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SAC hosts alcohol forum

By Michelle Lally
STAFF WRITER

The Student Affairs Committee hosted a forum discussion Wednesday evening to address the University's more comprehensive alcohol policies.

Nine students, four professors and two Health Services workers attended the forum. Many of the students who attended the meeting hold leadership positions on various student committees. The Executive Committee, Student Judicial Committee, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council and Students' Rights Committee were all represented.

Dean of Students David Howison led students and faculty in discussing initiatives intended to reduce what he referred to as "high risk drinking behavior."

These proposals include a single-sanction one-year suspension for a DUI and parental notification of alcohol-related arrests for repeat offenders. Members of the forum also discussed providing alternative social events, limiting the role of hard liquor and managing fraternity parties.

Students offered many suggestions to improve the effectiveness of Live Drive and Safe Ride, such as posting the routes of the University vans, registering off-campus parties to be included on Safe Ride routes and extending Live Drive hours.

In efforts to adhere to Virginia laws on the consumption and distribution of alcohol, EC President senior John Comly suggested that seniors rather than sophomores live in fraternity houses. The idea received overwhelming support from the faculty and staff in attendance. Howison noted that liability would decrease drastically if the houses were inhabited by men of legal drinking age.

Howison said this plan would shift the balance of power in the fraternity houses.

"Seniors and juniors would be responsible for running their fraternity, thereby creating a stronger fraternity system," Howison said.

Howison, who supports the resolution, said he intended to draw up the proposal immediately and begin the approval process in order to enact the plan by the 2002-2003 school year.

Students present at the meeting also supported the idea. "It would be a lot of fun to live with my friends senior year," said Alcohol Task Force co-Chair Will Coffman, a sophomore.

IFC President senior Andy Robinson agreed. "It's the easiest solution [and] a painless way to gain ground," Robinson said.

Participants also discussed various ways to reduce the role of alcohol at W&L events, including cocktail parties, alumni functions and tailgates.

Howison expressed disappointment at the poor student turnout and announced his intention of holding a second, follow-up forum discussion in the next few weeks in which he hopes to get more student feedback.

Howison said the University's focus on reducing alcohol consumption is a long-term project.

"We're continually looking for ways to solve this problem," said Howison.

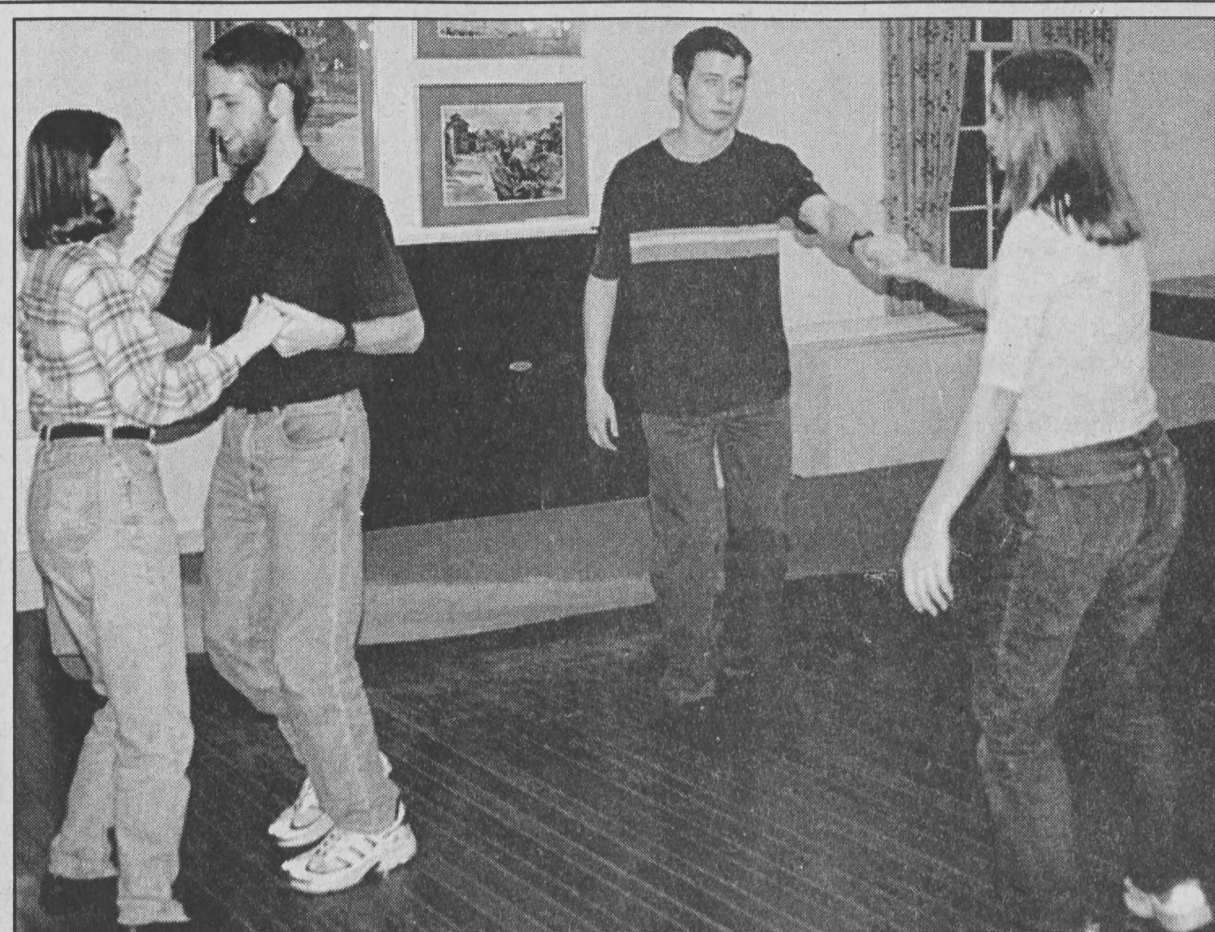


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Campus readies for 2001

Fancy Dress festivities

By Latrina Stokes
STAFF WRITER

Gearing up for Fancy Dress activities, the Student Activities Board released the name of the band scheduled to perform at the March 22 FD concert.

Funky Meters, originally known as The Meters, plays a mix of funk, dance and blues. The band has toured with

the Dave Mathews Band and other popular musical artists, including The Rolling Stones.

Funky Meters formed in 1967 under the direction of Art Neville, Jr., who plays piano and provides vocals. George Porter, Jr., plays the bass guitar and Brian Stoltz plays the guitar; both also sing. Russell Batiste, Jr., plays the drums.

When learning of SAB's choice, many students said

that they had never heard of the band.

Funky Meters is just "another no-name band," junior Gary Davis said.

Freshman Lisa Sauer was also not pleased.

"I want a band that everyone likes," Sauer said.

Sophomore Rich Braund is one of the few who does know the band's style. "They have a jazz, funk, improv style — really improv," he said. Because he listens to this type of music, he said he would attend the concert.

Despite being unfamiliar with the band, several students interviewed said that they would attend the concert. Davis said he would consider going since he has heard that Funky Meters plays diverse music.

Freshmen Melanie Barr and Marinda Harrell said that they would attend "because the alternatives are too depressing."

SAB members suggested several bands and selected the Funky Meters based on sound and availability.

"For this concert we were looking for a high energy band," said SAB President senior Crystal Simpson.

"I know not everyone knows their sound," Simpson said.

She said Funky Meters has a sound like George Clinton & The P-Funk All Stars, but the band goes even further back to the beginnings of funk.

Simpson plans to advertise the band's style by playing their music at the Co-op and on WLUR.

Talking to people who have attended the band's concerts convinced her that the show will be exciting.

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photo courtesy of SAB

MUSIC AND DANCE: (top) students take dance lessons preparing for the ball; (above) the Funky Meters will play at the concert.

Ben Stein to share "insight"

Political pundit, game show host to speak

By Mike Agnello
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Ben Stein, host of Comedy Central's "Win Ben Stein's Money," will bring his famous dry voice and sense of humor to Washington and Lee.

Stein, also host of "Turn Ben Stein On" will speak on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. His lecture is sponsored by Contact and the Young Americas Foundation, a conservative organization that helps students bring speakers to campus. Stein, a noted actor, comedian, author, and conservative political commentator, will give a lecture titled "Win Ben Stein's Insight." Due to his varied professional background, the content of his lecture is still unknown.

Besides his current job as a game show host, Stein has a diverse background in politics and entertainment. After graduating as valedictorian of his Yale Law School class in 1970, Stein worked as a poverty lawyer and a trial lawyer in trade regulation. He taught courses in politics and the media and libel law at Pepperdine University. From 1973-74, he wrote speeches for Richard Nixon, and later for Gerald Ford. Stein insists he did not write the line, "I am not a crook."

Contact Committee member senior Philip Wright was the primary force behind bringing Stein to campus. Wright first heard Stein speak in Washington, D.C. while he was a congressional intern. Wright said Stein is coming out of his way to speak at W&L because he recently completed a book on Robert E. Lee. He also said Stein will give a great lecture.

"I thought he was engaging, and he connects well with young people," Wright said. "We're excited."



photo courtesy of Contact

BUELLER, BUELLER? Ben Stein will speak in Lee Chapel.

Soccer nets funds for breast cancer

W&L tournament aids American Cancer Society's research

By Amy Blevins
STAFF WRITER

A little initiative and planning produced big results this Saturday and Sunday for cancer patients across the nation when a soccer tournament planned by freshman Rahmeen Farudi raised over \$1000 for the American Cancer Society. The proceeds from the tournament will go to fund breast cancer research.

Farudi obtained permission from the American Cancer Society to use its name when raising money for its foundation.

Fourteen co-ed teams of about seven players each played over the weekend following IM indoor soccer rules. Each team was guaranteed two games in the tournament.

Freshmen Sustin Leggans and Matt Lafkas refereed.

"I love soccer and [the tournament] was a good idea," said Lafkas.

The tournament "came together easily," Lafkas said.

Lafkas agreed. "We got the court easily," Lafkas said. "I

was personally worried about teams, but suddenly we had about 12 teams."

On Saturday, teams Chi Psi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Lafkas, and Bebona won their designated brackets.

Phi Kappa Sigma defeated Bebona in sudden-death overtime 2-1 the playoffs Sunday. The winners received T-shirts and a Willson-Walker House gift certificate.

