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## Spring term's fate awaits faculty vote

By Emily Barnes and Mike Agnello  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR AND ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Spring term may be a thing of the past. Faculty will vote during the first week in April on whether to keep the current three-semester calendar or adopt a two-semester calendar. A special called faculty meeting will be scheduled to discuss the decision no later than March 26.

The current academic calendar, established in 1970, is under review as part of the University's Strategic Plan and the University's Self-Study program. If a two-semester plan passes, Dean of the College Laurent Boetsch said the curriculum would have to be revamped. He believed the whole process could take three years to go into effect.

"I don't think any student here now will have to worry about a calendar change," Boetsch said.

The Calendar Review Committee was established at the beginning of the current school year to compile information. Its specific purpose, as defined by the committee's report, was "to identify and analyze as many consequences as possible of a change to a more traditional two-semester calendar."

The committee, chaired by University Librarian Barbara Brown, consisted of Professors George Bent, Roger Crockett,

Linda Hooks, Chuck O'Connell, Kip Pirkle, Maryanne Simurda, and students junior Sam Langholz and sophomore Anne Ritchey. The committee gathered information from faculty surveys and the 1999 and 2000 senior exit surveys to determine the issues of greatest importance to the W&L community on changing the calendar.

President John Elrod issued a memorandum along with the report to the faculty Thursday.

In the memorandum, Elrod urged the faculty to "determine which of the two calendars will best serve the educational needs and interests of our students." If the University decides to adopt a two-semester calendar, the semesters would consist of 14 weeks, and "the current student/faculty ratio of 11 to one will be maintained with either calendar, and no additional faculty positions will be authorized."

"This decision obviously has long-term implications for the University and is as important as any decision we will have made in recent times," Elrod wrote.

Boetsch said there is no point in taking a



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**JAZZING IT UP.** From left to right, junior Gary Davis, junior Charene Jones, sophomore Latoya Sherron, freshman Rachael Mallis, and freshman Meg Ferrara get down at the third annual Cabaret. Sponsored by the Minority Student Association, Cabaret drew students, faculty, and administrators to Doremus Gym for four hours of jazz and funk.

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## Student attacked

By Mike Agnello  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A female Washington and Lee student was attacked by an unidentified man at approximately 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

Immediately before the assault she left a Phi Delta Theta party at the Pink Palace, a country house near Collierstown.

Leaving the party, she called Safe Rides to pick her up, and Athletic Intern Todd Peters, a driver, told her he would arrive in 15 minutes.

The student waited 10 minutes in the house, then walked up to the street along Pink Palace's long, tree-lined driveway. Because the driveway was dark and slick, Safe Rides vans were picking students up from the road.

While waiting at the mouth of the driveway, an unidentified man came from behind a near-by shed and grabbed her shoulders from behind. As she turned around to face

him, he pushed her to ground, unbuckled his belt, and started kneeling.

She kicked her attacker's face with her boot heel. The man clutched his face, began cursing, and ran into the woods that surround the property.

Immediately after she stood up, Peters arrived in the van.

Approximately an hour after being dropped off at her home, the student notified security, who called the police. She has agreed to press charges if an arrest is made. Under Virginia law, the attacker faces a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by 15 days to one year in jail.

The attacker was approximately 5 feet 10 to 6 feet tall, with short brown hair. The night of the assault he was wearing jeans, a blue T-shirt, and white sneakers. Students with information on the attacker should contact Director of Security Mike Young at 462-8427.

## SAE plans reinstatement program

Chapter alumnus Jim Farrar plans to work closely with men of Virginia Sigma

By Matthew McDermott  
NEWS EDITOR

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity took the first steps towards reversing its suspension this past week, meeting with Jim Farrar, president of its housing corporation, to discuss a schedule of reinstatement.

SAE will be reinstated when its members "demonstrate their readiness and their maturity to manage alcohol within the laws of the state of Virginia," according to a campus-wide broadcast mailer University President John Elrod sent on March 6.

Fall 2001 is the earliest reinstatement time that Elrod is willing to consider.

The fraternity is also required to collaborate with the SAE National Fraternity and the SAE House Corporation to develop a timetable for future changes.

"Jim Farrar is working closely with SAE to discuss what needs to be done," said Dean of Students David Howison, who informed the fraternity of its suspension the evening of March 5.

Farrar, an alumnus of W&L and its SAE chapter Virginia Sigma, has already met for several hours with fraternity members.

Despite fraternity members being "very disappointed, hurt, confused and frustrated," said Farrar, they are "putting aside personal feeling."

Impressed with the house's behavior, Farrar says that a 10-member committee has already been formed to examine a large range of issues. It will evaluate "pledgeship, a community service component, and an alcohol policy," said Farrar, and will work on an unofficial reinstatement proposal.

The housing corporation will meet March 17 to confer with the SAE committee and evaluate the situation.

The corporation, informed of the suspension several hours before the fraternity, concurred with the decision.

In a Cable 2 television interview, SAE President

John Comly said that changes such as a self-administered total ban on hard liquor were already being discussed before university action.

After the death of SAE member Adam Burchett, "we took a hard look at our fraternity and the way it operates," Comly said. "We thought we'd revamp the entire house from the ground up. That takes time, but we're willing to do it."

Critical of the measures, Comly believes that the suspension is "counterproductive" and that the action should have been taken "against the entire system, not just one house."

"[The proposal] may not be the fair thing, if it's going to make a difference then we're willing at any cost to have that change happen," Comly said.

In the meantime SAE may not participate in social events, team intramurals, chapter or Interfraternity Council meetings. The fraternity's pledge class will be initiated as scheduled, no one will be forced to leave the house, and the its kitchen will remain open.

## J-school students to put on walking shoes

By Latrina Stokes  
STAFF WRITER

Journalism students can expect longer walks to class next year.

The Lexington Planning Commission granted a one-year permit to the university Thursday to place the 10 trailers that will house the journalism department in either the Woods Creek parking lot or the parking lot between duPont Hall and VMI's Marshall Museum.

The commission did not like the University's first choice for the "modular buildings," the Corral parking lot on the corner of Washington and Lee streets. When asked about that location, University Architect Tom Contos told the commission to forget about it.

"You can throw that idea to the dogs," Contos said.

Instead, he asked that a permit be issued for the Woods Creek parking lot next to the heating plant as a last resort. The University prefers to use the parking lot behind the Marshall Museum. Contos said VMI is willing to allow the trailers in the spaces where W&L faculty now park. However, state approval, insurance and other legal complications may prevent the University from using this site.

This decision comes after a month of meet-

ings and tabled discussions. Construction of the University Commons will prevent the University from using the original site in front of Doremus gym. The Corral was the next best choice because of its close location, access to public utilities, and low cost. However, the members of the planning commission had been reluctant to allow trailers in such a visible location.

Although it has avoided angering the city of Lexington, the University has angered many journalism majors by choosing other sites.

Sophomore Austin Calhoun was most angered that the city's main objection to the Corral was aesthetic. She also thought that the city failed to recognize how much the University and its students contribute locally.

"I feel like Lexington depends on the student population a lot, and to subject us to such an inconvenience, especially given the fact that the department is so prestigious, is a little ridiculous," Calhoun said.

Calhoun, who plans to live off-campus next year, added that walking to either location will require more time and produce extra stress.

She was not the only student to gripe about the distance. Junior broadcast journalism major Charene Jones agreed with Calhoun.

"I definitely think it's too far. I would have preferred the Corral because it's more central to

campus," Jones said.

Jones said that she has an added burden without a car to get to her interviews off campus. If the trailers end up in Woods Creek, Jones said that she would have even more difficulty completing her assignments.

Senior Daniel Sozomenu, a broadcast major involved with WLUR, said the department and radio station would be more inconvenienced by operating from the Woods Creek parking lot.

