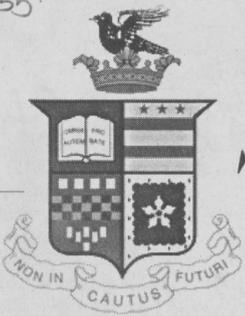


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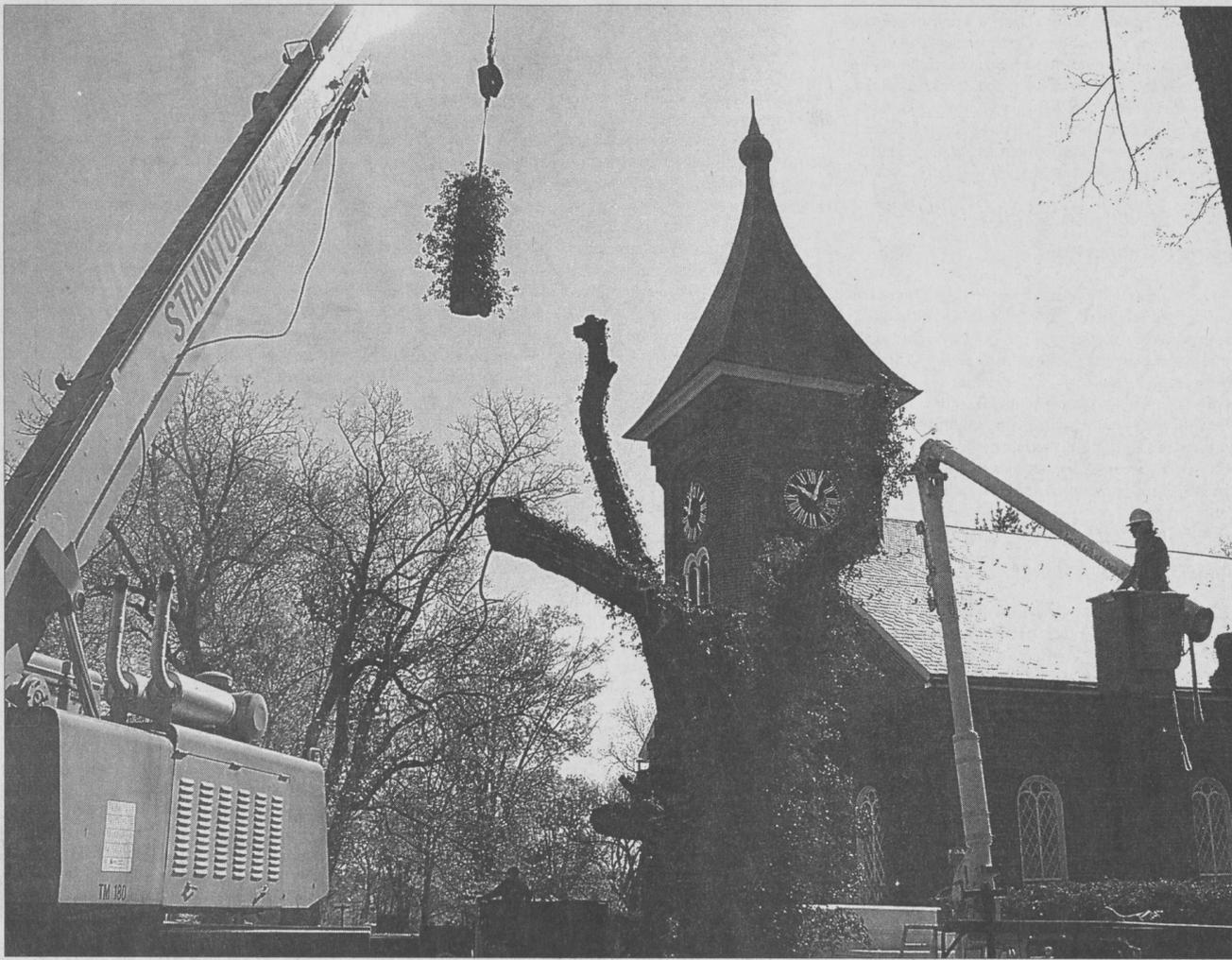


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IF A TREE FALLS WHEN NO STUDENTS ARE LISTENING, DO WE HEAR IT? Students returning from Spring Break might have noticed a slight change in the landscape. Two Ash trees were cut down over the last undergraduate break. The trees, thought to be

approximately 100 years old had been slated for cutting for nearly four years and have been dead for two. They posed a risk to the lawn and Lee Chapel. Two 25 foot Sycamores replaced the removed trees.

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City council spot holds Elrod hopeful

BY ERIN JULIUS
SPORTS EDITOR

Mimi Elrod intends to vie for the vacant spot in Lexington's City Council when current council member Pat Mayerchak resigns. Elrod is Washington and Lee's Director of Summer Scholars and widow of former president John Elrod.

The city will not hold elections but will be accepting letters of interest in the position until 5 p.m. on May 15. Lexington's charter requires that the council choose its new member. In a meeting on June 5, the council will choose from the pool of those who have expressed written interest.

City Manager Jon Ellestad said that, in addition to Elrod, another woman has verbally indicated interest and he is, "anticipating at least two letters of interest," he said.

Elrod wants to serve on the city council because she is, "interested in government and how it works."

Elrod has been involved in different organizations in Lexington and is now interested in breaking into city government. The variety of organizations in which Elrod has served include the Rockbridge Mental Health Association, The Rockbridge Area Community Services Board and Project Horizon.

Elrod is, "very interested in how land is used in the city, and in the budget process and how funds are spent," she said. "Because the General Assembly has made cuts, the city has few choices—it's a matter of what can be cut with a limited affect on the population."

Elrod has been a Lexington resident since 1984 and said that she, "wants to serve the citizens of this community in that way and would look forward to working with those people and Ellestad and the mayor."



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Local sunless tanning salon does not follow state regulations

BY ALLISON PERRY
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Three Rockbridge area tanning salons stay busy keeping local residents and students a golden bronze, no matter what the season. And the financial cost is minimal. But the long term costs may be high.

A study by The American Cancer Society shows that "people 35 or younger who used the beds regularly had a melanoma risk eight-fold higher than people who never used tanning beds."

In addition, tanners may put themselves at more risk if a tanning salon is not up to regulation standards.

Beyond Video and The Tannery are located within a block of each other in Lexington. Paradise Isle has occupied more than one location on Main Street in Buena Vista.

The local salons try to keep their prices competitive. And it only takes a few tanning sessions to get a good base tan.

A person tanning can buy one session for \$5 at The Tannery and Beyond Video. Paradise Isle charges \$6 for a single session.

But Beyond Video is the only salon that does not follow all of the state regulations. Beyond Video does not provide eyewear except through sale. Even then, a customer must ask for

the eyewear. The employees do not mention the eyewear to the customers.

Passed in 1990, the Code of Virginia, Title 59.1-310.5, section B says, "Before each use of a tanning device, the operator shall provide the customer with properly sanitized protective eyewear that protects the eyes from ultraviolet radiation and allows adequate vision to maintain balance."

Attorney Tom Winn, with Woods, Rogers, and Hazlegrove, P.L.C., said "shall" means the owner must provide the customer with eyewear. The word "shall" allows for no loop holes.

The Tannery and Paradise Isle

both provide sanitized protective eyewear for each tanning unit. Customers are also required to clean their own beds at Beyond Video.

"I got creeped out by the fact that it is in a video store," junior Maren Garval said. "And the whole idea of people cleaning their own beds is kind of sketchy."

Beyond Video would not comment on its practices.

There is currently little regulation of tanning beds and tanning salons. The FDA requires a tanning bed user to wear protective eye goggles. There are also several federal regulations for advertising of equipment and tanning lotions. But state regulations for tan-

LIGHT, BRIGHT. This sunless tanning bed at Paradise Isle Tanning salon in Buena Vista complies with state health and safety regulations regarding sunless tanning.



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ning beds vary from state to state. Some states have no regulations at all. At this time, 27 states have laws that go beyond federal regulations.

Virginia's regulations for tanning beds and salons are light. Most of the regulations state the requirements SEE TANNING, PAGE 2

Management class scores with ad campaign

BY KYLE WASS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Washington and Lee students from the Management 303 class traveled to Charlotte, N.C. this weekend to compete regionally and present their advertising plan for the Toyota Matrix to judges from the American Advertising Federation (AAF), and potentially move on to a Los Angeles competition in June. The group placed second in the region.

This is the first year that Washington and Lee has had a chapter of the AAF, and they are now involved in the National Student Advertising Competition Challenge to "present a recommendation to Toyota for implementing a special Matrix marketing and communication strategy [to target] the youth market...the campaign objective is to re-energize Matrix in the marketplace with fresh ideas that will revitalize consumer interest," according to the AAF's website. This year's corporate sponsor is Toyota Matrix. After regional competitions, sixteen colleges from across the country are selected to present their campaigns to a "panel of industry executives at the AAF National Conference." Five Washington and Lee students were selected as group leaders by the class. These students - Mark Barker, Kelly Sugarman, Grant Dragan, Sarah Sturtz and Beth Creasey - competed in Charlotte for a chance to go Los Angeles in June for the National Competition. They made a 20-minute presentation on their advertising campaign for judges from the AAF as well as representatives from Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising. May White said the firm is, "one of the best advertising firms in the world."

Washington and Lee's presentation placed second in the region, coming in ahead of last year's regional winner, and competing against the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, the University, the University of South Carolina, the University of Virginia, North Carolina State University, William and Mary, and Fayetteville Technical Community College. One of the marketing professors, Professor Amanda Bower, said that "the closeness of the race was emphasized prior to the announcements of the winners, and the judges needed twice

the traditional deliberation time to finally determine a winner." Once UVA was announced as the winner of the competition, Washington and Lee students received praise from the representatives at Saatchi & Saatchi, who said they were going to use one of W&L's techniques in the future. According to Bower, judges also said that "most of the people in their own agencies don't present as well as our students."

