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## Ambassador to expose Middle East politics

By ANDREW LATIMER  
ASSISTANT OPINIONS EDITOR

The Contact Committee kicks off a new year of talks this Tuesday in Lee Chapel with Amb. Edward S. Walker, Jr., former American Ambassador to Egypt and Israel and current

President and CEO of The Middle East Institute.

Mr. Walker, whose experience with foreign affairs spans over three decades, will draw upon his years of expertise for his speech, entitled "The Middle East: An Insider's Perspective." "The events of Sept. make issues

in the Middle East all the more important to understand. The ambassador regularly travels to the Middle East and his background, especially of Egypt and Israel, provide a great perspective to let us know about the current situation," said Contact president Samuel Langholz, a senior.

The address will focus on the United States and the role its policies play in shaping the Middle East, as well as the crucial decisions and events that contributed to the attacks of Sept. 11.

Securing a speaker on Middle Eastern has been a priority for some time. "We've been trying to find the right

person to bring for as long as I've been on the committee," stressed Langholz.

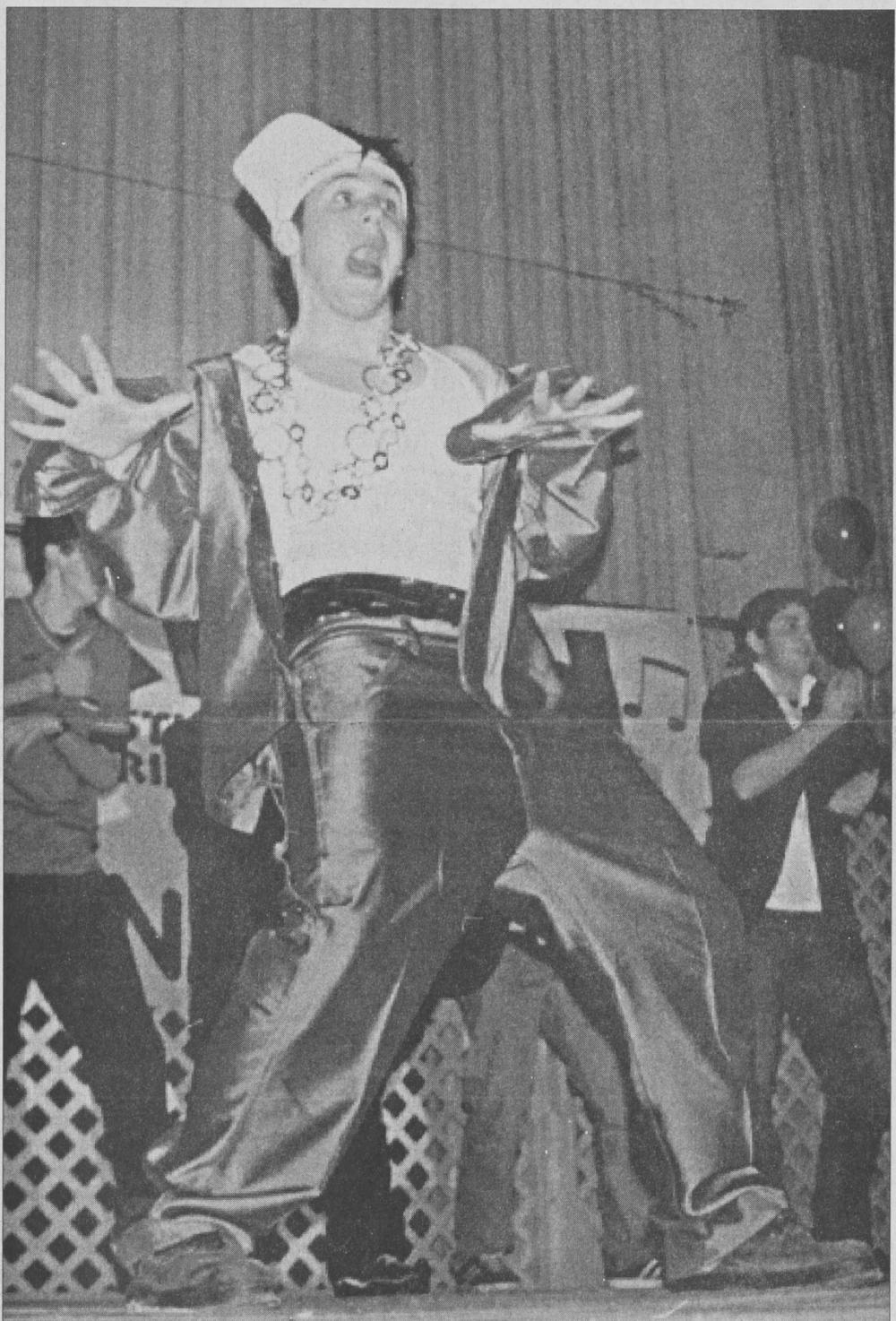
Mr. Walker's resume is extensive, starting with his 1967 acceptance into the Foreign Services. Prior to his tenure as Ambassador to Israel from 1997 to 1999, he was Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt from 1994 to

1997, as well as to the United Arab Emirates from 1989 to 1992.

Additionally, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations with Ambassadorial Rank from 1993 to

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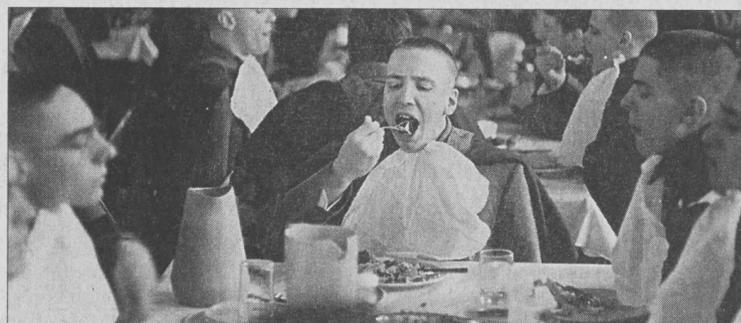
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MARKY-MARK. Freshman Noble Stafford and other Sigma Phi Epsilon pledges serenade hundreds of onlookers at the annual SARA-H lip sync fundraiser Friday night. Over forty groups participated in the event that helps fund one of the largest food pantries in Rockbridge County. This event served a dual purpose of raising

money for Rockbridge area hunger and allowing fraternity pledges and sorority new members to show house pride. Washington and Lee Dining Services helps to sponsor the event that has provided several tons of food to area residents in past years. For more pictures and information about lip synch 2002 turn to page 5.

## ACLJ defends VMI

W&L alumnus Pat Robertson, Christian legal group support mealtime prayer



FILE PHOTO

GRACE. Cadets eat after prayer, a custom that may change if the ACLU suit is successful.

By JACK HAGEL AND SAM LAGRONE  
STAFF CORRESPONDENTS

A legal group founded by former Christian Coalition president Pat Robertson has offered to support Virginia Military Institute should the state-funded college choose to appeal a federal court decision that last week deemed as unconstitutional its supper prayer tradition.

The American Center for Law and Justice released a statement Friday from its Virginia Beach headquarters expressing its intention to file a brief in federal appeals court. The group said it is willing to represent VMI cadets who want the prayers to continue.

"The prayers do not violate the constitution and are no different than the prayers that are offered in state and federal government institutions - including Virginia's General Assembly and the U.S. Congress," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the ACLJ.

On Thursday, U.S. District Court Judge Norman K. Moon ruled that the dinner prayer practice, in his opinion, compelled "students to participate in a state-sponsored religious exercise."

VMI, upon Moon's decision, halted the practice. The

case was brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on the behalf of two cadets, Neil Mellen of Ranchos Palos Verdes, Calif., and Paul Knick of Woodbridge.

Mellen first voiced his opinion in an editorial in the school newspaper. Then he approached VMI officials, requesting cadets be exempt from the prayer. After his requests went unheeded, he contacted the ACLU. The cadets named VMI Superintendent Josiah Bunting III as the defendant.

"Because the prayers are drafted and recited at the direction of the Institute's Superintendent, the result is that government has become impermissibly entangled with religion," Moon wrote in his 35-page decision.

Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore responded to the decision, vowing to appeal to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

"These prayers are part of VMI's educational program and are precisely the sort of

prayers recited in the United States Military, on ships at sea each night, and before lunch at the United States Naval Academy. Furthermore, no one is required to recite the prayer, bow his or her head, or even participate in its recitation," Kilgore said in a statement following Thursday's decision.

"It is a shame," he continued, "that while American soldiers are fighting for our liberties in places like Afghanistan, our young men and women training to be soldiers and leaders at VMI are prevented from praying for their safety as a body."

Mellen said it was difficult to refrain from prayer without receiving derogatory remarks from pro-prayer cadets. When the case was heating up last spring, Mellen, who was raised Catholic, said he was called "the boy who hates Jesus" by cadets supporting the prayer policy.

"I was pleased to see a strong ruling by Judge Moon," Mellen told the Ring-tum Phi. "The diehards misunderstand compulsory prayer and think it limits their freedom to pray. The Attorney General, equating a state college with troops in the battlefield, is absurd. Troops engage in battle under the USMJ, not civilian law. This is ultimately a state school. The governor is not going to call us into battle anytime soon."

VMI, a state school, is not under the same guidelines as the federal service academies.

