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GENERAL NOTES

National leadership group honors three W&L supporters

An engineer and physicist, a prominent Lexington attorney and one of the country's leading insurance executives were honored as Omicron Delta Kappa inductees at Washington and Lee University Thursday evening.

Robert E. Akins, a W&L physics professor, Albert J. Beveridge III, president of the George C. Marshall Foundation, and Clay T. Jackson, president of a Nashville insurance company, were welcomed into the national leadership fraternity that was founded at Washington and Lee in 1914. --Courtesy W&L website

W&L Athletics Department buys new workout equipment

The P.E. Department has purchased nine new fitness machines for the aerobic workout rooms in Doremus Gymnasium and Gaines Hall.

"There really weren't enough machines for the number of people in the school in the past and many of the machines have been breaking down," said University Athletic Committee member and senior Kathleen Moroney. "The addition of the new machines will be great for the new fitness center and Gaines Hall. I think it's great that the faculty and trustees have been so quick to satisfy the students' concerns."

The new machines were funded by contributions to the University for new equipment to be used in the new fitness center, which will begin construction in the summer. The machines will stay in Doremus Gymnasium and Gaines Hall until the completion of the new fitness center.

Three LifeCycle 9500 stationary bikes, two Tectrix Climb Max 150 stairmasters, two PreCor USA C964i treadmills and two PreCor USA EFX 546 elliptical machines are included in the athletic department purchase. Four machines have been placed in Gaines Hall, while the other five pieces have been added to the aerobic room in Doremus Gymnasium.

Ruby Tuesday may come to Rockbridge County area

Plans for a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant to come to the area were discussed at last week's Rockbridge County Planning Commission meeting.

Director of Planning and Zoning Sam Crickenberger said he is looking over a site plan to have the restaurant built next to the Wingate Hotel on U.S. 11, just past the Interstate 64 interchange.

A decision about site plan approval is expected within the next few weeks.

VMI bookstore now run by Barnes & Noble

Barnes and Noble took over Virginia Military Institute's bookstore a week and a half ago from Wallace's Bookstores Inc.

Wallace's had been operating the store for the past six years. Although Wallace's had submitted a proposal to renew its contract, VMI chose to contract Barnes & Noble.

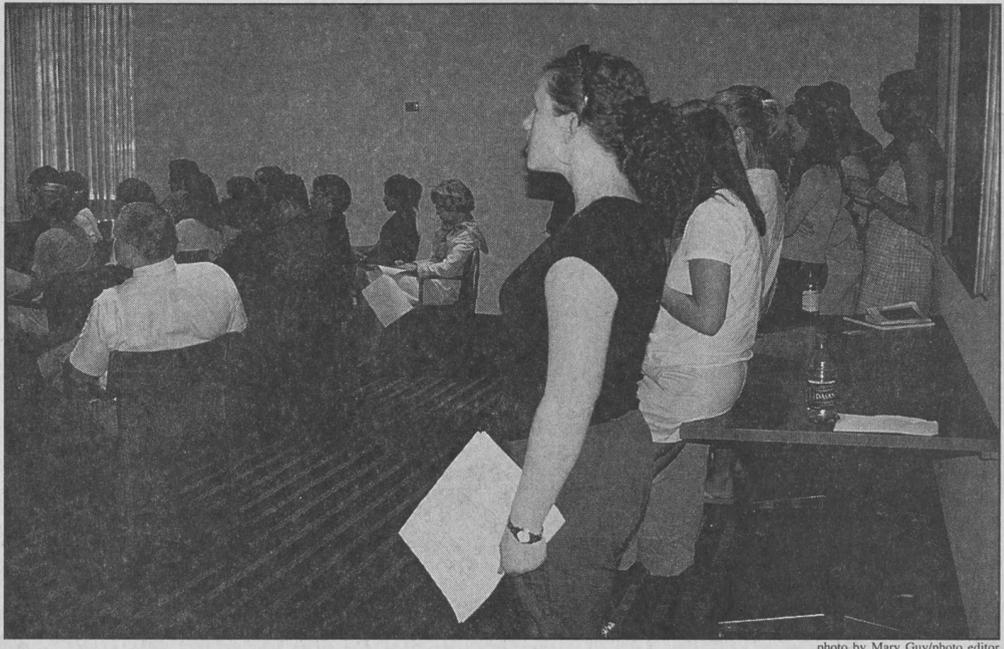
The three-year contract with Barnes and Noble can be extended to run six years.

24/7: W&L'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Today**
- 4:30 p.m.—Faculty meeting, Northern Auditorium
 - 7 p.m.—Javapalooza. Greenhouse featuring Burr Datz. Baker-Davis-Gilliam Quad.
- Tuesday, May 8**
- 4 p.m.—Lecture, women@work series. Dr. KimMarie McGoldrick. "Beginning Mentoring Now." Reception to follow. Room 220, Williams School.
- Thursday, May 10**
- 7:30 p.m.—Lecture, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar series. Dr. Lawrence D. Bobo. "A Color-Line for the 21st Century? Laissez-faire Racism and the Status of African Americans." Room 214, Science Center.
 - 8 p.m.—Senior Recital. Scott Meister, trumpet. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.
- Friday, May 11**
- 12 p.m.—Luncheon Lecture, women@work series. Katherine Schipper. Reservations required. Room 220, Williams School.
 - 7:30 p.m.—Film Society. David Mamet Festival. "The Spanish Prisoner" (1997). Troubador Cinema.
- Saturday, May 12**
- All Day—Nabors Service Day. Brunch to commemorate Jonathan Nabors, volunteer projects continue until 4 p.m.
 - 7:30 p.m.—Film Society. David Mamet Festival. "State and Main" (2000). Troubador Cinema.
 - 10 p.m.—Band party. Ingram Hill at Beta Theta Pi.
- Sunday, May 13**
- All Day—Mother's Day.
 - 2:30 p.m.—Law Commencement. Front Lawn.
 - 8 p.m.—Senior Recital. Brooke deRosa, soprano. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

Students react to task force report

By Alison Trinidad
NEWS EDITOR



STANDING ROOM ONLY. Students fill Northern Auditorium to discuss harsher penalties for alcohol violations.

