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## Retiring biology professor receives Pusey Award

Dr. Tom Nye, retiring from W&L after 35 years, was awarded the Pusey Award by the Executive Committee last Wednesday. The Pusey is awarded to one faculty member each year to recognize his or her commitment and service to the University. The award is named after former Dean Bill Pusey.

## Next year's meal plans announced

Undergraduates now have eight different meal plan choices for the coming year. Except for the full board and block meal plans, all plans can be used at any campus dining location. Meal plan users do not have to pay the 8.5 percent Virginia sales tax on food. Students who sign up for a plan by May 31 will be entered in a drawing for up to \$100 in food debit credit.

## 24/7: W&L'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Today

9 a.m.—Textbook buyback continues until 4 p.m. East side of Evans Dining Hall.

Noon—Luncheon/Lecture. Eric Wilson, W&L assistant professor of English, will discuss his research on Renaissance urban studies, education and literature. Room 113, University Center.

4:30 p.m.—Slide lecture. "Flowers, Full Moons and Festivals: Celebrating Krishna through the Seasons in Vrindaban, India." Prof. Cynthia Atherton, Middlebury College. Northern Auditorium, Leyburn Library. Open to the public.

### Wednesday, May 30

9 a.m.—Textbook buyback continues until 4 p.m. East side of Evans Dining Hall.

7 p.m.—Student movie. "Blindsight," written and directed by Henry Gola, '01. Northern Auditorium.

### Thursday, May 31

9 a.m.—Textbook buyback continues until 4 p.m. East side of Evans Dining Hall.

8 p.m.—Music Recital. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center.

### Friday, June 1

All Day—Undergraduate classes end.

9 a.m.—Textbook buyback continues until 4 p.m. East side of Evans Dining Hall.

### Saturday, June 2

9 a.m.—Undergraduate exams begin.

10 a.m.—Textbook buyback ends at 2 p.m. East side of Evans Dining Hall.

### Monday, June 4

5 p.m.—Undergraduate exams end.

### Tuesday, June 5

6 p.m.—Journalism Department reception, awards ceremony, and buffet supper.

### Wednesday, June 6

8:30 a.m.—Faculty Meeting. Northern Auditorium.

10 a.m.—Baccalaureate. Speaker: Rev. Hoffman F. Brown III '77, Pastor. Front Lawn.

11:30 a.m.—Alumni Association luncheon for families, faculty and staff. Stemmons Plaza (rain site: Doremus Gymnasium).

12:30 p.m.—Parents' reception. Lee House.

1:30 p.m.—Tours of historic front-campus buildings.

2 p.m.—Art Department senior theses presentations. duPont Hall 109.

3 p.m.—Art, Music and Theatre Departmental awards ceremony. duPont Hall 109.

3 p.m.—Computer Science Department reception. Parnly 413.

3:30 p.m.—Art, Music and Theatre Departments reception. duPont Gallery.

4 p.m.—East Asian Studies Program reception. Reeves Center/Watson Pavilion.

4:30 p.m.—History Department reception. Alumni House.

4:30 p.m.—Mathematics Department reception. 300 Overhill Drive.

4:30 p.m.—Reception for international seniors' families. Outside Tucker Hall.

5 p.m.—Philosophy Department reception. University Center 114.

### Thursday, June 7

7:30 a.m.—Geology Department breakfast. Science Addition Great Hall.

8 a.m.—Shepherd Poverty Program breakfast. Prof. Beckley's home.

8 a.m.—Romance Languages and German and Russian Departments breakfast. Outside Tucker Hall.

8 a.m.—Physics and Engineering Department breakfast. Science Addition patio (rain site: Great Hall).

8:15 a.m.—Psychology Department breakfast. Parnly Hall.

8:30 a.m.—Williams School breakfast. Williams School library.

9 a.m.—Pictures of alumni parents and their graduating children. Lee Chapel.

10 a.m.—Undergraduate Commencement. Speaker: President John W. Elrod. Front Lawn (rain site: Warner Center).

Noon—Biology Department lunch. Alumni House.

Noon—Chemistry Department lunch. Science Addition, Great Hall.

Noon—English Department lunch. Northern Auditorium Terrace (rain site: Northern Auditorium).

## Seniors to graduate

By Matthew McDermott  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Contrary to rumor, sheepskin diplomas are still being conferred, and 396 students are expecting them Thursday, June 7.

At press time, it is expected 406 degrees will be awarded at Washington and Lee's 216th undergraduate commencement, an event beginning at 10 a.m. on the Front Lawn.

University President John Elrod agreed to be the undergraduate commencement speaker.

Faculty marshals are Accounting Professor William King, Biology Professor Maryanne Simurda, History Professor Richard Bidlack and English Professor Kary Smout.

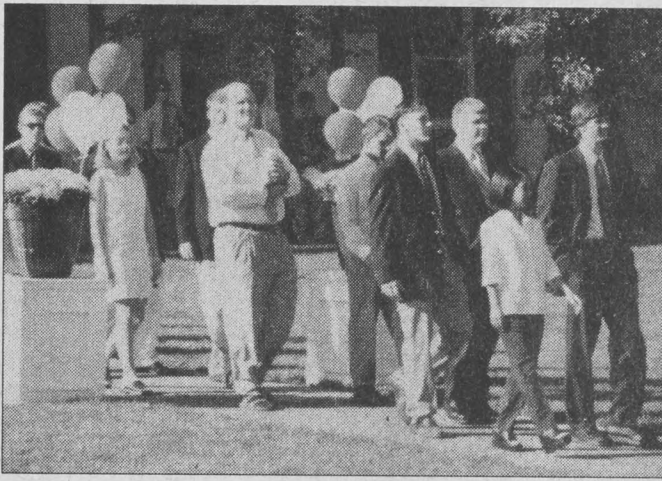
Marshals call attendance and lead the student lines.

