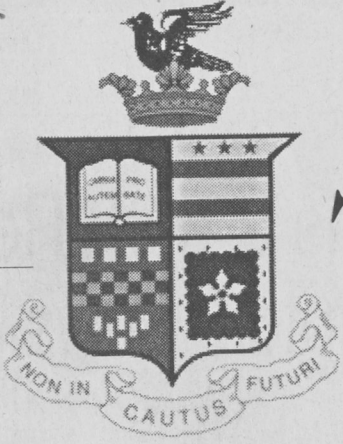


Arch
#378.755
R552
v.106
no.4
c.2

JAMES R. LEVIGAN LIBRARY
WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY
LEXINGTON, VA 21900

MAY 23 2003



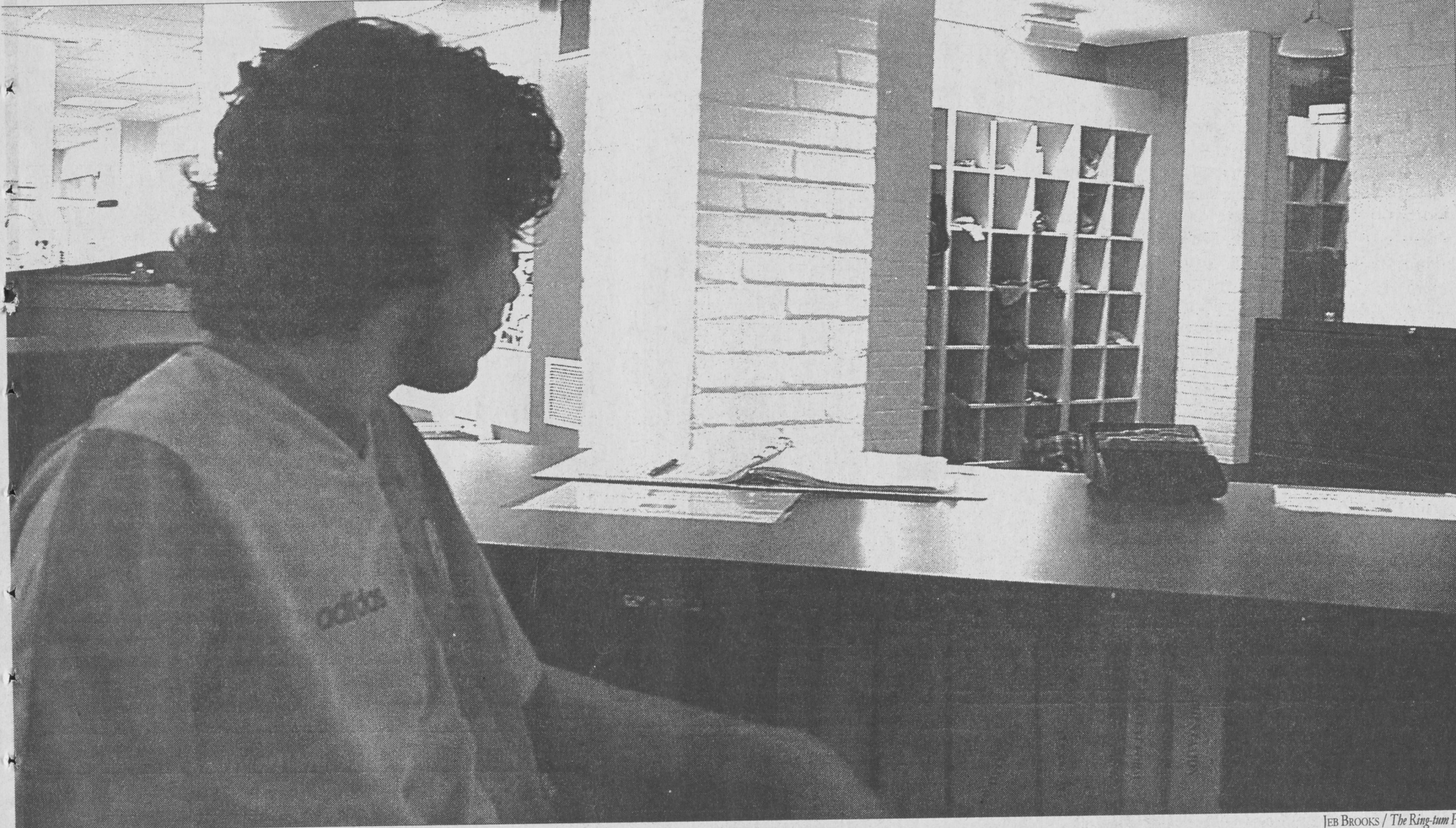
WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY THE RING-TUM PHI

The student voice of Washington and Lee University since 1897 Φ Online at: phi.wlu.edu

VOLUME CVI, No. IV
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2003

Juvenile suspected in fitness center thefts

BY JEB BROOKS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR



JEB BROOKS / The Ring-tum Phi

ABUSTED. Freshman Deniz Ergin, a Fitness Center employee, looks over the cubbie holes in the lobby of the Fitness Center during his work study shift Saturday afternoon.

Trust the Honor System. The fitness center cubbies may now be safer. After at least four wallets were stolen from the facility this term, a top suspect has been identified.

Director of Security, Mike Young said, "The perpetrator is a 17-year-old juvenile who was recently released from custody." He had been serving time for theft.

The individual was not seen stealing, but simply standing suspiciously around the cubbies. He has been accused only of trespassing. He may no longer come onto the Washington and Lee campus. Young said that the individual is the prime candidate in the ongoing investigation.

The thief, who has no relation to the Washington and Lee community, was identified on Thursday morning by Nate Hoey, an Assistant Professor of Physical Education and the Director of the Fitness Center.

"(The thief) is not forthcoming with a confession," said Young. Young also said that he did not anticipate pressing any charges against the juvenile because of his refusal to admit guilt.

Young warned that, "people still need to think about their valuables (because) this isn't Disney World." Young also asked that future theft be reported to University Security as soon as possible.



Libraries, Powell archives win award

Washington and Lee University's Leyburn Library and the Lewis F. Powell Jr. Archives at W&L's School of Law have been honored as part of the 2003 Solinet Outstanding Library Programs Award recently presented to the Virtual Library of Virginia's Virginia Heritage database.

The database — <http://www.lib.virginia.edu/vhp/> — is a collection of electronic guides describing the archives and manuscripts in 15 of the most significant repositories in the Commonwealth of Virginia. A complete listing of the database's 1,600 electronic guides, or finding aids, is searchable by keyword and by individual institution.

W&L's Powell Archivist John Jacob, using encoded archival description mark-up language, encoded and entered in the Virginia Heritage database the guide to more than one million pages of manuscript holdings in the University's archives of late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Powell, who earned bachelor and law degrees from Washington and Lee in 1929 and 1931, respectively.

Alumnus donates 1867 diploma to W&L

On a tip from his law partner ten years ago, Arkansas attorney Hayes McClerkin Jr. purchased an 1867 Washington College diploma. Robert E. Lee's signature was what appealed to the 1953 graduate of Washington and Lee University, but as he learned more about his find, it became that much more valuable to him.