Three strikes and you're out? No way, say Washington and Lee students.

In an open forum held last Wednesday, about 100 students questioned the need for more stringent University alcohol policies, fearing that approval of recommended policies would drive students away in more ways than one.

"If you start making it not fun here, the reputation of W&L will suffer," said second-year law student D. Wes Hammit.

"(This) changes the entire face of what appealed to me about W&L," agreed one freshman female.

According to the *Princeton Review*, "beer and liquor flow like water" on weekends and "outside of the classroom, 'drinking is the basic social interaction'" at W&L.

The policies, drafted by the Alcohol Task Force, are intended to turn the faucet off or at least reduce it to a trickle.

The recommendations suggest more education and counseling and a three-strike penalty program for students and Greek organizations violating school or state alcohol laws. Violations include drunk driving, alcohol-related convictions and supply of alcohol to minors. If approved, three strikes within one year of the first would mean a student's expulsion or an organization's full-year suspension from the University.

The next open forum is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 in Northern Auditorium.

After a series of open forums in the next two weeks, President John Elrod will present the amended recommendations to the Board of Trustees. From there, the Trustees will develop an all-encompassing policy statement on substance abuse at W&L. Elrod will then put the recommendations up to faculty vote on May 28. If approved by faculty, the policies will go back to the Board of Trustees for final review. Implementation is planned to begin by Fall Term 2001.

Elrod created the Task Force last November to study the alcohol culture at Washington and Lee. The creation of the Task Force immediately followed junior Adam Burchett and freshman Kristin Shelton's deaths in a single-vehicle crash after attending several fraternity parties last October. Authorities later determined alcohol was a contributing factor to the accident.

The Task Force's emphasis on discipline coupled with the time of its creation lead some to see the proposed penalties as too reactionary.

"That's how it exactly would appear," said Dean of Students and Administrative Task Force Facilitator David Howison.

Howison said the situation seems reactionary to someone unaware of the school's past attempts to control alcohol abuse.

"There was hard work being done before that accident," he said, referring to the comprehensive research into alcohol use at W&L by the Alcohol Steering Committee, which began more than three years ago, in November 1997.

The Steering Committee's chair, Trustee and Task Force Member Edward L. Bishop, III, '66, told the Alumni Board this weekend that the Steering Committee had three goals: education, counseling and discipline. He said the Steering Committee addressed education and counseling well but left discipline relatively untouched.

The Task Force focused more on discipline because it had not been adequately dealt with before, Howison said.

Most criticism was directed at the proposal's vague wording, seemingly misguided "scare-tactics" and call for parental notification.

Inter-fraternity Council President Quincy Springs asked the Task Force for more time to allow IFC initiatives to prove their efficacy. The IFC initiated its own five-step program last January, which puts student self-discipline above anything else. Springs and other IFC members presented statistics that imply their system is already working to reduce fraternity-related alcohol violations.

Other students argued that if student safety were the most important concern, making Live Drive and Safe Ride a 24/7 program would be more effective than threatening suspension. The Task Force, in fact, helped extend the Live Drive program, which now uses University vehicles, defined routes and paid drivers and assistants.

Physics Professor and Task Force Co-Chair H. Thomas Williams believes students need to face the reality of their actions.

"It's time for (the cushion) to go away," he said. "We want to remind students that the University is not a shield from the law."

Williams empathized with the students' defensive attitude but regretted the direction of their complaints.

"Some of the student reaction was predictable," he said. "(but) I wish the students would've focused more on the abusive behavior (which calls for) the sanctions."

Echoing previous remarks at the forum, Springs asked the audience if W&L really wanted to return to the rule-based culture that Robert E. Lee had replaced with an honor-based culture.

Although Howison did not respond at the forum, he later said, "in any culture we live in, we're responsible for our behavior."

Reflecting on the discussion, the majority of people who attended said it went smoothly. "It was good that we finally got some student opinion," said junior Kate Reeves. "It was a good forum, but we need to see more of them."

Williams said the dialogue was the most important outcome of the forum.

"It's the conversations that are useful," he said. "If (the students) get a voice, they can bring change that's already here, just not heard."

New Internet connection debuts

By Alison Trinidad
NEWS EDITOR

What if downloading MP3s, checking email or researching a 15-page term paper also meant working on a tan? With wireless technology, it could happen.

Last Friday, Washington and Lee University Computing announced plans to extend wireless Ethernet access campus-wide and out to the fraternity houses. While that means no more sluggish dial-up connections for fraternity residents, it also means students with laptops could access the Internet from outside the Co-op or on the front lawn.

Wireless local area networks use radio waves, not wires, to transfer information between computers through a network of "access points." Each access point, which transceives data, can handle up to 70 users at one time, said senior Thomas Wood, who helped manage the wireless pilot project.