Undergraduates who fail to attend the commencement exercises, unless excused in advance by formal action of the Faculty Executive Committee, do not receive diplomas.

Degrees are conferred in the following order: B.S. with Special Attainments in Commerce, B.A. with majors in The Williams School, B.S. with majors in The College, B.S. with Special Attainments in Chemistry and B.A. with majors in The College.



file photos  
FOUR YEARS FOR THIS? The Phi presents scenes from previous years to showcase graduation activities.



## Faculty vote for ATF policy

### Stricter penalties next Fall Term

By Alison Trinidad  
NEWS EDITOR

Three weeks ago, Washington and Lee students asked the faculty and Board of Trustees to postpone passing new university drug and alcohol policy, but it seems like time has run out. The faculty vote is in and students should expect more stringent penalties for substance abuse come Fall Term 2001.

Faculty members voted to accept the so-called "red line document" at an hour-and-a-half meeting yesterday afternoon. The document was a Trustee-revised version of the Alcohol Task Force recommendations released last month.

Dean of Students David Howison said the voice vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the recommendations. While some wording was tweaked for clarification, Howison said, the gist of the recommendations remains the same.

Included in the policy are: a three-strike penalty system, parental notification and alcohol-free university-sponsored tailgates. At the discretion of the Student Judicial Council, students with three strikes within one calendar year may be dismissed from

the University. Education and counseling are mandatory for those who are not dismissed.

Although Executive Committee President Rob Naftel lost the battle to keep tailgates, he remains optimistic. Student governing bodies, such as the EC and SJC, are ultimately who decide how severe sanctions are for each case.

"For students, this is good," Naftel said.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will be informed of the faculty's final decision soon, Howison said. The details of the report will be made available later in the year, but Howison could not specify when. As of this issue, the Task Force webpage can be accessed through the University Registrar website. A copy of the recommendations sans faculty revision is available for viewing through the "Task Force" link.

President John Elrod created the Task Force last November to study the alcohol culture at W&L and suggest better ways to hold students responsible for abusive behavior. The creation of the Task Force came immediately after junior Adam Burchett and freshman Kristin Shelton died 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 released its recommendations in April and invited feedback from the university through a series of open forums. Three weeks after the recommendations' release, Elrod presented to the Board of Trustees the Task Force results and their mixed reactions from the W&L community. After reviewing the recommendations, the Board adopted a comprehensive substance abuse policy statement on May 19, 2001, that stresses responsible alcohol use.

According to the statement, "abusive consumption of alcohol and illegal drug use are inconsistent with the core values of Washington and Lee University."

The Board made three stipulations before the faculty vote. Whatever faculty members decided to keep or dismiss from the Task Force recommendations, they had to adopt and implement a clearly defined penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, a three-strike penalty program and parental notification for student violators of University alcohol or drug policies.

Although implementation of the new University policy is slated for the fall, questions about the policy's enforcement and aftermath are yet to be answered. The policy will undergo regular faculty evaluation in cooperation with the Dean of Students throughout the coming year.

## Senior faces felony charge

By Alison Trinidad  
NEWS EDITOR

Washington and Lee senior Jeffrey James was arrested early Saturday, May 26, after a W&L male freshman accused him of forcible sodomy, a felony. At the time of the arrest, James served as a W&L dorm counselor. He has since been suspended from the position.

Under Virginia law, forcible sodomy is defined as oral sex or anal intercourse by force or intimidation or due to mental incapacity or physical helplessness of the victim.

At his advisement hearing today, James is expected to tell the judge whether he wants a court-appointed attorney or his own counsel.

Sergeant Wayne Straub of the Lexington Police Department was the shift supervisor Saturday morning. He said the victim, accompanied by others, flagged him down on Washington Street while on routine patrol shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday. W&L Security arrived at the scene five to 10 minutes later, Straub said. According to the victim's statement to Straub, the alleged incident occurred in the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house.

W&L Security was en route to James' room in Baker dormitory, Director of Security Mike Young said, when they received a call from James' hall about a fight in progress. Freshmen on James' hall say they were awakened after 3 a.m. to a group of students beating up James in his room.

Taken by Lexington police officers, James was arrested at the police department by Officer Gary Coleman. He was the only student involved in the incident who was charged and arrested that evening, Straub said. Straub would not comment on James' physical state at the time of his arrest. James was brought to Rockbridge Regional Jail a little before 6 a.m. and released at 8:29 the same night. Bail had been set at \$2000.

The victim was taken to Stonewall Jackson Hospital for examination using a Physical Evidence Recovery Kit, Straub said. Young said, as far as he knew, the victim did not appear physically injured.

At today's hearing, the judge will set a date for a preliminary hearing. There is a preliminary hearing anytime there is a felony charge and the victim must testify at it. If the judge decides there is probable cause, the case will go on to the grand jury in circuit court. The grand jury is a group of private citizens who decide whether or not there is enough evidence to issue an indictment against the defendant. If the defendant is indicted, the case will go to trial and the defendant must plead guilty or not guilty at his arraignment. During the trial, the plaintiff will be called to testify against the defendant.

A conviction of forcible sodomy in Virginia has a penalty of no less than five years and up to life imprisonment. As an international student, James may face deportation if convicted, said Director of International Education William Klingelhofer.