"I don't know if that would result in an even more reduced listening area, but as far as I know there will be an attempt to keep that going," Sozomenu said.

Professor Hampden Smith, chair of the journalism department, confirmed that WLUR as well as most classes will operate from a trailer.

"All the larger classes will be taught on the hill; all labs and probably all small seminar-like classes will be in Mod Hall," Smith said.

Smith, unlike many students, has not claimed that either Woods Creek or the museum parking lot would be a great inconvenience.

"We won't be walking as far as the [VMI] cadets do now," Smith said.

"Both students and faculty will have to hustle if they have back-to-back classes. [An] enormous state university has classes far, far apart," he said. "We're spoiled."

## Plans for gym afoot

By Michael George  
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee may soon have 10,000-sq. ft. fitness facility.

W&L's Athletic Department has proposed a new state-of-the-art fitness center to meet the needs of athletes and amateurs alike. The facility, if approved, will be located on the third floor of Doremus Gymnasium. The center will



photo by Mary Guy/ Photo Editor

**LOCKERS. Here for long?**

replace the old men's locker room and third floor pool, which department officials feel are rarely used by W&L students and faculty.

The department hopes to build a facility that will accommodate the three basic areas of fitness. New aerobic machines, Nautilus equipment, and free weights will be housed in the new center. The center will provide ample space for stretching and aerobic exercise.

Mike Walsh, W&L's Director of Athletics, envisions a facility he calls "attractive" and "inviting". Walsh hopes the new center will meet the fitness needs of not just students, but faculty, staff and alumni.

Department officials hope the new facility will make equipment available to anyone needing it.

"It will be fantastic," Assistant Athletic Director Cinda Rankin said. Rankin is hesitant to say that the project is official.

The center still has to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

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## THE WORLD THIS WEEK

By Mehul Srivastava

### Preparations to clone humans begun

Scientists from Italy, the United States and Israel announced that they will begin preparations in the next few weeks to try to produce the first clone of a human being. More than 600 infertile couples had already asked to participate in the experiment. Rome obstetrician Severino Antinori and Lexington, Ky., based fertility specialist Panos Zavos plan to have the project completed within the next two years. The project is being carried out with private, "unlimited" funding.

The cloning of a human embryo would be used mainly as a solution to male sterility, the doctors said, and only when all other remedies had failed. If successful, the cloned children would be genetic twins of their fathers. Experts in the field of animal cloning criticized the team, not only because of the ethical issues involved, but because of the probability, that a cloned human being would have serious malformations.

Zavos and Antinori both said their long experience in the field of *in vitro* fertilization and other forms of assisted pregnancies would allow them to create clones without deformities. Zavos told reporters, "We will use every test there is available, and if we have to invent new criteria to determine a healthy embryo, we will. We won't go ahead until we are sure we will have a healthy baby."

The British government said last year it supported cloning of human embryos up to 14 days old for purposes of

retrieving potentially therapeutic cells. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said no human cloning may take place in the United States without its permission. Italy has no law prohibiting human cloning. Many countries lack legislation or guidelines for dealing with the issue.

### 14-year-old sentenced to life in prison

A Fort Lauderdale judge yesterday sentenced 14-year-old Lionel Tate to life in prison without parole, issuing one of the toughest punishments to a child in Florida history. Tate was found guilty of the first-degree murder of 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick.

Tiffany's skull was fractured, her ribs broken and her liver torn as a result of Tate trying out professional wrestling moves on her. She received a total of 30 injuries, which Tate initially claimed were caused by her being swung into a staircase by mistake. Tate's counsel Lewis argued that Tate was simply copying the World Wrestling Federation stunts he saw on television.

Judge Joel Lazarus ruled that Tate was mature enough to know the consequences of his actions saying "The acts of Lionel Tate were cold, callous and indescribably cruel."

One juror said the panel did not believe the wrestling defense. "Anybody that went through that trial and witnessed the brutality, and the length of time it took to inflict the blows, would have to go with first degree murder under the law."

### Harvard singers to tour W&L

The Radcliffe Choral Society of Harvard University is scheduled to perform on Monday, March 26 at 8:00 p.m. in Lee Chapel. It will sing sacred and secular works from the Renaissance through the 20th century. Stravinsky, Mozart, and Irish folk songs will be featured.

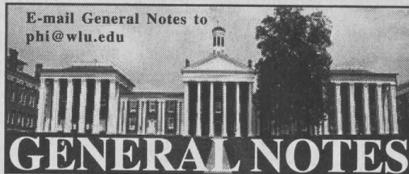
Admission is free, but a \$5 donation will be appreciated.

### Farrar named next senior assistant to the president

Alumnus Jim Farrar, secretary to the Board of Trustees and associate director of development, accepted University President John Elrod's offer to become his senior assistant.

In his new position, Farrar will engage in special assignments: drafting reports, making presentations and serving as Elrod's proxy.

He replaces Farris Hotchkiss, also an alumnus, who retires after a 35-year career at Washington and Lee.



### GENERAL NOTES

#### Student scholarships awarded

Joshua D. Chamberlain of Richmond, VA, and Jordan S. Ginsberg of Jackson, MI, were recently awarded the 2001 Edward L. Pinney Prize.

The Pinney Prize is awarded to the undergraduate student who "demonstrates extraordinary commitment both to personal scholarship and to the nurturing of intellectual life at Washington and Lee."

Pinney was established by Washington and Lee faculty in memory of Edward Lee Pinney, professor of politics, who died in 1980.

-story courtesy Student Affairs Committee

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student vote, because the administration already knows what students think. Seventy-five percent of the seniors surveyed in the 2000 exit survey opposed a two-semester switch and only 16 percent favored the move.

"The calendar is really the prerogative of the faculty," Boetsch said.

History Professor I. Taylor Sanders said he likes the current calendar, and worries he will lose personal contact with students under the proposed new one.

"Class size would go up and add to the depersonalization of classes," Sanders said.

Sanders added that students who are passionately against eliminating spring term should talk to faculty members and voice their concern. Politics Professor and former Dean of Students Lewis John '58 said he understands the concerns of the new calendar's proponents, but worries about his department's spring term programs in Washington, D.C. and London. John added that professors who complain about spring term being "play time" can simply raise their expectations for students.

"That's a faculty problem, not a student problem," John said.

One factor listed in the committee's report concerns student behavior during spring term, when students have much more free time, "which is usually spent drinking."

"A change to two semesters would turn May into 'crunch time,' and offer less opportunity for excessive drinking," the committee wrote.

Other professors are concerned that important courses for majors will have to be revamped or eliminated. Journalism Professor Brian Richardson '72 agrees with John that professors can use spring term to demand more of their students. Richardson cited the department's spring term in-depth reporting class, known for its rigor and intensity, would not work in a 14-week term.

"[The new calendar] would destroy the course as it's currently constructed," Richardson said. "If [we] know students are taking only one other course, [we] can set the expectations higher."

Some faculty members support eliminating spring term because it would give them more time to do research. Fifty-seven percent of the faculty polled said summer research time is an important consideration.

Politics Professor Mark Rush said he favors a two-semester calendar, and thinks his freshmen advisees get closed out of too many spring term classes. Rush added that few study-abroad programs coordinate with the current calendar, and most students do not go abroad anyway.

"I don't think the benefits are worth [the majority of] students being stuck in Lexington," Rush said.

French Professor Kathy Koberstein, who coordinates a spring term program in France, said she understands both sides of the issue, but would probably vote for a two-semester system.

"It would take an enormous amount of effort [to change], but it wouldn't be impossible," Koberstein

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said. "Most of the [long] semester courses would benefit."

The Calendar Review Committee report breaks down several factors in the decision on a pro vs. con basis. One major concern for students is the committee's prediction that 12 percent of the curriculum would be lost in the move.

