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Calendar issue still contested

By Michael Crittenden
CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

As the battle over the future of Washington and Lee's spring term continues to grow, the report from the student-faculty committee in charge of the review has left many questions unanswered.

The report, "Consequences of a Two-Semester Calendar," was published by the Calendar Committee, a joint student-faculty committee chaired by University Librarian Barbara Brown. Charged with analyzing the pros and cons of moving to two 14-week semesters, the committee interviewed faculty and students, as well as members of the administration, on a number of issues they found important. The committee then compiled the results and issued the report to faculty the first week of March.

The major portion of the report focuses on the results of the faculty survey on the consequences of a two-semester calendar. While there is no general conclusion for the report, the report is slanted in favor of a two-semester system.

"The benefits appear to outweigh the costs," the report said. "Positive aspects of such a reform would include a slower pace to conduct courses, the greater opportunity for deeper learning, and the benefits of conforming to calendars used by the vast majority of peer institutions."

The report also looked at the effect of a two-semester system vs. the current calendar in relation to a number of non-faculty related areas, most significantly the effect on student affairs. The report notes that there has been an observed increase in the happiness and relaxed nature of students since spring term was instituted and that there is a fear that a two-semester schedule may cause retention rates to fall.

More interestingly is the claim of the report that spring term needs to be eliminated in order to reduce excessive drinking. According to the report, "students have much free time" during spring term, "which is usually spent drinking. . . we cannot alter patterns of alcohol abuse without altering spring term. . . a change to two semesters would. . . offer less opportunity for excessive drinking."

While there are no statistics given, the committee report also said that drinking and driving is a nightly problem during spring term, despite the fact that drunken driving arrests have declined in recent years.

While some of the report does focus on the effect on students, most of focuses on the opinion of the faculty in

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LARGE ART. With Fancy Dress days away, FD Steering Committee members scramble to finish the decorations in time for the big dance.

Fitness center awaits approval

By Mike George
STAFF WRITER

The proposal to construct a new fitness center met with no definite answers this past week.

The W&L Athletics Department met with architects and designers Tuesday to discuss a new 10,000 sq. ft. fitness center. However, the project has not been approved by the W&L Board of Trustees and is still in its initial phases. The project, if approved, will greatly increase the availability of fitness equipment to faculty and students.

Department officials are looking forward to the project but warn that its completion is a long way off.

"It will take a long, long time. We

are still at ground zero," Assistant Director of Athletics Cinda Rankin said.

While Rankin hopes the project starts soon, she said there could be complications.

"There are all kinds of concerns involved," she said, going on to list such factors as OSHA regulations and accessibility for the handicapped.

Physical Plant Director Scott Bebee also attended the meeting. Bebee will work with architects and designers to remodel the current building. Plans must take into consideration existing electrical, water, and heating systems. The renovation will require extensive work.

Bebee said he understands the work involved, but thinks a new fit-

ness center is needed.

"There is no doubt in my mind," Bebee said.

Bebee said W&L's current weight room is "cramped" and not ventilated properly, and he believes that the new fitness center will get more students to come to the gym.

Sophomore Peter Moore said he likes the idea of a new facility because of problems with the current weight room.

"It's always crowded in there," Moore said. "When teams practice they always take up all the machines."

Moore added he would probably visit the gym more if a new fitness center were built.

"I think the need for it is there," Moore said.

Core survey measures campus alcohol use

W&L students believe alcohol central to campus party scene

By Michelle Lally
STAFF WRITER

The Student Health Center distributed the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey around campus on March 12. Washington and Lee is one of 64 universities to participate in this survey, conducted and tallied by the Core Institute based at Southern Illinois University.

The Core Institute gathers information on college student use and perceptions of drugs and alcohol. The Institute tallies this information for each university and col-

lege, and averages it to render the national results.

Dr. Jane Horton, Director of Health Service, said that the results of past surveys reinforce the perception that there is a strong drinking culture at W&L, and that students here consume more alcohol on a regular basis than other students do nationally.

The results of the 2000 Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, compiling responses from 178 W&L students, showed that 99.4 percent of W&L students think that alcohol is central to the social scene for W&L men, 94.9 percent for women and 99.4 percent believe that the W&L social atmosphere promotes alcohol use.

The results of that same survey also show that W&L students consume 12.5 alcoholic beverages per week,

which is higher than the national average of 5.2 alcoholic beverages per week.

The results of the 2001 W&L Core Alcohol and Drug Survey will be shared by the Student Health Center with the administration, faculty, Board of Trustees, and other student health organizations.

The results will also be used in the Student Health Center's educational initiatives, toward the "social norms" campaign to raise awareness of alcohol use misperceptions, and to track trends of alcohol consumption at W&L.

Surveys are available at the circulation desk of Leyburn Library, in front of Carol Calkins' office in the University Center, and in the Student Health Center through March 20.

GHQ hosts global culture

By Matthew McDermott
NEWS EDITOR

Evening Abroad, a student-run presentation of foreign culture, showcased song, dance, costume, and stand-up last Wednesday in the GHQ.

"In the beginning, there would be as many people in the audience as on stage," said Dean of the College Laurent Boetsch. "This room is a great indicator of progress we have made with international education on campus."

Director of International Education William Klingerhoffer agrees.

"There are several times as many people attending as there were a couple of years ago," Klingerhoffer said. "There has been growth in the past two years especially. Now the international students are more visible members of the community."

Some participating students were American. Senior Bryant Adams led a group playing Brazilian instruments.

"I got interested in Brazilian instruments because they are related to Capoeira, the Brazilian martial art I was studying over the summer," Adams said.

The eighth annual Evening Abroad was sponsored by the Student Association for International Learning. This is the first year that SAIL ran the event previously put on by the International Club.

SAIL is comprised of the Model United Nations organization, the International Student Alliance, Study Abroad, the International Development and Relief Group, and the Social Activities Committee.



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DANCING QUEEN. Shabboo Hosseini, dressed in traditional garb, presents a Persian dance.

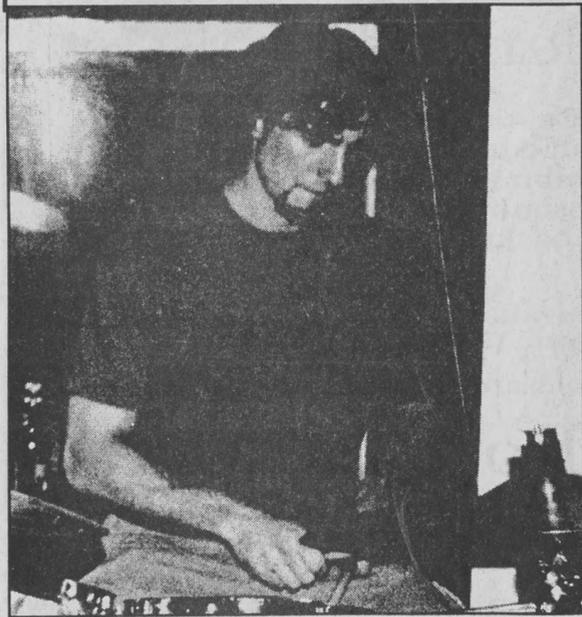


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BANG ON THE DRUMS ALL DAY. Anthony Allen plies his art.

Percussion student performs senior recital

By Latrina Stokes
STAFF WRITER

Senior Anthony Allen will perform Washington and Lee's first percussion recital March 25.

Showcasing his talent in several genres, Allen will play a variety of percussion instruments from the xylophone to the steel drum.

All music performance majors must arrange an hour-long senior recital to complete the major. Allen's performance functions as an honors thesis for his B.A. in music. He will also graduate with a B.S. in business.

"Basically, my recital is not going to be like any other percussion recital or any other recital that anyone's seen at this school," Allen said.

Having no precedent gave Allen the freedom to design a diverse program reflective of his many interests. Drawing from different musical influences, he has designed an energetic

program that includes classical and non-standard instruments.

Allen did not want to confine himself to the instruments most widely used in classical music. He will play the marimba, a large wooden xylophone from Latin America. He will also play jazz on the vibraphone, a smaller xylophone, with the jazz band. In addition he and senior Gabby Best will perform a duet on the steel drums.

"Flight of the Bumble Bee," a fast classical piece, is the third piece Allen will play on the xylophone. He said he chose it "to show off his chops," because the song requires so much ability.

