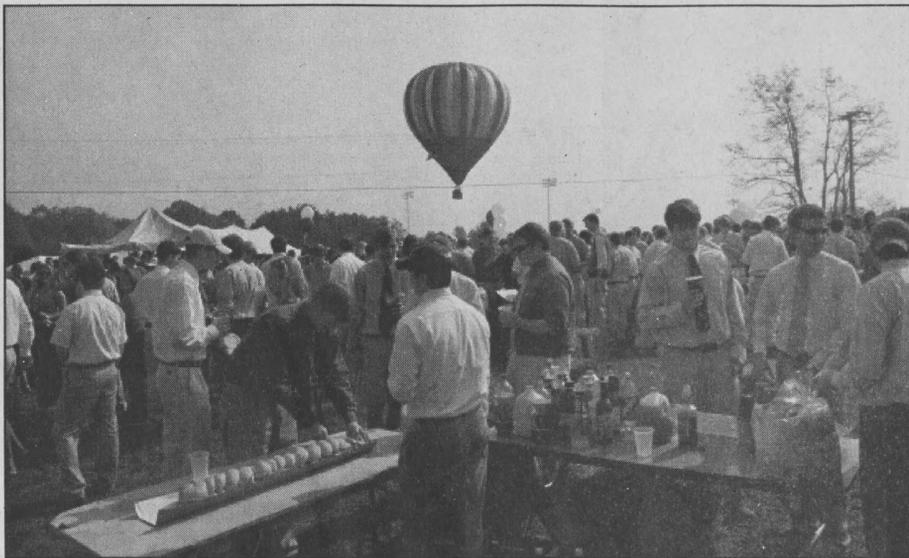
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# HOME COMING 2000



By Shelley Meyer  
 STAFF WRITER

Out with the new, in with the old. UVA has its Wahoos, Auburn has its plainsmen, and Washington and Lee has its minks.

This Homecoming, the Alumni Association tried to bring back the lore of the W&L minks. Saturday's Alumni Luncheon was a "Minks Rally," and the banner trophy has a stuffed mink in the middle.

"A lot of students don't know that W&L students used to be referred to as Minks," Chris Edwards '99, Assistant Alumni Director of online communications, said. "It's a piece of W&L lore I'd hate to be lost."

According to local legends, the Generals acquired the nickname from VMI cadets. Apparently, when the "rats" had to go in for the night, the W&L men would steal their dates, becoming "thieves in the night."

Bringing back this tradition is one of the many changes that were made this Homecoming. According to Edwards, over the past five years, Homecoming festivities have changed tremendously.

Rob Mish '76, Director of Alumni Programs, who grew up in Lexington, remembers Homecomings from when he was a little boy. The fraternity houses would decorate their whole façades.

"[It was] almost like making stationery floats," Mish said. "That's what I remember from my childhood days."

"There used to be a parade," Edwards said. "[We] lost it Fall [of] '96. Instead of floats, [we now] have banners in the D-Hall."

Freshmen vote on three banners — the funniest, most creative, and best overall. The winner receives the Mink Trophy during halftime festivities.

The Homecoming Court activities also differed. The biggest difference for the '60-'80 alums was the absence of old Keith Shillington, a chemistry professor given the honor of annually kissing the Homecoming Queen. According to Rob Mish '76, Director of Alumni Programs, Shillington was one of the most eccentric professors on campus.

"It was a dubious honor," Edwards said. "You got to be Queen, but you had to kiss Shillington."

Another change for the younger alums and current students was the delivery of the envelope containing the Queen and King results. The past several Homecomings, a skydiver delivered the ballot. Edwards said that it had lost spontaneity, so instead the King and Queen were whisked away in the "Gorgeous Darlin'" hot air balloon.

The luncheon for the alumni was given on the old baseball field while the tailgate was at the Ruins.

"[We] thought it'd create a neat atmosphere," Edwards said. "Students at tailgate, alums at [the] luncheon."

