## The Ring-Tum Phi

## Forum probes W\&L diversity <br> by Llisa Landis STAFP watter <br> d-a-half," BFA member Marinda Harrell said. Psychology Professor Julie Woodzick

The "problem" of diversity was discussed at a well-attended PRIDE-sponsored forum last Thursday at Northen Auditorium.

Seniors Jesse Rockoff and Peter Cook, sophomore Brett Kirwan, freshmen Phil Walotsky and Imran Naeeemullah and Associate Dean of Students Courtney Penn comprised the panel.
The forum began with the students The forum began with the students printed in The Ring-tum Phi or other campus publications, and had been reproduced for the event. Each speaker had two to four minutes on whether Washington and Lee should pursue diversity, and, if so, how to
achieve it.
"Minorities would do well to look at the lives of Colin Powell and Condoleeza Rice and see how race affected their lives," Naeemullah - said. "Similarly race should not stop minority tential" WaL for Po ential
Naeemullah believed that W\&L should orious one. Cook asserted that fear causes W\&L to re"We needed to pay more attention to individuality and how that is respected on campus, as opposed to the specific concerns of groups," said Rockoff, who stated that life at W\&L discourages individuality

After the panel s
Issues that emerged were the new Black
male Alliance, a fraternity party incident in
which several black girls were asked to leave even after presenting university ID's, the Dining Hall's fried chicken meal on MLK Day, and the lack of welcome many under-represented students feel in the Greek system and the uni oderated "People got emotional about things, but were respectful," Woodzicka said. However, Woodzicka would have preferred thave more student "who w attend."
"We. "We had a small body of anti-diversity students attending," she said. "It was a little (like) preaching for the choir.
Woodzicka teaches Ps rejudice and Discrimination. Not all participants were happy with the Not
panel.
"(Th
"(The Black Female Alliance) was intentionally let off the panel," said Harrell. "(PRIDE lead rship) couldn't give us a reason, besides that wasn't supposed to be about the BFA. Harrell said that a BFA member was sched day of the event that she would not be tow on the panel.
"We were too controservial," Harrell said. "They didn't allow us a chance to represent ourselves" PRIDE Co-president Patrice Wedderbur responds that her organization "had set up he talk to deal with the published articles. "The forum was not designed to focus on the BFA," she said.
The idea of the panel came out of PRIDE's all retreat, Wedderburn said
"All the seats (in Northen) were full, and people were standing in the back," Wood
said. Penn estimates about 100 attended "I thought it was an important step in the ght direction," Rockoff said. "People just don't discuss things. We're too quiet a campus. The conference was arranged by juniors Mike Morrow and Erin Russell, and sophomore Nicole Davol.
forum." "We are in the planning session of another


## Record number of applicants scramble for on-campus housing

Spanish house, maxed-out Woods Creek complicate upperclassmen search

## by Kntie J. Hownil

On-campus housing interest was stronger this year an in past years, Dean of Housing Courtney Penn said. "I think the greater interest is due to the fact that re upperclass students want to stay in residence halls," he said. "More and more want to live on campus." All freshmen and upperclass students requesting o aaines Hall forsing in Woplied last Friday through ttery. Students requesting clustering suites in Gaines applied first followed by current freshmen and then pperclass students. The current freshmen and then

## Columnist Raspberry

## addresses W\&L Ethics Institute

"What are Journalists For" asks Pulitizer-Prize winner
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## by Iman Nabeenulah

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Pulitzer Prize-winning colum nist and Duke University journalism professor William Raspberry, who tas writen on the myriad topics of AIDS, the Nation
of Islam, and vio of siam, and lent rap lyrics, visited Washington and Lee this pas
Friday, March 15 . Raspberry Friday, March 15 visit was part of the School of Journalism's Institute on Ethics in Journalism, which was hosted by Washington \& Lee for the $33{ }^{41}$ time entitled "What Are Journalists For", was held in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics. In his speech. Raspberry spo of the violence emphasized in the media, and the de-emphasize on substance. He said that jourralists can entertain and divert, but their goal should be to inform.

Journalists are responsible to help democracy survive, Raspberry


## said, pointing out that some journal-

 ists see themselves as detached crit-However, Raspberry was careful However, Raspberry was careful
to point out that the way journalists do their work frequently exacerbates problems that should have helped
solve. He alluded to the need jour-nalists have of creating drama, either in the form of "hanging heads" or"lifting hearts.
When asked why he chose to come to W\&L this past weekend, Raspberry said that he came on the invitation of his old friend Journalism Professor Lou Hodges, the Knight Professor of Journalism Ethics. Although unfamiliar with workings of the W\&L journalism program, he urged W\&L journalism students
to learn to tell a story in service of the facts, rather than making the facts facts, raterer man
serve the story.

The School of Journalism was established by General Robert E. Lee during his presidency at W\&L, which makes it the oldest journalism program in the United States.
Sam Russell cont
placing in
next year.
"(The university's policy) only guarantees housing or freshmen and sophomores," Penn said. "There have
 ing coordinator Cecile West-Settle said.
approve of the project. Spanish House

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& \text { upperclass housing in Gaines Hall, } \\
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& \text { Delt Center, and the Chavis House. } \\
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## The Spanish housing project would involve common

 meals, speaking Spanish, Hispanic and Spanish food, conversation hours, guest speakers, and other special activities like flamenco lessons. The residents would be both native speakers and other students interested in improtering their Spanish-speaking skills, West-Settle said. ing their Spanish-speaking skills, West-Settle said. The proposed project would take the place of the current International House at 4 Lee Avenue. The Inter-
national housing group would move to the current Delt Center located at 106 Lee Avenue if University officials

The University held an executive staff meeting today to decide whether this project and move are a viable housing opportunity. Minor renovations will be necessary to convert 106 Lee Avenue into a co-educational facility and 4 Lee Avenue also needs minor improvements.
and International Houses," he said. "They just don't know where they will live yet."
Penn said most students are satisfied whir living arrangements for next year. He said while some students are not in their first-choice housing the University has still been able to accommodate all applicants. "Soods Creek is such a premium property," Penn said. "Some are concerned that the lottery is not fair, but that usually comes from students that are at a low pick. think the system is fairly legitimate.
Penn said that the Housing Departmen
"We have been working in ideas ine. 5 he said. "There is working on ideas in the 5 -year plan, residential future. We are in need of some new or better facilities."

