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## Campus discusses "culture of alcohol"



### Small groups meet after university assembly

By Mike Agnello  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Following University President John Elrod's Lee Chapel address, in which he compared campus alcohol abuse to a "toxic waste dump," faculty, students, and staff broke into nine groups to hold moderated discussions on Washington and Lee's alcohol culture.

These discussions provided material for the new alcohol task force.

University Health Educator and Interfraternity Council Advisor Burr Datz led one discussion group with Assistant Athletic Director Chuck O'Connell. Datz, a 1975 graduate of W&L, said he recognizes the magnitude of the problem and wants to do something about it.

"There's a river of alcohol abuse running through this campus, and I want to reduce the flood to a trickle," Datz said.

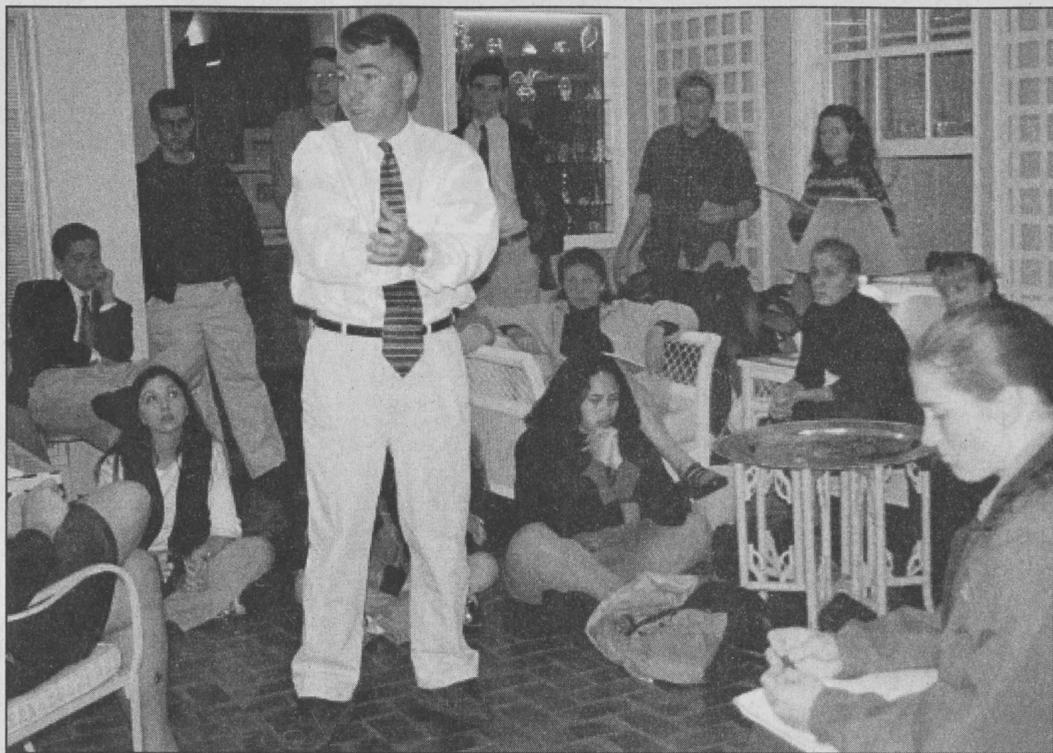
In Datz and O'Connell's group, students mentioned the difficulties in finding an effective solution that the university community can still accept. Junior IFC member Quincy Springs said the biggest problem is attitude.

"We have a lot of people here who plan to get trashed... we need to change the ideas about that," Springs said.

Datz agreed and said that alumni consumption of alcohol at Homecoming and Alumni Weekend proves that campus culture promotes heavy drinking.

"We do a lot of things that are diseased, and we've done them so long we think they're normal," Datz said.

Springs also suggested that fraternities require more of their members to undergo



**BRAINSTORM:** In the Morris House, students surround Dean Dalhouse in a constructive discussion on the presence of alcohol in campus life (top right). Students, faculty, and administration leave the chapel for small groups (top left).

TIPs (Training in Interventions and Preventions) to reduce the likelihood of distributing alcohol to already intoxicated students.

Senior Peer Segelke said that the BYOB policy, instituted his freshman year, has not done much to change the distribution of alcohol at fraternity parties. Segelke acknowledged the difficulties involved in enforcing existing university policies on alcohol, but said that something has to change.

"Somewhere, the axe should come down," Segelke said.

Director of Security Mike Young also participated in the discussion. Young, who handles many situations involving alcohol, said he is frustrated with the way alcohol-induced problems are handled at W&L.

"We encourage bad behavior because we never punish," Young said.

Dean of Students David Howison also led a discussion group. Howison said his group discussed several possible solutions, including Greek organizations developing their own versions of Live Drive, balancing personal responsibility and university responsibility, and the possibility of a single-sanction suspension penalty for a DUI charge.

Senior Jenny Anne Kneisel, president of Chi Omega and a member of Howison's discussion group, hopes Greek organizations can encourage their members to take more personal responsibility.

"The university can only do so much," she said. However, Kneisel said that the discussion was a long way from finding a solution.

"I think it was a very positive experience, but we only started to scratch the surface," Kneisel said.

English Professor Suzanne Keen took notes for Howison's discussion group. She said she was amazed at how long the discussion continued and how much the students said.

"They covered a whole spectrum of issues," Keen said.

Keen also said that the task force will have a lot of useful information and viewpoints to consider when they read the meeting notes.

"They have an incredibly hard job," she said.

Freshman Joel Pepera, in a discussion group led by Dean of Freshmen Mark Dalhouse, said his group discussed the disparity between a strong honor code and alcohol-related behavior.

"The Honor Code is supposed to rule every aspect of our lives... if we don't expand our concept of honor, the school will need more regulations," Pepera said.

## Discrimination policy includes sexual orientation

Alison Trinidad  
STAFF WRITER

Discrimination based on sexual orientation will not be tolerated at Washington and Lee according to the decision made by the Board of Trustees at their meeting two weeks ago.

In a unanimous vote, the Trustees resolved to add sexual orientation to the university's non-discrimination policy statement.

University President John Elrod said he approves of the policy revision, which "makes clear to everyone that the university has no intention of discriminating in any way against gay and lesbian members of the Washington and Lee family."

Ultimately the decision means that faculty members should not have to fear denial of tenure and students should not fear administrative or academic discrimination because of their sexual orientation.

The statement lists the types of discrimination prohibited at W&L, including racial, religious, national, sexual, age, and handicap. Members of the community who feel that they have been discriminated against for any of these reasons have grounds to claim a breach of contract.

The disclosure, as required by federal law, is printed in the student catalogue and all student admission and personnel applications.

A year ago the university created a committee to investigate measures to create a more inclusive community. The committee was originally formed to address racial issues. In order to consider inclusiveness fairly, former Executive Committee president Jeff Cook suggested that sexual orientation be included in the committee's agenda.

As a gay student at W&L, Cook felt there was need for the school to formally welcome gay and lesbian students and faculty. For him, the policy amendment is a significant step toward a more understanding campus.

"This is the first time that W&L has taken an action to say that gay and lesbian students are a part of our community," Cook said.