"It'll be harder to double major, especially in the music department, since you won't have as much scheduling freedom," senior Sybil Prince said. "There are several seminar classes we need to take that are only offered in the spring term. Plus, I'm dying right now with four classes, five may be just too much."

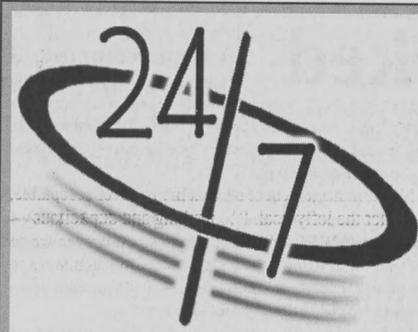
Freshman John Miller said he opposed the change, even though he has yet to experience the term for himself.

"Spring term is one of the things that attracted me to this school since I visited during that time and found it unique," Miller said. "I also don't want to lose the two breaks from Christmas to the end of the year."

Sophomore Neal Willetts said he prefers the two-semester, more conventional calendar. Willetts added that he has trouble applying for internships because of how late W&L's classes end.

"Being in school a month later than everybody else is ridiculous," Willetts said. "We could accomplish just as much academically and socially in a two-semester system as we could in three."

History Professor Holt Merchant said no matter what the result of the vote, the future of the University is at stake.



#### Today

Promotion and tenure recommendations due in Dean's Office

7:30 p.m.—Campaign Program. "Reflections on the 2000 Presidential Campaign." Mike Allen '86 and David Pace. Lee Chapel.

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

#### Tuesday

2:30 p.m.—Computer Workshop. UC 100: Introduction to Web-based Technology Learning with CourseOnline. For details and to sign up, see the Computing at W&L Website.

8:00 p.m.—"Mass in B minor."

#### Wednesday

7:00 p.m.—Politics Filmfest. "Wall Street," directed by Oliver Stone. Room 221, Williams School.

#### Thursday

4:30 p.m.—Art in Business Lecture Series. "American Illustrators: A Golden Age of Painting," Bruce Macdonald of Trinity College. duPont auditorium.

8:00 p.m.—Lenfest Series. *Oregon*. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.

#### Friday

7:30 p.m.—Film Society Movie. "The Cup" (Bhutan, 2000), directed by Khyentse Norbu. Troubadour Theater.

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7:30 PM—Film Society Movie "The Cup."

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# Preserve spring term

Lately it seems that a wave of change has hit this institution. The administration and students have committed themselves to making changes to implement a more positive culture at Washington and Lee. However, we must not resort to changing what makes W&L a unique and intellectually stimulating place. As the faculty ponders

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whether or not to do away with spring term, I urge them

to think wisely about what it would do to our University. I realize that I am a freshman, and have not gone through a spring term, but I think that I can provide some insight as to why spring term is an asset to W&L. One of the reasons I decided to come to W&L is spring term. And I am not talking about the parties and trips to Goshen that evidently come along with spring term. I am referring to the array of courses that are offered spring term, which help expose students to a wide variety of topics that would not be able to be covered in fall and winter terms. Used properly, spring term can be a valuable time of enrichment and learning.

After talking with several faculty members, I understand that spring term is the time to pick one or two subjects to investigate deeply. In both the fall and winter terms, students must focus on three to five courses; thus each course can receive only a fraction of their attention. However, in the spring students can investigate select subjects "vertically" — meaning intense study on a fo-



cus topic. If we had two 14-week terms, would students have this opportunity to study these topics in depth?

In addition, spring term is the perfect time to study abroad. It gives students the ability to spend a short, but meaningful time in another country. The ability to leave the country and not severely impact their academic career encourages students to experience a variety of different countries and cultures. The loss of spring term and the

accompanying prospect of falling behind in the four year graduation schedule will result in less study abroad.

Spring term is one of the factors that make W&L stand out among other schools. This time of enrichment and education should not be eliminated because of a minority who uses it for excessive drinking and partying. I urge the faculty to consider an alternative to eliminating such a valuable time.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## New alcohol regulations should be reconsidered

Dear Editor,

As an alumnus who vowed not to forget what it's like to be a student, I've been very concerned over the past few weeks regarding the new alcohol proposals. I am tired of the university branding every W&L student a drunk. The majority is responsible, and I'm concerned that W&L is passing from a state of understandable reaction to two senseless deaths to a state of unacceptable overreaction.

Did I read correctly that the University has proposed prohibiting "shots" anywhere on campus? Not only is this laughably unenforceable, but it's insulting to every student. Banning liquor and prohibiting beer past 1 a.m. perhaps not unreasonable at first glance, but liquor and beer will always be available in the countryside beyond the administration's reach, but not beyond an automobile's. These forced social regulations are only going to accomplish the opposite of the University's intent.

What's the goal? To ban alcohol? To limit legal liability? To save lives? I would hope the primary goal is the last one, but, ironically, the University's proposals most likely will have the opposite effect. This is how good intentions can have horrible consequences. The University is about to push so hard that students will abandon the normal channels of socializing, and it will lose all control over social interaction. The fraternity rank-and-file will head into the countryside to party, and the administration can't regulate what goes on there.

I know the University is concerned over alcohol abuse on campus, but I think we need to be pragmatic. Alcohol and drug abuse have never been eliminated in society so what makes the administration think they can eliminate it

on W&L's campus? All the University will accomplish with the "ends justify the means" mentality is increasing the risk of loss of life while violating student self-governance — something I thought was sacrosanct at W&L.

W&L's unique aspect is student self-governance. I'm troubled by the heavy-handed "suggestions" from the University to the IFC presidents. After speaking with some students, I was troubled to learn the IFC was basically given the proposals, a three-week deadline to come up with its own set of proposals — albeit they should be similar to the University's — and a reminder of the power of the University to suspend a fraternity altogether if the IFC should fail to act. What is masquerading as student government these days?

Micro-management of student life is never acceptable, no matter the lofty goal. It's insulting and duplicitous — "Welcome to W&L. You're adults now... however, we do have this list of things we feel you're too immature to decide for yourself." Adulthood affords them the opportunity to make brilliant or foolish choices.

I may be old-fashioned in my thinking that if a student can vote for the president, be sent off to die for his or her country, and be expected to plan for his or her future in academics, then that student is entitled to make his or her own decisions regarding social drinking. I realize our Congress determined otherwise when it required every state to enact the 21-year-old drinking age, but I'm a realist. People will always seek out what's denied to them — after all, drugs seem to be rather prevalent in society and they're outright illegal.

I find it problematic in President Elrod's letter to W&L parents that drugs are mentioned as "second-hand" effects of alcohol. Hardly second-hand. Drugs are prevalent on campus, as they have been for decades. I suspect the university is in the uncomfortable position of not being able to focus on drug abuse, since drugs are illegal across all age brackets and therefore not prone to regulation. But what's more troubling to me is that the new alcohol proposals may, ipso facto, promote the use of drugs. In talking with students this fall, I learned that it's easier for them to smoke pot or pop a pill on the way to a party than it is to find beer and consume it publicly over a period of time. Again, I may be old-fashioned, but I prefer students sipping alcohol in the open to popping pills en route. The effects of alcohol are easier for a student to predict than immediate chemical reactions in the brain. I also prefer students sipping alcohol openly at the fraternity houses instead of trying to get a "buzz" before driving to them.

While I understand the University's goal is to curb alcohol abuse, most students know how to consume it responsibly for the level of escapism they desire. A few extremes do not, nor, sadly, will they ever learn even with your prohibitions. You won't dissuade them from their desired levels of escapism. You'll simply drive their socializing out of the fraternities altogether, and put more lives at risk on the roads. So, what is the answer? Live Drive and Safe Ride.

What is urgent for W&L and what the University does

realistically have some control over is the prevention of automobile accidents involving alcohol. The University must expand the Live Drive and Safe Ride programs. In a town like Lexington where taxi service isn't an option, we must provide a means of transportation for students who have consumed too much. An expanded, reliable, free, anonymous, non-judgmental Live Drive/Safe Ride is the answer. Don't judge, just get them home safely if they've overdone it. Apparently, over 700 students have utilized Safe Ride since its December introduction — that should speak volumes.