Breaking away from traditional percussion recitals, Allen will not be playing a multi-percussion solo. He is unsure on how the idea came to him, but he will project a Bugs Bunny cartoon and play the music to match the animation.

"I listened to the cartoon about

two thousand times and wrote out all the music to the score," Allen said. "It's going to be really cool and I'm really excited about that."

Allen will show off his 11 years of experience on the drum set when he plays with the jazz band.

Allen hopes to dazzle the audience with the encore. He will play the drums with his cover band Smokestack with smoke machines and a light show as background.

Seniors Sybil Prince and Brooke deRosa choreographed a dance routine to accompany a 1970s rock song.

Because Allen has devoted so much time and effort to this recital, he wants it to be impressive.

"I want people to know that this is such a big part of my life," Allen said. "I want them to walk away and say, 'Damn, that was really cool.' And I want them to remember it for a while."

However, his devotion to creating his craft is much more than the per-

formance itself.

"What I hope to convey to people in addition to what they hear at that moment at my recital is the amount of work I have put into it before," Allen said.

Allen spends about seven hours a day preparing for a single hour of performance. He practices four hours, rehearses for two hours and spends another hour on coordination of the show.

"It's a huge time commitment, but I love every single minute of it," Allen said.

"I've been living and breathing this thing [since] the beginning of last summer," he said. "I believe my life can start after March 25."

Allen said that he owes a lot to his supportive parents. He knows that they will appreciate all the time he has spent coordinating 10 musicians, practicing his music, and learning technique.

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**THE WORLD
THIS WEEK**

By Mehul Srivastava

Cheaper AIDS drugs sold

Two of the largest producers of anti-AIDS drugs announced this week that they plan to sell lifesaving drugs and medicines to South Africa at low prices. This decision follows years of campaigning by health activists who demanded that Western pharmaceutical companies sacrifice profits to help save lives in Africa.

Bristol-Myers will permit local drug companies to make generic versions of their drugs, giving up patent rights to their medicine. This step is limited only to South Africa, where HIV infects close to five million people. Other African countries with even more limited resources than South Africa are still waiting for their turn.

While this announcement goes a long way in helping out AIDS victims in developing countries, other drug manufacturers must follow suit before drug cocktails, of which Bristol-Myers's anti-retroviral drugs are only a small part) will become an affordable option for victims in developing countries. The drugs from other companies like GlaxoSmithKline cost close to

\$15,000 a year, making it possible for only 25,000 of the 25 million AIDS victims in Africa to afford treatment. Brazil halved its AIDS related death rate in just two years by violating patent rights and making cheaper lifesaving drugs.

Youth receives 25 years

Antoine Jones, 17, who wounded seven young people when he opened fire at the National Zoo last April, was sentenced to 25 years in prison Friday. This is the second case in two weeks in which children under 18 were tried as adults and have been handed harsh sentences. Last week in Florida, 14-year-old Lionel Tate was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of a 6-year-old girl. Jones was found guilty on seven charges of attempted murder, down from the 24 counts for which he was originally indicted.

Jones fired on a crowd at the entrance to the zoo on Easter Monday after the annual Black Family Celebration. A witness said Jones acted after someone broke a bottle at his feet. He is not eligible for parole and will be 42 when he is released.

Russian hostages released

The 22-hour hijack drama of a Russian plane ended on Saturday after a Saudi Arabian rescue team stormed the plane. A stewardess, a passenger and a terrorist were killed in the rescue. The plane was hijacked after it took off from Istanbul for Moscow. The hijackers demanded that Russia end its military campaign in Chechnya.

The hijackers released 40 passengers in Medina, Saudi Arabia. The rescue team stormed the plane when they heard the pilot screaming on the radio that the hijackers were attacking the passengers.

The Russian government announced that the hijackers were Chechen terrorists. They identified the leader as 41-year-old Supian Arsayev — the brother of a former Chechen minister for state security. The Saudis have taken the terrorists into custody, and are negotiating handing them over to Russia.



Today
7:30 p.m.—Lecture. "Iraqi Sanctions and International Law," Hans-C Graf Sponeck, former Humanitarian Coordinator for Iraq. Northern Auditorium, Leyburn Library.
8:00 p.m.—Contact. The Hon. Chuck Burris. Lee Chapel.

Tuesday
2:30 p.m.—Computer Workshop. UC 230: Effective Spreadsheets with Excel 97 for faculty, academic and administrative staff.
8:00 p.m.—Band Concert. The 10th Annual Combined Band Concert featuring the University Wind Ensemble directed by Dr. Barry Kolman and the VMI Regimental Band directed by Col. John Brodie. Lenfest Center. Public invited.

Thursday
9:00 p.m.—Funky Meters. Pavillion. Tickets are \$15 for W&L and \$20 for general public.

Friday
9:00 p.m.—Fancy Dress Ball. Warner Center.

Saturday
8:00 p.m.—Sonoklect Concert. Jasper Wood, violin, and David Riley, piano. Keller Theatre, Lenfest Center.

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regards to spring term. According to the report, 68 percent of faculty surveyed indicated that they were concerned with the amount of course content currently covered. Under a two-semester calendar many professors feel they could cover more information with greater depth. According to Politics Professor Mark Rush, students are losing out in some classes under the current schedule.

"A lot of classes are just really squeezed," Rush said. "Compared to our peer institutions, Washington and Lee is in an awkward position."

The report also said that students would have more time to digest material during a 14-week term, listing it as the number one benefit in the area of course content. Students have expressed doubt as to whether or not this benefit would actually occur. One student made the point that the "math doesn't really add up: [the professors] are going to fill those two weeks with new information, not stretch the 12-week class into 14 weeks."

The report goes on to say that the major benefits of moving to a semester schedule for the professors would be an easier workload and more time to do research.

Under a two-semester schedule, professors would be able to start summer research three weeks earlier than they currently can. It would also be easier to coordinate research with other institutions that work on the more traditional two-semester schedule. While this would benefit the faculty first, Rush said, it would also help the students.

"Research doesn't come at the expense of teaching. [and] it isn't a four-letter word," Rush said.

While research time would increase with a switch to a two-semester calendar, the workload for each professor would be reduced. Under the current calendar, each professor must teach 13 courses over a two-year period. Under a two-semester schedule, each professor would teach three classes a semester, totaling 12 every two years. According to the report, Washington and Lee's teaching load is as much as 40 percent higher than peer institutions, making it hard for the University to attract professors away from peer institutions.

While the report lists reducing the professors' workloads as a benefit, it wouldn't come without a price. President Elrod has said that in no way will the size of the faculty change if the University moves to a two-semester program. According to the report, "without significant additions to faculty, curriculum would be reduced by roughly 12 percent." The reduction in classes would

also reduce some faculty to teaching only survey courses, while not allowing them to offer specialized seminars in non-traditional topics.

While the reduction in courses would streamline most departments and ensure a focus on one's study, some opponents of the two-semester system said that it would limit the opportunity to take non-traditional classes and to do short study abroad programs and internships. Many departments, most prominently politics and journalism, currently offer spring term internship and study abroad programs that would be lost in a two-semester program. While proponents of the two-semester schedule say it is better for students to take a full 14-week term if they are going abroad, many students prefer to go abroad spring term because it gives them flexibility with their majors.

"The spring term I spent in Russia my junior year was one of the best experiences I had as an undergrad," said Assistant Director of Admissions Kelly Kopcical, an alumna. "I double majored in English and Russian Studies. Without the benefit of spring term, I would have been hard pressed to take a 12 week term in Russia while still being able to complete the English major."

Kopcical also said that spring term is a good selling point to prospective students looking at W&L.

"In my time in Admissions, many students have expressed the opinion that spring term is a factor in their decisions to consider and eventually attend W&L. The Washington Term program in particular is a big draw," said Kopcical. "I think we would lose something if we do away with the options spring term provides, i.e., field classes in the sciences, internship possibilities, study abroad."

This contradicts the Calendar Committee report, which said that by eliminating spring term "W&L might be able to attract to campus prospective students who turn away from us due to its reputation as a 'party school,' enhanced by the 'Goshen term.'"

The report, available to students through their professors, has sparked furor among those who fear that the switch is another attempt by school administrators to "turn the school into a Swarthmore or Amherst," as one student said. Student petitions to retain have been circulated with the intention of presenting them to the faculty at the April 2nd faculty meeting. Faculty members will vote on the issue between April 2 and April 6, at which time the votes will be calculated by the Registrar.

