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Lambda Chi burglarized

Locals raid basement for Budweiser; discovered and foiled by fraternity brother

By PETER QUACKENBUSH
STAFF WRITER

Two Lexington residents entered the Lambda Chi house last Tuesday in an attempt to steal beer from the basement refrigerator.

"All of the doors were unlocked," said junior Raphael Penteado, who discovered them. Not feeling threatened, Penteado called the Lexington Police in front of the two men.

"One of them left, but one of them stayed," Penteado said, who saw them "trying to steal a case of beer." Despite rumors that men attempted to abscond with Natural "Natty" Light, Penteado asserts that the refrigerator contained Budweiser.

Upon arrival, the police arrested one of the men for trespassing. According to the police log, Frank Merchant, of 1 Country Club Rd., was cited for trespassing, being drunk in public and for possession of alcohol under 21.

Merchant, who is not related to W&L History Professor Holt Merchant, claimed that he was returning a CD case he had found in the Lambda parking lot. The case, a double-deckered zebra-skin affair, went unclaimed by any resident in the house.

In the future, Lambda President Richard Kilby, a junior, said, "We'll start locking our doors."

CRIME OF THE CENTURY: Two Lexington residents attempted to pilfer alcohol from the basement of Lambda Chi Alpha's fraternity house last Tuesday.

Nabors raises arts awareness

'Oaks and Acorns' program reaches out to Rockbridge

By MATTHEW McDERMOTT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Nabors Service League will sponsor an "Oaks and Acorns" fundraiser on Sunday to benefit a community-wide effort at raising art consciousness among Rockbridge residents.

The fundraiser consists of a silent auction and a concert, with performances by Larry Keel, Ringsend and Southern Comfort. The auction will highlight pieces by local artists as well as Washington and Lee students. All proceeds will go directly to the "Oaks and Acorns" program.

"Currently, little to no enrichment programs exist for the youngest and oldest members of this community—the age groups which are most prized by many cultures but often pushed to the side in our own," said Nabors Service

League president Carroll Thompson. "(The program) will be open to everyone, but especially target the impoverished—many of whom otherwise would have no access whatsoever to artistic and musical opportunities."

Tickets will be sold for nine dollars, and children under 8 may attend free.

The new program was begun by four county residents: Ellen Campbell, a bluegrass musician, Marvey Harvey, a musician, Kelly Fujiwara, director of Success by Six and Phillip Kramer, a member of the Rockbridge Area Recreational Association.

"Nabors is not doing a cultural program," Nabors Publicity Co-Chair Daniel Vos said. "The community is doing a cultural program."

Rockbridge's program, which Nabors is raising money for, will begin in August.

Espionage expert to speak on terrorism

By ANDREW LATIMER
ASSISTANT OPINIONS EDITOR

Former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Robert Gates will discuss the terrorism's challenges in a Thursday address in Lee Chapel. His speech, "Terrorism: A New Face—A New World," will concentrate on government intelligence and counterterrorism in both historical and current contexts.



DR. ROBERT GATES

Director of the CIA from 1991 to 1993, Gates oversaw the agency following the Soviet Union's dissolution. An advisor to six presidential administrations, Gates is the only career officer to rise from entry-level employee to director.

"Bob Gates... is uniquely qualified to talk about American counterterrorism efforts in the Cold War era and the new dimensions of this problem in the post-Cold War world," said Politics Professor Robert Strong.

The Contact Committee, which secured Dr. Gates in December, anticipates high interest in this lecture.

"The cloak and dagger world of spy versus spy is naturally appealing," said senior Dustin Olson, vice chair for publicity. "I wouldn't be at all surprised if this turns out to be an immensely popular speaker."

Gate's 1997 memoirs, *From The Shadows*, described the sometimes shocking goings-on within the Agency and established him as an expert on security matters. Copies are available in the University Bookstore.

In an exclusive interview with *The Ring-tum Phi*, Gates likened the events of 2001 to those of 1941: "I think the

one major structural change that will come about as a result of Sept. 11 actually has its parallel with Pearl Harbor. The CIA was created not to fight the Cold War, but because of Pearl Harbor.

"Historians realize that there had been bits and pieces of information scattered about all over the government prior to Dec. 7, that if they had all been put together in one place and integrated and analyzed, it might have provided warning of the attack, and thus the reason for creating the CIA.

"Now what happened on Sept. 11 is, I suspect they're going to find out, that there were bits and pieces of information held by the FBI, by the CIA, by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, by the FAA and by others, that if they all came together in one place they might have provided some kind of warning or tip off."

According to the former director, the post-Sept. 11 world has come to view American intelligence operations in a dif-

ferent light. "There were some people who wondered after the Cold War whether we needed a CIA anymore," Gates said.

"(Today) there's a renewed appreciation for the need for the CIA and for very aggressive efforts to protect Americans."

Heightened awareness of the CIA's importance has reversed the predominant downsizing trend which began after the Soviet Union's demise. "It really began during the Bush years. Congress really took the lead in cutting the budget.

"So, in a time... where the intelligence community was being asked to do more and more, they were in effect given less and less money and people to do it with. The CIA was 25 percent smaller, in terms of the number of people working there, within three years of when I retired."

The address, scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m., will be followed by a reception in Alumni Hall.

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Relay for Life auction benefits American Cancer Society

This past Thursday, Jan. 31, almost \$3,000 was raised in an auction for the Rockbridge area Relay For Life, which supports the American Cancer Society. Organized by Katrina Knick and Dee Miriello of Dining Services, the auction's offerings were dates. More specifically, students volunteered to go up on stage and be bid upon, and the winning bidder got to take the student on a date.

This year, 38 people were "auctioned" off. The highest bid was for \$300, in the form of a "two for one" special for seniors Quincy Springs and Jason Mander. The highest female bid was \$110 for junior Stacey Kimmel.

Said freshman Anne Johansen, who was "bought" for \$60, "I was kind of nervous about going up there to be auctioned, but I knew it was for a good cause, so I think it's worth it to be embarrassed. Plus, you get a date out of it!"

Knick says that this year, the auction raised almost \$100 more than it did last year, and she has high hopes for the future.

Indeed, interest in the auction was high, with 175 students crowding into Evans Dining Hall to witness the event.

Said Knick, "The Relay for Life is very important to W&L students. Few can say they do not know someone who has been affected by cancer."

Contributions can still be made to the Relay for Life by sending Knick a check through campus mail.

Black history month calendar unveiled

Forthcoming programs include:
Wednesday, February 6, 2002: Satellite Broadcast, "On the Front Lines: Television and African American Issues," Williams School Room 221, 7:00 p.m.