The academies fall under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, a legal doctrine that does not give military personnel the same civil liberties protections as civilians.

VMI cadets do not make a commitment to the armed forces when they sign on to the Institute, and are not under the rules of the UCMJ.

VMI voluntary stopped its mandatory chapel services in 1972, in the wake of Anderson vs. Laird, a Washington, D.C., Circuit Court ruling that stopped services at the federal service academies.

This is VMI's latest federal court case since the 1996 U.S. Supreme Court case that gave VMI the choice to end its 150-year-old male-only admissions policy or lose state funding.

## Students react to foreign travel advisories

By IMRAN NAEEMULLAH  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This fall, 43 Washington and Lee students attended classes and received transfer credit in over a dozen countries from Australia to Kenya.

The Office of International Education, headed by Director William G. Klingelhof, coordinates the study abroad program. Located on the mezzanine level of Tucker Hall, the office provides information on studying, working and volunteering abroad in fall, winter and spring terms, as well as the summer.

The number of students studying abroad has regularly increased, said Silvana Flinn, chair of the Study Abroad Forum, a branch of the Student Association for International Learning. Study abroad opportunities at W&L do not just include going

overseas, Flinn said. Other possibilities include a study abroad slide show, study abroad photo competition and study abroad poster making.

This year, though, study abroad was complicated by the events of Sept. 11. While programs went on, students were affected. Junior Amina Elgouacem, who went to France, was originally scheduled to leave on the date, but her flight was canceled in the national ban imposed by the Federal Aviation Administration. She ended up leaving five days later.

"I was very scared to fly in light of what had happened," Elgouacem said. She reasoned, however, "Something like this can't stop people from traveling, though. Whatever happens is your destiny; you can't control it."

She believed she made the right decision.

"Everybody there was so kind and concerned," she said. "People were always asking me how everything was back home, and the actual professors involved with the study abroad program went out of their way to show their concern for me and make sure I was okay."

Junior Skye Justice went to Kenya, where he took courses in politics while absorbing Kenya's culture and landscape. He also ventured to Tanzania, meeting locals and conducting research for his fifty-page paper.

Terrorists bombed the U.S. embassy in Kenya in 1998, and might have encountered anti-American sentiment.

"I had no problems," Justice said. "My host family was very concerned about what had happened, and kept asking me if I knew anybody affected by the tragedy, and reassured me with their kindness."

People he met on the street, like shopkeepers, inquired about the situation in America and expressed their concern. He said there were a couple of small demonstrations, including one in Mombassa, that worried him, but overall, he felt completely safe over in Africa and did not suddenly want to return.

"In fact, I actually felt safer out there, removed from the chaos, than I would have had I been in Lexington," Justice said.

And, "I did not fall behind in my major at all," he said.

Elgouacem had the misfortune to have returned on Dec. 22, the day that alleged "shoe bomber" Richard Reid attempted to fly from Paris to Miami.

"I ended up being stranded in [Charles] de Gaulle airport for fifteen hours while my flight was delayed again and again," she said.

Despite this, "I would definitely study abroad again," she said.



PHOTO BY MEG FERRARA/THE RING-TUM PHI  
BACHELORS. Alex Wilkins on the block.

## Bachelors benefit Habitat

By PETER QUACKENBUSH  
STAFF WRITER

Two different Washington and Lee Student auctions are taking place this week. Habitat for Humanity sponsored a Bachelor Auction held immediately following the annual SARA-H Lip-Sync Auction.

Habitat for Humanity is a national organization that builds affordable housing for needy families. The families pay for the houses through down payments, monthly loan payments, and sweat equity into the house.

"Right now, we're collecting starting funds to begin our projects," said sophomore Natalie Deibel.

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# Law student found dead

Memorial service planned to honor Thomas Moore

By MATTHEW McDERMOTT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

First-year law student Thomas Moore was found dead in his Houston Street apartment Wednesday by two classmates concerned about his absence from class.

"The medical examiner was called, but the cause of death has not been determined," wrote Thomas White, director of communications, in a campus-wide email sent Thursday.

There was no indication that foul play was involved, White wrote.

Associate Director of Security Stephen Tomlinson said that the case is under investigation, and could not comment.

The official medical report on Moore's death, widely

believed to be a suicide, will be issued in a week or two.

Dean of the Law School David Partlett did not suspend classes from his office, though professors were allowed to at their discretion.

"Our thought was that it might be better for our students to be together in the law school rather than home alone," said Associate Dean for Student Affairs Susan Palmer.

"We thought that meeting classes would give members of our community — faculty and students — an opportunity to talk," she said.

Several first year classes were cancelled, and many classes that did meet spent most of their time talking about stress, community and priorities, Palmer said.

"We also had a first-year class open meeting so that students could ask questions, and volunteer suggestions for the memorial service, request resources such as counseling center outreach, peer counselors," she said.

The law school is planning a Lee Chapel memorial service some time this week.

He had studied English as an undergraduate at Washington and Jefferson University in Washington, Penn.

Moore majored in English, White wrote, and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and the school's literary society. Moore also volunteered at a local homeless mission.

There has been only one law school suicide in the last eighteen years, Palmer said.

help W&L preserve its own tradition, while also helping to spread the basic principles of honesty and integrity beyond Lexington," he added.

McCabe's Jan. 19th speech before a packed audience at the W&L School of Law brought to a close the opening session of the University's Institute for Honor, financed by \$750,000 raised by alumnus Billy Schaefer from fellow members of the Class of 1960.

A key focus of the two-day session, which coincided with Founders' Day at the 253-year-old college, was refining the institute's goals to promote academic integrity in secondary schools and colleges, while also emphasizing ways that alumni can further promote integrity in the professions and the workplace.

McCabe, who applauded these goals, became intrigued with W&L's venerable traditions when he was director of the Center for Academic Integrity, a group founded a decade ago by W&L and 23 other institutions. Based at Duke University, the center has about 250 institutional members, including many of the country's eminent universities.

at 38 cents per pound.

Steve Martinenza enjoyed the prospect of being treated like a piece of meat. It feels, "pretty damn good," he said. "It's a nice change of pace."

Not all the items up for auction were pleased with their going price. Freshman Jack Murray, dressed in a Village People construction worker outfit, went for just \$5.

"I feel pathetic," Murray jested.

The most determined bachelor up for auction was Abram Trosky who, disappointed with only a \$15 bid, removed his shirt for the pack of women below. He managed to triple the bid.

will all attend the event. The speech is part of a week centered on Arab and Jewish relations.

The ambassador's talk will be followed on Thursday in Lee Chapel by a Special Evening Lecture by David Shieler, noted journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Arab and Jew.

Senior and Vice Chair for Publicity Dustin Olson noted, "After Sept. 11, we were deeply moved, as was everyone at the university. And as a result, we've developed a lecture series that we feel addresses the challenges facing our nation at this pivotal time."

"I think we've done well in hosting Amb. Walker, who can shed light on a region that may hold the key to many of the issues that confront us. From this week of speakers, hopefully we will be enlightened as to how we can reconcile two histories, two religions and two truths."

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU, KID



MARY GUY/Long-Term Phi

BLAST FROM THE PAST. Before becoming an academic powerhouse with the highest GPA on campus, Sigma Nu was renowned for its wild festivities. The rollicking house partied so heartily, in fact, that it

was kicked off campus in 1981. Here Sigma Nu brothers, blissfully ignorant of the upcoming ejection, enjoy their basement bar and the company of visiting women.



## W&L, Settle debut new

LEXINGTON, VA. - Donald L. McCabe, a leading expert on collegiate honor systems, concluded the inaugural session of Washington and Lee University's Institute for Honor Saturday by deeming one of the nation's strongest but warning that rapid societal and technological changes challenge students' oaths of integrity.

"A major challenge...will be to find ways to respond effectively to (this) change while maintaining the fundamental principles of honor espoused by both Lee and Washington," said McCabe, a Rutgers University professor of organization management.

"A challenge worthy of the honor institute, in my view, would be identifying strategies to

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"They're [the houses] built by W&L students," Deibel continued. Other people from the community and construction professionals will participate as well.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to help a deserving charity," sophomore participant Whit Whitfield said.

The bidding on most bachelors was intense.

"I feel like a piece of meat," exclaimed senior Dave Thornhill.

The Bachelor who brought home the most bacon was Peter Dean, who went for \$70, making his 185 lb. body the most prime cut of beef

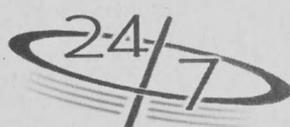
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1994, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of State, and as Special Assistant to the Presidents Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Negotiations from 1979 until 1981.

"I think he has an interesting perspective. He's seen both sides of the issue, he's one of the few people who's been involved on both sides and can give a rather unbiased judgment," commented junior Jenny Parks, contact member and family friend who invited Mr. Walker to the campus.

"After 9/11, I went and asked, 'Would you like to come speak at our school,' and he was all for it."

Students enrolled in Washington and Lee's newly founded Politics 295B Terrorism course



### Today

7 p.m.—Faculty Grant Demonstration. Rockefeller/Culpeper Faculty Grant Presentation. "Video-Text-Based Cultural Learning." Prof. Greta McCaughrin, German-Russian Dept., W&L. TMC, Tucker Hall 408.