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Give it a rest

I know Lexington isn't typically identified as a journalist's delight. Indeed, it's not a booming metropolis. But I think there are certain topics that might have overstayed their welcome in our school's humble periodicals. The following are items that I suggest we boycott, because there's only so many times I can read about them:

The notorious drinking issue. I don't really think there are that many people in the school who are left in question as to the extent of the alcohol problems here. In addition, if I see one more article about abolishing drinking or the steps being taken to curb the rampant debauchery here, I am going to go on a binge.

The "Most W&L Students have 0-5 drinks when they party" advertisement. You can't really juxtapose a picture of kids sipping Dr. Peppers while playing pin the tail on the

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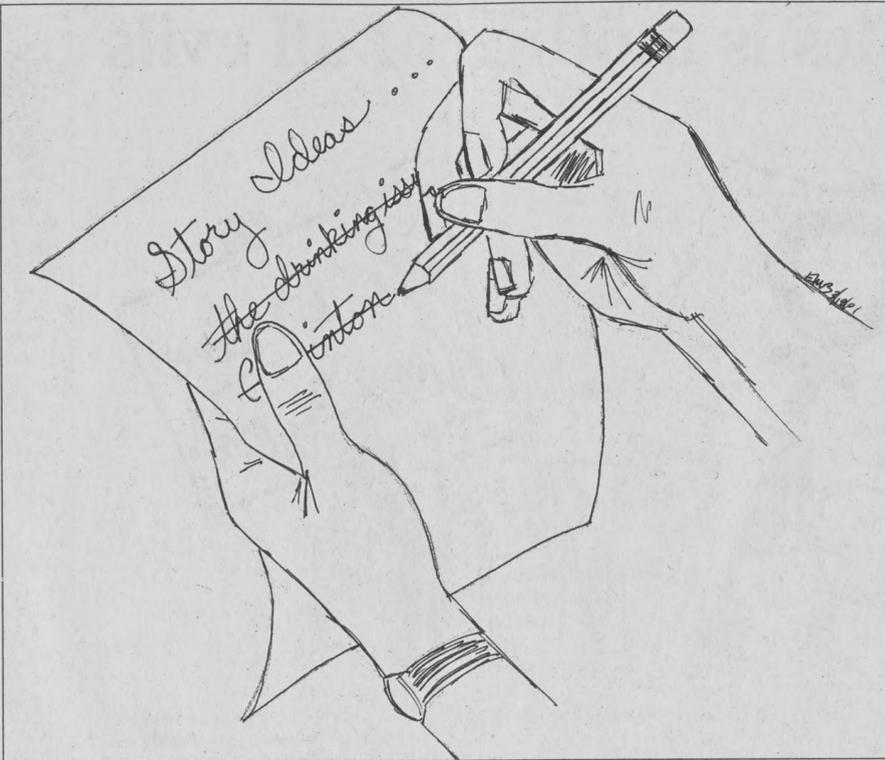
donkey with article upon article about DUIs, MIPs, and other alcohol-related issues. It doesn't make much sense, and then everyone gets confused as to who is telling the truth. Our heads start to spin in puzzlement.

Clinton. Roar. I hate politics. And I especially hate reading about a man who doesn't even hold office anymore. He's not our president anymore, get over it. Find someone else to state the obvious about.

My personal favorite. . . Any article making some reference to how the girls/guys here suck. Oh, man. He didn't call you after you hooked up. She was a tease. It never ceases to amaze me how we can somehow manage to utilize journalism to veil thinly our frustrations.

Guest Speakers. I feel so bad for Contact. Someone is always up in arms about whatever speaker we hire. Pretty soon we're going to have to resort to just getting Mickey Mouse, or someone else of equal non-controversy. But when someone who will complain that it was disrespectful that he didn't wear a shirt in Lee Chapel.

The Greek System/Pledgeship. Among things I am very grateful for is that pledgeship is over and thus, I do not



have to read any more about the detriments of the Greek system and how we are all damned to hell if we endorse it.

The J.Crew Complaint. People still seem to amuse themselves over bitterly and rhetorically remarking "Can-y'all wear-something-other-than-j.crew?" No matter what the article is about, the author has to make some reference to W&L's homogenous student body.

The meanest one. . . Alienating some poor idiot by referencing an isolated incident of stupidity. It's like when Dan Quayle misspelled potato. This school is brutal. You

can't do anything dumb without it being broadcasted and publicized for years.

As a general rule, I think there is too much complaining. I wish someone would write an article extolling the virtues of Waffle House, or congratulating the FD Steering Committee, or commending the brotherly ties fostered through pledgeship. But what the hell do I know about journalism, anyway. As another general rule, don't listen to anything the "I-have-little-to-write-about-so-I-will-compose-a-list-of-overdone-topics-for-this-week" writer has to say.

IFC addresses the student body

Dear Students,

The Interfraternity Council has always had rules, but students' actions, except on various occasions, failed to prompt the IFC to assiduously enforce these rules. This fact may be because the fraternity environment appeared less dangerous or student governance proved so strong that enforcement of these rules seemed unnecessary. The University's implementation of some of the alcohol initiatives shows that the times have changed. Various students' actions have given the University plenty of evidence that either the fraternity environment exists as more dangerous or that student responsibility, from the freshmen all the way up to the respective IFC members, suffers. These initiatives attempt to address the problems. Our job on the IFC is to enforce these rules. Not to enforce them weakens them and may result in the tragedies that the administration designed them to prevent. We on the IFC realize, however, that the new changes will fill our hands. Because we expected student resistance, we discussed the initiatives with various fraternities, as well as with various students to gain their insight. Many students say that the initiatives will not work; they superficially address the real problems. Students say that people want to drink and they will find ways to do so to their hearts' content and/or based on the depths of their pockets. Some people, students argue, will drink large quantities of alcohol regardless of what regulations are in place. But let's not let this letter get ahead of itself; we will address this

argument later. The two rules that met the most resistance were the termination of the drinking games in the fraternity houses and the cessation of the distribution of beer after one o'clock. Let's first address the former. The University looks at drinking games as a means to consume large amounts of alcohol in short periods of time. Such action greatly impairs student responsibility and elevates the danger of the fraternity environment. So, the University prompted the IFC to eliminate drinking games from fraternity houses. Students say the rule pushes these games out into the country and into individual people's homes. People always use this argument but it does hold validity. In off-campus housing the danger factor elevates tremendously. These games, which aim to inebriate quickly and prove no less dangerous, take place in various locations; the drinking is more spread out and harder to control. Additionally, the IFC holds no jurisdiction over off-campus housing. Students say the problem of getting wasted and getting wasted fast still exists, just not in the fraternity.

Let's look at the one o'clock rule. One of the concerns students expressed was that people would pre-party earlier and drink as much as possible at the party before one o'clock. The danger in this situation exists in the fact that people will drink more, earlier. This problem does have a natural solution, however. With everyone at the party attempting to drink as much as possible, the fraternity will probably run out of alcohol before one o'clock anyway. This unfortunately leads to the dreaded option, the country. Students say that at one o'clock the night is just half over. People will continue the party out in the country. Students say the number of DUIs and possible accidents will increase. And, it again spreads out the drinking.

What one can gather from students' views of these two rules is that drinking moves from the fraternity and out into the country were it will be much more dangerous. Students argue that we should keep the drinking in the fraternity houses and increase the safety precautions. Many pushed for increasing live drive and increasing the number of sober officers at the party. From this point of view students believe that it is better that this grand consumption of alcohol take place in the fraternity house, rather than spread out in the country.

We can now consider the point we mentioned earlier; some students will drink large quantities of alcohol regardless of what regulations are in place. For what reason do we as students want to consume alcohol and seems to be at any cost. Students say so themselves: the number of DUIs and other possible accidents will increase as a result of these rules. Listen! We are saying to ourselves that we will risk a DUI or a possible accident so that we can play

Beirut or continue a party after one o'clock. If this exists as truly the case, then students prove correct; these rule only superficially address the real problems.

The IFC strongly encourages that people comply with the rules because we will enforce them. If these rules rob you of your liberties, do not try to circumvent them; this perpetuates the problem. Let us repeat! Circumvention perpetuates the problem. As we close this letter, the IFC wants the student body to realize a couple of things. Be aware that the University fails to be our arch nemesis. To clarify some of the possible confusion this letter might have caused; yes, the University put some of these rules in place, but the IFC drew up most of them. On the flip side, realize that the IFC fails to exist simply as a tool of the administration; it is a tool for the students as well. Use us! We welcome students outside of the IFC; the meetings are at 6:30 Monday nights in the University center. We encourage you to come and express your views. Finally, the IFC encourages you to realize that if we want changes to these rules, we as a student body must help the University realize that we are truly capable of governing ourselves. The IFC believes we can do this in two ways. First, adhere to the alcohol initiatives; there are other initiatives that are much worse, and these people possess the capability of going over our heads. Trust us! Second, follow the IFC's five-tier system of governance.