PC cards, which cost from \$90 to \$160, allow students to access the WLAN without having to look for a place to plug in their computers.

Currently, all W&L dorms, offices, computer labs and sororities are hardwired to the University network. Remaining University properties, such as fraternity houses, are not wired to the network because of impractical costs, said Student Computing Coordinator Dirk van Assendelft.

People in unwired locations must use a modem dial-up connection. At best, most modems transceive data at a rate of 56.6 kilobytes per second. A WLAN operating at 11 megabits per second has the potential to be almost 25 times faster.

University Computing intends WLAN to augment, not replace, the hardwire network. The WLAN would be used where it is impractical to install wires, van Assendelft said. For example, the fraternities, which should be online by fall, will use both wireless and wire components. While

photo by Alison Trinidad/news editor

fraternities in Davidson Park and Red Square will be wireless inside the buildings, fiber connections will be made between the houses where possible. So-called "point-to-point" access will connect fraternity houses where it is cheaper. Point-to-point access uses "extension points," devices which extend the reach of the network by relaying the signal from a far-off user to either another extension point or an access point.

In January, University Computing launched a pilot program to test W&L's wireless potential. Van Assendelft said student participants enjoyed uninterrupted high-speed Internet connections and freedom to move around.

University Computing plans to install 20 more access points on campus, bringing classrooms and the Colonnade online.

Meanwhile, the incoming class of freshmen will be encouraged to bring laptops instead of desktops to fully take advantage of the wireless network. Only two years ago, University Computing had been discouraging laptops.

Van Assendelft said it comes with the territory. "I think we're going to see a huge jump in laptop (use)," he said.

WLUR moves

By Latrina Stokes
STAFF WRITER

University radio station WLUR will soon relocate from Reid Hall to the Women's Center in the University Center. Station Manager Nick Ramsey said that it will stay there for the next two years, ultimately moving to the new University Commons.

The costly relocation of the station's transmitter to an area near the Student Activities Pavilion will temporarily put it out of service.

Bob de Maria, journalism professor and WLUR's supervisor, said that waiting on the Federal Communications Commission to approve the new location will keep the station down until sometime in fall. It would take at least 90 days for the Commission to act, but would probably require more time, he said.

That means that students will not be able to listen to WLUR until at least mid-term.

Although she was familiar with the shows and DJs, sophomore Sara Rafferty said she now listens to WLUR only "randomly," which implies how often other students tune in as well.

Hearing of the temporary closing, several students regretted that others would not be able to listen. They themselves, however, seemed little concerned.

"Sometimes I can't even pick it up," Rafferty said. Although she lives within a five-minute walk of the transmitter, Rafferty said the station often comes in fuzzy when it does at all. She believes poor reception is probably a major reason why students do not support the station more.

The new transmitter should help solve that problem, but students will have to wait until at least October or November to find out for sure.

Sophomore Toussaint Crawford, who plays hip-hop, said he will remain a DJ to broadcast an under-represented genre, no matter how many people listen.

"I love my show," he said, "so it's very worth it."

University officials have taken on a similar attitude and have chosen to invest much money in maintaining WLUR; the exact cost has been speculated at more than a million dollars. According to de Maria, President John Elrod and Dean Larry Boetsch favored keeping the station because it is such a large student activity.

Journalism 361 and 263 both incorporate radio broadcasts in teaching reporting techniques. Besides news reports, WLUR broadcasts live home games and cultural programs like opera.

Moving the station has long been a department goal, de Maria said. After the move, de Maria will be freed of his supervising responsibilities and capable of teaching another class per semester. And WLUR will run off student power alone.

The past week's guest lecturers . . .

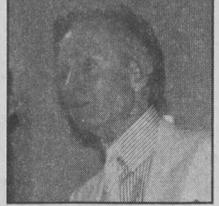
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Dr. Alan Stewart
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Mike Reiss
"The Simpsons" producer



Tom Wolfe
Novelist

Bush hits a 100 day homerun

So I wasn't right about Bush's margin of victory. But I was right about the man. The first hundred days are over and they were great. In the course of his barely three and a half months in office he has managed to stare down the communist Chinese, tell off the American Bar Association, create a cabinet more diverse than either of Clinton's, give the nation a coherent energy policy, roll back hundreds of last minute Clinton regulations, create momentum for a tax cut and lead a hemisphere-wide trade conference.

As promised, he truly has changed the tone in Washington. The chattering class is irate that President Bush has built political capital, is governing effectively, and is more popular than Clinton was after his first hundred days. Bush has proved to be an enthusiastic and optimistic leader who has gained control of Congress and is fearlessly pursuing a bold conservative agenda.

He has, however, had his share of criticism, the most vocal of which has been concerned with his handling of environmental policy. Bush has committed the nation to drilling in the Arctic, pushed back implementation of a rule to decrease arsenic levels in tap water, and has pulled the United States out of the Kyoto Protocol. Democrats, Hollywood liberals, and the news media all have lambasted President Bush for wanting to poison our children, pollute the air, and destroy a pristine and unique wilderness reserve.