Students in the Management 303 class, taught by Professor Bower and Professor MacDonald, and officially titled Integrated Marketing Communications, came up with this presentation for advertising the Toyota Matrix to a target market - 20-to-30-year-olds, the rules specified. First, work began by "researching who actually was buying the Matrix so we could better understand their buying patterns and general lifestyles," said Management student William Litton. The class came up with the slogan "Give New Meaning," as well as the idea that the Toyota Matrix gives consumers "Room to Move" in various ways. Litton said that the class further "developed funny definitions for regular words, such as Tailgating, Garage Band, and Therapy...our sarcastic definitions provide humor but also develop a sort of novelty for consumers to follow throughout the campaign as they wonder what word Matrix will spoof next." Bower said that the "students were taught to do account planning, which is a relatively new approach to performing research in advertising, and is a very new approach for ad agencies in the U.S."

The Toyota Matrix project gave the class a chance to focus the entire term on one project, and study all aspects of the process, "from surveys to industry analysis, photo shoots to test drives, late nights at computers with take-out Chinese, and one lucky member of the team making a mad dash to Roanoke to get our plansbook in just in time," said Management student Katie Frusti.

Kelly Sugarman called the group's performance "really impressive," and Bower said she is "so proud [she] can't stand it."

No decision made about Spring Term, calendar

Administrators and faculty are still debating the future of Spring Term and W&L's current undergraduate academic calendar. Burish said no decision was made during the undergraduate spring break. "Faculty and administrators are collecting information on various calendar options that have been identified," he said. "I am not leaning toward any solution; I am looking forward to learning more about the information being collected and analyses being done."

Al Sharpton to speak

Michael Denbow, Political Chairman of Mock Convention, announced last Tuesday that Rev. Al Sharpton will speak during the Kick-Off festivities Thursday, May 8.

Student D.U.I. rams into light post

On Monday, April 21, 2003 a student rammed his Chevrolet Tahoe into a light post located in front of the Parking Garage on East Denny Circle. The damage to University Property will be paid for by the student.

All stories from staff reports.

Committee paints W&L green

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty are increasingly becoming involved in campus recycling. In 1999, the Associate Colleges of the South created an environmental initiative. Washington and Lee is one of several competitive, private colleges that form ACS.

The initiative that ACS proposed created the Environmental Planning and Management Committee composed of faculty and student interns. Professor Bob Akins of the Physics department was the original Faculty Fellow. Professor Theresa Hanlon has succeeded him in this position.

President Elrod felt strongly that Washington and Lee should have a 25 percent reduction in feasible waste. He believed reducing waste would greatly help the community. The most recent report shows an 18 percent reduction.

Started by Helen Downes '02, a team of ACS interns began placing recycling bins in all W&L residential buildings. Each hall selects a resident to take recyclables to the front of the Co-op on Recycling Mondays and Fridays. From the collection bins, the Physical Plant takes the recyclables to a recycling plant in Rockbridge County. Campus statistics show that white paper recyclables are the most successful. Aluminum and plastic have proven more difficult to collect.

Nick Gorham '05, one of the ACS interns, plays an active role in the re-

cycling process. He goes through the dorms and makes sure that the recycle bins are clean. At the beginning of the year, he established a relationship with all of the dorm counselors. Gorham said, "From where we were, we have come a long way. We hope to get a little better every year." Next year the bond between freshman dorms and recycling will become even more prevalent as Gorham will be serving as a dorm counselor.

The faculty on the committee is just as active as the students. They work closely with the students on more issues than just recycling. Hanlon has a strong personal interest in the subject. She is in charge of composting at Washington and Lee. Chris Wise, head of the grounds crew, keeps track of what happens with the compost pile. Four men collect the compost for the university. Every night at 7:30, an average of 150 pounds of compost is collected. This compost consists of uncooked vegetable scraps collected from the campus.

Professor Akins set guidelines with the original architects of the University Commons in hopes of making it a green building from the start. He made sure to keep Woods Creek in consideration. That is why the entrance to the commons from the back is located in its current position. Energy efficient materials were to be in

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**Lexington
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 Forecast**

Monday- Sunny, 79/52
 Tuesday- Partly Cloudy, 80/49
 Wednesday- Partly Cloudy, 71/50
 Thursday- Partly Cloudy- 75/51
 Friday- Partly Cloudy, 75/51
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MONDAY, APRIL 28.
 Java-Palooza in the BDG quad, 7:30-10:30. Catch-A-Fire (student band from University of Maryland) will play.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29.
 'Mesa Hispanica' Spanish House dinner in the D-hall, 6:00 p.m.
 University Wind Ensemble concert, 8:00 p.m., Lenfest Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.
 Rick Bass, author of "The Hermit's Story," will speak in room 114, University Center as part of the Environmental Series Luncheon Program, 12:00 noon.

Come watch a house resident prepare a popular Spanish dish and then sample the delicious product. Not a full meal so eat before you come. Spanish House, 6:00 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous meeting. Open to students, faculty and staff and the local community. R.E. Lee Episcopal Church Upstairs Conference Room (across from Fairfax Lounge). Meeting ends in time to attend AA meeting in Law School, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 1.
 Nature writer Rick Bass, author of "The Hermit's Story," will read from his work in Northern Auditorium. Sponsored by The Glasgow Endowment, The Environmental Studies Program and the Outing Club, 4:00 p.m.

"Gimme Shelter," directed by Albert and David Maysles (USA, 1970). Rated PG. Troubadour Cinema. Shown today only as part of the Rock Documentary Film Festival, 7:30 p.m.

Alumni Reunion Weekend, All day.
FRIDAY, MAY 2.
 Alumni Reunion Weekend, All day.
 "The Last Waltz," directed by Martin Scorsese (USA, 1978). Rated PG. Troubadour Cinema. Shown today only, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 3.
 Alumni Reunion Weekend, All day.
 "This is Spinal Tap," directed by Rob Reiner (USA, 1984). Rated R. Troubadour Cinema. Shown today only, 7:30 p.m.

"Sylvia" — A Studio Production. Written by A.R. Gurney and directed by Neal Willetts '03. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center, 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 4.
 "Sylvia" — A Studio Production. Written by A.R. Gurney and directed by Neal Willetts '03. Johnson Theatre, Lenfest Center, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
 Email phi@wlu.edu with 24/7 events.



Atkins named Commons director

Leroy C. "Buddy" Atkins, Washington and Lee University's associate dean of students since 1986, has been appointed Acting Director of the John W. Elrod University Commons for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Atkins will report to W&L's Dean of Students and will be responsible for coordinating a management team handling student activities, food service, maintenance, the bookstore, security and career services in the operations of the University Commons. As acting director, he will also work with the director of student activities, the director of leadership development and student leaders to develop a vibrant student activities program for the facility.

New University Collections office receives director

Peter Dun Grover, a former executive director of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, has been named by Washington and Lee University as its first director of University Collections. The appointment is effective July 1.

Grover, a national leader in museum administration and historic preservation, will oversee the use, display, security, conservation and expansion of W&L's multi-million dollar collections of fine art, decorative arts, historic and archaeological artifacts spanning four centuries.

ABA President to deliver Law School's Commencement Address

Robert J. Grey Jr., president-elect of the American Bar Association, will deliver the commencement address at Washington and Lee University's School of Law on Sunday, May 11, at 2:30 p.m. on the University's Front Lawn.

A 1976 alumnus of W&L's School of Law, Grey is a partner with Hunton & Williams in Richmond and is one of Virginia's most prominent attorneys. In mid-2004, he will assume the presidency of the 410,000-member ABA, the largest voluntary professional group in the world.

Nature writer Bass will speak

Nationally known nature writer Rick Bass will read from his new collection of stories, "The Hermit's Story," at Washington and Lee University on May 1 at 4:00 p.m. in Northern Auditorium. A private dinner with faculty will follow.

Bass' weeklong visit to the W&L campus is sponsored by the Glasgow Endowment, the Environmental Studies Program and the Outing Club.

Meriggi named Unsung General

Washington and Lee University senior Jeff Meriggi has been awarded the John W. Elrod Unsung General of the Year Award by the University's Celebrating Student Success committee.

The award carries a \$1,000 stipend, to be split between Meriggi and the campus or local organization of his choice. Meriggi, who received an engraved Jefferson cup in recognition for his contributions to the University in the category of Recreation earlier in the year, will also have his name engraved on a plaque to be displayed in the new John W. Elrod University Commons this fall.

Wasserman is new J-School Knight Chair

Edward Wasserman, a veteran reporter, editor and media CEO, has been named by Washington and Lee University to hold its Knight Chair in journalism ethics.

Wasserman will succeed Louis W. Hodges, who has been W&L's Knight Professor since the chair was established in 1996 with a \$1.5 million grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Study abroad programs struggle with SARS

BY JAMAY LIU
 BROWN DAILY HERALD (BROWN U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. - With the number of cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome rising daily across the world, universities have been struggling with the question of how to handle study abroad programs in SARS-affected regions.

Some schools recalled students already abroad, while others cancelled summer programs. Some schools chose to leave the decision to students after sending advisory letters and in some cases, face masks.

Syracuse University was one of the first to cut short its program, recalling 30 students from China and Hong Kong in early April because "it was a situation we couldn't control," said Ryan Williams, assistant director of admission at Syracuse. Students completed the first two parts of the three-module program — fieldwork and class time — but missed out on the internship component, "the most interesting part of the abroad experience," Williams said.