Cook added that the amendment emphasizes that, at W&L people are judged on their character and work, "not on something as trivial as sexual orientation."

## Commons designed to be ecologically friendly

### Planners balance concerns of students and environment

Katie Howell  
STAFF WRITER

After 12 years of consideration, University officials plan to build a new University Commons building that protects the surrounding environment while meeting the needs of the student body.



**VIEW FROM REID HALL:** A preliminary sketch of the University Commons.

VMDO, the primary architectural firm in charge of the project, has worked closely with members of Washington and Lee's faculty, staff, and students to create a building design that complements the other buildings on campus while not infringing on the surrounding Woods Creek area.

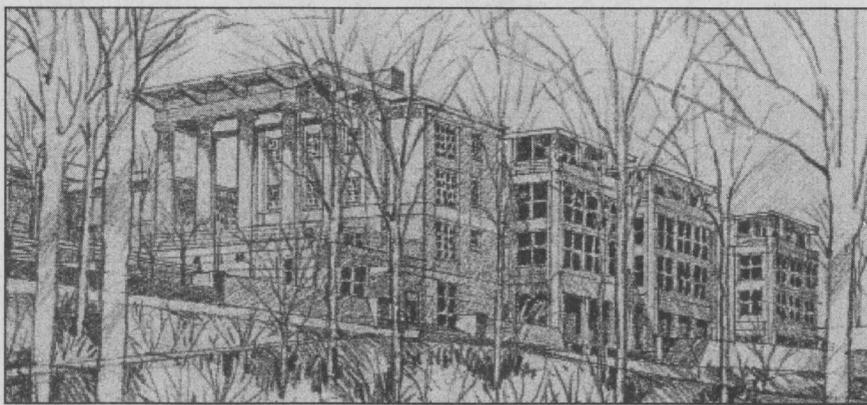
Members of the team formed to help plan for the environmental aspect of the building include Physics Professor Bob Akins, also chair of the University's Environmental Planning and Management Committee; Director of Physical Plant Scott Beebe; Director of Facilities Planning Tom Contos; and juniors Blaine Clarke and Helen Downes, both interns for Association of Colleges of the South, which addresses Southern environmental issues.

This group was joined by several VMDO architects at the Sustainable Campus Development Clinic at Emory University in Atlanta this weekend.

There they learned about "sustainable buildings," Clarke said, "that meet the needs of the campus now without diminishing the resources for the future."

"The Woods Creek area used to be so beautiful until we built the Science Center, library, parking garage and sorority houses," Associate Dean of Students Leroy "Buddy" Atkins said.

"It used to be one huge woods that nobody thought could ever be overwhelmed, but now it is overwhelmed. This plan is a hope to restore the area to the way it once was by taking advantage of the natural terrain," Dean of



**VIEW FROM WOODS CREEK:** Architects' plan to minimize environmental impact on campus.

Students David Howison said.

Construction of the University Commons will begin this summer. The new building perches on the ridge overlooking Woods Creek, next to Leyburn Library and adjacent to Reid Hall.

"The Commons will have two equal sides, not just a front and a back, in order to incorporate the front of Reid Hall and to create an amphitheater effect," Howison said.

According to Howison, in 1904 university planners faced Reid Hall's facade towards House Mountain, where they believed the campus would develop. Reid Hall was going to be part of a second colonnade facing the opposite direction. No other buildings were built in that direction, however, leaving Reid Hall with a "wrong-facing" facade.

Planners were faced with the necessity of providing a route for the service vehicles delivering to the bookstore and food service facilities.

With environmental considerations, they wanted to avoid building a road up the hill behind the library, instead proposing an underground tunnel in front of Graham-Lees dorm that travels underneath the Doremus lawn and parking lot to an underground loading dock near the Commons.

In addition to harmonizing with its surroundings, it is hoped that the Commons will provide a new social and recreational outlet for the W&L student body.

"We need a place on campus where all members of the community can gather for activities or to have more opportunities to interact socially," Howison said. "I think that the Commons is an essential component of the liberal education of students at Washington and Lee."

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The building will probably include a food service area, a movie theater, offices for different campus organizations, a coffee shop, a mail room, and lounge areas.

Plans also originally included a fitness center, but planners were wary of an oversized building, and decided instead to renovate athletic facilities in Warner Gymnasium.

Evans Dining Hall will become a conference center available for large meetings, sorority socials, and special occasion dinners.

"All the credit goes to the architects," Atkins said. "They have creatively incorporated many areas of campus into this project to make it fit more appropriately."

"Other schools all have a vibrant student activities facility. We are really far behind other universities in this aspect," Howison said. "We hope to create that kind of vibrant, active community with our new Commons."

To get student feedback, VMDO architects and Nelson-Bryd, the landscape architect will hold the first of two forums Nov. 30 at 4:00 p.m. in Science Center A214.

"The architects are really excited to be working with the students," Clarke said. "The more students come, the more input they'll have."



photo by Mary Guy/Staff Photographer

**WHO NEEDS SLEEP?: Energized by the close race, a crowd of die-hards stays up past midnight Tuesday to watch CNN's presidential election coverage in a program sponsored by the W&L politics department.**



**Ninth Annual Writer's Harvest to be Held on W&L Campus**

Washington and Lee's contribution to the ninth annual Writer's Harvest will take place in duPont Auditorium at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Writer's Harvest, the nation's largest literary benefit to fight hunger and poverty, boasts readings by more than 2,000 writers in 600 locations nationwide each year.

Readers this year are Domnica Radulescu, associate professor of Romance languages at W&L, from a novel in progress, seniors Anna Baker, Matthew Gooch, and Sarah Kennedy, Assistant Professor of English at Mary Baldwin, from her book *From the Midland Plain*. Performing a scene from David Mamet's play *Oleanna* will be Associate Professor of Theater J.D. Martinez and senior Zenobia Ginwalla.

Since 1992, Writer's Harvest has raised over \$600,000 to fight hunger and poverty-issues which persist despite our thriving economy. Currently more than 35 million people in the U.S. live at or below the poverty line (\$16,050 for a family of four). Share Our Strength, one of the nation's leading anti-hunger and anti-poverty organizations, mobilizes authors, illustrators, publishers and other literary professionals throughout the fall to share their strength to alleviate hunger and poverty.

The suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Anyone who cannot attend, but would like to make a contribution to SOS should make the check payable to SOS and send it to Rod Smith c/o Shenandoah, Troubadour Theater, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA 24450.

Courtesy W&L web page

**Counseling support group for women with eating disorders**

A support group sponsored by the University Counseling Service will begin meeting weekly for women who are dealing with binge eating, binge/purge eating, very restricted eating or compulsive exercise. If you are facing any of these problems in your daily life, you are invited to join this confidential group which meets weekly. Each member will sign an agreement of confidentiality at the first meeting.

Please call Carol Calkins, the Counseling Service secretary, at x8590 or the Student Health Service at x8401 to learn the startup date, time and location.



**Monday**

7:00 p.m. Lecture. "Europe: Pulling in Two Directions?" Thomas Lancaster, associate professor of political science, Emory University. Room 327, Williams School.