This documentary, the first in a four-part series, brings together an activist and a journalist from the Civil Rights movement to explore the symbiotic relationship between it and the media. Nicholas deBelleville Katzenback, former

U.S. Attorney General, and Judy Richardson, Producer of "Eyes on the Prize," are the panelists. The series, "The African-American Experience: Civil Rights and Beyond," is produced by the Museum of Television and Radio. The showing is sponsored by the Minority Student Association and W&L's journalism department.

Tuesday, February 12, 2002: Lecture by Lucas Morel, "Abraham Lincoln as the first Black President? Frederick Douglass on the Lincoln Presidency." Northern Auditorium at Leyburn Library, 7:00 p.m.

Publicity co-chair will give a scholarly view of Fredrick Douglass and his sophisticated view of Abraham Lincoln as president of all Americans. The lecture is sponsored by the Minority Student Association and the Dean of Students Office.

Wednesday, February 13, 2002: Satellite Broadcast, "Television and African-American Issues in the Post-Civil Rights Era," Williams School Room 221, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 25, 2002: Rene Marie in concert, the Lenfest Center for the Performing Arts, Keller Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Formerly of Roanoke, this Richmond-based vocalist says she cut her teeth on the songs of Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughan. Jazz critic Jane Mitchell calls Marie, "A charismatic singer," who has a voice that "is a lithe and clear as it is warm and assured." Sponsored by PRIDE (Programming for the Respect of Individuals and Diversity in Education).

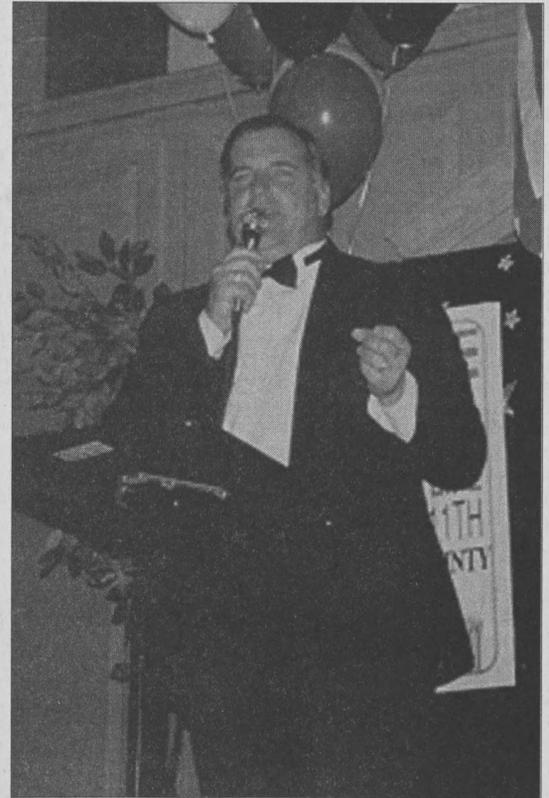
Wednesday, February 27, 2002: Satellite Broadcast, "Images of African-Americans on Prime-Time Television," Williams School Room 221, 7:00 p.m.

The panelists include Producer Topper Carew; Actor Tim Reid, also a producer and director; and Mel Watkins, a writer.

Thursday, February 28, 2002: Lecture by Ervin L Jordan, Jr., "History's Heretics: Afro-Confederates and the American Civil War," Williams School Room 327, 7:00 p.m.

Professor Jordan is the research archivist of the University of Virginia's Special Collections at Alderman Library. He specializes in the Civil War and African-American History and is the author of three books, *19th Virginia Cavalry* (1987), *Charlottesville and the University of Virginia in the Civil War* (1988), and *Black Confederates and Afro-Yankees in the Civil War Virginia* (University Press of Virginia, 1995). Sponsored by MSA and the history department.

STEP ON UP IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT



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GOING ONE, GOING TWICE. Resplendent in a tuxedo, John Taffe, the Alumni Office's director of special events, took a turn as auctioneer at a benefit for the American Cancer Society. Not even his own daughter (sophomore Kelly Taffe) was safe, as Taffe masterminded the sale of over twenty W&L students. Bids ran high as sophomores Maitena Moure and Rory Dowling each received \$100. For more information, see first General's Note.



- Today**
8:30 p.m.—Java in the GHQ Jubilee.
- Tuesday, Feb. 5**
7:30 p.m.—Speaker. "Courage to Care," Carolyn Cornelison, Ph.D. Lee Chapel. (sponsored by LIFE, Panhellenic, Interfraternity Council, Office of Health Promotion)
8:00 p.m.—Concert Guild. Orchestre de Bretagne conducted by Stefan Sanderling. Frederic Chiu, guest pianist. Keller Theater, Lenfest Center.
- Wednesday, Feb. 6**
6:30 p.m.—Leadership Seminar Series. The Spirit of a Man. Room 205, University Center. Facilitated by W.C. "Burr" Datz, director of Leadership Development.
7:30 p.m.—Outing Club Event. General Meeting and Bike Workshop. At 9 p.m., an evening of star gazing. Outing Club House.
- Thursday, Feb. 7**
7 p.m.—Winter 2002 Politics Filmfest. "Legend of the Lone Ranger" (US, 1949). Directed by George Seitz. Room 221, Williams School.
7 p.m.—Speaker. "Servant Leadership," Kathie Soroka '01. Room 327, Williams School.
- Friday, Feb. 8**
2 p.m.—Terrorism: An Interdisciplinary Perspective Series. "Religious Terrorism in Japan," Winston Davis, W&L professor of religion. Room A214, Science Center.
7:30 p.m.—Film Society. "The Tao of Steve." (USA, 2000). Troubador.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2002

THE RING-TUM PHI
 OPINIONS

STAFF EDITORIAL

W&L sells itself to corporate interests

The University's desire to improve its facilities is commendable, but not when that comes at the price of becoming a corporate franchisee.

Who can walk from the University Center to the Alumni Center without seeing a plaque lining a path or dedicating a tree? This is not to say that some of those plaques (the one for Nabors, for example) are without merit.

Still, it becomes ridiculous when our walkways are littered with granite circles proclaiming so-and-so's largess. No one needs to worry about misspelling "magnificent" or "generous" around this campus—just look at the nearest wall or sidewalk.

Naming things after rich people, however, is nothing to the perils of corporate franchise. Already we are a Coca-Cola Campus®. The fountains and taps of our dining establishments suffer not Pepsi or Dr. Pepper. Students are forced to smuggle in non-University-sanctioned beverages.

Gone are the days when students could freely sample the full spectrum of soda, the burbling panoply of carbonated beverages. At that time, a man (or woman) could choose to drink what he wanted, not what a corporate empire commanded.

Now that we've set our foot on the slippery slope, though, we're destined to ski to the rock bottom.

Consider how this affects the children. Upon hearing about this editorial, a junior editor emerged from his bassinet and inquired: "But who will we then name our buildings after?"