## 2000-2001 Grade distribution

 Highest percentages of grades> 17.2 Theater 8.1 Engineering
> 50.0 Public Policy/Russian (tie)
> 35.3 Neuroscience 33.3 Russian Studies

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## Husband-wife team

 presents lecture double-header
## sy Pettre Quacenends

Northwestern's Richard Kieckhefer and Barbara Newman gave two nights of lectu their respective fields of medieval study. Kieckhefer, a religion and history professor, delivered a lecture Monday on "Inventing Guilt and Innocence in Early Witch Trials," in Leyburn
Library's Northen Auditorium. Kieckhefer's professional work focuses and the history of the late medieval Christian church

Kieckefer's wife, Barbara Newman, a professor of English and religion, followed his lecture with one of her own covering the 13 th cen-
tury poetry of Hadewijch of Brabant. Newman tury poetry of Hadewijch of Brabant. Newman in medieval society.
Despite differing disciplines, both are interested in medieval history.
"We're both medievalists," Newman explained.

We [both] go to medieval conferences at Kalamazoo," Kieckhefer agreed.

While the majority of lecturing tours for Newman and Kiekhefer do not involve travel-
ing together, occasionally the opportunity arises ing together, occasionally the opportunity arises for them to share their overlapping fields of knowledge.
History

History Professor David Peterson invited at the opportunity.
"It'd just be convenient," Newman said,
"It's not unusual for (both of us to speak at It's not unusual for (both of) us to speak at
other universities." On average, W\&L's academic department usually bring in about 10 to 20 speakers each. The Williams School brings in approxiand 75 speakers for its politics, economics retary ISinda Bassett-de Maria.
"That includes two seminars where we've five speakers," Bassett-de Maria. History Professor Holt Merchant himself brings
classes.
""Sometimes you know of them," Merchant said, "s

Guest lecturers usually run at lower price than those brought in by the student-run Con tact Committee, partially due to their lack of gen eral celebrity. The price can run anywhere, Merchant said, but usually clock in around $\$ 500$, plus traveling expenses.
Speakers brought in for classes usually
spend at least a day with $W \& L$ spend at least a day with W\&L students participate in class seminars, and may eat
lunch and dinner with students. When Newman arrived for her lecture, she sat on a couple of classes helped further the discussions.
"Werth," typically get more than our money's


Former national security advisor to discuss terrorism

Anthony Lake, who served as national security advisor during the Clinton administration, will discuss terrorism and other security issues affecting the country at
Washington and Lee University on Tuesday, March 19 . Lake's speech, which is open to the public, is at 7:30 p.m. in Lee Chapel. It is sponsored by W\&L's student-run Contact Committee.

In his speech, Lake will draw on his life-long career as a national security strategist to discuss the role globalization plays in the country's national security, particularly with regard to cyber crime and terrorism. trations, Lake was appointed by President Clinton as natrations, Lake was appointed by President Clinton as na-
tional security advisor and served as the point man on Clinton's foreign policy team from 1993-96
"In moments of crisis, in times of triumph, he has alway been at my side," Clinton said of Lake and their close relationship. As head of Clinton's foreign policy team, Lake strategized and implemented some of the most pressing
foreign policy issues since the end of the Cold War. He foreign policy issues since the end .of the Cold War. He
guided the United States through such geopolitical ho spots as Bosnia, North Korea, Haiti, Iraq, Somalia and China, while also extending the reach of democracy globally.

Phi Beta Kappa inducts new members
Washington and Lee University's upcoming Phi Beta Kappa and Society of the Cin
held Thursday in Lee Chapel.

Joel Weisberg, professor of physics and astronomy at Carleton College, delivered the convocation address "The Lives and Deaths of Stars: From Gas Clouds to White
Dwarfs, Pulsars, and Black Holes" Dwarfs, Pulsars, and Black Holes."
The convocation honored W\&L students recently
accepted into Phi Beta Kappa based on their outanding accepted into Phi Beta Kappa based on their outstanding character and superior academic records. Phi Beta Kappa
advocates that colleges and universities admit no more advocates that colleges and universities admit no more
than 10 per cent of class members. This year, W\&L juniors becoming part of Phi Beta Kappa had to have a minimum 3.8 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Tuesday, March 19
7:30 p.m.-Contact Lecture
A Long Road Ahead: Global ization and the War on Terrorism," Anthony Lake, former Na tional Security Advisor to President Clinton. Lee Chapel A reception will immediately fo
low in the Alumni House.

Wednesday, March 20 6:30p.m.-Leadership Seminar Series. "Leading with Vi205. Faciliversity Center, Room Datz, director of Wy.C. "Burr velopment.
8:00 p.m.- Alcoholics AnonyWous Meeting. Fairfax Lounge. All Lexington community are welco Coffee is provided.