Also, let's not get involved in the legal system's DUI punishment. A student facing one has quite a lot on his or her plate and shouldn't be double-punished with a year's suspension. This isn't to minimize the severity of the violation, but W&L should leave the severity of the punishment to the courts.

Finally, the 22 January 2001 issue of the *Phi* quoted IFC Advisor Burr Datz as saying that, "History shows that those who cannot control their own destinies, have to have their destinies controlled for them." I'd like to remind that the Board of Trustees a long time ago wisely decided the W&L student body shall govern itself. That governance may include some choices not to the university's liking, but, nevertheless, it is up to the student body to make those decisions. Let's not be so myopic that we accomplish the exact opposite of our intent. Refrain from over-regulating, and rather, keep the students alive by offering an alternative to their getting behind the wheel. Let's make it easy for them to make that adult decision to use Live Drive/Safe Ride. I suspect they'll do a fine job of controlling their own destinies.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Caruthers '87

## SAE suspension applauded

Dear Editor,

I applaud President Elrod's action in suspending SAE. Elrod consulted with the SAE national and with the house corporation. But, ultimately, the decision was his to make in the best interests of the entire university community. The key word in all this from my point of view is responsibility, rather than accountability.

Students leaders, especially upperclassmen, house leaders and varsity athletes have to learn to take responsibility for younger students who look up to them as role models. They need to be proactive and step in where their good judgment tells them action is required. Leadership isn't just about recognition. It's also about taking unpopular actions when that's the right thing to do.

This isn't something which can be done on a one-time basis. It's an issue which needs to be revisited every year with each new set of leaders. It isn't about parental oversight on the part of the university either. It's a life and death matter as we have learned first hand... too often.

Sincerely,  
Alan M. Corwin '62

# Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

Ahhh, prom season.

Good ol' Fancy Dress. You'd think that, as privileged students at a fairly elite university, we could manage to combine dancing, booze, and snappy clothes into a good time. Apparently few of us are that intelligent. Any discussions of FD involve in-depth accounts of all of your previous FDs, almost always turning to vitriole and bile.

"Do you remember freshman year when I showed up and Mary Margaret had the same dress as me? I was soooooo wasted that I took my Gucci kitten heel and beat her about the face with it."

"Yeah, that was the year my date had two other dates, one from Scary Baldwin and the other from RCHS." Frat cat walks up and interjects, "Girls, you should really just get so ratted that you never make it to the ball, avoiding awkward dancing and seeing any members of socially unacceptable groups."

My own memories of FD past are of course less than perfect as are my memories of the real prom in high school. Are we all just desperately trying to cop one last feel from our unfulfilled high school days? As Donna wanted to give up her V-card for David at the 90210 prom, we all want to have that perfect night. And, children, why is it spoiled? Just like poor silicon-filled Donna, we drink too much. We should all glean such valuable lessons from TV.

FD is touted as the one university-wide event, crossing boundaries created by differences in Greek affiliation, race, socioeconomic status, North-South divides, bra-size. The grand unifier.

That's false, blatantly. If that were so, we'd all be assigned random and mandatory dates by lottery outside the co-op the week before:

"Oh, no, I can't believe I drew this weirdo. He drools when he sleeps in class. Barf."

"Meow, look who I got! That Tom is the dreamiest!"

"Too bad he can't go to the big ball. Looks like we're sharing drool boy."

I'm not sure if senior boys feel it yet (or ever will), but from talking to my fellow senior ladies, I think we're all catching the dreadful this-is-our-last-time-to-do-this-ever bug. Like an STD or a stray cat, once you've got it, it's hard to get rid of it. Since I didn't go last year because I was out of the country, this ball does seem to have taken on particular significance if only to keep me from the Science Center for a few days. This year I am currently dateless. I tried to convince an Honor Scholar to be my date but they all kept shrieking in horror and calling me Mom. For those of you who saw me Saturday night and wondered why I was ever let out of the house in that outfit, you will also be shocked to hear that it did not get me a date, or even a ride home, for that matter.

I have at least three back-up plans for the fancy shmancy event:

1. Skip town. Surely this is a cop-out, a cheap trick, but the Mardi Gras (aka Cool Kids' Feb Break Part 2) theme doesn't really do it for me anyway. I could be miles away from Lexington and all its incestuous FD shenanigans by Friday lunchtime. Mind you, with the state that my bank account and poor Catmobile are in, I would get about as far as the Ho Jo on Route 11. Heaven.
2. Take Furman the Cat as my date. As a Persian, Furman would look quite dapper in a red satin cummerbund and bowtie (yes, we have considered the practicality of this). He would also probably pee everywhere, providing a nice variation on the Carrie/pig's blood theme.
3. Use this column to request politely that one of my dear readers (did I mention how hot and intelligent, how buff, you are?) take pity on this poor, lazy senior who is completely incapable of getting herself a date. Someone has told me that this is a "sad" measure to take and that I may be opening a bigger can of worms than I can deal with. They obviously have greater faith in my pulling power than I do. Are you up for the Cat Challenge? There are some things I should make very clear from the start. Since I am a skinny lass, if you are large/meaty enough to throw me around, let's just say I will cower in fear of you all night. Some girls may get off on that but not this bird. Also, if you think it has been "warm enough" to wear shorts at any point since October for things other than sporty activities (sleeping included), you are wrong and we will simply not get along. Most importantly, if you ditch me for a road cheese girl at any point in the weekend (even Sunday), I will hunt you down and torture you in a way that will make your mother cry at night. Now, I may not be cool enough to have a webpage detailing my adoration of Phi Delt, Beta, Diet Coke and Kate Spade, but I clean up real nice and can smile the Good Date smile.

Reserve the right to take none of you, to take all of you, or to pretend that I was completely kidding about this entire column.

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# TALKback: To the Honor Scholars... What are your thoughts about W&L?



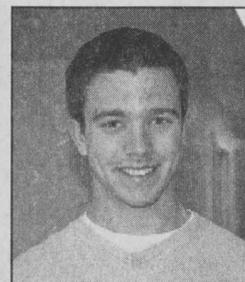
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# FD goes to Bourbon St.

I had my first Mardi Gras experience over Feb break. When I came back to school, I resolved that the South was crazy, and I wanted to go back to New York where people are normal... or at least where foreign cab drivers don't talk about how they see girls hooking up in the back seats of their vans everyday. In New York, they might be grouchy, they might even stab me to death, but they won't point out New Orleans' prime recreational drug exchange corners like they're historical sites. Regardless, I came back to Lexington tapped out. Money. Energy. Any understanding of the human condition.

But, alas, we've managed to bring the salubrious aura of Bourbon Street back to Lexington for my favorite weekend: Fancy Dress. FD manifests the great parody of W&L. In theory, it should be this wonderfully pleasurable and typically collegiate experience that everyone tells their children about: "My junior year FD date was in the coolest fraternity, and I had the best dress." However, between disappearing FD decorations, the who's-gonna-ask-me crisis multiplied exponentially, and resulting student alienations which I will discuss later, Fancy Dress looms more sinisterly than it does happily.

Although everyone thinks Fancy Dress is great and fun, it's really a conglomeration of the everyday evils of W&L into one giant affair. If the FD Steering Committee cared anything about the students' emotional stability, they wouldn't make such a big deal out of it. As if students didn't get suicidal enough about Homecoming dates, the drama over having an escort rises proportionately to the drama of the function. For example, if, on a scale of 1 to 10, someone was a 7 in pulling their hair out over getting a date, the same person will be a 49 during FD. You just square the degree of patheticness. Clearly, the committee did not take this into account.