### Tuesday, Jan. 22

7:30 p.m.—Contact speaker. Edward S. Walker, former ambassador to Egypt and Israel and president of the Middle East Institute. Lee Chapel.

### Wednesday, Jan. 23

8 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Fairfax Lounge. All W&L students, faculty/staff, and the Lexington community are welcome. Coffee is provided.

### Thursday, Jan. 24

7:30 p.m.—Film Society. Elia Kazan "A Streetcar Named Desire." (1951) Troubadour Cinema.

### Friday, Jan. 25

2:00 p.m. Terrorism: An Interdisciplinary Perspective Series. "Middle East Terrorism," David Shieler. Rm. A214, Science Center. 7:30 p.m.—Film Society. Elia Kazan Festival continues. "On the Waterfront" (1954). Troubadour Cinema.



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## STAFF EDITORIAL

### Don't let the C-school violate Graham-Lees

W&L's campus is littered with construction debris. Cranes swing ominously over piles of rubble. Stemmons Plaza is cut by chain-link fences. A gutted Reid Hall perches atop a dynamited hillside.

This desolation, however, only foreshadows the physical and intellectual destruction to come when the Ernest Williams II School of Commerce breaks ground on its proposed expansion.

The unchecked proliferation of affiliate classrooms in the Science and University Centers made it inevitable that administrators would attempt to isolate all vocational training in one building.

The first plan was to convert the Co-op to C-school offices. This plan was shelved, however. Perhaps because the snack spot didn't offer T-3 lines, satellite hook-ups, or sufficiently luxurious carpeting.

A second suggestion was adding an extra floor to the Tool School. This was scrapped because no W&L building is supposed to stand taller than Washington Hall's eponymous statue.

This is regrettable. Erecting a Skyscraper of Greed would aptly symbolize the potency of our growing ranks of marketing and business administration majors. Truly, their numbers are legion.

What is alarming, however, is the latest plan to construct an annex on the back of the current C-school building.

This addition would make extend dangerously close to Graham Lees. For goodness's sakes, freshmen innocently sleep yards away. Do we really want a C-school protrusion extending between the twin legs of the Graham-Lees dormitory?

Better instead to hock our heritage. Rather than play around with a satellite building, extra floors, or a threatening annex, we need to give the School of Commerce a seat worthy of its august academic merit.

Newcomb Hall should be dedicated to accounting, Payne for economics, Robinson for public policy, Tucker for politics, and Washington for the revered science of management.

## Cuban winter kind to captives

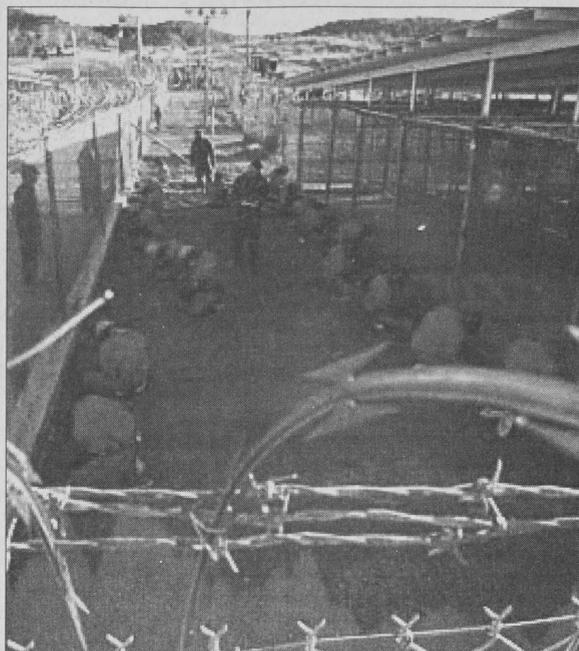
### Guantanamo guests get what they deserve

The newest front in the war on terrorism is the battle that international human rights organizations are waging against the Marines at the Guantanamo Bay naval base in Cuba. These Marines have been charged with guarding hundreds of the most dangerous and senior al-Qaeda members who have been sent to the base for interrogation. Their mission has been a success, as the FBI has reported that the information gleaned from these terrorists has prevented terror attacks.

The attacks from human rights groups have been charges that the al-Qaeda captives are not being treated humanely or as the Geneva Convention states that they, as prisoners of war should be treated. What right does the Red Cross have to complain anyway? They took months to distribute funds to the victims of the 9/11 attacks, but have spoken up immediately to condemn our treatment of the prisoners.

The discrepancy is that the U.S. has not classified these men as prisoners of war, but rather as "unlawful combatants." The military was right to do so since the Geneva convention cites those who should be classified as prisoners of war as having a fixed distinctive sign recognizable at a distance, i.e. wearing a uniform, and conducting their operations in accordance with the laws and customs of war. In Afghanistan a turban, flowing robes and a beard don't count as a uniform and flying airplanes into civilian buildings is most certainly not in accordance with the customs of war.

Vice President Cheney said it best when speaking in Cincinnati on Friday, "They are probably getting better than they deserve." He's more than right. These men have declared war not only on America, but on Western civilization itself. They simply do not deserve to be treated to the advantages of the culture they wish to destroy.



INHUMANE? This photo sparked protest against poor treatment of al-Qaeda captives.

Moreover, they have chosen to fight this war in a cowardly, dastardly, evil fashion. They hide in caves and strike at our homes, caring not whether the target is man or woman, adult or child, declared combatant or innocent civilian. Why should they be granted the respect and concern civilized people deserve when they fight like barbarians and treat women like common dogs?

Nonetheless, the treatment the captives have received has been more than adequate and certainly better than what they enjoyed in the caves of Tora Bora. Each has his own eight by eight foot cell, where he can seek shelter from the sun and enjoy the warm Caribbean breeze. They have regular hot meals and are led in prayer by a Muslim Marine chaplain. The sick receive medical care and a number have undergone surgery to repair broken bones or clean gunshot wounds. For the first time in years, each is clean shaven.

As Sec. of Defense Rumsfeld put it, "To be in . . . sunny, beautiful Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is not inhumane treatment."

Complaints about the captives' treatment reached a fever pitch when a photo was released showing kneeling captives in orange jumpsuits on the ground in leg irons. Amnesty International claimed that this and other practices are "classic techniques employed to 'break' the spirit of individuals ahead of interrogation." Could it be that these men who have given their lives to a religious war against "The Great Satan" need to be subdued to ensure the safety of the Marines who guard them? Security concerns justifiably override attention to the comfort of captives whose last bed was a cold stone floor.

Hopefully, human rights groups will find time in their busy schedule of coddling terrorists to comfort the fatherless children and widows who have truly suffered inhumane treatment.

## Bush won't report real state of Union

This Tuesday, President George W. Bush will deliver the first State of the Union address of his presidency. Just as any politician would, and should, he will capitalize on the successes of his first year in office.

To find these successes, Bush's focus will of course turn to Afghanistan. He will speak on the "war on terrorism," what America has done to help, our military's strength and dominance in this situation, and the relief efforts that are going towards helping the new Afghan government back on its feet.

If he is feeling particularly confident, he will speak of the security measures that have been put into place by his always-controversial Attorney General John Ashcroft. Security measures, breaches of constitutional rights... same thing, right?

But, what is the real state of the union? That is the real question, not what is the state of Afghanistan.

First of all, the economy is a mess. In January of 2001, America had a surplus of \$281 billion that was projected as a \$5.6 trillion surplus over the next decade. We currently have a deficit of \$106 billion. But hey, next year the deficit is only projected to be \$80 billion.

Moreover, Social Security has been raided of \$845 billion with its trust fund money being spent every year until 2010. This is after a speech in March where Bush said, "Another priority is retirement systems of Americans. And so the budget I set up says that payroll taxes are only going to be spent on one thing, and that's Social Security."

The use of Social Security's funds cannot be completely blamed on the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. By August of 2001, the Congressional Budget Office already had released information stating that under Bush's budget the government has already due to steal \$9 billion from Social Security.

While many Republicans on Capital Hill say that Bush cannot be blamed for these economic problems, Bush did promise "we can proceed with tax relief without fear of budget deficits, even if the economy softens," in his remarks to the campus of Western Michigan University last March.

All these figures, released from the White House or the CBO, show a grim economic outlook that has not been seen since 1992.

Here in Virginia, where the state budget is already in trouble because of irresponsible spending and cutting by the previous Governor, James Gilmore, unemployment is up by nearly two percent and Bush's economic stimulus plan would cost the Commonwealth \$140 million.

But the economy is not the only issue that needs attention. Women have not fared extremely well in the workplace under Bush. In the first three quarters of Bush's administration the median wage for women in the work place fell from \$508 a week to \$507 a week. Men however enjoyed a median a wage hike from \$668 to \$674, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

So what has Bush planned to do to help? He will close down ten regional offices of the Labor Department's Women's Bureau, as they are not funded under the 2003 budget. The eighty-year old organization's only surviving office will be the Washington D.C. Bureau according to the January 8, 2002, edition of the *Boston Globe*.

Minorities will also find themselves harder hit by the cuts made to Social Security under Bush. Statistics in the *Washington Post* found minority workers were the hardest hit by the loss of jobs after 9/11. The reason cited was that many immigrants and minorities find work in service industries like hotels and restaurants. These industries were the hardest hit after the terrorist attacks.