Last Wednesday, the Education Abroad Program for the University of California campuses decided to recall 44 students studying abroad in Beijing, said Bruce Hanna, director of communications for EAP.

Hanna said the EAP made its decision after two staff members on site in Beijing recommended the suspension of the program based on two concerns — "emerging news that the Chinese government was systematically withholding information and deaths among a younger population." A confirmed case of SARS at Peking University and cases rumored in surrounding neighborhoods also contributed to the decision to recall students, Hanna said.

Though students abroad were asked to leave immediately, "they are adults, and we can only advise and recommend," Hanna said. But he predicted that, unlike situations in the past where students decided to stay in politically unstable countries such as Israel despite advice to leave, most students would probably heed the EAP's recent advice because of the

"unknown" nature of the disease. If students do decide to stay, they will have to sign a contract acknowledging they will be on their own, Hanna said.

According to William Quandt, vice provost for international affairs at the University of Virginia, state institutions have a harder time than private ones because decisions are more "political."

UVA cancelled its four summer programs in China and Hong Kong after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of State put a travel warning on China in early April recommending all U.S. citizens defer non-essential travel to the country. Earlier in the year, UVA determined new policy that stated it would heed any travel warnings placed on specific countries.

"I hated doing it — it was a terrible disappointment to the students," Quandt said. "However, if something had happened, the university could be accused of being negligent of State advice. For private universities, this isn't as much of a concern."

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She said that the work that the city council does is, "inspiring" and that she has, "a tremendous amount of respect for the people on the city council, they are trying to make Lexington the best city it can be."

Elrod says that she is, "very committed to this city...I'm going to live out my life here," she said.

She currently attends city council meetings regularly and is, "very hopeful that I will be the person they pick to serve." She was also defeated by Ben Cline in November's state delegate race.

Mayerchak's resignation on May 31 comes because he is moving out of Lexington's city limits. His term expires on December 31, 2006 and whoever is appointed to the position by the city council will serve until that date.

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Rockbridge a better place single handedly." The project has been productive to this point, but waste still needs to be reduced by another seven percent. The success of the commit-

tee can be attributed to the effort of the whole Washington and Lee community. The students and faculty have come together in an astounding manner to paint the campus green.

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for waivers and warning signs that must be posted. Only Title 59.1-310.5 mentions the requirement to provide protective eyewear.

Paradise Isle owner Kim Beverly thinks there should be more regulations for tanning salons in Virginia. She worked in a physician's office for 20 years before she opened Paradise Isle.

"There are no [Virginia] regulations, which I think is wrong," Beverly said. "It really surprised me when I decided to open my business and checked with the health department."

There is a national organization for tanning salons called the Smart Tan Network. But none of the local salons are a member of this network. Local tanning beds said that many students from Washington and Lee and Southern Virginia University patron their salons.

"During November, December, and January, I get more students," Beverly said. "And to be honest with you, students keep me going during those months."

The Tannery and Paradise Isle said that most of the customers were female. But Beverly said that she still attracted a large number of male students.

Junior Steve Saks said he tans at Beyond Video. Saks says the reason he tans has nothing to do with a pressure to look good. He just likes the way tanning makes him feel. He also thinks that many male students tan.

"A lot of them don't admit it, but they do [tan]" Saks said.

TanningTruth.com guesses that around 30 million people in North America tan indoors sometime within a year. Many studies, like the one by the American Cancer Society, have linked the use of tanning beds to skin cancer.

But research has not put tanning salons out of business.



**A notice from
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Gerald M. Titus, III
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Helen B. Hughes
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April 2, 2003

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Investigations: 6

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Play WLUR in the Co-op

The Co-op is a place for relaxation and restoration. Students use the facility to relax after a hard day of thinking and to restore their weary bodies in the morning—ah, those greasy biscuits. This is certainly unquestionable with the unbeatable menu, unreasonable prices or the breathtaking views of the construction site that the oh-so-comfortable-booths offer. There is one missing element guaranteed to improve the ambiance: music worth listening to.

No matter what your opinion of WLUR 91.5, the student radio station is a voice of students that showcases student talent and interests. Why doesn't the Co-op turn its dials to the station? The current radio blather is senseless and silly. Ostensibly a for-profit radio station broadcasting out of Roanoke, one wonders why they have any more listeners than our beloved WLUR? The "No way news stories" and the brainless riddles are dumb enough, but don't get us started on the Disco Fridays (for the first time in our lives we actually dread Fridays.)

Washington and Lee prides itself on the ease with which students are able to join all kinds of campus activities. The admissions office and student tour guides boast to prospective students about the dozens of activities available—a number which far exceeds that appropriate to the size of our school. The Journalism Department is duly proud of our two newspapers, television studio and radio station.

But, what good does a campus radio station do if no one is able to listen to it? The Cooperational Facility of Glory (as it has been called) offers the perfect venue in which to showcase student radio and make students aware of what records WLUR deejays are spinning. Moreover, we bet that after students enjoy the wonders of the campus radio station in the Co-op, they will be more apt to turn it on in their dorm rooms, fraternity and sorority houses and cars.

Quote of the Week

"We don't know that yet... We have a major cities with clear governance."

~Democratic presidential candidate and former Gov. Howard Dean (D-Vt), when asked by Wolf Blitzer if Iraq is better off without Saddam

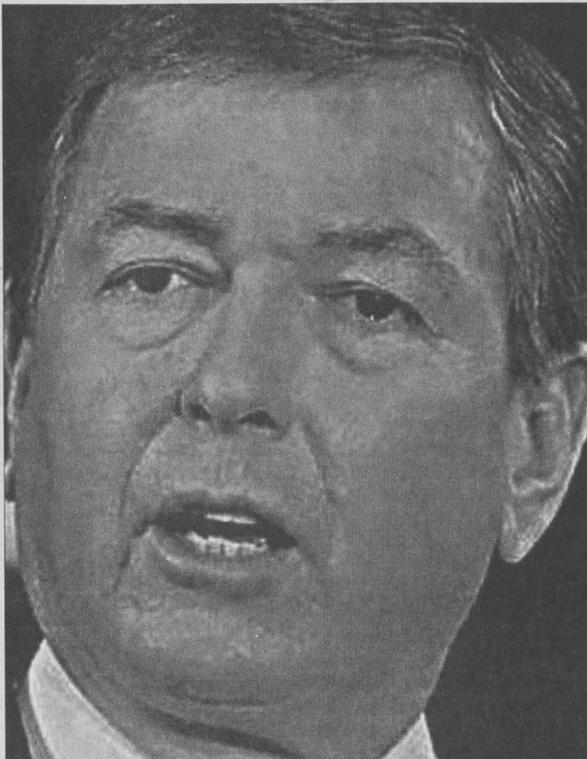
"Patriot" Act affront to liberty

The United States has an unfortunate history in times of crisis of going too far in sacrificing liberties and rights for safety. The Alien and Sedition Acts of John Adams' administration, the unlawful internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, even the suspension of habeas corpus by President Lincoln could be argued to be one step too far. Now we are forced once more to choose between democracy and security, and this time the catalyst is the proposed Patriot Act, Part II.

First, some background. The original Patriot Act was passed by Congress with little opposition in the immediate wake of September 11. It gave internal investigative agencies, most notably the FBI, a surprisingly large amount of power to effectively ignore previously-existing rules of evidence and surveillance. Phone bugging and covert information collecting on specific individuals or groups were allowed without a court order so long as the agency could prove reasonable warrant for performing the searches. This was all well and good in the wake of a severe national disaster. However, Congress sternly attached a lifespan to the bill; it would expire in a little over two years.

Now, as we approach that deadline, some government officials, most prominently Attorney General John Ashcroft and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), want to make the law permanent, and they would expand it so that "... and would eliminate the need for federal agents seeking secret surveillance warrants to show that a suspect is affiliated with a foreign power or agent, like a terrorist group," which is ominous enough in and of itself. But that is not all. They want to give the law some other extremely disturbing expanded powers.

An example? The United States government has never had the power to strip a citizen of his citizenship unless that citizen declared a clear intent to abandon it (by saying so, serving in foreign government, etc.). According to the new proposed law, "the intent to relinquish nationality need not be manifested in words, but can be inferred from conduct." This is bad enough, but just who, you may ask, will do this inferring? The Department of Justice will, and its rulings are final. This should send a chill up the spine of any American who understands the Constitution. This means that your citizenship, even if you wish to retain it, can be stripped away by the government without a trial and without any chance to recover it. In the United States, the citizens have



UNPATRIOTIC. Attorney General John Ashcroft is calling for a second "Patriot" Act which would both increase the government's power and never expire.

always had the power to remove governments they didn't like, but now the government has the power to remove citizens it doesn't like.

But not to worry, says Barbara Comstock, spokeswoman for the DOJ. "The department's deliberations are always undertaken with the strongest commitment to our

Constitution and civil liberties." That's right. You should trust your government not to abuse the power to deport citizens arbitrarily and without trial.

As if this were not enough, the expanded Patriot Act would also give the government the power to declare any group, individual, or organization "terrorist" without providing any evidence at all to that effect. And no, this declaration would not be in the hands of, say, a federal court. No, instead it's, you guessed it, the Department of Justice. It's not just foreign combatants from Afghanistan that can be held indefinitely without trial at Guantanamo Bay anymore, now U.S. Citizens can join in the fun, and all you have to do is make the Department of Justice dislike you. This should sound familiar, and here's why: In another state that proclaimed itself to be "democratic" at the time,

South Africa, the government had this very same power (to label groups as "terrorists" and jail them indefinitely). The government gave the very same assurances to its citizens and the world community that the power would not be abused. But, of course, it was. Initially the government did use the power against real terrorist groups. But eventually, they also found it convenient to use the power against groups protesting apartheid in South Africa. Nelson Mandela, for instance, was held for decades under this law.