Not surprisingly, these attacks are untrue. The Kyoto Protocol would have massively shrunk the economy to lower carbon dioxide levels negligibly. Millions would have lost their jobs

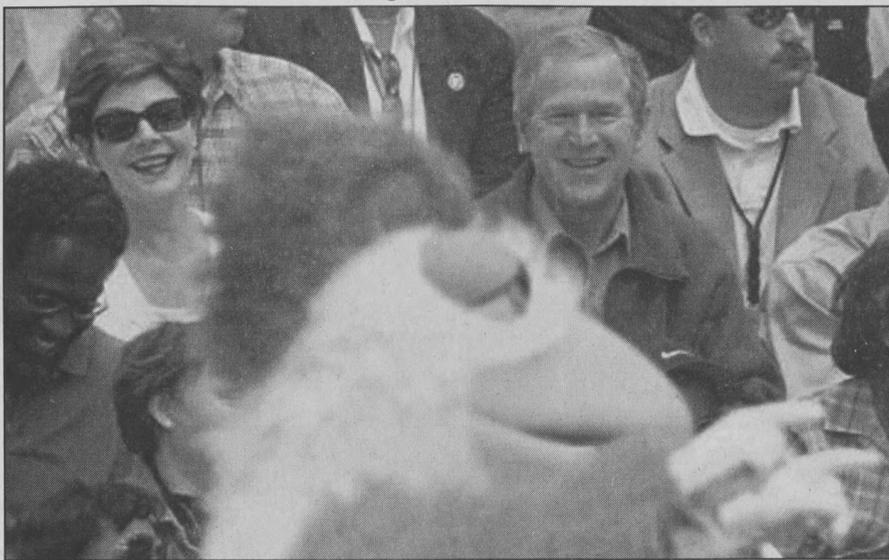


photo by Kenneth Lambert (AP)

His BIGGEST FAN. The San Diego Chicken cheers for Pres. Bush at Sunday's White House T-ball game.

so environmental wackos could bring us one step closer to their vision of a humanity-free world without actually improving the environment.

Current arsenic levels haven't been shown to be any more harmful than the proposed lower standard, but

implementation of the regulation would drastically increase the cost of running water, especially for small Western communities. The cost could have been as much as several hundred dollars per family. In fact, Bush's action only moved the date for a decision on this rule from January to July. In October, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle voted in support of this measure. Now he accuses Bush of being irresponsible and controlled by big business.

Other successes which have been decried by the President's critics include his handling of the Chinese hostage situation and his decision to scrap the ABM treaty and go forward with building a national missile defense. Although challenged as an inexperienced state-level politician who is uncomfortable dealing with foreign affairs, Bush has proved to be a deft, confident diplomat who charms world leaders with his engaging personality.

His handling of the Chinese matter avoided loss of life without kowtowing to the communist dictators in Beijing. His decision to no longer adhere to a treaty made with a country which no longer exists demonstrates an understanding that our military policy must be altered to meet the challenges of a post-Cold War world. New

threats from rogue nations, international terrorists, and America-hating third world dictators necessitate national missile defense.

President Bush has responded to the challenges of his term with grace, creativity and confidence. Although his election was by a narrow margin, he has governed forcefully and commandingly. Although mocked as an intellectual lightweight, Washingtonians have come to respect his intelligence. Although characterized as beholden to big business, Bush has governed with compassion and caring. Even those who dislike Bush the candidate cannot be unhappy with a president who hosts T-ball games on the South Lawn. Hopefully, the next eight years will be as successful, and wonderfully conservative, as the first several weeks have been.

I assume that Kirwan has reviewed these studies. I encourage him to enlighten us with a second, more thorough article that examines the studies more closely and provides us with an argument for their necessary inconsistency.

Sincerely,
Julie Fitzer '03

Kirwan responds:
The Gilligan study didn't use conventional scientific analysis, was not peer reviewed, and identified a supposed nationwide crisis in the mental health of adolescent girls. More reliable studies have shown girls to be well-adjusted, successful, and confident. My point was that TODTWD was created in response to shoddy, provocative evidence crafted to serve radical feminist purposes.

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Overlook Clinton's moral failings

His record of achievement is too strong to be disregarded

Over the past few years, the Republican Party has made constant attempts to destroy the character of former President Bill Clinton. Although not a Democrat (I consider myself an independent), I feel that the former President was the best selection for the time period when he was in office.

Would the old man, Bob Dole, have made a better choice for president? I don't think so. The country needed a younger, more energetic president who was ready to tackle issues such as the Middle East and trade barriers with China and Japan.

thing to do with his success. Well, I could say that about every man who's ever been President. You could even say that about every leader who's led a company or organization. This argument is like saying the coach has no role in how his team plays. Whether or not anyone wants to admit it, President Clinton had a role in the country's prosperity.

Clinton has also done more for this country's minorities and women than any other president has done. President Clinton did much to try to unify the

The fact that Clinton was able to retain such a high approval rating, and thus survive the biggest smear campaign ever, is a testament to just how much the people approved of the job this man was doing.

When the Monica Lewinsky incident came to light, the Republicans thought they had what they needed to remove this "slime" from office. It really angered them that this man, of humble background, had defeated their "good-old boy network." And, it incensed them that he had done this twice. They accused him of lying under oath. And did he? Few know for sure. Clinton argues that he did not. The Republicans argue that he did. As a member of the American public, I'll never know. But, what I do know is that the Senate did not even get a majority vote to remove the president from office. But, they couldn't let it die there. They had to continue to push their point (even though members of their party resigned due to inappropriate affairs).

But, what about the unprecedented economic growth we've had over the last eight years? Of course, his detractors claim Clinton had nothing to do with any of this. His advisors, aides, Alan Greenspan, and others had every-

nation's people. By appointing people such as Janet Reno to his cabinet, he helped pave the way for women and minorities to become such high-ranking people in an administration. President Clinton's conduct during the rash of black church burnings also gained the confidence of much of the nation's black population. His positive relationships with Mexican Presidents Zedillo and Fox also made him popular with the Mexican population.

