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Alumni swarm campus, reunite, party

BY KYLE WASS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

This past weekend, Washington and Lee alumni from the class of 1953 celebrated their fiftieth reunion, and graduates from many other classes attended the reunion festivities.

While all alumni were welcome in Lexington, events were specially geared toward classes celebrating reunions from a class ending in '3' or in '8'; members of these classes were "Reunionists." Specifically for the classes celebrating their fiftieth and twenty-fifth reunions - the classes of 1953 and 1978, respectively – there were Reunion Calyx enementos prepared. These included bits of information about the years of 1953 and 1978 at W&L, as well as before and after photos of graduates along with a brief biography of what the graduates' lives are like now.

The alumni reunion events began on Thurs., May 1, although the class of 1953 was welcome at the Greenbriar Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.beginning on Mon., April 28. Events on Thursday included tours of the campus, a class of '53 memorial service at Lee Chapel, several receptions, and the Opening Assembly for Reunion 2003 at Lee Chapel. At the assembly, President Thomas Burish welcomed all the alumni, and the Omicron Delta Kappa Spring Initiation was held. The assembly was followed by a reception in Lee House with the president. Over the course of the rest of the weekend, alumni participated in events such as Reunion Seminars on "Pondering Tomorrow," where alumni "discuss[ed] the future from a variety of perspectives," according to the alumni Web site. There were also outing club activities, a journalism exposé, a fitness center open house and a number of sports games for alumni to watch. However, Tom Lovell *('91), the Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, said that the most participation is traditionally for the Saturday evening Alumni Celebration.

Lovell said that W&L had "more than 800 alumni returning for the weekend, with more than 1800 participants in the weekend events." He said that even for the alumnae only 5 or 10 years out, the physical state of the university is much different. "Sorority row is new for nearly everyone," he said.

For the older classes, Lovell noted that women alumni was certainly a change. Sam Perkins ('80, '83L), one of the local founders of Chi Psi fraternity, said that there is "just as much construction now as in 1976!" He also commented that, although there were no women attending classes at Washington and Lee, "we just had to import them," so having women on campus does not feel like a big difference.

Washington and Lee students may be interested to know that Perkins felt that it is a "widely held opinion" among most of his group of alumni that "getting rid of spring term is a terrible idea."



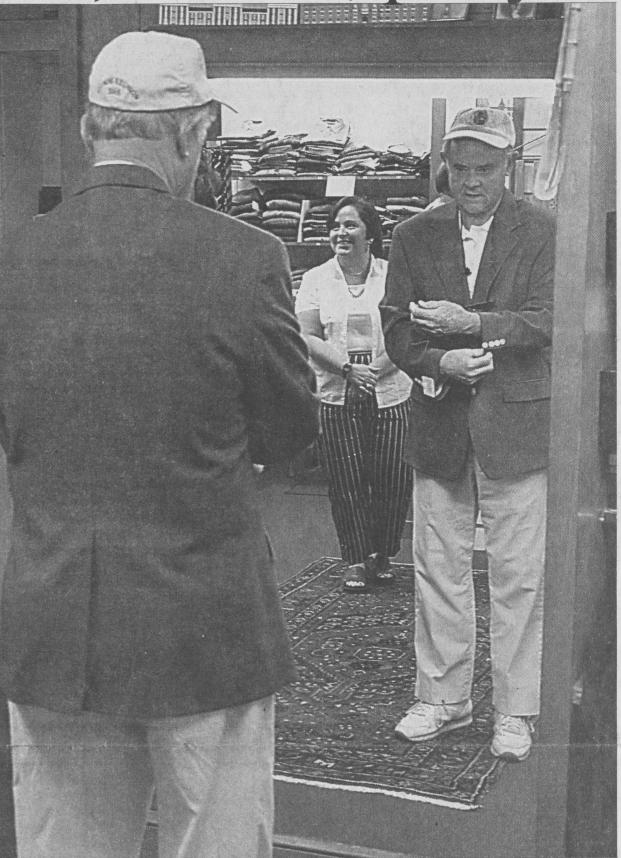
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GLORY DAYS. (Top) President Thomas Burish's SUV advertises the Kathekon and Order of Omega car wash to improve I-81 Saturday. (Middle) Two alumni from the class of '68 chat during a Saturday afternoon tailgate. (Bottom) Trevor Norris '95 stands with Jeapordy's Alex Trebec. Norris has been on Jeapordy five times in the past year and will be on this week's Tournament of Champions. (Right) Tom Madison, '53 from Jacksonville, Fla. took a break from Five-Star General activities to try on a jacket at Alvin-Dennis Saturday afternoon.



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Flak, Lawler win prestigious awards

BY CALEY ANDERSON ASSISTANT OPINIONS EDITOR

Senior Patrick Lawler, a pre-med student, has been selected as one of the few American students to receive a Fulbright scholarship. His area of

medical interest is heart disease, and the honor of being a Fulbright scholar carries with it both a \$22,000 stipend, and the chance to study abroad

with some of the world's leading experts on heart disease at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

Lawler expressed great interest in working

with the project leader, Dr. Göran Hansson, a well known scientist in the field of atherosclerosis research, and a member of the committee that decides the Nobel Prize in the fields of "Physiology or Medicine." "He does good research, obviously, so it'll be a great opportunity to study under him," said Lawler.

Lawler, a Kappa Sigma officer, is highly respected by many at W&L. "Patrick is extremely even tempered and he's not easily ruffled by things. He handles adversity very well," said Erich Uffelman, an associate professor of chemistry. "Among the things that stand out about Patrick is that, for his age, he's a very mature, sensible and reliable person and has great loyalty to people. A lot of people trust him a great deal."

Lawler's work for the 2003-04 academic year will largely be devoted to participating in a team that will undertake serious research into vascular immunology. The team will consist of sci-

entists from around the globe, and, of from McGill Faculty of Medicine in microbiology were all factors that munity-"The fact I did [get the scholarship] is really due to the help I've received from my friends, family, research advisors and professors," he said.



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Lawler's interest in cardiovascular research is due to the extreme impact of the disease in modern society. "I became fascinated by heart disease during my experience volunteering in Stonewall Jackson Hospital's emergency room, its cardiac rehabilitation unit and as a member of the Lexington Rescue Squad," Lawler said. "One of the greatest current challenges to medical science is heart disease....In many countries, as in the U.S., cardiovascular disease, or CVD, claims more lives than any other cause of death.

LAWLER

"That's also the case in Sweden, where between 46 and 47 percent of mortality is due to diseases of the cirtors that contribute to this trend. Lifestyles vary throughout the world, causing each country to struggle with CVD in its own way," he said.

And what are his future plans?

course, Lawler himself. Lawler gives Montreal. That's a seven year prono small portion of the credit for his gram I've been accepted into. After success to the Washington & Lee com- more residency and research fellowship training I'm planning on becoming a cardiologist and biomedical researcher—treating patients and doing research," Lawler said.