But, to make matters worse, the more than 4.5 million African Americans and 2 million Hispanics receiving Social Security benefits will be hurt the most. The President says that his tax cuts will help Americans hit hardest by the current recession. It is, however, difficult to say how tax cuts will help those that are not currently making any income.

Lastly, environmental policy. This card-carrying member of Greenpeace happily gave his monthly donation to an organization fighting Bush at every turn on his proposal to drill for oil in the Alaskan Wildlife Reserve. The lift on emission bans under Bush also still needs attention.

But, like many pressing domestic issues, their failures have been over-shadowed by the war and humanitarian efforts abroad. Can you say war and humanitarian efforts together like that? It sounds a bit strange.

Do not be fooled by Bush's Tuesday night address. The state of the Union is actually quite worrisome.

### RIGHT OF THE AISLE BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

## Divisive BFA defeats own purpose

To quote the Sept. 24, 2001 issue of the *Phi*, "Virginia Military Institute cadets attacked two Washington and Lee students and one alumnus early Saturday, Sept. 15 at Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, witnesses said." As a result of this incident, Scott Hook '00 received a fractured jaw and lost a tooth, and later that night, another PiKA brother lost two front teeth when plain-clothed VMI cadets assaulted him behind the Beta Theta Pi house.

Other violent incidents involving non-W&L students this academic year include young Lexington residents attacking a dorm counselor at a fraternity party and young Lexington residents causing a fight at Sigma Chi's Pole House.

In last week's edition of the *Phi*, an article about the newly founded Black Female Alliance mentioned an incident in which three female W&L students and their friends, all black, were asked to show their ID cards and were told that their entrance could pose an insurance risk. The BFA cites this incident, along with a Halloween night incident where a W&L student entered the Co-op dressed in blackface, understandably offending several students, as their reason for being. Their mission: increasing unity and diversity at W&L.

Unfortunately for the BFA, their first example of racism and discrimination is groundless in light of the facts. Considering the altercations I listed above, there is clearly a legitimate security threat posed by non-W&L students attending our parties, unless they are the invited guests of W&L students. Outsiders pose a statistical risk that must be dealt with in order to ensure the safety of W&L students.

In fact, shortly after the aforementioned attack at PiKA, I was attempting to enter a party with several friends of mine, who were white and looked like "typical" W&L

students, and we were all asked to show our ID cards. One of my friends questioned this, and was told that they were just making sure everyone at the party was from W&L. We were welcomed and nothing more was made of our having to show our cards, even though that's not exactly common procedure.

The fact is, these black female students are in the minority at W&L. Not just in terms of the student body as a whole, but also in the fraternity system, where black members can unfortunately only be counted on one hand. Therefore, black students at W&L are generally not a familiar face in the fraternity scene, and consequently, have a much higher chance of being perceived as outsiders if someone doesn't recognize them.

According to the former risk manager of one W&L fraternity, IFC rules dictate that all fraternity parties must have stated guest lists. This could be as simple as saying that all W&L students are invited, which is generally the case and is a big part of the reason why our Greek system is so wonderful. In enforcing the guest list, fraternities have the duty of making sure that uninvited guests are not present at the parties. The brother monitoring the door at the fraternity party where the three students and their friends were not allowed obviously did not recognize them, or he would have let them in. By asking for their ID, he simply verified their presence on the guest list, a perfectly reasonable request.

The BFA also alleges that these individuals were told they could pose an insurance risk. The key word here is could, because, according to the risk manager, insurance policies do not cover accidents, such as tripping down stairs, if illegal activity was the cause of them—i.e.,

### RIGHT WING RESPONSE IMRAN NAEEMULLAH '05

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"MESMERIZING."

—OGLED-EYED FRESHMAN AT LIP SYNCH VERY IMPRESSED WITH SCANTILY-CLAD CHI-O'S

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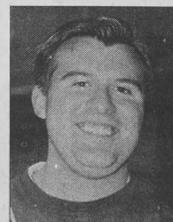
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# BFA seeks separatism not solidarity

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underage drinking. However, these policies are in effect if the drinkers were of legal age, that is, 21 years old. The brothers monitoring the door did not know the identities of the individuals involved, let alone their ages, and therefore had doubly good cause to verify their identity in order to protect themselves and the guests present at the party. After all, if, despite the many ways one can get to know people at W&L—going to class, walking along the Colonnade, sitting in the Co-op, eating in the D-hall, and particularly for fraternities, reading the face book—someone is not recognized, then in the eyes of the people at the door, there is a high probability that he is an outsider. By asking for ID, they are acting prudently and in the best interests of everyone.

This is known in simpler terms as profiling. While some may be vehemently against it, the fact is, when an incident has occurred that justifies increased vigilance, the easiest and most effective way to go about this is by singling out those who pose the greatest statistical threat. In light of the Sept. 11 tragedy, airport security workers have stepped up their security measures in particular against those who pose the greatest statistical likelihood of being terrorists: young males of Middle Eastern origin. Few would dispute the validity of this practice, considering that everyone involved in the Sept. 11 attacks fits this profile. Similarly, after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, law enforcement officials would have been perfectly in the right if they had increased their surveillance of white supremacist groups.

Therefore, the BFA's use of this example is completely unjustified and, in fact, attempts to paint as racist an incident that is perfectly within the lines of IFC rules. If the BFA would like to petition the IFC to change its rules so that any old Joe can enter the fraternity parties without being questioned, they can.

Additionally, the BFA is an inherently exclusionist group. In theory, by not being black and female, the vast majority of W&L students are not eligible to join the group. The BFA's stated purpose of unity and diversity is defeated by their own name! The group's racial and gender makeup must change drastically, if they wish to achieve their stated goals.

Furthermore, the BFA has clearly plagiarized the ideas and methodologies of other campus groups like PRIDE and MSA, in what appears to be the vain hope of one-upping



THE ORIGINAL: Perhaps these founders of the Black Studies Dept. at UCSB inspired the founders of W&L's BFA.

them. What don't they understand about the fact that by being an exclusive group, they are as guilty of discrimination and racism as the people they aim to slander? They may use pretty language and inclusive terms in their propaganda, but if you look carefully, this is a group of five women who are trying to tackle the entire campus, and nothing more. They talk of collaboration, but in reality, they want it to be all about them. Determined? Definitely. Courageous? Perhaps. Realistic? Absolutely not. The BFA would be better advised to encourage minorities to integrate more into the W&L community of their own accord, approaching others without preconceived notions or skeptical attitudes—however subconscious they may be—and joining them. Instead of attempting to needlessly perpetuate the myth that blacks and whites are any different, and feeding off this fear it generates in minorities, they should take the moral high ground and work for genuine racial harmony through sharing interests and common goals, not generating an atmosphere of discontent and mistrust. Shame on them.

The BFA also aims to establish a separate, university governing body to hear and settle accusations of racial discrimination, similar to the Student-Faculty Hearing Board, which deals with accusations of sexual misconduct. There is absolutely no need to establish a separate body, since one of the best parts about W&L student government is that it is easily understood and its members are

very accessible. As soon as we start creating more forms of government on this campus, we run the risk of deteriorating this positive quality of W&L. Furthermore, federal law already prohibits discrimination in any form, and W&L already has the mechanisms in place to deal with accusations of discrimination. A new governing body would be redundant, and one wonders if perhaps the BFA is seeking to make itself a governing body of the university.

While the virtues of genuine diversity are very real—a tolerant society made up of individuals who can work well together despite their varied backgrounds is the democratic ideal—it is highly unlikely that we will ever achieve this at W&L, nor should it be our goal. While it is imperative that the university should continue to recruit and admit qualified minority students—heck, I'm a minority—it is also of importance that these students fit into the typical W&L profile, which is to say, someone who enjoys working hard, reveres our honor system, and is interested in living and continuing over 250 years of our tradition. Race, gender, religion, and various other "diversity" factors are not a part of this equation, and nor should they be. W&L is a special place for one reason: its stellar academic reputation, superb honor system, friendly and trusting environment, and lively social life all work well together. None of these concepts involve any notion of "diversity" factors. False diversity will only serve to fracture the bond that holds W&L together so well.

# Pre-graduation must-do's explained

Some good and not-so-good goals for those facing the outside world

For some reason, i.e., the famed Pi Phi frat Artie-Braces-Off Party, a slew of graduates rolled into Lexington this weekend. It's funny, but a lot of them slipped beneath my radar when they went here, but whenever I see them back in school, you'd think it was the second coming of Christ.

So ensued the mindless babble otherwise known as social chitchat, beginning, of course, with "So what are you doing now that you're out in the proverbial 'Real World'?" And to which one responded, "I'm so jealous of you right now. I'd give my left arm to be back in college again."

Compounded by my parents' constant inquires of the "what the hell are you going to do with a double major in English and Theater after school?" persuasion, seeing all these out-of-place faces just aggravated my contemptuous feelings toward life after W&L.

At the risk of sounding cliché, and it's a pretty big risk, I feel like I was cooking Easy Mac in a micro-fridge microwave in Graham-Lees just yesterday. And to think I have only a year and half left... the mere thought garners sheer terror.

So this got me thinking. I feel like there are some certain things I should do before I cash in my college chips. In no specific order, the top 10 things I aim to accomplish before graduation:

1.) Spend 24 straight hours in Walmart. It's open all day, seven days a week. That's definitely something I should be capitalizing on. I would have chosen Waffle House (or as my faithful companion refers to it, "The House That Waffle Built") but that might induce the adoption of the phrase, "The Senior 50." Similar to, but much worse, than the Freshman 15.