To call this step towards totalitarianism the "Patriot Act" is one of the most sickening things I've ever heard. This proposed law is against everything that the United States of America was founded to stand for, and it is a reckless abuse of governmental power. Fortunately, the law is opposed by a majority of both parties in Congress (and many kudos to the honorable Republican representatives who know a bad law when they see it), but you can never be too safe. Make sure your representative knows where you stand. If this law were to pass, it would start us down a path where even our most sacred liberties would become violable in the name of the "war on terror." "Patriot" act, indeed.

Boycott silly and poorly targeted

So now that the military portion of Operation Who's Your Baghdaddy? seems to be over, we have quite a mess to clean. You know the old rule, "You broke it, you bought it." It appears to apply in this situation.

The question is, where will this money come from? This country is running on empty. Quite ironic in a time when we have acquired a sandbox so saturated in oil we should all be driving SUV's.

The silliest move of all is the Bush crusade to continue cutting taxes. No one likes to pay them, but the White House has projected figures around \$600 billion to rebuild a country that we just spent billions blowing up.

However, there is an element of the ridiculous about recent events anyway. My favorite were the television images of Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf proclaiming victory over that "gang of bloodsucking bastards" while the smoke of his burning headquarters loomed in the background.

Another favorite of mine was seeing soldiers fly the University of Georgia flag over the first of Saddam's captured palaces. The commanders then went inside to take their first shower in twenty days in Hussein's personal bathroom

with golden showerheads. LEFT OF CENTER NICK RAMSEY '03

But one of the most ridiculous actions that stemmed from this war came from many of America's citizens themselves. The self-imposed boycott of French goods has to be one of the most childish moves of all.

To illustrate my point, imagine that somewhere in the Bordeaux region of France on a quiet vineyard in the countryside lives a man who makes wine to support his family. He does it because his father did the same, and his father before him, and so on for generations.

Suddenly, this man has seen his profits fall dramatically. His wine, which had been a popular *vin du table* in the United States, has now been boycotted by his once loyal customers across the Atlantic. Why has this happened? Because his government disagreed with ours.

What, pray tell, does that have to do with this man making wine in the French countryside? Nothing. Because one country's government made a move that our government did not like, people across the country stopped buying French goods. Meanwhile, hypocritical "journalists" like Fox's Bill O'Reilly exacerbated the problem by telling his viewers not to purchase anything from France.

But during the newsbreaks on O'Reilly's "no-spin zone" (that still makes me chuckle), Fox anchors reported on anti-war demonstrators here at home. So answer me this, if American citizens have the right to protest a war started by their own government, why do we take a completely different attitude with the French, and then punish French citizens? I assure you that President Jacques Chirac was the last person affected by this move.

I was also shocked to go to Starbucks and find that my usual blend had not been changed to Freedom Roast. Disagree all you want, but keep your Freedom Toast and Freedom Fries.

Supposedly, this war was fought to bring democracy and a free voice to a people that had been under the rule of a horrible man for decades. Why then are people becoming so angry when another country's government exercises this same freedom of expression? You can disagree with their decision, but be an adult about it.

There are many more important things to worry about than your bottle of Merlot's country of origin.

Moderate's Musings
CALEY ANDERSON '06

Constitution and civil liberties." That's right. You should trust your government not to abuse the power to deport citizens arbitrarily and without trial.

As if this were not enough, the expanded Patriot Act would also give the government the power to declare any group, individual, or organization "terrorist" without providing any evidence at all to that effect. And no, this declaration would not be in the hands of, say, a federal court. No, instead it's, you guessed it, the Department of Justice. It's not just foreign combatants from Afghanistan that can be held indefinitely without trial at Guantanamo Bay anymore, now U.S. Citizens can join in the fun, and all you have to do is make the Department of Justice dislike you. This should sound familiar, and here's why: In another state that proclaimed itself to be "democratic" at the time,

always had the power to remove governments they didn't like, but now the government has the power to remove citizens it doesn't like.

But not to worry, says Barbara Comstock, spokeswoman for the DOJ. "The department's deliberations are always undertaken with the strongest commitment to our

Constitution and civil liberties." That's right. You should trust your government not to abuse the power to deport citizens arbitrarily and without trial.

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South Africa, the government had this very same power (to label groups as "terrorists" and jail them indefinitely). The government gave the very same assurances to its citizens and the world community that the power would not be abused. But, of course, it was. Initially the government did use the power against real terrorist groups. But eventually, they also found it convenient to use the power against groups protesting apartheid in South Africa. Nelson Mandela, for instance, was held for decades under this law.

To call this step towards totalitarianism the "Patriot Act" is one of the most sickening things I've ever heard. This proposed law is against everything that the United States of America was founded to stand for, and it is a reckless abuse of governmental power. Fortunately, the law is opposed by a majority of both parties in Congress (and many kudos to the honorable Republican representatives who know a bad law when they see it), but you can never be too safe. Make sure your representative knows where you stand. If this law were to pass, it would start us down a path where even our most sacred liberties would become violable in the name of the "war on terror." "Patriot" act, indeed.

Letters to the Editor

Anti-Burish graffiti in Leyburn unacceptable

Dear Editor,

I would like to address this letter to a specific person or persons but I don't know who they are. The library elevator doors have been painted four times in the past two weeks because of extremely objectionable graffiti attacking President Burish. It reappears just as fast as we remove it. Surely there are more constructive ways to voice your criticism of university policies than by this kind of behavior. I know we have better ways to spend the university's building maintenance dollars. It is most disappointing to have to bring this situation to the attention of the student body.

Sincerely,
Barbara J. Brown
University Librarian

Kirwan wrong about KEWL bake sale

Dear Editor,

"Lies." "Sham." "Falsehoods." "Thoroughly disproven myth." Interesting headline for an article in which the author also affirms, "the statistics KEWL paraded about are true."

As the projects coordinator of KEWL and the organizer of the Equity Bake Sale, I read Brett Kirwan's article ("KEWL bakes up lies," March 31) and felt the need to respond. We expected people with questions to address us at the sale. I have to admit, we were pleasantly surprised at the overall friendliness of the student body. Most of our customers told us the idea was clever and effective. A few people protested and asked us what our purpose was—for anyone with questions, we had a fact sheet. The statistics are plain, are true, and contrary to the author's statements, we did not dress them up in accusatory language. So why didn't the author of "KEWL bakes up lies" come and talk to us about his reservations? We may be feminists, but we don't bite.

As to the statistics mentioned in Kirwan's article, I must disagree. We had a variety of comparisons available on the sheet we distributed. I must admit I did make one accidental slip. One woman asked about comparing unmarried men and women—a point Kirwan brings up. I misquoted the statistic in return. It is not 87 cents in that instance: it is instead 93 cents to the male dollar—a statistic I quote from an article printed in the Johns Hopkins Journal of American Politics that attempts to minimize the gender gap. Even the author of this article comes to one overriding conclusion: "Having said this, it is essential to admit that discrimination still persists, even if only at low levels, in the

American workplace. This does not mean we should just turn the cheek and accept it. Instead, as is the case with all civil rights issues, the key to overcoming gender wage discrimination is education." Education also happens to be the stated purpose of our themed bake sale.

While 93 cents may seem like no big deal, or to people like Kirwan, "no gap there," think about that in the big picture. For every dollar a man makes, I will make 93 cents in return. Those seven cents may seem like nothing in the context of one dollar to you, but over the course of a lifetime, it adds up to thousands of dollars less pay in addition to reduced savings and smaller pensions come retirement. Even if you take Kirwan's statistic, 98 cents, it is still an otherwise unexplainable difference of two cents for every single dollar a woman makes. A gap does indeed exist.

The statistics are real. You can try to dismiss them all you want, but blatant and false attacks on my character and on the character of my organization are unprofessional and unacceptable. Anyone is allowed to disagree with the premise of the bake sale. We are completely open to the idea that other people have different opinions. But calling us liars and peddlers of falsehoods when you recognize the truth in what we tell shows irresponsibility on

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TALKBACK: What is the best food available in the Co-op?



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"Philly Steak and Cheese."
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-Ashley Brown '06



"Things we don't have to make."
-Nancy Rhinehart '03, employee

Democrats' PC bullying squashes free discussion

Spring is upon us and, in characteristic fashion, the Democrats smell blood. Apparently, they will not be happy until every possible Senator receives the "Trent" treatment (i.e., in honor of the disgraced ex-majority leader). Hoping to capitalize on Senator Rick Santorum's (R-Pa.) chronic case of foot-in-mouth disease, liberals across the land are demanding a pound of flesh.

Washington does deserve credit, however. The pundits, media, and chatterers waited almost three days after the war in Iraq began winding down to return to focusing on truly inconsequential and ridiculous news. The current tempest is over Senator Santorum's recent comments condemning homosexual behavior. While the Senator's comments were ill-timed and unnecessarily graphic, the calls for his resignation constitute the real danger.

Unless the Constitution has been clandestinely co-opted, individuals (yes, Democrats, even Republican individuals) are guaranteed the right of free speech. Even free speech that some deem to be idiotic. Calls for Santorum's resignation are not just unwise, they're unsettling: if the exercise of a constitutional right can lead to the forfeiture of a constitutional office, where does intellectual conformity end?

Perhaps Santorum, as a United States Senator, was unwise to have espoused the beliefs he espoused. That is a decision for the voters of Pennsylvania, not the liberal media and the Democratic front groups who have been greedily plotting his downfall.