1. Self-discipline. If you discipline yourself, others won't have to.
2. The Buddy System. When you go out, go with a group that will look out for each of its members. It wouldn't hurt to ensure that one of those people were sober.
3. Your fraternity or organization. If an individual member gets out of hand, it is up to the organization to take care of the problem.
4. The IFC. If we want student governance to work, this should ideally be the final stop.
5. The Administration. It should only come in when all else fails. We should not "inconvenience" them with our not being able to control our own affairs. Well, we have "inconvenienced" them and now we have something to prove.

The IFC welcomes student response to this letter.

The members of the IFC board,
 Greg Michaels, Jr. Justice
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 Quincy Springs, President

Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

Now, boys and girls, we come from good homes and good families. Sometimes, however, your behavior (and mine on rare, rare occasions) makes me wonder if anyone ever taught you any manners. We are overwhelmingly, sickeningly polite in sober situations, but when alcohol and Greek loyalties are involved, all niceties go down the drain like so much puked-up Natty. It's Cat's turn to be Miss Manners. I dole out the Cat's Corner hate for a reason: I'm trying to help you. There is plenty of Cat's Corner love waiting to be dispensed but you have to be nice and/or shockingly attractive to get it. Trust me, few of you qualify for the latter, so unless you all learn how to play nice by following some simple rules you will find no love in my heart for you. And we all know that's what you're after.

Party Rule #1: Do not, push me. Just because I am tiny and easy to toss about, does not mean that you should use me as your "in" to the front row. I will not allow you to insinuate yourself into my nice dancing space. Pushing me into the drum kit will get you nowhere with the drummer. A corollary to party rule #1: When pushed, push back. Children, contrary to what your good parents taught you, violence is sometimes the answer. You standing there flopping around like a wet noodle does the poor people around you no good. You might as well go home. Standing up front at a band party requires serious strategy, a firm foothold, the desire to defend. Be mean back. I have the pointiest elbows around. You don't want the Flying Elbow Hatchet move demonstrated upon your ass, do you?

Party Rule #2: When you spill beer upon yourself whilst chatting up a hot tomcat, it's okay to pretend it didn't happen. But, when you realize that in leaning across the bar cooly, you have actually soaked up a spilled Natty or five with your shirt, it's best to bow out gracefully. Girls, it's all about knowing when to leave. When the beer-on-shirt to beer-in-belly ratio is greater than 1, it is time to go.

Party Rule #3: Say please and thank you to your sober driver. They are lovely people. A very adorable chap named Rusty picked us up from our retirement home on Saturday night for our weekly venture into FratLand. Not only did he pick us up, he came inside at our beseeching (we have to get the boys in somehow) because we needed someone to take a picture. He also watched us chase the cat around for a good while, drove us to Stop-In, and then delivered us like pizzas to the party. (Katie says he was cuter than the Noid. I concur.) So, to you, Rusty, and all the other sober drivers doing it for the kids, I raise my glass.

Party Rule #4: When attacking a certain columnist of a certain campus newspaper, realize that while I am flattered you like me and my little column so much, I can actually talk about other things. Like boys, hair, and makeup. My favorite intro line all night was, "So, Cat, who hates you now?" I won't say catty things on command, although they're likely to erupt out of my hateful, bile-filled innards without much trying. Also, don't be afraid to talk to me because you think that I will put mean things about you in my column. I don't like you enough to do that after meeting you once, but again, if you are nice to me and/or shockingly attractive, you're in like sin.

Party Rule #5: Do not become so blinded by your desire to snag an FD date that you turn into a monster. This rule applies to other pre-date function frenzies as well. As anyone who was out this weekend witnessed, there were nine thousand girls out for every one boy. Girls, they can smell your desperation and even though the boys stink for not asking you, you are the one who ends up looking sad. Of course I'm only saying this because I finally tricked a friend into taking me to FD, with little begging and fewer tears on my part, therefore eliminating the need to pimp myself out this weekend.

Party Rule #6: Don't give me that "You're not one of us" look. So you're a Kappa. So you're an SAE. So you're a KD, Phi Kap, Sigma Cry, KA, whatever. I don't care. As we used to say in the fourth grade: Big whoop. When you throw a party, you expect to have guests. As a guest, I feel that if I behave myself (unless I am in a situation where naughty behavior is requested) and look nice (as I try), that the hosts should be nice in return. Now you could argue that if I am not in one of the sororities on the bill for the UberGigantorMonster Mixer, that I am not technically a guest and should be given the flying head butt onto the street. Well, technically, no one's supposed to be having mixers, so why don't we all just spit on our Greek loyalties and drink and sweat and rub ourselves together in one big orgasmic lovefest? Except you, right there, please don't put any part of your body near any part of mine.

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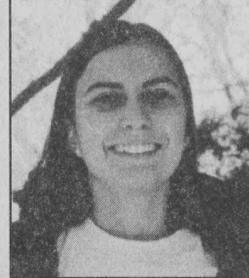
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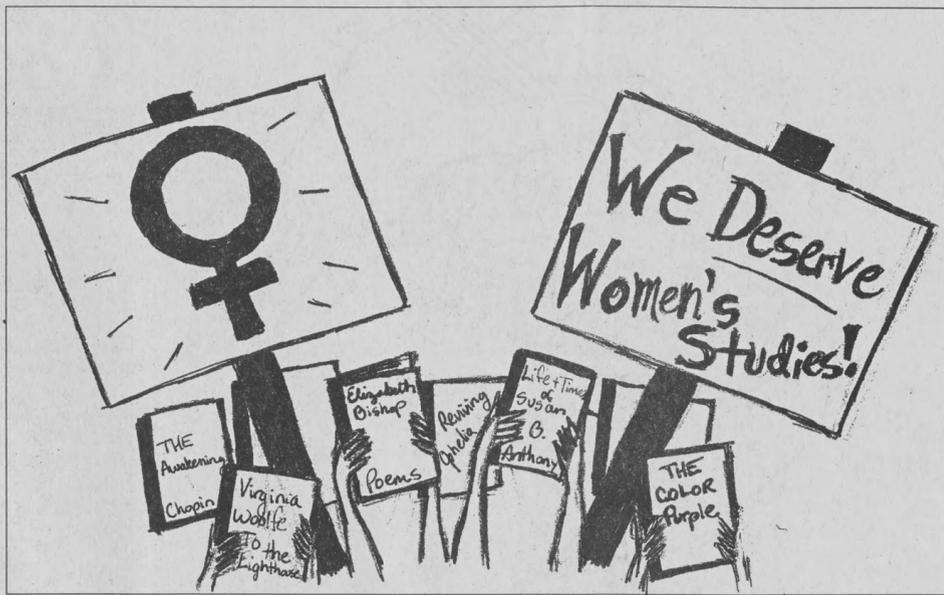
Women's Studies is mother of all evils

Washington and Lee is noted for its uniqueness and ability to attract students without subscribing to educational trends or fads. As noted in the *Trident*, W&L is a meat and potatoes school that puts faith in tradition and believes that the best way to educate students is to use the methods employed here for hundreds of years.

For this very reason, W&L was noted in the Sept. 1999 issue of *Men's Health* for being one of the 10 most male-friendly campuses in the nation, specifically cited for not having created a vague and restrictive sexual harassment policy. Unlike other schools, W&L hasn't completely fallen victim to political correctness. In addition, the lack of a Women's Studies program puts W&L on the list and attracted at least one student, and probably many more in our conservative student body. So why has W&L added one?

Women's Studies, by its very nature, rejects conventional learning as patriarchal and exclusionary. The discipline was created because every field of academics, from archaeology and political science to economics and history, is a construct of a male-dominated society and only by creating a Women's Studies program through which all these issues can be reexamined from a female perspective can women students and scholars escape this domination.