The charity fundraiser brought groups from all over campus to participate.

"It's for a good cause," said sophomore John Wright. "I've had relatives die of cancer."

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity made participation in the tournament part of pledgeship.

"We just wanted to make sure, since this is a charity event, that we participated," said Sig Ep junior Jeremy Kirkland. "And one way we can ensure doing that is making it part of pledgeship."

The fundraising has personal meaning for Farudi.

"I started the tournament because recently my family and I found out that [my] mother has breast cancer and I wanted to do something to help," Farudi said. "It has been really hard for me over the past several weeks, and I don't want anyone to have to experience what I have seen my mom go through."

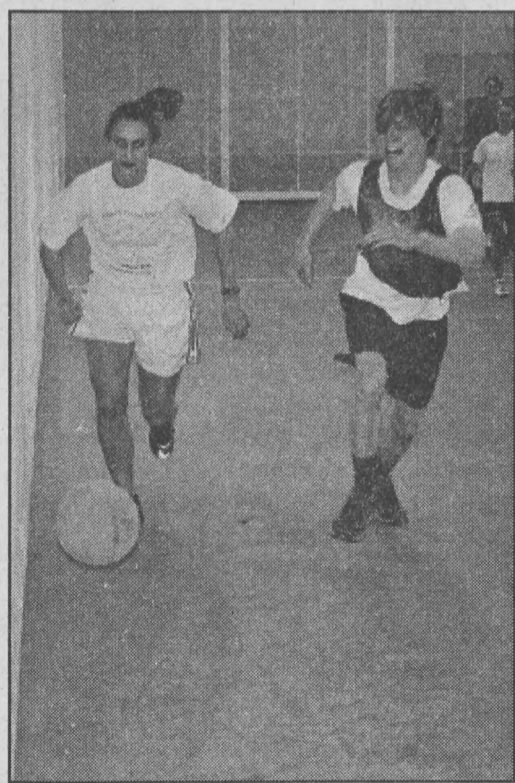


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FEET WORK. Senior Shana Levine dribbles a soccer ball along the Pavilion wall as freshman Bret Grote contains her.

Drug czar visits W&L

By Mike Agnello
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Former Drug Czar and military hero Gen. Barry McCaffrey spoke Tuesday night to a full Lee Chapel audience.

McCaffrey's talk focused on his work as Drug Czar during the Clinton administration. The Drug Czar directs the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. McCaffrey called drugs and alcohol "the most destructive agents in American society," and challenged the audience to care about drug issues.

"[Drugs] are a cancer affecting American communities," McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey dispelled many myths about drug users, pointing out that lower percentages of blacks use drugs than whites. He also said that there is a 100-to-1 disparity in length of jail sentences for crack cocaine versus conventional cocaine. McCaffrey said this unfairly punishes crack users, who are less likely to be wealthy and white than cocaine users. He added that he spends much of his time educating people on the realities of drug abuse.

"It's a war on ignorance," he said. McCaffrey also recognized the sharp

decline in drug use in the last 25 years. Drawing on his experience as an army general, he said one-third of all military personnel in the Vietnam War used illegal drugs, compared to less than three percent today. Drug use among the general population has also fallen, from 14 percent in 1979 to 5 percent today.

McCaffrey adopted a get-tough attitude against drug users. He said he favors harsh punishment for users as well as suppliers. Citing an example of an 18-year old high school student caught buying drugs, he favored complete enforcement.

"We [have to] go after him, seize daddy's car, and put his name in the paper," he said.

McCaffrey was sponsored by Contact, the Inter-Fraternity Council, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Contact Chair junior Allison MacQueen said the former drug czar's expertise played a large part in the decision to invite him to speak.

IFC President senior Andy Robinson said the IFC eagerly accepted the opportunity to co-sponsor because of the relevance of McCaffrey's speech.

"It's not often we get asked to sponsor something like that, and it was our honor to help bring a speaker of that caliber to the school," Robinson said.

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Lenfest Series presents John Amos in "Halley's Comet"

The Lenfest Series at Washington and Lee University will present the award-winning John Amos in "Halley's Comet" on March 8, at 8 p.m.

Amos won an Emmy as Kunta Kinte in the *Roots* miniseries. He starred as James Evans, the father in the television sitcom *Good Times*. He played opposite Eddie Murphy in *Coming to America* and costarred with Bruce Willis in *Die Hard II*.

"Halley's Comet" is a comedy about an 87-year old man who shares his lifetime memories from the time he last saw the comet 76 years earlier.

Bookstore sponsors essay contest in honor of Women's History Month

Entries should attempt to answer the question "What Do Women Want?" Essays should be approximately 500 words long. The first prize winner receives a \$50 gift certificate. The second prize entry wins a \$25 gift certificate. Submissions should have a separate title page.

W&L Dining Service to Host International Food Show

W&L Dining Services will host its sixth annual food show on March 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Over 24 vendors will display their products, with offerings ranging from apples to zucchini. Dining services will also raffle off a DVD player, a CD burner, an MP3 recorder, a TV, a Palm Pilot, and a Play Station II. The meal will cost one meal swipe on the University Card.

Bakery caters to night crowd

By Katie Howell
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee students can now enjoy another place to eat and hang out on weekend nights.

Caroline's Sweets, a local bakery, recently expanded its hours to provide a desert and coffee shop on Friday and Saturday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Caroline Dix, who owns the bakery, said she sees her shop as an alternative to the usual weekend night scene.

"Lexington needs a night-time shop of this type because... there are no non-alcoholic places to go," Dix said. Dix added that she thinks the difference in atmosphere will draw many new patrons.

"It is a pleasant place to come have coffee or tea, while enjoying candlelight, music and wonderful things to eat," she said.

The bakery, which opened in August, opened for night-time service on Friday night. Dix said the bakery will serve its normal baked goods during night service including cookies, pastries, cake slices and pie slices, as well as a limited number of non-sweet items such as quiche.

Freshman Jessie Mann, who works

at the bakery, said she likes the idea of the bakery being open at night.

"The bakery will provide a coffee house-type atmosphere but will also offer a wide variety of sweets and foods and will fulfill lots of different needs," Mann said.

The bakery, located on North Main Street, is normally open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and now from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

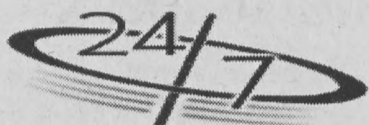
on Fridays. Patrons can also visit the shop on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in addition to the new late hours. Dix said that if the Friday and Saturday night times are popular, the store may consider opening on week nights as well.

"I hope that [students] will find the bakery nice," Dix said. "It is a kind of different place to go."



photo by Mary Guy/Photo Editor

A ROOST FOR NIGHT OWLS. Caroline's Sweets will be open weekend evenings as an alternative to alcohol-serving venues.



Today

7:30 p.m.— Campaign Program. "Reflections on the 2000 Presidential Campaign," Mike Allen '86 and David Pace (W&L parent). Lee Chapel.

8:00 p.m.— The "Mass in B minor" Lenfest Center. the Rockbridge Choral Society, W&L Chamber Singers, Rockbridge Chamber Singers, six soloists and a 30-piece orchestra.

Tuesday

8:00 p.m.— "Mass in B minor."

Wednesday

George Washington Honor Scholarship Competition 7:00 p.m.— Politics Filmfest. "Wall Street," Room 221, Williams School.

Thursday

George Washington Honor Scholarship Competition Phi Beta Kappa Convocation (Adjusted Class Schedule)



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JOB WELL DONE. Marion Heard, director of the Boston United Way, delivers the Friday afternoon speech that closed the "Dream a Dream, Read a Book" Literacy Drive.

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"They're saying if you give them a shot, you could appreciate them in retrospect," Simpson said.
The band's style will compliment this year's FD theme to be revealed Wednesday.
Senior Christine van den Toorn, who chairs the advertising subcommittee of the FD steering committee, said she was excited about this year's theme.
"The theme is great. It's really bright and colorful," she said. "The theme is based on something that's already fun."
Van den Toorn said that the entire campus will be decorated with teasers about the theme.
The FD committee kicks off this year's theme with a raffle in front of the Co-op. Tickets will cost \$10 for five. Memorabilia from past balls will also be on sale.
Tickets for Funky Meters go on sale a week before FD. They cost \$15 for the W&L community and \$20 for the general public.
The Wallers and Kings of Swing bands will play at the Fancy Dress ball.

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Reality TV doesn't bite

Students have been postponing their Wednesday night time of departure in order to cater to one of the latest in reality based television: *Temptation Island*. Every Wednesday, from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., every phone in our apartment gets switched to DND. Should someone make the mistake of opening her mouth — “I just contracted a terminal disease” — she is immediately quieted, usually with a hammer thrown at her head. And thus is the great folly of our culture: I can watch people hook up at a sketchy late night DJ party, but I'd rather sit in front of the TV to do it. I can ridicule the whole mild version of *The Truman Show* 'til I'm blue in the face, but it's like admitting to buying a Spice Girls CD or something. I've never met anyone who liked them, but they still somehow managed to sell millions of albums. I'll be brave. I got addicted to the show.

I didn't actually get into the whole *Temptation Island* craze until roughly three episodes from the final one. And it was hard for me to watch because it makes my head spin; I can never keep track of who are the tempters, who are the boyfriends, who are the temptresses, and who are the girlfriends.

But what confuses me the most is the whole premise of the show.

“Hey, honey? Is it cool if we go to an island and I can hook up with beautiful girls while you go scuba diving with handsome men?”

“Hmm... let me think about it.”

“It'll be televised on national TV, too.”

“Well...”