President Clinton has done much for this country and I firmly believe that the United States is a better place because of him.

We should all take advice from a quote that Alfred Lord Tennyson made in defense of fellow poet Lord Byron. "What business has the public to know of Byron's wildness? He has given them fine work and they ought to be satisfied."

Although Clinton is probably not of the strongest moral character, we should not ignore what he has accomplished simply because of the political affiliation we carry. In other words, we should be satisfied and let him ride off into the proverbial sunset. Former President Clinton led this country into the twenty-first century on a wave of prosperity that I am sure President Bush will continue.

Φ Middle of the Road
Jonathan Wortham '04

Φ Right of the Aisle
Brett Kirwan '04

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Grades and self-esteem not related

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Brett Kirwan's article about Take Our Daughters to Work Day. I will not argue for, nor against, Kirwan's central thesis. Rather, I wish to address Kirwan's problematic interpretation of the evidence concerning girls' achievement and self-esteem.

Kirwan first cites Gilligan's findings that adolescent girls lose self esteem during adolescence. Second, he cites U.S. Department of Education data that girls outperform boys in "nearly every measure of academic performance." In the context of the article, Kirwan seems to be arguing that these two bodies of evidence, and the conclusions drawn

from them, are mutually exclusive and inconsistent. This inconsistency, Kirwan suggests, means that the logic behind Take Our Daughters to Work Day is questionable.

These two sets of conclusions are, in fact, not necessarily inconsistent. I am limited in my ability to argue this point, as I have not seen the studies themselves; a psychology professor would be better equipped than I to address this point. However, I will draw from personal experience to argue that self-esteem and academic achievement are not perfectly correlated measures. I have friends who performed well academically in their pre-college careers despite destructive assaults on their self-esteem over long periods of time from varied sources such as abuse and harassment in its many forms; I myself have personally experienced this. Academic achievement thus may serve as a "cover" of sorts to help the person cope. In addition, there have been cases of very high-achieving students committing suicide.

I would also like to point out that there is a difference between achievement and how one feels about the achievement. Two persons who have earned a 3.0 GPA may feel very different about that achievement. There are probably many other arguments for the possible consistency of the two bodies of evidence cited by Kirwan which are much more objective, and persuasive, than my appeal to personal experience. I will leave arguments for consistency to the psychology experts in this field. I only wish to point out that the two sets of conclusions are not necessarily mutually exclusive.

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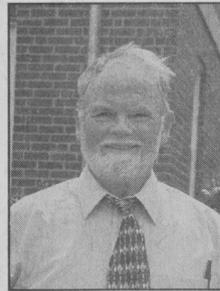
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"Nothing surprises me anymore."
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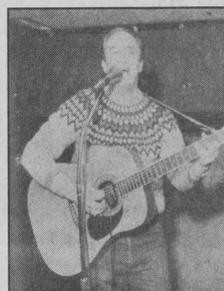


"Casual attire is a nice change."
-Bill Davidson '50



"Co-eds."
-John Meloy '86

You may remember them looking like this:



Christian artist plays GHQ

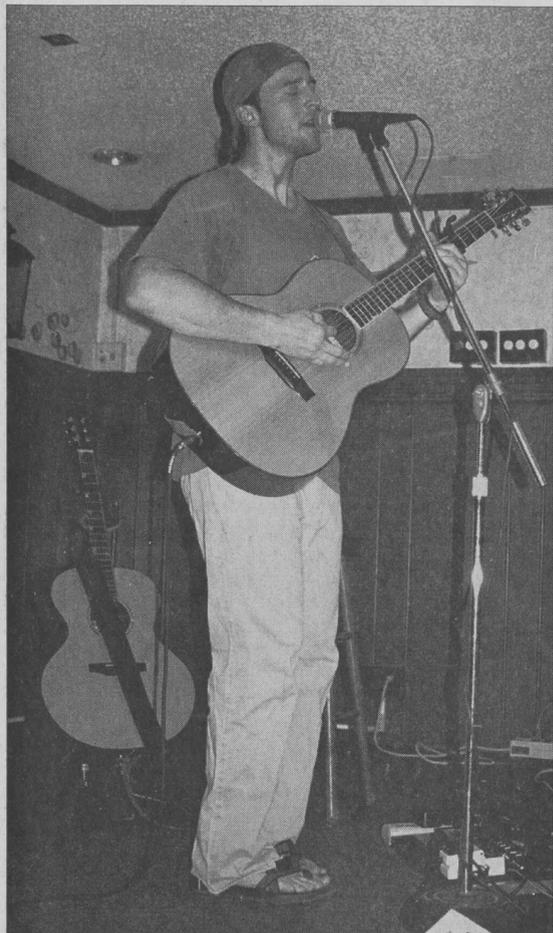


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SING UNTO THE LORD. Artist Bebo Norman sings for W&L students in the GHQ about God and life.

CORRECTION: the photograph accompanying the lead news story of the April 30 issue was taken by Staff Photographer Meg Ferrara, not Photo Editor Mary Guy

Artist impresses students with music, openness

By Amy Blevins
W&L LIFE EDITOR

Musician Bebo Norman filled the GHQ Tuesday night with soft guitar chords and his otherwise unaccompanied voice. Sponsored by the Catholic Campus Ministry, Norman spent two hours sharing compositions from his two albums, *The Fabric of Verse* and *Ten Thousand Days*. Norman also promoted his upcoming album *Big Blue Sky*.