Not only is it abso- lutely ludicrous to subscribe to some post-modern feminist belief in male conspiracy to oppress women, but the idea that higher education is useless to one-half of the population undermines society. This is not all that surprising, however, because the *Encyclopedia of Women's Studies*, a conventional reference book written from a "female perspective," states that some feminists think "that the



abolition of marriage and the family is the only solution to women's subordination." It also notes that feminists decry "compulsory heterosexuality" and "the control of women's productive and reproductive labor by men."

Do we really want such a program to become part of our fine institution? Probably not.



Right of the Aisle

Brett Kirwan '04

In *Who Stole Feminism?*, Christina Hoff Sommers details

the damage that modern feminists have done to the image of feminism and how they use Women's Studies programs as poorly disguised fronts for liberal political indoctrination. She's right. According to the National Women's Studies Association, "Women's Studies owes its existence to the movement for the liberation of women; the feminist movement exists because women are oppressed." In a

program created for this reason, can one expect to receive balanced, reasonable scholarship and instruction? With such a goal in mind, the feminist classroom will be training future feminist activists at the exclusion of equity feminism, which only wants the same rights for women that men enjoy.

To even further discredit themselves, many feminist activists believe they are at the forefront of an academic revolution similar to Copernicus or Darwin. As Sommers notes, feminist scholars have compared women's scholarship to "the storming of the Bastille" and the Renaissance. To compare academia minus Women's Studies to the Dark Ages strikes me as little bit extreme.

Sommers also describes the first selection in *Women: A Feminist Perspective*, the best-selling women's studies textbook, "Sexual Terrorism." The author, Carole Sheffield, recounts

a late-night incident at a Laundromat in which she was, inexplicably, possessed by an incredible fear of being assaulted and raped. She was victimized by the patriarchal culture that oppresses women and supposedly condones rape. To give female students at W&L such a perception is not only academically dishonest but destructive. One can only wonder what feminist scholars think of the two white male military generals for whom our school is named.

Does W&L, as an institution noted for its respect for tradition and refusal to follow fads, want to invite this garbage from the academic looney bin into its midst? Does W&L want to give radical feminists a place in the school to indoctrinate young, impressionable females? Does W&L want to support such unscholarly, irresponsible claptrap? The answer from students, alumni, and faculty should be a resounding no.

Stop school killing

In recent weeks, the nation saw another outbreak of school violence. Two students died in Santee, Calif., in another senseless waste of young lives. As with all school shootings in previous years, the facts were eerily similar to Columbine. All cases involved some combination of angry kids and absent parents. The vaccine for this epidemic lies not in restricting access to guns, but in strengthening the American family.

If one were to read the predominately liberal press, one would think that kids having access to guns causes the problem. Unfortunately, this is misguided at best. Kids in the South and West have always grown up with guns around the house. The problem is not the presence of guns, but the absence of parents. Too often, Americans focus on their career instead of their families. One parent should either work part-time or not at all in order to spend more time with the children. Just look at the disproportionate number of W&L students from the traditional nuclear family. A conservative focus on family, not a liberal one on more needless rules, would alleviate the problem.



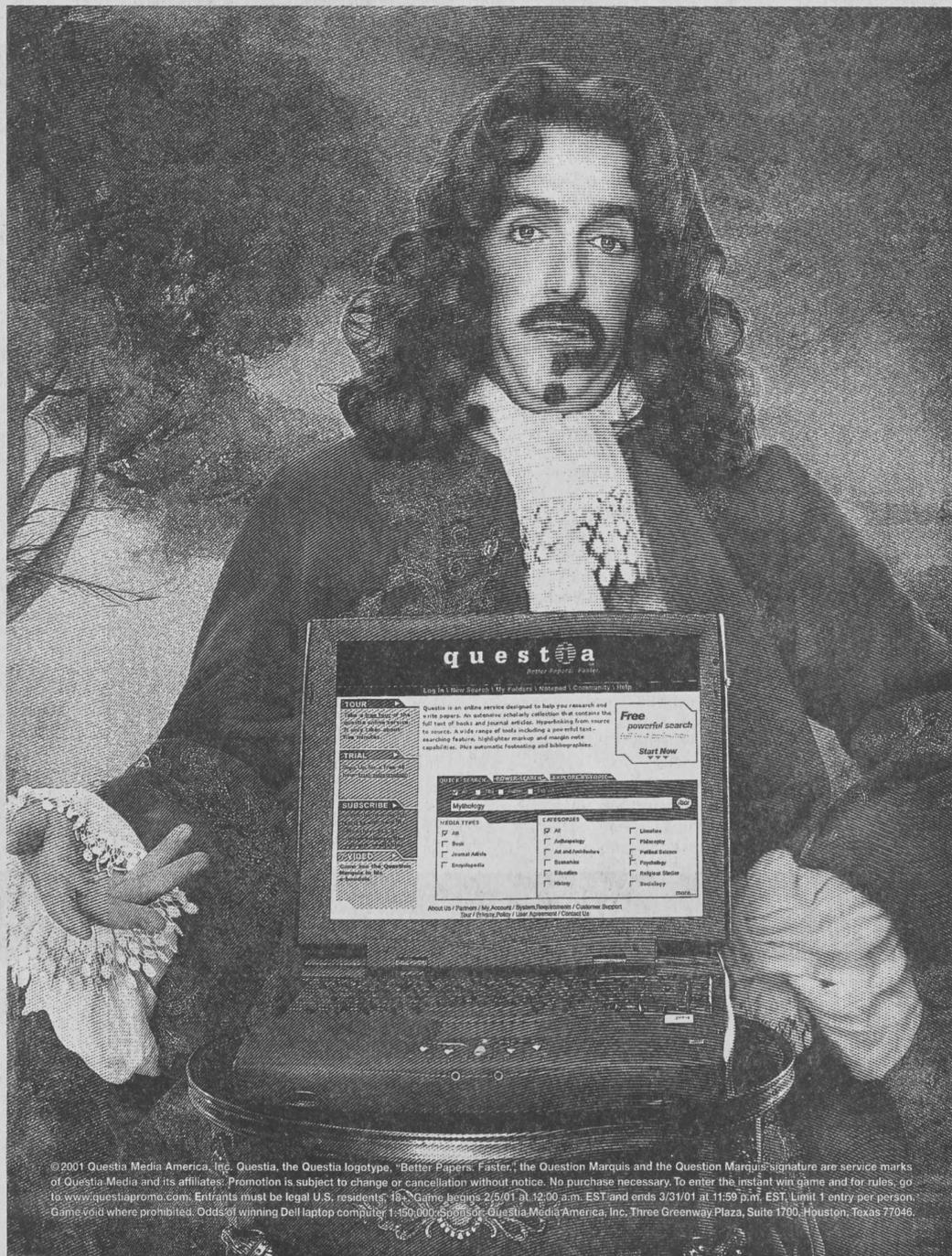
Slippery Soapbox

Mike Agallo '02

Unfortunately, not even so-called "good" parents are without blame. Parents have a tendency to send mixed messages to their children. In one conversation they tell them to "just say no" to cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs, then say it's wrong to tattle on classmates. This deeply held American value of staying out of our neighbors' business has unfortunate consequences. If the school shootings have shown us anything, it's that happy, well-adjusted kids do not plan acts of violence. Kids should be raised to treat others with respect, no matter how different they are, because the price of fun at another's expense is often too high.

Despite the deserved hype of school shootings, they remain isolated and rare. Kids are more safe in schools than many other places, and this is more true today than in previous decades. Nevertheless, schools around the nation have adopted paranoid measures in attempts to prevent another Columbine, Jonesboro or Santee. Recently, my younger brother, a high school sophomore with no disciplinary record, was suspended from school because someone planted a pocketknife in his locker. The principal said he could not take his word that the knife wasn't his, because no parent would want him to take that risk. Good kids suffer because of a few crazies and their neglectful parents.

Americans should be more than saddened at school shootings. We need to take a long, hard look at what we value and what we raise our children to value. Only then will students walk the hallways of American high schools without fear of violence. Until then, more children will die, and we will be both the enigma and laughingstock of the world.



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Fancy Dress combines traditions with today

FD Ball has taken students from French 'masque' to New Orleans French Quarter

By Amy Blevins and Katie Howell
STAFF WRITERS

As the 94th annual Fancy Dress Ball quickly approaches, the Warner Center and Doremus gymnasium are being transformed into New Orleans for "Laissez les Bons Temps Roulez" just as the two gyms have transformed in the past for such themes as "King Arthur's Round Table," "Arabian Nights," and "Land of Oz."