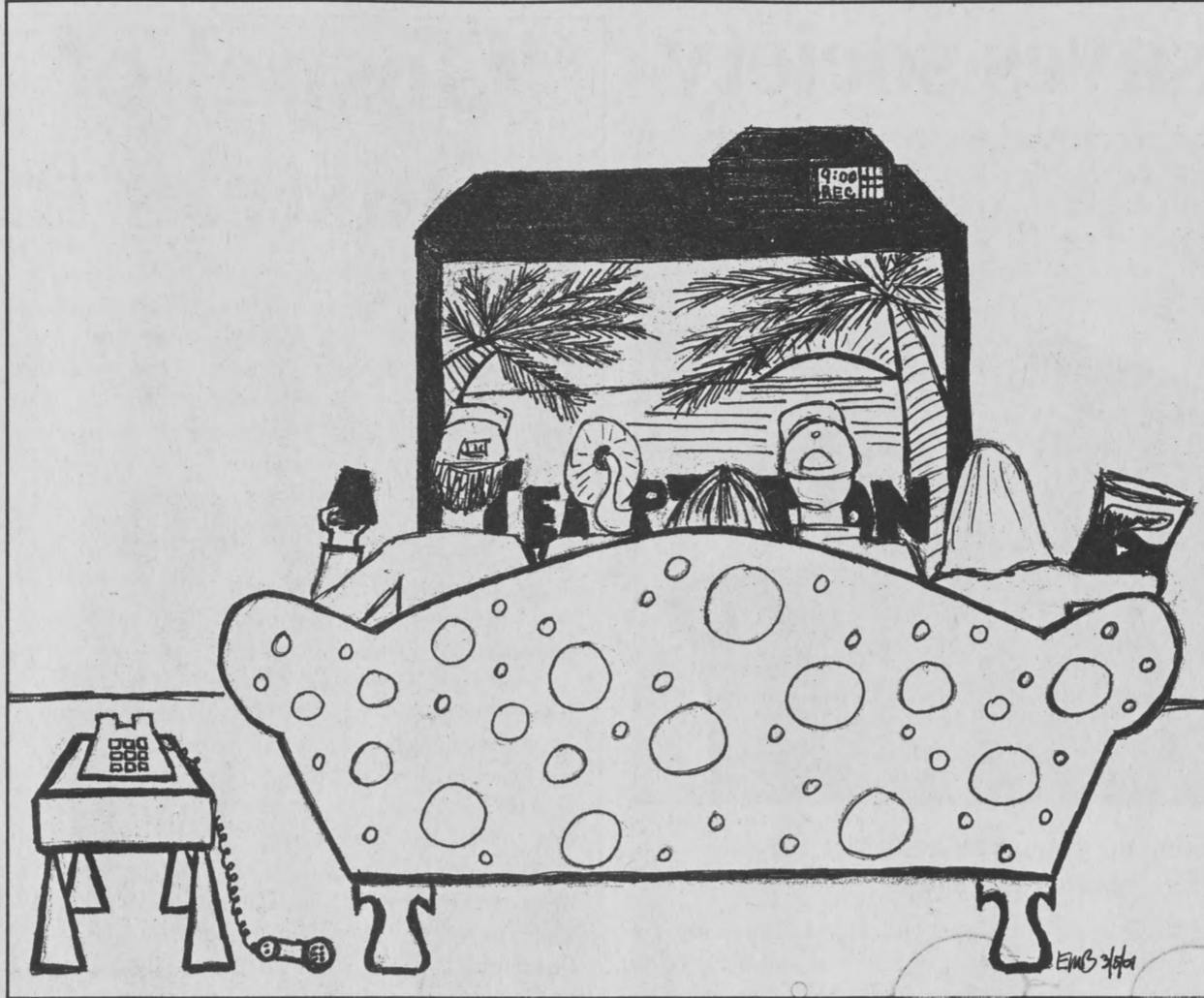
“Don't worry. You can watch my transgressions, if you want, on a portable TV set and your rejected, disappointed, and hopelessly pathetic reactions can be visible to the entire viewing nation.”

“Cool. When do we leave?”

Not only can I not understand what girlfriend would continue seeing a guy who would ask her to do that, but it baffles me that all three couples actually stayed together in the end.

“I've made some very intimate connections, both physically and emotionally, with the temptresses.”

“Yes, I've met a guy who is wonderful. He can swim,



he has blue eyes, and he looks good in unbuttoned Hawaiian shirts. Yet this all just made me realize my love for you.”

“Me, too! Let's stay together!”

I couldn't help but wonder if Mark — the blue polo, khaki shorts, and birkenstock-clad host — was somewhat disappointed by the entire conclusion. Not to mention the producers. Which brings me to the issue of reality-based television shows as a whole. (I swear, I am like an episode of *The Simpsons*. My articles never get to the point until halfway done.)

As much as the notion of watching people get up in the morning, fight about who drank the last of the orange juice, or wrestle with diversity issues confounds me, I am definitely a reality-TV junkie. I am chemically dependent on *Real World* drama. My favorite part of

Survivor is the tribal meeting when they vote someone off. (“Sorry, Kal, I love you. You're the light of my life. But I don't want to be on the same island as you.”) My entire apartment erupts into laughter watching people freak out at flickering lights on MTV's new show *Fear*. Nothing is more compelling than watching a motley crew of aesthetically-pleasing people (with the required deeply rooted emotional issues) somehow screw up living in the garden of Eden. How can anyone be unhappy living in the *Real World* Hawaii house? But they are. It speaks volumes about the human condition that we thrive on the non-fictional entertainment of watching people screw up a utopia. Or maybe I am just trying to justify my addictions to these shows that are even stronger than my addictions to Mello Yello. I can only hope that my fascinations with the aforementioned programs are just another form of work procrastination, and not a reflection of an abnormal psychological condition.

Φ Northerner's Exposure

Kris Pollina '03

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women's studies article was misleading

Dear Editor,

On Feb. 12, the *Ring-tum Phi* published a misleading article by Katie Howell entitled “Women's studies program established.” The faculty did recently approve a Women's Studies concentration. The article, however, conflates Women's Studies with a completely separate, extracurricular program promoting women and leadership. Ms. Howell thereby misrepresents both enterprises and propagates several factual errors. The article's most egregious mistake is to suggest that Women's Studies will be an exclusive program limited to few students; Professor Stewart, in fact, informed the reporter that this was false before press time. The major inaccuracies are as follows:

1. Washington and Lee's new concentration in Women's Studies is not modeled primarily after the parallel program at the University of Richmond. We examined curricula from many institutions, including the University of Richmond, synthesizing the elements most appropriate to our needs and resources.

Dean Schroer-Lamont, however, is developing a women and leadership program based on the WILL program at that university. We admire her efforts but must emphasize that the academic concentration we proposed stands alone, and does not contain a “leadership area.”

2. Women's Studies will not be taught solely by “female faculty.” Any student completing this concentration will undertake an introductory course and a capstone seminar or thesis conducted by various faculty; students will also pursue relevant preexisting courses in a range of disciplines. Courses offered currently or in the past by Professors Novack (Male and Female Roles in Society) and Velásquez (Nature of Woman and the Art of Politics), for instance, would fit the bill.

3. Dean Schroer-Lamont may suggest that students involved in Knowledge Empowering Women Leaders register for credits in Women's Studies, but we know very little about this organization nor how it “support[s]” the Women's Studies program.

4. Most importantly, the concentration will welcome all interested students, male and female. Dean Schroer-Lamont may plan to build her separate program “one small group at a time,” but the academic concentration, like any academic major or program, eagerly seeks wide participation.

On the afternoon of Sunday the 11th, Ms. Howell left messages with each of us. Professor Stewart actually reached Ms. Howell a couple of hours later and corrected her confusion about the two programs. Your reporter tacked on a quote but did not rewrite the piece, as new information clearly mandated. We are profoundly dismayed that any student would submit material that she knew to be wrong for publication, especially on the front page of an influential student newspaper. We are also disturbed that a reporter would contact Counseling Services about an academic program. Women's Studies is a rigorous discipline with a significant institutional and scholarly history, and does not emanate from Counseling Services; would anyone make a parallel assumption about Environmental Studies or Medieval and Renaissance Studies? We hope that this unfortunate article does not discourage student involvement in what should be an exciting new interdisciplinary opportunity.

Sincerely,
Lesley Wheeler, Associate Professor of English
Jeanine Stewart, Associate Professor of Psychology
Domnica Radulescu, Assoc. Prof. of Romance Languages

A message to the student body

Dear Editor,

Last September, we wrote to all students about the new alcohol and drug laws in the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia. As we return from Washington break, we want to reiterate the message we sent last term.

The Commonwealth of Virginia adopted a new DUI law that requires a mandatory five-day jail term for an individual convicted of DUI with a blood alcohol level of 0.20 - 0.25. If the BAC is over 0.25, a ten-day jail term is mandated.

Federal law has imposed severe penalties for possession of the so-called “date rape” drugs. Any person who knowingly manufactures, sells, gives, distributes, or possesses with the intent to distribute gamma-butyrolactone or butanediol, when intended for human consumption, shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony. A Class 3 felony carries a penalty of not less than five years nor more than twenty years of imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$100,000. Also, the emergence of “Club Drugs” such as Ecstasy combined with national surveys that indicate increased drug use among young people have raised new concerns. Ecstasy is a Schedule 1 drug and possession carries a penalty ranging from 12 months in jail/\$2500 fine to one to ten years in jail if the case goes to a jury.

There is one fact that everyone should know: W&L is not a sanctuary from the law. Since 1996, eleven W&L students have been arrested by local authorities and charged with felony drug crimes. The consequences for these students and their families and friends have been severe. Immediate withdrawals, suspensions, denials of graduation, ruined careers, plus the high cost of legal defenses. Most of these arrests occurred at the end of the academic year, during the Winter or Spring Terms.

If you are struggling with alcohol or drug problems, seek assistance from our excellent Health Center staff or counseling psychologists.

Sincerely,
John Conly, President of the Student Body
Jordan Ginsberg, Chair of the Student Judicial Council
David Howison, Dean of Students

Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

Well, rest assured I have written about all the real issues that I care to write about and the remainder of my columns will be most likely about completely unimportant things. As most seniors have noticed, the calendar pages are turning at a breakneck speed and there is a big red circle of doom around 7 June: Trade in palatial house; Move into shiny new cardboard hut; Cry self to sleep.

While I do need to do the whole pesky school thing, I was not put in this Mecca called Lexington to rot in the library or turn green in the Science Center. Thirteen years of Catholic school taught me nothing if not how to be a martyr: I will bravely surrender myself to the night life. Despite being pinned up against the front door of PiKA by several young gentlemen who were psyched to be meeting the real Cat herself, this past Saturday night was a cracking good time. These chaps were disappointed that I am not quite as beastly in person. I think previous columns had led them to believe that I am in actuality a gnarled old woman, who carries a shot gun to kill frat cats and eats babies. While old in spirit and black of heart, I do my damndest to keep the outside looking good. Because that's what counts.