"Senator Santorum's comments about (gay) Americans demonstrates an incredible level of ignorance and intolerance that is simply not acceptable," Jeff Soref, the Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Gay and Lesbian American caucus, said. Unfortunately for Soref,



FOOT IN MOUTH. Will the deluge of criticism from the Left for Sen. Rick Santorum (l), pictured with ex-Rep. J.C. Watts (R-Okla.), ever stop?

he got it wrong: the unacceptable stance is the one of intellectual McCarthyism that he embraces. The Senate, like all other deliberative bodies, should be a marketplace of ideas— even bad ideas. The hope is that the good ideas will rise to the top and the merit-less ones will be discarded, but this process can only occur if all ideas are considered.

Soref and the other cronies of the thought police are the real danger here: politically correct bullying discourages intellectual curiosity and encourages an atrophy in the realm of critical thinking. As citizens, we should be glad that Senator

Santorum had the courage to stand up for his beliefs, even if those beliefs prove unpopular.

The unyielding irony of the situation is the appalling double standard applied in this case: the very liberals who are chomping at the bit for Senator Santorum to go are the very same who get a pass in the media and punditocracy for frequent bouts of verbal idiocy which arguably are much more dangerous to the preservation of our democracy. I leave you this week with a few examples:

"It appears to me that Muammar Qaddafi is one of the greatest preservers and fighters for human rights that there is on the earth," -Louis Farrakhan

"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country," -Marion Barry, former Washington, D.C. Mayor

"In America, anyone can be President. That's one of the risks you take," -former Presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson

"Thank you for your letter regarding the protection of the Texas eagle. . . I share your view that the urgent problem of species extinction and the conservation of biological diversity should be addressed. . . I look forward to working with you for the future of our planet," -former Vice-President Al Gore, responding to a constituent who was concerned that Amtrak was canceling the Texas Eagle train

RIGHT ON!
JOHN HEATH '04

Peterson murder case exposes abortion's fallacies

With the hostilities in Iraq slowed to a mopping-up operation, the cable news networks were lucky that new developments arose in the Peterson murder case to recapture the public's imagination. To recap, Laci Peterson never returned home after leaving to walk her dog on Christmas Eve of last year. On April 13, the body of a full-term fetus washed up on the shore near Richmond, Calif. The next day, the torso of a woman washed ashore about a mile from the baby's body. On April 18, the bodies were positively identified as those of Laci Peterson and her unborn child and Scott Peterson was arrested on two counts of murder.

Therein lies this case's most interesting twist. Soon after the double murder charges were filed, Mavra Stark, president of the National Organization for Women's Morris County, N.J., chapter, objected to a second murder charge being filed on behalf of the unborn child. She told the Morris County *Daily Record*, "Was it born, or was it unborn? If it was unborn, then I can't see charging (Peterson) with a double murder."

Kim Gandy, national president of NOW, has similarly spoken out against permitting criminals to be charged with the murder of unborn children. After Sen. Mike DeWine (R-Ohio) introduced the Unborn Victims of Violence Act in 2001, she spat, "This bill is being sold as an effort to deter violence against women, but it ignores the pregnant woman. It is nothing more than a poorly disguised attempt to elevate fetal rights."

Professor Pam Simpson, president of the Rockbridge county NOW chapter, agrees with Gandy. The reason why Stark spoke up she says, "is mostly likely over concern" about "a whole body of law" that could potentially "grant

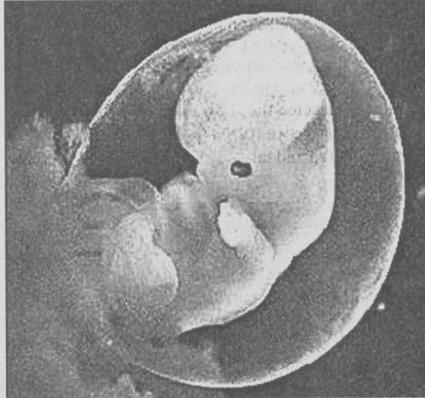
personhood to fetuses." Simpson echoes national NOW's fear that laws which make killing a fetus murder could lead to the abolition of abortion because such laws would protect fetuses at any stage of development.

However, in the wake of the Peterson's arraignment, NOW has not reaffirmed its opposition to laws that permit murder charges for unborn children. Apparently, political calculation trumps principle and even NOW understands that opposing the double murder charge in this instance would be a losing move.

The danger that NOW and its feminazi fellow-travelers face is that unborn children will be routinely categorized as capable of being murdered. Naturally, something that can be murdered must be alive. If a fetus is in fact a child, deserving of the state's protection, the entire pro-abortion house of cards comes tumbling down.

Pro-abortion arguments are based on the philosophical conclusion that babies in utero are no more alive or separate from the mother than fat sucked out during liposuction. As such, a woman shouldn't feel any more compunction about having an abortion than she might while clipping her toenails or having her tonsils removed. The Peterson case brings into sharp relief the fact that an unborn child is, in fact, a human being distinct from the mother who deserves the protection of state. Mavra Stark has the unfortunate distinction of being the only NOW member willing to admit this in public.

Unfortunately for the infanticide crusaders, public opinion and state legislatures are working to make laws that protect unborn babies the national standard. Currently, 14 states have defined intentionally killing a fetus



PERSONHOOD? Scott Peterson has been charged with killing an unborn child. Some in NOW see this as a step toward outlawing abortion.

in any stage of development a crime. At least 12 more permit manslaughter or murder charges based on the age of the fetus. California's law, under which murder charges may be filed if the fetus was at least seven weeks old, was passed in 1970. Alabama, Colorado and North Carolina are all currently considering adding similar laws to their books.

The pro-abortion lobby is based on a lie— that unborn children are not human, not separate from their mothers and can be killed indiscriminately. The Peterson case and NOW's reaction to it demonstrate the fallacy of their logic and the evil of abortion.

RIGHT OF THE AISLE
BRETT T. KIRWAN '04

LETTERS FROM PAGE 3

the part of the journalist. What is a catchy and controversial article to you was somebody else's hard work. Perhaps you should consider that when you are criticizing the next project and the people that contributed to it. You should remember that real people are involved, too.

Sincerely,
Robyn Konkel '05

Kirwan responds:

I never impugned anyone's character. I did question KEWL spreading, via a bake sale, the untruth that the gender wage gap is due to discrimination. My article clearly demonstrated that any wage gap that exists is do to other factors and not discrimination.

Hillel objects to letter's headline

Dear Editor,

Recently, you chose to publish a letter entitled "Alumnus blames Jews for war (March 17)." We are writing to complain not only about your decision to publish such an inflammatory and irrational letter, but even more, your headline for the letter. First, Lackmann, as he himself says, never attended Washington and Lee University for long and never graduated; your use of "alumnus" therefore gives the letter more weight than it deserves.

Second, your headline focuses solely on one small part of the letter, and not even its most important part. The letter is a diatribe against various people persecuting those who want to think independently (especially the letter's author), and its main claim is that Washington and Lee students want to be told what to think.

We can only conclude that you, the editor, chose such a headline for its shock value— to provoke and inflame public opinion at the expense of Jews. This is especially what we object to. Your actions were hurtful and insensitive.

We would like finally to draw your attention to the way you have presented our campus community to prospective students visiting campus on that weekend (minority, Jewish, and Honors candidates). Rather than an atmosphere of free speech and open discussion, your handling of this and other inflammatory letters in the same issue makes us look small-minded and hostile to differences. Surely you could have found ways to present these important issues that would lead this campus toward better understanding, civility, and community.

Sincerely,
The officers of Hillel

Stash cigarette butts in the trash

Dear Editor,

I can stand in front of Newcomb Hall smoking a cigarette and count 39 cigarette butts on and in the bricks within 5 feet of the TWO ceramic cigarette disposal containers that are sitting in front of Newcomb Hall. Come on people . . . how hard is it to put your cigarette in the sand? I have a real problem when I see the custodians, who don't smoke, have to get out there with brooms and sweep and dig out the butts from the bricks. Let's try a little harder next time and I mean, all over campus. And believe you me, I will call you on it, ask the smoking students around Newcomb Hall.

Sincerely,
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One singular sensation: One Acts entertain

One took place in a New York City apartment. One took place in a patient's room. One took place in a living room. One presented the realities of working as an aspiring writer. One presented the thought process of a mentally unstable person. One presented a situation nothing short of bizarre and bad luck. One was witty and comical. One was melancholic and disturbing. One was uproarious and hilarious.

The One Acts were a series of one acts, each student directed and performed. I had the pleasure of attending Kris Pollina's "Who Made Robert DeNiro King of America", Bart Peters's "The Most Massive Woman Wins", and Emily Pace's "Black Comedy" last Saturday afternoon. Though I unfortunately was unable to attend the other series of The One Acts, which were directed by Ana Estrada and Neal Willetts, I heard they were nothing short of brilliant performances.

As Radiohead faded into the background, Pollina opened the scene: a man (Joe Harouni) whose shirttail was half-tucked in knelt on the living room floor frantically typing away on an old, beat-up typewriter, while across the stage a business-like woman in a suit (Sara Kell Bowers) sat at a flawlessly clean desk, staring blankly into her laptop screen. The contrast became immediately apparent: the spontaneous vs. the tamed; the fanatical vs. the rational; ideaphoric thoughts vs. blocked thoughts; the Dionysus vs. the Apollo; husband vs. wife.

Pollina wonderfully portrayed the dissimilarity between these two characters and their relationship with the unrestricted, anything-goes pragmatic (not to mention promiscuous) agent (Sarah Orvin) whose only purpose is to sell potential novels – and in any way possible. Bowers, Harouni, and Orvin were convincing and performed the distinctive personalities of the characters perfectly: at one moment, I'd "side" with the husband and wish him all the success, while the next moment I'd feel sorry for the pitiful wife who was suffering from writer's block. Together, Pollina, Bowers, Harouni, and Orvin put on a wonderful and entertaining comedy that at times, according to Pollina, "stressed the hell out of me" but was, nonetheless, "an awesome experience."