7:30 p.m. Lecture. "The Unthinkable." Prof. D.Z. Phillips, Philosophy Department, Claremont Graduate University, Northen Auditorium.

8:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Java at the GHQ Java at the GHQ presents House Mountain, a rock/bluegrass/acoustic band. GHQ.

**Tuesday**

4:00 p.m. CS Interview Session. Career Services Interview Help Session. Interviewing for Internships. Room 113, University Center.

5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving dinner. Evans Dining Hall. Coat and tie requested.

7:15 p.m. Writers Harvest. Writers Harvest, the annual fundraiser for the national alliance against hunger. Share our Strength, will hold a reading in duPont Auditorium. Readers will include W&L student writers, theater students and a Lexington community member. A donation of \$10 at the

door is requested, \$5 for students. Books will be given as door prizes.

7:30 p.m. Lecture. CONTACT. "Pundits' Picnic: Food for Thought on the 2000 Elections." James Creaser, Ph.D., professor of government and foreign affairs, University of Virginia. Lee Chapel. (co-sponsored by Contact and William Lyne Wilson Fund, Williams School)

**Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Internship Meeting. Career Services Sophomore/Junior Internship Meeting. duPont Auditorium.

8:00 p.m. Jazz Ensemble. The University Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.

**Friday**

Thanksgiving Break begins after classes.

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# Advertising should stop blowing smoke

Smoking is silly. I know, because I used to smoke like a factory. I quit two years ago and I'm glad I did. But I think it's time we quit bothering those who continue to smoke cigarettes. What I am referring to are those ridiculous commercials on TV where these crazy kids take body bags and stack them in front of buildings, throw them out of airplanes, or take them clubbing. This is supposed to make me not want to smoke. What these advertisements really do is offend me. I do not watch these ads and say to myself, "Gee, cigarettes

are bad. They kill all these people and no one cares." What I am actually thinking is, "I really don't like body bags, and anyone that uses them to spread their message needs professional help." What offends me more is the premise behind these ads. At the end of the ads, someone says "What if cigarette ads told the truth?" My response: What ads? Under the 1969 Public Health Cigarette Smoking Act, all advertising for cigarette products was banned from the airwaves. So what we have are people attacking cigarette advertising that does not exist.

Magazines are a different story. If these anti-smoking zealots want to mess around with body bags, they should do so in a venue that is fair. We can open our *Maxims* and *Playboys* and watch the Marlboro Man and the Body Bag duke it out for world supremacy. But the TV should be left out of it. If that is unacceptable to the anti-smoking campaigners, then they should choose a more appropriate method of conveying their views. My roommates and I have already agreed to kill the Singing Adelpia Pager Man on sight. I can only stand so much. Get those body bags off my TV.

**Opinionated Jerk**  
Geoff White '02

## Gore's got to go

For whatever reason, our nation's vote was split almost perfectly in half on Tuesday. However, the advantage did go to George W. Bush and he should be the next President. Al Gore has now lost the vote in Florida twice,

**Right side of the aisle**  
Brett Kirwan '04

once on Tuesday and again in the recount, but he refuses to concede the election. Every argument his surrogates have floated to boost his case are without merit. Simply, it's time for Gore to step down in what has been an agonizingly close, but decisive election.

One tack that the Democratic public relations warriors in Florida have taken is that over 19,000 ballots were thrown out in Palm Beach County. However, this seemingly high number is totally reasonable, and expected. In 1996, nearly 15,000 ballots were declared invalid and voter turnout was higher this year. In Duval County, which Bush won by 44,000 votes, nearly 28,000 ballots were discarded as improperly punched. Not one Democrat has complained about the "disenfranchisement" of these voters, yet this was 9 percent of the total whereas Palm Beach County only discarded 6 percent of its total ballots. I wonder why the Rev. Jesse Jackson isn't leading a protest march in Duval County.

Another argument the Democrats have used is that the ballot itself in Palm Beach county was too confusing, purposefully misleading and possibly illegal. Besides the hypocrisy that Cook County, Illinois, where both Bill Daley and Jackson voted, uses a nearly identical "butterfly" ballot, this claim has zero chance of legal success. Florida law states that ballots must "substantially" comply with the statute's requirements that ballots have the voter mark an "X" to the right of the candidate's name. If the law were followed exactly, as the legislature did not intend, all voting machines and punch ballots would be illegal in Florida.



As is, the ballot was declared "completely legal" by the Florida Secretary of State on Friday afternoon. Also, Florida legal precedent directs that a ballot is legal if a voter could find the candidate for whom he intended to vote after a "reasonable search." Do we really want to leave the fate of our republic up to people incapable of following an arrow half an inch across a page? In addition, the Supreme Court has ruled that ballots should be contested prior to an election, not afterwards, by the loser.

Team Gore's case is further hurt by the fact that a Democrat, Theresa LePore, approved the ballot, and in an ironic twist of fate, said that the candidates' names had to be printed on two pages because the type was increased to make voting easier for the elderly residents of Palm Beach County.

Gore has called for a hand recount only in heavily Democratic counties, knowing that such a count is open to caprice, interpretation, and fraud. He is waiting to eclipse Bush in the vote tally and then is going to throw Bush's rhetoric back in his face.

Should this third recount turn out the same way the

first two have, the Gore campaign is waging a public relations battle to delegitimize the Republican victory. They have based their argument on the fact that Gore is leading in the popular vote tally. But, note that more than half of those who voted, voted against Gore. Also, more than five million votes remain uncounted nationwide with Gore's lead at a measly 185,000. Interestingly, in another example of this race's volatility, New Mexico was taken away from Gore and called "too close." The most recent reports have Bush leading by just 17 votes!

Ultimately, this election has already been decided more than once. Voting machines aren't perfect, but they are non-partisan and any mistakes balance out. In unnecessarily perpetuating this election, Gore has shown himself to be terribly politically craven, stupefyingly ambitious, and unconcerned with the nation's welfare. In sum, he has demonstrated that he is totally unfit to be President. Gore should follow the example of two presidents who also lost by razor-thin margins and, like Nixon in 1960 and Ford in 1976, concede.

## Letters to the Editor

### Clinical member responds to egg donor ads

Dear Editor:  
I would urge *The Ring-tum Phi* to reject any advertisements involving the selling of human donor eggs (see ad in your November 6, 2000 issue and the week before, "Academic Couple Seeks Egg Donor, 21-28, Right candidate will be compensated with approximately \$7,500").

For a woman to donate her eggs in any circumstances, let alone for money, is an act of serious moral and ethical concern. There are disturbing short-term and long-term psychological consequences for the donor, the couple paying for the egg, and for the child so produced. Because the entire process is usually shrouded in denial and secrecy there is a lifelong prospect of emotional turmoil, loss, and unattainable resolve.

The woman in whom the egg is implanted and her husband must live with the life-long issue of the fact that they "purchased" their child. And for the child there is the distinct possibility that he or she will never know the true identity of one half of his or her biological heritage, let alone ever have contact with her or his material heritage. The child so produced will face lingering issues of identity that are more often than not kept secret by the "parents." And all concerned will be denied information about the potential risks of inherited genetic factors.