The luncheon was held for the Five Star Generals and the cluster students. The cluster consists of graduates from the past four years. The inclusion of these graduates is to "keep them in touch with the school until the 5th year reunion."

Edwards said in the past, most of the events were targeted towards the Five Star Generals and nothing was really tailored for the clusters.

Tom Lovell, Assistant Director of Homecoming and Reunions, was responsible for many of the new events for the clusters.

"Tom came in late June '99, reevaluated Homecoming and the events," Edwards said.

Friday was packed with events for the recent graduates. Carbon Leaf, a band from Richmond, played at the Ruins while there was Virginia Wine Tasting and later a barbecue dinner.

"We wanted to provide a full afternoon for the cluster alumni," Edwards said.

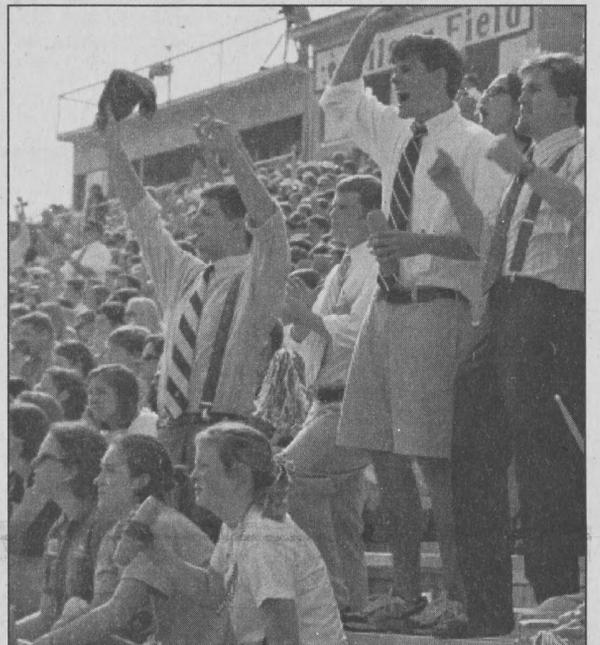
Yet another big change revolved around the football game. "Football is kind of a non-issue — this year it's a big deal," Edwards said.

Not only is the football team doing well, this is the first Homecoming to have cheerleaders. "Change is a four letter word at W&L," Edwards said. "Opinions will be divided. People will definitely be curious and interested to see how [cheerleaders] add to the atmosphere of the game and the whole weekend."

Homecoming weekend also has other events going on. Every year, it is the weekend that the Alumni Board meets. Also, every three years, there is a Chapter Presidents' Conference.

"Usually this weekend is a little more tame than reunion," Edwards said. "[It is the] first weekend campus is inundated with people."

"People think of this place as home," Mish said. "Our alumni feel so passionately about this place... they feel like they own this place."



photos by Emily Barnes and Lisa Lin



HOME COMING 2000 EVENTS. Hot air balloon rides and tailgating (top left); View of the Ruins from the balloon (top right); Homecoming Queen Senior Nicole Hartley and Escort Senior Fred Heiser's celebratory balloon ride (middle left); Crazy fans cheering the Generals football team on to victory (middle right); Homecoming banners on display at the game (above); and Junior Tiffany Friedel accepting the trophy for Best Overall Banner for Chi Omega (left).

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# W&L escapes Sewanee rally

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

Call it the aura of a homecoming game. Washington and Lee snapped a two-game losing streak, jumping out to a 20-2 halftime lead and holding off a late Sewanee rally for a 27-24 win Saturday.

Senior Marc Watson rushed for 262 yards and a pair of touchdowns, giving him an even 1000 yards rushing for the season. The tailback came off a record-setting performance the previous week in the Generals' 45-28 loss to Hampden-Sydney.

Watson set W&L records with 281 rushing and 382 all-purpose yards against the Tigers. However, 87 penalty yards and three turnovers — two of which resulted in Hampden-Sydney touchdowns — helped the Tigers to an Old Dominion Athletic Conference win.