Peters's "The Most Massive Woman Wins" brought the psychology of an obese person to the stage. Taking place in the doctor's office before cellulite removal surgery, this play focused on the reflections of four obese women in a society that prides itself on being thin. Peters used a creative approach to its production, portraying the disconcerting history of an obese person and the effects of childhood teasing, the inability to stop eating, the pressures from husbands, and many other causes of obesity. I thought Peters artistically used the lighting, eerie singing and dancing to convey their unstable mentalities, while Ligia Abreu, Kristin Marie Evans, Kimberly Sampson, and Josie James gave heart-wrenching and bone-chilling performances. It was deep and thought-provoking, gloomy and depressing, yet frighteningly credible.

The actresses gave wonderful performances and presented the aspect of the eating disorder that cannot be known by reading textbooks or as told from a doctor. They presented the *experience* of obesity, what it is like to have and live with the disease, and how it takes over the mind, completely encompassing all thoughts, behaviors, and

life itself. Their performance was so captivating that I felt as though I were experiencing the disease myself and as the play came to a close, I – as well as the entire auditorium – was silent, at a complete loss for words. The melancholy of the situation overwhelmed me and brought to my eyes how influential subtle aspects of society can have such a great impact on the lives of many women desiring to be thin.

On a lighter note, what happens when a lively and animated guy, a high maintenance girlfriend with her militant father, a single, devout Christian elderly woman, a flamboyantly gay friend, an intelligent electrician, and a wealthy man from the bourgeois interact together in a living room? Answer: a comedy. What happens when all of the above interact together in a living room in the dark? An outrageously hysterical comedy. Add in a few more details – such as the moment when the elderly woman drinks alcohol for the first time in 60 years or that all the furniture in the living room was stolen from the gay friend's apartment or that the racy ex-girlfriend decides to crash there for the night after her lengthy journey abroad – and you get more than an outrageously hysterical comedy. You get Black Comedy.

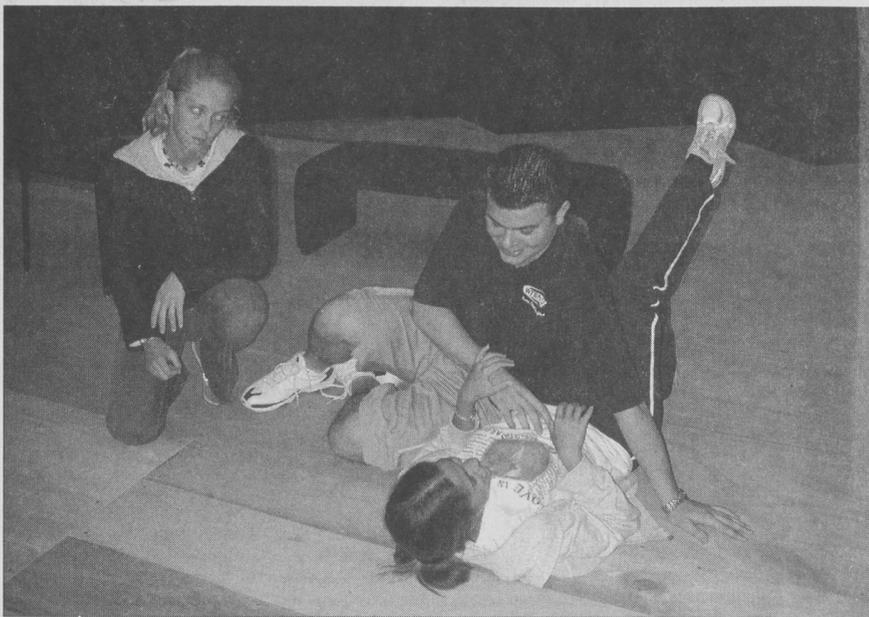
I cannot explain how truly side-splitting and hilarious the performance was. All I can say is that the next morning, I awoke feeling as though I had done 500 sit-ups the night before. I had laughed so hard that I made my stomach sore.

The play began in darkness and could not see anything. All we could understand from the play was that a normal conversation was taking place in what seemed to be a living room. Suddenly, the lights came on while in the play, they had supposedly blown a fuse and the lights were off. In other words, Pace used darkness and light to convey when the apartment lights were on and off, respectively. So, for nearly the entire play, the actors and actresses had to act and pretend that they were in complete darkness – it was great! Their performances were wonderful and believable – no, wait, they were more than believable. They were absolutely flawless. Pace casted: Casey Ratchford as the main character, Catherine Summerson as his fiancée Carol, Jane Ledlie as the elderly Christian woman, Ruth Esponda as the ex-girlfriend, Chris Alderman as the electrician, Nick Ramsey as the wealthy tycoon, Caleb Dulis as the fiancée's father, and Jeremy Mims as the gay friend.

The play consisted of purely situational humor and thus, and almost all credit for the extreme hilarity of the comedy must be given to senior Emily Pace as the director. The actors and actresses executed their lines and actions perfectly, but to think that she completely directed the show and was able to arrange all the bizarre situations is beyond me. She is definitely gifted and talented and knows how to create laughter.

Long hours and hard work were definitely put into all five of the one acts, especially on the part of the directors. The three plays that I saw were all fabulous and I couldn't believe that they were directed entirely by students. The performances by the actors and actresses were equally as fabulous as were the directors and the technical staff, and I'd just like to say thanks to everyone who helped with the shows – you made me think, reflect, imagine, and laugh harder than I had in a really, really long time.

'Sylvia' brings barks, laughs



BIZARRE LOVE TRIANGLE: Greg (Joe Harouni '05) and Sylvia (Ligia Abreu '06) play together affectionately as Greg's wife Kate (Kris Pollina '03) looks on disapprovingly and jealously.

What is the problem with this love triangle? Sylvia happens to be a french poodle. This hilarious comedy shows us what our lives would be like if our pets could only talk back.

BY MEGAN MORGAN
ASSISTANT ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

Starting on May 3, the W&L theatre will present the play "Sylvia" written by A.R. Gurney's and directed by W&L senior Neal Willetts. Sylvia tells the story of a young couple in New York City, Kate and Greg, whose marriage is threatened by the increasing amount of time that Greg spends with his best friend. This friend is, in actuality, the couple's pet dog, Sylvia.

Senior Neal Willetts, whose directing experience here at Washington and Lee includes the productions of "Godspell" in the fall of 2001 and "Zoo Story" in last month's One Acts, is directing "Sylvia". Willetts selected "Sylvia"

not only because of the play's humor but also because "underlying the hilarious dialogue of "Sylvia" and fantastic writing of one of A.R. Gurney's best comedies, is an exploration of marriage and the importance of communication in maintaining a long-lasting relationship."

The cast of the play includes freshman Ligia Abreu as Sylvia, senior Kris Pollina as Kate and sophomore Joe Harouni as Greg. Mike Diverio, Sarah Sager and Meredith Hibbard play supporting characters. These individuals play friends of the couple that take sides with either Greg or Kate in their ongoing debate over whether or not to keep Sylvia.

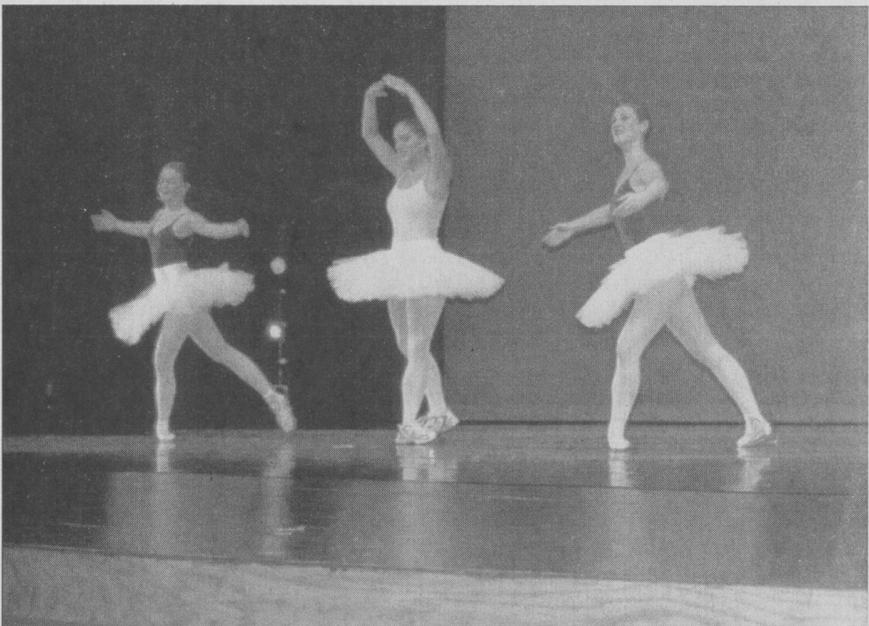
The cast members are very excited about the play, despite the

strenuous practice schedule that they have adhered to. Ligia Abreu says "I read the script and thought it was a hilarious comedy. The minute I read it I knew I wanted to be involved with it in some way. I was unbelievably excited when I was cast, and I'm still excited to be working with the great and talented group of people who are involved with the show."

This humorous play will be performed on Saturday, May 3 at 8 p.m., Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Monday, May 5 at 8 p.m. All of the performances will take place in the Johnson Theatre of the Lenfest Center. Admission is free for the entire university community, and no tickets are required.

Dance the night away at Lenfest

W&L Dance bids a fond farewell to the seniors who have made this year's work possible



DANCING ON AIR: W&L Dance ballerinas dazzle the crowds in Lenfest during Saturday night's dance performance.