Senior Kathy Soroka began the process of bringing Norman to the GHQ when she introduced Catholic Campus minister Burr Datz to Norman's music.

In addition to his music, many students were impressed with Norman's onstage manner.

"His passion and lack of pretentiousness won me over. . . His combination of truthful songs with a sincere desire to connect with those listening made an amazing performance," said sophomore Adam Mayer.

"I really enjoyed his spontaneous performance and jokes," said freshman Emily Averitt. "This gave a great sense of realism in his music and message by conveying his humanity."

Students also commented on Norman's personalized approach to his performance.

"He gave the listener something with which to identify," said Averitt. "Also, I loved how he mixed testimony with song to convey a deep message of Christianity and life. He was very real, down to earth, and open with his audience."

Norman discussed his concern with world poverty. During his performance Norman urged students to adopt children from the Compassion International table which was set up next to the table selling his merchandise.

Students also approved of the atmosphere the GHQ provided the performance. "Because when he plays it's just him and his guitar the GHQ was the perfect venue, small and intimate," said Soroka.

Norman related stories of his own life to his music, beginning each song by describing its significance. Students said this approach helped students identify with his message of faith. "He talks about life from the perspective of faith. He talks about the struggles of everyday life, struggles that everyone goes through, and he talks about God's roles in them," said Soroka. "I just think even though it's Christian music it's very universal."



photo courtesy imdb.com

REUNITED AT LAST. The unpictured Scorpion King (Dwayne Johnson, "The Rock") catches the eye of adventurer Rick O'Connell (Brendan Frazier) and reanimated mummy Im-Ho-Tep (Arnold Vosloo).

The Mummy Returns

By Micheal George
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes a film will come along that truly touches the human spirit, leaving viewers with a sense of profound enlightenment and change. Sometimes a film will push audiences to reach for more lofty and far-off goals, and at the same time to question the nature of humanity. Sometimes a film will teach as well as entertain.

If you are looking for *The Mummy Returns* to do any of these things, don't hold your breath. I don't think any of its actors will have to worry about the length of their acceptance speech at the Oscars, because they'll probably be in the balcony or outside parking cars. However, I can't really say it's a bad movie, because it doesn't take itself too seriously. *The Mummy Returns* is just good old-fashioned movie fun, with not much of a point beyond bad jokes, overacting, and cornball cheese.

Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz are back as Rick and Evie O'Connell, young archaeologists searching for the lost treasures of ancient Egypt. When a group of evil cultists resurrects the body of Imhotep, the villain of 1999's *The Mummy*, the O'Connells are once again thrust into a race against time to stop him. A search for the fabled Scorpion King, an ancient warrior who leads an army of the dead, takes the O'Connell's from London, England across Egypt. Along the way, they must fight an assortment of typical moronic bad guys and undead creatures.

The Mummy Returns features the acting debut of the WWF's Dwayne Johnson, more popularly known as The Rock. Rock's screen time was limited, but he does appear in flashback sequences at the beginning of the film. As much as I am a fan of The Rock, I was disappointed with his performance.

Although *The Mummy Returns* has many faults, it still seems to be somewhat entertaining. Its characters appear to be having a good time, even though they are in a tough situation. One bright spot is young Freddie Boath as Alex O'Connell, whose humor and acting abilities show beyond his young age. *The Mummy Returns* is also stylistically entertaining. Its visuals and special effects seem to be the focus of the film, which in some small way makes it worth seeing on the big screen.

Overall, *The Mummy Returns* is worth the price of admission for two hours of fun and excitement. But if you are looking for a think piece, you won't find it here.

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Women's tennis tops Mary Washington

By Dave Crowell
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's tennis team continues to blast away its competition.

The Generals (18-2, 10-0 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) finished a strong regular season with a 7-2 defeat of Mary Washington on Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore Erika Proko led the team with a 6-3, 6-1 victory in second-seed singles, then later teamed with junior Melissa Hatley for an 8-4 victory in top-seed doubles.

W&L also claimed victories in fourth, fifth, and sixth-seed singles as sophomore Alyson Brice, sophomore Brandi Jane Wedgeworth, and freshman Liz Law easily defeated their competition.

The Generals finished the victory with a sweep of the doubles matches. In addition to Proko and Hatley's victory, sophomore Laura Bruno and junior Sallie Jane Strang won in number-two doubles and Brice and Wedgeworth knocked off MWC in three-seed doubles.

This matchup was the last preparation before the Generals enter the national tournament in the NCAA Atlantic Regional.

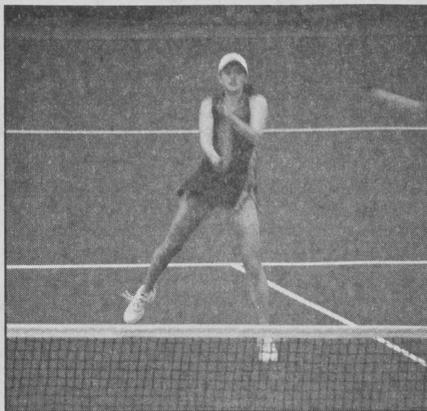
"Mary Washington is one of the top five of 107 teams in the Atlantic South region," coach Cinda Rankin said after the victory.