Linking his experience to a current campus hot topic, Lawler stated his belief that none of his success in this field would have been possible without the experiences and advantages provided to him by the Spring Term system. My interest in study abroad was only

facilitated by a biology trip I took to Costa Rica to study tropical botany during Spring Term my freshman year; both in terms of sparking an interest, and making my application more competitive for the Fellowship. Also, the experience has helped me get into medical school. When I interviewed at Harvard Medical School, for example, one of the interviewers told me that the fact that I had studied abroad would be really helpful to my application. McGill Faculty of Medicine in Montreal (where I'll go after Sweden) told me the same thing. Without spring term, science majors don't have the opportunities for specialized culation organs," he added. "What's study abroad—a significant strength interesting is the diversity of risk fac- that makes our school's course offerings "the envy of larger institutions"—as missing classes tends to interrupt the cadence of the pre, med course schedule. Also, my coursework in Endocrinology, Para-"I'm going to get an M.D. and a Ph.D. sitology and independent research in ate this June.

made me competitive for the Fellowship and medical school, but that would not have been available to me if Spring Term were abolished."

Another W&L student to win a prestigious scholarship this Spring is Agnes Flak. Flak, a senior double majoring in journalism and theatre, was recently named a Thomas J. Watson fellow. The award carries with it a \$22,000 stipend. This Fellowship will allow Flak to examine the worldwide problem known as "forced displacement," otherwise known as the problem of refugees, individuals who are forced to emigrate or flee their native countries due to war, ideology, natural disaster or any other host of catastrophes.

Flak, herself an immigrant from Poland to Germany following the fall of the Soviet Union, will study this issue by living among displaced and migrant peoples who have been torn from their native lands. She will visit six different areas affected by forced displacement, including the Balkans, Tanzania, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Australia (a nation which receives many refugees for the purposes of sending them off to another desired country) and Mexico.

Flak, proficient in seven languages (fluent in five), cares deeply about the problem she plans to study. Besides her own history in the chaotic experiences of a Polish immigrant to post-Cold War Germany, Flak has lived twice in rural Bolivia as a part of the Shepherd program, experiencing firsthand the conditions of the third world.

An international student from her adopted home of Germany, Flak has found W&L to "open many doors." She cited the accessibility of W&L faculty and the wide variety of programs and organizations on campus as keys to her success.

Both Lawler and Flak will gradu-

Charity ball debuts this month

BY ERIN JULIUS SPORTS EDITOR

A new affair is being added to Spring Term's social calendar. Spring 2003 ushers in the Charity Ball for Cystic Fibrosis, the brain-child of sophomore Jonathan Lefler. The Ball, to be held May 9 from 8 p.m.-11 p.m. in Evans Dining Hall, is meant to, "better the school's image within the community and create an opportunity outside of FD for the student body as a whole to go dancing and have a formal affair," said Lefler, the principle organizer of the event.

Entertainment for the Ball will be provided by the Charlottesville Swing Orchestra. Music from the Big Band Era-swing, jazz and ragtime will be performed. "The first rule about dancing in the nineteenth century was that you (didn't) have to do it right, you just (had) to enjoy it," said Lefler, "it should be a fun evening."

According to Lefler, the event is being hailed as the Independent students' formal.

The idea for the Ball came to Lefler in the fall when he was talking to some friends about how there aren't enough chances for the student body to ask each other out. "Also, around Homecoming, I heard some freshmen complaining about how there was no dance," he said.

Hors d'oeuvres and desserts will be served and the community of Lexington is invited. Press releases about the event have appeared in two Rockbridge County newspapers and Alvin-Dennis is displaying a flyer about the event.

Several organizations are attached to the Ball. The Committee for the Charity Ball for the Benefit of Cystic Fibrosis is in charge of planning. The Nabors Service League donated \$1000 to the cause to pay for refreshments and SOAR is also helping out with the event.

The current plan is to make this Ball an annual affair, although Lefler said that there had to be a trial period of two years before any decisions were made. The committee's goal is for 100 people to attend.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic, potentially fatal disease affecting

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Fifth service day approaches

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN STAFF WRITER

Saturday, May 10 marks the fifth annual Nabors Service Day.

Ashley Thompson '04 and Peter Thompson '03 are co-chairing Nabors Service Day. Last year 200-250 participated in the event. "Our goal is to have more faculty involvement this year," commented chair Ashley Thompson. Since its conception, Nabors Service Day has been entirely student run and most of the participatants in the day's events are students. Jonathan's par-

ents come every year to speak to the students that are contributing their time. In the past, their speeches have been very moving and a highlight of the day. Thompson also announced that this year the first annual McLaughlin Award will be presented.

Many activities have been planned for this year's day of service. The chairs have been working with Jeri Schaff, Executive Director at United Way, to set up the organizations where Washington and Lee students will be working. Two car

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Ramsey reflects on

love's labors lost

Admonishes Adonises to be careful

Recent happenings have caused me to write

Instead I feel compelled to share some

Perhaps it is the time of year, perhaps it is a

a completely different type of piece for this week.

I have decided to stray entirely from my usual

banter about political happenings and on-came

thoughts on something far more personal. Mat-

ters of the heart have been a focus of thought for

weeks, and I really need an outlet for what is in

sign of feeling a bit older and wiser at the end of

my college days, or perhaps these are just some

things that have been in my head all along, but

have been lost along the way until now. Or even

still, maybe it is a hodgepodge of all of these

Love and attraction to me seem things that

exist on multiple levels and progress with the

passing of time in a relationship. However, their

genesis can truly show how sound such feelings

are and can serve as the basis of whether or not

these feelings are to be trusted. Always they are

not as the heart fails to be the most honest of

traction coupled with a love of the idea of a per-

son. This conjured idea can be both beautiful

and dangerous. I believe there are ways to dis-

Relationships often begin with a physical at

As one gets to know another, something must

LEFT OF CENTER

NICK RAMSEY '03

pus goings-on.

things. This is just

one young man's

musings, but I

hope it can be of

some use to others

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Cut costs to save Spring Term

The sad truth is that Washington and Lee can simply no longer afford Spring Term. Without an influx of approximately \$55 million or \$2.5 million per year, Washington Hall cannot afford to hire enough new teachers to maintain the class size and quality of education on which the school prides itself.

Therefore, some belt-tightening measures are necessary. We are glad to see that the D-Hall is already making effort to cut costs by using lower quality meat. Here are some other suggestions.

One key area in which the school hemorrhages money is utilities. For starters, the Williams School and the Science Center are grossly over-air conditioned. Also, the Colonnade Cam (which no one ever watches) and the bells in Washington Hall and Lee Chapel eat up unnecessary electricity.

Similarly, the drought has long been over and the Front Lawn no longer needs to be watered with such frequency. In fact, since the school is in such dire straights, perhaps money should no longer be spent to aerate, fertilize and mow the lawn.

Opportunities for cost-cutting abound in Laetitia Pate. W&L could probably save millions by eliminating the fro-yo machine alone (and improve freshmen girls' health). Also, they could remove the ham from Chicken Cordon Bleu. Imagine how much less costly each piece of chicken 'n cheese is.

Personnel cuts promise a bigger bang. The new Vice-President for Administration, director of University Collections and Burr Datz could all be selectively non-rehired. The University could also stop creating positions for recently graduated alumni and fire all security guards except Baner and Rexrode.

How about eliminating Javapalooza, all fraternities who failed to attract more than five freshmen this year and EC funding to groups like SOAR, KEWL and GSA? Perhaps we could sever ties with the Law School, change our name to Washington and Lee College and save money on letterhead.

If Spring Term is to be saved, the school will need to look for creative ways to save money. The Phi is eager to assist in this moneysaving endeavour.

vote of the Week

"It's time for Democrats to be Democrats to be Democrats."