History professor J. Holt Merchant ('61) and politics professor Lewis John ('58) both said that more recent Balls greatly differ from those they attended as students.

"Our Balls were more colorful in terms of costumes," John said.

For the first six decades of the Ball's existence, students, their dates, and faculty dressed in rented costumes according to the theme of the Ball. By 1977, however, the dress had turned to its present form: tuxedos for the men and ball gowns for the women.

The traditional date of the Ball also changed with the addition of spring term. While this year's dance will be on March 23, John said that past Balls usually took place in January during the break between terms when the school was on a semester system.

"As a student, Fancy Dress was a full social weekend and a nice change from the academic routine," John said. "Now, it's just a big one-night occasion."

In addition to holding the ball in January and locating costumes, students also had to locate dates — usually from home or neighboring schools — before the school became coeducational. In the past, the students had classes on Saturdays as well as during the week, which made finding dates for Saturday night functions and getting them to campus on time was much more difficult than it is now.

"You had to find a fraternity brother, who had a car, going in the right direction to get the dates back for the functions," Merchant said.

Though preparations for the dance have always taken months, the selection of the person in charge has changed throughout the years. While the chair of the Fancy Dress Steering Committee is now selected by the Executive Committee, John remembered electing presidents of each of the formal events the school held each year, including Fancy Dress. The president and his five vice presidents would then plan and organize the event, including the selection of bands.

The bands have always been a focal point of Fancy Dress and attendees have been privileged to hear performances by Louis Armstrong, Dizzie Gillespie, Duke Ellington and Dave Matthews Band.

"I think we appreciated [the performers] at the time and knew that we were seeing heroes and innovators of American music," Merchant said.

Having such renowned bands and elaborate festivities earned Fancy Dress Ball the title of "Social Event of the South" by *The New York Times* in 1928. The school continued this tradition throughout the years, creating such a spectacle that networks such as CBS and NBC chose to broadcast the event live nationwide.

The level of excitement and suspense associated with Fancy Dress is somewhat surprising, considering the first Ball — "Le Bal Masque" — was hosted by the school librarian, Annie Jo White, with money left over from a theater performance.

This year's fancy dress, a product of almost 60 student committee members and countless additional decorators, promises to maintain the elegant tradition.

"I'm looking forward to Fancy Dress," freshman Kara Coen said. "It should be a really great weekend."

Like themes before, this year's Fancy Dress theme was decided by the Fancy Dress Steering Committee, whose student members vote on the theme after they contribute ideas. Chairman Keenan Weston said that this year's theme was chosen because it is classy and fun.

"Mardi Gras combined with classy historical New Orleans is a great idea because it has something that will hopefully appeal to everyone," said Weston.

Last year the committee began a new tradition: a raffle that offers students a chance to win a trip to a destination connected with the theme. Last year's raffle offered students a chance to go to Las Vegas. This year students have a chance to win a crawfish boil or go to New Orleans.

Despite the changing traditions, the Fancy Dress balls of today still have the charm and appeal of the balls of yesterday.

"I think students today really enjoy Fancy Dress because it is a chance for the whole school to have a social event together," said Weston. "And it gives us a chance to see our professors and friends in [an] environment outside the classroom."

— Additional information courtesy of *Come Cheer for Washington and Lee*



LETTING THE GOOD TIMES ROLL. (Clockwise from upper left corner) Louis Armstrong charms the '58 crowd; Partygoers at the "Land of Oz" Fancy Dress in '56; Three Washington and Lee students enjoy the company of bellydancers hired to perform at the '94 FD; The President of the '57 Fancy Dress poses with his date.

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Men's lacrosse stomps Franklin and Marshall

Generals storm out in the first half, pull out a 15-4 rout of the 15th-ranked Diplomats

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

"Score!" roared the crowd at Wilson Field on Sunday. Washington and Lee fans weren't yelling at any of their attack players or midfielders. Instead, they were cheering on senior goaltender Wes Hays, who was carrying the ball into the offensive zone midway through the third quarter of the Generals' 15-4 win over Franklin and Marshall.

Hays did not score like the crowd wanted, but the Generals were already up 11-3 by that time. It was just one more thing that was going wrong for the Diplomats.

"I just wanted to draw a man and get the fastbreak," Hays said.

Franklin and Marshall started the scoring early in the game, but the Generals answered back 44 seconds later when senior Tom Burke scored off an assist from classmate Matt Dugan.

The Generals' offense exploded with six minutes left in the quarter, as senior Bernie Norton, Burke, junior Andrew Barnett, and senior Pope Hackney all scored within three minutes of each other.

The Diplomats called a timeout, trying to disrupt the Generals' momentum. After the timeout, sophomore Tom



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ONE-ON-ONE. Freshman Mike McNamara maneuvers around Franklin and Marshall's Bryan Kobel. McNamara scored a goal in the Generals' 15-4 drubbing of the Diplomats on Sunday.

Melanson won yet another faceoff, and Barnett scored off an assist from Dugan. After the first quarter, the Generals were up 6-1.

The Generals began the second quarter with an extra-man opportunity, and converted within 20 seconds. Once

again, with six minutes left in the quarter, the Generals exploded on offense. Burke scored two goals and Barnett scored another to put the Generals up 10-1 at the half.

Franklin and Marshall started the second half with two goals by the five-minute mark, but the Generals quickly

answered as Barnett scored off a high shot on the crease. With less than a second left in the third quarter, Matt Dugan fired a low shot past the Diplomats' goaltender, putting the score at 12-3.

Junior John Moore scored a goal five minutes into the final quarter. Three minutes later, the Diplomats scored their fourth and final goal, only to be answered right back by freshman Mike McNamara.

The Generals weren't done yet, as Burke rubbed the Diplomats' nose in the W&L lead when he fired a shot into the net as he was being hit by a defender.

"It was pure luck," Burke said of the late goal. "I knew I was going to get hit, and I figured, fling it at the goal, who knows what will happen."

W&L head coach Jim Stagnitta was pleased with the way his team played against the 15th-ranked Diplomats.

"Things are starting to come together," Stagnitta said. "The biggest part was the balance between the offense and defense."

The Generals came into Sunday's game after an overwhelming victory at Dickinson. W&L rocketed to a 10-0 lead at the half, going on to win 14-3. Hackney and Burke each had three goals and an assist.

The Generals outshot the Red Devils 59-11, and Wes Hays was perfect, making four saves and allowing no goals. He was relieved by two reserve goalies, freshman Ansel Sanders and senior Bo Vaughan.

The Generals are now 5-0, and will travel to Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday for their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference match of 2001.

W&L men fall to Washington

By Ian R. McIlroy
SPORTS WRITER

With a 7-2 record thus far, the Washington and Lee men's tennis team is having one of its best seasons in recent history. Despite a weekend loss to Washington College, the Generals captured two more victories last week on their quest for the Division III crown.

The team began this week with a 5-2 victory over Kenyon on Tuesday. During the matchup, junior two-seed Andrew Roberts won a hard-fought battle against Kenyon's Keenan Hughes (6-1, 6-7, 7-6).

Two days later, the Generals defeated Mary Washington 5-2. In this match, freshmen Austin Kim and K.C. Schaeffer garnered victories in both singles and doubles play.

According to head coach David Detwiler, "sophomore Chase Bice and doubles specialist Zach Vuncannon" also stood out as major contributors this week.

Although the week ended with a 5-2 loss to Washington College, the defeat held a lesson for the Generals.

"The team needs to keep up their confidence," Detwiler said. "The team has a tough schedule."

Ranked 25th in the country heading into the regular season, W&L has already upset the 22nd and 15th-ranked squads, Kenyon and Mary Washington, respectively.

By playing well against increasingly tough opponents, as they have been, Detwiler believes that "the team has been improving with every match."

The Generals host Eastern Mennonite at 4:30 p.m. today.

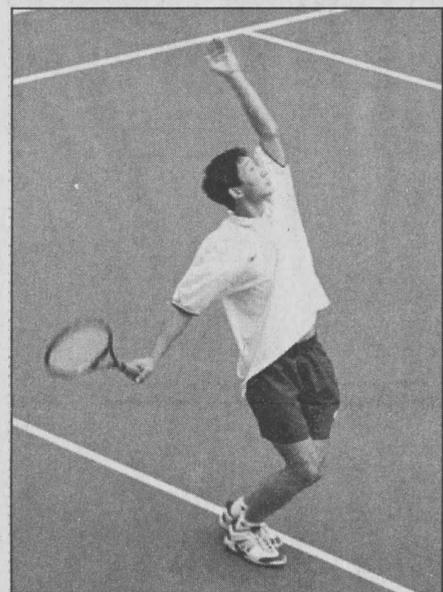


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IN SERVICE. Freshman Austin Kim rears back against Mary Washington at home on Thursday.