Thursday, March 21 $\qquad$ 3:00 p.m.- Writing Program Acetter Essay and Composition Re quirement. Fairfax Lounge, University Center. Refreshments provided. events
8:00 8:00 p.m.- Fancy Dress Concer Bela Fleck and the Flecktones. Stu
dent Activities Pavilion. Doors open at 8 and concert starts at 9 . Tickets are $\$ 15$ for W\&L community, $\$ 18$ for non-w \&L community. Tickets: on sab.wlu.edu/upcoming.htm.

Friday, March 22
All Day-Frances Lewis Law Center Symposium. The Jurisprudential Legacy of the Warren Court. Moot Court Room, Lewis Hall. 9:00 p.m.-Fancy Dress. Warner Center.

## Gornews?

 EMAIL PHI@wLU.BDU attributed to say that none of the new presidential candidates worked for Washington and Lee. Helen Hughes wasincorrectly stated to be the e irst female EC officer since Beth Formidoni. That same year junior Jennifer Jackson was
secretry secretary. The next year Ashlyn Dannely, a third year law student, was secretary.

> Wild about FD flowers from the Jefferson Florist


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Staff Editorial
Abolish Fancy Dress
Universities should set priorities, or at least hew to the ones set by the College Board and Princeton Review. And let is be serious, an $\$ 80,000$ ball does not help Washington and Lee Rather, W\&L should seize the FD Steering Committee's fund and redirect it toward worthier ends.
The Board of Trustees instituted the Swarthmorification Plan in 1994 to improve W\&L's reputation among the trustees of other liberal arts institutions. This meant streamlining tradition, jettisoning the most popular aspect attracts our unique variety of student.

Some might protest that student subscription largely funds the event. But that's no ex cuse. We wouldn't approve if W\&L students wanted to blow their money on "smack," or wanted to blow their money on smack, or plant And when you think about it funding an plant. And whe young an event that encourages drinking and drugging is no different. It's just one step removed. nate their money for worthier projects. How nate their money for worthier projec
about funding school enhancements?

One possibility is to fund scholarships bringing in more students from the world beyond. The money spent on each year's Fancy Dress could increase our school's number who are not Southern, white, SUV-driving fraternity members by four

Eighty thousand "World Peace" bumper tickers would do much to beautify the Volkswagon mini-buses soon, should the plan succeed, to grace our fair campus
We should take advantage of this untapped soure of funding to accelerate our progress to becoming a liberal liberal arts school. How deliciously ironic it would be to transmute our students' base desires into a higher place on US News' Top Twenty.

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## Splinter groups do not contribute to diversity


#### Abstract

day evening has prompted me to write an article specifi cally addressing the issue of diversity. I had been invite to sit on a student panel at the forum, presumably to share my views with the attendees of the forum, but in actuality to serve as a target for criticism of the school, the Greel system and white students in general.

The forum began well enough, with each panelist sharing his views and Deean Cournney Penn summing up the efforts that the administration has made, all of which were prompted by Pres. Elrod admonishing the Board of Trustees that he was fed up with the situation of diversity on campus in May 1999, and the subsequent formation of the Committee for a More Inclusive Community.

The discussion soon took a turn for the worse, owever, with students of every ethnicity bringing up however, with students of every ethnicity bringing up examples of the terrible racism and prejudice on campus. Rather than a constructive discussion of the prob lem and possible solutions, though, the forum neve "victim" status for all the minorities on campus, whether racial, religious or sexual preferential. Much of the evening's discussion was little more than nit-picking on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day dinner, the meaning and message of the names of different campus groups and the precise location of ID-checking brothers at fraternity parties. Little of substance was discussed, but few of the attendees seemed eager to change the tone and focus of the discussion from blaming and complaining. There may in fact be a problem with the treatmen that minority students receive on campus. In fact, convincing evidence was provided to convincing evidence was provided to support this claim. However, the last people that needed to hear such were the people at the forum.  Moreover, many of the forum's


Moreover, many of the forum's
tendees refused to accept that attitudes cannot changed by admonition and angry criticism. A recent
trend on campus, exemplified by the formation of the Black Female Alliance, or BFA, is for minority groups to sequester themselves in exclusive organizations and not seek to join fully the W\&L community. In response to the problems with diversity on campus, I suggested that these groups, although they have the admirable goal of making W\&L a more understanding and ac the exactly wrong way.


Funny Thing Happened at the Forum: Students discussed racism and prejudice at PRIDE's well-attended diversity forum.
If minority students wish to change the attitudes on monplace among W\&L fraternities. ampus and no longer be treated as outsiders, they must the to become part of the community, not withdraw from tit forming exclusive groups. It was established he some students may feel arraid or uncomfortable in of black femas is that. Only through exposure chang hat. Only through exposure to and T OF THE AISLE shared experiences with minority stuTT T. Kirwan ${ }^{\text {'0 }} 04$ prejudices changed.
o socialize largely only with one other, they will never encounter the many W\&L students who are free from prejudice, but will instead allow past slights to fester. Many complaints were aired about the fraternity sysem. It was said that flat-out racism exists and students of color are deliberately excluded from the system. However, rather than examine the facts of the issue, generalizations were thrown about, accusing all fraternities of racism. In tional students. Before this year's pledge class, we had tional students. Before this year's pledge class, we had