The ignorance of this otherwise consummately well-informed youngster gives us some inkling of the problem. He could not conceive of buildings not named after those who pay for the privilege.

To him, these things are commonplace. Indeed, when he grows into a man's estate, and sends his own children off to W&L, they will likely attend classes at Nike Hall, watch our football team lose in the Frito-Lay athletic center, and attend special assemblies in General Motors Chapel.

Terrorist tenured at NU

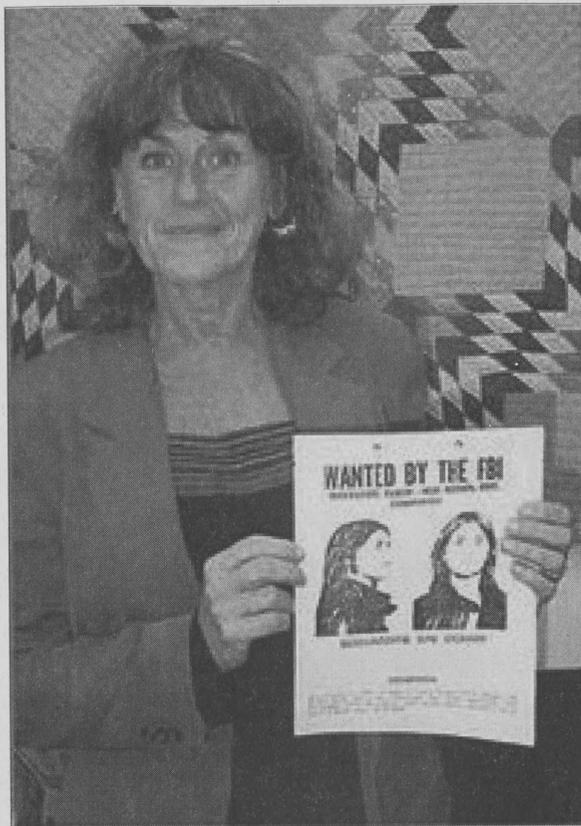
Academia continues to be held hostage by the Left. Studies continue to emerge detailing the high percentage of liberals found among college students and in the ranks of college professors. A particularly terrible example emerged soon after the Sept. 11 attacks.

It turns out that the Northwestern University Law School counts an "unrepentant terrorist" as one of its faculty members. Bernadine Dohrn was once on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List and was labeled by J. Edgar Hoover as "the most dangerous woman in America." All this arose from her days as a member of the Weather Underground, a 1970s terrorist group that bombed government buildings. Now, she is the director of the Children and Family Justice Center at the school.

Her husband, Bill Ayers, who was also a "Weatherman," is now a professor of education at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He recently released a memoir entitled *Fugitive Days* recounting his time as a terrorist and was profiled in *The New York Times* on Sept. 11th. As readers were watching planes crash into the World Trade Center and Pentagon, they read about Ayer's career as a terrorist, including the 1972 bombing of the Pentagon arranged by the Weathermen.

Along with Dohrn and Ayers, the Weathermen participated in 18 bombings, killing six and leaving nine children orphans. Most disturbingly, the article quoted Ayers as saying he did not regret his involvement in the bombings and did not forswear using violence in the future. Similarly, Dohrn signed a declaration of war against the United States and, although she has renounced violence, has never recanted.

Even in this time of increased concern about the threat terrorism poses to the United States, having suffered not only the Sept. 11 attacks, but also the domestic terrorism of Timothy McVeigh and the Unabomber, these admitted terrorists remain on university faculties. Moreover, David E. Van Zandt, dean of the Northwestern Law School, has defended Dohrn and her employment in the face of criticism by many alumni and the editorial page of *The Wall Street Journal*. Mark Rosati, a University of Illinois spokesman, defended Ayers' comments saying that he was within his First Amendment rights, but con-



WENBERGER: Dohrn proudly displays her picture from the Most Wanted List.

ceded that some might find his support of terrorism "objectionable."

Disastrously, these two incidents were accompanied by dozens of other acts of liberal idiocy on campus this past year. Each year the Young America's Foundation compiles a list of the lowlights, some of the worst are:

- Hampshire College overwhelmingly approving a resolution condemning the war on terror, claiming that it "is symptomatic of the racism of American society."
- The Madison Wisconsin School Board's decision to allow only the instrumental version of the national anthem to be performed. Officials claimed that the words of the song were too bellicose. The board also banned recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in schools for fear that foreign or naturalized students would be offended.
- The minuteman mascot of Jefferson Middle School in Fort Wayne, Indiana losing his musket

because the principal decided that "guns have no place in school." He claimed that the disarmed minuteman sends a "better, stronger message about patriotism."

• Texas A&M's decision to forbid students from flying American flags outside their windows. Officials felt that if an exception was made to the school's policy forbidding banners to be flown, foreign students would feel excluded.

• The students of Brown, Berkeley and University of Wisconsin at Madison stealing the campus newspaper to prevent distribution of an ad taken out by David Horowitz arguing against reparations for slavery.

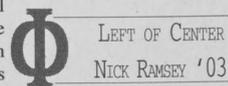
These examples demonstrate that free speech is only important if used in furtherance of liberal aims, history is subject to reinterpretation to suit liberal goals and should remind W&L students how lucky we are to not be held hostage by leftist nutcases.

U.S. ignores AIDS fund

Bush spends billions on defense, little to help the world's poorest and most ill

The United States is spending a lot of money these days on protecting its citizens from terrorists the world over. In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, money and spending were hot topics for the President. Bush stated, "My budget supports three main goals for America: We will win this war, we will protect our homeland, and we will revive our economy."

We will also do all this while keeping current tax cuts in place that, again, give us a deficit this year of \$106 billion and next year a deficit of \$80 billion. Very well then, if it must be back to Reagan politics, there is not a whole lot I can do but to vote against Bush again in the next election.



Thus, it seems that we in America have put a huge price on protecting the lives of our civilians from biological warfare, airplanes flying into buildings, and bombs aimed at our cities. I have no complaint here.

What is troublesome, is if America can afford the current debt, why couldn't we afford another \$1.2 billion dollars to help support something that helps millions of people worldwide?

The United States' contribution to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, was less than impressive this year. While the Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson, always loyal to his boss, hailed America's contribution of \$200 million this year stating that "(America) is committed to advancing the work of the fund for many years to come," nothing could be further from the truth.

Many world leaders involved with the Fund are not particularly impressed. Currently the United States is putting money in the Pentagon's coffers in numbers not seen since the Cold War, yet we give pitifully to a cause that is helping to stop three diseases which kill six million people annually.

In December, the House of Representatives gave authorization for the United States to contribute \$1.2 billion to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan said he wanted to see only \$1 billion from the United States, but Bush gave only the difference between what the House authorized and what the U.N. expected.