McClerkin conducted the purchase from a Charleston, S.C., antiques dealer through phone calls, faxes and mail. When he saw the document for the first time, he discovered that in addition to President Lee's signature, the diploma also was signed by Judge John W. Brockenbrough, who moved his Lexington Law School to Washington College the year before. But that was just the beginning of his discovery.

Excited by its historic significance, McClerkin became curious about Oliver P. Evans, the 1867 graduate of Washington College. He learned that Evans was an 1865 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. While at VMI, Evans participated in the storied Battle of New Market as the regimental color bearer and went on to become a commission officer in the Confederate Army.

Drink discrepancy stirs up students

BY JEB BROOKS AND KYLE WASS
ASSOCIATE EDITORS

The rumors are not true. Free drinks from the Coop during exams will continue, despite chitchat that says otherwise.

For many years, the Coop has served free beverages to fuel Washington and Lee students through exam periods. The tradition has become expected and appreciated by all. However, recent rumors have suggested that this practice may be coming to a close. Students, faculty and employees of the University have expressed concern that their evenings may become more difficult without the added octane caffeine provides.

According to Dave McConnell, the Business Manager for the Treasurer's office, "free drinks, during exam week, will continue." He went on to say that he was not aware of any official policy change regarding the issue.

This is welcome news to students like Junior Brooks Batcheller who saw the free drinks as "another benefit of going to a small liberal arts college." He also said that "the caffeine is a nice boost."

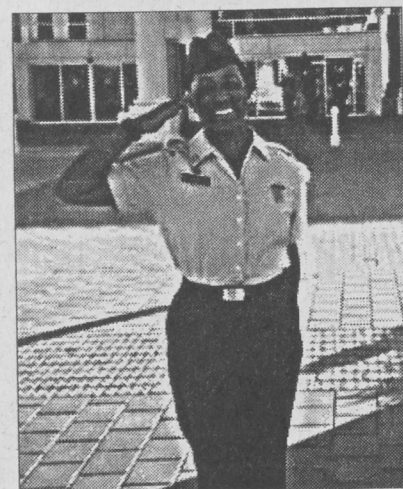


JEB BROOKS / The Ring-tum Phi

CRUNCH TIME. Kara Coen serves herself a drink in the Coop. Free drinks will remain available this exam period.

Administrators are not sure which policy will come into effect next year when the Coop facilities will be moved into a larger dining room in the new University Commons.

W&L freshman serves in army



JOHNSON

BY CALEY ANDERSON
ASSISTANT OPINIONS EDITOR

Lisa Johnson, a Washington and Lee freshman, probably isn't someone you could pick out of the crowd. You wouldn't know by looking at this probable pre-law undergraduate that she's also Specialist Lisa Johnson of the Army Reserve, and that she is now once again being called upon to serve her country.

A 20-year old, Johnson was initially accepted to W&L in the Spring of 2001, but had to defer admission for a year due to her obligations to the Army. She returned this year and completed her first semester of W&L

studies through Fall Term. In January, however, her Salem/Roanoke based reserved unit was called again to active duty, this time to man Fort Eustis in Newport News, a transportation center and home to the U.S. Army's Transportation Corps, as well as logistics and transportation training centers.

"I would rather be in school right now, but I made a commitment to the Army, and I must do my job..." said Johnson, a Mississippi native. Her Reserve unit is slated to complete their duty at Fort Eustis in one year, but there's always the possibility that the Reserve will choose to extend their terms of service. "While I know our duty can be extended, I certainly hope to be back in class at W&L this time next year," said Johnson.

Johnson's family has a long history of military service. In addition to a younger brother who also serves in the Army Reserve, Johnson has a father who is an Army Vietnam Veteran, an older brother who is an Army Desert Storm Veteran, and two other older brothers who served with the Navy.

Johnson had actually not initially intended to follow in the footsteps of her father and older brothers by entering the service. "Even

though I was in the JROTC in high school, I had no intentions of going into the military," said Johnson. "The Army Reserve recruiter who came to visit my younger brother was really convincing. I saw the Army Reserve as a great challenge, and a way to earn money and pay for college."

At Fort Eustis, Johnson's duties include helping legal matters on-base, though she's currently assigned to a hospital transportation detail, moving patients from the base to various hospitals throughout Virginia.

Johnson is still unsure of what she'd like to do after college graduation, though she received training from the Army Reserve as a paralegal and is considering law as a long-term career. Having only completed one term at Washington and Lee, she also has not yet decided on a major, though she notes that the Philosophy and English departments are possibilities.

Her friends share her hope that her active duty will conclude next year, allowing her to return to school. She's already been counted in as a resident for group housing, but until next year, her room will sit empty, its occupant in service to the nation.

Washington and Lee News Services contributed to this report.

Challenge to raise money for charities

BY CHRIS LAUDERMAN
STAFF WRITER

Washington and Lee students can now help the community just by working out.

Saturday, May 24, the Summit Health and Fitness Center will be hosting the first Fitness Challenge for Charity. Kimberly Durden, Group Fitness Director at Summit, and Abby Van Veen '03 are heading up this ultimate test of endurance, strength, and agility.

Durden approached Van Veen earlier this year about starting this challenge. The personal trainers at Summit had been involved with a similar program in which 300 instructors participated for charity and felt it would be a great service outreach for the Washington and Lee community.

Durden said, "It will be a lot of fun. It's a good way to introduce the people of Summit to the people of Washington and Lee. It is a win-win situation for everyone involved." Members of the Summit Center will also be sponsoring Washington and Lee teams.

The sororities, fraternities, athletic teams and other campus organizations have been invited to participate in the challenge. The faculty and administration are more than welcome to form teams as well. Teams consist of five members that will compete in five different events. Each member will participate in every event with the exception of RPM, where the team will choose one member to represent the group.

These events include: RPM, which essentially is 45 minutes of high energy studio cycling; Interval Step, a high intensity cardio workout using a step; Body Pump, a weight lifting program; Cardio Kickboxing, an energetic workout using kicks and punches; and Yoga, a program designed to strengthen and stretch the whole body.

Food and drinks will be provided to those who participate. Local businesses, such as Graden's, PB&J, Pumpkinseeds, Sunday's Child, and the Lexington Coffee Shop, will be donating door prizes. Summit will also be giving away free personal training sessions and t-shirts.

Van Veen commented, "It will be a good opportunity for people to have fun, get fit, spend time with friends and to raise money for a good cause." Each team raises money for a different charity.

Some organizations that already have sponsors include Court Appointed Special Advocates, Habitat for Humanity, Cystic Fibrosis, Mental Health Young Life, Rockbridge Area Free Clinic, Rockbridge Area Recreational Organization, Neuroblastoma, and a literacy campaign.

Van Veen also noted that all Washington and Lee men are welcome to take part if they are up to the challenge. These fitness classes are designed to challenge even the strongest of the strong.