Distressingly, the administration is doing little to ncourage minority and international students to ex plore and join the fraternity system and may in fact be doing much to discourage their involvement. International students are told on the first day of orientation tem is not for them and they won't be accepted. The MSA engages in similar propagandizing. They create MSA engages in similar propagandizing. They create about the state of the fraternity system.
Minority and international students come to W\&L not as familiar with Greek life as the average student. If the administration wants to change the level of their participation in the system, it needs to take an active role in encouraging their participation, not discourage their involvement. In sum, if minority students truly want to see change in the culture at W\&L, they can no longer sequester themselves in exclusive organizations. They must join the exwith majority students. I'd bet they'll be surprised to find with majority students. I'd bet they'll be surprised to find

## Senate says 'No' to clean air, 'Yes' to auto lobby

New fuel economy restrictions rejected even though technology exists that allows their implementation; responsibility left to Bush

over the next thirteen years. As a matter of The that is more than enough time.
The latest issue of Popular The latest issue of Popular Science showcases a new hybrid prototype that
Honda is toying with. It is a sports car with more than three hundred horses under the hood, a V6 and a three electric engine hybrid system that gets nearly fifty miles to the gallon. What is more, this car could be on the showroom floor in three years. Also, this car's zero to 60 time is greater than a car of the same horsepower and engine that is not a hybrid. This works because the car has three electric engines, one attached to gas-combustible and two at both of the
car's front wheels, doing nearly all the work when the car is accelerating.

The reality is politicians. with assets in the oil and energy industries still desire to see things the way they have been. However, the ecological ramifications of America's gas consumption will catch up to us.

One real problem with current legislation was the unforeseeable market for SUV's, which were nearly unheard of when the legislation first passed in 1975. These vehicles are classified as "light trucks" and are not
subject to the same corporate average fuel subject to the same corporate average fuel
economy (CAFE) legislation. Therefore, as economy (CAFE) legislation. Therefore, as
their sales have dramatically increased, the their sales have dramatically increased, the
average number of miles per gallon of cars average number of miles per gallon of cars
on American roads has dropped to twentyfour. It has not been this low since 1980 .

So, the only thing that can be done is for Americans to begin buying more re-
sponsible vehicles to send Detroit the message that our society is ready to embrace this wonderful hybrid technology. With more and more on the way, our options are much more than the small cars like the can car companies market these cars well, put their brains behind making the technology work for the cars Americans want, gy work for the cars Americans want,
those in Detroit can keep their jobs and do those in Detroit can keep their jobs and do
the environment a favor at the same time.

## TALKbick: What is your favorite fancy drink?


"O’Douls."
Danny Jones, ${ }^{05}$

"Strawberry daquiris." -Esta Acree, 05


White Russian"
Landon Lane, "05


Good ol'Shirley Temple. -Leah Greenberg, "05


Belfast Car Bomb.'
-Dustin Olson 02

Forum exposes bigotry and victimization of false diversity forces

AtPRIDE's diversity forum held last
Thursday, I spoke about my recent arThursday, I spoke about my recent article criticizing the Black Female Alliance for what I felt was its racist rhetoric and attempt to polarize W\&L. After the fo-
rum, I found myself even more shocked rum, I found myself even more shocked
by the blatant intolerance and bigotry of my the miatant intities, and their resistance to positive change at W\&L
Several black students spoke about the difficulty of being a black student at $\mathrm{W} \& \mathrm{~L}$. They mentioned feeling like an outsider, being ignored by students as they walked past, and sometimes feeling unsafe, all valid concerns. However, the only apparent solution proposed by the
false diversity forces is to continue to falsely diversify and recruit more and falsely diversify and recruit more and
more minority students who do not fitin. It is the worst possible solution. In order to give a reality check to the more enthusiastic supporters of diversity, who were frequently unable to orefrain from feeding the emotional lovefest that makes feeding the emotional loverest that makes
realize that for many minorities, diversiy
is not an issue.
I used the example of two black I used the example of two black people who grew up poor-one of then ancheve national prominence: Secretary of State Colin Powell and National Secul rity Advisor Condoleeza Rice. Despite this, after the forum was over, a friend of mine came over and said that my two examples didn't count because both Sec cetary Powell and Ms. Rice are Republincours faulty logic, because the Righ hemselves minorties to stop viewing bornly choose to take the easy route proposed by the Left of playing the "vic tim" role, that is their mistake to "rake. Most disturbing however wa the issue of the "traditional" W\&L student: the wealthy Southern white male. One audience member told me that "it will probably be at least a gen-
eration before (wealthy Southern white males who join fraternities) w
campus," but thatinated from this Beyond the dbving so is a must. his very type of sudent fact that it is great, and that graces the ranks of our far-reaching alumni network, I challenge anyone advocating this type of change to show me a single college or university in this country where false diversification has made a positive are obvious benefits,
like being able to interact with people ofmany - MmRAN NaEemuLLaH '05 their actions, anyway, act with people of many since they contribute different backgrounds if one chooses to directly to the decline of the speaking do so, the downside is that this is very tradition.
The false diversity forces realize
This, which is why they want toeliminate the "traditional" W\&L student, so that the "traditional W\&L student, so that
there is no room for friction. This is unfortunate, because it need not be the case. By and large, the "traditional" W\&L student is color-blind and accepting of others. However, the minority community is
which recently established a chapter at W\&L- to perceive race as an issue. They generate a mentality of fear and loathing that causes minorities to believe that when they walk down the Colonnade and are ignored by someone they seemto understand that it's farmore likely seem to understand thatit'sfar more likely
that the person is simVING RESPONSE plyajerk. Those people tradition. To those who advocate false diversity at Washington and Lee, I urge you
once again to heed my words: separate once again to heed my words: separate emotion from the facts. Don" t make bigoted statements like "we must eliminate
wealthy Southern white males from this school." Those statements are frightenschool." Those statements are frighten-
ingly remiscent of " "problem"" Hitler and his Nazi party faced last century. How
world knows the ugly story.