Why, after the Republican controlled House authorized Bush to give up to \$1.2 billion, did he only contribute just over sixteen percent of that amount? Moreover, according to the Global AIDS Alliance, America's pledge this year is actually quite smaller by percentage than any of the world's richest nations.

Moreover, this trend is not new this year. Last year, the United Kingdom, Japan and Italy were all able to match the United States' contributions. Why is it that the world's richest nation's contribution is not the largest contribution for something that is so important?

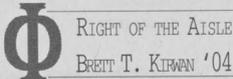
With the current rate of U.S. investment, the GAA is projecting that during Bush's term there will be 12 million people dying from AIDS and at least 20 million new HIV infections around the world. Why are we putting such a high price on some lives, and so small a price on so many others? Something here is amiss.

It might be that the outbreak of AIDS does seem quite foreign to many Americans at the moment. We seem to realize it is a problem, but for the majority of Americans, AIDS is not a part of our daily lives.

But in places like Africa and rural China, the outbreak is so far-reaching that entire villages are dying. Mothers, unaware of the damage they are doing, pass the HIV virus to their newly born young through breast-milk. Safe sex is unheard of because when you struggle to feed yourself every day, you seldom worry how to get a latex condom, if you even know what it is.

America is spending a lot to protect its citizens from the unknown. However, when it comes to a problem that could not be more prevalent, our government's performance is greatly disappointing. It appears that America still has the mindset that we can take care of our own, but to spend the money on others is not of any great importance.

I wonder what all the Americans currently dying of AIDS would think about that.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I'LL GIVE YOU A HUNDRED DOLLARS IF . . ."

—INNUMERABLE PARTY-GOERS AT THE CHI-O/ KAPPA "ANYTHING FOR MONEY" MIXER

Letter to the Editor

BFA answers article, explains mission

Dear Editor,

BFA is an organization of women who have come together to address the intolerance for difference on this campus. We are a collective body that will earnestly work towards uncovering the conscious and unconscious covert acts of discrimination, racism and bigotry that dwell among us.

The name of this organization came about simply because we are African-American women. We are not separatists—we are proud of the fact that we are young, black women who are seeking a common goal, tolerance.

Beyond Naemullah's slanderous words, he used a picture of four beautiful African-American women to perpetuate his negative perception of our organization. Why is the picture of the four African-American women who started the Black Studies Program at UCSB offensive?

Naemullah's claim that we are an exclusive organization that will shun the thoughts of students of different backgrounds is a lie. BFA is open to the participation, suggestions, and ideas of all of W&L's students and faculty. I urge W&L to get past our name and look at what we are attempting to do.

Naemullah has also gone as far as stating that we have plagiarized the missions of organizations such as MSA and PRIDE. I guess Gandhi and King were guilty of the same crime, the collective promotion of nonviolence. Let it be known that BFA is not attempting to take the place of any organization; rather we are hoping we can come together on the same accord working in the interests of this campus.

Naemullah brought to light two incidents that occurred on this campus. In early Sept., several African-American freshmen ladies were attempting to get into a fraternity party. He argues for security reasons, the young ladies were carded. However, I am confident that harassing these women after it was confirmed that they were students at W&L is procedure. After the ladies were finally admitted into the party, they were made to feel uncomfortable.

Another incident occurred on Halloween, when someone decided that it was entertaining to wear blackface. Before blacks could enter into the entertainment world, some white Americans found it pleasurable to mimic black Americans by wearing blackface. Negative stereotypes were perpetuated, such as, "the chicken eating nigger," "the dancing Topsy," and the "singing nitwit." The caricatures were meant to suggest that blackness was ugly.

Like Naemullah, I am a minority and am new to this campus. I believe W&L is a wonderful environment filled with lovely people. However, I will not ignore and idly watch the unfair treatment of students, regardless of background, race, gender, or sexual orientation. Racism exists...bigots are on the rise...discrimination has become a silent norm. If that means we have to turn this campus upside down and ruffle some feathers, then so be it.

I did not apply to Washington and Lee just because it is a fine institution. I came to W&L because I believe I have something to offer, myself.

Sincerely,
 Kisha N. Barnes '04

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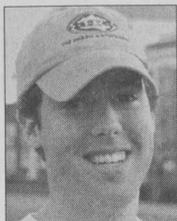
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TALKBACK: WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST ABOUT NEW JERSEY?



"No self-serve gasoline."
 —John Melillo, '03



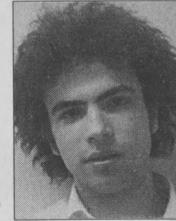
"Ryan Pace."
 —Lincoln Rose, '03



"Apparently, it's the armpit of America."
 —Anne Callison, '05



"Newark."
 —Kara Lehman, '05
 Resident of New Jersey



"Bon Jovi."
 —Brent Vaisman, '05

Colleges more liberal than ever

There are more liberals on college campuses today than at any other time since the Vietnam War. Assert something like that at Washington and Lee and you're liable to get a slew of scoffs and blank stares. Yet as much as it's hard for the average General to believe that statement, a recent study by UCLA definitively detects a sharp rise in the number of left-wing American university students.

According to the report, over 32 percent of citizens our age demand the death penalty be abolished, one third think marijuana should be legalized, 48 percent participated in organized political demonstrations and nearly 58 percent want gay marriages recognized by law, the highest levels since 1980. All in all, about 29 percent of students identify themselves as being politically far left, a figure that has grown significantly since 1996.

But students aren't the only ones participating in the trend. A survey by Luntz Research Associates reveals just how many Ivy League professors regard themselves as conservative: not a single one. I guess that's not terribly shocking news from a group where 84 percent cast ballots for Al Gore in 2000. Incidentally, the same polls showed that Bush barely squeaked by Nader, only 13 percent think tax cuts are a good idea and a mere 1 percent would overturn *Roe v. Wade* if given the chance.

These numbers reveal why I last April I decided to enroll at W&L, and it's not because of some knee-jerk conservative ideology. I may have worked for College Republicans this last election cycle, but I'd never gush about Ronald Reagan being the greatest president of the twentieth century.

Rather than seeking a large group of like-minded individuals, I struck out to find an environment where actual debate and dialogue were possible. I needed a university where political correctness didn't numb political thought. Hearing about such events as Mock Convention motivated me to consider paying a visit to Lexington.

Yet it was my tour that finally sealed the decision. I distinctly remember my guide quipping, "When you're talking about college campuses, the term 'conservative' means that only half the faculty is Communist." By the time I sent my response back to W&L's acceptance letter, I was convinced I had at last stumbled upon the institution that was right for me.



FLOWER POWER: Expect to see more Volkswagen Mini-Buses around campus.

While I can only speculate, I'd surmise that the same balanced character cannot be found at the majority of upper-tier American colleges. To me, a bias too far to the left or to the right endangers the very reason for any institution's purpose: to enable and engage in the pursuit of knowledge. When ideas cannot be brought out into the community for dialogue, I fail to see how they can be challenged and subsequently authenticated as truth.