If you are unable to participate in Saturday's activities and still want to make a difference for a charitable organization, you can swipe a donation home in front of the co-op all this week. Durden said that she would like for the Fitness Challenge to become an annual event for the Washington and Lee Community, so if you cannot make it this year, start preparing for next year. For more information, contact Kimberly Durden at kdurden4uk@yahoo.com or Abby Van Veen at vanveena@wlu.edu.



Lexington Weekly Forecast

Today- PM Showers, 68/52
Tuesday- Mostly Cloudy, 72/59
Wednesday- Rain/Thunder, 73/52
Thursday- Scattered Showers- 76/51
Friday- Scattered Showers, 74/52
Saturday- Scattered Thunderstorms, 75/54
Sunday- Scattered Showers- 75/55

THE RING-TUM PHI OPINIONS

THE RING-TUM PHI STAFF EDITORIAL

Make a friend in town

Now that the Keydets have left town like "rats" abandoning a sinking ship, Washington and Lee students will have to look for other friends around town. Naturally, those of us who don't get invited to catchily-named off-campus houses and didn't find love on the dance floor at Shipwrecked look to Lexington residents for companionship. To help, *The Ring-tum Phi* below offers a helpful guide to improving town/gown relations.

- Spend more time at the Mirage. Since nearly every member of the class of 2004 has turned 21, the Palms is becoming dangerously overcrowded and the Mirage offers both overflow bar space and the opportunity to meet new people. They might not be wearing sunglasses and Croakies inside, but Mirage patrons probably have some great stories to tell.

- Stop tempting the locals by leaving valuables unattended. The Honor System may apply to Washington and Lee students, but, alas, its strictures do not extend to the non-General denizens of MetroLex. From time to time, the bubble that surrounds our bucolic campus pops and reality intercedes. By not giving townies the opportunity to steal, students can avoid damaging relations with touchy headlines like the one on the front page.

- Rather than Randolph-Macon and Mary Baldwin girls, invite an RCHS Wildcat to the year's remaining date functions. What better way to make a friend than under the hot lights at Hunan's or partying the night away in the Pavilion? Just think, if romance blossoms, you can meet her family and have six or seven other new friends.

- Patronize the local art galleries. Lexington boasts several dozen galleries and the owner of each is no doubt aching for a customer. Be the first and make a friend.

- Extend the speaking tradition into the town. General Lee's plan was to enhance campus civility and, with a little effort, W&L students can soon be filling the air on Main and Jefferson with friendly greetings and sunny salutations.

- Finally, demonstrate your solidarity by updating your SUV's windows with RCHS blue pawprints window clings.

Killer D's shut down Texas

In the pre-dawn hours of Sunday, May 11, a renegade group of 51 Democrats boarded a bus and slipped through the northern border of Texas to take refuge in the Holiday Inn of Ardmore, Oklahoma. These Democrats, members of the Texas House of Representatives all, were protesting a bill that would have redrawn the state's congressional districts. Only in Texas. While this stunt may have garnered national publicity, their childish tantrum served as an emphatic example of the potential tyranny of the minority.

This action occurred much to the satisfaction of the media, whose liberal tendencies labeled the deserters as heroes standing up for a cause, not as greedy sore losers who jeopardized the stability of an entire state. Unfortunately for them, the facts do not match their vision of reality.

The Democrats and the media whine that the Republican redistricting plan is a partisan gerrymander designed to place Democratic Congressmen in the unemployment line. What the Democrats don't tell you is that the current map is based on a 1991 Democratic gerrymander, which the non-partisan *Almanac of American Politics* called "the cleverest redistricting plan of the 1990s." In fact, the Democrat's plan is so biased, that, even though more Texans voted for Republicans in every election from 1994-2000, Republicans never won more than 13 of the 30 seats. In 2002, almost 58% of Texans voted for a Republican, though they only won 15 of the 32 seats.

Though the House was supposed to redraw the boundaries in 2000, it was led by Democrats at that time, and they

shirked their responsibility. Now, the 2002 House wants to finish the job, but the Democrats, angry about being in the minority and victims of the sore-loser mentality in general, would not allow it.

These Democrats, labeled the Killer D's by some and (more accurately) the Chicken D's by others, chose to run instead of fight because they knew there was no way they could



ACE OF COWARDS. The Texas GOP made a deck of cards featuring the Democrats who escaped to Ardmore, Oklahoma when confronted with a tough battle.

win. In the 2002 elections, the voters of the state sent a majority of Republicans—88 out of 150 total members—to the State House. Still, under house rules, a quorum of 100 members must be present before any bills may be considered and voted upon.

Therefore, 51 Democrats—just enough to ensure a broken quorum—decided that they knew better than both the majority of the Texas House and the majority of the Texas voters. Even though the voters sent a Republican majority to the house, and even though that majority decided that the voters of Texas would be served by having more reflective Congressional districts,

these headline-grabbing, pouting Democrats decided to paralyze state government instead of fight the good fight, even if it is a losing one.

This importance of this stunt is not just the fact that the redistricting bill will die, but, because of the unique fact that the Texas legislature meets for 140 days every two years, myriad other bills—including the budget—will likely die as well. Though some have argued that the legislature should only meet for two days every 140 years, the fact that the Texas legislature is part-time makes the Democrats' genocide of much of the hard work of the current session unconscionable.

It's a good thing these Democrats weren't fighting at the Alamo.

RIGHT ON!
JOHN HEATH '04

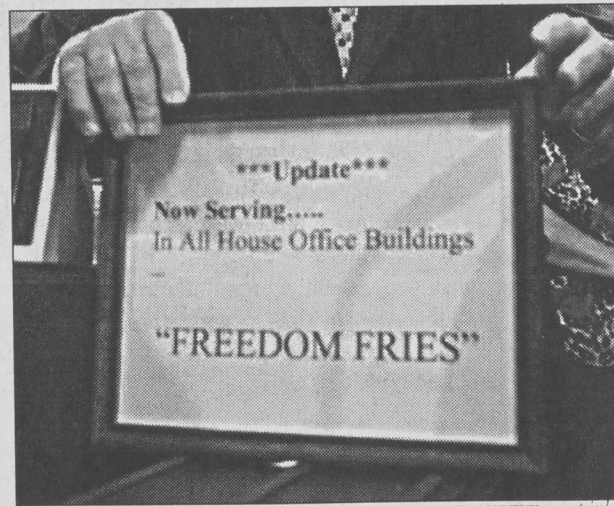
France-hating just marital spat

The United States of America has been on good terms with France for almost the entire 227 years that the former nation was founded. Save for a brief interruption around the beginning of the 1800's when the two nations came close to war, Americans and Frenchmen have had a special link in their nations' respective histories. From the Marquis de Lafayette and the French government giving invaluable assistance to the U.S. break from England during the Revolutionary War to U.S. generals and politicians paying back the favor during World Wars I and II, the two nations have long been close allies.

Yet the atmosphere of international relations in the early twenty-first century is putting definite strains on this traditional relationship. Many Americans view France as a land of rude snobs and Anglo-Saxon haters, while Americans are viewed in France as lazy, uncultured, and crude. This is the result of cultural conflict between the two, with the United States at the center of the ever-expanding world homogenous culture with Hollywood, Disney, the Top 40 and McDonalds at its center, whereas France sees its own storied culture of fine art threatened by the United States.