> ~Democratic presidential candidate and rabble rouser Rev. Al Sharpton (D-N.Y.)

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Pork politics slowed Amber bill

On May 1, 2003, President Bush signed into law a bill formally known as the "Protect Act of 2003," but which has come to be known as the "Amber Alert" bill. The nickname is derived from the memory of a Texas girl, Amber Hagerman, who, in 1996, was abducted from her family and murdered.

The bill itself should appear to most Americans as a perfectly ordinary and laudable piece of legislation. It greatly enhances penalties for child abduction and youth sex crimes, bolsters the funding of missing-child recognition programs, and cracks down on child pornography. Most importantly, it puts into effect the "Amber Alert' program. This program will use radio, television, billboards and the emergency broadcast system to notify regions of missing children in the initial 48-hour period following abduction; a time, lawmakers say, when the child is most at risk and most likely to be found.

All these things are good ideas. But the story of the bill is one of amazing amounts of opposition and lack of cooperation. The idea behind the bill came from the families of kidnapped and murdered children, and it was widely thought in the Congress that the bill would pass easily. But some members of the House refused to pass the bill unless pork-barrel riders to the bill were added on. Ordinarily, a few of these blockaders would not be a problem, but one of them, James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), was a member of the House Judiciary along with the co-

equally pro-pork CALEY ANDERSON '06 barrel Democrats on the committee (especially Rep. Conyers, D-Mich.), angles—families of kidnapped chilwere effectively able to stall the bill's passage, refusing to let it pass com-

operation of the

mittee until unnecessary regional spending bills were tacked on to it.



FINALLY. President Bush, with the Smart family, at the signing of the Amber Act.

ing and pork-barrel politics have become commonplace. But we have rea-

> this particular bill. Outrage and criticism came to the House from all

dren, members of the Senate, and even President Bush angrily demanded that Sensenbrenner and the Judiciary Committee allow the legislation to go for-Obviously, it is this sort of action ward. Members of the House from both

which United States citizens have come parties pleaded with the Judiciary Comto expect from their government. Stall- mittee to pass the bill. Under pressure

There are politicians who use questionable ethics to get ahead, and who use tactics similar to those used by the members of the Judiciary Committee, but when the chips are down, our government works. The House stepped up and demanded justice, and this critical bill passed. It shows you the things we can accomplish when the parties work together for a common cause.

son to be uplifted, and to have a re-Committee. He, the Republican leader, newed faith in our government after the events regarding

from both parties, the Committee finally relented and allowed the bill to be voted on, and it of course passed easily. I offer you this story as a piece of hope for the future of government.

be discovered to illustrate that the idea of this person is more than that. There are glimmers seen through the window of a person's soul that let you know this idea you have fallen in love with is exactly who this person is. From time to time, and in the most remarkable

cern the difference.

of instances, these soulful insights reveal that this person is indeed much more than your origi-

When this occurs, the affection of another is truly worth pursuing. This is not to say that this pursuance will always end in success, but none theless there are things to be learned from even the harshest of romantic failures. This is where courage makes its entrance. These things are

Honesty in matters of the heart is always the best and only road to travel. A confession to this special person of the things observed should be shared. Gifts of flowers, books and collections of one's favorite music can only do so much to express true feelings. An honest word is the truest of all communicators.

The facets of another that prove the idea that has been loved are very explicit. They run, far deeper than commonplace interests such as, "We like all the same books, movies, foods, etc." Often these facets of a person's true self lie in shared hopes, dreams, worries and ideas of faith.

Moreover, under the guise of infatuation, everyone thinks the other is a caring and significant individual. However, proof of these things can only really come from their words and ac tions. Only then can one be sure that this person is sincerely a loving and selfless person who, can not only love you, but can be loved by you as well.

At this point you have to lay your heart out for either acceptance or rejection. Sadly, I know of no case where there is a middle ground. This is not to say that love is the immediate result when your heart is accepted.

is the step where affection can begin to grow and some day possibly become a love. But if this step is never realized at all, then a relationship can never progress beyond a superficial level.

Now I am sure that those of you who read these thoughts would think they make a hopeless romantic of me. You would be right. You would also be right in thinking that this leads to more heartbreak in life. To that I ask if your heart cannot be broken, then what is it for?

And when heartbreak does occur, I merely stop and scratch my head. I learn from these romantic suicides and take a pause before moving on with life, looking still.

Lastly, I will close by saying this is one of those times when I need to take my own advice.

Letter to the Editor

Moderate's Musings

Kirwan wrong on morality of abortion

Dear Editor,

tion clearly ("Peterson case exposes abortion's falla- she is crawling towards a device that will set off a cies," April 28), so let me state it for him. He believes nuclear bomb, and the only way to stop her from setthat babies can be (a) in utero, or unborn, and (b) ex utero, or born. Since the fact of being in one place rather than another (i.e., mere geographic location) is irrelevant to babyhood, it follows that the moral prohibition on murdering babies applies to babies wherever they may be. Therefore the moral prohibition on murdering babies applies to babies in utero.

Now, whether or not this is a sound argument, it is a distraction, and a silly one, to argue that proabortionists believe that "unborn children are not human (beings)." It is a necessary condition for someone's being an unborn child that she is a human being. According to Kirwan, pro-abortionists are in the position of believing that human beings are not human beings.

Since this is a flat contradiction, applying the principle of charity of interpretation requires that we do not ascribe this belief to them if there is another interpretation available that is consistent with other things that they say and that is not a flat contraduction. I suggest that they believe that what Kirwan calls "human beings" are not human beings. Or, if he prefers, that what he calls "unborn children" are not children. Or, if he prefers again, that what he calls "babies in utero" are not babies. They believe that Kirwan is mistaken in his application of the terms "human being" and "child" and "baby". So, to state their position correctly, proabortionists "believe that not-children (or not-babies) are not human beings." This is not a flat contradiction. Another way of putting this is to say that they believe that embryos or fetuses are not human beings, or not babies, or not children.

Is there a way to resolve this disagreement about the appication or meaning of the term "human being," "child," or "baby?" Not directly, I would suggest. Certainly, not in a newspaper article or a letter to the editor. However, let me offer the following observations about the pro-abortion position.

There are at least three pro-abortion arguments. One argument is that the moral prohibition on murder-

ing babies doesn't apply to some cases of killing babies, because some cases of killing babies are not cases of murdering babies. To give a deliberately far-feteched Brett T. Kirwan has difficulty in stating his posi- example, if a baby is threatening my life, say, because ting off the bomb is by killing her, then it may be permissible to kill her, i.e., it may be permissible to kill a baby in self-defense. This applies to cases of life-threatening pregnancies.

> The situation is more complicated in the case of health-threatening pregnancies (e.g., if I have this baby, I will never be able to have any more babies). If someone is threatening my health only, not my life, may I kill her, if my options are restricted to either letting her damage me, or killing her outright? People disagree here. However, I certainly don't see an argument that it is obviously morally wrong to kill her, rather than, say, lose the use of my legs. But it may nevertheless be wrong. The point is that it is not obvious and that people have arguments for an against. That said, there are abortions that are not performed to protect the health of the mother, even if that is the reason given.

> Another pro-abortion argument is that the moral prohibition on murdering babies does not apply to embryos and fetuses, because they are not babies. According to this argument, it is logically impossible to murder an embryo or a fetus, just like it is logically impossible to murder a cat. You can indeed kill a cat, but you can't murder a cat. This is the argument that relies upon the distinction I outlined above. And the truth of that distinction is, as I said, not directly resolvable.