Even so, I am somewhat encouraged by the declining trend in student apathy. The surge may favor the liberals, but at least it signifies that more Americans our age are adopting political viewpoints. Researchers speculate as to the movement's cause, pointing to recent events like the extremely tight 2000 presidential race, the aftermath of Sept. 11 or post-Lewinsky era regeneration of faith in government, just to name a few.

I have only been here for a little over a trimester, so I realize I am hardly qualified to pass judgment on the status of political dialogue amongst students. Regardless, it has been my experience that surprisingly few of my conversations have revolved around political opinion. It seems the events of Sept. only spawned a deluge of anti-Osama jokes, not serious discourse.

My fear now is that the traditional school mentality breeds indifference to issues that don't happen to directly penetrate our grand bubble. Sure, the Mock Conven-

tion may get the water stirring every four years, yet the pool of thought seems lamentably stagnant, especially for a school with a strong politics department.

The solution I propose may not be a complete one, yet I feel that it's a start. For instance, there's the lackluster state of debating, be it team-based or otherwise. Washington and Lee ought to follow in the tradition of Georgetown in starting our own version of their Philodemic Society, a body that periodically prepares a question or topic for two teams that square off against each other in front an audience. Such a group is actually a throwback to the 19th century-style campus politics in many ways, but if it gets hiding liberals to come out of the woodwork, I'd say it's worth it.

Additionally, instead of lying largely dormant after the election has passed, College Republicans, College Libertarians and Young Democrats could either work individually or pool their resources to foster organized debate on relevant issues. That may in turn produce more community communication regarding national issues.

Washington and Lee has all the ingredients for a charged political atmosphere with its relative balance of left-wing and right-wing in both academic and student circles, but the university's tendency to stick by tradition and bypass national trends has resulted in a mood of complacency. Once the latter is remedied, I see no reason why W&L could not become a bastion of political thought and discussion for the entire nation.

Φ COGENT COMMENTARY
ANDREW LATIMER '05

Φ NORTHERNER'S EXPOSURE
KRIS POLLINA '03

Find a fascinatingly fun friend

Top ten qualities one should seek in a soulmate are revealed

Probably the biggest concern when one enters into the realm of lunacy we know as college, is the ongoing struggle for acceptance. I think that the ease at which you make friends alternates throughout different stages of your life.

For example, grammar school was basically cream cheese. All you had to do was share your Crayolas, invite someone to play kickball with you at recess, or have a slumber party (if you're a girl. If you're a boy, all you had to do was find an obscene sexual reference to anything.)

So naturally one would assume that life is beautiful and people are nice.

Then high school roles around, and I personally thought that my contemporaries were a little mean. My best friend Daisy would come up to me in the morning and say, "Who's it today? Abby?" which meant by the end of the day, she would somehow get the entire school to loathe Abby.

"Hey, Elise. Abby said you were fat."
"That bitch!"

Good thing Daisy and I were friends. And then I get to college and it turns out tragedy has been averted, and the world has been restored of its pleasantries.

But the bottom line is, throughout my years of seeking social companionship, I've come to the conclusion that there are certain people that are by far and away cooler than everyone else. There are roughly, let's call it ten, types of people that are so ludicrously cool that one cannot afford to not have them as a friend. I haven't met them yet, but I think it's about time I have. I was just trying to think of people that would be a lot of fun.

1. I think it'd be pretty funny to meet someone who writes thank you notes for every occasion. Like if you hold the door open for him, and then the next day you get a thank you note. Or if you told him he looked

nice, you'd get a thank you note. Constant mail. It'd be like a Utopia.

2. Someone who always had a good knock-knock joke on hand. There would never be any awkward silences in groups of dumb people.

3. Someone who always walked around in costume.

4. I wish there was someone who had a tangible buddy list. Like you have the AOL Instant Messenger, and there's a list of people that you've recorded as your "buddies." I want to see someone walking around at a party with a yellow notepad writing down his buddies, so he remembers at the end

of the night whom he likes. It'd be so money. If someone comes up to you, and you don't exactly remember your stand on him, you can just refer to the buddy list.

5. Someone who always had a cell phone going off. She would look so popular, and you can be popular by association.

6. Someone who can do a really good Moonwalk and/or climb trees really well.

7. Anyone who quotes *Swingers* 22 hours of the day.

8. That boy in *Wonder Boys* who could list all celebrity suicides alphabetically. Albeit morbid, he was interesting.

9. Any boy who thinks a perfect date would be to take a girl to the Natural Bridge Wax Museum.

10. I could probably derive constant amusement from someone who never put any inflection in his speech, so you never know when the sentence ends.

I would also like to meet someone who grows cacti, but I ran out of numbers. Far be it for me to throw convention to the wind and procure a Top 11. I think between checking off things on my Pre-Graduation List and finding the Top 10 Coolest People, my days and nights are going to be booked in case you wanted to take me to the wax museum or something.



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UNTAMED GENIUS. Conductor Barry Kolman has spent 14 years at W&L.

Musical passport

Orchestra takes audience through time, regions

By CATHERINE GUY
W&LIFE EDITOR

This Saturday, February 2, Washington and Lee's own University Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra (USSO) performed its second full program concert of the 2001-2002 academic year. This performance featured ethnic music of Russia, America, and Italy. Included in the program were Muszorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain (a piece popularized by Disney's 'Fantasia'), and Aaron Copland's Billy the Kid Ballet Suite, as well as showcase piece, Respighi's Pines of Rome. The performance was exceptionally carried out, and played to a nearly packed house. The orchestra was able to capture aptly the widely ranging moods and atmospheres of the three pieces.

The ensemble is composed of an eclectic mix of people, including W&L students, VMI cadets, professional musicians, and some local residents who love participating in the group.

This motley crew is led by the expert guidance of Professor Barry Kolman. A

Brooklyn, NY native, Dr. Kolman has spent fourteen years working as the conductor for Washington and Lee's student performance groups of the Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. Dr. Kolman was trained on the clarinet and studied music education at Crane School in Potsdam NY, clarinet performance at Illinois State University and Berlin, Germany, and received his doctorate at the University of Northern Colorado. He has taught at James Madison University, Bemidji State University, Muhlenberg College, Mount Senario College in WI, as well as High School in Cheyenne WY, Denver CO, and Washingtonville, NY. He has played clarinet with the Peoria and Bloomington-Normal Symphony Orchestras as well as with the Greeley Philharmonic and Cheyenne Symphony. Dr. Kolman's varied experience has led him to guest conduct

around the globe, in such exotic locations as Poland, Brazil, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Romania and Slovakia. He has recorded 5 CDs, last one being a Gershwin CD. A sixth of the music of Kurt Weill is in the making. Dr. Kolman stated that "I love the classic repertoire but I am also extremely fond of film music."