The Generals' defense prevented Sewanee (5-3) from reaching the end zone for more than three quarters of Saturday's contest. However, an early safety, a fumble recovery in the Generals' end zone, and a 71-yard interception return for a touchdown resulted in 17 of the Tigers' 24 points.

"It's probably one of the most frustrating things ever, knowing that the

defense is doing the job and shutting them down," said junior defensive end Jeff Bahl, who finished with 11 tackles and two fumble recoveries. "But that's the way football is. There are some ups and downs, and the ball's going to get fumbled every once in a while. Unfortunately, today it happened at inopportune times."

Nevertheless, the Generals (5-2) managed to escape with the narrow victory against Sewanee. Sophomore quarterback Bobby Littlehale countered his interception with 133 yards and a touchdown in the air, and classmate Davis White caught five passes for 44 yards and a score.

"We had a two-game slide there, and we had lost some confidence," W&L head coach Frank Miriello said. "They were playing with some confidence early in the season, and we had to get that back. That was the focus this week, and that's exactly what they did."

"The defense started playing like I know they can, and stopped the option game. I was very pleased with our defensive preparation and game plan."

Watson's performance against the Tigers, who entered the game 11th in Division III with 58.4 rushing yards per game allowed, certainly aided the Generals' cause.



BOUNCE OUTSIDE. Senior tailback Marc Watson evades two Sewanee defenders in the Generals' 27-24 homecoming win.

"I've got to hand it to my offensive line again," Watson said. "The front four that Sewanee had will probably be the best front four we'll face all season long. Those five guys and our fullbacks were just opening holes all day."

The Generals, 2-2 in ODAC competition, return to the conference schedule this week with a road game against Bridgewater (6-1, 2-1). Bahl

believes that the momentum from a homecoming win will carry over against the Eagles.

"We're back on the train," Bahl said. "The bandwagon's rolling again. When we get that swagger going, we honestly feel like we're unstoppable, and that no one can contain us. We've got that back, and I look forward to playing Bridgewater next week."

# Generals end regular season on high note

By Geoff White  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's soccer team extended its record to 10-5, including an 8-3 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, with three wins in four games over the past two weeks.

The Generals shut out Hollins 6-0 on Oct. 11. Freshmen Fontaine Marcoux and Heather Coleman and sophomore Jenny Thomas scored within the first 20 minutes of the contest, and Coleman added her second goal later in the first half.

Marcoux and Junior Kate Bidwell scored in the second half to give the Generals a 6-0 lead, and Senior Lauren Harris made two saves during the game to earn her fifth shutout of the season. Thomas, Senior Liz Olsen, Marcoux, and Freshman Susannah Hewlett each had an assist.

The Generals traveled to Pittsburgh during Reading Days to play Carnegie Mellon, which resulted in a 1-0 loss for W&L. Carnegie Mellon's

Lauren Taylor scored the game's only goal with less than nine minutes remaining for the win. Harris made five saves during the match.

The Generals returned home to face Ferrum on Oct. 18, and won 5-1. Bidwell scored the first goal in the second half, assisted by Marcoux, but Mary Jennette scored for Ferrum to tie the game three minutes later.

With 18 minutes left in the contest, Bidwell assisted Marcoux for the Generals' second goal, which would stand as the game winner. Bidwell would score another goal, and Sophomore Ruth-Hill Yielding added two late tallies to extend the lead to four goals.

The Generals edged Roanoke 1-0 on Saturday for homecoming. Lauren Harris stopped all eight shots she faced.

"The defense was incredible," Junior Kristen Pranke said.

The game remained scoreless until the 78th minute of play. The Generals played Roanoke evenly throughout the first half, but eventually wore down the Maroons. Bidwell scored off



CHANGING SEASONS. Senior Margaret-Hunter Turner dribbles the ball downfield in the Generals' 1-0, regular season-ending win over Roanoke on Saturday.

an assist from Marcoux for the win.

"I'm very pleased and proud," coach Jan Hathorn said. "I can't say enough about how well they played."