> The third argument is the most commonly misstated argument, even by the pro-abortionists themselves. This is the argument that a woman may do what she wants to her own body, in the sense that she can cut off her own leg if she wants to. This argument would then become the following: a woman may do what she wants to that which is inseparable from her own body. Since embryos and fetuses are inseparable from her body, she may do what she likes to them. This third argument is probably the weakest of the lot, not because of the moral reasoning, which is actually defensible, but because of the factual claim that an embryo or fetus is

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TALKBACK: What has changed most since you were here?



"the beauty of the campus" -Archer Frierson '73



"no Saturday classes" -Bob Priddy '67



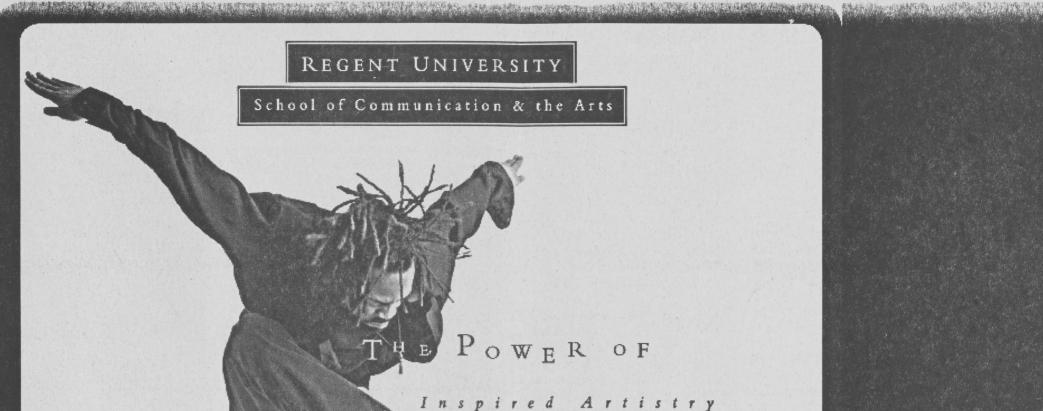
"different restaurants" -David Stoveall '69



"it's more sedate" -Ron Gold '73



"campus stores" -Rust Cadwallader '98



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Alcohol policy needs reform

Surprise, surprise. Despite their well-intentioned efforts, the administration and the Alcohol Task Force's much-exalted new alcohol policy has failed to produce any real results. In fact, as, our esteemed competition, The Trident, reported last Wednesday, DUI arrests have not declined at all. More disturbingly, the first year of the new policy saw a near doubling in the number of DUI arrests—up to 23.

Dean Howison attributes this gross failure to the long memories of older students. One assumes that once an entire generation of students has become accustomed to



the new policy, DUI arrests will fall. He could be right; it is no doubt those memories of the "old days" that cause

students to drive drunk. What is more nostalgic than a spirited drive through the country with a beer in hand and a dozen or so empties behind you?

Alas, the awful "alcohol culture" of W&L might be self-perpetuating and new students will only become accustomed to returning from the country after playing a few games of Beirut, rather than come to appreciate the gravity of the three-strike system.

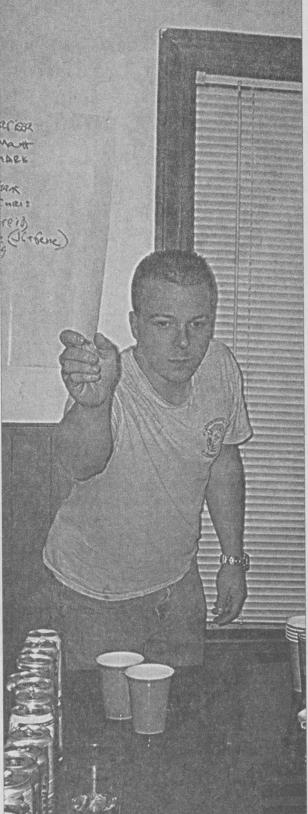
A more healthy policy might be for the administration to abandon its hopes for the new policy, stop relying on excuses about "lingering memories" and return to a system that does not encourage parties to be held out in the

The consequences of the two systems should, by now, be blatantly obvious. Under the old system, students could play drinking games in the fraternity houses. Some houses even held Beirut tournaments—the horror! When the night was finished, students stumbled back to their dorms and off-campus houses. Under the new system, students travel to the country to play drinking games, drink just as much and then have to return home. Traveller is an excellent system, but is clearly inadequate to handle the number of students and number of locations at which parties are held.

Similarly, as the Phi reported in September, the new policy has been ineffective at decreasing the number of alcohol-related student visits to the infirmary. In total, the new alcohol policy can boast drastically increasing the number of DUI arrests and having little or no effect on the students drinking to excess.

So, what can be done? A prudent compromise, which would bring together the best and least harmful aspects of the two systems, would be to retain the three-strike system and to once again permit drinking games in the fraternity houses. The three strike system should be retained because it is a clear and proportional punishment scheme that deals quickly and decisively with students who abuse alcohol.

However, the increase in DUI arrests shows that punishments are not enough. If drinking games were again permitted in the fraternity houses, there would no longer



BEIRUT. Beer pong should return to the fraternity houses.

be a reason for students to travel to the country to party. Naturally, there would be fewer students placing themselves and others in danger by driving home drunk.

It's time to recognize that the new alcohol policy simply is not working, however well-intentioned it may have been. The administration and the student body need to be honest about what has and has not worked under the new policy and need to be willing to experiment with new solu-

Tax cuts in line with Founding

In 1966, the Farmer's Almanac quipped, "If Patrick Henry thought that taxation without representation was bad, he should see how bad it is with representation."

In today's tax-and-spend society, it seems as though Farmer's got it right. When the Patriots dumped a caseload of tea into the Boston Harbor in 1773, they were protesting taxation without representation, to be sure. But their actions had a deeper significance. The patriots made a bold and radical statement about the ownership of government revenues: tax money belonged to first and foremost to the subjects of the government (makes sense, they're the ones that earned it, right?).

Certainly, a certain amount of taxation was necessary to provide for common needs, such as infrastructure and defense. However, since it was evidently their money, the citizens of the New World wanted a say in how it was to be spent. Though the circumstances have changed, this principle remains steadfast.

It's too bad the politicians in money! Washington have forgotten that.

1773 and 2003 the politicians have forthe people, not to the government. stock market. They are afraid of "dam-Mitch Daniels, the Director of the Office of

Management and Budget, said it best when he described the pervading sentiment in the Capitol as eased into existence by our very

SENATORS No. Senators Snowe, R-Maine (1) and Voinovich, R-Ohio (r) oppose President Bush's tax plan. Perhaps they are also at odds with the Founders.

timent. The politicians are arguing as to whether or not they can afford to trust the American people with \$550 billion in tax relief, or whether they can only spare \$350 billion to give to the ordinary citizens. With the fiduciary irresponsibility in Washington, it should be the ordinary citizens who worry whether or not they can trust the politicians with any of their

The liberals in Washington see Apparently, somewhere between nothing wrong with taxing income twice, or discouraging investment by gotten that the tax money belongs to penalizing those who succeed in the

> aging" programs like Social Security, wel-RIGHT ON! fare, and farm subsi-JOHN HEATH '04 dies— as though these programs were

"Don't just stand there, spend some- Founding Fathers, and to gradually or not to cut taxes highlights this sen- union.