2.) Go to Fiji. I feel that might be an untapped resource. Perhaps because it's a little farther than my lazy legs will carry me, but I'm well into my junior year, and still have not set foot inside their house.

3.) Go 24 hours without logging in face time at the Cooperational Facility of Glory. Given my track record, this

might err on the side of impossible, but that which does not kill us makes us stronger.

4.) Avoid the Junior/Senior party at Zollman stereotype, marked by underclassmen coming out to nearly gone seniors with "what they really think of them." It's just like what Michael said in 'My Best Friend's Wedding,' "Kimmy says to say what you feel right when you think it." Good ol' Kimmy.

5.) Do something completely selfless that will never go on a resume, and will simply better me as a person.

6.) Drive the Live Drive Van. It's one thing to sober drive because you're in the comfort of your SUV. It's another thing to drive that monster of a truck around and instantly be rendered as the metaphorical oasis in a desert. It's like a collegiate soccer-mom/dad role-playing.

7.) Write a paper a long time before it's due. This might be ever harder than #3.

8.) Abandon high maintenance tendencies, and take advantage of the wealth of outdoors activities.

9.) Watch a sports event in its entirety. I'm not sure whether this is the product of Attention Deficit Disorder or what, but I'll get all excited once I resolve to go to a game, and then after—I'm not even kidding—roughly 3.71 minutes, I get restless. I think when I execute this fine goal, I'm going to go the whole nine yards and paint my face and stuff.

10.) Write with wild disregard for public reception. I think is why I would never be a good journalist. I'm way too concerned with how I'm perceived. And my sister always says to me, "Hey, I'd rather have the public hiss than yawn."

It's not too daunting a list. I mean, maintaining a working GPA while engaged in all the aforementioned activities might throw a monkey wrench in my social commitments, but I feel like it'd be worth it to graduate without regret.

I don't know if I could live happily with myself if I never spent a day in a strange superstore and continued to do papers at the last minute. The trials and tribulations of an overzealous columnist.

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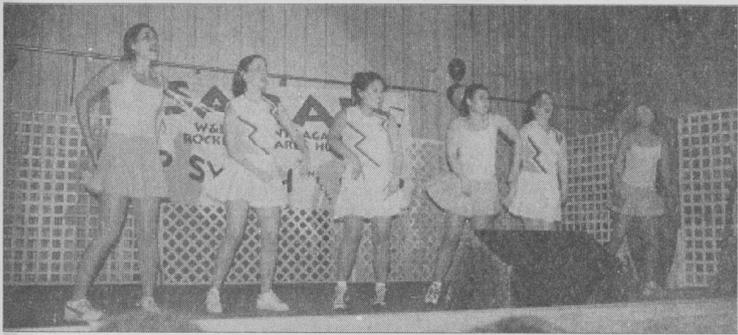
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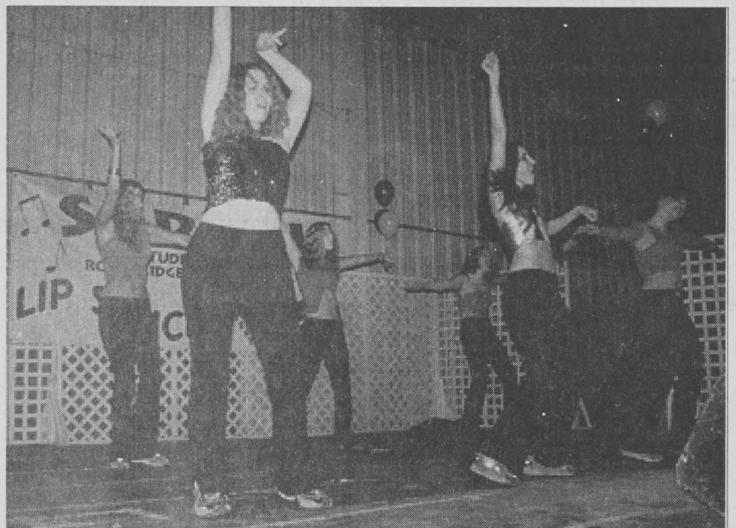
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LIP SYNCH 2002. ONCE AGAIN WAS AN ASTOUNDING SUCCESS. WASHINGTON AND LESTUDENTS RAISED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR S.A.R.A.H. (STUDENTS AGAINST ROCKBRIDGE AREA HUNGER), AS WELL AS ATTENDED A SHOW THAT IS ALWAYS HUMOROUS. THIS YEAR'S WINNERS WERE THE MICHAEL JACKSON DANCERS OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA (BOTTOM RIGHT). THE FIRST RUNNERS-UP WERE QUINCY SPRINGS AND THE LADIES OF FOURPLAY (ABOVE) WHO PERFORMED A TRIBUTE TO AALIYAH. THE SECOND RUNNERS-UP WERE THE KAPPA DELTA'S PERFORMING UNBELIEVABLE.

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS: AMERICAN SOLDIERS DESCEND IN THE BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER TO FIGHT IN SOMALIA  
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## 'Black Hawk Down' can't be missed

By MICHAEL GEORGE  
STAFF WRITER

*Black Hawk Down* may be the most thought-provoking and gut-wrenching film that will come out this year. It's early in 2002, but I have to say that by next December, this film will remain one of the year's best, if not the best. A mix of action, emotion, and history, *Black Hawk Down* held me captive for its entirety. You cannot miss this film.

In the fall of 1993, a group of 120 elite U. S. Army Delta Force and Army Ranger infantry units were dropped into downtown Mogadishu, Somalia. What was expected to be a routine mission to capture two lieutenants of a powerful local warlord became an unexpected battle against nearly 3,000 militia fighters. After two black hawk helicopters were gunned down in the

city, a routine mission became a struggle to leave no man behind.

Directed by the illustrious Ridley Scott, *Black Hawk Down* is the most accurate depiction of modern warfare I have seen in film. Scott's direction and camera work is amazing, as he brings the audience into the confusion and surrealism of battle. Scott has solidified himself as a master of tension and sound. I felt as if I was in the black hawk as it crashed to earth or beside the soldiers as he decided his next move. Hans Zimmer's astounding soundtrack brings moviegoers into the mindset of American soldiers.

Stars Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, and Tom Sizemore play honest, American heroes with humility and compassion. Their work is unpretentious and direct, and they provide the audience with an honest

expression of what it means to be an American soldier. It's not about politics or ideology, but protecting the guy next to you.

Although I found the film exciting and it's depth and compassion moving, I felt that Scott did not give a strong enough explanation of why the Somalis fought against us. Scott's main intention appeared to be an explanation of the reasons why soldiers do what they do, and in that he succeeded.

I left the theater emotionally drained, wondering if everyone else who had seen this film with me felt the way I did. You can't afford to miss this film. It's not simply about an incident in 1993 that left 19 American soldiers dead and dozens wounded, but an explanation of the dynamics of friendship, heroism, and duty among men who fight and die for what they believe in.



## The guy next door: Breaking the language barrier

By SAM LAGRONE/STAFF CORRESPONDENT



One of the neat things about VMI is that our language doesn't change. I'm not taking about the swearing that we dish from family size cartons lodged in our cabin fever brains. I mean words and phrases that only exist in our own little world.

While the outside goes through iteration after iteration of "cool" (dope, fly, rad, gnarly), we still have the same terms that cadets coined generations ago. For example we call shoes low-quarters. Beds to us are "racks." Our starched white pants are called ducks, and so on. When we get in a group we pull bizarre, archaic term after term in conversation. To us, it's a tie that binds. To others, it's obnoxious. People around us get whiplash from rolling their eyes.

It starts when a cadet first enters VMI from the real world he or she is thrust into the entirely new, irregular, illogical jumble of jargon I call Institute-ese.

The first thing a new cadet learns is the title he or she will be addressed as for the next six to seven months: Rats. No one knows why we call them rats (er, somebody probably knows. And that old alum will no doubt e-mail me, inform me of my stupidity. Then this whole paragraph will seem useless, just like prom night, which is another column all together) or what it has to do with the military, other than in sometimes you have to fight them for food in the trenches. My foreign language professor suspects

that it may come from the French term for shaved, referring to the strict stubble standard we enforce, but I wasn't really paying attention. I was still trying to convert the price of a wheel of Camembert from francs into dollars in my head.

The language that you pick up as a Rat carries over to the rest of your time at VMI. On post we live our life here through acronyms. Everything breaks down into a two or three letter treatment. In the morning we go to B.R.C. (Breakfast Roll Call), marching behind our CO (Commanding Officer), to grab some S.O.S. (Slop on a Shingle), and maybe wash it down with some O.J. We do the same thing for lunch (D.R.C.) and dinner (S.R.C.).

Sometimes, though, we get a wild hair and slip over to the P.X. (Post Exchange) and grab a B.L.T. or a P.B. and J. But that's only after we make it down to the Q.M.D., assuming we have C.Q. for C.C.T., which would totally rule, right?

For one of our "hops" (a school dance, usually with some sideshow attractions) we had a comedian trained in the Seinfeld-ian school of observational humor. He was advertised as a big hit on college campuses around the country and one of our alphabet organizations - the cadet program board, or C.P.B. -

thought he would be a good addition to the bill. His bit started out with material like: "What about these sorority girls?" and "Man, I can never figure out what to wear to class."