Hayes, Ritter swim in national event

By Geoff White
SPORTS WRITER

Senior Colin Hayes earned All-American Honorable Mention with a 13th-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly, and freshman Eric Ritter swam to a 17th-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke over the weekend at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships in Buffalo, N.Y.

"It was a little disappointing, because I didn't get in the top eight," Hayes said of his performance at the event. "I just wish I could have swum faster."

In addition to his performance in the 100-yard butterfly, Hayes earned 39th place in the 200-yard individual medley.

Hayes also swam a 1:53.90 in the 200-yard butterfly.

Ritter took his first trip to the NCAAs, finishing 40th in the 50-yard freestyle and 24th in the 200-yard backstroke, in addition to his 17th place finish at 52.98 in the 100-yard backstroke.

Ritter commented on the daunting task of representing Washington and Lee as a freshman at a national tournament.

"It was a little intimidating this year," Ritter said. "I'll be better prepared next year."

The weekend ends the season for the men's swimming team, which finished second at the Grove City Invitational recently. The W&L women's team repeated as Old Dominion Conference champions this year.

Generals win pair in ODAC

W&L sports roundup

By Dave Crowell
SPORTS WRITER

Senior attacker Liz Borges tallied eight goals and an assist over the past week in order to lead the Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team to victories over Old Dominion Athletic Conference rivals Guilford and Virginia Wesleyan.

The key victories gave coach Jan Hathorn's squad a 5-1 record, with a perfect 4-0 mark in ODAC play. The wins also placed the Generals at No. 20 in the most recent Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association Division III poll.

The key to both victories was a quick start out of the gates, as W&L used an 11-0 halftime lead against Guilford on Wednesday afternoon in order to comfortably cruise to the road victory.

Against the Quakers, the Generals scored six goals in the first 10:35 of the game. Borges scored three goals and assisted on another goal, while junior attacker Emily Owens tallied two goals. Owens completed a hat trick by also scoring at the 8:17 mark of the first half.

Sophomore Laura Wilson and freshman classmates Sara Jurkowsky and Kelly Taffe also added two goals apiece in the 17-6 drubbing. Freshman keeper Joanna Perini made six saves in goal.

On Saturday, the Generals scored nine goals in the first half, including five by Borges, to claim an easy 13-1 victory over Virginia Wesleyan. W&L held a 5-0 lead after only 6:53 of playing time.

Borges led the team with her five-goal performance, following her hat trick on Wednesday.

"Having Liz back (from injury last season) is wonderful," senior co-captain Martha Combrooks said. "We have so many weapons on offense, though. Anyone can step up and provide a goal. It truly is a team effort."

Junior midfielder Courtenay Fisher also added two



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RUNNING IN CIRCLES. Sophomore Leslie Bogart controls the ball as Virginia Wesleyan defender Heather Campbell looks on. W&L knocked off the Blue Marlin's by a 13-1 score.

goals and an assist. Perini added another strong performance in net, stopping 13 shots on goal.

Despite the quick start, W&L has a tough schedule ahead. "We still have some huge games," Combrooks said. "We feel confident, but haven't conquered the ODAC yet."

The Generals travel to Roanoke for a 4 p.m. game on Thursday.

W&L turns in fourth-place finish

The Washington and Lee golf team traveled to the Waters Edge/Waterfront Country Club in Smith Mountain Lake on Monday and Tuesday for the 20-team Ferrum Spring Invitational.

The Generals turned in a fourth place finish in the event with a team score of 639, paced by sophomore Chuck Green, who tied for fifth place overall with a combined tally of 156.

Sophomore Chip Campbell tied for seventh place with a 157, and junior Kyle Ulep shot a 160 to tie for 18th place. Junior Curtis Bethea led W&L with a score of 76 on the first day, finishing tied for 49th place with a score of 168.

The Generals host the W&L ODAC Invitational at the Lexington Golf and Country Club on Wednesday.

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W&L Invitational successful for hosts

Parrillo qualifies for NCAA competition in the Generals' only home outdoor event

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee track teams participated in their only home outdoor meet of 2001 on Saturday, the annual W&L Invitational at Wilson Field.



Parrillo Senior Jessica Parrillo qualified for NCAA competition with a time of 38:07.03 in the 10,000-meter run, which she won. Parrillo

The women's team turned in a fourth place finish out of the 12 competing teams, and the men placed eighth in a field of 13 schools. Allegheny won the women's event, while John Carroll was victorious in the men's pool.



photo by Emily Barnes/Executive Editor

HANDOFF. Seniors Amy Calce and Nicola Carpenter exchange the baton in the 4x400 relay.

will travel to Decatur, Ill. for the national meet from May 24-26.

"I couldn't be happier about the start of this outdoor season and qualifying for nationals in this event, especially during our only outdoor home meet," Parrillo said. "It was definitely one of the strongest

feelings of accomplishment I'll be able to take from my career here at W&L."

Junior Sarah Schmidt also recorded a first-place finish with a distance of 115'09.00" in the javelin throw. Sophomore Burke Duncan contributed a second-place showing in the 3,000-meter event, senior Amy Calce finished second in the long jump, and junior Megan Babst placed second in the high jump.

"I think we opened our outdoor season on the best possible note that we could have hoped for with some quality performances across all the events," Parrillo said. "We're coming off a rough indoor season, and hopefully Saturday's performances are a clear indication of the positive direction in which we're headed."

Leading the way for the men's team was senior Marc Watson, who placed second in the 100-meter dash and third in the 200-meter event. Sophomore Chris Sullivan turned in third-place finishes in the 200 meters and the long jump.

The Generals will compete in the Roanoke Invitational on Saturday.

The Press Box

The madness of predictions

The true "mayhem," which CBS has inexplicably inserted in place of "madness" to describe the NCAA men's basketball tournament, of March doesn't play itself out on the basketball court — at least not directly.

No, the most difficult part of March is for basketball fans, experts and amateurs alike, to pick the winners of the 64 games

(don't forget the new play-in game, won this year by Northwestern State) that will culminate April 2 in Minneapolis.

Despite the numerous hours that the Selection Committee pours into tapping the 34 at-large teams and then seeding all 65, the rankings are certainly less than infallible. Instead, they are merely starting points by which the teams can settle things on the court.

One could even question whether or not the committee has any true basketball knowledge. After all, the past and present North Carolina State athletic directors, Les Robinson (now at the Citadel) and Lee Fowler, both currently serve on the body, and they are responsible for Herb Sendek's hiring and contract extension, respectively.

Meanwhile, millions of serious and casual fans fill out brackets for office pools, Internet contests, or friendly competitions. And while statistical odds somehow tend to turn out one or two correctly filled out brackets, the rest of us scratch our heads as Hampton beats Iowa State.

This is not to say that there are no obvious picks. Florida, despite its three-seed, was doomed to fall early, as they did to Temple in the second round on Sunday. The Gators have suffered from injury problems all season long, and lacked the services of forward Brent Wright and guard Justin Hamilton for the tournament.

While my pick for them to lose to Sun Belt champion Western Kentucky in the first round didn't quite pan out, the Gators fared little better. Billy Donovan is one of the best young coaches in the game, to be sure, but he's not a miracle worker.

The fate of teams such as Stanford, Kansas, and Cincinnati is harder to predict. All three teams have displayed recent trends of flopping in March, but all three advanced to this year's Sweet 16 without much of a hitch — aside from the Cardinal's narrow win over Marvin O'Connell and St. Joseph's on Saturday.

Both the Jayhawks and the Bearcats benefited from lowered expectations heading into the Big Dance this season. Roy Williams and Bob Huggins have advanced to face number-one seeds in the regional semifinals. While the Cardinal should be able to contain Cincinnati, Bill Self's Illinois team should certainly be wary of Kansas.

Then there is Gonzaga, the now perennial underdog-favorite from the rising West Coast Conference. The Bulldogs advanced to the Sweet 16 for the third straight year, joining just Duke and Michigan State in that respect.

Despite a 24-6 mark during the regular season and Gonzaga's success in the past two tournaments — including an Elite Eight appearance as a 10-seed in 1999 — the Bulldogs were relegated for the second straight year to a 12-seed. In response, they edged Virginia in an exciting first round matchup in Memphis and then drilled 13-seed Indiana State to advance to the regional semifinals.