The liberals' collective memory 3 must be incredibly short. Our country survived, prospered, and won several wars without the cradle-to-grave care prescribed by the big spenders in our government. What's worse, this 1 collective memory must also be incredibly selective. The vast majority of 1 these programs were intended to be temporary relief during the Great Depression. Those who cry that our government's greatest duty is to protect the big-spending social welfare programs are either ignorant of history, or choose to ignore it.

Our forefathers threw tea into the Boston Harbor 230 years ago so that we could elect persons to be responsible stewards of our money, who could separate the government's needs from the government's wants, finance the essentials of our great nation, and send the rest back.

g." move away from such federal handThe current debate over whether outs would be the death knell of the

As former Montana Governor
Marc Racicot said, "the tax-payers" never told us to keep the change.

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inseparable from the mother. Breakthroughs in medical technology have made separation possible.

I will conclude with the following thought. Morality was never designed to deal with the case of embryos or fetuses. It does pretty well with independent adults, less well with children, and very poorly with dependent embryos and fetuses. Hence, it is a bad start to believe that there are obvious moral answers in these cases.

James E. Mahon, Assistant Professor of Philosophy Kirwan responds:

Pro-abortion activists deny the humanity of children in utero and do, in fact, believe "that human beings are not human beings." Claiming that a fetus is not human is no different from claiming that you or I am not human. From conception and in whatever form, blastocysts, embryoes and fetuses are human and anytime one is killed, it's murder. Geography is indeed a silly argument— a child is a child, in or out of the

Abortion proponents willfully and criminally ignore 118 100 to noises this fact to permit their assault on the sanctity of humane

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CORRECTIONS from Issue 1, April 28, 2003

The Staff Editorial, "Play WLUR in the Co-op," may have given some the impression that the radio station, the Phi and The Trident are part of the Journalism Department. In fact, they are not.

The "Quote of the Week" read "We have major cities with clear governance." It should have read "We have major cities without clear governance."

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Check out the information (a) www.americanheart.org.

obesity, high blood pressure and breast cancer.

public service message from the language

Monday, May 5, 2003

*W&L's greatest asset proves to be its alumni, as seen this weekend

South, on the University Jazz Ensemble tour of alumni gatherings. Cruising with the likes of Kerry Kellogg, Justine Sessions, and the premier party animal, David Klinger, we saw Charlotte, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, Atlanta (again), and Chattanooga before we came northbound back to Lex Vegas. And in each one of these cities, we met a lot of alums.

As W&L students, we tend to think of ourselves in a different world of academia, not quite like all the other typical college kids at all those other typical schools throughout the country. And there's

certainly a lot of truth to that. Because of our unique history and our distinct features (you know, the usual suspects: the Greek system, our Honor System, our exam week freedoms, our beloved Spring Term), you've have to be blind to consider W&L just like every other school. Our four years as undergraduate students are different from most, making the W&L experience much more valuable.

Not many go through the same experience as we, but the alums have. Sure, they may not have shared all the same features of Lexington as we have, since there are living alums since before coeducation, since before spring term, since before we stopped Division-1 athletics. Nonetheless, we share a bond with alumni that we don't have with any other group of people – a bond formed by memories of Fancy Dress, Mock Con, Lee Chapel, and allaround general frattiness.

After our gig at the Piedmont Driving Club (where wearing a tux might be considered underdressing) in Atlanta, Kerry Kellogg and I had a home-stay with David Phillips, a Kappa Sig alum from the class of 1992. As if letting us sleep in his beautiful Buckhead home was not enough, David offered us a few drinks and stayed up a few hours past his bedtime (he had to get up at 7 a.m. the following morning) to entertain us. We sat down, the three of us, and watched some shows on MTV, downed a few beers, and complained about some W&L professors

I spent most of this past recent spring break in the — we could have just as easily been in a fraternity house basement and not known the difference.

> Earlier in the evening, David and his wife took the two of us out to eat at an Italian restaurant, buying us dinner in another kind gesture toward two college kids they hadn't even met before. Joining us for dinner were two SAE alums, also from the class of 1992, and their wives. As we talked about W&L, and as I tried my best to

> explain the current Spring Term debate, it became distinctly clear to me that the wives, who had not graduated from W&L, could not really grasp the meaning of the conversation. W&L was perhaps a little foreign to them. They didn't feel the connection.

> At all the alumni gatherings for which we played, Rob Mish, our university alumni director, made a quick speech on the happenings in Lexington. In regards to the spring term issue, he explained each time that President Burish was getting an "education" on the unity and resolute character of W&L students and alumni. And Rob is exactly right. It took the raising of the Spring Term question for Tom Burish to finally figure out what W&L is all about. It's not his fault of course - he's not an alumnus. He never got the privilege of enjoying the experience we students are going through right now, and that's his loss. Inevitably, he will learn some things through osmosis, but perhaps in a little bit more of a crash course than he expected.

> By the time this article is published, Alumni Weekend will have come and gone. To some students, it's just another weekend of cocktails and band parties, just like many others. But to fall into this mindset is to cheapen the most important asset that W&L has. More than the students, more than the faculty, more than Tom Burish, the W&L alumni make this university into the place we love. They know all of the quirks, all of the fun there is to be had, and, above all, they know what W&L truly means to us. In the face of a generally ignorant population, the alums are the only ones who understand and appreciate our experiences and our lives as students at this place.



HAIL TO THE CHIEF: President and Mrs. Burish enjoy alumni weekend festivities along side of the University Commons.

is undeniable, like the bond between two lifelong friends. I only spent 12 hours in the world of David Phillips, but with relatives. We feel the connection in the classes we have with alumni professors - when Professors Porter or Futch we smile, appreciating that they understand what it's like to much more special.

It may at first seem like a trivial thing, but the connection be a student here. It's a comforting thing. It makes us happy to be students at W&L.

There's one old cliché phrase that I'm sure most of us the way we acted, we could have passed for neighbors or know: It's not what you know, it's who you know. Well, there are thousands of W&L alumni throughout the country. I'll never get the chance to know them all. But mention the upcoming fun of an approaching party weekend, they know me, and that makes the W&L experience that

DuPont art gallery astounds

camera, no doubt. And yet, it wasn't we have such an amazing opportunity a realistic possibility...

At moment, there is a superbly diverse presentation of students' artworks

in DuPont Hall. As

photographs, paintings, and a artist. sculpture of a monster with colorful, floating teddy bears inside his tummy. All the works were unique and expressed each artist's individual style.