IT AMAZES ME HOW SOMEONE WHO IS A CHEMISTRY MAJOR OR A GERMAN MAJOR OR A BUSINESS MAJOR CAN ALSO FIND TIME FOR AND BE SO DEDICATED TO THEIR MUSIC.

DR. BARRY KOLMAN

me to be the best I can be." Indeed, the ties that bind the members of the group extend way beyond the four years as students. Dr. Kolman still keeps in contact with several students who have graduated from W&L, and a recent graduate hired several of her friends and fellow musicians from orchestra to play at her wedding this summer. As might come as a surprise, most of the member of the USSO are not music

majors. In fact, Dr. Kolman states that "It amazes me how someone who is a chemistry major or a German major or a business major can also find time for and be so dedicated to their music."

The ensemble practices every Tuesday from 5-6 PM and every Wednesday from 7:30-9 PM in Dupont Hall. This year's concertmistress is freshman Celia Landgren. The group puts in many hours of hard work, especially when concerts loom large on the horizon. This year the USSO has performed in a September gala for the trustees, a November full program concert, and a December holiday show in conjunction with the Wind Ensemble, Chorus, and Chamber Singers.

University Shenandoah Symphony Orchestra is always looking for new, dedicated members to share in the superb experience of making music. For as Dr. Kolman states "I know there are many musicians on campus who are not playing in the Orchestra; they are missing out on such an enormous opportunity to be part of something so creative, so beautiful, and so memorable."



The guy next door: Of VMI sports

By SAM LAGORE/STAFF CORRESPONDENT

One of the more annoying obligations we cadets sign up for when we come to VMI has to be required attendance of a given event—on short notice.

The concept does make sense. I mean you need soldiers on the front, holding back the enemy, not by the tents playing hearts or jumping double-Dutch. After all, we go to a military school that trains up to be effective killers, right?

But VMI uses—no, abuses—this requirement for the sake of having an instant crowd of 1300 people anytime, anywhere.

It usually starts like this: a metallic voice sweeps through the Barracks over an intercom about 6:27 P.M., declaring "There will be a formation at 1830 hours on the track for a speech in Cameron Hall on the physical impact of excessive flag-waving. Uniform is gray blouse. All cadets must attend."

It's like those capsules that turn into sponge toys. Get a glass of warm water...drop the capsule in... POOF!... soggy giraffe.

As a collective we work about the same way. Find an unpopular event... make the event mandatory for cadets... POOF!... surly crowd. That's pretty impressive. If I could have 1300 of America's finest men and women™ at any give time, I would use it too.

That's why our sporting events are so well attended—not because we—all 1,300 of us—have any great love for competition of athletes, but because we have to be there under penalty of our lives becoming even more unbearable.

We don't all want to be there. Some of us can think of countless things we'd rather be doing: these include homework (heaven forbid), or shining our shoes (yeah right) or crafting beaded macramé flowerpot hangers.

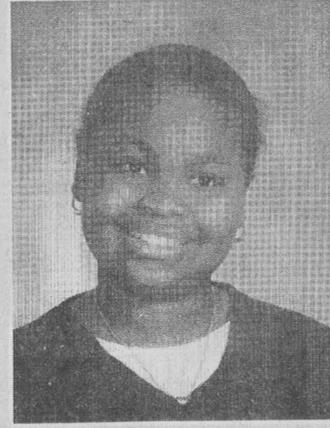
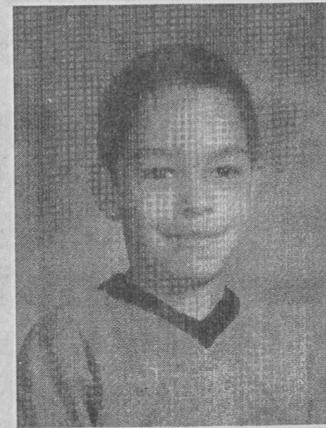
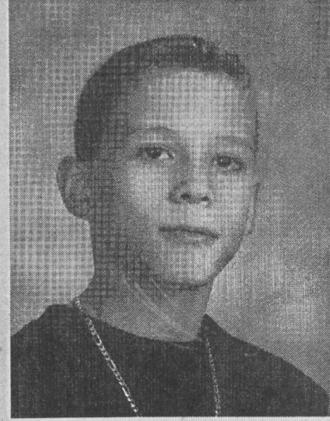
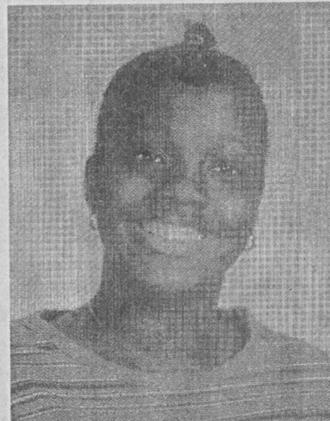
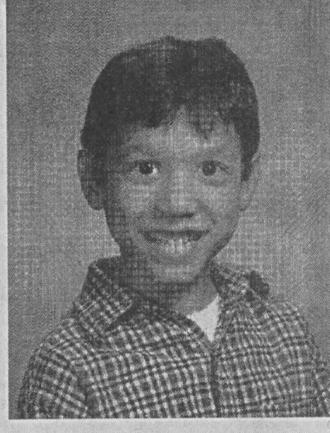
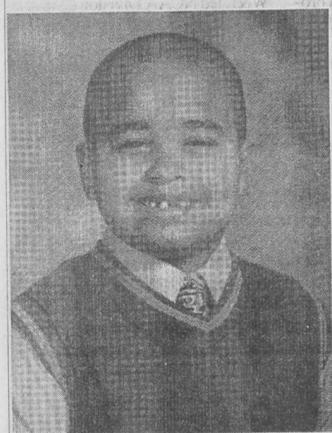
Football games at VMI are about as painful as standing still, exposed, in the sweltering sun for three hours with a blinding glare shooting straight into your pin-hole pupils. Actually, folks, that's exactly what happens. I swear if solar power companies came to Memorial Stadium on game day, the reflection of our white uniforms could power Rhode Island.

Watching the team doesn't help. Loss after loss after loss piles up, crushing our spirits. Our fight song talks about it: "For when our line starts to weaken, our backs fail to gain. Our ends are so crippled, to win seems in vain..."

The cadets who actually watch don't care about winning. They just look to beating the point spread. The rest of us wait out the clock.

So, at the next VMI-W&L Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic, when you see us staring into space, it's not us thinking about goalie stats, chop checks, or defense strategies.

We're imagining being back in our rooms, doing homework, shining our shoes, or crafting beaded macramé flowerpot hangers...or winning.