I appeal to *The Ring-tum Phi* to discontinue accepting such advertisements and, even more important, for the women of Washington and Lee to reject any temptation to donate their eggs in response to such commercialization of human life.

Sincerely,  
Dirck W. Brown  
Clinical Member, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

### Alum expresses need for Middle East classes at W&L

Dear Editor:  
It is surprising that W&L, while taking justifiable pride in listing over 800 courses in the University Catalog, offers no course about the Middle East. For much of the last 100 years, the Middle East has been a volatile region of increasing importance to the developed, industrialized countries of the world. Yet the broadly held American view of the region is simplistic, failing to take into account the complexities of economics, politics and religion, all of which come into play in shaping events in the Middle East.

Take for example our myopic view that the root cause of the Arab-Jewish conflict grows out of the establishment of the State of Israel. A more correct reading of history would begin with the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and trade-offs made at Versailles following WWI.

Another example is our flawed finding that Arab coun-

tries are united in their political thinking toward the West and one another. The facts are that Iraq and Iran are sworn enemies, the Jordanians and the Syrians have been close to war with each other on more than a few occasions, and there is bad blood between the Iranians and Saudis, even though both peoples would like to be rid of Saddam Hussein. The list goes on.

Islam is like Christianity in that there are many different versions of the faith. The contract between Shiites and Sunnis compares to those between Southern Baptists and Episcopalians. Islamic Fundamentalists are no more representative of Greater Islam than Evangelicals are of Orthodox Christianity.

For the better part of 50 years, the West viewed the Middle East through the prism of Soviet-U.S. relations, just as we did political developments in Africa. Each of the superpower blocks had its clients states. Many Arab leaders exploited our paranoia for their own purposes and to remain in power. We vied for the favor of the Egyptians. The Soviet Union supplied Syria while the U.S. backed the Saudi Royal Family. The Soviets exacerbated any tensions they could to foment hatred of the West.

Twenty-five years ago, many self-styled "experts" saw little possibility for a peaceful resolution of Arab-Israeli hostilities. Then Anwar Sadat flew to Israel and addressed the Israeli Knesset. Israel made peace, though a cold peace, with Egypt. Israel made peace with Jordan. Israel has tried to find a basis for settlement with Syria. But today violence between Israeli troops and Palestinian rock-throwers continues to dominate the headlines. Is that all there is to it? Are these merely misbehaving children who should be sent to their respective rooms while the adult nations of the world impose a settlement upon them? Too many Americans think it is all that simple. We want it over with quickly and easily so we can move on to other things. Sorry—that's not going to happen. If we really want to understand why and how to bring about peaceful solution, maybe the university community ought to begin by learning about the Middle East here at Washington and Lee.

Alan M. Corwin, '62  
Member, Alumni Board

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## Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

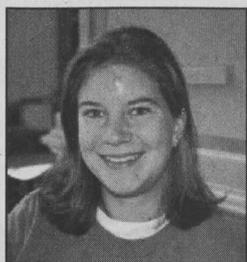
I haven't had much luck with cats lately. The psycho cats of the Mermaid House terrorized my room. Again. Having trotted themselves all the way down the Co-op to pick up a copy of the *Phi* for their little kitty selves, Bam Bam and Furman must have read my column about the lavish peeing-on of my bed, were appropriately dismayed by my retelling of the Pee Incident, and decided to wreak havoc in my room. I came home to find a glass of water had been spilled, ruining the finish on my wooden nightstand, filling a picture frame with water, and erasing a letter from my boyfriend written in water-soluble ink. (The latter's not so bad actually since it was a why-are-you-such-a-mean-girlfriend? letter.) I sometimes leave my room now and find Bam Bam and Furman sitting outside the door, little beady cat eyes staring, ears twitching. Waiting. Planning. I'm scared.

In sadder news, my dear ma sent me an email saying, "Christine, I hate to ruin [but I am going to anyway] your day but Angel got hit by a car and was killed." Angel is a crazy old calico cat we've had since I was in grade school. She was going deaf, had a skin "thing" (i.e., something gross and itchy) that drove her batty and was prone to fits of biting. I know she's better off in kitty heaven, wherever that may be, and at least she'll have Josephine, Napoleon, and all the other cats we've buried in our backyard for company. Bless her, she was a spectacular pet. Next time you're drinking a forty, take a minute and pour some out for our dead and gone homey Angel.

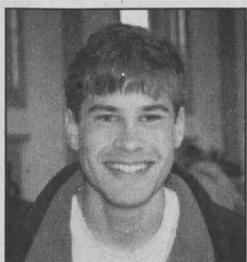
The loss of my pet did get me thinking about how wrapped up we can get in our lives and then you realize something is gone and that you can't find it no matter how many times you move the piles of dirty laundry around your floor. Reading this column without knowing me, you might be inclined to think I am a heartless, whining, enraged bitch. That I have nothing better to do than accuse you of being fashionably uncouth and unkind to your animals. And that I think the social scene of W&L is severely retarded and unhealthy to the extreme. And that I really don't feel about C-School majors in a warm and fuzzy sort of way. Which, by all accounts, are true. But this kitty does indeed have a softer side and I think the week before Thanksgiving is a perfect time to let you know the things for which I am grateful.

1. Our other five cats (can you say Cat Ladies?) at home are okay.
2. I still have most of my physical and mental health, albeit in varying quantities and surely not as much as when I first got here, but I'm hanging on. I may creak like a flight of stairs, but at least I still have nice hair.
3. I have good friends. Of course, I also have bad friends, but we're talking about things I'm thankful for here, all right?
4. I have a mother and sister that I love dearly. My mother has given me everything she could and then some. My sister of course, being 17, hates me so much she can't bear to look at me.
5. The cats haven't terrorized my room in almost two weeks now. I expect to one day come home to a pile of rotting rats in my closet and my stuffed lion Franklin hung from the ceiling, but in the meantime, we seem to have called a cease-fire.
6. I am not a C-School major. I am in no danger of becoming a corporate sell-out. I am only in danger of becoming poorer than I am now.
7. I am, however, employable and may one day find a suitable job (suitable meaning it does not involve nudity, food, and/or selling stuff).
8. I have a really great pair of red corduroy hipfluger flares. I've got mad style. Except when I've spent all week in the Science Center when pajamas become de rigueur.
9. I have realized that while W&L has been a magical and fun place to be, it is time for me to go. I think that is a good place to be this time of year when graduation isn't so far away. I will not be one of those sad people who, after graduating, is back here for Freshman Orientation Week. I mean I like a piece of freshman ass as much as the next graduating senior, but something's got to give.
10. I've managed to find a man who takes me out on dates and is a good cook and a snappy dresser, too.
11. As you fatten yourself up on Fro-Yo in the D-Hall or smoke your Marlboro Ultra-Lights outside the Co-op, I am currently away from little Lexington in a big place called Reno for a big conference full of exceptionally nerdy people called geologists. And when I am done presenting my research poster there I am going to visit said boyfriend in England, and you're not. Neener neener neener.

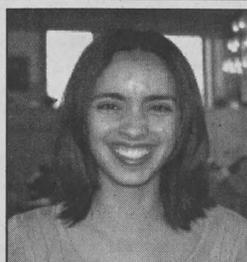
## TALKback: What are you looking forward to over Thanksgiving break?