The tension from this clash is in part why U.S. citizens have viewed France with more contempt than other nations who opposed the Iraq war, such as Germany and Russia. The simmering disrespect between the two nations only needed an outlet, and we are now seeing the political venting.

Both sides have acted childishly and ridiculously. The House of Representatives made the laughable attempt to sanitize its menu, infamously calling French Fries "Freedom Fries," and French Toast "Freedom Toast" in a move that was reminiscent of the rampant anti-Germanism that prevailed during World War I (ever wonder why sauerkraut is also known as "liberty cabbage?") Yet the French language pervades the English language to such an extent



DIPLOMACY? Rep. Bob Ney (R-Ohio) introduces "Freedom Fries."

that it would be impossible to remove all French phrases. The word "menu" itself is French, and shows how futile and silly the whole affair was.

On the French side, there's paranoia. Jean-David Levitte, French ambassador to the United States, recently delivered a letter from the French government accusing U.S. government officials of conducting a covert smear campaign against France to turn U.S. popular opinion against them. While the U.S. government has made no secret of its frustration with Paris, it has done nothing of the sort.

The key to this whole situation is not to let paranoia and resentment take over. France and America have been storied allies and friends for far too long to let quibbling issues such as these undermine the greater relationship. Scott McClellan, White House Press Secretary, gave us the correct sentiment when he said "...the United States and France have been in marriage counseling since 2000, that's all. We are looking to the future."

Moderate's Musings
CALEY ANDERSON '06

Quote of the Week

(Weeping, sobbing, blubbering, crying)

~Geoff Rogow, Virgin Islands Chair while watching "Dawson's Creek"

THE RING-TUM PHI

Founder **J. Sam Slicer, 1898L**
 Editor in chief **Katie J. Howell**
 Associate Editor **Jeb G. Brooks**
 2nd Associate Editor **Kyle Wass**
 Opinions Editor **Brett T. Kirwan**
 Asst. Opinions Editor **Caley Anderson**
 Arts & Life Editor **Catherine C. Guy**
 Asst. Arts & Life Editor **Megan Morgan**
 Sports Editor **Erin E. Julius**
 Asst. Sports Editor **Donny Banks**
 Photographers **Cody Gabbard**
Sreya Banerjee
Steven Marinos
 Business Manager **Thomas Worthy**
 Circulation Director **Henry Grimball**
 Advertising Assistant **McQueen Calvert**

The *Ring-tum Phi* is published Mondays during the undergraduate school year at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia. The Washington and Lee Publications Board elects the Editor in chief, but *The Ring-tum Phi* is otherwise independent.

The *Ring-tum Phi* welcomes all responsible submissions and letters. All submissions must be e-mailed to phi@wlu.edu or in the University Center mailbox by 5 p.m. Friday to appear in the following week's edition. *The Ring-tum Phi* reserves the right to edit submissions for content and length. Letters and columns do not necessarily reflect the opinion of *The Ring-tum Phi* Editorial Board. Advertising does not reflect the opinions of *The Ring-tum Phi* or its staff. This newspaper observes current court definitions of libel and obscenity.

The *Ring-tum Phi*
 Mailing Address: University Center
 Washington and Lee University
 Lexington, Virginia 24450
 Street Address: 31 Washington Street
 Lexington, Virginia 24450
 Telephone: (540) 462-4060
 Fax: (540) 462-4059
 Email: phi@wlu.edu
<http://phi.wlu.edu>

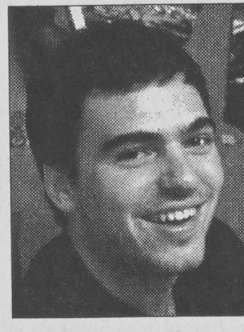
TALKBACK: Freshmen, what do you think about Spring Term so far?



"No work, but lots of fun."
-Aditya Kamath '06



"I thought I was gonna go to Goshen every day."
-Sarah Murray '06



"It's a tease"
-Philippe Bartholin '06



"Lemme just say I'm pro-Spring Term"
-Lara Gibson, '06



"Spring Term rocks because pants are optional"
-Dennis Bailey, '06

Morris a dud, Rev. Sharpton wows

For those of you fortunate enough to attend the Mock Con Spring Kickoff, you were in the midst of some real movers and shakers in the world of American politics.

The first speaker, Dick Morris, made his second trip to W&L in the past four years to be the first speaker for the event. It was immediately evident why Morris is a political advisor, and not a politician, himself. While Morris provided the audience with a dead-on analysis of the Democratic presidential hopefuls, he is a horrible speaker.

I am not saying that Morris gives a boring speech, but if he would allow his insight to provide the obvious comedic value of what he has to say and lay off the extremely lame jokes, he would be a far better orator. Before anyone had even come up to the microphone, Morris steps up and says, "I accept your nomination."

Furthermore, after the second speaker, the Reverend Al Sharpton ended his speech on a very poignant note, Morris leaps up to say, "Hey Al. Why don't we go see if General Lee has turned over in his grave?" These first and last word tactics are merely immature. Morris seems to have a need to always be the center of attention. This could be something better, but the man truly has no charisma and a horrible sense of humor.

As for the Reverend Sharpton, I was utterly amazed at the insight and common sense that came out of his mouth during his 35 minute speech. Sharpton started by responding to Morris, who had put him on the spot by saying he would say nothing about running as an independent after losing the Democratic nomination. He artfully declined to comment on that particular point. However, I don't think anyone in attendance expected him to say, "Why yes, I'll run as an independent if I lose the Democratic nomination."

Sharpton hit on some terribly relevant issues and said simply what needed to be said. He truly took the Bush administration to task on Iraqi policy. He reminded his listeners that Colin Powell went to the UN security council stating Washington had intelligence that located numerous sites of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

But now the Bush administration is saying it will take time to locate these things. If Washington knew where these weapons were before the war, it is obvious that they should still be in the same place after the war. The Iraqi army had no time to fight American troops and move weapons once war had begun.

Moreover, *The Washington Post* reported this past weekend that UN inspectors were leaving Iraq because they have been unable to find any weapons.

Sharpton went on to say, that he, of course, is happy Saddam is out of power. This is a good thing! He doesn't like terrorism and said, of course, no one does. But Sharpton took this point in his speech to say that this war was not given the spoils that were promised and has cost this already indebted country to create the biggest deficit in its history.

Sharpton took on the criminal justice system and its mandatory sentences for minor drug offenders. Meanwhile, he pointed out, CEOs who have robbed thousands of their life savings are walking free. I agree with him that this is not justice.

The Reverend also noted that Lexington Police could pull you over and know within a few minutes of your entire driving history. Meanwhile, we are using voting machines that are ancient, unreliable, and irresponsible to use to make such major decisions.

Sharpton spoke on many other issues, and I found myself agreeing with him on every point. The only flaw in his speech was the use of the word "reconfigure," which isn't actually a word. However, many of those I later heard snickering about this are those that support our President who once asked the question, "Is our children learning?"