The Generals are finished with their regular season schedule, and will proceed to the ODAC Tournament on Oct. 24th.

# Cross country teams place fourth in state meet

## W&L sports roundup

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's and women's cross country teams both placed fourth out of nine teams Oct. 14 in the Virginia State Division III meet at Christopher Newport University in Newport News.

Senior Jessica Parrillo won All-

State honors with a fourth-place overall finish in the women's meet at a time of 19:04. Junior Gretchen Tencza (20:10) placed 16th and senior Kathleen Moroney (20:38) finished 23rd overall.

Freshman Andy Schorr finished tenth overall in the men's meet with a time of 26:43, granting him All-State honors as well. Junior Ken Jackman and sophomore David Hicks finished 21st and 25th overall with respective

times of 27:21 and 21:33.

The Generals will host the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships at 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

## Generals golf update

Washington and Lee finished 10th of 14 teams in the Aubrey Apple Invitational at the Salem Glen Country Club in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Oct. 9-10.

Methodist College won the meet with a combined score of 593 for the

two-day tournament. Medalist Chad Collins shot a 145 for the victors.

Sophomore Chuck Green paced the Generals with a 157, followed closely by classmate Chip Campbell at 159. Sophomore David Haase totaled a 161, Senior Ben Wilson turned in a score of 167, and Junior Kyle Ulep finished at 178.

Next, the Generals compete in the Tom O'Bryant Invitational at Guilford College on Oct. 30-31.

## ODAC Football Update

Standings	ODAC				Overall			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Emory & Henry	4	0	139	98	6	1	217	122
Bridgewater	2	1	129	49	6	1	246	89
Catholic	2	1	109	54	4	3	174	135
Washington & Lee	2	2	93	104	5	2	197	154
Hampden-Sydney	2	3	143	129	3	4	194	180
Randolph-Macon	1	3	78	114	2	6	126	229
Guilford	1	4	66	209	1	6	79	291

### October 14 Results

Hampden-Sydney 45, W&L 28  
Bridgewater 64, Guilford 0  
Emory & Henry 24, Randolph-Macon 17  
Catholic 13, Methodist 9

### October 28 Games

W&L at Bridgewater  
Catholic at Emory & Henry  
Ferrum at Guilford  
Davidson at Hampden-Sydney

### October 21 Results

W&L 27, Sewanee 24  
Catholic 34, Hampden-Sydney 23  
Emory & Henry 41, Guilford 32  
Davidson 20, Randolph-Macon 12  
Bridgewater 43, Johns Hopkins 7

### November 4 Games

Emory & Henry at W&L  
Bridgewater at Randolph-Macon  
Guilford at Catholic  
Hampden-Sydney at Maryville

# Volleyball win streak reaches double digits

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee extended its win streak to ten matches with a victory over Old Dominion Athletic Conference opponent Hollins on Saturday.

The Generals defeated Eastern Mennonite 15-12, 15-12, 11-15, 17-19, 15-13 on Oct. 10 before traveling to Baltimore for the Goucher Invitational. Senior setter Pam Saulsbury contributed 26 assists and 17 digs, and senior outside hitter Tori Hays recorded 19 digs.

W&L then rolled over its opposition in Baltimore, failing to drop a game in wins over Goucher, Mary Washington, Dickinson, and Mary Washington again in the finals. Junior Lindsay

Ruckert received the tournament's most valuable player award, finishing with 41 kills in four matches.

The team returned home and to ODAC competition with a 15-0, 15-9, 15-1 win over Sweet Briar on Oct. 18. Freshman Kristin Shelton led the team with six successful attacks, also recording two blocks and an ace. Senior setter Katherine Kline recorded 12 assists and six aces.

The Generals' win streak reached double digits Saturday by way of a 15-4, 15-6, 15-6 victory against visiting Hollins. Ruckert and Shelton led W&L with 11 assists apiece, and Saulsbury finished with 17 assists.