Dean of Students David Howison said the University will proceed in these matters according to existing judicial procedures. If the victim chooses to pursue any hearing, University or otherwise, he may have to wait until September because undergraduate classes end Friday.

Howison confirmed that James had been assaulted by a group of W&L students after the alleged incident. As of Monday, James had not filed any criminal charges against those students, but Young said James can file charges of assault and battery if he chooses to do so. Following a joint-Security-Student Judicial Council investigation, SJC President Shane Saunders said, the SJC will try today those students accused of assaulting James. The case and any appeals must be tried before finals begin on Saturday.

Associate Dean of Students Anne Schroer-Lamont, a University counselor, has asked Project Horizon to provide assistance counseling those who feel they need it.

"Anytime anyone is assaulted verbally, physically or sexually, it's wrong," she said. "They deserve counseling from peer counselors, friends and family."

Schroer-Lamont asked students to allow both parties a fair hearing and allow the judicial process to take place.

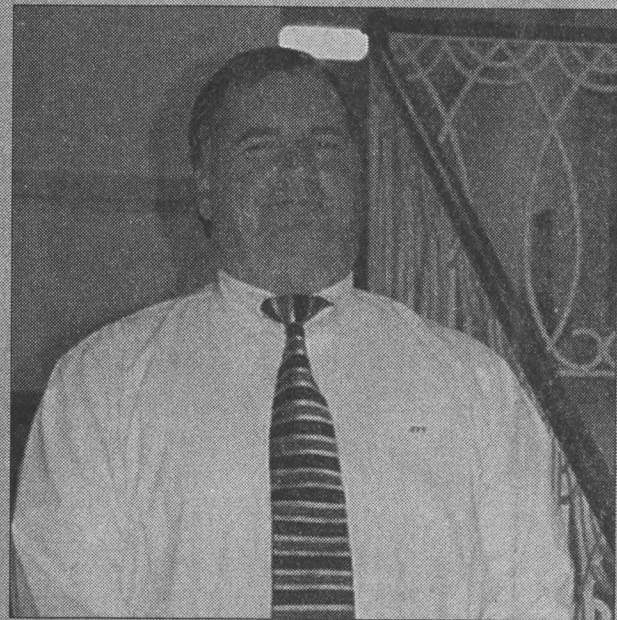
"Students should realize that email messages and phone mail messages can be tracked, so people need to be smart," she said. "We do not need ugliness on top of anything else."

"Harrasment is not tolerated."

When asked if there were specific incidents of either party being harrassed, Young declined to comment.

"That's under investigation," he said.

## Winners of the 2001 Ring-tum Phi Awards



LEFT. Assistant Director of Dining Services John Taffe was recognized for his work in helping students help others. Thanks to his management of Dining Hall resources, student organizations were able to assist the needy from India to Rockbridge County.

RIGHT. Senior Renee Harper was honored for her continual efforts to bring together Washington and Lee students. A past president of PRIDE and a WLUR radio personality, Harper claims her best memories come from conversations with students of different backgrounds.



photos by Mary Guy/photo editor



# Crittenden raises one last glass

In entering upon the daunting task of writing my final tour de force for a Washington and Lee publication, I feel a certain *je ne sais quoi*, a fear and loathing of the sort that surrounds Senators changing political party membership, or of the type that envelops one when he enters a dark bar around three in the afternoon with only the intention of finding the bottom of another pint. It isn't a comfortable feeling, nor is it completely distasteful; in the end, it just is, like a trusty companion on the long road home.

Not to get sentimental, but I can say that I have enjoyed myself during my tenure at Washington and Lee. I've met some truly amazing people whom I consider not

only my friends, but also gifted individuals



Mike's Final Pint  
Mike Crittenden '01

that I have enjoyed not only knowing, but also sharing with. These people have expanded who I am, what I believe and what I will become. People who have touched me in so many ways (wink, wink, nudge, nudge), that I could only hope to have affected them in some positive way. Over a cup of coffee, a few beers at Traveler's and in the dorms, I have made friendships that mean more to me than a piece of parchment I hope to receive in a couple of weeks. There are special people here, and you should try and get to know them if you get the chance, if you can take the time to leave your catchily-named off campus house, get in your gas-guzzling, never used for off-roading SUV, and meet some of the people that make this campus wonderful. They are all around, get to know them.

In addition to the wonderful people I have met, I, of course, have met some of another ilk; the kind of people you wouldn't introduce to your folks because you'd be embarrassed to admit you know them. You know the type: they ooze pretentiousness like the nouveau riche always do. They're unctuous and sheltered, and drive big cars that tell the world that they are protected by daddy's ill-begotten money (which invariably came from shady deals in smoke-filled backrooms, or from oil). These are people who will still claim that George W. is a smart man, and why wouldn't they, he's only making them richer. They will run around and take part in sordid bacchanals that Larry Flynt wouldn't approach, and then they'll find God and take offense whenever you question their old behavior. And finally, they'll grin— you and make you sleep on the wet spot. These are people that will smile at you while stealing your wallet and asking to borrow a twenty. They're here as well, and you should look for them; only watch them, and keep them at a safe distance.

But I digress. My true intention was to make a few general comments before I depart. This school is chang-



LAST CALL. Mike and his fellows seniors won't be spending so much time in bars after Thursday.

ing, and whether or not it is for the better, I have no part in the decision-making process, and will not have to deal with any of the repercussions. I will still come back and visit, for I enjoy it here in Lexington and now call it my home. I love this school, and am proud to say I graduated (crossing my fingers for that canoeing grade) from here. Too often though, this school suffers from a case of committee-itis, in which innumerable groups of randomly selected, unrepresentative people serve as pawns glossing over the current administration's agenda. If President Elrod and his cronies in Washington Hall want to get rid of fraternity houses, continually bring in students who don't fit in here (and won't enjoy themselves) and destroy the last remaining vestiges of what this University was in the past, then they should do it up front and not use committees to do their dirty work. Roark was right, committees are never the way to go. If you have an agenda, admit it. Let the students know so they can either transfer to less

hostile environments, or at least warn away potential students who don't fit the "new W&L." It will be better for everyone.