I am a strong believer that certain works of art 'strike' certain people in certain ways – not all art is appealing to every viewer. If that were the case, we would not be individual selves. That is the reason for the diversity of arts and artworks. For this reason, I do not discuss all the works in DuPont (though all are truly magnificent). But I encourage you to enter the museum and discover for yourselves which of the artworks 'strike' you - then find out the artist and tell him/her that their artwork is intriguing and have a

conversation. I say the latter statement because art gives a glimpse into the mind of the artist - the depths of his/her psyche, how he handles certain situations, what he considers

It was a photograph taken by a beautiful, what he considers art. And a mere photograph – it couldn't be, at this school – we know the people because the image portrayed was not who created these works of art. They are our peers – one of the artists could

> be the guy next to you at this moment, reading the Sports LAURA LEIGH BIRDWELL'03 section of the Phi. Art

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TIM SMITH '04

inner selves and to find a work of art photography I entered the Museum of DuPont, I to be striking makes a certain kind of representation to...well, something noticed pop art, portraits and pastels, unexplainable connection with the else. Yet, this sounds oddly and

Personally, I extremely intrigued by the individual works of digital artwork, which I described in the beginning of the article. Two in particular I found to be quite fascinating. One presented the

ON THE ARTS

figure of a man peering into a window, yet completely surrounded by white, fluffy clouds. These clouds seemed to envelop him as though they were carrying this image of him into some sort of dream world. Two realistic photographs - one of a man, one of clouds - put together to form a bizarre yet imaginative representation. It is a simple representation yet the idea is so creative.

a black fence in front of a colorful

background. The use of color and the contrast between the dark fence and the sunset-colored background were what 'struck' me most. The background was so diverse that this work was also pure imagination and unrealistic as a photograph representation of real life.

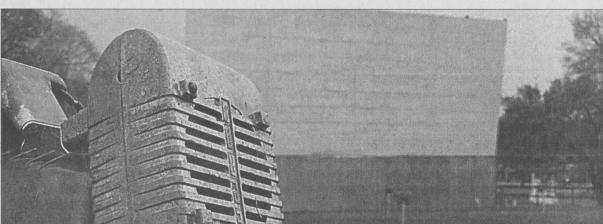
Maybe this is the role of digital is an expression of our art - to change the role of as realistic ironically familiar, eh? Such as,

> painting and the change of its role from painting real life to painting the unrealistic, the subconscious, emotions as modern and post-modern did...is history repeating itself?

> > Art is the outlet for

imagination, where creativity runs wild, limitless and free. And it seems to be the case that representation itself is limited so far as one's imagination goes. But then again, is there a limit to the representation of our imagination? Art itself is a representation, but is there room for more discoveries? Or must we wait for the advancement of technology as the source for these Another digital photographic discoveries (as was the case with work of art portrayed the close-up of digital photography)? Just a few thoughts...

Hull's Drive-In reopens for spring



A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: Hull's Drive-In provides students and the Lexington community with a unique cinematic experience

BY MEGAN MORGAN

ASSISTANT ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

Spring has arrived here in Lexington. And with the coming of a new season comes the return of a beloved local institution. This means that Lexington's own Hull's Drive-In will once again reopen to the public, offering viewers a wide and appealing variety of new movies.

Hull's usually shows a double feature of two backto-back movies, which may or may not be related in subject. The showings are always at night, and begin when it becomes dark enough outside to see the screen. Viewers can listen to the movie over the radio or through individual speakers that can be hooked into the car. The drive-in offers a concession stand that sells snacks and drinks to Hull's patrons.

The 2003 spring season started off over the weekend of April 25 with a showing of the Broadway musicalturned Academy Award winning film "Chicago" followed by Gwyneth Paltrow's comedy "View from the Top". On May 2 through May 4 the theatre showed "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" followed by "Maid in Manhattan"

On Wednesday, April 30, W&L's Student Organizing Alternative Recreation (SOAR) club sponsored a free night at the drive-in for W&L students where they showed James Bond's "Die Another Day". SOAR is a club that promotes social options that serve as an alternative to the traditional

W&L social scene.

The drive-in, which is over 50 years old, is extremely unique in its management. It is run by Hull's Angels, a non-profit organization that bought and rescued the theatre in 2001 when it went out of business. This makes Hull's the only non-profit drive-in movie theater in the

Coming up in the near future, moviegoers will have the opportunity to experience something of historical significance. Hull's Drive-In will be hosting what they are calling a Civil War Weekend, which is scheduled to occur over the weekend of May 16 through May 18. The theatre will play the double feature of the recently released "Gods and Generals" followed by "Somersby". Both of these historical epic movies were filmed, in part, here in Lexington. This weekend is being advertised as "a massive movie experience". It will last until 2:30 a.m. and have two separate intermissions. To make things even more interesting, free admission will be given to all civil war re-enactors who come to the drive-in dressed in full period regalia to the Saturday evening showing.

Hull's Drive-In is located 4 miles outside of Lexington on Route 11 North. Double features start at 8:15 p.m., and admission is \$4 for adults and free for children 12 and under. Don't miss the opportunity for a unique and enjoyable movie watching experience at Hull's.

Review: 'Sylvia' cast barks up laughs

EDITOR IN CHIEF

I must say I was a bit skeptical when I heard the theatre department's next production would star a talking dog. Maybe my skepticism was due to the fact that I don't really like dogs. Whatever the case, I was wrong. The cast of this weekend's "Sylvia" managed to not only completely reroute my skepticism, but also to make the audience think about a number of things including relationships among humans and animals and gender

The play, senior Neal Willetts's thesis project, debuted over the weekend in the Lenfest Center and will continue for one more run tonight in Johnson Theatre at 8 p.m. The small cast revolves around a love-triangle relationship between Greg (Joe Harouni, '05), a middle-aged commodities trader searching for meaning and "realness" in life, his wife Kate (Kris Pollina, '03), a New York City junior high school English teacher who believes she can teach Harlem students to appreciate Shakespeare and Sylvia (Ligia Abreu, '06), Greg's French poodle. The catch of the play revolves around the fact that Sylvia can talk, not just bark, she can converse with the other characters, and Greg treats her like she is a human. Willetts summed up the plot as, "an exploration of marriage and the importance of communication in maintaining a longlasting relationship."

While the plot may seem far-fetched to most, and it was, the hilarious quirks and interplay between the actors make the two hours worthwhile. Whether it be Abreu's dog-like mannerisms or BALL, FROM PAGE 1 Pollina's soliloquized bits of Shakespeare, the play keeps the audience captivated if not chuckling.

I commend Willetts on choosing his actors. While the entire cast worked together phenomenally, the play was generally held together by the stellar performances of Pollina and Abreu. These two women made their characters come alive on the stage. At times, I could literally see an "innocent" dog prancing around the room under the watchful eye of a jeal-

Another notable performance was that of senior Sarah Sager, as a rich, socialite friend of the family. I could feel her cringe as Sylvia leapt up on her, wagging her tail during a scene in the couple's apart-

I can't say the play made a dog-lover out of me, but it did allow me to think about and appreciate the relationships among humans, their pets and one an-

The bottom line: go see the play tonight. While the two hours may seem to drag at times, the amazing skills of the two leading actresses make the performance worthwhile and entertaining in the end.

Megan Morgan contributed to this review.

about 30, 00 people in the United States. The disease affects the functioning of organs, particularly the pancreas and lungs. If it remains untreated, many victims do not live beyond childhood.

Tickets for the Charity Ball for Cystic Fibrosis are \$25 per couple and \$15 per individual and will be sold during the dation. Dress is black tie optional.

week of May 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Co-op. Tickets will also be sold at the door. All ticket sales money goes directly to the Cystic Fibrosis Foun-

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washes will be held, one of which will benefit the Rockbridge Area Transportation System. Other events for this year include building and cleaning playgrounds at Yellow Brick Road and Lexington Day School, painting a building for the Rockbridge Area Recreational Center in Buena Vista, and helping to do inventory at the Free Clinic. Phi Eta Sigma, the freshman honorary, will be specifically focusing on Habitat for Humanity and Alpha Phi Omega, the co-educational service fraternity, will be painting a mural at the youth center.