The room went silent. We just stared. Okay, I think one guy blinked. Chirp. Chirp. Captain Hilarious had to think fast. And in a spectacular comic triple-lutz, he recalled his tour of the campus and started spitting our jargon back at us. "So this guy starts talking to me about low quarters. I look around and don't see any quarters, must less scrumpy midget ones. Then he tells me he's gonna go to the rack. What rack? Like a spice rack? Is there a place to get some bay leaves in every military school? Hey, it's been great playing here, I'm gonna go see if I can feed some of these ducks everyone's talking about."

THE LANGUAGE THAT YOU PICK UP AS A RAT CARRIES OVER TO THE REST OF YOUR TIME AT VMI

It wasn't funny at the time, let alone in retrospect. But at that moment, he had tapped into how wacky we sound to the rest of the world. What sounds normal to us is a little kooky on the outside. So please bear with us, I have to go rack until C.Q.R.B. I'll probably hit the books until the first O.C.M.N.I. check runs. Oh, and keep your eyes peeled for the O.D. ... and e-mail me at lagrone@mail.vmi.edu if you see the O.G., but only if he's "certified to bone."

## Plentiful piles of pulchritudinous pancakes pander to pupils' persnickety palettes

By CATHERINE GUY  
W&L LIFE EDITOR

When the prospect of one too many D-hall brunches starts to get you down, don't despair. A few miles east of here on Route 11, or at 2809 North Lee Highway to be precise, lies a lovely alternative: Aunt Sarah's Pancake House. Conveniently located on the grounds of the Lexington Travelodge, Aunt Sarah's serves a tempting array of tasty treats. Their breakfast offerings, particularly pancakes and

omelets are among the more popular items served at this establishment.

This Saturday, a large group of my friends and I attended brunch. Our waitress was friendly and accommodating, and as soon as she saw the size of our party she opened the banquet room to provide us with a larger table. The décor of the dining rooms is adorable, with country flair and a gift shop specializing in local knick-knacks. Among one of the most evident examples of Aunt Sarah's personality is the menu, which is decorated with various amusing pictures and clever

captions describing the food. The service was a bit slow, despite the friendly attitude. Even our drinks took a significant amount of time in delivery. Being a native New Yorker, I find myself to be particular about the speed of service.

The food, however, was worth waiting for. I ordered a western omelet, which came with silver dollar pancakes and hash browns. It was an enormous amount of food, and was sold for the surprisingly affordable price of \$6.50. All of the food was perfectly prepared, and the hash browns were quite possibly the best I've ever had. The pancakes were light and fluffy,

with a delicious flavor. They were described as small, but were a perfectly appropriate size. The omelet was also superb, with all components well-cooked and balanced in flavor. After we ate, the waitress gave us the bill with all of the items listed separately, making it easy for each of us to pay individually.

Overall, Aunt Sarah's is a wonderful place for a morning meal anytime of the day. The food and service are both warm and satisfying, and the travel and wait will be well worth your while.

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# Roanoke stops W&L in overtime heartbreaker

Loss is 7th straight for the Generals, all in ODAC play

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's basketball team couldn't have come much closer to putting another victory in the books this week.

But a one-point road loss to Emory and Henry and an overtime home loss to Roanoke left the Generals (4-14, 2-11 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) in the midst of a seven-game losing streak.

"You're going to win some and lose some, and sometimes you've got to learn how to win those games," W&L coach Jeff Lafave said after Saturday's 76-69 loss to Roanoke. "It's another growing experience for a bunch of young kids."

"I told the guys that if our attitude and effort remain the same, we're going to be OK."

W&L began the week at home against Randolph-Macon, then the No. 1-ranked team in NCAA Division III. Despite being tied 22-22 at halftime, the Generals couldn't keep pace with the Yellow Jackets after the break, and the visitors emerged with a 62-39 win.

Sophomore Hamill Jones was the story in Wednesday's 76-75 defeat at Emory and Henry. Jones set a school record for accuracy by hitting 15-of-16 field goals, finishing with a career-high 32 points.

The Generals led by 10 points in the second half, but the Wasps outscored W&L 21-12 over the game's final 8:49, including just four points for the Generals in the final 5:13.

Junior Toussiant Crawford matched a season-best effort with 16 points, while junior John Warren and freshman Mark Franceski added nine apiece.

W&L faced a similar scenario against the Maroons (12-7, 7-5) at the Warner Center on Saturday. W&L led by as many as 11 in the first half and seven after the break, but could never put the defending ODAC co-champions away.

Roanoke's Robby Pridgen gave his team a 56-55 lead with a three-pointer with 36 seconds left, and two free throws by Jaimar Mansel 11 seconds later extended the lead to 58-55.

But W&L junior Scott Hettermann, playing for the first time since injuring his ankle against Virginia Wesleyan on Jan. 20, created a three-point play with 18 seconds left, and the game went to overtime.



BACK IN THE LINEUP: Junior Scott Hettermann, shown here in Washington and Lee's 76-73 win over Eastern Mennonite on Jan. 9, returned to action in the Generals' 76-69 overtime

loss to Roanoke on Saturday after missing a week's action with an ankle injury. Hettermann led W&L with 17 points, including a three-point play that forced the extra period.

"Scott's our biggest, strongest kid on the floor, and that's probably what we lack on our team," Lafave said. "With his presence on the floor, other guys feed off him."

The extra frame saw a back-and-forth pace until the final 90 seconds.

Josh Foster's three-point play back at the 2:51 mark proved to be the game-winner, as it gave Roanoke the lead for good at 65-63.

Hettermann, who finished with team-highs of 17 points and seven rebounds, fouled out on a charge call

at the 1:30 mark, and the Maroons sealed the win by hitting 11-of-12 free throws the rest of the game.

Pridgen led all scorers with 24. Crawford added another 16 points for the Generals, and freshman Mike Stuart ended the contest with 15.

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The free throw line again proved disastrous for W&L, which hit just 58 percent from the charity stripe for the game — 50 percent in regulation. The Maroons, who lead the conference in free throw percentage, shot 86 percent for the contest.

"That's a battle each and every kid individually has to go through in practice," Lafave said of free throw shooting. "It's been the Achilles' heel for us the whole year, and it's cost us some games. It was a big factor in this one."

Despite the loss, Lafave was pleased with the effort of his team. The third-year coach hopes that the moral victories from this week's contests will turn into victories on paper against such teams against Emory and Henry, which visits W&L at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, and Lynchburg.

"It would have been great to get a game like (Roanoke) to have our kids confident, but as long as our attitude remains the same and we play with that kind of effort in the next games coming up, we should find ourselves in pretty good position," he said. "We seem to be closing the gap with a lot of teams in the ODAC."

"We're knocking on the door, and hopefully someday we'll go through."

# W&L topped by top of conference heap

BY JEREMY FRANKLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

After a five-game winning streak turned their season around, the Washington and Lee women's basketball team ran into the roughest stretch of its schedule this week.

After an overtime loss at Roanoke on Sunday, the Generals (8-9, 6-7 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) fell to the top two teams in the conference: Guilford at home on Wednesday and Bridgewater on the road Saturday.

W&L's struggles against the Quakers were primarily at the offensive end. Although senior center Megan Babst recorded 18 points and 10 rebounds, classmate Jessica Mentz was just 3-of-10 from the floor for nine points.

Freshman Bethany Dannelly, the ODAC leader in assists, had just two while turning the ball over 10 times. As a team, W&L committed 33 turnovers.

But despite 19 percent shooting from the field in the first half, the Generals' defense kept them in the game, and Guilford managed just a 20-13 lead at halftime.

"The first half was a little dismal, to say the least, but we still had 20 minutes left to go," W&L coach Janet Hollack said. "Defensively, we were doing a good job on that end. As far as offense goes, we weren't able to handle the pressure."

"We knew coming in that Guilford was a pressure-packed team," she added. "You try to prepare for that, but sometimes it's hard to adjust to that when you see it in live action."



OUT OF BOUNDS TO...: Senior Megan Babst and Guilford's Nicole McCrory (on floor) and Jennie Keichline wait for the

referee's call in Washington and Lee's 60-41 loss to the Quakers at home on Wednesday. Babst led all scorers with 18.

MARY GUY/The Ring-tum Phi

The Quakers took the initiative in the second half, building a 49-23 lead before Babst capped off a late 16-0 run with a basket to pull the Generals to within 10 at 49-39 with 2:06 remaining. Guilford pushed the final margin to 60-41 by hitting several free throws.

W&L's run came too late to affect the outcome of the game, but Hollack was pleased that her team didn't give up against the Quakers.

"Definitely a positive was the fact that we didn't lie down and die," Hollack said. "For eight minutes, we played quality basketball where we didn't let the game come to us, we took the game. I told them how proud

I was that they did scrap back — a little too late, but better late than never."

There was no reprieve for the Generals, who moved from facing the second-best team in the conference to visiting the ODAC leader, Bridgewater, on Saturday. The Eagles (15-1, 12-0), ranked No. 24 in the nation, took a 10-point halftime lead and held off a late W&L charge in pulling out a 68-60 win.

Bridgewater led by as many as 15 points in the second half, but the Generals whittled the lead down to 61-57 with 1:09 left. But the Eagles hit 5-of-6 free throws in the final minute to secure the victory.