While predicting upsets can be a challenge, many "cinderella" teams fail to survive past the first weekend of competition. Cases in point this year: Hampton, Utah State, and Kent State, whose first-round heroes were all rewarded with second-round shellackings.

Every so often, a true underdog turns up in the Final Four, but this doesn't appear to be one of those years. As to who will appear in Minneapolis on March 31, we'll leave that for the experts to decide.

But the amateurs would probably do better.

Women sweep away week's competition

By Sarah Grigg
SPORTS WRITER

After three matches last week, the Washington and Lee women's tennis team remains unchallenged.

The Generals have maintained their perfect record with undefeated doubles play and only one loss in singles competition.

On Tuesday, the team played Kenyon College, finishing with an 8-1 win. Five of the top six players won their matches in the singles division: junior Melissa Hatley, sophomore

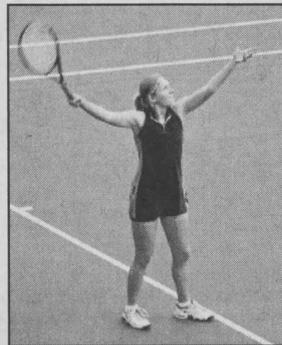
Erika Proko, sophomore Brandi Jane Wedgeworth, sophomore Alyson Brice, and freshman Liz Law. Sophomore Laura Bruno lost to Kenyon's Laely Sherman 6-2, 6-3 in singles, W&L's only loss of the three matches.

In the match against Bloomsburg on Thursday, however, Bruno came back to defeat Katie Kochera 6-0, 6-0, achieving one of the team's two singles shutouts for the week. The Generals won the match undefeated in singles and doubles, 9-0.

On Saturday, a match against Franklin and Marshall provided the

final victory of the week for W&L, which won 9-0 once again. Proko garnered the team's second singles shutout against Pam Hillock, winning 6-0, 6-0. The doubles team of Bruno and junior Sallie Gray Strang achieved another effortless win, defeating the Diplomats' Hillock and Morey 8-0.

Currently, the Generals stand 7-0 overall, 3-0 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. W&L next plays in a pair of ODAC matches at 4:30 p.m. today, at home against Eastern Mennonite and on the road against Bridgewater.



NO CONTEST. Junior Sallie Gray Strang serves against Bloomsburg in the Generals' 9-0 non-conference home win on Thursday.

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Baseball team continues season's success



photo by Mary Guy/Photo Editor

RING 'EM UP, SIT 'EM DOWN. Freshman Mike Wert hurls a pitch against Westminster in the Generals' 7-2 win on Wednesday. Wert went on to shut out West Virginia Tech on Sunday.

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee baseball team pushed its record to 14-3 with five wins in six games last week, including three wins in back-to-back doubleheaders over the weekend.

The Generals stepped out of Old Dominion Athletic Conference play with a 7-4 road win over Mary Washington on Tuesday. Sophomore first baseman Brian Gladysz and sophomore left fielder Kyle Droppers smacked RBI

singles in the first inning to give W&L an early lead.

After the Eagles took a 4-2 lead in the third inning, the Generals manufactured five runs in the fifth inning to secure the victory. Freshman Peter Dean picked up the win on the mound for W&L, while junior third baseman Matt Kozora turned in a 3-for-5 performance at the plate.

Freshman right fielder Bryan Mulhern's three-run, fifth-inning home run was the difference in W&L's 7-2 win over Westminster at Cap'n Dick Smith Field on Wednesday. Sophomore second baseman Todd Johnson added a two-run jack as freshman Mike Wert notched the victory.

The Generals returned to ODAC competition by splitting a doubleheader with Hampden-Sydney at home on Saturday. The Tigers pulled out a 6-5 victory in 10 innings in the first game, but W&L rebounded strongly with a 7-0 win in game two.

Hampden-Sydney's Michael Duncan scored from first base in the 10th inning on an errant throw by senior pitcher David Sigler. Sigler threw all 10 innings for the Generals, and Kozora batted 2-for-4 with three batted in.

Freshman righthander Dan Kagey won his fourth game of the season in the nightcap, limiting the Tigers to two hits over seven innings of work. Droppers led the Generals with a 3-for-4 performance, knocking in a pair of runs.

W&L had little trouble with non-conference opponent West Virginia Tech on Sunday, pulling out 14-5 and 3-0 wins in the doubleheader.

The Generals scored 11 runs in the first three innings of game one, cruising to the easy win. Sophomore shortstop Michael Hanson went 4-for-5 with four runs and two RBI.

Wert took over in the second game, tossing a two-hit shutout for the win. Johnson and freshman catcher Andrew Riffe scored in the third inning to give Wert more than enough offense.

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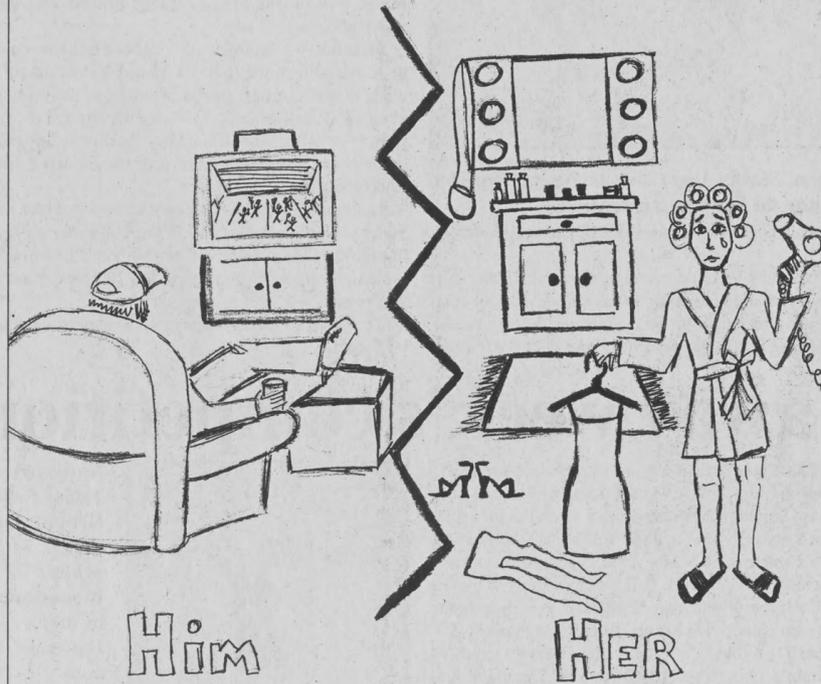
Countdown to Fancy Dress 2001**HIS**

2 Weeks: Identify the best "investment."

1 Week: Dial the final choice to tell her who her date's gonna be.

40 Minutes: Shower.

20 Minutes: Put on tux. Fill up flask with SoCo. Grab sixer of jimmy-hats.

Two hours before ...**HERS**

12 Weeks: Start looking for dresses.

8 Weeks: Begin thinking about possible dates.

6 Weeks: Initiate insanely difficult work-out regimen to fit into that dress that was purchased a size too small.

3 Weeks: Commence the flirting and hint dropping assault in full force.

2 Weeks: Preparations move into high gear with dress-accessorizing such as earrings, necklace, shoes, and hairstyles. The dateless: Move into "Do-or-Die" mode, lowering all standards.

1 Week: The dateless: Declare total war on the male gender, enlisting any and all resources available to ensure any unattached young man will take them.

12 Hours: Shower, shave, wax, pluck, and engage in the other painful processes.

9 Hours: Manicure, pedicure, and facial.

5 Hours: Hair appointment.

2 Hours: Begin beautification/falsification process with the application of no less than \$100 worth of make-up.

1 Hour: Put on dress. Call friends to make final costume critiques and build up unrealistic expectations.

*** The rest of Fancy Dress preparation is spent worrying, fussing, lamenting, languishing, and whining.

FD Expectations**HIS:**

1. Inebriation
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3. Amazing amounts of sexual favors

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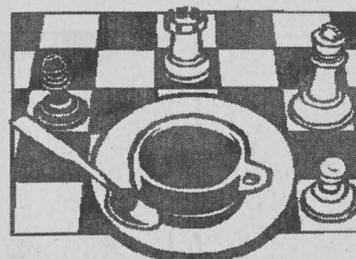
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