BY MARY CHRISTOPHER
STAFF WRITER

Every year Washington and Lee performs two dance shows, one in the winter and one in the spring. The Winter show was comprised of a great deal of ballet, choreographed by Melissa Belcher, as well as an interpretive modern piece. The spring show however, has a very different flavor to it and has the ability to appeal to a great deal of people. Whether you enjoy the classic feel of a ballet piece, the intensity of a tap number, the energy of jazz or the street feel of hip hop, you can experience it all at the show.

The girls who participate in ballet work off campus at Belcher's studio and put in many hours to perfect their technique and style. The Jazz, Tap, and Hip Hop Dancers also meet several times a week to review turns, combinations, and choreography.

Freshman Lyndsay Polloway is the head Jazz instructor and has put many hours working with the dancers on "Born to be Wild", keeping it both technical and entertaining. Freshman Katherine Fischer is the Head Hip Hop instructor and used her many years of experience with this style to create a piece for a multitude of ability levels. Mary Christopher, also a

freshman, is the Head Tap instructor and has choreographed both a Broadway style tap piece and a more modern piece to feature graduating senior, Catherine Satterfield. Satterfield recalls having a great time throughout her years dancing with the ensemble. She has done such a great variety of pieces and enjoyed all of them.

The three choreographers spend a great deal of time not only creating dances, but organizing and structuring the program as well. Polloway said, "The girls have worked so hard and deserve the chance to shine and show off their abilities!"

Robin Okin is another graduating senior who choreographed a showcase piece "Over the Rainbow", sung by Eva Cassidy, with Belcher. Okin also performed Appalachian Suite, an Elvis Suite, and variations to Bach and Glasnov music, with the ballet ensemble. When asked to reflect on her experience with the ensemble she remarked, "my four years at W&L would not have been as fulfilling if I had not participated in W&L Dance. I've met some great people and have had some well...goofy and fun times too."

Although the ensemble graduates two women, it is very young, comprised of many freshmen, and has much promise for the future.

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OFF TO THE RACES! On Saturday, April 26, thousands of college students from throughout Virginia and neighboring areas attended the biannual Foxfield races in Charlottesville. As is customary, Washington and Lee enjoyed a strong representation among the attendees of the festivities. The above students are waiting in line to use the rows of portable bathrooms, a common sight at Foxfield. The races will occur again in the fall.

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PRIDE opens its doors to students

BY LAURA LEIGH BIRDWELL
STAFF WRITER

As humans, we strive to create our own identity – to be a person unlike any other person who has ever walked on this earth. Whether you want to explain this phenomenon in terms of biology, sociology, psychology, or philosophy is beside the point. The point here is that our creativity is the source of our humanity, distinguishing us from all other species, permitting us to be unique individuals. And it is through the expression of creativity, thinking as an individual and the desire to be a distinctive self that a diverse community is created.

Diversity does not refer solely to different ethnicities or to differences in cultural or personal background. It is not limited to nose rings or colorful tattoos, to blue hair or red tennis shoes. On the contrary, diversity has no limits. For example, how do you eat an oreo? Do you prefer to dip in it milk, anxiously waiting that moment when the chocolate crust becomes soggy? Or do you prefer to spread peanut butter on top, with a glass of milk on the side? Or better yet, how do you like to party? Do you prefer the close-knit quarters of a friend's house, a pitcher of beer at the Palms, or a fraternity party with the Right-On Band playing the all-too familiar tunes of Motown?

Diversity is limited only by the source of ideas. It refers to the way each person views life, enjoys life, and seeks to conduct that life. For this reason diversity is most prominent within colleges and college life. College constitutes those moments in life when, more than ever, we, as ambitious, youthful, and vivacious beings, are seeking how to live our lives, seeking answers to crucial questions about the best way to live, and the proper roles we should fulfill as students, as



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MIX DON'T MATCH: Avery Gholston '03, Cristin Nunez '05, and Kyle Meehan '05 participate in a PRIDE event earlier this year in which students went to the dining hall and met new people while dressed in clothes that did not match.

citizens of America, and as human beings.

If Washington and Lee University is to preserve and promote these reflections and help its students develop and grow as individuals, it must also preserve the already existing diversity, as well as bring it to a higher level. With small classes focused on discussion, with the liberal arts curriculum and with professors who encourage student papers to be a reflection of one's own thoughts as opposed to mere regurgitations of memorizations, Washington and Lee does indeed foster a diverse educational experience – it instigates the exchange of ideas and development of one's own thoughts and ideas, which is a crucial step for ensuring the existence of diversity.

These aspects I have just described, however, are a bit beyond the reach of most of the student body. Yet the power of the student body should not be underestimated. While the preservation of the already existing diversity lies in the hands of the administration, the students have

the power to bring this diversity to the higher level. PRIDE (Programming for the Respect of Individuals and Diversity in Education) is an organization that seeks to celebrate the diversity of life, on all levels of education. Though its purpose shall remain, how it is to function as an organization is on the verge of a transition, its fate to be determined by the students.

On this coming Tuesday, April 29 at 8p.m. in Northern Auditorium, PRIDE will be holding an open forum for the discussion of how to increase student interaction on campus. The forum will address the need for an increased degree of interaction between student organizations and groups. As is, W&L has a wonderful mix of talent and leadership within each of the many individual organizations. Yet if the students want to achieve change on campus, if they want to make a difference and have their voices heard they must be in unison, working together as a collaborative effort.

I ask that all leaders from every arena – from GCF to the basketball

team, from the fraternities and sororities to Nabors, from MSA to the peer counselors – whatever organization you represent, I ask that you make an appearance to the community forum and speak your mind about the issue of community at Washington and Lee and how we as students and our organizations can interact as a whole, thereby strengthening our student body voice.

Mike Morrow, the co-president of PRIDE, said that "integration at this university is possible...when different people of different groups unite in the pursuit of common goals... Inherent in Dr. King's vision for an equal America is the notion of unity. He envisioned an integrated multicultural nation with sons of slaves and sons of former slave owners sitting together at the table of brotherhood. If W&L desires both unity and diversity, it must make efforts to see that the same opportunities and benefits are extended to all members. And if we as students are to have a say in the matter, we must unite ourselves and discuss these issues. That is the purpose of the community forum on Tuesday."

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Baseball loses ODACs, end ODAC season 26-7 overall

BY JOHN HYLAND
SPORTS WRITER

The Washington and Lee baseball team placed second in the ODAC tournament, falling to Virginia Wesleyan, 11-3, in the title game yesterday in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

It was the third time in school history that the Generals had reached the championship game, and the first since 1999.

The Generals opened the double-elimination tournament with a 16-1 thrashing of Lynchburg last Thursday. Junior catcher Bryan Mulhern led the offensive onslaught by going 4 for 6 with two runs scored and four RBIs.

Sophomore designated hitter Zach Bausch went 3 for 4 with a run scored and four RBIs and senior shortstop Michael Hanson added a three-run homer.

Junior left-hander Peter Dean pitched superbly, going the full nine innings for his sixth complete game of the year, allowing only five hits and striking out eight to improve his record to 7-2 on the season. The easy victory allowed the Generals to rest some of their starters and stay fresh for the four day tournament.

On Friday, the Generals faced Bridgewater. Junior right-hander Dan Kagey got the start and allowed only one run through seven innings, leaving the game with the score tied at 1. The Generals lone



HOME RUN. Washington and Lee's Austin Allain, '04 bats in a game played earlier this season.

run came when Bausch scored on a wild pitch in the fifth inning. W&L broke the tie in the top of the ninth with a two-out RBI single from senior centerfielder Bobby Littlehale which scored Hanson. Freshman Taylor McConnell came in as a pinch hitter and delivered an insurance run with a single that scored Littlehale. Both General runs were

unearned. Hanson, who replaced Kagey on the mound in the eighth inning, pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his second victory of the season. The win was the Generals 24th of the season, breaking the school record for wins in a season which had been set in 2001.

The win advanced W&L to a Saturday morning meeting with

first seeded Virginia Wesleyan. The Generals opened the scoring with two runs in the second with an RBI single from the pitcher, Mulhern. It was Mulhern's 46th RBI of the year, giving him the single season record in W&L school history.

However, it would be the only offense that the Generals could muster on the afternoon. The Mar-

lins came back with two runs in the fourth and two more in the sixth en route to a 7-2 victory. The Generals committed four errors, which did not help their cause as only two of the four runs that Mulhern gave up were earned.

The loss forced the Generals into an elimination game against Bridgewater on Saturday night. W&L produced four runs in the third inning, including a two-run double from senior first baseman Brian Gladysz, to open a four run lead that they would not relinquish. Bausch went 3 for 4 on the night, with a run scored and an RBI to help the Generals to a 6-4 victory. Junior right-hander got the win, pitching six innings, allowing three runs, one earned to improve his record to 5-1 on the year. Hanson had another solid outing in relief, allowing one run over the final three innings.

The victory placed the Generals into yesterday's championship with Virginia Wesleyan. However, the Generals would need two wins to earn the ODAC crown since the Marlins had yet to lose in the tournament.

W&L took a 2-0 lead on the Marlins in the third inning on their shortstop's throwing error, scoring Gladysz and Hanson. Virginia Wesleyan came back to score two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth off of Dean, pitching on only two days rest, to take a 3-2 lead.

The Marlins took their lead into the ninth inning, just three outs away from the championship but an RBI single from McConnell scored Mulhern to tie the game at 3 and force extra innings.

The Generals took the lead in the top of the eleventh when Mulhern scored on Bausch's groundout, only to have the score tied again at 4 in the bottom of the inning. W&L scored again in the twelfth on an RBI single from Gladysz that scored junior second baseman Austin Allain. This time, Wert, who had entered the game in the seventh inning, was able to hold off the Marlins and earn his second win in as many days.