Nor did they probably take into ac-



photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

**STRANGE FRUIT.** Fancy Dress kicked off with beads hanging from trees around campus as the New Orleans inspired theme was revealed.

count that some people don't check their mailboxes every day; hence, not everyone is going to receive their invitation in time for the gala. Last year, I never went to the post office, didn't get one and assumed I was not invited. I ate chocolate chip cookie dough all night instead of dancing.

The theme of FD also insinuates concepts such as debauchery and France. When I was in Louisiana, I saw a lot of people drinking beverages of the alcoholic persuasion. To have the FD theme be New Orleans implies that people might drink. For the people here who don't drink, it alienates them. It also alienates people who have not taken French, because the invitation (I wisened up and checked my box every day) reads in French. Once again, FD has jeopardized the mental welfare of its students, isolating Spanish students and non-drinkers.

I don't eat seafood, so having the FD raffle be for a crawfish party seems like an especially low blow.

Fancy Dress rears its psychologically damaging head once again: Some people think they might get an HV if they steal

beads... yet another anxiety to add to the already burdened W&L mind. More and more, FD seems to be a conspiracy devised by the psychology majors in order to gauge the emotional strength of college students.

For those unfamiliar with types of essays, this one falls into the pigeonhole of satire (I hate being the person who can't write well enough to let that speak for itself, but I don't want the FD Steering Committee ripping off my limbs and bludgeoning me to death with them). I can't even imagine how long it took them to put up those beads, but I applaud them for that, and for the invitations, and for the raffles. I'm trying to point out how ridiculous some of the crap we worry about is. FD represents a weekend of not worrying about the Victorian novel research paper due, or the economics test, or the fact that winter term hasn't ended yet. We should appreciate the excitement and commotion of the upcoming weeks, because it's better than trying to get excited about Recycling Fridays. (Just kidding, recycling's great! All the cool people recycle.)

Regardless, have fun at Fancy Dress. That's what it's there for.

# Hit the road, Clinton

Bill Clinton has been out of office for nearly two months now, and the public is still not done with him. He continues to hog the spotlight, due to some grotesque desire for unending attention and adulation. Since he is continuing to foist his persona upon the American public, perhaps one should more closely examine exactly what he did while in the Oval Office. His administration, the first to ever be run more by polls than policy, trampled the Constitution and did damage to the fiber of American society throughout its eight years.

On a concrete level, Slick Willy's administration left America's military underfunded, overworked, and left America increasingly underfunded in an increasingly hostile world. To begin, Clinton drastically increased the frequency of military deployments, while cutting the Defense Department's budget. He was asking the military to do more with less.

As Carl Castro and Amy Adler pointed out in the Autumn 1999 Parameters magazine, the US Army in Europe (USAREUR) has shrunk by nearly 70 percent from 1990 to 1999, but from 1945 to 1989, USAREUR participated in only 29 peacekeeping or humanitarian missions while from 1991 to the present [1999], USAREUR has participated in over 100 such missions. This deficiency accounts for the fact that, as was reported during the campaign, two Army divisions were unready for duty. Clinton's implementation of the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy, as well as the decision to issue black berets to all Army personnel, also contributed to the decrease in military effectiveness.

Other foreign policy gaffes include our detente with North Korea while demanding no substantive concessions concerning their missile program from the communist despots in power. Note that the first foreign policy announcement from the Bush Administration was to take a harder line with North Korea. Also, the Clinton Administration removed Yemen from the list of states who sponsor terrorism, allowing the USS Cole to dock there and be attacked.

Most important, however, was Clinton's criminal neglect of our nuclear forces. While refusing to pursue missile defense, he changed our retaliation policy from launch-on-warning to launch-on-detonation, meaning that nuclear missiles would actually have to explode on American soil before we would launch a retaliatory strike. Coupled with his decision to keep one-third of our strategic missile submarines in port at all times, America is more vulnerable to nuclear attack than ever before.

Fortunately, we can recover from the gutting of our military and foreign policy more easily than we can confront the rest of Clinton's legacy. First, the disrespectful and distasteful actions of the ex-President brought touchy sexual discussions to every family's dinner table and exposed millions of youngsters to explicit issues of which they shouldn't have been aware. Also, the stain he left on the office itself and the jaded eyes that we will all now view the Presidency will not easily be eliminated.

In addition, Clinton's legal maneuvers made legitimate an absolute disrespect for any sense of propriety or proportion. This manifested itself in Clinton's merciless and unwarranted attack on Ken Starr as some puritanical sex-crazed inquisitor as well as his quasi-legal, but terribly inappropriate, use of military force to deflect attention away from his personal problems. We witnessed an attack on nomadic camps in the Afghan hills, a Sudanese aspirin factory, and cruise missile bombardments of Iraq, all carefully timed to conflict with news coverage of his improprieties.

Clinton's legal games made possible the post-election shenanigans in Florida. Although completely legal, the Democrats' actions exhibited a complete lack of any sense of fair play and proportion, or any willingness to do what was best for the country at the cost of one's personal political ambitions. Gone was the honor exhibited by John Ashcroft, who conceded after losing unconstitutionally to a dead man. Before becoming accustomed to Clinton's definitions of "sex" and "is," Americans would have been appalled by the political farce in Florida.

Lastly, and potentially most damaging, is Clinton's complete disrespect for the rule of law. Democracy cannot endure if any citizen, no matter how powerful, is above the law, and Clinton did America a gross disservice with his display of contempt for the law during the impeachment process. He was guilty of perjury, obstruction of justice, and suborning perjury, all felonies, but refused to take any responsibility for his actions.

Also, he sold our nuclear secrets to the Chinese for campaign contributions and finished his administration with a flurry of bought pardons, all of which he thought would slide because he wouldn't get caught.

Although just briefly summarized here, Bill Clinton's eight years in office was a saga of legal pussy-footing and selling out America for personal gain. His administration has been the most corrupt and most damaging in American history. Now that we are finally free of our national nightmare, the healing can begin.

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Kris Pollina '03

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# Students plan summer internships

By Amy Blevins  
 STAFF WRITER

The deadlines are here, the interviews are approaching, the applications are cluttering students' desks. Whether they are padding their resume with a fun summer job, doing research, or preparing for their future occupation, some Washington and Lee students are already making plans.

Many students are using their summer months to gain first-hand experience in the working world. Junior Susan Ruge is planning to work with Republicans Abroad International in Washington, D.C. The group works with American citizens living overseas, helping with absentee ballots in election years, arranging overseas trips for Congressmen, and answering questions about the United States' political situation.

Ruge sees interning as a stepping stone to her goal of furthering her education in politics and ultimately living in Europe and working with the European Union.

"I think interning is the most valuable thing you can do. I'm only a junior, but I know that I have a job with a few places if I want it already after I graduate," said Ruge. "Hopefully I'll get to know some of the prominent American businessmen in Europe." Ruge said.

Juniors Sarah Spisich and Sam Langholz are also hoping to be in Washington, D.C. this summer. Spisich has applied to work with the Department of State in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Langholz hopes to work as a White House intern.

Spisich is interested in foreign affairs and American foreign policy, and plans on continuing her education in international relations. With the internship, Spisich would be conducting background research for European public opinion polls.

"[The internship] will give me an idea if this is something that I could see myself doing for the rest of my life," said Spisich. "It'll help me decide between law school and grad school."

Langholz worked on Capitol Hill last summer and worked for the George W. Bush presidential campaign in Iowa.

"I've wanted to learn as much about Washington D.C. and the political life on Capitol Hill and now on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue at the White House," said Langholz. "Regardless of what I end up doing, it'll be an experience that I will take with me."

Freshmen Blair Oakley and Lauren LaRue are getting an early start on the internship process. LaRue is applying for an internship with the National Space Society, and Oakley



**TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!** Freshman Lauren LaRue hopes to get a summer internship with the National Space Society, which educates others about the advantages of space exploration.

is applying with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The National Space Society "works to educate the public, the government, and corporate sectors about the advantages of space exploration," said LaRue. The internship would include researching public policy recommendations, attending congressional hearings, and organizing events.