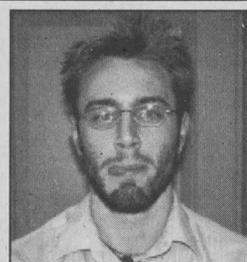
"My sister and her husband are hosting their first Thanksgiving for the whole family in Nashville."  
-Martha Cornbrooks '01



"Taking a break from all my fans."  
-Alex Wilkins '02



"Meeting friends, spending time with my family, and eating my mom's good food."  
-Amina Elgouacem '03



"Tryptophan."  
-Colin Tate '01

# Generals stunned by Newport

**Captains eliminate W&L with 1-0 second round win**

By Geoff White  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's soccer team moved on to the round of 16 in the NCAA playoffs with a win over Frostburg State on Saturday, but lost to Christopher Newport University on Sunday.

The Generals, seeded first in the NCAA Division III South region, delivered a 4-1 victory over Frostburg State on Saturday in Newport News.

Senior Ryan Nelson opened the scoring for the Generals with an unassisted goal 19 minutes into the game. Less than two minutes later, junior David Kodack scored off an assist from sophomore Brad Murphy to put the Generals ahead 2-0.

Six minutes into the second half, senior Andrew Grimes scored off an assist from senior Jon Wilson. The Bobcats got on the scoreboard when Gary Lasko passed to Adam Fletcher, whose goal cut the score to 3-1.

Frostburg State self-destructed, however, with 20 minutes left in the contest, when they put the ball in their own net. Grimes was credited with the goal, which provided the game's final margin.

Sophomore goalkeeper Tim Foley made five saves, and the Generals outshot Frostburg 14-10.

W&L then advanced to the South region championship against Christopher Newport. Despite outshooting the Captains 12-11, the Generals lost by a 1-0 score.

Foley made six saves, but was eventually beaten when Oscar Gomez-Romero passed to Matt Boettcher, who scored the game's only goal at the 61:10 mark. Martin Zelada tallied six saves for the Captains, earning his tenth shutout of the season.



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**SUCCESSFUL SEASON. The Generals celebrate their 2000 Old Dominion Athletic Conference, which they captured with a 1-0 win Nov. 4 over Virginia Wesleyan. W&L made it to the round of 16 in the NCAA Division III playoffs.**

The Generals finished the season 19-2, setting a new school record for consecutive wins with 12, a streak broken only with the playoff defeat. W&L boasts a young team; only five seniors — Jordan Ginsberg, Jacek Mucha, Andy Crawford, Ryan

Nelson, and Jon Wilson — will be leaving at the end of the year.

With the win against the Generals, Christopher Newport advances to face Central region champion Wisconsin-Oshkosh in the national quarterfinals.

Upcoming events in General athletics...		
<b>Men's Basketball</b>		
Nov. 17-18	Gettysburg Tournament	TBA
Nov. 25-26	Carnegie-Mellon Tournament	TBA
November 29	Shenandoah	6:00 p.m.
December 2	Randolph-Macon	3:00 p.m.
December 3	Virginia Wesleyan	3:00 p.m.
<b>Women's Basketball</b>		
November 18	Coe College (Haverford Tournament)	8:00 p.m.
November 19	TBA (Haverford Tournament)	TBA
November 21	at Shenandoah	5:00 p.m.
November 29	Lynchburg	8:00 p.m.
December 2	at Randolph-Macon	2:00 p.m.
<b>Women's Cross Country</b>		
November 18	NCAA Regionals (Spokane, Wash.)	TBA
<b>Men's Soccer</b>		
November 18	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	
<b>Men's and Women's Swimming</b>		
November 18	at Swarthmore	2:00 p.m.
November 19	at Gettysburg	1:00 p.m.
November 29	Randolph-Macon Woman's (women only)	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 1-2	at Franklin & Marshall Invitational	10:00 a.m.
<b>Men's and Women's Indoor Track</b>		
December 2	at Virginia Military Institute	TBA
<b>Wrestling</b>		
December 2	Scranton Tournament	10:00 a.m.

# Franke has wrestling team determined to improve

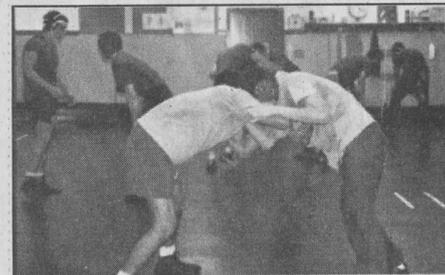


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**LOCKED UP. W&L grapplers practice for the 2000-01 season. Individual competition began Sunday, and dual meets start in January.**

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

Veteran head coach Gary Franke has enumerated very straightforward goals for his Washington and Lee wrestling team in 2000-01.

Franke, in his 28th year as coach of the Generals, wants an improvement from last season's 7-5 mark, which included a 3-3 record in the Centennial Conference.

"I think that this team, right now, has the potential to be a better team than last year," Franke said. "I hope that we can have a better dual meet record than last year."

The Generals lost two seniors, captains Chad Casto and Alex McManimen, from the 1999-2000 squad. However, W&L has plenty of experience, with three seniors and three juniors expected to be major contributors this season.

Seniors Josh Chamberlain (149 lbs.), Greg Valentine (165), and John Sensing (285) will guide the Generals in 2000-01. Junior Ezra Morse (197), who posted a team best 22-6 overall record last year, returns as well.

Juniors Ben Segal (125) and Ivan Zdanov (174) and sophomore John Polena (133) are W&L's key returning grapplers.

Franke expects freshmen Cory Little (141), Steve Saks, and Joel Mueller (184) to have an immediate impact. Nevertheless, the coach admits that their inexperience at the college level provides a level of uncertainty for the Generals.

"We're practicing, and we're working on what we think will make us successful," Franke said. "It really depends on how our freshmen do, because we kind of know how our upperclassmen are going to do."

After nearly a month of preseason practice, the Generals opened their schedule Sunday with individual compe-

tion at the VMI Keydet Invitational. Although dual competitions will not begin until January, the chance to see his wrestlers in official action is a positive for Franke.

"We've been going for four weeks, and we've had no competition," Franke said. "What [the Keydet Invitational] does is it gives us an opportunity to compete. It'll tell us where we are, and what we need to do."

W&L will face its stiffest challenge in the Centennial from Western Maryland, ranked 11th nationally in the Brute-Adidas Coaches' Poll. Although a long holiday break stands in between the Generals and their conference schedule, their coach doesn't see any particular disadvantage from extra time off.

"The break for Christmas is awfully long, but that's the way it's been for many years," Franke said. "Most of the teams are in the same boat."

# W&L finishes fifth in regional meet

**W&L sports roundup**

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

**Women's team places in top five, Duncan qualifies for nationals**

The Washington and Lee women's cross country team placed fifth out of 21 schools in Saturday's NCAA Division III South/Southeast Regional Meet in Newport News, while the men's team finished 10th out of 21 participating schools.

Head coach Emily Pulsifer knew her team would be strong entering the 2000 season, but admitted that there were too many variables to predict how the Generals would finish.