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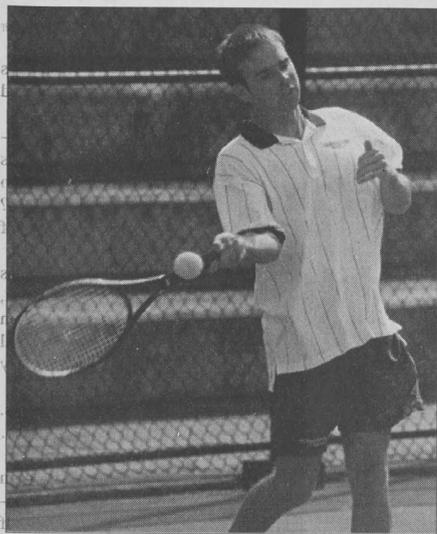
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Men's tennis team seeks return to national glory



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Generals defend ODAC championship, look to return to Atlantic South Regional

By DIYA VOHRA
SPORTS WRITER

After an NCAA Division III second round appearance a year ago, the Washington and Lee men's tennis team will look to continue its recent success in 2002.

This year's squad boasts 11 returning players and four freshmen. They believe their hard work and perseverance will show off when it counts the most, from the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Tournament to NCAA competition.

After a victory over Swarthmore in the first round of last year's Atlantic South Regional, the Generals were defeated by Washington College.

The team's biggest goal this year is to make it to the final eight — a win against Washington would have put them there in 2001 — and thus a trip to nationals. Currently ranked 19th in the nation, W&L looks forward to a triumphant season.

"On paper, it looks like we are a favorite to be at the top of the region," said senior Andrew Roberts, one of two

W&L captains. "But we saw over the fall that other teams have improved as well, and our region will be a lot stronger. It will be close again."

Roberts' co-captain, senior Rob Moynihan, says the Generals want "to beat some teams that we're not supposed to beat."

"Our strength as a team is our depth," he said. "We typically win all our matches at No. 5 and No. 6 singles, which helps to take some pressure off our top guys."

In his second year as head coach, David Detwiler is excited and optimistic about the coming months. Formerly an assistant coach to the women's tennis team, Detwiler enjoys vast experience with tennis and coaching. His main concern is that "the team stays strong by being healthy."

"We've had to deal with a lot of serious injuries this year, including senior Andrew Roberts, who had a screw put in his foot, and sophomore Austin Kim, who is still recovering from an ankle sprain," Detwiler said.

The team usually practices six days a week for two hours a day. Most of the players are currently involved in playing challenge matches that determine their seeds within the team.

Although still undecided, Detwiler should maintain his top four from last season: senior Rhys James, Roberts, Kim and sophomore Graham Nix.

Regardless of the final singles or doubles orders — Detwiler warns of "a few variations" — Moynihan points out that tennis isn't simply an individual sport.

"Since every spot in our starting lineup counts the same towards our team score, every player is equally valuable," Moynihan said.

According to the co-captain, the Generals will also be able to count on contributions from newcomers Paul McClure, Jeff Lusk, David Ellison and Marshall Viney now and in the long run.

"We've got four talented freshmen this year that will all contribute a lot to the team's success in the next four years," said Roberts, who added that he, James and McClure were the three Generals who qualified for the quarterfinals of the ITA Rolex Southeast Regional at Swarthmore in October.

The level of incoming talent can only improve by good coaching and team spirit, two intangibles that one of the freshmen has already noticed.

"Coach Detwiler has brought with him an attitude and level of coaching that will take us to the nationals," Lusk said. "The team in general is really strong, and there is not a huge gap between the levels of play. We all play to our ability, and there is close camaraderie among the team members."

The season kicks off with a match against Division I Tennessee-Chattanooga on Saturday.

W&L secures 1,000th win for program

Generals break 7-game losing skid, knock off Emory and Henry on Ian McClure's circus shot in the final second

By JEREMY FRANKLIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Finally, luck was on the side of the Washington and Lee men's basketball team.

Freshman Ian McClure's layup off the top of the backboard with 0.5 seconds remaining lifted the Generals to a 62-60 win over Emory and Henry at the Warner Center on Wednesday, snapping a seven-game losing streak and keeping W&L in contention for the final tournament slot in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

The win was also the 1,000th in the 96-year history of the program

"I'm proud of our guys," W&L coach Jeff Lafave said. "You think of all the people that you represent, that have come before you, and all the hard work that they put in. To finally get that 1,000th win is big."

"For our season and our guys, it's our fifth win of the year," he added. "Right now, we're eighth in the league and in the ODAC Tournament, which is our ultimate goal."

The Generals dictated the pace of the game on Wednesday. The Wasps, who came in averaging 84.9 points per game, didn't help themselves on the offensive end, missing all 16 of their three-point attempts.

"We knew that if we controlled the tempo, we'd be able to have some success," Lafave said. "We mixed it up (on defense) and went to that 1-3-1 zone pretty late. A combination of changing defenses and our guys' effort made a big difference."

W&L controlled the game completely in the first half, as junior John Warren scored all 13 of his point before the break behind 4-of-6 shooting



TO THE FRONT: Junior John Warren drives to the hoop in Wednesday at the Warner Center as freshman Mark Franceski (54) looks on. Warner finished with 13 points.

from three-point range. The Generals ended the first 20 minutes with a 36-26 lead.

But the Wasps, who defeated then-No. 1 Randolph-Macon just four days earlier, took away W&L's outside shooting in the second half. Emory and Henry clawed their way back into the contest, taking their first lead at 53-51 with 2:27 to play.

McClure's three-point play at the 1:42 mark gave the Generals a 56-55 lead. After the Wasps' Jay Rosser tied the game with a pair of free throws with 46 seconds remaining, W&L freshman Mark Franceski tipped in his own miss for a 60-58 lead with 17.5 seconds to play.

But Rosser drove the length of the court and hit a baseline jumper with 9.5 seconds to go, setting up McClure's heroics.

"The last few minutes of the game, the biggest thing was trying to get stops," Lafave said. "We had the score where we wanted it, and we knew we had a chance to win the game."

Though Warren was held without a point in the second half, his teammates picked it up on the offensive end. Sophomore forward Hamill Jones scored all nine of his points in the second half, and McClure had six of his 11 after halftime.

"You need guys to step up at certain times," Lafave said. "Obviously, John's

first half kept us in the game and gave us the lead, and then you had Hamill and Ian step up in the second half."

W&L fell to 5-15, including a 3-12 mark in the ODAC, with an 80-63 loss at Hampden-Sydney on Saturday. The Generals led 32-26 at halftime, but fell victim to a red-hot Tiger team after the break, as the home team shot 70 percent from the field and 7-of-8 from three-point range in the second half.

McClure and junior Touissant Crawford led W&L with 13 points each, while Warren and freshman Mike Stuart contributed 10 apiece.