"The position really appeals to me because I want to double major in a science and politics, and the internship provides a wonderful opportunity to combine my two interests," said LaRue.

Oakley is applying for an internship with the Georgia Environmental Protection Agency. Oakley would work under conservationists learning about local environmental health, mainly the Chatahoochee River.

"This experience would involve some tanning in the sun

and playing in the mud," said Oakley. "But more importantly [it] would teach me a lot about environmental activism."

Some students will use the summer months for education. Sophomore Dustin Albright plans to assist W&L Physics and Engineering Professor Kenneth Van Ness by researching polymers. Albright plans to attend graduate school to study civil engineering and architecture.

"This will help fill grad school applications," said Albright. "And tinkering in the lab should be pretty fun." Not all students are pursuing the typical internship. Freshman Christina Webster hopes to work on a ranch this summer in Wyoming or Colorado as a waitress, hostess, or children's counselor.

"It's absolutely gorgeous out west," said Webster. "And I want an adventure."

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## Michael's Pub

By Michael Crittenden  
 CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Haven't taken some time off in recent weeks — being lazy, pretending to get work done, and generally reveling in the wonderful world of being a highly lackadaisical senior — I decided to come back this week with a slight change of format. Being cynical from too much of everything, this week, instead of selecting a quality beverage from a region known for painstakingly brewing each select formula, I decided to pick a beer I despise more than any other. This is a beer that is a bane to the existence of all other fine ales and beverages. I am, of course, speaking of Rolling Rock, a testament to all that is horribly wrong with upper-middle class, yuppie, white men who would rather wear khakis and a button-down than a t-shirt and jeans. . . you know, Republicans.

Now to the beer itself. My biggest problem with Rolling Rock stems from the awful green bottle in which its owners insist it be bottled. Every discriminating beer consumer knows that it is entirely destructive to the beer to be bottled in green bottles, which, because of their color, let in more light than traditional brown or black bottles. This exposure tends to "skunk" beer quicker, which is very apparent when you take that first painful sip of Rolling Rock. With a weak head, a sickly yellow color, and a strange smell, Rolling Rock does not really make me want to drink it after the all important first pour.

Then comes the taste, which is reminiscent of strange cocktail nuts. I have always hated Rolling Rock specifically for its nutty aftertaste, and I still do. It has no distinctive malt or hop flavoring and I assume the only reason for its lasting popularity is its being viewed as a fancy-domestic to nancy-boys who just got home from the country club and would not dare be seen with a Budweiser, it being such a low-brow, common man's beer.

Overall, I give Rolling Rock a three on the 15 point "Beers that Have a Flavor" scale. It is awful and, if consumed, one should immediately induce retching to clear the body and soul of a beer I equate with President George W. Bush. Both are weak, tend to have no flavor and are not the sort of thing an intelligent person would choose. In the same way I could never see myself saying "Yeah, I voted for George Bush." I can also never see myself saying, "Hey guys, I just picked up a six-pack of Rolling Rock."

Neither seem appealing and induce in me a certain fear and loathing usually reserved for the Las Vegas gambling and prostitution scene. Do not buy this beer; in fact, run away from it. Until next week, remember to consider quality instead of quantity (in other words, avoid Rolling Rock like you would a used-car salesman) in all of your beer choices.

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## W&L wins blowout, OT contest

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team slammed Ferrum 27-0 on Thursday and then improved to 2-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with a 9-8 overtime win over Randolph-Macon at home on Saturday.

The 27-0 road win set school records for margin of victory and goals in a game. Freshmen Joanna Perini and Annie Tompkins split time in goal, combining for five saves to shut out Ferrum.

Senior attacker Liz Borges scored six goals and assisted on three others to lead the W&L offense. Junior attacker Emily Owens and freshmen midfielders Kelly Taffe and Lee Wheeler contributed three goals apiece, and sophomore attacker Leslie Bogart tallied two goals and three assists.

The Generals returned home on Saturday to face stiffer competition, eking out a 9-8 win over Randolph-Macon on Taffe's goal with 16 seconds to play in overtime.

Bogart scored three goals, all in the first half, as W&L sprinted out to a 5-2 lead at the break. Randolph-Macon's Megan Keyser led the way in the second half as the Yellow Jack-



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**THE OPEN FIELD.** Freshman Lee Wheeler (right) chases Randolph-Macon's Lisa Weitzel in Washington and Lee's 9-8 overtime home win on Saturday.

ets reeled off four unanswered goals for a 6-5 lead with 8:31 to play.

Senior attacker Ellen Ritsch tied the game for W&L just over two minutes later, and Owens put the Generals up

7-6 at the 4:47 mark. Angela Bisland netted her second goal of the game with 1:20 left, forging a 7-7 tie.

Wheeler's goal put W&L up with 2:41 remaining in the first overtime.

Keyser tied the game with less than a minute left, but Taffe's goal put the Generals up seconds later.

W&L will face Guilford on the road at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

## Men's lacrosse edges Gettysburg

Generals head north to top highly ranked Bullets

By Geoff White  
SPORTS WRITER

Senior Matt Dugan would not call Gettysburg a rival college.

Of Gettysburg, Dugan commented, "They're one of the better teams we play." But that's it.

The Generals traveled to Gettysburg on Saturday and beat the fourth-ranked Bullets in an 8-7 showdown.

Senior Tom Burke scored three goals to ensure the win for the Generals, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead early in the first quarter with goals from Dugan, junior Andrew Barnett, and Burke.

Gettysburg rallied back with four goals late in the half, however. At the break, the Bullets had a 4-3 lead.

Another Bullets goal increased the lead to 5-3 early in the third period. Senior Bernie Norton answered with a goal, assisted by Barnett, two minutes later.

Gettysburg quickly regained their two-goal lead soon after, however, putting the score at 6-4.

With under five minutes left in the third quarter, senior Pope Hackney,

Dugan and Burke all scored, giving the Generals a 7-6 lead going into the final period.

Five minutes into the last quarter, Burke scored his third goal, giving the Generals a more comfortable 8-6 lead.

"I felt we were going to win when we were up by two," senior defenseman Pete Iwancio said.

Gettysburg was not finished, however. With 7:20 left in the game, Wed Cadman cut the Generals' lead to one with a goal for the Bullets.

Despite the narrow lead, Norton believed that "we had control of the whole game."

"We were controlling the ball pretty well," Dugan said.

Senior goaltender Wes Hays, who finished with seven saves, and the rest of the Generals kept Gettysburg from scoring again, preserving the 8-7 win.

"I'm pretty happy with (allowing) seven goals," Iwancio said of the team's defensive effort.

W&L also continued its domination in faceoffs, winning 12 of 17 for the game.

The Generals (3-0) will travel to Carlisle, Pa., to take on Dickinson College on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The Generals' next home game will be against Franklin and Marshall at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

## Men's team starts win streak

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team improved to 5-1 on the season with a string of four home matches over the past five days.

W&L began the week with a 7-0 win over Old Dominion Athletic Conference opponent Hampden-Sydney on Wednesday. Junior Rhys James defeated John Moss 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, and junior two-seed Andrew Roberts handled Durell Carothers, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Freshmen Austin Kim, Graham Nix, and K.C. Schaefer and sophomore Chase Bice won their singles matches in straight sets.

James and Roberts, Kim and Nix, and Schaefer and junior Zac Vuncannon won their doubles matches handily against the Tigers.

Christopher Newport came to town on Friday, and the Generals handed the Captains a 6-1 loss. James lost to Christopher Newport's Jason Martin at the top seed, but W&L did not lose another set on the afternoon.