And besides, making fun of anorexics, midgets, myself, and all socially maligned folks really helps to keep me fit and trim. In addition to being the meanest girl around, Saturday night I had the misfortune of becoming That Girl. You all know her and, ladies, you've probably been her at least once or twice in your drinking career: the Crier. Blame it on tossing back too many Woo-Woos or pints of lager. Blame it on the hormones, PMS, your period. (“Ew,” says a chorus of weak, stupid boys.) Blame it on the hideous shirt you're wearing, the sweaty guy who's grinding himself against you like he's a power sander, the mean girls with the “Your lack of coolness pains me” look. For some reason or another or none, the tears sometimes just start a-pouring.

The two most common categories of party-criers are the Chronic Crier and the Rare-but-Explosive Crier. I fall into the latter category. One minute things are all sweetness and light, bunnies hopping in a riparian dreamscape, with free-flowing Natty and cute boys on tap. There are kittens. There is dancing (Hokey Pokey anyone? The Chicken Dance?) and singing.

The next thing you know, it's Armageddon, the cuddly animals are slain by bloodthirsty srat girls, the heavens open, archangels war with Satan's minions, the earth splits beneath my feet (“Aahh, so that's what the mantle really looks like”). The entire W&L den of sin is swallowed up in one big bite. The world ends. I am hysterical, engaged in full-on histrionics, fighting the good fight and smearing my makeup all over my face. Then I pass out, wake up the next morning with inside-out pajamas and the previous night's clothes and accessories strewn in at least 6 rooms of the house.

There is the requisite period of “Ooh, I feel like such an ass” self-deprecations, but after a few hours of sobriety and some Hardee's health food, the humor of the situation can be appreciated and one can get on with her little life.

If we lived our lives in regret of all the tears cried and the butts pinched under the convincing blur of alcohol, what kind of life would that be? (A wiser person might recommend not pinching the butts in the first place but that's blatantly not going to happen. For me, at least.)

Chronic Criers are infinitely more offensive and bothersome. We all know at least one, but after one or two episodes of Why My Life is So Horrible, you stop inviting her out. The Chronic Crier has one glass of White Zinfandel and her emotions bust out like a gut from a girdle. Once the dam opens, the tears flow freely as she details everything that has left her scarred: break-ups, pets' deaths, her history midterm, hang nails, the problems in Tibet. Usually the conversation, if you could call it that, deteriorates into effusive I love yous and You-are-my-best-friend mush. Unless you gnaw off your own arm, there is little chance of escape.

The Puking Crier, a corollary to the Chronic Crier type, follows heavy drinking with sobbing every weekend. Her preferred location is a fraternity house toilet. The consoling friend and hairholdbacker must then sit in the stall and alternately rub her back and dry her tears. This often induces sympathy vomiting in the Good Friend and thus incites a chain reaction of chundering girls clogging up the bathrooms. Damn you.

While rare and sporadic crying may point to bigger problems, it is a good way to release stress and an excellent indicator of when a naughty little girl has been up past her bedtime. Crying shows we're human (even witches like me) although this may not apply to some of you whose tears might rust your android circuitry.

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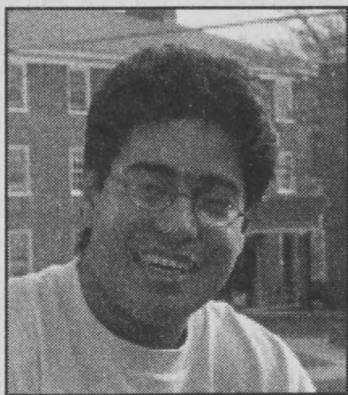
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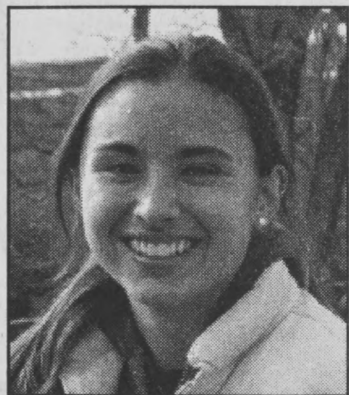
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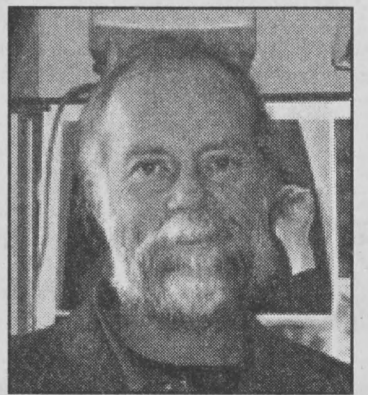
“I went to the Harvard Model UN in Boston.”
-Meg Ferrara '04



“I had good food, got a lot of sleep, and had a blast with my friends.”
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“I had a blast at Mardi Gras.”
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“Went golfing in Florida with the golf team.”
-Burr Datz '75

War on drugs saves society

With the success of the movie *Traffic*, there has been much discussion on the merits of the Drug War and drug legalization. In his address, Gen. Barry McCaffrey detailed the horrors that drugs inflict on those who use them and advocated an approach of fierce enforcement coupled with treatment of addiction. Many challenge the morality, efficacy, and sensibility of his plan to continue the struggle to eradicate or even significantly reduce drug use. What exactly have we gotten from hundreds of billions of dollars and decades of concerted effort besides a decrease in our liberties?

I question this call for a total and unconditional surrender. Conservatism has been defined as a belief that human nature has no history. In other words, humans are in great need of traditions and institutions that moderate our nature and perpetuate civilization. Some elements of society are so pernicious, corrupting, and evil that civil society turns to government to regulate them. Drug abuse is such a problem.

Where would legalization leave us? Those who advocate it claim that if drugs were sold by reputable dealers, they would be safer and could be taxed by the government. In addition, the social stigma attached with drug use would be a much more effective method of reducing drug use than government prohibition has ever been. The government would have a role treating addicts. This faith in the free market demands that consumers be free to make decisions concerning what they consume.

Unfortunately, this rosy scenario isn't very realistic. First of all, should drugs be legalized and sold by "reputable" dealers with drug use taxed, and in effect sanctioned, by the government, how does that serve to create a social stigma? Also, the free market depends on the ability of consumers to make rational decisions. Libertarians

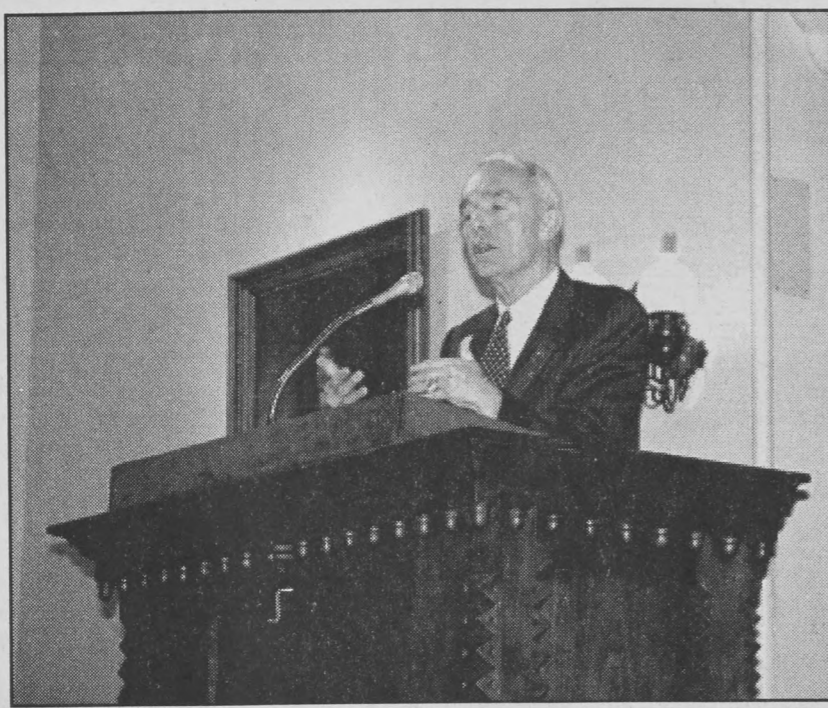


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DRUG WARRING. During his Contact address, McCaffrey discusses strategies to reduce drug abuse.

make no argument against age restrictions because children are not yet rational actors. Tragically, this is the case for every drug consumer. As McCaffrey noted, there are psychoactive substances which change the chemistry of one's brain and negate one's ability to make rational decisions. Advocates of legalization either are deluded or simply don't care that more people will become addicted. Finally, advocacy of the European model wherein addicts simply become wards of the state upon hitting bottom is fraught with error. Our government has no place running a welfare system for junkies.

The faults of drug legalization in no way mean that the Drug War is perfect either. Marijuana probably should be legalized. It is not physically addicting, nor are its effects that severe. Also, the government's policy needs to be altered to include a greater respect for the rights accorded to citizens by the Fourth Amendment. Our rights are trampled upon

by unlawful roadside searches, by judges' discretion in sentencing being circumvented by legislators and prosecutors, by the seizure of property, and the reign of terror in inner-cities created by an ineffective drug policy. Mandatory minimum sentences need to be eliminated because they eliminate a judge's ability to carefully and fairly evaluate individual cases on their merits.

Government-funded treatment programs, welfare checks for addicts, and public housing for addicts should be eliminated. The message needs to be sent that there are serious consequences for drug use and society has no sympathy for self-inflicted problems. Finally, as McCaffrey suggested, the crack-powder cocaine disparity needs to be rectified.

We are never going to win the Drug War. However, the total surrender to armies of government-supported addicts that legalization represents is no alternative. Changes need to be made, but the best way to protect future generations from the scourge of drugs is prohibition.

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Brett Kirwan '04

"Gospel of Wealth" ministers to rich alone

The week before Washington Holiday, one of the most controversial figures in the contemporary religious world graced Lee Chapel to deliver a lecture on poverty. The speech was very basic, not detailed, and often burst into irrational ranting. So why was Pat Robertson, of all men, chosen for this task? Far from being an expert on eradicating hunger and homelessness, despite the dedicated social work of his organizations, Robertson advocates a philosophy that defeats spirituality and is himself either ignorant of his own religion or a hypocrite of moderate magnitude.