W&L (17-5, 8-1 ODAC) will host Roanoke at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

## Upcoming events in General athletics...

<b>Football</b>			
Sat.	October 28	at Bridgewater	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	November 4	Emory & Henry	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	November 11	at Swarthmore	1:00 p.m.
<b>Men's and Women's Cross Country</b>			
Sat.	October 28	ODAC Championships	11:00 a.m.
Sat.	November 11	at NCAA Regional	TBA
Sat.	November 18	at NCAA Nationals	TBA
<b>Golf</b>			
October 30-31		at Tom O'Bryant Invite	TBA
<b>Riding</b>			
Fri.	October 27	at James Madison	TBA
<b>Men's Soccer</b>			
Wed.	October 25	at Virginia Military Institute	3:30 p.m.
Sat.	October 28	at Averett	3:00 p.m.
October 31-November 4		ODAC Tournament	TBA
<b>Women's Soccer</b>			
October 24-28		ODAC Tournament	TBA
<b>Men's and Women's Swimming</b>			
Sat.	October 28	at Transylvania	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	November 18	at Swarthmore	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	November 19	at Gettysburg	1:00 p.m.
<b>Volleyball</b>			
Tues.	October 24	Roanoke	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	October 27	at Averett	8:00 p.m.
Sat.	October 28	Averett Tournament	TBA
November 3-4		ODAC Tournament	TBA
<b>Wrestling</b>			
Sun.	November 12	at VMI Keydet Invitational	10:00 a.m.



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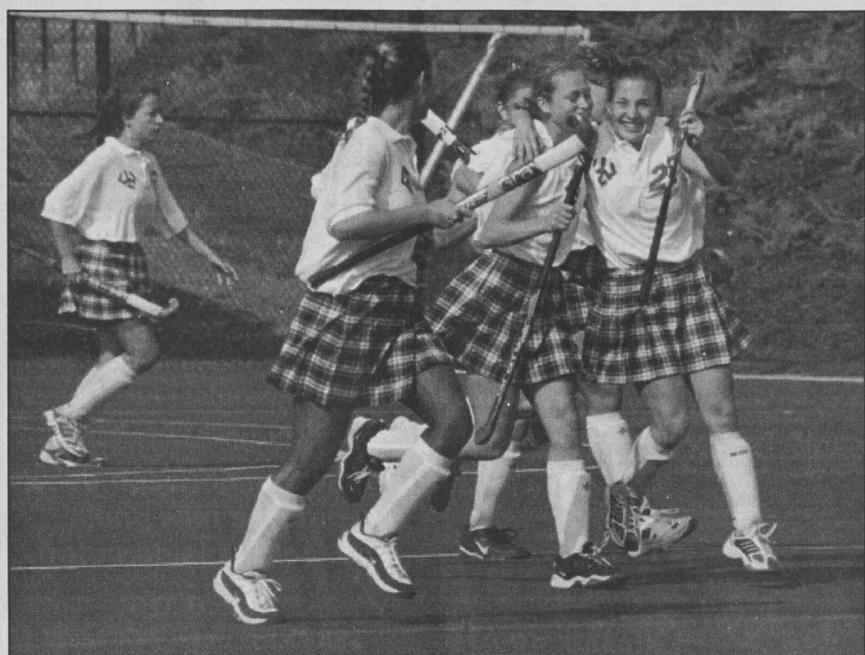


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**HOUSTON, WE HAVE ASTROTURF.** The Washington and Lee club field hockey team celebrates a goal in their 2-1 victory over Hollins on the new turf field Saturday.

## Men's soccer continues record-setting trend

By Geoff White  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team broke a school record for wins in a season Saturday following a string of victories over the previous two weeks.

The Generals defeated Eastern Mennonite 4-0 on Oct. 11. Freshman Philip Miller scored first, assisted by senior Jon Wilson. Miller scored again in the second half off assists from Wilson and junior Andrew Grimes. Less than one minute later, Wilson and junior David Kodack assisted senior Jacek Mucha for the Generals' third goal.