## While the fals.

 't proposing genocide diversity forces aren 't proposing genocide, they cer-tainly seem to harbor a seething tainly seem to harbor a seething hatred
of the "traditional" W\&I stadent of the "traditional" W\&L student, and instead of facing their fears and angers,
seek to take the easy route This is they splinter into groups like the BFA, because it helps them stay in their comfort zone instead of integrating into the W\&L community. Witness the self-segregating tables in the D-hall.

It appears that the type of minority student at W\&L hasn't progressed much from the 1960 's, which suggests that the mentality of minorities in the country as a whole hasn't changed a whole lot ei-
ther. It's an altogether sad state of afther. Ifs an altogether sad state of af-
fairs, and while W\&L certainly cannot take on the problems of the entire country, it can certainly mold its future leaders to advocate positive change. This applies to minorities as well as "traditional" W\&L students.

WeI sought class of female students at W\&L sought to prove its worth by being extremely studious and abstaining from
social "distractions" like soroities social ""istraction"" like sororities. Later
female W\&L sudent female W\&L students realized that they could integrate more fully into W\&L and
embrace its traditions, and the school embrace its traditions, and the school
made every effort to accommodate them, most recently with the consstruction of those gorgeous sorority houses. Similarly, the minorities at this school need to realize that the "icebreaker" generation entered this school a long time ago, and they need to move toward integrating more fully into W\&L and embracing its traditions. It is they who are lagging far behind the times, not the school. They need to stop pointing the blame at
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## Lexington native returns to describe growing up gay

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On Monday, March 25, Lexington native and current San Francisco resident Kirk Read will be coming home to give a talk about being openly gay in high school. He will be speaking here at Northen auditorium at 8 pm . The title of Mr. Read's talk is "How We Learn to Snap: Growing Up Gay in the South." His talk is based on his autobiographical book "How I Learned to Snap", which was honored by both the Lambda Literary Awards and the American Library Association. He is an Echols Scholar and graduate of the University of Virginia.
He has been writing since the tender age of thirteen, He has been writing since the tender age of thirteen,
and has done much study in the field of theatre. and has done much study in the field of theatre.
Since his graduation from college, he has lived in Washington, D.C., New York, Virginia, and now San Francisco. Mr. Read is a freelance writer, who has
 currently working on his second book.

## How much of your talk is autobiographical? This entire book is about my life as a teenager.

 True story.While growing up in Lexington, did you have much contact with W\&L or VMI?

If you grew up as a townie in Lexington, chances are you had
a lot of contact with VMI and a lot of contact with VMI and
W\&L. Since Dad worked at VMI, I practically grew up at VMI athletic events. As a kid I was constantly at the W\&L library, wandering the stacks. And from eighth grade on, I went to tons of concerts at the pavilion, where I'd sneak under the railing into * the beer garden. This was back in the golden age of college radio, when we'd get lots of bands from Athens, * Georgia. Not all this frat boy jam band stuff that come Did you attend Rockbridge County High I attended Lexington High School before it was solidated into Rockbridge County High School. miss the school being small and intimate. My sense is that teachers were happier at the smaller sehool * because it was more manageable and had When tid you was less institutional.
When did you come out? Were your friends and family accepting of you?

I came out gradually from the beginning of high
chool onward. I came out to friends and teachers school onward. I came out to friends and teachers
one at a time, then came out to everyone in town in one at a time, then came out to everyone in town in
a play I wrote when I was 16 . My friends were all very accepting. My family was mostly accepting. Some of them struggled with it aṇd continue to struggle What surprised you most about your high school's reaction to your homosexuality?

What I really enjoyed about Lexington high school was that it had pockets of liberal and creative thinking in the faculty. Those people really helped make the school safer for some of us.
Any humorous or touching stories you would
When I was
When I was performing in Richmond last month, we did a benefit for gay youth at the future site of
the Virginia Holocaust museum, this big Tonacco Row warehouse. The guy who introduced me was a Holocaust survivor and had lived in a dirt bunker as a child. It was absolutely amazing to hear this man welcome the audience and talk about how gay people were rounded up by the Nazis and assure us that our place in history would be honored there.. straight love coming home to Lexington because straight people to me and tell me mon to me ant to set me up with him - "I have this friend want to set me up with him - Thave this friend, reminds me of you." And then I tell them that I like big Bubba types, guys that look like bouncers, and they don't really know what to do with that. It's so sweet, because they're reaching out, doing the best they can. You gotta love that.

What inspired you to write your book and talk
AS A KID I WAS to students? CONSTANTLY at the the sort of book that W\&L Library, WANDERING THE STACKS. And from eighth GRADE ON, I went to TONS OF CONCERTS AT thé pavilion, where I' SNEAK UNDER THE railing into the beer

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experimenting with adolescence is all about fore, because that's what adolescence is all about for many of us. Kids are so
fascinated by sex and drinking and drugs and I think