"I knew we were pretty strong, and that we had some great people returning," Pulsifer said. "But you never know at the beginning of the season how it's going to shake down."

The Generals' 179 points in the women's competition were bettered only by Emory (56), Rhodes College (74), Mary Washington (135), and host Christopher Newport (160).

Two W&L runners finished in the top ten and made the All-South Region team: sophomore Burke Duncan in seventh place at 18:45, and senior Jessica Parrillo in eighth a second later. Duncan also qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships, to be held Saturday at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash.

"Burke Duncan and Jessica Parrillo led our team, and ran together the entire way," Pulsifer said. "The entire group raced so well in really tough competition."

Senior Kathleen Moroney (42nd overall, 20:12), junior Gretchen Tencza (54th, 20:29), and senior Wendy Case (71st, 20:59) rounded out the Generals' top five.

W&L's 246 points were good enough for 10th place in the men's meet. Also among the top 10 were Old Dominion Athletic Conference schools Lynchburg (3rd, 131), Roanoke (6th, 172), and Catholic (8th, 239).

Freshman Andy Schorr led the men's team with a 14th place overall finish at a time of 26:24. Junior Ken Jackman (51st, 27:31), sophomore William Teichman (53rd, 27:33), sophomore David Hicks (74th, 28:21), and senior Zach Usher (75th, 28:21) followed.

**Generals end up eighth at invitational**

The W&L golf team placed eighth out of 17 teams in the Guilford/Tom O'Bryant Invitational held Oct. 30-31 in Greensboro, NC.

The Generals shot a 632 over the two-day event, one stroke behind Oglethorpe and Emory, who tied for sixth place. Duke's "B" team won the event with a combined score of 596, 28 strokes ahead of second-place Guilford.

Junior Curtis Bethea tied for 23rd overall with a score of 157 to lead W&L. Junior Kyle Ulep, sophomore Chuck Green, and freshman David Haase all tied for 38th place, as each finished at 161. Sophomore Chip Campbell tied for 45th at 163.

The Generals do not compete again until Feb. 23, when they return to Guilford College for an Old Dominion Athletic Conference meet.

**Two W&L wrestlers place at Keydet invite**

Junior Ezra Morse won the 197-pound class in Sunday's VMI Keydet Invitational, and senior Josh Chamberlain placed third at 147 pounds.

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# W&L hoops teams enter season with high hopes

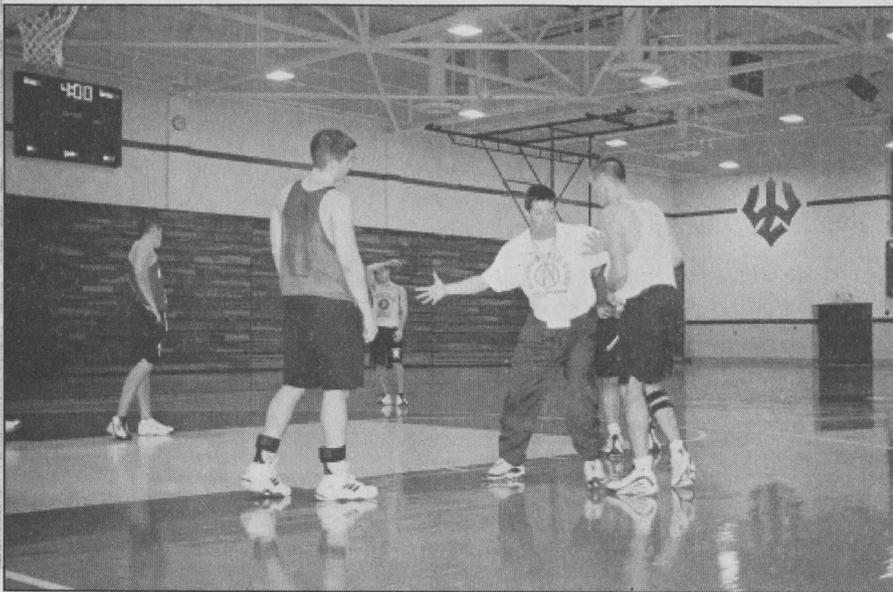


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BACK TO THE FUNDAMENTALS. W&L men's basketball coach Jeff Lafave discusses a play with members of his 2000-01 team. The Generals open the season Friday in Gettysburg, Pa.

## Generals' prospects go inside-out

### Men's team loses two key frontcourt starters, but returns depth to backcourt

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

Normally one wouldn't highly anticipate a season after losing over 19 points and 16 rebounds per game from the previous year — especially when the current roster features just two seniors and one junior.

But second-year Washington and Lee men's basketball head coach Jeff Lafave has to be at least somewhat optimistic about his team's prospects in 2000-01. Despite the youth of the team, the Generals — who finished 9-16 overall last year, including a 6-12 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference — are far from inexperienced.

"We had a lot of freshmen on the floor getting some time last year, so we're hoping they'll contribute this year," Lafave said of his quintet of second-year players, who will be complemented by the same number of freshmen. "A weakness is trying to mesh the five incoming freshmen with five sophomores."

The Generals will have depth in the backcourt this sea-

son, despite the loss of point guard Walt Plyler. Lafave feels confident that sophomore Will Cotter, who saw action in all 25 games last year, can run the show from Plyler's slot in the lineup.

"[Cotter] has a good understanding of the offense, and he's trying to take a leadership role," Lafave said. "He brings to the table something a little bit different than Walt, as far as scoring off the dribble."

Senior captains Will Ballard and Chad Braley will join Cotter in the backcourt, and both will be relied upon on both ends of the court. Ballard led the team in scoring with a 9.2-point average in 1999-2000, and Braley contributed 7.9 per game.

Two swingmen, junior Bob Bustamante and sophomore Scott Hetterman, round out the returning W&L backcourt. Bustamante, who averaged 8.8 points and 4.6 rebounds a game last year despite missing nine games due to injury, and Hetterman (6.7 points, 3.7 rebounds) can play a variety of positions for the Generals.

"We've got some versatile kids," Lafave said of the backcourt. "We have some depth and we can do some things there."

The Generals' inexperience may show up in the frontcourt, however, with Brian Ricketts (9.0 points, 8.6 rebounds) and Scott Hudson (7.1 points, 5.3 rebounds) no longer around to muscle their way inside. Although the Generals have several talented underclassmen, Lafave is concerned about

## Hollack takes over women's team

### Generals look to improve on 13-12 season as Brown assistant takes over the program

By Dave Crowell  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's basketball team enters the 2000-01 season with a new coach, a new look, and a new thirst for victory.

The squad is coming off a successful 13-12 season — which included a 10-10 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference — but hopes to improve greatly with the addition of new head coach Janet Hollack. Hollack brings a treasure of knowledge to W&L, having spent seven years as an assistant head coach at Division I Brown University.

"We want to maintain the standards set before us, but also want to reach higher and compete for the ODAC championship," Hollack said.

The road to greatness seems daunting with the loss of two of the top players in program history, Ansley Miller and Jessica Morton. Miller graduated as W&L's all-time leading scorer, while Morton finished as the all-time leader in assists.