But the fact remains that Al Sharpton, even with his truly Democratic ideals and solid goals, will not win the Democratic nomination. He is too closely associated in the minds of many Americans with the likes of Jesse Jackson, who quite frankly, is about as effective in advancing the plight of African Americans as Pat Robertson is in advancing gay rights.

Moreover, many still associate Sharpton with his past campaigns of civil disobedience and often disagreed with his goals and tactics in the past. But the Reverend seems to have become a different man with more palatable political ideas and tactics in his old age.

Sadly, I believe the third strike against him is his race. While America does claim more and more to be a truly colorblind country, I'm not convinced that the populace of this nation is ready to elect an African-American president.

I do hope, however, that enough noise is created to force both Bush and the Democrat that wins the nomination to take a hard look at the issues Sharpton raises.

New spa 'cascades' into Lex

BY CATHERINE C. GUY
ARTS & LIFE EDITOR

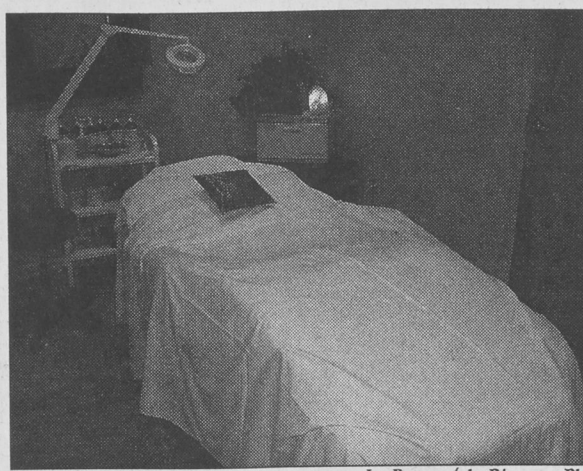
Tucked away behind construction just past the bridge on Route 11 North lies a hidden gem. Cascades Day Spa opened on April of this year, bringing Lexington residents and W&L students countless opportunities for luxurious living in small town America.

Owner Anne Munson said that the experience has been "wonderful so far." Munson, a resident of Waynesboro, Virginia, has a Masters degree in Higher Education and Administration from James Madison University. This is her first business, and prior to the opening of Cascades, she ran the esteemed Virginia School of Massage. She worked at the School for a year and a half before deciding to open her own spa.

She chose Lexington as the location for her spa as a result of her husband's long-standing interest in the town. When the couple came to Lexington to look into spa opportunities in the area, they learned that people had been traveling to Charlottesville, Roanoke and the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va., in order to experience spa offerings. In other words, Lexington was more than ready for its own spa.

The focus of Cascades is on health, rather than beauty, or as Munson says "beauty from the inside out." Instead of manicures, pedicures, and hair styling, the offerings at Cascades focus on the body and skin. These treatments include the standard massages and facials, as well as many other body treatments. These treatments include hand and foot exfoliating and a scalp and hair treatment which is great for hair health as well as scalp conditions and psoriasis. Other options include body wraps, which are "great for skin health and detoxification," said Munson. Interestingly, body wraps can also be quite helpful for those who are trying to quit smoking, because they remove the nicotine from the body, thus decreasing cravings. Also available is microdermabrasion, which serves as an alternative to glycolic peels, exfoliating dead skin cells with a quicker recovery rate. One particularly popular massage is the Melting Mineral Massage, which is done with heated smooth stones. Overall, these offerings all promote overall physical and mental wellness and relaxation. When asked whether Cascades will ever open a salon, Munson said, "it's a possibility in the future." She has received mixed feedback on this issue, as some feel that Cascades is a "nice, peaceful place to come to" as is, and will become too loud and energetic with the addition of a salon.

The interior of Cascades is extraordinarily beautiful. Munson and her husband "designed the layout on a piece of graph paper over a bottle of wine." The spa consists of several treatment rooms, a beautiful



JEB BROOKS / the Ring-tum Phi
LUXURY: On of the Treatment Rooms at Cascades Day Spa.

'Tranquility Room,' a 'Wet Room,' and a 'Multipurpose Room' which is available for rent to organizations. Munson states that the lovely and relaxing décor of Cascades is "understated tropical." Others have described it as having a Madagascar influence or "very feng shui." Munson says that a common reaction of people who first enter the spa is "I had no idea it was going to be this nice." Munson and her husband used seven years of trade magazines for research and spent six months shopping all over the state of Virginia. Munson says that at Cascades, "the décor is part of the experience," and it should not be overwhelming to the patrons.

Cascades has a staff of six massage therapists, an esthetician and a herbalist/aromatherapist. All of these individuals are extremely kind and accommodating, as well as experienced. As more people take advantage of the opportunities at Cascades, more staff personnel will be hired. All of the current therapists are certified in Virginia or are in the process of transferring their certification to Virginia from other states.

The most popular treatments offered at Cascades include the Melting Mineral Massage, the 'Head to Toe Harmony' package (which consists of a facial, massage, and hand and foot revitalization), and the Herbology Total Body Smoother (which consists of combined massage and total body exfoliation and has an effect that lasts for 3 to 4 weeks). Each month, Cascades offers a different special. In May, this is 'Gifts for Moms, Dads, and Grads,' and June offers 'Back to the Beach'.

Overall, Munson said that she is "thrilled that everyone has been so welcoming," and that her goal now is to get them in for treatments. With the beautiful and calming décor, the friendliness and experience of the staff, and range and appeal of available treatments, Cascades is sure to have a brilliant future.

All you need is a pick-up

This article is not about a truck. Nonetheless, there is one truck, namely mine own, which deserves mention. Recently, one of our school's security guards, Mel Davis, spotted my 1984 poop-brown Chevy S-10 Pickup in the Lambda Chi parking lot. He decided he had to have it. If you have enjoyed a ride in my truck, or have even seen the decrepit thing, please try to hide your astonishment - Mr. Davis told me that he'd buy it for a reasonable price, but, unfortunately for both him and myself, my dad has refused to let me sell it. So, as I had always suspected, the Poop Truck is inexorably tied to my soul.

But, as I said, this article is not about trucks. Far from it. This article is about something so much more important.

Despite being of the DIII school variety, our varsity sports get plenty of publicity on campus. And when varsity doesn't cover something, intramurals step in. But there is another underlying athletic culture, one much more pure and unmanageable, that lies beneath the surface of the school's recognizable sports. It is another one of those unique W&L elements that has become a permanent fixture in the daily lives of many students.

At about 3:30 in the afternoon, on just about every weekday, a random collection of W&L guys get together in the gym and play pick-up basketball. The rules are simple. You play to win, so you can play again. Your sweat is rewarded with more sweat. You run faster so you can keep running against the next team. To those who have never been a part of this experience, it may not seem like anything worth considering, but to those involved, basketball becomes life for an hour and a half.

It would be tough to describe the phenomenon to those who have not witnessed it. Instead, I'll do my best to pay tribute to those pick-up ball All-Stars who represent their houses and give it their all on the hardwood (in no particular order):

KAPPA SIG: Bennett Moore - Bennett's versatility is only matched by his effort on the floor. His height makes him a valuable rebounder, but his range from beyond the arc makes guarding him a challenge. His post-play is sketchy at times, but with his clutch shooting, he's bound to burn you one way or the other.