In order to enter the NCAA playoffs, the Generals needed a victory in the ODAC tournament. Tradition reigned as the Generals took the crown for the 11th straight year. W&L players won every match they played in during the two-day tournament.

Hatley led the way with a championship in number-one singles. She later received the distinction of ODAC Player of the Year.

Despite Hatley's accomplishment, Rankin believes that every player will help the team in the goal to match last year's third-place national finish.

"Every player makes a significant contribution every day, whether in a match or in practice," Rankin said. "That's why this team is so good. We never have to depend on one player to carry the team."



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BEST IN THE ODAC. Junior Melissa Hatley was named conference Player of the Year.

W&L sweeps ODACs, heads to playoffs

By Ian R. McIlroy
SPORTS WRITER

At the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament, held on April 20-21 in Lynchburg, Washington and Lee's men's tennis team captured its 20th ODAC championship in the last 25 years.

The Generals also swept the tournament for the first time in 12 years, taking the championship of all six singles and all three doubles flights.

Ranked 25th in the nation for Division III play, the Generals finished the year with a 12-5 record, posting a mark of 6-0 against ODAC opponents.

"The team has been very strong all year round thanks largely to the leadership of our juniors," head coach

David Detwiler said.

Since sweeping the ODACs, the team has had nearly three weeks to prepare for the Division III South Regional. Based on their work in practice, juniors Rhys James and Andrew Roberts, number one and two singles respectively, are expected to have strong showings down the road.

Although new to the postseason, freshmen Austin Kim, Graham Nix, and K.C. Schaefer will also have an important role to play. Going into the tournament, Detwiler feels that "everyone is doing their part. The team is fresh, confident, and ready for regionals."

The Generals will be assigned their first round opponent for the South Regional early in the week and the tournament itself begins this weekend.



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PLAYOFF BOUND. Freshman Graham Nix and the Generals will play in the NCAA South Regional.

Generals win final pair of 2001 contests

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

Although they won't be headed to the postseason this year, the Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team finished the season in a strong fashion.

On Wednesday, the Generals hammered Old Dominion Athletic Conference foe Randolph-Macon 16-6 at Wilson Field. Junior Andrew Barnett scored four goals, including three during a 6-0 W&L outburst in the third quarter, and added two assists in the win.

The Generals finished 5-1 in the ODAC with the win over the Yellow Jackets, winning 22 of 26 faceoffs. Sophomore Tom Melanson won 19 of his 22 attempts, also leading the team by collecting 13 ground balls. Seniors Pope Hackney and Bernie

Norton scored two goals apiece for W&L.

Hackney, Norton and Barnett scored unassisted goals in the first 13:34 of the game to give W&L a quick 3-0 lead on Saturday against Limestone, the No. 1 ranked team and defending champion in Division II.

The Saints would surge back before the end of the half, knotting the game at 4-4 with 17 seconds remaining in the second quarter. After senior Matt Dugan found the net to open the second half, Limestone's Nick Carlson netted a pair of goals to give his team a 6-5 advantage.

However, six unanswered goals by the Generals gave them an 11-6 lead late in the game. Dugan and Hackney each finished their W&L careers with hat tricks, and Barnett tallied two goals and two assists. Another se-

nior, Wes Hays, stopped five shots in goal for W&L.

Freshman Mike McNamara was pleased with the way the final week of the season progressed, but wished for the chance to make a playoff run.

"It's disappointing, especially for the seniors, just because they've worked so hard for four years," said McNamara, who finished with eight goals on the season.

Although W&L will lose eight seniors this year, McNamara doesn't anticipate that expectations for 2002 will be lowered significantly.

"We're definitely going to miss (the seniors') leadership, not to mention their talent," McNamara said. "But we have a lot of great returning players, and hopefully the people who we need to step up will step up."

The Generals ended the 2001 campaign with an overall record of 14-1.

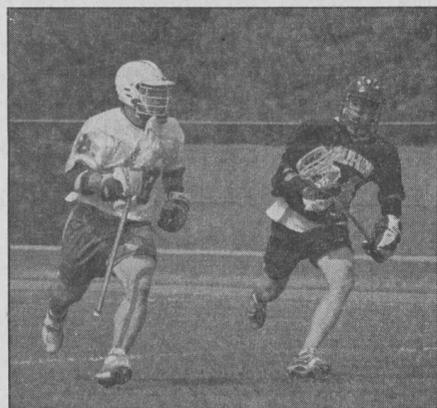


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GREAT IN THE CIRCLE. Sophomore Tom Melanson won 19 of his 22 faceoff attempts in W&L's 16-6 win over Randolph-Macon on Wednesday.

Women's lax drops season finale

Generals fall to No. 3 ranked team in Division II

By Jeremy Franklin
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team shaped up for the NCAA Tournament with a 10-7 loss to Division II Limestone at the Liberty Hall Fields on Saturday.

The third-ranked Saints benefited from three second-half goals by sophomore Meghan Dennehy and a goal and two assists from junior Becky Buppert in snapping the Generals' nine-game winning streak.

W&L cut into Limestone's 5-3 halftime lead on a goal by sophomore Leslie Bogart less than a minute into the second half. After Dennehy extended the lead back to two goals, junior Emily Owens quickly pulled the Generals back to a one-goal deficit. Senior Liz Borges' goal, one of her three scores on the day, at 20:31 tied the game at 6-6.

Borges would tie the game again shortly thereafter, but the Saints finished the day with three unanswered goals, two at the hands of Dennehy, to secure the win.