With three minutes left in the game, sophomore Brad Murphy scored an unassisted goal to provide the final margin. Sophomore goalkeeper Tim Foley made four saves for the shutout.

The Generals then traveled to New York for a non-conference match against Manhattanville College. Manhattanville scored only three minutes into the game when Nick Giacomelli assisted Paul Malyszka for the only goal of the first half.

The Generals came back early in the second half when David Kodack assisted senior Andy Crawford for the game-tying goal. Philip Miller was once again the story of the game, scoring the game-winning goal three minutes into overtime for a 2-1 W&L win.

The Generals went on to secure another road victory Oct. 15, this time defeating Emory and Henry 3-1 in an Old Dominion Athletic Conference match. Four minutes into

the game, Miller added to his scoring streak to give the Generals the early lead.

Ten minutes into the second half, Crawford scored off an assist from Wilson. Danny Almond put the game within reach for Emory and Henry, scoring with 18 minutes left. Four minutes later, freshman Jacob Stoehr assisted Murphy for the Generals' third goal, ensuring the Generals' win.

The Generals returned home to face Bridgewater on Oct. 19 in another conference game. Grimes and Murphy scored two goals each, and senior goalkeeper Jordan Ginsberg made two saves to shut out Bridgewater 4-0. Miller and Wilson each recorded two assists during the contest.

"We have good chemistry," Grimes said. "We have fun playing together, and that makes the offense a lot better."

The Generals set a new record for wins in a season in an overtime nail-biter against St. Mary's on Saturday. In front of a crowd gathered for both Homecoming and senior day, the Generals played the Seahawks to a scoreless tie at the end of regulation.

With one minute left in the second overtime, Miller scored once again, this time off an assist from Wilson. Foley made six saves to keep the Seahawks out of the Generals' goal.

The Generals are now 13-1 in the season, including an 8-1 mark in the conference. The men's soccer team plays two more non-conference matches before the ODAC Tournament begins: Wednesday at Virginia Military Institute and Saturday at Averett.

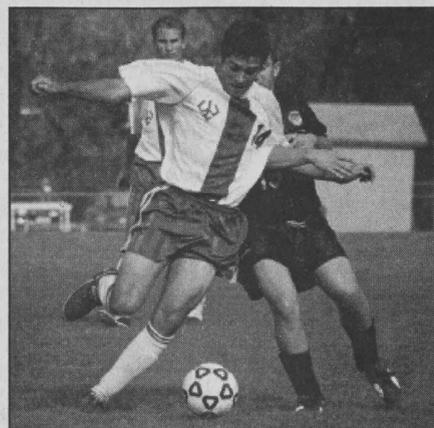


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**FREE FOR ALL.** Junior David Kodack moves the ball against a St. Mary's defender in the Generals' 1-0 double overtime win Saturday.

## Tennis teams finish fall season

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team rolled through its own Fall Festival Oct. 14 and 15, and then participated in the 2000 Rolex Nationals in Memphis over the weekend to conclude its fall season.

Junior Melissa Hatley won the number one singles flight in the Fall Festival, defeating the College of New Jersey's Jen Crombie 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-4 in the title match. Sophomore Brandi Jane Wedgeworth topped Mary Washington's Emily Sutliff 6-4, 6-0 to win the number two singles flight.

In doubles competition, Hatley and sophomore Erika Proko knocked off Mary Washington's Lea Schon and Ashley Knapp 6-1, 6-4 to win the number one flight. Wedgeworth and sophomore Alyson Brice edged Steffany Slaughter and Kim Colwell, also of Mary Washington, 9-8 to win the second flight.

In doubles competition at the 2000 Rolex Nationals, Hatley and Proko took home third place by defeating Abbey Ulrich and Laura Cumming of Trinity College.

### Generals host ITA tournament

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team hosted the ITA Southeast Regional on Oct. 6-9, concluding its fall season with the 17-team tournament.