PHI PSI: Todd Chatham - Todd is an unrivaled offensive threat. He'll jack up the tre with enough accuracy to

force you to guard him close, and then he'll blow right past you for the easy lay-in. He also has that uncanny knack to hang in the air as long as possible to force the ball into the bucket.

PHI KAP: Chris Carlson - Though Gavin Kimball can be a valuable floor leader, and Ed can be lights-out from a distance, sophomore Chris Carlson is the true stud. His turn-around jumper in the paint is crafty and almost always goes in, even when you know its coming. Also, Chris has mastered the art of the no-jump 3-pointer, adding a deadly long range aspect to his game.

PI PHI: Adam Heinauer - I've seen him take over an entire game with speed and pure talent. Probably the best all-around threat on the floor. Adam can control the tempo, sink the three, and his penetration move is one of the best the pick-up game has seen. He may not be the tallest guy on the floor, but he always plays like he's the best.

SAE: Jake McAllister - The E-dawgs boast a number of former varsity stars, but Big Jake is the cream of the crop. He may not run the floor like he did in his youth, but Jake has all the post moves and is guaranteed to get his share of rebounds with his size. The frat boy headband is another plus in his game.

SIGMA CHI: Ryan Small - Though the Sigmachees boast a number of skilled pick-up ballers in the likes of Trotter and Droppers, Ryan Small is really the best of the lot. Rest assured, he'll shoot from just about anywhere, and he makes a high enough percentage to make him a constant threat.

SIG EP: Justin Allegro - Intramural Czar Mike Hoover is a recognizable threat when he's on the floor, but Allegro can take over and dominate game. He may not be the most athletic player on the floor, but he has all the intangibles, moves well without the ball, and will hit the three-ball if you don't give him the respect he deserves.

FIIJ: Ben Jones - Chris Caramore might argue with this selection, but Ben Jones has the intensity and skills to control a game. When matched with former pick-up baller Ryan Pace, they were all but unstoppable. Now, Ben plays solo, taking it to the rack with reckless abandon and hitting the long jumper when needed.

BETA: Evan Jaysane-Darr - Along with Todd Chatham, Evan is probably the most unguardable player on the floor. His baseline moves are flawless.

King: 'Danke schoen, Deutschland'

BY HAYNES KING
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

You may have thought, thanks to my wonderful weekly articles, that Lexington has a plethora of sights to see within close proximity to the campus of Washington and Lee. That it does, but let me tell you about a place you should definitely not miss out on. It may be a little farther than our trip to the Natural Bridge Wax Museum, but Germany has a lot to offer. That's right, Deutschland. Who would've thought there was so much to see within only a 9 hour flight across the Atlantic Ocean?

I've now been in the city of Bayreuth in Franconia for a month, and you would not be disappointed at what you could see here. Edelweiss German Restaurant...eat your heart out! Bratwurst, Sauerkraut, Wiener schnitzel - you name it.

Now, here are my recommendations for your own trip to Germany. I've only seen Upper Franconia, but I hear that Bavaria is beautiful. I'm waiting to depart on my 10 day trip through Germany visiting this area. Highlights of my trip may include the BMW Museum in Munich, Neuschwanstein (most will recognize this from the fairytale castle at Walt Disney's Magical Kingdom), and Dackau Concentration Camp.

Germany isn't completely stuck in the 80's still, yet Knight Rider and the A-team do come on TV regularly. The Germans insist that they are not as obsessed with David Hasselhoff as we believe. I'm not buying it. I realize it can be difficult to break out of the every day routine of W&L life, but if you get the chance, hop the short flight to Germany. You won't be disappointed. All in all, Germany gets an amazing 5 out of 5 Tridents. And it is so close.

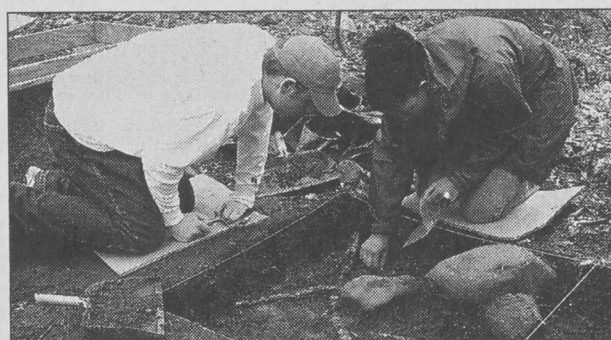
W&L Archaeologists dig up fun

BY MEGAN MORGAN
ASSISTANT ARTS AND LIFE EDITOR

As you head past the Liberty Ruins toward the Tennis Center or the Pavilion, you might have noticed a red farmhouse on your right. Unbeknownst to many, this nine room farmhouse, which dates back to the nineteenth century and until recently, was used for storage and faculty housing, is the Laboratory of Anthropology.

After being given to the Anthropology Department in 1984 the farmhouse was redone, with the department adding a computer lab, a dark room, a drafting table and screens to dry artifacts. In addition, they created a small museum to display some of the more interesting artifacts from their various digs such as excavated pottery from the six local potteries that were located in the area during the 1800s. They are currently in the process of adding a student lounge in the hopes of encouraging students to spend more time there.

During spring term, the laboratory has become the headquarters for Dr. Alison Bell's Anthropology 377, Field Techniques in Archaeology. Bell and James Hepner, W&L's staff archaeologist, instruct the students excavating sites at the Longdale Mining Complex. The Mining Company, which once owned over 200,000 acres of land in the area, started in the 1820's and was abandoned in 1911. The 30 students in the archaeology class are focusing on mining communities, looking at the yards of miners in three separate communities and trying to answer questions about the miners' daily lives such as how much food did the miners and their families grow for themselves, how many of the items



JEB BROOKS / the Ring-tum Phi
THE BIG DIG: Gavin Molinelli and Jess Taylor work in class.

they owned were bought locally and what was the quality of the articles that they owned. Students excavate the yards of the miners and bring the artifacts, which include combs, bottles for medicine, buttons and bones, back to the Laboratory of Anthropology in order to wash them, label them and enter them into a Microsoft database. Everything they bring back must be processed, and so generally for every one hour spent in the field they spend six to eight hours in the lab.

Dr. Bell said that she thinks that "the dig is an important part of the archaeology/anthropology and sociology/anthropology majors." It not only allows the students time to do actual fieldwork but also allows them to take small artifacts such as pieces of a bottle or a nail and see how the pieces fit together into a larger pattern. The boxes of artifacts contained in the Laboratory of Anthropology are a testimony to the daunting nature of this task.

Habitat for Humanity collection

DONATE

- household items for the Habitat store
- nonperishable food for the area food pantries
- clothes for the Stonewall Jackson Hospital resale store

Drop-off boxes are located in dormitory hallways, Leyburn library, University Center, or BDG quad or call Peggy 463-7749 to arrange for pickup off campus

Drive runs from May 24 until June 7

Don Tequila Mariachi band night!

"La Tierra" from Greensboro

Wednesday May 28, 6-9 p.m.