This is not to say that Robertson is an evil man. Far from it, he has repented for his childhood sins and is quite accomplished in charitable aid to the Third World. Yet, precisely because he claims to have the "compassionate conservative" and ethical answer and holds great power, he is very dangerous.

The protests organized by senior J. Duncan served the campus by allowing insight into some of Robertson's more dangerous statements and connections. However, the emphasis of many on Robertson's "homophobia" and "racism" missed the mark by miles and would have been comical if it were not so evident that a worse philosophy lay behind them. There is no evidence of any racism by Robertson. The "r-word" is a tool the modern, ridiculous Left uses recklessly to blackball social conservatives. Robertson has made a couple insane comments about homosexuals, but they appear no more socially harmful than the *Washington Post* mocking Southerners and religious people.

And indeed, as far as saying that homosexual acts are wrong, Robertson is simply in line with all major religions, though why he attacks it as more than fornication is dubious. In any case, moral repulsions grounded primarily on Robertson's moral prejudices are individualistic, often self-righteous activities that insist there is no right to "judge" and thus by nature turn a blind eye to the real crimes and social harm.

Robertson preached the "Gospel of Wealth." He said the way out of despair is to become a capitalist. He is a walking, breathing example of the damning thesis of Max Weber (that the Calvinist ethic lay at the root of capitalism). He is a multimillionaire (estimated value: \$140 million). Large business firms (for example, Laura Ashley) hire Robertson as a financial consultant. He even attempted to venture into the dire world of banking in a failed deal with the Bank of Scotland, although

money-lending is a practice on which Jesus literally "turned the tables." Thus the questions arise, first, why has a once-ordained minister put himself in the position of having no more chance of salvation than a "camel fitting through the eye of a needle," and second, what does a rich materialist know about poverty?

Impressing Western-liberal values on the rest of the world cannot be a solution to world hunger, or at least not a Christian one. For one, these values have failed this country spiritually. The most common differences that visitors from the Second and Third Worlds often site between Americans and other peoples is that Americans are wealthier but also that they are more selfish and superficial in their social interaction. Even if it would do material good to bring capitalism to the Tanzania, it would also corrupt the people towards either a superstitious or atheistic theology. But of course, things are not so simple as that.

Our workers are relatively prosperous by world standards only because we feed off of the exploitation of other nations. America is a parasite. The impoverished peoples cannot become capitalists without capital! They cannot make profits if they do not own their own resources.

If Lenin got anything right, it was his observation that imperialism is the highest stage of capitalism. But Robertson's enterprising outlook cannot confine itself to economics. At his prayer breakfast the next morning that I had the privilege to attend, Robertson advocated a form of missionary work that makes no moral argument but only demands that people accept the resurrection. He also disgustingly mocked the religious practices of Hindus, saying that they are superstitious and restrain the people from hope and ambition.

His Christianity, focused on the resurrection, then makes sense. It is intentionally uplifting, setting aside the boundless humility and stern abstinence of Christ, a message that produced inert Christendom, in favor of the optimistic idea that if we believe we are forgiven and saved. Only in the latter misconception of religion can such material ambition be condoned as the focus on worship, not on spiritual living. And who in his right mind — if searching for a religion that moves men to action without contemplation, that worships a triumph over a truth — would choose Christianity? And what humble, austere, loving, and pensive person would become a capitalist? Herein lie the true dangers and contradictions of Robertson.

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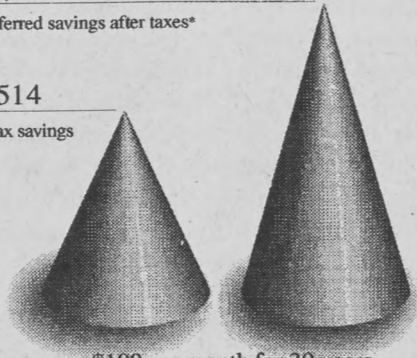
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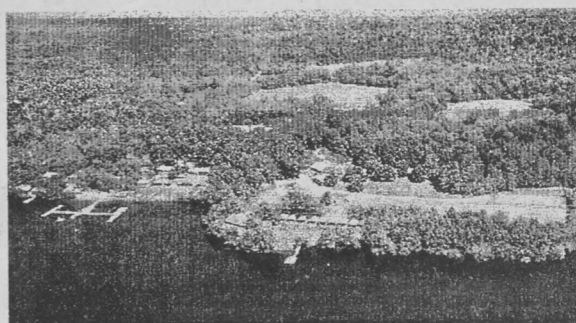
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Weezer, Ozma, Get up Kids "Sell Out"

By Heather McDonald
STAFF WRITER

It was everyone's anthem my freshman year of high school: "If you want to destroy my sweater, pull this thread as I walk away." Everyone had the words memorized and everyone quoted it as the true, deep, insightful lyric that we thought it was. Some of us adventurous types even bought the entire "blue" album, as it is known, and memorized all the lyrics after that. Suddenly a band defined the "trendy-geeky" blend that was emblematic of the early 1990s underground style, making all high school outcasts as cool as, well, Buddy Holly and Mary Tyler Moore.

I was one of the lucky few to experience geek-rock nirvana for three hours on Friday night. Weezer, emo/indie-pop/punk band The Get Up Kids (who, may I say, rocked so damn hard it hurt) and the up-and-coming Los Angeles band Ozma, played a sold-out show at American University's Bender Arena. Although my friends and I drove over three hours to get there, the car ride was worth it. Even just to see Ozma and The Get Up Kids.

Ozma is a power-pop-rock band of young college students (who are old friends of illustrious Washington and Lee senior Matt Herman) that rocked out with originals demonstrating witty and insightful lyrics, hummable melodies, and rockstar chords that made even the most jaded Weezer junkies around us bob their heads.

The minute Ozma left the stage to make room for The Get Up Kids, people in the stands practically rushed the floor, and I found myself unable to breathe. The crowd was ravenous, with small mosh pits breaking out only to be stopped by the crush of more fans packing themselves onto the main floor. In addition to great punky-pop and bitter-sweet emo lyrics, The Get Up Kids had the best stage presence out of the three bands. They talked to the crowd, wished their roadie and keyboard player happy birthday (and even gave them 35 E-chords instead of 35 lashes for luck).

When they left the stage, the crowd was



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INDIE ROCK ALERT. Members of the Weezer cult should leave their sweaters at home for Weezer's "Sell Out" tour.

ready for the mucho-hyped Weezer experience. The key words there were mucho-hyped. Weezer took far too long setting up, making fans progressively more grouchy. They played some songs, told fans to go buy the autographed CDs they had at the merchandise tables, and finished up the set. While they did play all the necessary favorite songs that provoke thousands of fans to shout lyrics back to the band, Weezer also played three disappointing songs off the upcoming CD.

The stage was fun: two monitors as basketball hoop backboards, mini-volleyball nets as backdrops, and a huge "W" (complete with the Weezer-wings) in red, white and blue lights. There was even a confetti-drop at the end of the

show — just like a high school dance! Unfortunately, merchandise was expensive, which is disappointing to see with a band that has as loyal fans — hell, I'd go as far as to describe them as geek-rock cult members — as Weezer does.

All the tickets were sold on Yahoo!. This tour is the first ever consistently to sell out solely on the Internet. I'm not sure if that was the cause for Weezer's titling of the "Sell Out tour," or if they titled it for their unexcited attitudes on stage — denying the love of the worn-out and war-torn audience.

For a medium-sized venue, this show had all the makings of the original Lollapalooza or HFS-tival. I saw at least three people, completely unconscious, passed forward and pulled out by security. By the time Weezer

came on, the crowd was starting to tire, although in a blissful, sweaty, I've-reached-geek-rock nirvana way. I would have made the journey simply to see the two opening bands because I enjoyed them that much, which is often a rare occurrence with lesser-known opening bands.

Honestly, Weezer left me wanting more, and not in a good way. They lacked the chutzpah I expected from their music and image. Nonetheless, it was a rockstar show and I couldn't imagine a better way to spend a Friday night. Two of my friends — being in the Weezer cult — were in utter awe of the experience, so maybe I missed something. Whether or not Weezer had the spirit I expected, I got to see Weezer. The Get Up Kids and Ozma in a sold-out show!

Lee-Hi satisfies

By Mike George
STAFF WRITER

The small diner on Route 11 outside of Lexington is officially called Berky's Restaurant, but most people at Washington and Lee know it as Lee-Hi.

Lee-Hi is a great place to hang out or sit and relax. It is open all night, so it is a perfect destination for night owls taking study break or those sobering up from the weekend. Lee-Hi offers a bottomless cup of coffee, breakfast, lunch and dinner 24 hours a day.

The service was attentive and prompt. My meal was there before I knew it and my drink was always full. Unfortunately, the meatloaf I ordered was rather bland and lacked texture. As disappointed as I was by the meatloaf, Lee-Hi's mashed potatoes and gravy had great texture and flavor that deserve attention.

Lee-Hi's desserts are most commendable. I was amazed by the richness of vanilla ice cream and the strong flavor of the blueberry cobbler with which it was paired.

Lee-Hi's desserts and dinner selections are worth the trip, especially for the chicken dinner and pot roast, both of which are far better than the meatloaf. Avoid the appetizers, which are a bit pricey. Ordering a regular entree will keep the ticket under \$10. With attentive service and folksy charm, bustling Lee-Hi truck stop gets my vote.



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Generals jump out to 7-1 start

By Dave Crowell
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee baseball team opened an optimistic regular season with games over the Washington Holiday, racing to an impressive 7-1 start and a doubleheader sweep in Old Dominion Athletic Conference play.

The Generals opened the season with an exciting 6-5 victory over Oglethorpe on Feb. 19. Sophomore Bobby Littlehale drove in the game-winning run on a ninth inning single, and sophomore co-captain Michael Hanson led W&L with a 3-for-4 performance at the plate.

Coach Jeff Stickle's squad also won three games in two days from Muhlenberg. On Feb. 24, pitching carried the day for the Generals. Senior co-captain David Sigler and freshman Dan Kagey each tossed shutouts in 8-0 and 1-0 victories. Muhlenberg only tallied four hits on the day.

The following day, W&L posted a 9-5 victory over the Mules. Hanson led the Generals as he tied the school record for hits in a game, going 5-for-5. Littlehale and sophomore Brian Gladysz each homered in the victory.