To close, despite the occasional caustic nature of my ranting, I do love this place, and am scared as hell to leave it. It is comfortable here, and I like that. I feel at home here and know where I stand. I've learned a lot, and I've done some amazing things while I was here: learned more about political philosophy than maybe I should (thanks to you Eddie V.), eaten at the D-Hall for four years, been a dorm counselor, gotten "fratty" and lived to tell about it, and met people that have made my life special (you know who you are), not the least of whom is my beautiful girlfriend (love you Em). I will miss all of it, and I will miss all of you (or should I say y'all?).

My time has come, however, and left with my destiny unbound, I carry on to other things, as always a passing interloper through the musty fields of life.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Kirwan is laughable

Dear Editor,

I commend Nick Ramsey for alerting me to the sort of fare Kirwan regularly provides. Only after reading Ramsey's letter was I inspired to peruse Kirwan's otherwise forgettable (is that regrettable?) diatribe. In the name of brevity and civility, let me say this: I find it laughable—and moreover frightening—that a man not yet 20 years of age can cling so staunchly to ideals notable only for their antiquity and myopia. The world isn't nearly as tidy nor one group as culpable as Kirwan would have us believe. You'll notice I'm not simply lambasting conservatives in response. I haven't the heart nor the intestinal resolve to go through Kirwan's editorial piece by piece. I just hope the inevitable shattering of Kirwan's stilted reality is less painful that I fear it may be.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Sozomenu '01

Unfortunately, a minority of irresponsible teenagers colors the conceptions that many people have of adolescents and young adults as a whole. While it is frustrating, I hope that all of us will rise to the challenge of conducting ourselves in a positive manner as ambassadors for our cultures— whether it be the Washington and Lee student body, young adults, or natives of a geographical region.

Rising to this challenge includes the responsible use of alcohol. Pollina's experience is an example of how alcohol abuse by some of us affects all of us. It, among other things, affects our reputation in the town of Lexington, and non-abusers of alcohol bear that stigma along with the abusers.

Rather than remaining bitter about our treatment by police officers, let us prove, through our behavior, that we are worthy of respect.

Sincerely,  
Julie Fitzer '03

### Bad behavior of some hurts all W&L students

Dear Editor,

I sympathize with Pollina's distress over her recent experience of being stopped by a Lexington police officer. The officer's actions do sound disrespectful.

I am familiar with other cases of discrimination against teenagers. A pair of twin sisters in my high school Girl Scout troop once told a story of being thrown out of a store and told to wait for their mother outside on the mere suspicion that they "might" shoplift. These girls were Girl Scouts doing extensive service projects to earn the Gold Award, active in Greek Orthodox youth organizations, and daughters of a regional Girl Scout leader and respected medical doctor. Of course, the store owner didn't know this— only that they were teenagers.

### Sacrifice privacy for safety

Dear Editor,

Granted, it seems Pollina was unduly detained and even vilified during the events she described. Does that minor inconvenience really merit such a hostile response? Have the events of this past school year not taught us to err on the side of caution? Does the sort of atmosphere promulgated by this school's social system— especially during Spring Term— not demand constant vigilance in the name of student and resident safety? There are assuredly far more students who've taken the wheel while unfit to drive than there are students who've been undeservedly accused by local police. Just a little reminder to maintain perspective.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Sozomenu '01

## Quote of the week:

"You should not be living in this country."

— Anonymous W&Life editor to anonymous Phi Editor in Chief



### CORRECTION

In May 21 issue Asst. Prof. Mahon's car was incorrectly labeled a Camaro. The vehicle is a Corvette.

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## Cat's Corner



By Christine Metzger

You've missed me, haven't you?

Since the powers-that-be discontinued my column, I have been at a loss as to where to redirect my anger and vitriol. I can't tell you how many babies I've killed and kittens I've eaten these past few column-less weeks. Luckily they deigned to give me a chance to issue some farewell remarks. These are random and in no particular order so hold on, kids, it's the last of the wild Cat's Cornerides.

First, I'm still pretty perturbed they took my column away—for the record, I wanted to continue writing it. I may be "arrogant," "lame," or "bitchy" (your words, not mine) but I am a good writer and a sometimes funny one. Cat's Corner was a little light in a very dark room. I had originally intended this column to be a panacea for the ills I saw ailing W&L. In the end, it brought me a strange cult icon status, enabled me to meet lots of cute boys, and expanded my repertoire of cat-related jokes exponentially. I also enjoyed the scary people attacking me at parties and bars. I've thought about the likelihood of me writing a column next year at graduate school, but Cat's Corner may have slightly different connotations in da 'hood of Philadelphia.

All bitterness and rage aside, I have had an exceptionally rad time at W&L. This year alone, I went to more parties than the average freshman girl and to the Palms/Traveler's more times than your average alcoholic. Somewhere in there, I got a pretty decent education too. I have wonderful girlfriends, a lovely housemate/partner-in-crime Miss Kitty, and an advisor who's taken me into his family. I may have never been to a fraternity formal (damn you, boys!), but I have been to the drive-in and the Lee-Hi rodeo. I've streaked the Colonnade, tunneled under Stemmons, and smooched in at least one academic building on campus, although I'm yet to be initiated into the Colonnade Club. You should all grab a friend and go make out somewhere fun, eighth-grade kissy-huggy style. Right now. And then you should go hiking or frolicking and lay out on some warm grass together and rub each others' backs. Really.