The Generals step out of ODAC play on Thursday with a 7 p.m. home contest against Mary Washington.

Generals split pair of home ODAC contests

By DAVE CROWELL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When the Washington and Lee women's basketball team traveled to Roanoke on Jan. 20, the Generals and Maroons traded leads throughout the game, with neither team holding larger than a three-point cushion in the last 15:48 of regulation.

Roanoke came out victorious that night, holding on for a tough 71-62 overtime victory.

On Saturday night at the Warner Center, Katrina Williams ensured there would be no question as to the outcome, scoring Roanoke's first 10 points and leading an 18-6 run out of the gates. The Generals (9-10, 7-8 Old Dominion Athletic Conference) trailed by double digits the entire contest, finally falling 71-57.

Despite a stingy Roanoke defense that often employed the press or half-court trap in order to force 25 W&L turnovers, coach Janet Hollack believes her team's woes didn't stem from an inability to perform.

"I think the thing we're lacking right now is mental toughness," the second-year coach said. "We have the talent, the size and all the tangibles. We just aren't tough enough right now."



SEARCHING FIBES: Junior guard Elizabeth Igo played 23 minutes off the bench in W&L's 71-57 home loss to Roanoke on Friday.

Senior Megan Babst led the way for the Generals, scoring 24 points and pulling down 10 rebounds to register another double-double.

Classmate Jessica Mentz grabbed a career-high 18 boards and scored 15 points, 13 in the second half.

Williams led the Maroons with 17 points, five rebounds and five steals.

The key to Roanoke, however, was a stifling defense that forced the Generals to commit 18 turnovers and shoot 25 percent from the floor in the first half.

"We need to return to the fundamentals," Hollack said. "There are flashes of brilliance where we perform like we can, but we need to be more consistent and stick to the game plan."

The Generals' loss gave Roanoke their first winning streak of the season. The defeat also stunted W&L's attempt to start another winning streak following a Wednesday night defeat of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 60-52.

Mentz scored 26 points and grabbed 12 boards to lead the Generals in the win over the WildCats. Babst

Plagued by injuries, W&L falls to Southern Virginia

Knights average December loss with home victory

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BUENA VISTA—The return of senior 197-pounder Ezra Morse wasn't enough for the Washington and Lee wrestling team on Wednesday, as the Generals dropped a 28-22 decision to Southern Virginia on the road.

Forfeits at the 125 and 133-pound classes decided the meet, in which five wrestlers picked up individual wins for W&L (2-6).

Senior Ivan Zdanov pinned 174-pound opponent Jon Lindsey in 4:23, while sophomore 184-pounder Joe Mueller recorded a pinfall over Allen McDonald in 2:39.

Meanwhile, Morse defeated the Knights' Andrew Coffman, 9-1, in his first match since suffering a broken ankle over Christmas break.

Junior Alex Poor (165 pounds) and freshman Brian Avello (157) were the other Generals to win their matches on the night.

W&L returns home for a triangular meet against Albright and Johns Hopkins on Saturday. The event begins at 11 a.m.

Melanson, Conners named to All-America lacrosse team

Two W&L men's lacrosse players received preseason recognition from 360Lacrosse.com this week.

Junior Tom Melanson was named to the web site's First Team Preseason All-America. The midfielder won had a .735 faceoff percentage to complement nine goals and five assists in 2001.

Classmate Matt Conners was selected for the third team as a defender. W&L led NCAA Division III in scoring defense at 4.87 goals per game last season.

The Generals, 14-1 a year ago, open the 2002 season at home against Bates on Feb. 23.

W&L SPORTS SCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 5-11

Wednesday, Feb. 6
Women's Basketball
W&L at Eastern Mennonite, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7
Men's Basketball
Mary Washington at W&L, 7 p.m.

February 8-9
Indoor Track
W&L at Christopher Newport

Saturday, Feb. 9
Men's Tennis
Tennessee-Chattanooga at W&L, 11 a.m.

Wrestling
W&L Triangular, 11 a.m.
Women's Basketball
W&L at Randolph-Macon, 4 p.m.
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W&L at Eastern Mennonite, 7 p.m.

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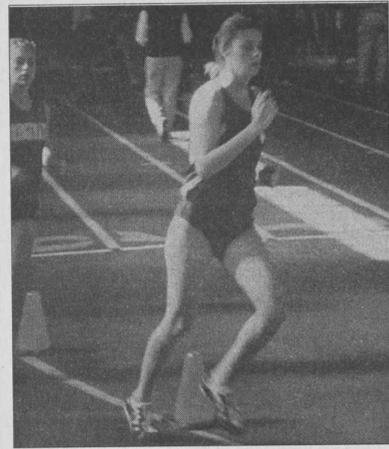
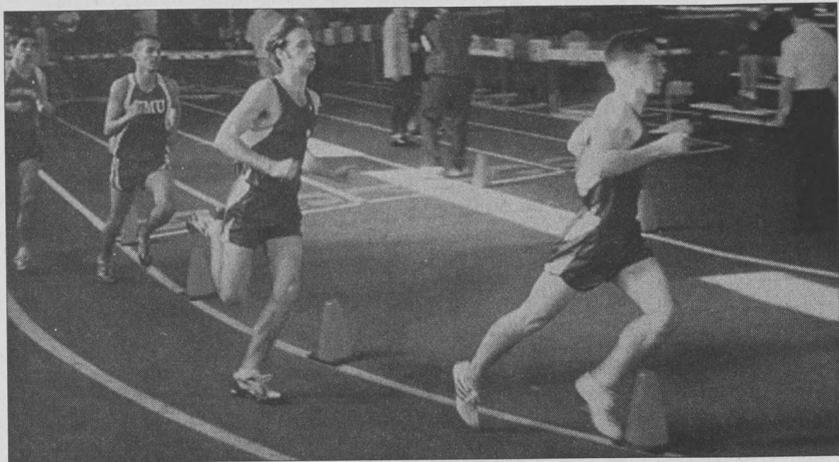
Previews of men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse and baseball, plus continued coverage of men's and women's basketball, track and wrestling.

After the Washington Holiday:

Previews of golf and women's tennis, a wrap-up of W&L winter sports, and coverage of the Generals in the spring season.

Questions, comments or suggestions? Interested in covering Washington and Lee athletics for the Phi?

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W&L crosses town, runs at VMI Relays

ENDURANCE TEST: The Washington and Lee indoor track teams skipped down to Comrack Field House for an individual-only competition on Saturday. (Above) Sophomore Andrew Fotinos chases freshman Steve Chambers in the men's mile run. (Left) Sophomore Vanessa Adams runs in the women's version of the same event. For full results and a recap of the event log on to the Washington and Lee Athletics website at athletics.wlu.edu. (Photos by Mary Gay/The Ring-tum Phi)

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