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CONTACT. Sophomore Kyle Droppers connects against Villa Julie in the Generals' 3-1 win at home on Tuesday.

W&L's only defeat over the break came at the hands of Emory. The Generals left 17 runners stranded, including leaving the bases loaded in both the fifth and seventh innings of a 10-3 loss.

Luckily, due to a 3-0 week following the break, that defeat has remained the team's sole loss on the season.

Freshman pitcher Peter Dean pitched a solid game, allowing only four hits and one earned run to beat Villa Julie 3-1 on Tuesday afternoon. Classmate Bryan Mulhern pitched the last two innings to wrap up the save.

W&L struck quickly, taking a 1-0 lead when Gladysz drove in

Littlehale on a first inning single. Dean got all the run support he would need when sophomore Kyle Droppers singled home junior Matt Kozora in the third inning, giving the Generals a 2-0 lead.

Early run support helped the Generals in a doubleheader sweep of Emory and Henry to open conference play.

In game one, Sigler benefited from a five-run first inning to cruise to a complete-game shutout, 9-0. Hanson hit a leadoff home run and Gladysz, Droppers, Mulhern, and Kagey each drove in runs during the outburst. In the victory, five W&L batters tallied at least two hits.

The second game was much closer, as Kagey and Dean combined to shut the door on the Wasps. Kagey picked up his third win of the season, giving up two runs, one of which was earned, over six innings. All of the General's runs came in the third inning. Hanson doubled home two runs and then scored on an error.

The Generals hope to capitalize on a quick 7-1 start and continue their success when they host Southern Virginia at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

W&L wins a pair

Women's tennis hands two ODAC foes 9-0 losses

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee's 11-0 mark in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference in 2000 wasn't truly indicative of how well the Generals played in conference.

The women's tennis team rumbled through ODAC competition without losing a single match, a streak that they continued on Sunday with 9-0 wins over Virginia Wesleyan and Randolph-Macon. Neither the Blue Marlins nor the Yellow Jackets were able to capture a set from the Generals on the afternoon.

Sophomore Erika Proko topped Virginia Wesleyan's Brooke Sheetz from the top spot. Junior Melissa Hatley, sophomore Alyson Brice,

senior Christina Campbell, freshman Ellie Simpson, and sophomore Bonnie Goldsmith filled out the singles lineup with victories.

Proko and Hatley, Brice and Campbell, and Goldsmith and Simpson dropped a total of five games in doubles competition, all breezing to wins against the Blue Marlins.

W&L then proceeded to knock off Randolph-Macon utilizing six different players for singles and doubles. Sophomore Laura Bruno, freshman Liz Law, junior Sallie Gray Strang, sophomore Lauren Burrow, freshman Emily Taylor, and freshman Maggie Mason comprised the singles lineup against the Yellow Jackets. Bruno and Strang, Law and Burrow, and Taylor and Mason made up the doubles teams in the match.

The Generals continue ODAC play with a 4:30 p.m. contest against Hollins on Wednesday.

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact
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			March 10	Wooster	12:00 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse			Women's Tennis		
March 10	at Gettysburg	1:00 p.m.	March 7	Hollins	4:30 p.m.
Women's Lacrosse			March 11	Denison	11:00 a.m.
March 8	at Ferrum	4:00 p.m.			
March 10	Randolph-Macon	1:00 p.m.	Men's and Women's Indoor Track		
Women's Swimming			Mar. 9-10	at NCAA Championships	TBA
Mar. 8-10	at NCAA Championships	TBA			

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Men's tennis falls to Radford

Generals competitive, but fall to Division I Highlanders

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team fell to 1-1 on the season with a 5-2 loss to Division I Radford at home on Thursday.

Freshman Graham Nix, playing as the fourth seed, defeated Radford's Noufayl Nejdji 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 for W&L's only singles win.

Nix and classmate Austin Kim pulled out an 8-1 win over Nejdji and Rashid Lamrissi in doubles competition. Freshman K.C. Schaefer and junior Zac Vuncannon edged Daniel Vajdic and Khalid Lhamidi, 8-6, in number-three doubles competition.

"I thought we all were really ready," Nix said of W&L's performance. "We knew they were a good team. We went out there, we fought hard, but we just came up a little bit short."

Top seed Rhys James dropped a 6-3, 6-1 decision to the Highlanders' Faycal Rhalazi, and second seed Andrew Roberts was defeated in straight sets by Bartlo Oosthuizen. Kim, the three-seed in singles, and fifth seed Schaefer fell in three sets to Lamrissi and Vajdic. Sixth-seeded Chris Sorenson dropped a two-set decision to Lhamidi.

Rhalazi and Oosthuizen edged James and Roberts 8-6 in the number-one doubles match.

According to Nix, playing a Division I school early in the season will only help the Generals as they return to Division III competition.

"This definitely gave us a lot of confidence," Nix said. "We're thinking this is the best team we'll play all year. When we go against teams like Emory and Averett, we know that we have the ability to beat them."

The Generals' match against Emory and Henry sched-

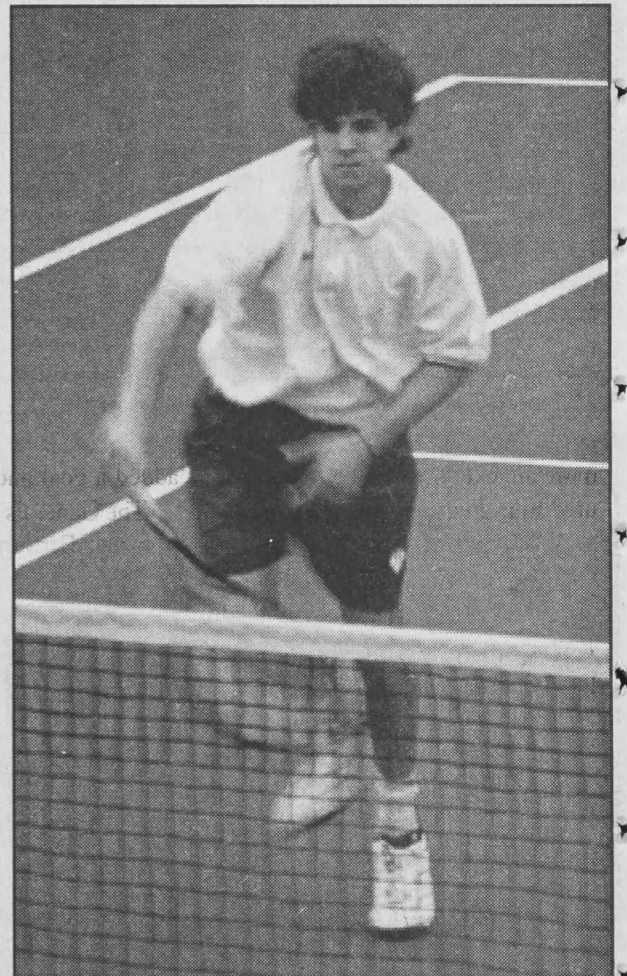


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BACKHAND A BLUR. Junior Zac Vuncannon returns a shot in the Generals' 5-2 loss to Division I Radford on Thursday.

uled for Feb. 3, which would have opened Old Dominion Athletic Conference competition for W&L, was cancelled. W&L will now begin the ODAC season at 3 p.m. on Wednesday against Hampden-Sydney at home.

Mentz, Babst receive ODAC honors

W&L sports roundup

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

Junior Jessica Mentz became the first player in Washington and Lee women's basketball history to be named to the All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference First Team this week.

Mentz, who averaged 20.7 points and 10.1 rebounds a game in 2000-01, finished second in the ODAC in scoring and free throw percentage (.829) and third in field goal percentage (.520). The forward's 1,223 points are already a school record, and her 666 rebounds are second all-time at W&L.

Mentz's 37 points in W&L's 80-69 win over Eastern Mennonite on Feb. 7 are a school record, one of 15 that the junior holds.

Classmate Megan Babst joined Mentz in receiving All-ODAC honors with an Honorable Mention recognition. Babst scored 15.7 points a game and led the conference by averaging 11.9 boards. Babst narrowly trails Mentz on the career rebounding list with 663.

The Generals finished ninth in

the ODAC with a 6-14 record, 8-16 overall.

Golfers travel to North Carolina for two invitationals

The Washington and Lee golf team began its spring season with a third-place finish in the Guilford/Old Dominion Athletic Conference Invitational in Raleigh on Feb. 23, following that up with an 18th-place showing at the Pfeiffer/Pine Needles Invitational on Feb. 26-27.

The Generals' score of 320 in the Guilford/ODAC Invitational placed W&L behind conference powerhouse Guilford (290) and Lynchburg (309). Hampden-Sydney and Roanoke rounded out the field by tying for fourth at 323.

Juniors Curtis Bethea and Kyle Ulep tied for ninth by turning in scores of 79 to pace the Generals. Sophomore David Haase placed 15th with a score of 80, and classmate Chip Campbell tied for 18th by shooting an 82.

W&L then placed 18th of 24 teams with a combined 621 in the two-day

Pfeiffer/Pine Needles Invitational in Southern Pines, N.C. Guilford shot a 589 to win the event, and Roanoke tied for 16th at 618.

Campbell's score of 150 led the Generals, followed by sophomore Chuck Green at 155, Bethea at 156, and Ulep at 160.

W&L will compete in the Ferrum Spring Invitational on March 12-13.

Mueller competes in NCAA Division III Championships

Washington and Lee freshman Joe Mueller lost in the fourth round of the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships consolation bracket, falling to King's College's Jason Schlingman on Saturday.

The 184-pound Mueller was the lone grappler to represent the Generals in the competition, which took place on Friday and Saturday in Waterloo, Iowa. Mueller was disqualified from his only match on the first day of the championships, forfeiting his match against Lawrence's Andy Kazik.

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Men blast Elmira, top Washington

Lacrosse team wins home, road openers of 2001

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team began their regular season with wins over Elmira and Washington College last week.

The Generals opened the season with a 16-3 trouncing of Elmira on Feb. 25. Senior Matt Dugan set a new school record for points with a five-goal, three-assist afternoon. He now has 235 career points with 148 goals and 86 assists.

The Soaring Eagles started the scoring, but the Generals' defense would not let them see the net again until the last seven minutes of the contest. Senior goaltender Wes Hays, who played three quarters before being relieved by freshman Ansel Sanders and senior Bo Vaughn, made four saves and allowed just one goal.