I will carry away many fond, some hazy, memories of this place. Just this weekend, I nearly cracked my tailbone when a dangerously crowded hammock at Outpost crashed to the ground. I'm sure that'll be a hilarious memory in about 20 years. My all-time best college story here involves me, a bass player from a band that used to play W&L a lot, and a giraffe. One of my finest single nights came freshman year with the Chi-Ot-shirt signing contest, which involved some Lambda Chi signing my belly, a Kappa Sig drawing a huge penis-face on my shirt, busting up what I believe was a Beta formal, and co-winning the whole damn thing. (The only pledgeship activity I won, by the way.) Other most decent memories include being a broad abroad last year, having a girl tell me at the Palms that I was a bitch and then watching her slap the poor guy who defended me (bless him), and catching a wicked spring fever this term, going to Goshen and hiking with a fervor usually reserved for those strange snake-handling religions in Tennessee.

Let's you think I gained no insight this year, here are some thrilling non-geological things I learned:

1. Although one can drink on school nights, it does not mean one should drink on school nights. It means one must drink on school nights. My brain is now composed of one-third Long Island iced tea, two-fifths gin and tonic, and four-fifteenths belly button lint.

2. Jocks are where it's at. Especially LAXers—even the short sticks still come in at 40 inches. My thimble-full of sports knowledge won't allow me attest to their stick-handling skills, but they are very nice to talk to and damn nice to look at, with their tans and muscley legs. As the French cats say, Miaou. (And some of them, at least, are Cat's Corner fans.)

3. You all understand sarcasm the least of any people that have ever peopled the earth. The dinosaurs were more sarcastic than you all.

My parting advice? Remember it's okay to make fun of yourself. I've been doing it all year and you made it through a stronger and sexier person. Leave the country or at least the county. Visit Natural Bridge and Devil's Marble Yard. Dance in the supermarket. Tell the people you love that you love them, often. Don't get so caught up in being a C-School suck dog or a Science Center lab rat that you lose sight of your waning youth and the last little bits of irresponsibility you have on your plate. And please, for the love of God, stop wearing capri pants.

So in summary: Be nice to each other. Make out, and give each other back rubs. With that, I'm out.

## TALKback: What will you be doing during the summer?



"Going to Leningrad, Russia."

-Thomas Smitherman '04



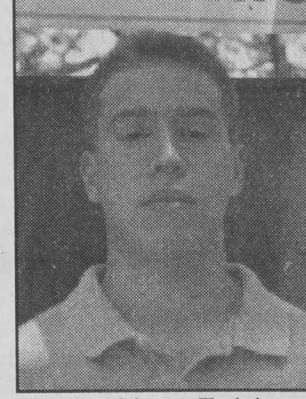
"Living in Cape Cod."

-Lucy Hinkle '04



"Filling out medical school applications."

-Andrea Ceccarelli '02



"Basic Airborne Training at Fort Benning."

-Brian Tinklepaugh '03





photo courtesy of Lenfest Center

HOW CAN I CHOOSE JUST ONE? Bobby, (Blair Williams) plays a ladies' man in the Lenfest production of *Company*.



photo courtesy of Lenfest Center

MARRIED LIFE ISN'T ALWAYS BLISS. Susan, (Sarah Heatherington) and Peter, (Brad Haugen), announce their divorce to Bobby in *Company*.



Photo Courtesy of IMDb.com

HOLDING HANDS. Shrek and Princess Fiona share a private moment. Mike Myers provides the voice for Shrek, who competes with the evil Lord Farquaad, John Lithgow, for the hand of Fiona, Cameron Diaz.

by Mike George  
STAFF WRITER

The makers of the new animated hit *Shrek* must have been looking out for parents. The vast majority of movies made for children often find little appeal with adults. Give me ten parents who actually enjoyed *Barney's Big Adventure* and I'll summarily eat my hat.

Sometimes a film will work on two levels, attempting to appeal to both children and adults. However, the jokes don't often appeal to parents and their children at the same time. Parents will laugh at one joke and their children will laugh at another.

*Shrek's* humor, however, is layered, appealing to adults and children for different reasons. Kids and adults are laughing, but now they are laughing at the same time.

*Shrek* molds its story around the world of fairy tales. A simple moral tale about the importance of inner beauty, *Shrek* is both touching and entertaining.

When an evil lord attempts to rid his kingdom of its fairy tale creatures, the home of a cantankerous ogre is besieged

by characters from many of history's great children's stories. In order to free himself of his uninvited guests, Shrek makes a deal with the evil lord.

In exchange for clearing out his home of its unwelcomed guests, Shrek must rescue Princess Fiona from the clutches of a fierce dragon. Seeking to solidify his power, Lord Farquaad intends to marry the princess and thereby make himself king. Along the way, Shrek encounters a host of odd characters and somehow finds a way to love.

*Shrek* is at least worth the price of admission, if not much more. Voice talent is provided by many of Hollywood's top performers. Mike Myers voices Shrek with a distinct Scottish brogue. Myer's Shrek, though ugly in appearance, can't help but be loved by the audience.

Eddie Murphy steals the show as Shrek's donkey sidekick. Murphy's character can't ever seem to shut up, but the words that come out of his mouth always seem amusing. John Lithgow is also amusing as the fiendish Lord Farquaad.