Drink specials on
Margaritas and Beer

W&L football looking for improvement next season

BY BARRETT DAWS
SPORTS WRITER

Coming out of a 5-5 season, Generals' football is looking for improvement in next year's team. Sophomore Chris Caramore said that the team "is willing to do whatever it takes to have a winning season next year". There is no question that the team has its work cut out for it, graduating eleven seniors, including All-American running back Chris Sullivan.

Despite the heavy losses, junior defensive back Geoff Rogow feels confident. "We have seven of the eleven starting defensive players coming back next year so it should remain solid," he said on the situation.

Twenty-two incoming freshmen will aid the returning players. Tracy Antonik, Hunter Baird, Philip Cossich, James McDougall, John Garland, David Graham, Brad Minor, Bannon Thorpe, Colton Ward, Chas Collins, Hunter Dawkins, Robert Foster, Thomas Grattan, Dan Hackett, William Hatfield, Garrett LeRose, Ben Long, Ryan Neff, Robert Rain, Ryan Sullivan, Peter Weiss, and Hunter Whitfield, the brother of current player Whit Whitfield, will all put on Generals uniforms next year. Along with the new freshmen, Michael Lockett will be joining the Generals as a sophomore transfer.

"If the team is going to be successful next year, the incoming freshman will really have to step up to the plate and play

hard," freshman offensive lineman Trey Allen commented. The running seems to have been a focus of the recruiting, with freshman running back Wheeler Sparks out for probably the entire season with a torn ACL. Overall, the team will add three running backs, two freshmen and the transfer, and a fullback to the roster.

Next year should be successful for the Generals. The returning players seem ready to take the field in search of a winning season. "I am looking forward to next season because we should have a strong team," said sophomore Wes Kimmel.

Junior offensive lineman Mark Muchmore shares his optimism in looking toward the upcoming season. "I think that we can go as far as we want if we push the limits next year," he said regarding his perspective on the 2003 season.

The schedule for next year has only four home games. The first will be on Saturday, Sept. 27 against Centre College, the second on Saturday, Oct. 11 against Catholic, the third on Saturday, Nov. 1 against Bridgewater, and the fourth on November 15th against Greensboro College. Certainly, this home lineup will prove difficult. Bridgewater stands as a perennial national powerhouse, and two of the other teams, Catholic and Centre, defeated the Generals last season.

Nonetheless, with a solid group of freshmen returning and with a tough, determined mindset, the Washington and Lee football team should see a winning record.

Kappa Delta wins intramural tourney this year

BY MARY CHRISTOPHER
SPORTS WRITER

Throughout the year many sorority members take part in an intramural competition. A variety of sports are played in this "Sorority Challenge", the goal being that each sorority garners enough members for eligibility to play and to play competitively.

Kappa started the Tournament out strong in the fall with their Golf victory; yet, lost their winning streak fast when Theta conquered the Soccer IM.

In the winter, Kappa Delta was victorious in both Basketball and The Turkey Trot, while Chi Omega claimed their own title for swimming.

Theta soon struck again, with their victory in Volleyball. In the final event all five sororities were blown away in bowling, won by law students.

Soccer and Volleyball are the most popular of the tournament sports and there is lots of participation.

The games are an opportunity for athletic competition in a laid back and "fun" environment. Girls from each sorority go to events to cheer on their sisters.

The girls get a chance to interact with friends in other sororities, along with Law students that they never would have met without the Intramural program.

Each sorority is responsible for having an IM chair. There is also an overall IM chair and a faculty chair, Coach Canfield.

The overall chair is Kerry Barrett. She feels that although many

girls are involved with the activities, "participation can be pretty low at times."

She remarked how each sorority unfortunately misses at least one of the games throughout the year, most often due to lack of participation on behalf of the members.

She hopes everyone realizes the amount of time and effort that goes into each sport, "It can be extremely frustrating to get refs, gyms and fields reserved, equipment, rules straightened out, and so forth. To then have no one show up. I try to avoid nights that I know will be hard to get participation, but I guess the girls have things they would rather do."

With regard to advertising, Kelly stated it was "difficult". At the beginning of the year the program started with so many goals and hopes yet, due to lack of participation, those responsible become "discouraged and frustrated."

Despite minor setbacks, Barrett and many enthusiastic sorority girls show faith and excitement towards next year's program.

The new head of Intramurals will be Nancy Francis, the current chair for Theta, who shows much promise and dedication. She hopes to add an additional sport such as Frisbee, Kickball, or Badminton. The idea is to find a new sports that interest a wide spectrum of girls.

In sum, with only a few weeks left of school the tournament has ended and Kappa Delta has been declared the winner.

Men's intramural tournament nearly over; Fiji, Lambda Chi lead

Organization	Golf	Tennis	Football	Soccer	Volleyball	Squash	Racquetball	Basketball	Bowling	Swimming	Wrestling	T.T.	Ultimate	Total
Fiji	78	95	87	78	87	90	95	95	66	95	100	100	87	1153
Lambda Chi	81	90	87	81	87	87	100	81	90	81	84	95	100	1144
Sigma Chi	84	81	87	84	87	100	90	87	87	84	95	90	87	1143
PiPhi	100	87	75	87	78	84	0	87	100	90	81	87	84	1040
PIKA	95	90	87	87	90	84	0	84	78	78	78	0	90	941
Kappa Sig	90	100	78	90	87	87	0	84	84	0	75	0	87	862
Sig Ep	87	84	81	81	95	0	0	90	75	75	75	0	81	824
Beta	0	81	90	87	90	0	87	90	81	0	87	0	87	780
Phi Kap	0	0	84	90	100	87	0	84	72	87	90	0	84	778
Chi Psi	0	81	78	78	78	0	0	84	75	72	75	0	84	705
Sigma Nu	0	78	75	78	78	0	0	78	69	0	75	0	78	609
KA	0	0	78	84	81	87	0	81	95	0	0	0	81	587
Law	0	0	100	84	0	95	0	87	0	0	75	0	0	441
SAE	0	0	78	81	0	87	0	87	0	0	0	0	95	428
Phi Psi	0	87	78	0	84	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	78	405
Phi Delt	0	0	95	0	0	90	0	84	0	0	0	0	90	359
Faculty	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	295
Independents	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	184

BY ERIN JULIUS
SPORTS EDITOR

Fiji is currently leading the Men's Intramural Sports Tournament with a score of 1153. Members from all of Washington and Lee's fraternities, a group of law students, the faculty and a group of independents all participate in the tournament.

Currently, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Phi and Pi Kappa Phi are following close behind Fiji.

Fiji has won the Wrestling and Turkey Trot tournaments, with Lambda Chi winning Racquetball and Ultimate Frisbee. Sigma Chi won squash, with Pi Phi winning the golf and bowling tournaments.