Freshman Matt Fink and senior Pope Hackney tallied three goals apiece. Juniors Andrew Barnett and John Moore and senior Bernie Norton contributed goals as well.

"It was a good tuneup," Hays said of the win over the Soaring Eagles.

The Generals traveled to Chestertown, Md. to face sixth-ranked Washington College on Saturday. Washington jumped to a 2-0 lead, but with 17 seconds left in the first quarter, senior Pope Hackney scored off an assist from Norton to put the Generals on the board.

Hays held off Washington for the rest of the game, making a total of 12 saves, as W&L came from behind to pull out a 4-2 win.

"Our defense played well, as usual," Hays said. "Most of the shots were from outside."

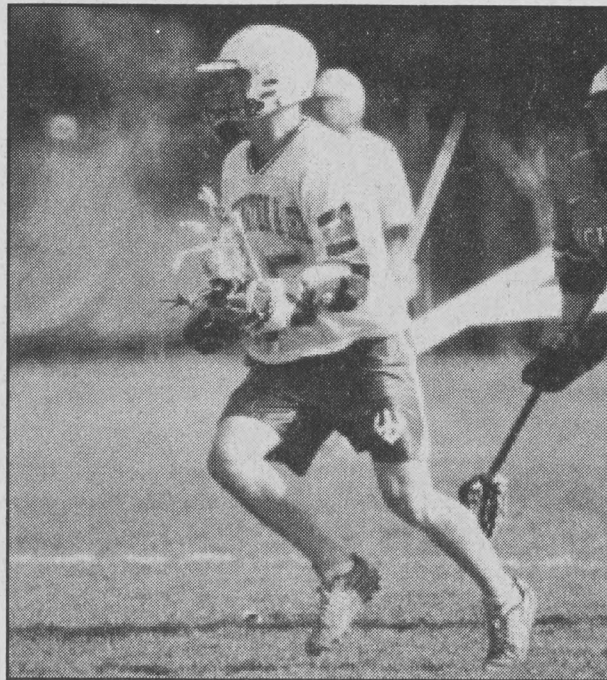
Norton tied the score with less than a minute left in the half, and the two squads battled through a scoreless third period.

Hackney scored the game-winner in the final quarter off an assist from Barnett, and the senior put another in for good measure to finish off Washington.

"It was a little more than we expected," Norton said of Washington's challenge. "We took them for granted."

The Generals will travel to face rival Gettysburg on Saturday. W&L lost to Gettysburg in the regular season last year, but defeated them in the NCAA playoffs.

"It's always a real heated game," Norton said.



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QUICK STARTER. Senior Pope Hackney scored six goals in the Generals' first two games.

The Press Box

Perils of the bubble create annual saga

Just four automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament have been handed out thus far, but already some small and mid-major conference teams are slipping off the bubble.

The big shocker of the weekend was North Carolina-Greensboro's run through the Southern Conference Tournament.

College of Charleston (22-7, 12-4 Southern)



The Line Judge
Jeremy Franklin '04

joins a slew of smaller schools with one foot in the Big Dance and the other in the NIT.

Several conferences can make very good cases for sending more than just the tournament champion to the Field of 65. Granted, some cases are more convincing than others; don't expect large outcries if the Southland or Northeast conferences send just one team to the tournament.

But for every Georgia Tech, Indiana, or Missouri straddling the fence from a major conference, there is a Utah State, Pepperdine, or Richmond wondering if their impressive regular seasons will please the NCAA Selection Committee.

The case of Illinois State is perhaps one of the most complex for the committee to decide on Sunday. The Redbirds' only non-conference loss came to Big XII powerhouse Kansas; while Illinois State didn't pull off any major wins outside of Missouri Valley Conference play, they placed second in a very competitive (both in conference and out) MVC.

Utah State should be a shoo-in, but the Aggies won't be breathing easy for another six days. The Aggies posted a 13-3 mark in the Big West, and possess non-conference wins against fellow bubble teams South Florida and Utah.

Further harming the chances of the mid-major conference schools is the preponderance of more or less deserving teams from the major conferences. For instance, the Atlantic Coast Conference placed just three teams in the 2000 tournament, but as many as six — depending on the fate of Wake Forest and Georgia Tech — could find themselves dancing in 2001.

Women's lacrosse splits opening contests

Generals hammer Sweet Briar, fall to Franklin and Marshall at home

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

Washington and Lee opened its season with an Old Dominion Athletic Conference win over Sweet Briar on Wednesday and a non-conference loss to Franklin and Marshall on Saturday in women's lacrosse action.

In the Generals' 19-0 victory over Sweet Briar on Wednesday, freshman midfielder Lee Wheeler and sophomore attacker Leslie Bogart contributed four goals apiece.

W&L outshot the Vixens 40-3 on the afternoon as freshmen goalkeep-

ers Joanna Perini and Annie Tompkins combined for the Generals' first shut-out since the 1997 season.

Freshman Kelly Taffe added three goals and three assists from her midfield position, and senior attacker Liz Borges notched two goals and two assists.

W&L dropped its 2001 home opener to Franklin and Marshall on Saturday, a 12-6 decision. Diplomats Megan Bermingham and Laura Fine scored three goals apiece in the win.

Although the Generals possessed a 31-20 advantage over Franklin and Marshall in shots, the Diplomats were able to break open a 6-4 halftime lead to secure the victory.

Senior attacker Ellen Ritsch scored a pair of goals to lead W&L, and Taffe added a goal and an assist.

The Generals face non-conference opponent Ferrum on the road at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

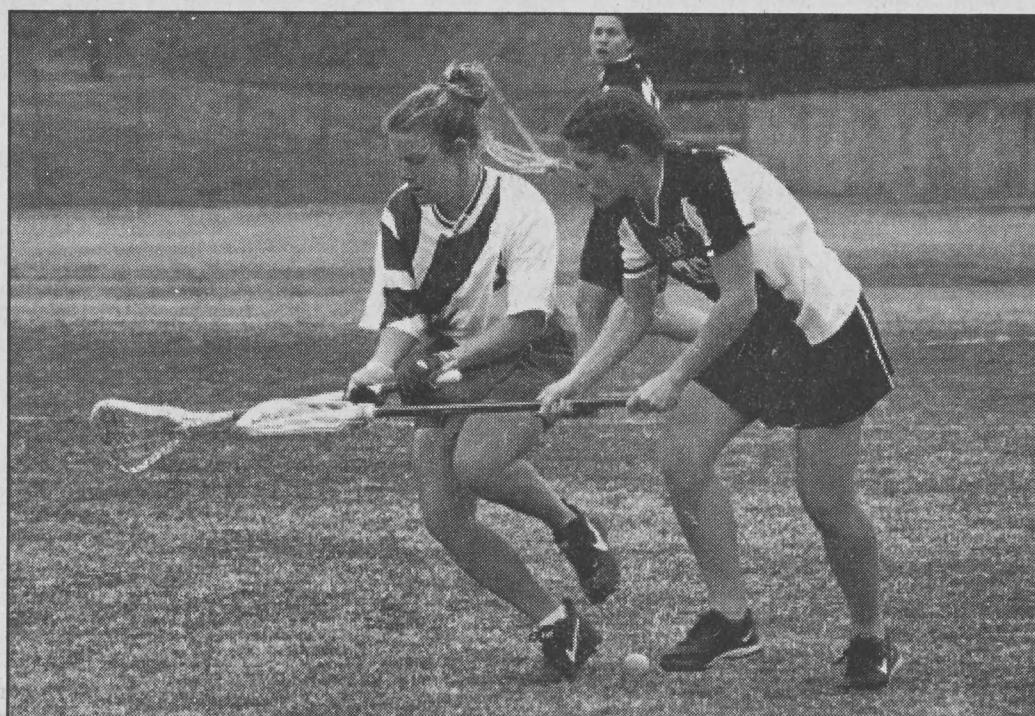


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UNDIPLOMATIC: Sophomore Sarah Janowitz (left) battles a Franklin and Marshall defender for control of the ball in Saturday's contest. The Generals lost, 12-6.

Swimmers successful at postseason events

Women win ODAC invite, while men place in Grove City

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's swimming team won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship over the Washington Holiday, and the men's team placed second in the Grove City Invitational.

Sophomore Blair Huffman was named the ODAC Swimmer of the Year in women's competition. Huffman also won seven events to be named the Atlantic States Swimmer of the Meet.

Sophomore Kelli Austin also

earned a first-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle. The Generals placed first out of 14 teams at the invitational tournament.

While the women were in Radford at the ODAC championships from Feb. 16-18, the men's team was in Grove City, Pa. The team finished in second place in the Feb. 15-17 event, topped only by Division II Westminster.

Senior Colin Hayes earned a meet and pool record time of 1:53.17 in the 200-yard butterfly. The 200-yard medley relay team, consisting of Hayes, classmate Mike Miraglia, sophomore Brett Burns, and freshman Eric Ritter, also broke a 12-year-old school record by winning in a time of 1:36.59.

Ritter also broke a school record by placing second in the 100-yard

backstroke with a time of 52.14.

Hayes and Ritter will both compete in the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships starting on March 15 in Buffalo, N.Y. Hayes posted NCAA "B" cut qualifying times in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly events at the Grove City Invitational. He will also swim in the 200-yard IM.

"It's a big meet," said Hayes, who has already been to the NCAAs twice and is looking to finish in the top eight in his group. "There's lots of fast people there."

Ritter qualified for the NCAA Championships with his win in the 100-yard backstroke at the Grove City Invitational. His time of 1:54.99 in the 200-yard backstroke put Ritter in the NCAA "B," and he will also compete in the 50-yard freestyle.



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STRONG SHOWING. The men's swimming team placed second at the Grove City Invitational.

Track teams run at ODAC meet

Generals optimistic about approaching outdoor season

By Ian R. McIlroy
SPORTS WRITER

At the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Indoor Track Championship, held Feb. 24 at VMI's Cormack Fieldhouse, the Washington and Lee men's indoor track team placed fourth of five teams, while the women's squad finished fifth of five teams.

The men's squad ended the competition with 49 points, while the women's squad garnered 28 points.

Despite their low finishes, both W&L teams finished the winter season with promise for the future.

The men's fourth-place showing demonstrates the team's steady improvement.