Track teams finish fourth at ODAC Championships

The Washington and Lee track teams completed their 2001 seasons on April 28, as both the men and women turned in fourth-place finishes at the ODAC Championships in Bridgewater.

On the women's side, juniors Sarah Schmidt and Megan Babst won individual ODAC titles. Schmidt won the javelin event for the third consecutive year, throwing for a meet record 120'04". Babst, in her first season with the team, exceeded the five-foot mark in the high jump to claim first place.

Senior Amy Calce finished second in the long jump with a school-record leap of 16'9", and sophomore Burke Duncan placed second in both the 1,500 and 3,000-meter events.

Senior Sandy Hooper led the men's team with a second-place finish in the 1,500 meters. Junior Mike Hegg turned in a season-best time of 15.42 seconds in the 110-meter high hurdles, good for second place as well.

Two Generals placed in the top five in the 100-meter dash: senior Marc Watson in third and sophomore Chris Sullivan, who also placed third in the long jump, in fifth.

Lynchburg won both the men's and women's team titles in the five-team field.

Hackney named ODAC Player of the Year

Washington and Lee senior midfielder Pope Hackney was recognized as ODAC Player of the Year, joining seven teammates on All-ODAC teams.

Joining Hackney on the first team were senior attackman Matt Dugan, senior defenseman Pete Iwancio, senior midfielder Bernie Norton and sophomore midfielder Tom Melanson. Junior defenseman Eric Kontargyris and senior goalie Wes Hays were named to the second team, and junior attackman Andrew Barnett received honorable mention.

Hackney led the Generals to a 14-1 record, 5-1 in conference play, finishing with 34 goals and 12 assists on the season. He tallied 109 goals and 47 assists during his career at W&L.

Hathorn recognized as conference Coach of the Year

Head coach Jan Hathorn received ODAC Coach of the Year honors, and five Washington and Lee women's lacrosse players were named to the all-conference teams on Wednesday.

Senior attacker Liz Borges, junior defender Eloise Priest, and freshman midfielder Lee Wheeler were named to the All-ODAC first team, and senior attacker Ellen Ritsch and sophomore midfielder Sarah Janowitz received second-team recognition.

Hathorn, who guided the Generals to a 15-3 record and their third appearance in the NCAA Tournament, received Coach of the Year honors for the fifth time.

The Press Box

While Seattle wins, Texas blames Oates for troubles

Two American League West division rivals have taken different approaches to building winning clubs.

Seattle's has worked; Texas' has not. While the Mariners have the best record in Major League Baseball, finger-pointing has begun in Arlington. Manager Johnny Oates, the only skipper to lead the Rangers to the postseason, is out, replaced by third base coach Jerry Narron.

Team owner Tom Hicks and general manager Doug Melvin expected better than the Rangers' 11-17 record

(through Friday, when Oates resigned) after signing a



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slew of big-name free agents in the 2000 offseason, headlined by former Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez and his \$252 million contract.

In doing so, Hicks and Melvin ignored the team's blatant lack of pitching. Four of the five pitchers in the Rangers' starting rotation possess ERAs over 6.00 (Kenny Rogers had a stellar mark of 5.71 entering Sunday's game); when Ryan Glynn tossed eight shut-out innings against the also-beleaguered White Sox on Saturday in Jerry Narron's managerial debut, his ERA fell to 7.76.

Because of such horrid pitching, one of the game's best managers and all-around best people is unemployed. Certainly, this won't last through the 2001 offseason: Oates is too good a manager not to be snapped up. For now, though, he's no more than a scapegoat. Hicks' spending spree to "improve" the team ignored the aspect of the Rangers that demanded the most improvement, and he had to find someone to blame.

Narron, promoted from his position as third base coach, will not fare any better than Oates did unless the Rangers' pitching staff undergoes a significant transformation, something unlikely to happen in the course of the season. Glynn and Doug Davis may one day be viable major league starters, but they were rushed into the rotation in 2001.

Meanwhile, Seattle is dominating the AL West this season thanks to Lou Piniella's fundamentally sound club. While Texas has focused on acquiring high-profile free agents in recent years, the Mariners have been content to let Rodriguez, center fielder Ken Griffey Jr., and flame-throwing lefthander Randy Johnson leave town.

Griffey and Johnson were traded away; in return, the Mariners received players such as center fielder Mike Cameron and starting pitchers John Halama, Freddy Garcia, and Brett Tomko. Seattle has also signed lower-profile free agents, including righthander Aaron Sele, first baseman John Olerud, second baseman Bret Boone, and Japanese right fielder Ichiro Suzuki.

A glance at 2001 team statistics further displays the disparities between the Mariners and Rangers. Seattle's 3.42 ERA (through Saturday's games) is second-best in the AL, behind only Boston. The Rangers' 6.45 ERA is nearly a run worse than 13th-place Kansas City.

Although Texas' high-powered offense is first in the AL in total bases and home runs and second in batting average and runs scored, Seattle has held its own at the plate. While the Mariners are in the middle of the pack in most offensive categories, they are third in the league where it counts: runs scored.

If Seattle were to continue its current pace (24-7 through Saturday), they would win 125 games. While this is too improbable to actually occur, the Mariners have already distanced themselves from the rest of the division.

Texas will eventually find itself chasing division-favorite Oakland, which has struggled out of the gate as well. The Athletics have too good a team to remain in the cellar; if they don't turn things around, manager Art Howe will find himself without a job as well.

At least, then, the finger will be pointed at the right person.

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