Kim, Nix, junior Rob Moynihan, Bice, and sophomore Chris Sorenson rounded out the singles lineup with wins for the Generals. Kim and Nix, Schaefer and Vuncannon, and Bice and Moynihan collected doubles victories.

W&L continued its non-conference schedule with a 5-2 win over the College of Wooster on Saturday. James and Roberts lost from the top two slots, but again W&L benefited from a strong bottom half of the lineup.

Kim knocked off Jake Sintich 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 from the third seed, followed by victories from Nix, Schaefer, and Sorenson. Sintich and Rob Ogg topped James and Roberts in doubles, but Kim and Nix and Schaefer and Vuncannon secured the doubles point for W&L.

The Generals finished up their week on Sunday with a 5-2 win over Denison. Jeroni Barnes topped James and Cameron Vincent defeated Roberts from the one and two seeds, but Kim, Nix, Schaefer, and Bice cleaned house to secure the win.

Barnes and Chris Compton defeated James and Roberts in number-one doubles, but Kim and Nix and Schaefer and Vuncannon pulled out victories.

W&L hosts Kenyon at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Questions, comments, or suggestions? Contact Jeremy Franklin at x4060.

## Generals stay perfect in 2001

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team remained undefeated in 2001 with home wins over Hollins and Denison last week.

The Generals improved to 3-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with an 8-1 victory over Hollins on Wednesday.

Sophomore Erika Proko, junior Melissa Hatley, sophomore Alyson Brice, junior Sallie Gray Strang, freshman Liz Law, and freshman Emily Taylor won singles matches in straight sets for W&L.

In doubles competition, Hollins' Anne Stevenson and Alice Moss topped Proko and Hatley 8-5, the Generals' first dropped ODAC match since March 1997. Brice and Strang defeated Liz and Cayce Schnare in number-two doubles, and sophomore Bonnie Goldsmith and freshman Ellie Simpson knocked off Molly and Bess Kelly at the third seed.

W&L stepped out of conference for the first time this season on Sunday, pulling out a 6-3 win over Denison.

Sophomore Laura Bruno, sophomore Brandi Jane Wedgeworth, Brice, and Law won the second through fifth-seeded singles matches.

Lauren Gerlach topped Hatley 1-6, 7-6 (6), 6-1 in number-one seed singles, and Lisa Carlton handed Strang a 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 loss from the sixth seed.

Gerlach and Alison Hughes topped Proko and Hatley in number-one doubles for Denison's third point. Bruno and Strang topped Kristen Hanto and Molly Smith, and Brice and Wedgeworth knocked off Carlton and Valeria Muradov.

The Generals will take on Kenyon at home on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

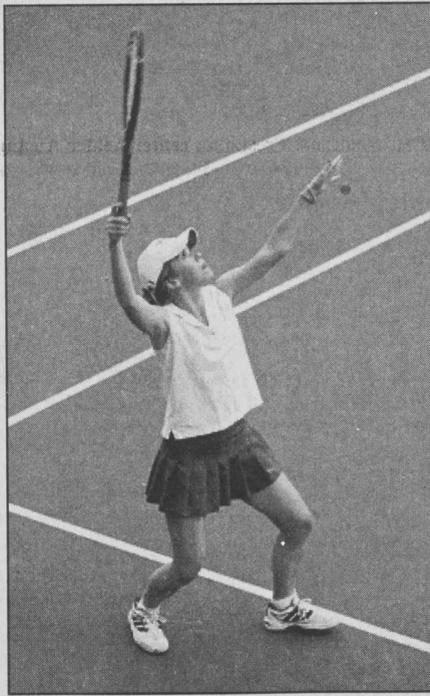


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**IN THE AIR.** Sophomore Alyson Brice prepares to serve in W&L's 8-1 victory over Hollins in ODAC competition on Wednesday.

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# Wrestling academic for Generals

## Two W&L grapplers, team receive scholarly recognition

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior wrestler Josh Chamberlain and junior teammate Ezra Morse were named to the National Wrestling Coaches Association of America Division III Academic All-America team this week.

In addition to the individual recognitions, the Generals placed 15th in the Division III Top 20 Scholar Teams, recording an overall 3.062 grade point average.

"This recognition means a lot to the team and to me," Morse said. "I believe it dispels the myth of wrestlers being 'dumb' athletes. At W&L, it takes a lot of dedica-

tion on an athlete's part to be able to participate in a varsity sport because of the heavy workload.

"The team as a whole puts in a lot of effort in both the matroom and the classroom."

Chamberlain concurred with his teammate's opinion.

"It's nice to be recognized for academic and athletic achievement, and I think it means a lot for the team to win academic All-American honors," Chamberlain said. "It shows that we do something besides wrestle. Other teams know that we don't go here simply for athletics, and recognition for that is satisfying."

Chamberlain complemented his 19-11 record on the mat with a cumulative 3.895 GPA off of it. The 149-pounder recorded a second-place showing at the W&L Invitational on Jan. 20 and third-place finishes at the Newport News Apprentice Invitational on Feb. 3 and the Centennial Conference Championship on Feb. 17.

The senior, whose 19 near falls led the Generals in 2000-

01, ended his W&L career with a 62-44 record.

"Individually, I think I could have done a little better," Chamberlain said of his on-court performance. "The team had a winning dual record even though we lost a couple of close ones."

"The conference tournament was a little disappointing on the whole, but we did have our first conference winner and national qualifier (freshman Joe Mueller) since 1989."

Morse posted a 20-3 record on the season, including marks of 11-1 in dual meets and 4-1 in Centennial competition. The junior has maintained a 3.264 GPA while leading the squad in takedowns with 37 and pins with seven.

The 197-pounder won his weight class at the VMI Keydet Invitational on Nov. 12 and the Scranton Tournament on Dec. 2. Morse finished second at the Newport News invite.

The Generals finished the season with a 6-5-1 record in dual competition, 3-3 in the Centennial.

# Generals continue swift start on the diamond

## W&L stomps Southern Virginia, splits ODAC doubleheader with Guilford

By Jeremy Franklin  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee baseball team extended its winning streak to eight games before falling to Guilford in the second game of a doubleheader on Saturday.

The Generals (9-2, 3-1 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) knocked off Southern Virginia at home on Wednesday to win their seventh straight. Freshman Mike Wert secured his first collegiate win by yielding just two hits over six innings.

W&L jumped on the board early, as junior third baseman Matt Kozora smacked a two-run single in the first inning, scoring sophomore shortstop Michael Hanson and freshman center fielder Austin Allain.

Sophomore first baseman Brian Gladysz pushed the lead to 5-0 in the second with a double that knocked in Allain and Kozora. Hanson provided the final margin in the following inning by driving in sophomore second baseman Richard Campbell and sophomore left fielder Dan Kagey.

The Generals then proceeded to travel to Greensboro, N.C., where they split a doubleheader with ODAC foe Guilford.

Senior righthander David Sigler tossed his third complete game of the year to lead W&L to a 6-3 win in the first game. Sophomore designated hitter Kyle Drop-



**TIMELY RETURN.** Freshman center fielder Austin Allain dives back into first base, beating the throw to Southern Virginia's Charles Moline in the Generals' 7-0 victory on Wednesday.

photo by Mary Guy/Photo Editor

pers batted 2-for-4 with a run and one batted in, and four Generals crossed the plate in the fourth inning in the victory.

Although Hanson led off the second game with a home

run, the Quakers' eight-run sixth inning put the Generals away in a 12-3 loss. Kagey was shelled for six runs and nine hits over five innings.