Everyone involved would love to see interest in this activity grow. It is a great time to get with your friends and support local interests that need assistance. While in the past, faculty and administration have not played a major role in Nabors Service Day, 2003 could be the year of starting a tradition of everyone in the Washington and Lee community coming together for the good of Rockbridge County and for the legacy of Jonathan O. Nabors. The Nabors Service League Web site sums up why students and faculty should get in-

volved, "It is his spirit of optimism, love, and friendship that the Nabors Service League aspires to embody." For all students, faculty, and administration that would like to get involved, a sign up sheet for the events will be outside the co-op everyday this week from 11-2. Additionally, forms are available online at http://home.wlu.edu/~THOMPSONP/NSDform.htm.

Stacy McLaughlin '02 and Claiborne Taylor '02 established this event in memory of Jonathon O. Nabors. They decided to honor his memory with a day of service because Nabors did much for others and was very involved in community service. Nabors would have graduated in 2002. On his way back to Washington and Lee after Christmas break, Nabors was killed on January 3, 1999 in an automobile accident, along with his sister, Leigh, during his freshman year. Nabors Service Day was created in the Spring of 1999 and was a mandatory activity for freshmen only. The creation of Nabors Service Day lead to the beginning of the Nabors Service League, also started by McLaughlin, in which students can participate in service programs year round.

Baseball wins two this week

THE RING-TUM PHI PORTS

With 28-8 record, team could could go to Division III NCAA tournament



JEB BROOKS/Thr Ring-tum Phi

TRIPLE PLAY. Zack Bausch looks on as his teammate Dan Kagey bats in Saturday's game.

BY JOHN HYLAND SPORTS WRITER

The W&L baseball team followed up last Sunday's disappointing loss in the ODAC championship game with two solid victories this past week and with an impressive record of 28-8 and are now poised for a potential berth in the Division III NCAA tournament.

The Generals faced Villa Julie at home on Wednesday. W&L fell down 3-0 after the first inning but the Generals came back to score a run in the bottom of the first and two more in the second to tie the score at 3. Junior right-hander Mike Wert shook off a rough first inning and pitched solidly the rest of the way. The game remained tied at 3 until the bottom of the ninth. Senior first baseman Brian Gladysz led off the inning with a walk. that allowed Gladysz to score all the his team leading eighth victory hope that their season will continue.

way from first to give the Generals a dramatic 4-3 victory. Wert received the victory going the full nine innings to improve his record to 7-1 on the year. Offensively, the Generals were led by Mulhern, junior second baseman Austin Allain and senior shortstop Michael Hanson who each contributed two hits and an RBI

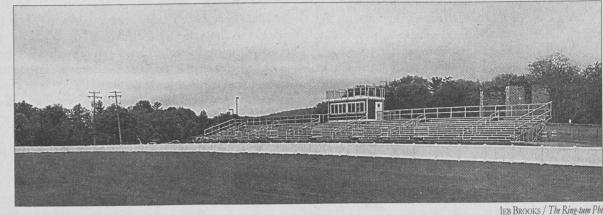
Savannah Art and Design then came to Lexington this past weekend for a two game series that would close out the Generals' regular season. W&L scored three runs in the second inning to take a 3-0 lead and never looked back in their 7-2 victory.

The Generals were aided by the Bee's poor defense as five of the Generals seven runs were unearned. Senior centerfielder Bobby Littlehale went 3 for 4 for the Generals with two runs scored. Sophomore designated hitter Zach Bausch went 2 for 3 with Junior designated hitter Bryan two runs scored and two RBIs includ-Mulhern then singled but the ball was ing a solo home run in the ninth inmisplayed by the Villa Julie leftfielder ning. Junior left hander Peter Dean got released on May 11 and can only

against just two losses, allowing two runs over eight innings.

The two teams faced each other again on Saturday. W&L opened up the scoring in the first inning with a three-run homer by Gladysz. The Bees replaced their starting pitcher after the first inning and were able to shut down the Generals the rest of the way. SCAD came back to score a run in the fourth and two more in the seventh off of junior right-hander Dan Kagey to tie the score at 3. Hanson replaced Kagey in the eighth after a rain delay but gave up a run scoring single in the top of the ninth that would prove to be the game winning hit and allow the Bees to prevail 4-3.

Having already won a school record 28 games and playing outstandingly throughout the season, the team has a chance of gaining an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. The Generals will find out their fate when the tournament selections are



READY FOR PLAY. W&L's brand-new soccer field, newly completed and located up near then freshmen parking lot.

Men's LAX loses to Limestone

Team can now only hope to get an at-large bid to the Div. III NCAA Tournament

BY DONNY BANKS

HEADS UP

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Washington and Lee men's lacrosse team lost on Saturday 7-6 to Limestone College in overtime at a wet Wilson Field. It was the Generals' second overtime defeat in as many games, having lost to Lynchburg last week in the ODAC championship game.

W&L (9-5) got off to a quick lead in the beginning of the game with two unanswered goals. Throughout the first and second quarters, however, the Saints (12-2) kept it close and managed to score a couple points of their own. The teams were tied at the half with 2 goals each.

Following a lighting delay of 20 minutes, Limestone broke the tie and exploded with three unanswered goals to hold a 5-2 advantage.

As the rain picked up, however, the Generals started to mount a comeback as sophomore attackman Gavin Molinelli scored off an assist by junior Midfielder Dustin Martin. Senior midfielder Rob Brown then put the Molinelli, and McLewee all had one.

final quarter of regular play after scoring unassisted.

In the fourth, the Generals quickly tied it up at 5 with a goal by junior attackman Matt Fink.

Each team's offense remained fairly stagnant for a stretch before Limestone scored after a shot by freshman attackman David Wooster bounced from the post onto a W & L defenseman's helmet's into the goal.

This strange deflection put them up 6-5 with only 3:12 minutes remaining. With 40 seconds left, however, the Generals converted with a clutch score by junior midfielder Mark McLewee to force extra play.

Another 20 minute rain delay ensued before the overtime period. Despite controlling the ball for the early part of the 5 minute OT, W&L couldn't get off a shot, and Limestone got the victory with 1:33 minutes remaining after scoring off of a turnover.

Overall, Matt Fink led the Generals with 2 goals, and Brown, Martin,

W&L back by only 1 going into the In addition, Molinelli recorded 3 assists and Martin had one. In net, junior goalie Ansel Sanders played well with 9 saves. Washington and Lee held an advantage in both groundballs (39-33) and faceoffs (11-6). Limestone got off more shots than the Generals did, and many questionable calls went to the Saints.

The game marked the first win for Limestone over W&L in their history which dates back to their first meeting in 1992. The Generals lead the series 3-1.

Head Coach Mike Cerino previously held the same position at Limestone and helped the team reach its prominence in Division II lacrosse, which it has dominated over the years and in which it is currently ranked 4th.

Because of the last two losses, including last week's loss of the ODAV tournament to Lynchbrg, Washington and Lee can now only hope to receive an at-large bid to the Div. III national tournament.

Last year, Washington and Lee's men's lacrosse took the ODACs.