*Shrek* is worth seeing just for the sophistication of its computer animation. *Shrek's* animated characters and scen-

ery are far and above anything ever seen before. *Shrek's* animation and special effects seem amazing to watch.

As much as I enjoyed this film I was disappointed with a few of its shortcomings. *Shrek* seems too simplistic at points, presenting motives and characters with little to do but fill up space. Much of the comedy in *Shrek* is based on bad puns or double meaning which at times made you groan more than laugh.

I was also disappointed that the creators of *Shrek* made the usually hilarious Mike Myers a straight man. It seemed he was there only to foil the hilarious comments of Eddie Murphy.

Although I had some problems with *Shrek*, I do think it is worth seeing once. Eddie Murphy makes the film watchable through his outrageous humor.

References to other films dotted within *Shrek* make it worthwhile. An extended parody of professional wrestling had me rolling in the aisles.

Although *Shrek* was made to appeal to children, much of its humor and plot is geared towards adults. Overall, *Shrek* is worth seeing, if only for its simple messages and witty charm.

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# Watson wins Male Athlete of the Year

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Sometimes a journalist's job can be quite simple. Take the selection of this year's Ring-tum Phi Male Athlete of the Year, for example. Although wrestling junior Ezra Morse and lacrosse senior Pope Hackney, among others, had terrific seasons for their respective teams, no one matched the performance of Washington and Lee senior tailback Marc Watson.

"We know that anytime we put the ball in his hands, he has the opportunity to make a big play," running backs coach Gene McCabe said of the 5-foot-6, 175-pound Georgian. "Because he is so versatile — he can run, catch, and block — and he is so explosive, there is no question that he is our most valuable player on offense and special teams."

Watson's numbers reflect McCabe's talent assessment. The senior, who has one more year of eligibility remaining due to a redshirt season in 1999, rushed for 1,325 yards on 6.0 per carry, scoring 12 touchdowns on the ground. In addition, he averaged 28.8 yards per kickoff return and caught 26 passes for 205 yards out of the backfield.

Then there are the records: all-purpose and rushing yards in a game, rushing yards in a season, all-purpose yards in a career — just to name a few.

Watson, however, modestly disagrees with McCabe's assertion.

"To be honest, I really don't consider myself a go-to guy," Watson said. "There is a lot of talent on the offensive



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**CAT AND MOUSE GAME. Senior tailback Marc Watson left several defenders playing catch-up, including Sewanee's Brian Tyler.**

side of the ball, so no one has to carry a go-to guy label.

"I feel that I contributed to the team a decent amount this year, but either of the other two running backs (sophomores Dyllan Rankin and Chris Sullivan) I rotate with would be able to do the same if they had the opportunities I had last year."

For now, though, Watson is the one getting the call in the huddle. McCabe grants that Old Dominion Athletic Conference foes know that Watson is going to get the

ball, but he believes that the Generals' offense is balanced enough to make a defense pay for focusing on the tailback.

"Any team in our conference knows they have to stop our running attack to be successful," McCabe said. "Fortunately, we have some other players in the offense who are very capable of making plays, which will help take some of the pressure off of Marc."

On this point, Watson can agree with his coach. Furthermore, he believes that the rest of the offense can develop quietly around its star attraction.

"Next year, I would have to say the most important contribution the running backs can make to the offense is to be a constant threat," Watson said. "This will be significant, as we have a young quarterback who will be relying on an experienced backfield to take the pressure off of him."

During the spring, Watson competed with the track and field team, narrowly failing to qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships in the 100-meter dash. However, Watson and the Generals, who started 4-0 in 2000 but finished the season 5-5, are hungry to return to the gridiron in the fall.

"There is no question that dropping those last five out of six was disappointing," said Watson, again deferring credit to his teammates. "However, I do feel that it has motivated the returning players to get better, and they have responded this offseason by working very hard in the weight room and on the track."

# Borges returns from year off to lead W&L

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Senior women's lacrosse attacker Liz Borges has been named Ring-tum Phi Female Athlete of the Year.

In her final season, Borges led Washington and Lee's women's lacrosse team in goals with 45 and total points with 59. She also led the team with 98 shots and has collected 48 ground balls.

Despite taking a year off, this Division III All-American competitor has racked up 105 goals and 41 assists for a total of 146 points in her collegiate career, which is fourth all-time at W&L.

For these feats, Borges has won numerous distinctions. A week ago, she earned second-team All-American honors from the Brine/Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse

Coaches Association by leading W&L's offense, which ranked 19th in Division III in scoring.

Earlier this year, Borges earned First Team All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference and All-South honors and landed a spot on the ODAC All-Tournament Team after firing in two goals during a 6-2 victory over Lynchburg in the ODAC Championship.

In addition, she was named ODAC Player of the Week twice as well as being selected as Division III National Player of the Week for the week of March 19.

Whether in practice or a game, Borges was the perfect team player.

"The lacrosse team will miss Liz's work ethic and passion for the game," women's lacrosse coach Jan Hathorn said. "Liz is a dream to coach, because she knew how much she loved the game and she wanted to be a part of the team regardless of her role on the field."

"Very unselfish and very much a leader... she is a wonderful young lady."

Playing lacrosse at Washington and Lee has, according to Borges, "meant more to me than I ever thought it would. It has taught me the value of hard work and teamwork."

Borges credits her coaches and teammates for her collegiate success.

"We all push each other to play at our best," Borges said.

In her three years on the lacrosse team, Borges remains proudest of the team's two ODAC championships and subsequent national tournament bids. More importantly, she has no regrets about her lacrosse career.