W&L will host Westminster at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

### Upcoming events in Washington and Lee athletics

Baseball		Women's Lacrosse		Women's Tennis	
March 13	at Mary Washington	March 14	at Guilford	March 13	Kenyon
March 14	Westminster	March 17	Virginia Wesleyan	March 15	Bloomsburg
March 17	Hampden-Sydney (2)	March 22	at Roanoke	March 17	Franklin and Marshall
March 18	West Virginia Tech (2)	March 24	at Mary Washington	March 19	Eastern Mennonite
March 21	Bridgewater			at Bridgewater	
March 24	at Randolph-Macon (2)			March 20	Lynchburg
				at Sweet Briar	
				March 21	Roanoke
				at Randolph-Macon Woman's	
Golf		Men's Swimming		Men's and Women's Outdoor Track	
Mar. 12-13	at Ferrum Spring Invitational	Mar. 15-17	at NCAA Championships	March 17	W&L Invitational
March 21	W&L ODAC Invitational			March 24	at Roanoke Invitational
Men's Lacrosse		Men's Tennis			
March 13	at Dickinson	March 13	Kenyon		
March 18	Franklin and Marshall	March 15	Mary Washington		
March 24	at Virginia Wesleyan	March 16	at Guilford		
		March 18	Washington College		
		March 19	Eastern Mennonite		
		March 21	at Averett		

## The Press Box

# UNT's Wright loses to colon cancer, NCAA

What started out as stomach pains ended up in tragedy.

Marcellus Wright, a highly touted junior college forward from Garden City (Kan.) Community College, was never healthy at the University of North Texas, where he transferred in August.

The junior was diagnosed with mononucleosis, and he missed the first month of the season. However, the lethargic feeling and the stomach aches never disappeared.

On Feb. 1, Wright learned that he had a rare form of colon cancer. He lost the battle on Friday, back home at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

"Everybody prayed for a miracle," North Texas head coach Vic Trilli said. "Unfortunately, it just didn't happen."

The 6-foot-8, 21-year-old played in just nine games for North Texas, totalling 58 minutes, 14 points, and 13 rebounds. At Garden City in 1999-2000, Wright scored 12 points a game as the Broncbusters placed third in the Kansas Jayhawk West Conference.

As a freshman in 1998-99, Wright was named honorable mention all-conference as Garden City advanced all the way to the Region VI championship.

Sophomore teammate Jason Miller spoke for the team following Wright's passing.

"You don't really want to believe that his could happen to one of your teammates," Miller said. "He was a big part of this team and we miss him very much. He was very easy to get along with and a good friend. He was a guy you could talk to, a great person."

"You feel helpless."

Wright must have felt helpless during the closing months of his life. Although receiving the emotional support of his family and teammates, the NCAA refused to provide coverage for his medical bills. The NCAA Division I Manual specifically prohibits health insurance coverage for scholarship athletes, and evidently no exception could be made for a dying player.

Now in addition to the loss of Marcellus, the Wright family — which had no insurance coverage to begin with — must pay for the medical bills accumulated during Marcellus' bout with cancer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in order to cover some of these costs. Interested parties may respond via this address:

Marquette Bank, F.O.B.  
c/o Marcellus L. Wright  
80 South 8th Street  
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**Last Word-Post-Times-Tribune-Sentinel-Daily****WORLD****Global Architectural Coalition criticizes Indian building quality**

After the 7.9 magnitude earthquake wreaked havoc upon residential areas in Gujarat, India, the UN formed the Global Architectural Coalition to investigate the widespread failure of their architectural safeguards.

The Coalition delivered its findings Saturday, stating that the people of India should significantly change their building code standards.

Chairman Hassim Punjabidabi (Pakistan) delivered the coalition's findings Saturday, "Building materials such as bricks and steel are much too heavy and could harm residents if they collapse. Thus we recommend India utilize lighter materials such as styrofoam and balsa wood in the construction of all urban high-density housing projects."

**NATION****Jackson promises to check self to prevent riggity-wreckage**

After Rev. Jesse Jackson soured the minds of the general public with the mental image of him engaging in the various activities needed to create a "Luv Child," few media experts imagined that he could drag his integrity any lower. Everyone except the *National Enquirer* was shocked when it was

found that one of Rev. Jackson's many non-profit organizations paid his mistress \$35,000 in severance pay.

The revelation that Rev. Jackson's organizations may not be respectable sent shockwaves through the conservative community.

Rush Limbaugh was rumored to have said, "although I have not always agreed with Rev. Jackson, my respect for both the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and the Citizenship Education Fund have never wavered before today. Now, though, I have serious doubts about how those groups are using their money to advance their vast liberal agenda."

Fellow companion in debauchery Bill Clinton stands by Jackson. Although Clinton mentioned he found it ironic that during the very time he was seeking spiritual advice from Jackson over his intern infidelity, Jackson was taking a *dip* in his clerical pool.

The question remains whether Jackson will open the accounting books of his various organizations. It is expected that the contents of the books will remain clandestine to prevent the public from finding out that the organizations are really just a cover-up.

The FBI is currently investigating Jackson for participating in a nationwide breeding program in an attempt to create an army of verbose, meddling Baptist ministers.

The question has arisen as to whether the allegations of Jackson's corruption will affect his chances of being elected president. According to William Diehner, an Assistant Professor at Stamford Department of Politics, the allegations will have absolutely no effect, "Jesse Jackson had a Dixiecrat's chance in hell of being elected President to begin with; thus, nothing could realistically hurt his chances."

Jackson plans to revisit his organizations' various tax returns and make certain amendments to their contents so he doesn't end up some bad man's boyfriend in prison.

**LOCAL****SAE's lose home, inner peace**

The SAE fraternity was struck by a surprise ruling last week when the house was notified by the University that it was being suspended indefinitely from the campus. The SAE's will not be able to hold meetings at their house, throw parties, or continue their pledgship. Fortunately, SAE doesn't throw any huge parties spring term and a large portion of the fraternity lives off campus.

An SAE was conjectured as saying, "Well, can't say that I am in favor of the punishment at all, but it could have been worse. We really lucked out with the fact that the punishment didn't interfere with Christmas Weekend, Rush, or most of pledgship. I don't want to get religious or anything, but I think we are *Buddha's Chosen People*. I mean somebody has to be looking out for us to have that kind of luck, right? Who else would it be other than the Supreme Enlightened One?"

The administration has yet to decide if it will forbid SAE brothers from participating in silent meditation in the house.

An anonymous administrative source has elaborated on the deliberations, "We haven't been able to decide if allowing the brothers to engage in the search for inner peace is appropriate. What sort of effect will our punishment have if they immunize their souls to all worldly suffering? They'd



really have our balls in a salad shooter with that one. I mean, we've already annexed their fraternity and their government leader has been exiled, but faith in the Buddha may protect them — look at how the Chinese failed with Tibet.

University President Giovanni Elrod said SAE would be reinstated as soon as their most prestigious alum, G. Montgomery Tuckworth XXIV, made a sizable donation for the construction of the new University Virtual Reality Playpen.

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT****Disney introduces new animation**

Disney introduced a new canine companion to stand among such giants as Goofy and Pluto. Jean-Francoise deBonze, will star in the upcoming film "Dog Cage."

The movie focuses on the life of young, transsexual show-dog Jean-Francoise (voiced by Emilio Estevez) and his attempt to raise his bitch (voiced by Claire Danes) in urban New Orleans.

According to director Stephano Spielpergo, the film will be a heart-warming tale of love, heart-break, and canine-sexuality. Criticized for similarities to the French novel, *La Cages aux Folles*, Spielpergo assures that, like all Disney movies, it will be completely original.

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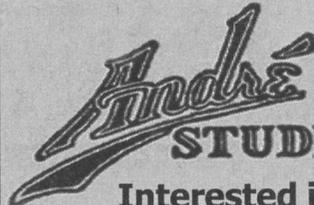
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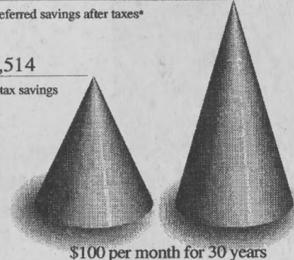
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