Juniors Rhys James and Andrew Roberts advanced to the semifinals of the doubles competition before falling to Jose Lejarra and Seth Morgan of Washington College 6-1, 6-2. Junior Rob Moynihan and sophomore Chase Bice advanced to the quarterfinals of the tournament, dropping a 6-0, 6-1 decision to Swarthmore's Pete Schilla and John Thomas.

Two W&L singles players advanced to the third round of the 64-player singles tournament. Freshman Graham Nix fell to Lejarra in the third round, who ultimately finished in second place, and James lost to Schilla in three sets.

## Generals split season opener

By Geoff White  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's and women's swim teams opened their season in a dual meet this Saturday against Sewanee.

The men won nine of the 11 relays en route to a 53-34 win. Seniors Colin Hayes and Mike Miraglia and freshman Drew Catanese combined to win the 300-yard free relay with a time of 2:47.14, seven seconds ahead of the Tigers' team. Only the 4x200 free relay and 500-yard free relay teams lost to Sewanee.

"For our first meet of the season, it was a good team effort," sophomore Matt Kimbrough said.

The women won three of the relay events, but ultimately fell 58-31 to Sewanee. The meet featured only relays; therefore, no individual competitions were held.

Both teams will next travel to Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky. for a dual meet on Saturday.

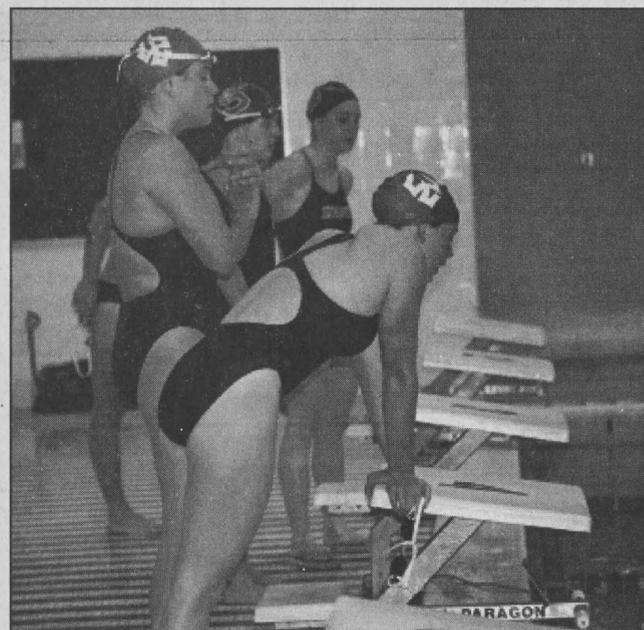


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**WAITING GAME.** Swimmers from Washington and Lee and Sewanee watch their relay teammates during the Generals' season opener Saturday at the Doremus Gymnasium. The W&L men won 53-34, while the Sewanee women's team took home a 58-31 victory.

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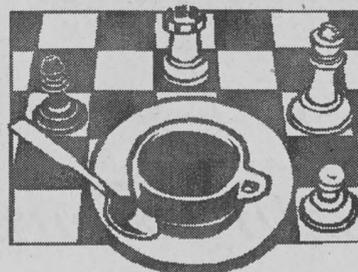
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## Election 2000: Does it get any better?

Students resoundingly say, "God, we hope so."

By now, almost nobody cares about the elections here at W&L. Sure, the first few campaign posters were amusing, but after three weeks of fifty students flooding the campus with literature, just about everybody is sick of it.

One would think that the campaigns run at W&L would have a certain aura of sophistication, or at the very least, be a step up from the pushover elections of high school. Unfortunately, that just isn't the case for the freshmen class. For the last three weeks, our beautiful campus that we're all paying an arm and a kidney to be at, has received a crap-job refurbishing.

Honestly, if I see another poster attempting to be cute, clever, or catchy, I'll go postal. Despite the fact that W&L has some of the most intelligent and talented students anywhere in the country, the school elections have somehow managed to leave everyone even more

disillusioned than the rest of America is with the national elections. Congratulations.