The dramatic victory forced a second game yesterday afternoon to determine the ODAC champion. The Generals, however, appeared worn out from the outset, playing their fourth game in two days. The Marlins scored in each of the first five innings, to open an 8-0 lead. The starter, Kagey, allowed the first eight runs on twelve hits but he was not helped out by his defense.

The Generals committed four errors on the afternoon as only six of the eleven runs that Kagey and sophomore right-hander Ken Hackman surrendered were earned. The Generals bats produced eleven hits but only three runs as W&L left thirteen runners on base.

Virginia Wesleyan cruised to an 11-3 victory and their fourth



LAX attack. Gavin Molinelli '05 blazes through defenders during a game earlier this term.

Men's LAX loses ODAC title to Lynchburg

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Men's lacrosse lost the ODAC tournament championship game, 6-5, to Lynchburg when Lynchburg's Kevin Reinecke scored with nine seconds remaining in overtime. This year marks Lynchburg's first-ever ODAC Championship.

The game remained close throughout, with neither team ever leading by more than a point. Going into halftime, the Generals had a 3-2 lead after midfielder Dustin Martin, '04, scored with 9:01 remaining in the second period.

The Hornets then snatched the lead away when Billy McCulloch and Reinecke both scored, taking a 4-3 lead. Going into the fourth period,

the Generals tied the score when Martin scored again. During the fourth period, the Generals scored first, with attackman Matt Fink, '04, scored his second goal of the game. The Hornets then tied the game again, when Joe Matta scored with 7:15 remaining.

Reinecke won the game for the Hornets when he scored in overtime; it was his third goal of the game.

Fink and Martin led the Generals in scoring, with two goals each.

The Generals take to the field again on Saturday as it hosts Limestone for a 1:30 pm contest. The Generals will then wait to see if they receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Track teams each take fourth in ODACs

Individuals have good performances, teams prepare for last meets on the weekend of May 10

BY MARY CHRISTOPHER
SPORTS WRITER

The race comes to an end for the Generals, with many strong performances

It was Saturday morning and everyone was up! Many were clad in cute attire on their way to Foxfield for a day of socializing and fun, but not the runners. The Generals track team was preparing for their final meet, the Outdoor ODAC championships. The day started out cold and overcast but the Generals headed to Roanoke and remained optimistic.

Eventually the sun peaked through the clouds and the races were going great, people were running personal records left and right and the coaches were ecstatic.

With two events to go, the rain rolled in and brought with it thunder and lightning; resulting in the postponement of the men's 5,000 and the 4 by 400 relay teams.

Soon all the events were finished and both the men's and women's teams placed fourth in the ODAC Championships.

The women had an excellent performance. In the 100m dash Meredith Walker took 7th with her time of 13.70. In the 400m Kim Gunst took 4th with a

1:05.42, Angel Daniels got 8th with a 1:09.21, and Casey Sharpe got 9th with her 1:12.27. Liz Twentymen had a solid performance giving her 5th with her time of 2:35.20 in the 800-m, while Erin Johnson got 6th with her 2:35.70, Mary Christopher got 7th with 2:37.10, and Meghan Ward got 9th with her 2:40.50.

Mary Christopher won 3rd place with her time of 5:08.50, and Meghan ward earned 6th place with a 5:15.43 in the 1500. Betsy Frayer ran a great 5000 finishing second with her time of 19.10. Ashley Brown, Samantha Snabes, and Jessica Remmert also ran the event finishing, 9th, 10th, and 12th respectively. In the High Jump Angel Daniels got 3rd with her height of 4'10. Long Jumper Meredith Walker got 6th with her distance of 15'07.50. In the shot put Emily Barker won 3rd with a 36'04 while in the discus and Javelin she won 7th.

The men also had some excellent individual performances. In the 100m Brian Krupczak won 2nd with a 11.03, Sullivan 5th with an 11.20, and Brimer 6th with an 11.29. In the 200m dash Krupczak finished 3rd in 22.44 and Brimer fifth with 23.01.

In the 800m, Steve Chambers was 7th with a 2:02.40, Rusty Meyer was



RUN. Lee Stinnett, '04, races a relay during Saturday's ODACs.

9th with a 2:02.60, and Matt Reilley was 13th with a 2:05. Rusty also ran the 1500m and completed it in 4:12 earning him 8th place. In the 5000m Andrew Johnson finished 9th with a 16:36.70.

The men's relay team, the 4 by 100m, finished second and for the long jump Sullivan finished first and Krupczak second.

It was a great way to finish the season and the coaches are proud of

the many accomplishments of the athletes! Way to go Generals!

The men's track team will compete in the James Madison Invitational on Saturday, May 10 while the women travel to the UNC Last Chance Invitational that weekend.

The NCAA Championships will be held Thursday, May 22 through Saturday, May 24 at a time to be announced.

Women take tennis ODACs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Washington and Lee's women's tennis team won its eighth consecutive ODAC Championship on Sunday in a match played at Sweet Briar College in Amherst, Virginia. The Generals won the No. 1-6 single spots and the No. 1-3 doubles.

Erika Proko, '03, took the No. 1 singles spot with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Roanoke's Ashley Fleming. Laura Bruno, '03, won 6-1, 4-6, 10-5 over Randolph-Macon's Brooke Lambert for the No. 2 spot. Brandi Jane Wedgeworth, '03, defeated Hollins' Cayce Schnare 6-4, 6-1 for the No. 3

spot. Lisa Mabry, '06, Elizabeth Law, '04, and Megan Curran, '06, won spots 4-6 with wins over women from Hollins.

As for doubles action, Bruno and Mabry doubled up to win the No. 1 title with an 8-3 victory against Bridgewater's Anne Yust and Holly Egnor. Law and Lora Farris, '05, won the No.2 spot in doubles with a victory over Randolph-Macon's Stefanie Mills and Amy Iden. Proko and Wedgeworth took the No. 3 doubles championship with their 8-3 win over Hollins' Chnare and Olsen.

The Generals will begin to play in the Division III NCAA Championship on Saturday May 3.

Golf takes 3rd in ODACs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Over Spring break, Washington and Lee's golf team went to the ODAC Championships held at the Olde Mill Resort in Laurel Fork, VA on April 21 and 22. The team took third in a field of nine.

Guilford took first for the fourth consecutive year, with Hampden-Sydney in second, followed by Washington and Lee. Roanoke, Bridgewater, Randolph-Macon, Virginia Wesleyan, Lynchburg and Emory & Henry completed the turnout.

The Generals recorded 319 in

the opening round, followed by 327 for a two-day total of 646. Guilford shot a total of 631 with Hampden-Sydney close behind with 636.

As for individual results, Chuck Green, '03, was the General's best, finishing fourth with rounds of 76-80 for a final score of 156. Chip Campbell finished with 163, Ged Johnson with 164, Cullen Toole with 168, Tom Borda with 169 and Matt Bart with 185.

The Generals have two more tournaments this year. One at the University of Delaware on April 26-27 and the NCAA Championships in Ohio May 12-15.

Phi sports. Contact Erin at x4060 to get into the game.

Women's LAX wins its 15th consecutive game, takes ODACs



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS. An enthusiastic fan gets into the festive spirit during Saturday's ODAC championship lacrosse game.

BY DONNY BANKS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee women's lacrosse team pummeled Sweet Briar College, 20-3, on Wednesday at the Liberty Hall Fields in the first round of the ODAC Tournament.

It was the team's 13th straight victory, a school record.

Although the two teams exchanged goals early in the first quarter, the Generals dominated the rest of the first half. After a 14-0 run, W&L led 15-1 going into the third quarter.

"Our team seemed well prepared,

and we really came to play against a much improved Sweet Briar squad," Head Coach Jan Hathorn commented.

The Generals, who already defeated the Vixens earlier in the year in regular play, continued to run things in the second half, holding a 38-7 advantage in shots, a 47-24 edge in

ground balls, and forcing 21 turnovers.

Freshman midfielder Katharine Lester notched a hat trick, and Leslie Bogart, Natalya Hoobchaak, Erin Rathbone, Amanda Strickler, Kelly Taffe, and Lee Wheeler all had two goals. Hoobchaak (3), Bogart (2),



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SCORE. Kelly Taffe attempts to score during Saturday's game.

Wheeler (2), and Laura Wilson (2) also significantly contributed in assists.

On Saturday, the Generals played Virginia Wesleyan at home in the semi-finals. "We'll tweak a few things, but VW will certainly do everything it can to slow down our ball movement, so we'll have to be ready to step up," said Coach Hathorn heading into the matchup.

The team got off to a tough start, with VW scoring within the first 59 seconds, but it then rebounded with a 4-0 run had a 5 point surge to lead 9-3 at halftime. Taffe led the team in scoring with four goals and one assist, followed closely by Bogart with two goals and three assists, and Hoobchak with three goals. Goaltender Joanna Perini had 13 saves.

On Sunday, Washington & Lee won its 15th straight game beating Roanoke 11 to 7 to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference women's lacrosse championship.

The Maroons started off the

scoring but were quickly answered by four goals from the Generals. In all, Kelly Taffe and Lee Wheeler led the team with three goals a piece and Leslie Bogart scored one goal with four assists. Erin Rathbone scored twice, and junior Joanna Perini played well in goal with nine saves.

"We came in with a strong mindset and confident attitude," freshman attacker Laing Humphries said. "It seemed like a solid contribution by everyone, and it was just an overall good performance."

This win tied the school record for wins in a season (15), and it means that the lacrosse team will have an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

"Making it to the national tournament has been a goal of ours from the beginning, so it should prove exciting to see what we accomplish and where we go," Humphries added.

Washington and Lee (15-1) will play again on Saturday at noon when it hosts Longwood.

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