## it in an honest way. I also wanted to write about

 it in an honest way. I also wanted to write about There's this stereotype about gay guys being into disco music and for me its always been punk and underground music.What have your personal experiences taught you about life, people, etc
Touring with this book has taught me a number of things recently, because I've met several thousand people along the way. I hear so
many stories about growing up, and the straight many stories about growing up, and the straigh
people say that high school was hard for them people say that high school was hard for them
too. High school is a nightmare for everybody Awkward crushes, bad poetry, chasing beer with Awkward crushes, bad poetry, chasing beer with
whiskey, getting grounded, wrecking cars. That stuff transcends sexual identity. One thing I love is giving straight people an opportunity to ask me anything they want with the rule that there are no dumb questions. What ends up happening is that they ask me really sensible questions how do gay people have sex, when did I know I was gay, those kinds of basic questions. And I ask them the same sorts of questions
and we get a dialogue going. and we get a dialogue going
I think most prejudice is based on fear of the unknown. I love sitting down with a straight person and saying "Hey, it's okay to be fascinated. What do you
want to know?" Giving people freedom to start
healing
What can we at Washington and Lee lo
forward to seeing and hearing in your upcoming
My readings are really funny. I like to teach cheers to the audience, really insane nonsensical cheers that our high school cheerleading squad did. It scares me how I have total recall of those cheers. I've done a lot of stand up comedy, so there's an element of that in my performances. Definitely don't expect me to sip water and stand behind some boring lectern, kids, because I grew up Methodist and now I just will not DO podiums What are your feelings about returning to
have mixed feelings, now that the book is out. I lover. Lexington but I feel really exposed when I come back here. I put my adolescence up there on the chopping block and it's completely freaky to know that people who held me as a baby are reading about my first sexual experiences. When I come home for Christmas, I love going to the Palms and seeing friends from high school. I'm always the one calling everyone,
keeping in keeping in
touch with touch with love keeping tabs on my high school friends. It grounds me. Does your background in theatre
help you to feel more ddressing groups
Definitely. I could tell pretty quickly that I asn't cut out to be an actor, but I learned a lo rom theatre. I started reading my writing out loud when I was in high school, so n
hink of it being read out loud

Anything else you would like to share?
If you think you have a gay friend, the best thing you can do for that person is to mention gay ssues or gay people in casual conversation. Just keep dropping hints and make it clear that you're o freated our if that person came to to you Also f people around you are making antigay jokes aying "That's so gay" speak up and make it clear that they're being insensitive.
Teachers can make classrooms safer by making clear that gay people are a part of literature and history. How can you teach English class withou mentioning gay writers like James Baldwin, Wa Whitman and Willa Cather? How can you teach history without mentioning Bayard Rustin, the rchitect of the 1964 March on Washington? How can you leave out the sexuality of Eleanor Rooseve or Bessie Smith?

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# W\&L, Jackets split ODAC pair <br> Weather forces Generals to 

postpone 3 of 5 home games
by Jerbay Franklin
sports Editor
With the doubleheader-heavy Old Dominion Athletic Conference sched ule, sometimes a split is the best you
That's what the Generals (9-5, 4-2 ODAC) got against Randolph-Macon at Cap'n Dick Smith Field on Satur-
day. All six of W\&L's conference games have come in twinbill format,
with the Generals coming up with two

## splits and a sweep.

If you split and get two sweeps, I think that's 10 wins, and that gets you Stickley said of the W\&L coach Jeff ule. "These are the ODAC schedule. "These are the ODAC doubleand two. (starters) and you've just got to hang in there and keep battling" In the first game, the Yellow Jack
ts (5-6, 1-3) tagged sophomore Peter Dean for four runs in the second inning, and the Generals could neve rally in the 5-2 loss.
Doug McCray pitched the seven-
inning complete game for the winners, striking out five. The loss dropped Dean to 3-1 and was the first defeat of is collegiate career. hard against McCray, most of their cuts were right at the Randolph-Ma-
cuts were right at the Randolph-Ma-
con defense. ids that were hitting the ball really

JACKETS bLANKED: Sophomore Dan Kagey fires home in second game of a doubleheader on Saturday. Kagey pitched Math Washington and Lee's $5-0$ win over.Randolph-Macon in the complete game shutout, recording seven strikeouts.
sharply, but they were hitting it right at people," said junior center fielder Bobby Littlehale, who was 2 -for- 4 in each game of the doubleheader. "The o our way where they didn't go our way in the first game."
game.
bottom of the third, but W\&L quickl changed that. Sophomore second baseman Austin Allain walked and then scored when Hanson tripled to he right field corner.
Littlehale singled in junior short top Michael Hanson and stole second, and the Generals later loaded the bases with one out. But W\&L man as Littlehale scored se Ala Johnson's wild pitch for 3-0 lead That was more than enough of-
improved to 3 -2 with the complete game shutout. The righthander gave up just three hits and four walks while striking out seven. Thad pretty decent stuff, but it trol," Kagey said. "In the fifth, sixth rol," Kagey said. "In the fifh, six ter control, and all three of my pitches were working."
W\&L extended the lead with insurance runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Allain smacked a one-out single in the fourth, advancing to third on an errant pick-off attempt and a wild pitch. He scored on Hanson's opposite-field sacrifice fly
other run an inning later other run an inning later, as senior
right fielder Todd Gosselink reached base on a fielder's choice and scored base on a fielder's choice and scored
on sophomore left fielder Paul Sibley's
wo-out double.
Littlehale said that W\&L would have preferred to sweep the Yellow Jackets, but was pleased that his team responded after coming up short in the first game.

We didn't feel like we needed to sweep Randolph-Macon, but we
wanted to sweep them," he said "If wanted to sweep them," he said. "If
we play these guys 10 games, we'll beat them eight or nine out of 10 . It was just one of those days where we didn't come out real sharp, and it kind of burned us a little bit early on." Weather disrupted the Generals' schedule twice this week, as a Tuesday game against Mary Washington and Sunday's doubleheader against West
Virginia Tech were both postponed W\&L travels to ODAC opponent Bridgewater for a 3 p.m. Wednesday game.