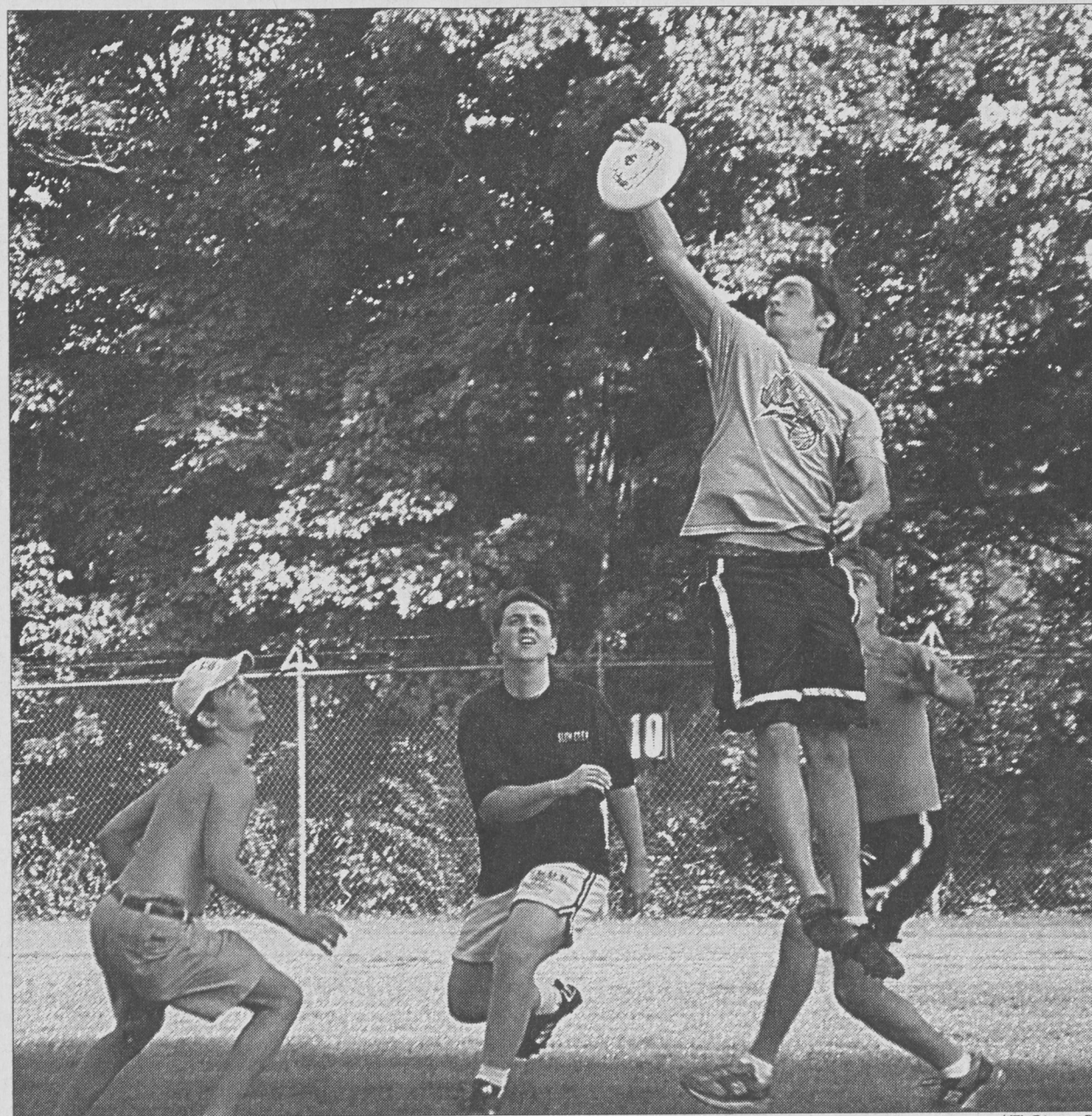
Other highlights include Kappa Sig winning tennis, Phi Kap winning volleyball, the law students winning football, the faculty winning basketball and swimming and a group of independents winning soccer.

Currently, the intramural teams are competing in a softball tournament.

Regarding the softball tournament, as for "our outstanding softball players," said Chi Psi's IM Chair Mike Lee, "junior Andy Lunsford's power hitting has been key to our offense. Junior Tom Herbert and senior Jeff Meriggi have been outstanding in the outfield."

George Auerbach of Phi Psi, which is currently 1-2 in the softball tournament, says that the sport is one of his fraternity's best and that, "Will Hamilton is consistently one of our best athletes in IM competition," he said.

As for softball tournament stand-



STEVEN MARINOS / The Ring-tum Phi

ULTIMATE! Lambda Chi freshman Seth Jones jumps up to catch the frisbee in a recent Ultimate Frisbee match. On May 25, there will be an intramural Ping Pong tournament. On Sunday, Farhan Mustafa of Lambda Chi won the badmitten portion of the Intramural tournament.

The softball semifinals will be held on May 26 with the Championships being held on May 27.

Women's tennis advances in NCAA tourney, but finishes 2nd

BY JOHN HYLAND
SPORTS WRITER

As the last W&L spring sports team still competing, the women's tennis team has not disappointed. After cruising past their opponents in the first two rounds of the Division III NCAA tournament by winning 17 out of a possible 18 matches, they qualified to compete for an NCAA championship in Redlands, California last week.

The Generals have been thoroughly dominating throughout the season. They headed to California as the ODAC champions with a 22-1 overall record and a number 2 national ranking. Only twice all season have they lost more than two indi-

vidual matches against an opponent. The Generals domination of the ODAC was evident last Tuesday when the conference released its conference all-stars. All seven of the Generals regular players received first-team all-ODAC recognition.

In NCAA tennis competitions, there are six singles matches and three doubles matches but five of the six W&L single players also compete in doubles. Senior Erika Proko was named ODAC player of the year,

while head coach Cinda Rankin was named ODAC coach of the year.

W&L faced Pomona-Pitzer in a quarterfinal match last Wednesday and defeated them easily, 8-1. Every W&L player earned at least one victory. The win placed the Generals in last Thursday's semifinal against Amherst. Once again, the Generals barely had to sweat in a 7-2 victory. The win gave the Generals a school record 24th win and earned them a spot in Friday's national final against top ranked Emory. The Generals only loss of the season came at the hands of the Eagles who defeated them 8-1 on March 30 in Atlanta. The two teams had faced each other a total of four times in the NCAA tournament with Emory win-

ning each time, including the 1996 finals. Unfortunately, the Generals first national championship eluded them, as they were defeated 5-1 by the Eagles. W&L's lone victory came in first doubles, as Proko and sophomore Lindsey Hagerman were able to defeat their Emory opponents. While the team's season comes to an end, both Proko and Hagerman qualified to compete in the Division III individual singles and doubles tournaments



HAGERMAN



PROKO

Massage Therapy by
Kelly Harris, BA, CMT

(540) 264-0063

Teaching techniques in **S-T-R-E-S-S Management!**

* Gift Certificates And Packages Available *

Earn \$1,000 - \$2,000 for your Student Group in just 3 hours!

College fundraising made Simple, Safe and Free.

Multiple fundraising options available. No carwashes. No raffles. Just success! Fundraising dates are filling quickly. Get with the programs that work!

campus
FUNDRAISER

Your Trusted Source for College Fundraising.

888-923-3238 • www.campusfundraiser.com