"Obviously, it would have been nice to play all four years instead of taking a year off," Borges said. "But I needed to take the year off to focus on academics, and I think I made the right decision."

A psychology and pre-med double major with a 3.42 GPA, Borges plans to go to medical school. Currently on the waiting lists at the medical colleges of Virginia, Johns Hopkins, Loyola, and Maryland, she hopes to gain admittance very soon.

In her future endeavors, the Ring-tum Phi sports staff wishes her all the best.

# Marcoux, Wheeler tabbed as outstanding freshmen

By Jeremy Franklin  
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For most athletes at the collegiate level, the freshman year is one of development and familiarization with the ins and outs of a particular program.

Someone forgot to inform Washington and Lee freshmen Fontaine Marcoux and Lee Wheeler of the women's soccer and lacrosse teams, respectively, who have been selected as the Ring-tum Phi Freshman Athletes of the Year.

Marcoux led the Generals on the soccer field with 14 goals and nine assists on a team that advanced to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship game. Wheeler, meanwhile, was second on the lacrosse team with 35 goals and third with 46 total points for the ODAC champions.

"Both of these fine people offered a scoring punch for their respective

teams," said Jan Hathorn, who coached both players this year. "Fontaine came to us with a history of scoring goals, and Lee saw the need to help us to score goals and stepped up her game to do so."

Despite the apparent offensive prowess of the two freshmen, neither one will acknowledge that she brings anything extraordinary to her team.

"Soccer is a game where every player is important, and a breakdown anywhere on the field can cost a goal," Marcoux said. "While the job of the forwards is to get a ball in the goal, that can only happen if the midfield distributes to us, and that can only happen if the defense clears the ball out of the back."

Playing on the defensive wing, Wheeler wasn't expected to post such hefty offensive numbers in 2001. However, she took on the role of a goal scorer when it became necessary that the Generals needed another offensive weapon.

The Baltimore native feels that W&L's unanticipated success this year was the result of a chemistry that developed throughout the season.

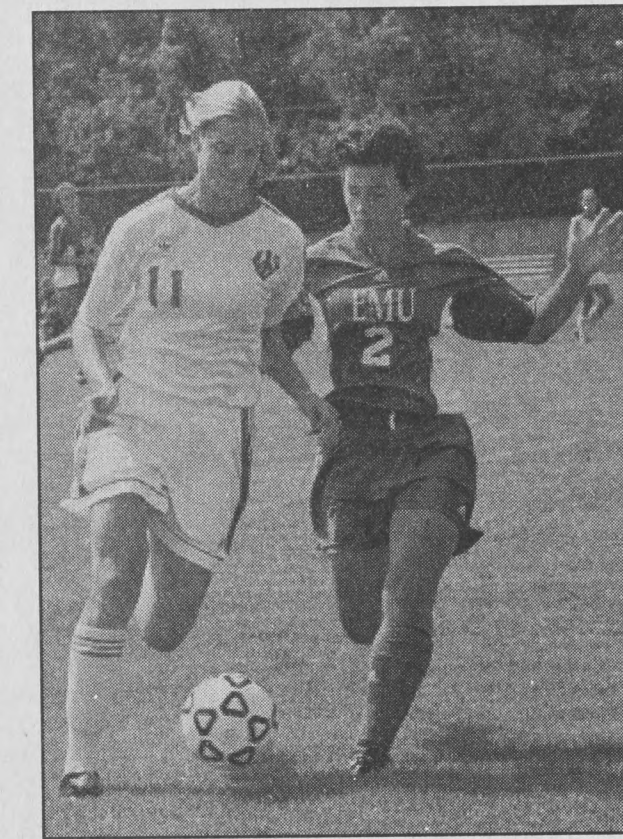
"The chemistry on the team got better every game we played," Wheeler said. "I don't think I contributed more than any other person on this team. Each individual member brought something different and equally important to the team."

Wheeler's goal scoring came in handy in the ODAC Tournament in late April. She scored 12 goals in four games to lead the Generals to wins over Guilford, Roanoke and Lynchburg, and an accompanying NCAA Tournament berth.

"Before the tournament began, I watched a lot of our game tapes to help me get prepared," Wheeler said. "Any goals I scored were just a part of an entire team effort."

Although neither Marcoux nor Wheeler will take credit for her accomplishments on the field, Hathorn marvels at the possibilities for the pair in the future.

"The greatest part of coaching them was that they are just freshmen," Hathorn said. "The prospect of where they will be and what they can achieve before the end of their careers is very exciting, and it's fun to be around such great potential."



Ring-tum Phi File Photo

**IMMEDIATE CONTRIBUTION. Forward Fontaine Marcoux led the Generals to the ODAC title game with team highs in goals (14) and assists (nine) as a freshman.**



Wheeler

# Proko advances to national quarterfinals, earns All-America singles honors

By Jeremy Franklin  
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Washington and Lee sophomore Erika Proko advanced to the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Individual Championships in San Antonio on May 21-22, receiving All-America status in singles competition.

Proko upset Pomona-Pitzer's Sheree Schwartz, the tournament's sixth seed, 7-5, 6-2 in the opening round on May 21. The sophomore then knocked off Amherst's Stephanie Fong 6-4, 6-2.

Elena Blantina of Methodist eliminated Proko in the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 6-2 victory on May 22.

Junior Melissa Hatley fell in the first round of the tournament, dropping a 7-5, 6-2 decision to Denison's Lauren Gerlach. Hatley and Proko lost in the opening round of doubles competition to Trinity's Lizzie Yasser and Abbe Ulrich by a score of 6-2, 6-2.