Babst again led W&L in scoring, finishing with 25 points. Mentz returned to previous form with 21 points and nine rebounds, and senior Sarah Schmidt contributed 10 points.

The Generals will try to snap a three-game losing streak on Wednesday when they host Randolph-Macon Woman's College at 7 p.m. Then comes the rematch with Roanoke, which comes to the Warner Center on Friday.

"We have a lot of potential here," Hollack said. "If we can just get over that mental block — even more so than they physical end, our mental game's got to be top-notch as well."

# Generals battle injuries, top-notch Centennial foes

W&L falls to pair of conference powers in home triangular

BY DAVE CROWELL  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee wrestling team fell victim to the two top teams in the Centennial Conference, losing 38-9 to Ursinus and 37-12 to Western Maryland in the W&L Triangular on Saturday.

Senior Ivan Zdanov led the Generals (2-5, 0-4 Centennial), winning both of his matches for the day. He pinned Ursinus' Sebastian Voltarelli in 1:39 in his match, then followed with a grueling 3-1 victory over Western Maryland's Andy Chencharik.

"Those teams are probably the two best in the conference, so it feels good to go out and beat their wrestlers," Zdanov said.

The four-year veteran has been forced to carry a majority of the senior leadership load because of Ben Segal's shoulder injury last weekend and Ezra Morse's ankle injury.

"I've tried to motivate the guys everyday, especially with the experience I bring to the mat," Zdanov said. "I want them to realize that every match counts, especially with only three weeks left in the season."

Sophomore Joe Mueller and freshman Brian Avello each split their matches on Saturday. Mueller began the day with a 3-1 victory over Travis Allred of Ursinus, but later fell to Dan Riggs of the Green Terror by a 13-7 score.

"Joe wrestled well today, but faced a very tough competitor against Western Maryland," coach Gary Franke said.

Avello reversed Mueller's fate, losing his first match before showing a great deal of energy in defeating French Pope of the Terror, 9-7.

Avello seemed slow in the middle of the match, but eventually showed extreme desire by getting a key takedown in the final period.

"Brian wrestled well, but these are the last three weeks of the season. We need energy from every wrestler because this is the time to pick it up," Franke said.

Despite the setbacks against Ursinus and Western Maryland, Franke still noted the difficulty of wrestling with a battered team that most likely will see the return of Morse next weekend.

"We're very anxious to get Ezra back on Saturday," the 29-year veteran coach said. "With him and Ben out, it's tough to compete against the top teams like Western Maryland and Ursinus. In a situation like that, you need extraordinary performances from everyone."

In the third matchup of the triangular, Western Maryland rallied late, winning the final four matches, including a thrilling final match in the heavyweight class, to defeat Ursinus 21-19.

The Generals next travel to Southern Virginia College in Buena Vista for a 7:30 p.m. matchup on Wednesday against a squad that W&L defeated 34-15 earlier in the season.

However, Franke expects a stiff challenge from the Knights.

"When we beat SVC earlier in the season, we had Ezra and Ben," Franke said. "That team's improved throughout the year and gained some experience while we've suffered in a few weight classes."

"It will be a very tough matchup and we'll need to prepare even harder to get good individual performances."



ZDANOV

# Swimmers top Marymount, drop 2 on road

Generals are victorious in home dual meet, but drop road contests to Johns Hopkins, Mary Washington

BY MICHAEL LEE  
SPORTS WRITER

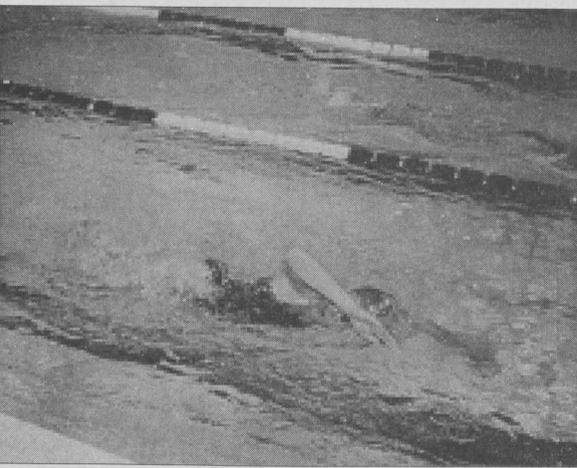
For Washington and Lee swimming fans, it just doesn't get much better than Monday nights at Twombly Pool. In this week's edition, the Generals wrapped up their final home meet with a pair of wins against Marymount University.

The Generals won big, with victories in 18 of the 22 events on the schedule. If not for the disqualification of both Generals' 200 freestyle relay teams, that total would have increased to 20.

The only other pair of events lost that night was the 100 breaststroke, and while all the W&L swimmers were disqualified in that event as well, none of their times would have beaten Lauren Forestello or Walter Harris of Marymount.

Still, it was a remarkable meet for W&L, as the men won 133-57 and the women pulled out a 111-63 victory.

Junior Patrick Frankfort and sophomore Eric Ritter each posted meet records in the 200 freestyle and 200



FILE PHOTO

HOME SWEET HOME: The Washington and Lee swim teams racked up dual meet wins at home against Marymount on Monday before losing to Johns Hopkins and Mary Washington in Fredericksburg over the weekend.

individual medley, respectively. Sophomores Drew Catanesi and Colin Mitchell also set meet records in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

Senior Rick Black posted a pair of wins in the 1,000 and 500 freestyle events, and junior Zach Fake rounded out the squad with a win in the 50 freestyle.

The women were similarly successful in their outing that night. Senior Laura Ingoldsby won the 200 freestyle, and juniors Blair Huffman, Kelli Austin and Jackie Green won the 200 IM, 100 butterfly, and 100 freestyle.

Freshmen Suzie LaFleur and Eleanor Williams won the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

The road wasn't so kind to the Generals, as both the men and women lost dual meets to Johns Hopkins and Mary Washington in Fredericksburg on Friday and Saturday.

The men fell to Mary Washington, the event's host, 95-59 and lost to Hopkins by a 115-36 score. The home team beat W&L's women 113-38, and the Blue Jays defeated the Generals 120-31.

Frankfort won the 1,650 freestyle and the 200 freestyle against the Eagles, while Ritter was victorious in the 200 backstroke for both meets.

The Generals will conclude the regular season at the Grove City Invitational over the Washington Holiday.

## W&L SPORTS SCHEDULE: JAN. 29-FEB. 4

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
**Women's Basketball**  
Randolph-Macon Woman's College at W&L, 5 p.m.  
**Men's Basketball**  
Emory and Henry at W&L, 7 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
W&L at Southern Virginia, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
**Women's Basketball**  
Roanoke at W&L, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**  
**Wrestling**  
W&L at Newport News Apprentice Invitational, 8 a.m.  
**Men's Basketball**  
W&L at Hampden-Sydney, 2 p.m.  
**Indoor Track**  
W&L at VMI Relays, TBA

**Sunday, Feb. 3**  
**Men's Basketball**  
W&L at Lynchburg, 2 p.m.  
**Women's Basketball**  
Shenandoah at W&L, 2 p.m.

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# W&L track teams kick off 2002 season indoors

Veteran Aldridge anticipates strong year

By DAVE CROWELL  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's track team enters the 2001-02 indoor season with a number of newcomers who will hopefully help the squad improve on last season's fourth place (out of five) finish at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference indoor championships.

Coach Norris Aldridge returns for his 32nd season as head coach and brings along two veterans to lead the team of youngsters, senior Mike Hegg and junior Chris Sullivan.

"Chris and Mike are the two leaders and captains," Aldridge said. "They provide the most experience and energy to this team."

Hegg finished third in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.42 seconds at last season's indoor championships, then fell short in his bid to compete in the NCAA Division III Championships in the 110-meter hurdles last May.

Sullivan will return to the long jump pit, where he took fourth place at last season's indoor championships.

Sullivan's speed on the gridiron, where he earned AP All-America honors for Division II and III players as an all-purpose runner earlier this year, should translate to success in sprinting events, including the 100-meter dash, where he competed last season.

The key to the team's success, however, will ultimately rest with the young runners, jumpers and throwers.

"My ultimate goal is for us to finish as high as we have the capabilities to," Aldridge said. "I think we've improved with our new talent and are a better team than last season."

"Obviously, though, I haven't seen too many other squads, and I'm assuming they've improved as well."

Aldridge has been impressed with the efforts from freshmen Wes Bell, who will run distance events and relays; Steve Chambers, another distance runner; and Brian Krupczak.

"Brian has jumped very well for us and ran well in December, but he pulled his hamstring on Saturday (at Christopher Newport)," Aldridge said. "Hopefully we can get him back soon."

A few non-freshman newcomers have also put in good performances through the first couple months of the season. Junior Mat Rapoza, coming off a football campaign where he earned D3Football.com All-America honors on the offensive line, enters his first season throwing the shot put for W&L after transferring from Swarthmore.

Sophomore Andrew Fotinos, who has run on the cross country team the past two seasons, also decided to come out for the indoor season and will run distance events.

The team's second test of the young season came on Friday and Saturday, when they traveled to Christopher Newport for a two-day competition. Aldridge viewed the event as another way to gauge his team's progress as they move towards the ODAC Indoor Championships at Lynchburg on Feb. 23.