## Men's tennis sweeps Saturday matches

ISSITANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's tennis team mproved to $6-1,3-0$ in Old Dominion Athletic and $6-1$ victory over Salisbury Stien day afternoon.
"I know that but I was very impre very strong in ODAC play couple of good players and it was a great test see where we stand in the South region.
In the conference victory over Bridgewater he Generals rolled off nine wins without dro ping more than three games in any set. The match against Salisbury State proved Paul McClure lost a close match to Nick Peel No. 1 singles, 6-3, 7-6.
W\&Lquickly avenged McClure's defeat, however, as senior Rhys James, sophomores Austin

## C. Schaeferall won singles match

James endured a tough battle with Scott James endured a tough battle with Scott
Mayberry in order to grab a $6-4,7-6$ (3) victory Mayberry in orde
"Rhys played a great match," Detwiler said. "He was down 5-0 and came back strong to take that second set.
Twas also very impressed with how Paul played," the coach added. "He was facing a very some toughness."
The Generals will face their next test when hey travel to Danville on Tuesday afternoon in order to face Averett College, a squad that has given W\&L problems in the past.
"We'll practice hard and make sure we're wellprepared for Averet,, Detwiler said. They have bit, so we should do well. We're playing great ennis right now.
The Averett match begins at 3 p.m.

Generals top Nazareth, fall at Franklin \& Marshall

Mary Gy//The RingrumPhi
One scoop: Senior co-captain Emily Owens scored a goal in Washington and Lee's 8.7 comeback win over Nazateth ar the Liberty Hall Fields on Wednesday

## by Dave Crowell

assistant sports editor
The Washington and Lee
women's lacrosse team finished women's lacrosse team finished off with a disappointing loss to 15 th ranked Franklin \& Marshall, 13-8.
The defeat followed on the heels of an impressive come-from-behind lege, $8-7$, on Wednesday atternoon The momentum, however, couldn't carry W\&L past the Diplomats. Franklin \& Marshall started the contest by stunning the Generals with a four-goal barrage within the first nine minutes. Sophomore midfielder Kelly Taffe and senior defender Julie Carskadon responded with goals a W\&L closed the gap to two. The Generals trailed $6-3$ at haltrime and stayed within four goals of Franklin mark of the second half Over the ne $6 \cdot 30$, the Diplomats exploded for si 6.30, he Diplomats exploded for six with nine minutes to play. Sophomore Lee Wheeler tallied two goals and junior Leslie Bogart and freshman Kristen Brown each added one goal apiece, but it was too little, too late.
rhythm" coach gor into a clear "Whythm," coach Jan Hathorn said. then would get into their zone and advantage of mistakes, which we advantage of mistak
were never able to do,
A slow start also plagued W\&L in Wednesday's victory over Nazareth. The Golden Flyers dominated the first 15 minutes of the firs half, getting out to a 3-0 lead while winning most faceoffs and annoy ing the Generals' attack. W\&L had problems with catching the ball in front of the net, a weakness that Hathorm atributed pressure to win a big game. tight. We're afraid to lose a game so we lose our aggressiveness, Hathorn said.
After heading into halftime down
$4-1$, the Generals began to chip away at Nazareth's lead. Bogart assisted on two goals as she tied Erika Snyder's W\&L record for career assists. She later broke the record at the 16:08 mark of the second half on Nazareth's lead to $6-4$
Nazareth's lead to 6-4.
Wheeler's goal als
order to take an 8-6 lead. Freshman Maggie Speasmaker tallied the final wo scores in the last 10 minutes including the game-winner. pperclassmen, who sparked the comeback.
"I thought (senior co-captain) Julie Carskadon had an incredible game and stood out for the entire 60 niors really picked this team up and the freshmen, especially Maggie he freshmen, especially Maggie,
followed the lead. They discovered some important things about themselves in a critical game.
Hathorn also described team spirit as an intangible that made the differ"critical and essential" to the outcome. Bogart led the Generals with one goal and four assists. Speasmaker and classmate Kitt Murphy each talied two goals in the winning effort. The next couple or week, howGenerals to forget about Saturday's loss and focus on the next game. "We need to return to the basics and focus on the fundamentals," Hathorn said. "We need to learn from our mistakes and forget past history." W\&L returns to action this Saturday when they host nationally-ranked Mary Washington, the team that ended

Martin leads men's lax to win at Franklin \& Marshall BALTIMORE-Sophomore Dustin Martin recorded a career-high \& Marshall 10-6 in men's lacrosse at Loyola Blakefield on Saturday
The Generals and Diplomats traded goals through most of the first half, as sophomore Matt Fink drew Barnett and sophomore Mike McNamara each scored a goal Martin's second goal gave $\mathbf{W}$ 6-3 lead with 7:02 left in the third quarter, but Franklin \& Marshall cut the lead to $6-5$ by the period's end. But the Generals outscored the DipMartin 41 in the fourth quarter, as man Gavin More and Fink and freshThe win kid for the No 7 Cwo-game losing open Old Dominion Athletic $\mathbf{C l}$ ence play on Saturday with a $1: 30 \mathrm{pm}$. home game against Roanoke.