Fortunately, the Generals seem ready to battle. Junior Jessica Mentz and classmate Megan Babst form a duo capable of giving opposing teams fits.

Mentz, a forward, won ODAC Freshman of the Year honors two years ago, then averaged 13.4 points per

game and 8.6 rebounds per game last season. Her efforts earned her honorable mention All-ODAC recognition.

Starting center Babst averaged 11.4 points and 9.6 rebounds as a sophomore while setting a school record with 21 rebounds in a game against Eastern Mennonite. Babst was also named honorable mention All-ODAC.

Opponents may focus on Mentz and Babst as the major offensive threats, but Hollack wants to see a complete balanced attack.

"I want everyone to be threat," the head coach said. "That kind of offense allows (Mentz and Babst) to get easier looks at the basket."

The job of setting up the offense will be placed on backcourt starters and team captains Carter Thomas and Sarah Schmidt, both juniors. The team, though, is looking for leadership from every position.

"Jessica Mentz is a very vocal leader," Hollack said. "Babst is more quiet, but has great finesse. Jessica and Megan complement each other very well."

Junior Leslie Fischbeck rounds out the starting lineup after contributing in a reserve role last season. The Generals also will receive help in the frontcourt from freshman Allyn Milojevich.

In addition to Thomas and Schmidt, W&L gains three talented, able freshmen guards this season. Helen Hughes, Heather Coleman, and Sarah Michaels all displayed tremendous ability in high school and should be ready to contribute immediately.

Junior Alison Kudlacik and sophomore Elizabeth Igo are expected to return from knee injuries and add depth

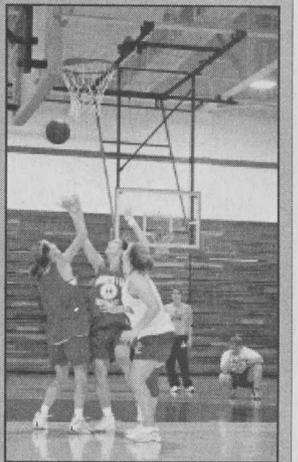


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POSTING UP. Three Generals fight for a rebound in a recent practice as coach Janet Hollack looks on.

in the backcourt as well.

Overall, Hollack expects to introduce an aggressive style of play on both ends of the court. The coach believes that an attacking defense "should force mistakes and give us some easy baskets."

Hollack expects great success from the team despite a low pre-season ranking.

"We were picked seventh in the ODAC, but I like being an underdog," Hollack added. "I expect us to be successful. If we get confidence, we will be very tough to beat."

W&L opens the season Saturday against Coe College in the Haverford Tournament.

physical disparity between last year's post players and this season's class, which features sophomore Jake McAlister and 6-foot-6 freshmen David Bode and John Saxton.

"It will be very hard (to replace Ricketts and Hudson) because of the physical size of the young guys," Lafave said. "They're probably more skilled than Brian and Scott, but they're 20 pounds away. We're going to have to rebound as a team."

Even if the Generals get off to another slow start, Lafave believes his team will be a contender in the postseason. Last

year's team began the year 0-4 but won its first ODAC Tournament game in 10 years against Bridgewater in the quarterfinals, something that W&L will look to build upon in 2000-01.

"Every season has its moments of uncertainty," Lafave said. "But anytime you have success on that level, you can build on it."

"We're setting ourselves on improving, and what we need to do to make ourselves successful in February. It's going to be a game-in, game-out process."

The season begins Friday at the Gettysburg Tournament.

## Football falls to Swarthmore in season finale

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

Swarthmore rolled up 386 yards of total offense, including 151 yards and two touchdowns from tailback Ken Clark, as the Garnet Tide defeated Washington and Lee 16-6 Saturday afternoon.

The Generals managed just 179 yards of total offense, falling short of their first six-win season since 1985. Senior Marc Watson rushed 20 times for 101 yards, extending his single-season school rushing record to 1,325. Freshman Sean McGarvey, making his first collegiate start at quarterback, completed 6-of-13 passes for 43 yards, but was picked off three times.

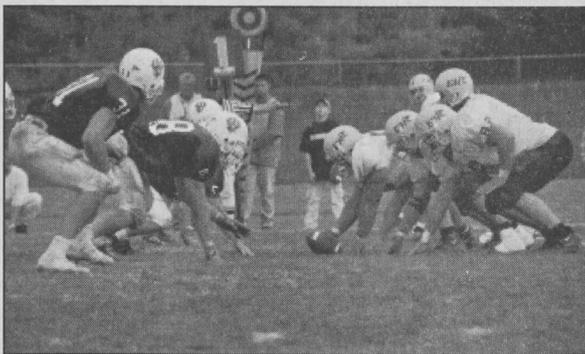
On the defensive side of the ball, junior Jeff Bahl racked up 15 tackles and a sack, giving him a team-leading

108 tackles for the year. Senior Will Baker, who led the Generals with five interceptions, picked off a Scott Murray pass and also tallied 10 tackles against the Garnet Tide.

After Clark's one-yard TD run put Swarthmore up 6-0 with 9:43 left in the first quarter, sophomore Chris Sullivan returned the ensuing kickoff back 80 yards for the game-tying score.

A two-yard touchdown run from Clark put the Garnet Tide back on top with 12:01 remaining in the game, and Rob Castelluci's field goal with 2:42 to play extended the lead to 16-6.

The Generals finished the 2000 season 5-5 overall, posting a 2-4 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, resulting in a fourth-place tie with Hampden-Sydney and Randolph-Macon.



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NEUTRAL ZONE. The Generals' defensive line prepares for an Emory & Henry snap in the Wasps' 24-10 Parents' Weekend win. W&L closed out its 2000 season Saturday with a 16-6 non-conference road loss to Swarthmore.

## ODAC Football Final Update

Standings	ODAC				Overall			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Emory & Henry-x	5	1	203	158	8	2	315	199
Bridgewater	5	1	244	106	9	1	361	146
Catholic	4	2	261	167	6	4	326	248
Washington & Lee	2	4	113	166	5	5	223	232
Hampden-Sydney	2	4	160	155	4	6	270	256
Randolph-Macon	2	4	118	162	3	7	166	277
Guilford	1	5	93	278	1	9	126	444

November 11 Results	NCAA Division III Playoffs First Round (November 18)
Swarthmore 16, W&L 6	Western Maryland at Emory & Henry
Bridgewater 46, Catholic 33	Bridgewater at Washington & Jefferson
Randolph-Macon 26, Hampden-Sydney 17	
Emory & Henry 34, Maryville 17	
Greensboro 35, Guilford 20	x-2000 ODAC Champions

EDITOR'S NOTE: Stories on the rugby and water polo teams, originally scheduled to appear in this week's issue, will run in the December 4 edition of the Phi.