"It was the first meet we'd had in a few weeks, so I was interested in seeing our progress," Aldridge said. "I saw some very good performances, including Wes, who ran well on our relay teams."

The team next heads across town to compete in the VMI Relays, where Aldridge will get the opportunity to see more individual scores. The team's preparation and training, however, lead directly to Feb. 23, when improving on last season's fourth place finish will be the order of the day.

"We'll work hard over the next weeks, then taper down for the championships," he said.

"A lot of training is done in January and February so that we can peak at the right time."



ALDRIDGE

Women complement strong returning corps with freshmen, look to compete now in ODAC

By DIYA VOHRA  
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee women's track team prepares for their season with high hopes, anticipation and hard work. The first meet in December at the VMI Invitational saw some positive results, but there was no scoring kept at the meet, only individual competitions.

John Tucker, in his 14th year as the team's coach, is optimistic about this season. He said he wishes to "see our team members develop their athletic potential to the maximum extent they can, so that we can, as a group, be as competitive as possible."

The Generals boast a strong mix of freshmen and upperclassmen as they compete in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

"There is vast diversity and I expect to see significant conference-level contributions from all team members," Tucker said.

The season kicked off full-fledged on Friday and Saturday at the Chris-

topher Newport Invitational. Most team members, who were busy with other sports at the end of last year, are now back, in shape and ready to compete.

Tucker motivates the team by "telling a story about the importance of every member."

"Each member is developing their own fitness and athletic ability, and if we strive to improve as individuals, it will inspire the other members," he said.

Senior and second-year captain Melissa Palombo, who participates in sprints, hurdles and jumps, wants to "place better at the ODACs this year." Her enthusiasm for a team that is larger and more talented than recent squads is evident.

The Generals placed fourth at last year's ODAC outdoor track and field championships, at which seniors Megan Babst and Sarah Schmidt both claimed individual titles. Palombo hopes to improve upon that finish in 2002 since the "team is working best and the team unit is the most cohesive it has been in four years."

Palombo is grateful for the increase in coaching staff who are "really strong and better organized" than last year.

The team has complete confidence in the freshmen, who will allow W&L to compete in several events in which

the Generals haven't participated in recent years. Freshman Kim Gunst, a pole vaulter and sprinter, has "aspirations and has displayed a strong performance in pole vault," according to Tucker.

Freshman Liz Crawford, a high jumper and sprinter who has not run competitively before, is showing "meteoric improvement," the coach said.

Roommates and classmates Audrey Walker and Casey Sharpe, also freshmen, are valuable new additions to the team. A cross country runner who has not run track and field before, Sharpe "has taken the distance runners by storm," Tucker said.

Junior Burke Duncan, an accomplished distance runner on the national scene, is one of the team's highest hopes. Freshman Meredith Walker is "very athletically talented and is going to have a big impact on the team," according to Tucker.

The team spirit as a whole seems to be high, and members are excited about their individual events.

Tucker is proud of the experience, talent and ability of the team members, for whom, he claims, "winning ODAC (championships) as individuals or a team" is the motivation and guiding factor behind their perseverance.

## Generals run at Newport Classic

W&L begins New Year with individual-only event across the state at Newport News

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Washington and Lee men's and women's indoor track teams competed for the first time in the New Year, traveling to Newport News for the Christopher Newport Indoor Classic on Friday and Saturday.

The meet focused on individual performances and no team scores were kept.

Junior Chris Sullivan led the men's squad with two top 10 finishes. Sullivan finished fifth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.31 seconds and

also took eighth place in the long jump (20 feet, 8 1/2 inches).

Classmate Mat Rapoza also took home a fifth-place finish, this time in the shot put, tossing 42 feet, 10 3/4 inches.

Freshman Wes Bell also competed well, finishing ninth in the 1,500 meters (4:12.34).

The women's squad was led by junior Burke Duncan, who took 13th place in the 3-kilometer run with a time of 11:00.18.

Two freshmen also performed well at the Indoor Classic. Meredith Walker

took home two top 20 finishes, taking 15th in the long jump (14 feet, 3 1/4 inches) and 18th in the 200-meter dash (30.19).

Audrey Walker improved on her 17th-place finish (30 feet) in the shot put last month at the VMI Invitational. At Newport News, she took home an 11th-place finish, tossing 30 feet, 6 3/4 inches.

The men's and women's teams both travel across town next Saturday to compete at the VMI Relays, another competition focusing on individual, not team, scores.

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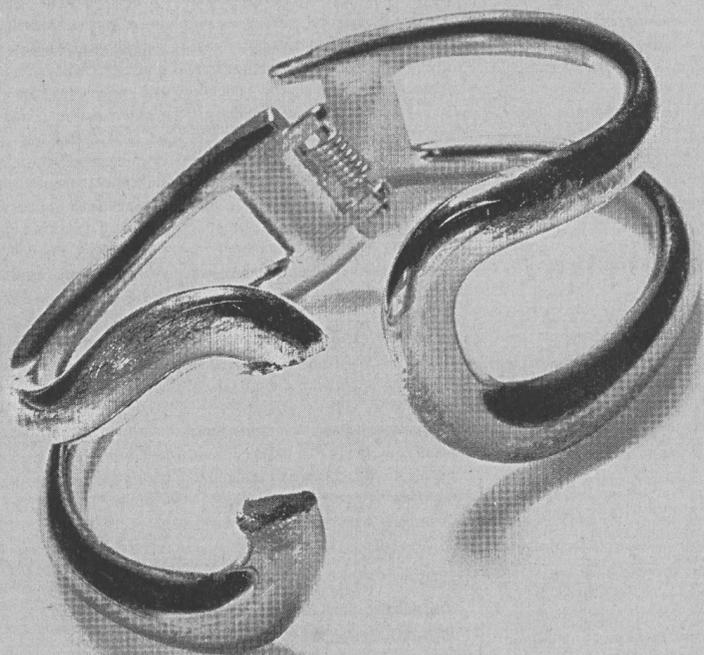


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## The Press Box

### Tar Heels suffer, look to point fingers

For North Carolinians, January through March is the most religious time of the year.

At this point, the Chapel Hill congregation must be doubting the validity of their beliefs. The Tar Heels — the team that has given the basketball world Michael Jordan and Vince Carter, James Worthy and Antawn Jamison — are experiencing one nightmare after another on the court.

As usual, the Dean E. Smith Center is hosting big win after big win. But those big wins are going to the visitors, most recently North Carolina State by 18.

Prior to Sunday's contest at Clemson, North Carolina was 5-11 overall, 1-5 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Heels had lost six games in a row by an average of 16 points, and just three of those teams were ranked at the time.

Matt Doherty, in his second season coaching his alma mater, may not get a second chance to prove himself, especially if North Carolina can't salvage something — anything — out of this season.

Fans have already given up on the Tar Heels — chants of "WOLF-PACK" filled the Dean Dome on more than one occasion in Wednesday's loss to N.C. State.

One web site, Goheels.com, is running a five-part series (for each of five "candidates") on "who is most responsible for the current state of Carolina basketball." Right now, Bill Guthridge — Smith's long-time assistant who served as head coach for three years — has garnered 57 percent of the vote.

Meanwhile, only 16 percent of voters have pinpointed Doherty. (The other candidates are Smith, athletics director Dick Baddour, and Kansas coach Roy Williams, who "shunned" North Carolina to remain with the Jayhawks two years ago.)

Regardless of who is to blame, the Tar Heels are a bad basketball team. This isn't a hard-luck bunch of losers; this is a team that isn't competitive now and, barring an immediate resurgence in recruiting, won't be competitive anytime soon.

The 2001-02 edition of the Tar Heels is centered around seniors Kris Lang and Jason Capel, who complemented

guys like Brendan Haywood and Joseph Forte but can't support a team in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Filling holes in the lineup has never been a problem for North Carolina in the past. Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace left after two years in Chapel Hill, but they were replaced by Carter and Antawn Jamison. When Carter and Jamison left, Haywood and Forte showed up.

Freshman Jawad Williams was hailed by many as the next Vince Carter, if not the next Michael. So far, Tar Heel fans would appreciate something along the lines of the next Ademola Okulaja.

North Carolina looks even more pitiful in the backcourt. Doherty has unavoidably stuck to the point guard by committee approach, with very little success. Consider this: the 6-foot-8 Capel leads the team in assists with 3.6 per game.

But right now, the biggest problem facing North Carolina may lie off the court. If the blame game spreads to the athletics offices, the Tar Heels are in serious trouble. Doherty may be the leading reason for Carolina's fall, but he deserves at least one year to redeem himself.

Any Chapel Hill fan calling for the coach's head should look down the road to Raleigh, where Herb Sendek is in his sixth year coaching the Wolfpack. Unless N.C. State collapses in the second half of the ACC schedule, they will make their first tournament appearance during his tenure.

Sendek has rebuilt a program that struggled from NCAA rules violations and, subsequently, recruiting struggles. The Wolfpack have caught up with and passed the Tar Heels in talent, and have built the foundations for a solid program.

Granted, Sendek didn't step into the same situation as Doherty, but college basketball is no longer a sport ruled by dynasties. No team should be expected to win a national title every year, or Mike Krzyzewski would have been fired sometime between 1992 and last season.

The bottom line: Tar Heels should give Doherty a little more time before casting the first stone.



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