## Women's lax players grab honors

Junior defender Eloise Priest and senior attacker Liz Borges were named to the 2001 Brine/Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association All-American team.

In addition, Priest and freshman goalie Joanna Perini were named to the US Lacrosse All-American squad, and Priest was selected to the 360Lacrosse.com All-America team. Priest was named to the second team on both, while Perini was an honorable mention selection.

Priest became the seventh General in school history to be named to the first team after leading a defense that yielded just 6.09 goals per game. Borges led W&L on the offensive end with 45 goals and 14 assists. Perini posted a goals-against average of 6.05 in 2001, fourth-best in Division III, and a save percentage of .633, good for seventh.

## Three W&L seniors selected to play in all-star contest

Three W&L men's lacrosse players have been selected for the North-South All-Star game, held at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., on June 9.

Midfielder and Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year Pope Hackney, attackman Matt Dugan, and goalie Wes Hays, all seniors, were selected to participate.

W&L was ranked No. 3 in the final USILA Division III poll, finishing the season with a 14-1 record.

## Men's lacrosse receives seven 360Lacrosse.com selections

W&L was well represented on the 360Lacrosse.com Division III All-America team, released on Wednesday.

Dugan and Hackney earned first-team honors to lead a list of seven Generals. Dugan scored 38 goals and 25 assists to lead W&L, setting a school and ODAC record for 290 career points in the process. Hackney scored 50 points, including 37 goals, on the season.

Hays and senior defenseman Pete Iwancio claimed second-team recognition. Senior midfielder Bernie Norton received third-team honors, and sophomore midfielder Tom Melanson and junior defenseman Eric Kontargyris were named honorable mention.

Hays led Division III with a 4.91 goals-against average, also finishing 17th with a .647 save percentage. Norton scored 24 goals and 18 assists in 2001. Melanson contributed just 14 points, but won 197 of his 268 faceoffs.

In addition to Hays, Iwancio and Kontargyris helped lead a tough defense for W&L. The Generals allowed just 4.87 goals per game for the season, the best team average in Division III.

# Fall, spring successes point to Hathorn

Women's lacrosse, soccer coach receives Phi award

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Time to chalk up another honor for a veteran coach. After two hugely successful campaigns for the Washington and Lee women's soccer and lacrosse programs, Jan Hathorn received honors from the Old Dominion Athletic Conference as Coach of the Year for her work in both sports.

After leading the women's soccer team to the ODAC championship game and a nationally-ranked lacrosse team into the NCAA Division III national tournament, the Ring-Tum Phi has chosen to bestow its Coach of the Year award on Jan Hathorn.

"I'm honored that you would name me to this award," Hathorn said. "It is a wonderful feeling to be a part of two programs that enjoyed such success."

This fall, the soccer team began with high expectations, returning six seniors and a wealth of talented underclassmen in an attempt to return to the upper echelon of the ODAC.

After losses to Eastern Mennonite, Bridgewater, and Lynchburg in the middle of the season, the team faced a difficult road to their ultimate goal: a return to the ODAC championship game.

"After we lost those games, the seniors took over and took charge of the season and we found ourselves where we felt we could be," Hathorn said. "It was very exciting to watch the seniors realize this goal."

The team reached the finals after a gritty double-overtime win in the quarterfinals, only to fall to Lynchburg in a triple-overtime heartbreaker, 2-1. Hathorn thinks the tough road helped the younger players realize the price of success, a benefit for future years.

After the season, Hathorn received her third ODAC Coach of the Year award.

The success of the soccer season carried over into the spring and Hathorn's second sport, lacrosse, in which the coach has "tasted nothing but success" since she oversaw the inception of the program in 1988, according to the W&L Athletics Homepage.

Hathorn led the team to a perfect 8-0 record in ODAC play and a 15-4 mark overall. Unlike the soccer team, Hathorn does not believe that the team held specific goals, and thus exceeded all expectations for the season.

"We never discussed certain goals we wanted to achieve. That is what was so magical about the season," Hathorn said. "It truly just came together. I have been coaching for many years, but have never quite experienced the coming together of a team in this way."

After a dominant performance in the ODAC tournament, the Generals garnered a berth in the national tournament. Mary Washington defeated W&L in a tough match to end the team's season, but not without recognition.

Hathorn earned her fifth ODAC Coach of the Year award in lacrosse and the privilege of coaching two IWLCIA All-Americans, junior Eloise Priest and senior Liz Borges.

A coach cannot achieve excellence, however, without the willingness of the team to follow her direction.

As a captain of the lacrosse team and a graduating senior, Martha Combrooks said that "she is a very positive coach and I admire how she focuses on self-improvement and performance on the next play, not on past mistakes."

"She treats each player as an individual and understands how to help different people," Combrooks added.

With the admiration of her players and dedication to coaching, Hathorn deservedly receives our Coach of the Year award.

"I just love the process of building a team, and when you work with such great young women, it truly makes the job a joy," Hathorn said.

## Borges, Proko warrant Verizon Academic All-District recognition

Borges and Proko were named to the 2001 Verizon Women's College Division Spring Academic All-District III squad, an honor voted on by members of the Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America.

Borges, a double major in pre-med and psychology, posted a 3.42 grade point average. Proko amassed a 3.69 GPA while majoring in neuroscience.

Both players were second-team selections from a field of 16 schools across the Southeast.

## Sigler named to second team of All-South Region squad

Senior pitcher David Sigler was selected to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings Division III All-South Region Team, released May 22.

Sigler compiled a 6-2 record with a 2.86 ERA in 2001, working 66 innings and striking out 48 batters. The senior completed seven of his nine starts as he helped W&L win a school-record 23 games.