"We played to our potential, improving by one position from last year's championships," men's coach

Norris Aldridge said.

Despite early season struggles, senior Marc Watson led the way for the Generals, winning the 55-meter dash in a time of 6.56 seconds and placing sixth in the 200-meter dash at 23.64.

Freshman Andrew Schorr finished second in the 3,000-meters with a time of 9:17.77 and fourth in the 1,500-meters at 4:24.41.

In the field events, junior Mike Hegg captured third place in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 8.42 seconds, while sophomore teammate Chris Sullivan turned in a fourth-place finish in the long jump.

According to Aldridge, by adding "more depth in distance races and young contributors in throwing events," the team will continue to improve in the spring.

The women's squad also stands to gain from their ODAC Championship performance.

"Our women competed against

much stronger teams with poise and spirit," coach John Turner said.

Running her personal record in the 1500-meters with a time of 5:11 for a second place finish, sophomore Burke Duncan also took second in the 3,000-meters.

Senior Jessica Parrillo captured third place in the 3,000 Meters with a time of 11:00.22. Senior Amy Calce also ended her collegiate indoor career by finishing fifth in the long jump.

In the spring, the women will benefit from the addition of three juniors: Sarah Schmidt, the two-time ODAC javelin champion, high jumper Megan Babst, and distance runner Gretchen Tencza.

With these new additions and the returning winter competitors, Turner believes the outdoor squad will enjoy a "combination of speed and spirit that will add to the already hard-working, dedicated, and enthusiastic team."

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Semi-annual conversation with Clinton

Last Word Editor: First off, how is retirement treating you?

Clinton: <Laughing> I wouldn't really call it retirement *per se*: it's more like I've started a new chapter in my life. As I've said before, if I could have run for a third term I would have. I still have a lot to offer to the world and years left of public service. But, I don't think too many of my colleagues in Congress would have appreciated it.

LWE: Why do you suppose that is?

Clinton: Well, I think you might just have to ask them about that. It seemed as if they were out to get me from the first day I took office. Lately the news has been filled with coverage of Bush's honeymoon with Congress. Well, let me be the first one to say that the honeymoon I got with Congress was worse than the one that I had with my wife — which was pretty bad.

LWE: Were you surprised that Congress did not let you depart from office peacefully?

Clinton: No, I wouldn't have expected anything less from them. All I did was exercise a constitutionally granted power in the manner that I thought appropriate, accept a few hundred thousand dollars worth of gifts from my friends, and take a few presidential souvenirs to help me remember the job. I gave eight of the best years of my life to serve the country, and the only thing Congress showed me was ingratitude.

LWE: What impact do you think this is

having on your wife's career as Senator?

Clinton: Well, she's just going to have to deal with the controversy, because I doubt that it's going to be going away soon... especially with her brothers receiving massive amounts of money for their "consultation fees." But, of course, I have no comment about that... except to say, that while a man cannot be forced to testify against his wife, there are some individuals who feel that their civic duty is greater than their matrimonial duty.

LWE: Wouldn't you be implicated in those charges as well, if criminal charges were pressed?

Clinton: <Laughing> They call me "Slick Willy" for more than one reason.

LWE: Uh, okay, Mr. President. What do you feel is your greatest legacy as President of the United States?

Clinton: I would hope that my greatest legacy would be the United States' new position as a global good citizen. Throughout my presidency, I endeavored to usher in a new era of international peace and goodwill by deploying American troops all over the world at every opportunity possible. And although I did not invent the Internet like my lackluster, backstabbing former vice president, I take some credit for helping to usher in the greatest sustained period of economic growth that our country has ever seen.

LWE: So, what's next for you?

Clinton: Well, I wouldn't mind taking

the next couple of months off from public life to write, enjoy some rest and relaxation, and address a few legal matters that need to be sorted out. It will also give me more time to devote to my favorite hobby.

LWE: And what is that?

Clinton: The collectible card game, *Magic: The Gathering*. It was the only beneficial thing that Al Gore added to my presidency. Al got us to start playing it when he'd sneak on to Air Force One, until he got "too cool" for it — after he started playing *Dungeons & Dragons*.

He, Reno, Rubin, and Shalala always used to stay up late in the executive parlor playing it — they called themselves the "Courageous Cabinet Companions" <snickers>. They don't know what they are missing anymore with the newest expansion sets.

LWE: What — ?

Clinton: Well you see they have different kinds of cards that you have to buy that give you different powers for your spell-battles... let's just say Al wasn't any better at being a wizard than he was at being a presidential candidate.

LWE: Mr. President, could we perhaps hear about your upcoming book?

Clinton: <Crestfallen> I'm actually writing two books. The first is a compilation of memoirs from growing up as a boy in Arkansas, to my years as an activist, governor, and president. It's entitled *Clinton: Conquering Camelot Contritely*.

The second book I'm co-writing with ac-

tor/director Ron Jeremy. It is a fantasy novel about three college cheerleaders who are sent on a magical quest by a State Highway Patrolman for the mythical Rod of Klinton to save the free world. There is even a movie deal in the works.

LWE: That sounds fascinating. Do you have any final thoughts?

Clinton: Well, I would just like to thank the American people for allowing me to serve them all these years and say that I intend to stay active and in the news.



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JUST CHILLIN'. Clinton, basking in the glory of retirement.

Administration unilaterally outlaws fun

In a unanimous decision Tuesday, the Washington and Lee Board of Trustees approved the controversial "Proposition 17," which bans all forms and means of pursuing fun on campus due to its detrimental impact on the student body.

The policy will be instituted immediately and is expected to achieve broad-based reform of the gregarious and often-times vivacious social lives of W&L students. The policy specifically cites the following: dancing, laughing, playing video games, assembling in groups, engaging in athletic competition (except running, because it isn't fun), dating, same-sex friendships, and watching all non-reality-based television as being prohibited.

The Board justifies the ban by saying that "fun" is responsible for nearly every instance of impropriety, lewdness, reckless in adherence to safety protocol, and procrastination on campus. In adjunct with the new "Women's Studies Program," the initiative is expected to dramatically increase student academic performance. While pundits of the program have been apt to say "Screw this s**t, I'm moving back to Wisconsin," the Board of Trustees remains confident that the school will be able to sustain the loss of all three Wisconsinites, citing the endless supply of Texans available for enrollment.

As part of the program, the Board also approved a one hundred thousand dollar grant to go toward providing every undergraduate student on campus with the "Unabridged Gloria Steinum Compendium of Works." A trustee declared, "It wouldn't be fair to take away all fun on campus if we didn't offer a wholesome, non-enjoyable alternative."

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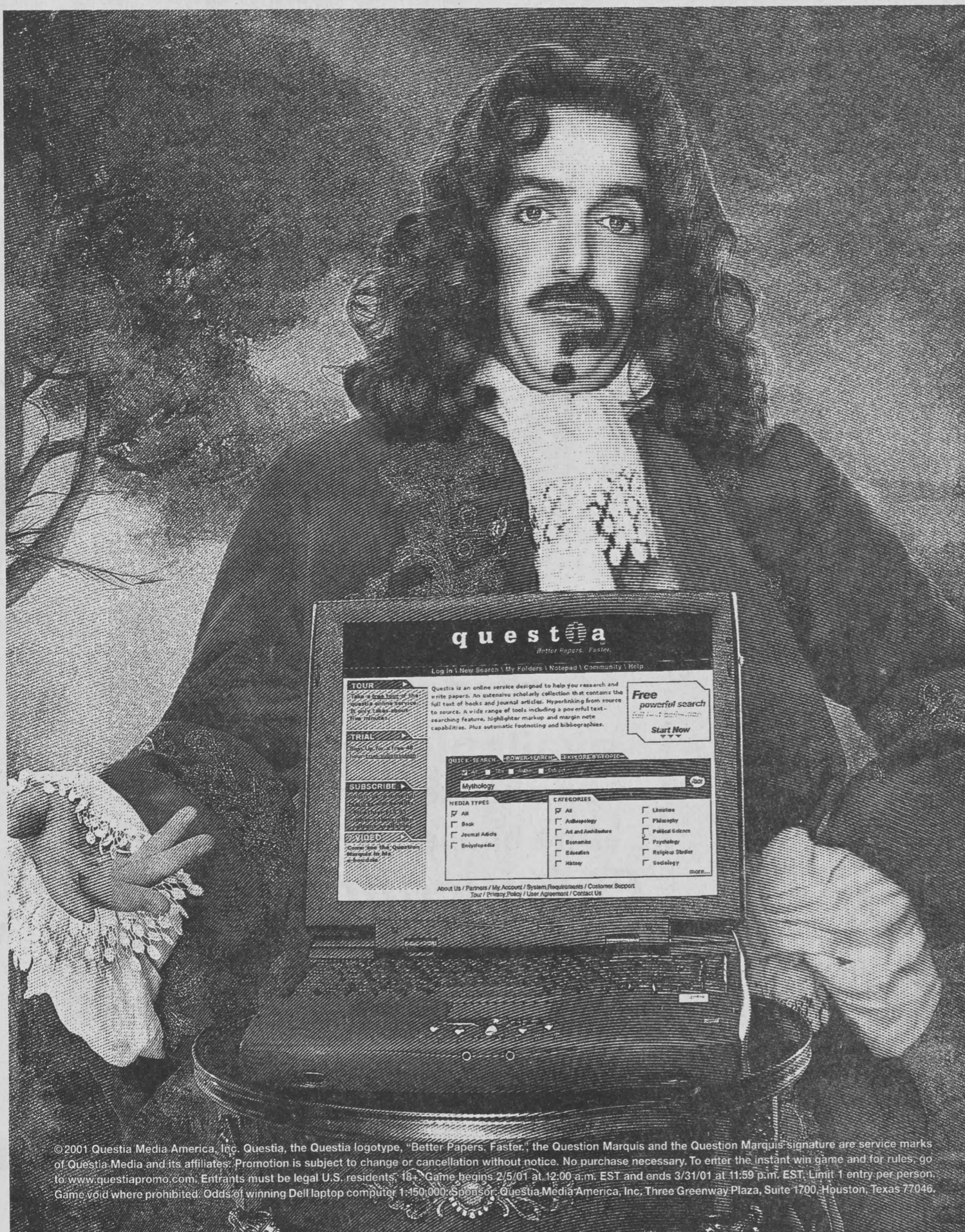
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