Scoreboard
Washington and Lee Golf Results from the Ferrum Spring Invitational, held
March 11-12 at the Water's Edge County Club in March $11-12$ at the Water
Smith Mountain Lake:

## Team Standings

| Women's Tennis Scores | Washington and Lee Golf |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Friday, March 15 (Lexington) | Results from the Ferrum Spring Invitational, held March 11-12 at the Water's Edge Country Club in |  |
| Washington and Lee 9, Bridgewater 0 |  |  |
| Singles | March 11-12 at the Water's Edge Country Club in Smith Mountain Lake: |  |
| 1. Laura Bruno (W\&L) d. Lynsey L |  |  |
| 2. Sallie Gray Strang (WZL) d. Jenniier Goodwin, 6-1, 6-1 | Team Standings |  |
| 3. Catherine Torrey Stroud (W\&L) d. Mandy Sager, $6-0$, | 1. Christopher Newport | 316-305-62 |
|  | 2. Washington and Le | 1-312-623 |
| Emily Tay (or (W\&L) d. Annie | 3. Roanoke | 310-317-627 |
| 6. Sahar Kamal (W\&L) d. Anne Yost, $6-0,6-2$ | 4. Randoloph-Macon | 313-322-635 |
| Doubles | 5. Sewanee | 3-323-636 |
| 1. Melissa HatleyEİika Proko (W\&L) d. LandisYost, 8-0 | 6. Bridgewater | 320-317-637 |
| 2. Bruno/Strang d. Goodwin/McKenzie, 8 -1 | 7. Lynchburg | 332-310-642 |
| 3. Meredith Bailey/Stroud d. Kuhn/Sager, 8-2 | 8. N.C. Wesleyan | 1-336-647 |
| ashingon and Lee 9, Emory \& Henry | 9. Hampden-Sydney | 20-328-648 |
| Singles | 10. N.N. Apprentice | 323-333-656 |
| Lindsay Hagerman (W\&L) d. | 11. Heidleberg, | 29.344-673 |
| 2. Elizabeth McCracken (W\&L) d. Lea McNutt, $6-0,6-0$ | 12. Ferrum | 346-330-676 |
| 3. Marie Trimble (W\&L) d. Nicole Fuselier, $6-1,6-0$ | 13. Shenandoa | 340-344 |
| 4. Ellie Simpson (W\&L) d. Jessica Cassell, $6-2,6,0$ |  |  |
| 5. Lora Farris (W\&L) d. Cecille Lawson, 6 -0, , --1 | W\&L Scores |  |
| 6. Lauren Burrow (W\&L) d. Sara Childers, , 6-0, 6-0 | T5. Chip Campbell | 74-80-154 |
| ubles | T5. Ged Johnson | 75-79-154 |
| Hagerman/Manning Willard d. GotschallMMCNutt |  |  |
| 2. Elizabeth Law/MCCracken d. FuselierrLaura Inman, 8-0 | 10. Caros Spant | 80-76-156 |
| 3. Simpson/Trimble d. Laura Labadie/Ashley Ornduff, 8-1 | T16. Kyle Uliep | 82-77-159 |

Track opens outdoor season with home invitational


Long distance: Junior Jen Fallon (left) and sophomore Samantha Snabes compere
by Dave Crowell
ASSITTANT SPORTS EDITOR
The Washington and Lee track program officially kicked off the outdoor season by hosting the W\&L Invitational on Saturday

On the women's side, the Generals
finished ninth out of 12 teams with 22 finished ninth out of 12 teams with 22 points. Susquehanna University won
the overall title, with Roanoke taking the overall title, with Roanoke taking
second place and Bridgewater seventh. second place and Bridgewater seventh
Men's coach Norris Aldridge and women's coach John Tucker both agreed that the day proved a success, with a number of athletes achieving season or personal bests. Aldridge also noted that the level of competition was extraordinary as
compared to past years. compared to past years. "There was a lot of good Division III talent in that field," Aldridge said.
"There were a number of records broken and some competitors, including John Carroll's relay team, have already qualified for nationals."
For the 32 -year coach, the 10 th place finish was not at all indicative of his team's performance. The Generals are still fighting a few injuries, which caused the team to not com-


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pete in eight events, incl a number of relays Mike Hegg is still coming off some injuries, but I'm sure he would've earned us some points in the hurdles, Aldriage said. "In addition, he leads off our $4 \times 100$ relay, so hopefully we' begin competing in that event when 's completely healthy." Freshman Wes Bell led the team with a second-place finish in the 1,500 meter run, finishing in a time of 4:03.87, less than one half-second behind the inner.
Aldridge added that Bell probably would have earned points in the 5,000meter run, but was held out due to a small injury.
Junior Chris Sullivan took fourth place in the 100 -meter dash (11.26) and also grabbed seventh in the 200 -meter dash (22.87).
Junior Mat Rapoza rounded out the scoring with a fifth-place finish in the
hot put, throwing $42^{\prime} 01.50^{\prime \prime}$. In addition, Aldridge praised the In addition, Aldridge praised the efforts of sophomore Jonathan Brimer in the 400 -meter dash if the competiion weren't as tight - and freshman Steven Chambers, who ran a couple of personal bests.
As a team, Aldridge believes they re ahead of where he thought they would be at this point of the season, especially following a week of bad weather and shortened preparation
time. One.
On the women's side, Tucker also was happy about the way his team performed. way the exam is running and continu ally improving in competition," he said. "Our girls, in many cases, ran better than they've ever run." Junior Burke Duncan led the women with a first-place finish in the

0,000 -meter run, finishing over a ninute ahead of the competition with time of 41:17.7. Tucker's squad also benefited from the return of two field athletes. Seniors Sarah Schmidt and Megan Babst both competed for the first time since the end of the basketball season and earned 12 points for the team. Schmidt finished second in the javlin with a toss of 115 feet, while Babst took fourth in the high jump by
cearing five feet The women als
The women also earned a number of eight or 10 th-place finishes in the tough field. Tucker thus believes con-
tinual improvement will reap benefits at the ODAC Championships in April. For now, however, the coaches will emphasize a need to continue droping times and show improvement. The Generals return to action by competing in the Roanoke Invitational on Saturday.


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