The Lake Show: respect

The Los Angeles Lakers have crushing Portland's remaining hopes won three consecutive NBA championships. Yet, many NBA enthusiasts tire of this domination and want another team to have its turn at the top. Such fans refuse to respect an LA squad that relies, in their opinion, exclusively on Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal.

While I am by no means a Laker fan, let me explain why I would enjoy watching the Lake Show capture its fourth straight title.

THE FREE AGENT IAN McIlroy '04

Dynasties are nothing new but rather the NBA norm. Barring the strike-shortened season of 1998-99 in which the San Antonio Spurs took home the title, every NBA champion, since the Boston Celtics failed to repeat in 1987, has won at least back-to-back championships.

However, not only has LA, like the Chicago Bulls of the mid 90s, managed to three-peat, but they have done so in style, vanquishing their perennial Western rivals over and

In Game 7 of the 2000 Western Conference Finals, a Blazer squad with unquestioned superstars in Scottie Pippen, Bonzi Wells, Rasheed Wallace, and Damon Stoudamire (not to mention Ruben "the Kobe stopper" Patterson) dominated LA through three periods taking a 75-60 lead into the fourth quarter.

Yet, the Lakers answered with a 15-0 run to tie the game at 75, as O'Neal dominated the post and Brian Shaw that's right Brian Shaw - nailed three shots from beyond the arc.

With less then a minute to go, Shaq slammed an alley-oop from Bryant to put LA up by 6, thereby

for a championship. During Game 4 of last year's

Western Conference Finals, the Lakers already down 2-1 in the series trailed the Sacramento Kings 48-24 in the second period. Yet, the Lakers clawed their way back into the con-When Shaq went to the bench

with three early fouls, Bryant stepped up, scoring nine uninterrupted points.

and down two, Kobe drove the lane but missed a tough shot. After Shaq missed the put-back, Sacramento's Vlade Divac mistakenly

With only seconds left in regulation

tipped the ball towards the 3-point line where "Big Shot Rob" Horry waited. Used to such pressure with four championships already under his belt, Horry hit a straight-on three pointer as time expired and gave the Lakers a 100-99 victory, saving the se-

ries and the season. These two examples illustrate how the Lakers have earned respect. In both, the Lakers' two proven superstar floor generals, Shaq and Kobe, have shown how they can take the entire game in their hands.

Conversely, Laker role players, although they would have trouble even making the roster of the Kings or Dallas Mavericks, consistently deliver in the clutch.

Aside from their players, I firmly contest that the accomplishments of LA coach Phil Jackson inspire nothing but awe. Jackson has won six straight NBA championships in seasons in the last six he has coached and 9 in he last 11.

Naturally, many critics say, "anyone could win that many NBA championships if Jordan and Pippen or Shaq and Kobe are on the roster." Yet, such a statement would be pure

Jackson has always successfully put out fires that threatened to consume his squads. Jordan publicly criticized the play of Bulls center Bill Cartwright, yet Jackson kept the feud from surfacing on the floor.

During Chicago's second run, Jackson kept Dennis Rodman on a leash, one loose enough to allow Rodman to express himself freely with his hair color and piercings but tight enough to keep Rodman's game as a rebounding specialist from implod-

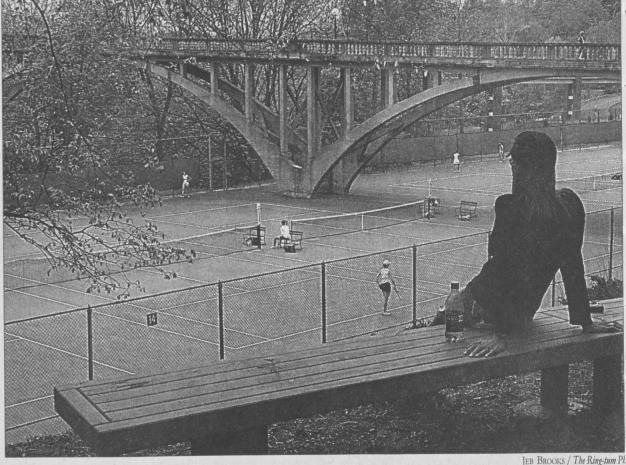
Currently, Jackson keeps his two Laker superstars from ripping each other apart. Because of efforts of Jackson, even Shaq now admits that, personal conflicts with Kobe aside, the big man's job is simply "to help win championships."

After trailing Minnesota 2-1 in the opening round of this year's playoffs, everyone thought LA was falling apart. Many sports reporters started proclaiming that LA's miracle comeback run to the playoffs in the second half of the season had exhausted them.

Yet, the Lakers stormed back to win the series and, like always, silenced their critics. As Minnesota Coach Flip Saunders said after losing the series 4-2, "the Lakers are the team to beat and I don't think that's going to change."

While the Lakers don't want his or for that matter anyone else's love, they certainly deserve everyone's respect.

Women's tennis sweeps Salisbury'



THIRTY-LOVE. A fan looks on as the women's tennis team battles it out under the bridge on Saturday afternoon.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The second-seeded Washington and Lee women's tennis team (21-1) swept Salisbury (9-7) at home last Saturday in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament. Erika Proko, Lindsay Hagerman, Laura Bruno, Brandi Wedgeworth, Lisa Mabry, and Elizabeth Law all won their matches in consecutive sets, with no Salisbury player ever winning more Jody Cogar 6-0, 6-3, Hagerman d. Cassie Meyer 6-1, 6-3, Bruno d. Samantha Coldren 6-1, 6-0, Wedgeworth d. Heather Tyng 6-2, 6-1, Mabry d. Gen Lowe, 6-1, 6-0, Law d. Sammie Smiles 6-3, 6-1).

nance into the doubles matches, windoubles match with the help of in straight sets.

than three games to a set. (Proko d. Hagerman, defeating Jody Cogar and Samantha Coldren from Salisbury (Hagerman/Proko d. Cogar Coldren 8-1, Bruno/Mabry d. Meyer/Tyng 8-0, Lora Farris/Law d. Lowe/Smiles 8-

The women's tennis team, which The team continued their domi- easily cruised to its ODAC championship, will go on to face Swarthmore, ning in three sets. Senior Proko re- whose team also defeated their oppocorded a school record 98th career nent (Mary Washington) with a sweep

Women's lacrosse, men's tennis lose

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Longwood defeats Generals

Women's lacrosse played Longwood on Saturday. Longwood raced out to an early lead, 11-2, by halftime before adding four more points to their score in the second half. Washington and Lee's goals came from Kelly Taffe and Lee Wheeler, who had one each. Its assists came from Leslie Bogart.

The Lancers are the top-ranked team in Division II and were up 4-0 at the 7:20 mark. Wheeler made the Generals' first goal, raising the score to 4-1. The Lancers then recorded seven straight goals and eventually forced the Generals into 30 turnTennis eliminated in first round of ODACs

The W&L Men's Tennis team (15-3) was eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Division III Tennis tournament by Washington College last Saturday 4-2, winning two of five singles matches, and losing both doubles matches. One singles match and one doubles match did not finish. The only W&L victors of the day were freshmen David Shay and Jordan Eichenberger, who won both of their singles matches in straight sets.

Two matches were completed, however. (Farouk/ Prado d. Shay/McClure 8-3, Blanchette/Prytula d. Schaefer/ Chris Kimmel, 8-3). The loss ends an otherwise very successful season for men's tennis.

Paul Mclure's singles match and the doubles match of Nix and Kim werebo both aborted

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