The campaign literature falls into three categories: The unoriginal name/position posters, the unoriginal clever/cutsey posters, and the unoriginal "shocking" posters.

The main theme, here, is that none of them were really funny and most of them were really annoying, especially after seeing them for the two-thousandth time. In fact, the only truly exciting events the election spawned were the spontaneous acts of vandalism that occurred against them.

The elections have been almost laughable in their immaturity. Nobody knows the candidates, the issues, or the stakes... only how *not* funny each of candidates can really be. Perhaps a new system needs to be developed for student elections, but for now, save some trees and save us all some grief.

### The Phases of W&L Elections:

The sophisticated process of acquiring power on America's most conservative campus (besides Bob Jones University)

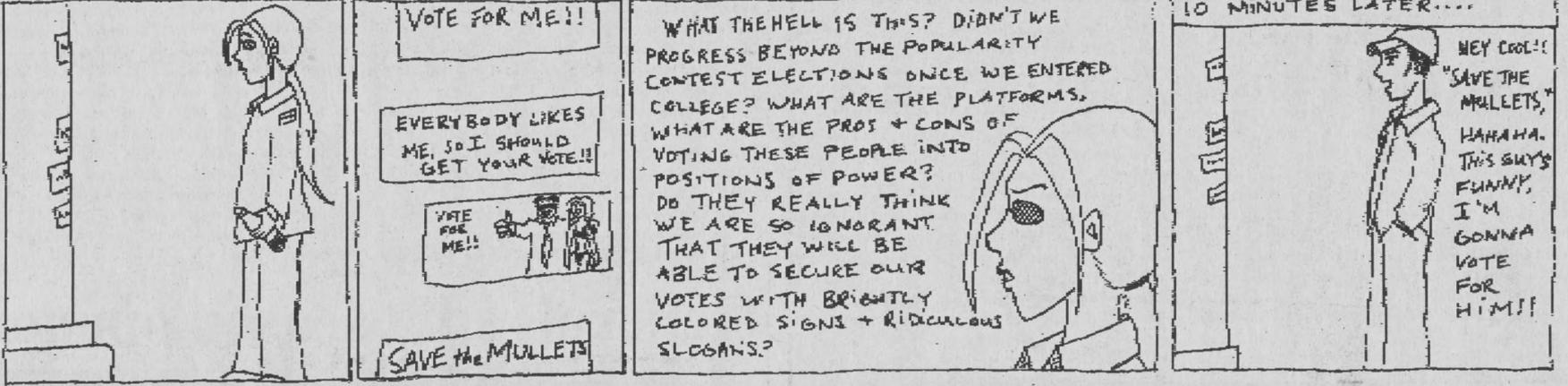
1. Students decide that being elected to leadership positions looks just as good on job applications as it does on a college applications
2. A smattering of posters across the campus appear as the campaigning is begun by enterprising individuals
3. W&L campus is upholstered with posters as others realize that posters are indeed a good idea
4. Campaigns go cute, clever, and catchy... or rather attempt to
5. Candidates realize that nobody knows who in the hell they are
6. Candidates try to "reach out to the masses" via D-Hall serenades and campus-wide phone messages
7. Election day
8. Winners Gloat, losers bitch

### Moral Dilemma of the Week

Is it an honor violation to lie to your date by telling her she doesn't look fat in her dress if she asks?

9 out of 10 Hippies agree that smoking doobies make them more intelligent, more in tune with nature, more healthful, more appreciative of others, and less inhibited. If they think all that, do you still want to smoke pot?

### A TYPICAL DAY by MONICA SCHOENTHALER



Kappa Alpha Theta  
Congratulates its  
Homecoming Queen Nominees

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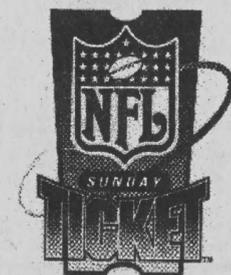
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