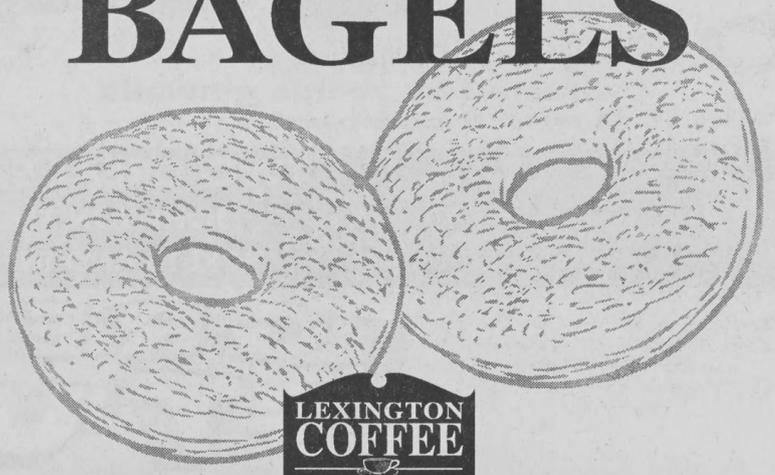
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**Me lose election: That's impossible?!**

George W. Bush, Republican Golden Child and probable President-Elect, got a big surprise on Election Day after he found out that he didn't win the race for president. . . or lose it for that matter. The Bush campaign's polls had indicated, in fact, that G.W. was poised to win popular election, but likely to lose the Electoral College; thus, the Bush folk had flooded the media with rhetoric about making sure that the "Will of the People" would be respected. Now, those very same people are trumpeting that the integrity of the Constitution must be preserved. Whatever ends up happening to Bush is irrelevant, what truly holds significance is how the United States government deals with the situation.

The situation in Florida is unique in the history of our country. Although presidential races have been close in previous years, two anomalies have arisen that make the case in Florida completely unprecedented: barrages of lawyers and a borderline monkey-retarded media.

The media incorrectly reported the results of Florida not once, but twice in the course of the election night, which stirred up trouble in both the Bush and Gore campaigns. The second time the media called the election, they spurred Gore into making a concession call to Bush.

Now, I can only imagine what Al Gore said when he had to call Bush back, "You know, George, how I said all that stuff about this being a good race, and the better candidate winning. . . well, I was just kidding — screw

you! <insert obnoxious fart noise here with appropriate giggling in the background>"

I mean, Gore probably got a good chuckle out of the entire affair, but the fact that he was put into that position by the media's irresponsible reporting wasn't fair. People in states on the West Coast, too, may have been influenced strongly by the results of the elections on the East Coast — and the media's misrepresentation — no let's not kid ourselves, blatant *dumbassity* — of the voting results could have completely thrown the election the other way.

Some right-wing pundits have even claimed that media's coverage was part of a vast liberal, Hollywood conspiracy to oust the Republicans from their position of power. Of course, most of the people who say that are kooks. . .

The second major election anomaly is that the election has now been put out of the control of the American people and into the control of money-grubbing, power-pining lawyers. The biggest post-election night news on the various candidates was which lawyers and how many of them were being dispatched to Florida to represent the Bush and Gore campaigns. The legal battles over the recounts, the confusing ballots, and the legitimacy of the entire election of Florida might just decide who the next President will be.

While the letter of the law must obeyed, it should

not be twisted and exploited like a pair of used edible underwear. And as everyone who is familiar with the O.J. Simpson trial knows, lawyers are pretty damn good at doing exactly that.

There have been very few elections in American history in which the votes of its citizens have counted for so much and for so little. In states such as Florida, Wisconsin, and Oregon the margins between Bush and Gore have been mere thousands of votes and in Florida's case, less than 500 votes separated the two candidates.

If just a few more American citizens had exercised their God- and Veteran-given right to vote, the country would not be in the dispute it is facing now. Yet under our country's Electoral College system, the fact that Gore received more of the popular vote is irrelevant. Now, the race for the position of president is won through playing a huge game of geopolitical *Risk*, rather than trying to win over the support of the entire American populace.

It is ironic that the entire election has boiled down to the legal battle over a single ballot, in a single county, in a single state and the only thing left for the American people to do is to watch the "Exclusive, All-Encompassing Election Coverage on Prime-Time Television." But then again, it could be worse: we could live in Canada, eh?

**10 Reasons You Should've Voted For Mr. Ralph Nader**

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5. Pat Buchanan just doesn't have the magic he used to.
6. If you were going to throw your vote away, at least you would have had the foreknowledge that it would be recycled.
7. You could have gotten a reefer discount from your hippy pals.
8. Because deep-down inside, you want to be a socialist.
9. You'd know that you weren't voting for the lesser of two evils, you'd be voting for someone you'd never heard of before.
10. Ralph rhymes with Alf.

**MORAL DILEMMA OF THE WEEK**

If you lost a Senate race to a candidate that was already dead, would you consider suicide a career move for your next election?

**A TYPICAL DAY by MONICA SCHOENTHALER****Michael's Pub**

By Michael Crittenden  
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

In response to a phone call I received this week from two loyal readers, Mr. Sterchi and Mr. Radcliffe, I have decided to choose this week's beer based on its compatibility with seafood dishes, specifically a lobster and brie cheese bisque. Though I know I didn't get back to you guys in time for your dinner, for future reference, the right beer for the meal would be the Shipyard Brewing Co.'s Summer Ale.

Another beer hailing from the fine state of moose, lobster, and skiing, Shipyard's Summer Ale is modeled after classic Bavarian wheat beers. A paradigm of the traditional American wheat beer that has cropped (sorry, bad pun) up in the last 20 years, Summer Ale has a less aggressive taste than its Bavarian counterparts. For those looking for a clean, cool taste, its inviting golden color, mellow malted wheat flavor and less hoppy characteristics are the perfect complement. Brewed with Hallertau hops and Two-row British Munich, Pale-Ale and malted wheat malts, Shipyard Sum-

mer is another finely crafted brew from Brewmaster Alan Pugsley.

The beer is best served with a lemon or lime, and brings back memories of warm summer nights at Two Lights State Park in Cape Elizabeth, grilling on the 1940's-era camp grills and hanging with friends. First brewed in 1995, Summer Ale is brewed from April-August and is available in both 12 oz. bottles and kegs, not in the usual 22 oz. bottles that Shipyard offers almost every other beer in their repertoire.

Originally founded as Federal Jack's Brew Pub in Kennebunk, Maine, Shipyard moved to a four-acre plot on Newbury St. in Portland, Maine in 1994, on the very site where famed American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born. The brewery has undergone three expansions and now produces over 85,000 barrels of beer a year. In 1996 the company opened the first microbrewery and brewpub in an airport at the Orlando International Airport.

Available in the Northeast and in Florida, I give Shipyard a 17 out of 20 on the recentered "Yai-Craig" beer scale. A great beer for seafood dinners, and especially bisques, Shipyard Summer Ale is another in the long line of finely crafted Maine beers. I know, I know, I have to branch out, which is why in my next column I will be reviewing the local pub/bar Traveller's for their beer selection and ambiance. Once again, I appreciate all phone calls and emails with suggestions for future beer columns. Any ideas, email me at [crittendenm@wlu.edu](mailto:crittendenm@wlu.edu), and until next time, tip one back for me.

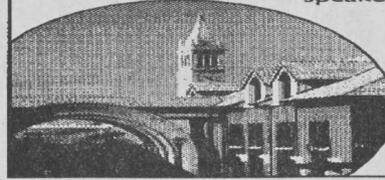
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